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PORTRAIT OF LADY BUTLER IN HER STUDIO, 1898.

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The Plume of the Prince of Wales. In each of the four corners the late Duke of Cambridge's Cypher and Coronet.  
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"Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Ypres, 1915," "17, '18," "Albert, 1916, '18," "Bazentin," "Cambrai, 1917, '18," "Hindenburg Line,"  
"Suvla," "Jerusalem," "Mesopotamia, 1917-18."

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"Gravenstafel," "St. Julien," "Frezenberg," "Bellewaarde," "Aubers," "Hooge, 1915," "Loos, 1916, '18," "Delville  
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du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Valenciennes," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Italy,  
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## EDITORIAL



WE are happy to be in touch with Lady Elizabeth Butler, the celebrated artist, whose photograph, taken about the time when she was painting "Steady, the Drums and Fifes," appears as our frontispiece. Lady Butler takes the greatest interest in the Regiment, and has been most kind in allowing us to reproduce her photograph and in sending us her own book, "An Autobiography," with permission to republish extracts. An extract from the book will be found in these pages.

Our Regimental Brass is now completed and in position in the Chancel of the Ypres Memorial Church. We hope to reproduce a photograph in our next issue.

The following announcement appeared in the *Morning Post* of October 14th:—

"A marriage has been arranged between Major-General Simpson, C.B., of Strathearn, Tavistock, and Miss Mary Cochrane, daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Cochrane, rector of Stapleford Abbots, Essex, and grand-daughter of the late Sir James Cochrane, formerly Chief Justice of Gibraltar.

We congratulate Major L. A. Newnham and Lieut. E. V. H. Hudson on their victory in the Inter-Regimental Doubles in the Catterick Garrison Lawn Tennis Tournament.

The wedding of Lieut. J. R. B. Worton with Miss Evelyn Trevor took place at All Souls Church, Langham Place, on September 21st.

The wedding of Lieut. W. C. Newton with Miss Elizabeth Anne Carruthers took place at the Parish Church, Holywood, Dumfries, on October 1st.

On August 19th, Capt. E. P. Manson, M.C., represented the Regiment at the Memorial Service at St. George's Royal Garrison Church, Woolwich, for General the Lord Horne of Stirkeoke, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.C.L., LL.D.

The Regimental Museum, as well as the Historical Library, is now established at the Depot. General Sir Ivor Maxse wishes to emphasize his very keen desire to see a good Museum ultimately arise. Further particulars will be found in this issue.

On August 13th and 14th the Depot had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Douglas Logan and Miss Logan, son and daughter of the late Lieut.-General Robert Abraham Logan, C.B.; also of Miss Logan, daughter of Mr. Douglas Logan. They brought with them some uniforms of Capt. Patrick Logan, 57th Regiment, their grandfather, some uniforms of General Logan, and other articles, which they have very kindly presented to the Regimental Museum. Further details will be found under the Regimental Museum notes.

## LADY BUTLER.

Lieut. F. C. Easton, 57th Australian Infantry, who is now in England on a holiday combined with business, paid a visit to the Depot, and was very interested in the various activities of the Depot, Regimental Association, the Regimental Museum, etc. The 57th Australian Infantry, which has its Headquarters at Preston, Victoria, is known as the "Merry Regiment." We hope to see Mr. Easton again before he returns to Australia.

We have become subscribers to the Society for Army Historical Research. The back numbers of their Journal have been received and placed in the Historical Library.

The 1st Battalion has prepared a book of photographs of Officers and other ranks in the uniforms worn in the Historical Display at the Royal Tournament, Olympia, and at the Torchlight Tattoos at York and Doncaster. Applications for books should be made to the P.R.I., 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment, Catterick Camp, Yorkshire, or to the Hon. Secretary, Regimental Association, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7, and should be accompanied by remittance. The price of the book is 4/-, post free. The photographs were on view at the Old Comrades' Dinner.

We are asked to announce that visits from the regular officers of the Regiment will always be welcomed at all the Headquarters of the 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions, and the 7th City of London Regiment and the 19th London Regiment.

## REGIMENTAL FIXTURES.

Jan. 4th, 1930.—Quarterly Concert, at the Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road, Chelsea, S.W., at 7.30 p.m.

## REGIMENTAL WEEK, 1930.

Monday, June 23rd: v. Cryptics.  
Tuesday, June 24th: v. Royal Fusiliers.  
Wednesday, June 25th: v. Free Foresters.  
Officers' Club "At Home."  
Thursday, June 26th: v. I Zingari. Officers' Club Dinner.  
Friday, June 27th: Old Comrades' Gathering at Depot. Depot Sports.  
Saturday, June 28th: v. Sandhurst Wanderers (at Sandhurst).

THE Regiment will be very pleased to hear news of Lady Butler. Her home is in Ireland, where she is still occupied with her art. Her association with, and interest in, the Regiment remains, and by all members of the Middlesex Regiment she is held in high esteem as the immortalizer of the Die-Hards in "Steady, the Drums and Fifes." We owe to her magnificent conception and portrayal the picture that stands for ever an inspiration and stabilization of all the truest traditions of the Regiment. Lady Butler has made for the Regiment not only a proud possession, but a torch that passes on for all time the spirit that won for us the title "Die-Hards."

We are glad to know that her hand has not lost its skill and that she is enjoying good health. She has kindly given permission to publish extracts from letters and from her autobiography, which she has presented to the Historical Library.

Extracts from letters:—

"The picture is very well reproduced (at the Royal Military Tournament), and all who have seen the Albuhera pageant, among my friends, are enthusiastic at the manner in which it was carried out."

"I feel very proud at having found so much favour with the great Middlesex Regiment. Certainly my letter can be printed in the Regimental Magazine."

"I am writing to the publishers of my 'Autobiography' to send you, from me, a copy of that very widely known book, wherein 'Steady, the Drums and Fifes' occupies full details of your picture. Chapter XXI, pages 261-262, contains the material you require in the book, and can be quoted verbatim."

Extract from "An Autobiography," by Lady Butler:—

"I place 'Steady, the Drums and Fifes' amongst those of my works with which I am the least dissatisfied. The Academy treated me well this time, and gave the picture a place of honour. These drummer-boys of the old 57th Regiment, now the Middlesex, are waiting, under fire, for the order to sound the advance, at the Battle of Albuhera. That order was long delayed, and they and the regiment had to bear the supreme test of endurance, the keeping motionless under fire. A difficult subject,



excellent for literature, very 'trying for painting. I had had the vision of those drummer-boys for many years before my mind's eye, and it is a very obvious fact that what you can see strongly in that way means a successful realization in paint. The yellow coatees, too, were a tremendous relief to me after that red which is so hard to manage. I remember asking Detaille if he ever thought of giving our army a turn. 'I would like to,' he said, 'but the red frightens us.' The bandmen of the Peninsular War days wore coatees of the colour of the regimental facings. After long and patient researches I found out this fact, and the facings of the 57th being canary yellow, I had an unexpected treat. I remember how the Duke of York,\* at an Aldershot dinner, had characteristically caught up this fact with great interest when I told him all about my preparations for this picture. I am glad to know this work belongs to the old 57th, the 'Die-Hards,' who won that title at Albuhera. 'Die hard, men, die hard!' was their Colonel's order on that tremendous day."

### REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

IT is gratifying to be able to announce that the Regimental Museum has come into being.

A number of interesting articles have been received for both the Library and the Museum, a list of which, with the donors, will be found below. We take this opportunity of again thanking those who have sent articles and of expressing the hope that many more will follow suit.

A room has been set aside in the Officers' Mess at the Depot as a joint Library and Museum, and a fund has been opened for its fitting up, maintenance and insurance. Subscriptions have been received from the following:—General Sir Ivor Maxse, Colonel A. M. O. Anwyl-Passingham, Lieut.-Colonel C. P. Rooke, Colonel G. Beach, Major L. L. Pargiter, Captain C. W. Haydon, Captain R. I. Paiba, Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley, Lieut.-Colonel W. Y. Miller, Captain H. W. M. Paul, and the Officers' Club.

\* Now King George V.

It is hoped that all those interested will subscribe, so that the articles may be properly preserved and exhibited. Cheques should be made payable to the O.C. Depot and marked "Library and Museum Fund."

#### LIST OF ADDITIONS TO LIBRARY.

Words of the 57th Regimental Song: Major F. Sapte, D.S.O.

The Die-Hards: Its History, 1755-1915 (Hennell): Lieut.-Colonel C. D. Drew, D.S.O.

Photograph—Guard of Honour for H.I.H. Prince Fushimi of Japan, furnished by 3rd Battalion at Hong-Kong, 1907: Lieut.-Colonel C. D. Drew, D.S.O.

Two photographs—2nd Battalion, taken after the German offensive of March, 1918, showing survivors of the two fights by the Battalion, from March 24th to April 1st and from April 23rd to 27th: Lieut.-Colonel C. D. Drew, D.S.O.

Battle Honours of the British Army (Norman): Lieut.-Colonel G. Bridgman.

Seringapatam Campaign (Dirons): Lieut.-Colonel G. Bridgman.

Military Antiquities, 2 vols. (Grose): Lieut.-Colonel G. Bridgman.

Historical Records of the 57th (Warre): Mrs. D. Longe.

The Dear Old Regiment (Nugent Taillefer): Mr. E. J. Warren.

Rondeaus of the Military Forces (Nugent Taillefer): Mr. E. J. Warren.

With the Die-Hards in Siberia (Colonel John Ward): Mr. E. Morris.

The London Gazette Extraordinary, dated September 14th, 1799, re the capture of Seringapatam: Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O.

Journals of the Society for Army Historical Research (complete from September, 1921, to date).

An Autobiography, with Illustrations and Sketches by the Author (Lady Butler): Lady Elizabeth Butler.

#### LIST OF ARTICLES FOR MUSEUM.

MISS LOGAN.

Three uniforms of Capt. Patrick Logan, 57th Regiment, 1811—1830.

Four uniforms of Col. R. A. Logan, C.B., 57th Regiment, 1841—1876.

57th Regiment: Orderly Book, 1823—24.

57th Regiment: Fragment from Col. T. Shadforth's grave, Cathcart's Hill, Crimea, 1856.

57th Regiment: Farewell Brigade Order when detachment left Aden for India, February 5th, 1860.

57th Regiment: General and Brigade Orders, New Zealand, March 30th, 1861.

57th Regiment: Field Survey Maps, Sketches and Plans, New Zealand, 1864.

57th Regiment: Unveiling of Moutoa Memorial, New Zealand, 1865, by Mrs. Col. Logan. Photo, newspaper cutting and proclamation.

LIEUT.-COLONEL C. D. DREW, D.S.O.

57th Regiment: Crossbelt Plate, 1850.

77th Regiment: Peninsular Medal, Pte. Dixon. Crimea Medal, No. 1570 James McClelland.

MR. E. J. WARREN.

57th Regiment: Fragment of Colours carried through New Zealand Campaign.

77th Regiment: Two dishes and pewter mug, Sergeants' Mess crockery, equipped by Col. Kent, 1880.

FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE LATE CAPTAIN A. F. SKAIFE.

57th Regiment: Portrait of Pte. Henry Holloway, aged 88, last survivor of the "Die-Hards" who held the ridge at Albuhera.

In addition, Mr. E. Morris has promised the loan of his very valuable and inclusive collection of regimental medals, as soon as it can be accommodated.



OWING to the appreciation of the display given by the Battalion at the Royal Tournament at Olympia, we were asked to repeat the performance at the York and Doncaster Tattoos. This entailed the Battalion leaving Catterick for

three weeks, which were spent under canvas. Not one single night was spoiled by bad weather, and although the Yorkshire audiences may not be so audibly enthusiastic as those of the Southern Counties, a popular reception was always met. In addition to the Albuhera display, the Battalion supplied the guards at the gates of York and Doncaster, and also enacted the scene describing the inception of Tattoos from the Dutch word *Tafoot*, when inns and hostels were closed by military piquets. Torchbearers were also supplied for the massed bands, and the 57th Foot, together with historical squads, created one of the main features of the Grand Finale. At York the Tattoo Camp was administered by our old Shanghai friends, the 2nd Bn. The Green Howards, and at Doncaster by our old Rhine opponents, the 1st Bn. The Northumberland Fusiliers. Both of these units took every step to make our stay as comfortable as possible under trying circumstances.

Battalion and Brigade Training was carried out under even worse difficulties than those encountered last year. Sadly depleted companies found themselves going forth to action with platoons only four men strong. When opposed to new units in the Brigade who lately come from abroad, and are therefore nearly up to strength, our skeleton battalion caused great consternation to the umpires. However, we lived through the period without suffering any severe defeat or criticism.

"G" Company are to be congratulated on winning both the Battalion Athletic Shield and the Cricket Shield. It is the third season running, omitting 1927 when we were away in China and no competition took place, that they have won the former.

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the death of Lady Helen Newcome, wife of Major-General H. W. Newcome, C.M.G., D.S.O., commanding the Northumbrian Area and Catterick Garrison, which took place on August 1st.

On September 13th a draft of 80 strong left us for the 2nd Battalion, under the command of Captain W. L. Roberts, M.C. We wish them the best of luck in their warmer and more cheerful surroundings.

An At Home was given by the officers at the Catterick Club on September 25th. The Bands and Drums performed with Olympia selections during the afternoon.



Bridge, tennis and dancing, combined with various light competitions, helped to establish an exceedingly successful entertainment.

It is with much sorrow that we announce the death at Catterick Military Hospital of No. 6198322 Pte. F. Leach, of "H.Q." Wing of this Battalion, on August 28th. Pte. Leach was one of the most popular members of the Transport Section.

Capt. J. E. Dobbs, M.C., who has been with us since the 4th Battalion was disbanded, is leaving temporarily to take up the Adjutancy of the 8th Battalion. Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe is rejoining us on vacating that appointment.

Our heartiest congratulations to Lieut. J. R. B. Worton on his marriage to Miss Evelyn Trevor, which took place at All Souls Church, Langham Place, London, on September 21st.

#### CRICKET.

The Battalion has had a very disjointed cricket season, with the result that, although the matches which were played were well contested, the fixture list was necessarily much smaller than last season. The consequent lack of practice caused the results to compare unfavourably with those of last year.

The fact that most of the Battalion were busily engaged with performances before crowded houses at Olympia up to the middle of June put the team at a disadvantage in their first games. The detachment which remained at Catterick during this period made gallant attempts to represent the Regiment, but were only able to win one match—that against the R.A.M.C. Immediately on their return from Olympia the Battalion held a trial game, and on the next day played their first match against the Training Battalion Royal Corps of Signals. After an exciting finish the Regiment won a very creditable victory by four runs. Then followed another long interval without any cricket, caused by interruptions for the Annual Musketry Course, the Cricket Week, the Northern Command Sports, the York and Doncaster Tattoos, and the Brigade and Battalion Sports. Whilst at York the Battalion played a scratch match against the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards—which the Battalion lost in trying to force a win "against the clock"—and at Doncaster an "Other Ranks XI"

defeated the local Railway Athletic Cricket Team. In neither of these matches was the Battalion at full strength, and the matches could hardly be considered as anything more than casual games.

It was not till the middle of August, therefore, that the team had a chance of really starting their season, and from this time onwards matches were played whenever the calls of Battalion and Brigade Training permitted.

The scores of the Battalion matches are shown below.

*Company Cricket Competition.*—This competition was carried through successfully in spite of the obstacles which other forms of military work put in the way. It was only possible to allow one day for each match, and therefore the matches were all decided on the first innings. "G" Company climbed to the top of the tree after playing through three very exciting rounds. The final against "C" Company was very nearly won in two innings, time being reached with the scores all square and "G" Company with three wickets to fall in the final innings. "G" Company therefore won on the first innings. The rounds were as follows:—

"A"	"C"	bye	} "C"	} "G"
"G"	"D"	bye		
"B"	"G"		} "G"	
"Q"	"B"			

#### Scores of Battalion Matches.

1st Middlesex Regt., 80 (Lieut. Hudson 18, Sergt. Thomas 15 not out); Training Bn. R. Signals, 76 (Sergt. Kennett 6 for 10; Lieut. Hudson 3 for 26).

1st Middlesex Regt., 49 (Lieut. Hudson 29, 2/Lieut. Green 10); 4th Bn. R. Tank Corps, 80 (Sergt. O'Brien 5 for 26, Sergt. Kennett 4 for 16).

No. 26 Squadron R.A.F., 55 (Lieut. Hudson 5 for 32, Sergt. Kennett 5 for 29); 1st Middlesex Regt., 70 (Sergt. Kennett 31, Lieut. Hudson 10).

1st Middlesex Regt., 87 (Lieut. Worton 24, Capt. Phillips 18); Training Bn. R. Signals, 95 (Lieut. Hudson 5 for 50, Sergt. Kennett 4 for 36).

1st Middlesex Regt., 118 (Lieut. Hudson 52); Richmond C.C., 85 for 9 (Sergt. Kennett 5 for 40).

2nd Bn. East Surrey Regt., 62 (Lieut. Hudson 6 for 26, Sergt. Kennett 2 for 25, Sergt. O'Brien 1 for 11); 1st Middle-

sex Regt., 103 (Sergt. O'Brien 31, Boy Mew 24).

This last was a remarkable match. Seven of our wickets fell for 16 runs, the score being taken to 103 by the "tail."

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

Since the last notes were published we have passed through several phases. First there were the York and Doncaster Tattoos, then the Machine Gun Concentration Camp, followed by Battalion and Brigade Training.

With regard to the Tattoos, we had a very enjoyable time, and wonder how many love-lorn lassies were left behind at York and Doncaster.

A few days after our return we proceeded to the Machine Gun Concentration Camp at Wath Gill. This proved to be what the older gunners thought was the easiest concentration within memory. During the concentration we fired in the Northern Command equivalent of the A.R.A. competition. In this we came fourth. The platoon was commanded by Lieut. W. C. Newton.

Battalion Training meant little more to us than a repetition of company training and a perpetual grind up the Waitwith Bank. This was partly caused by the smallness of the training area.

Sometimes we heard a few moans about the training, and we wonder what these moaners would have to say about the training in some other Commands—say Aldershot. They deserve to be made to spend the training season there for not knowing when they are in luck's way as regards training areas, if nothing else. We are not implying that Catterick is a soldier's paradise—far from it—but enough has been said on that subject before.

Brigade Training was a repetition of Battalion Training, so there is little need for any mention of that.

From the sport point of view there has been little doing.

In the Battalion Annual Sports Meeting we finished fourth. In addition to that, we have played a game of cricket in the Cricket Knock-out and—well, we got knocked out. Although we would not take any of the victory from the victors we consider that we were unlucky to lose.

We have said good-bye to 'old soldiers' Lovelock and Moorey, and to "Happy"

Allum recently, and we wish them the best of luck in "civvy street."

We also wish the best of luck to four of our comrades who have just left us for the 2nd Battalion, and we hope that "Wazzle" Clegg will make good in his new station.

And now, although it is early in the season, we take the opportunity to wish all our brother Gunners in all battalions a very merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year, this being the last publication before the festive season arrives.

EMMA GEE.



TEA IN THE GARDEN  
BELLERBY

#### "B" COMPANY NOTES.

As anticipated in our last notes, the past quarter has seen a revival of interest in outdoor events (apart from Brigade Training). The successes of Nos. 7 and 8 Platoons in reaching the finals of passball and hockey respectively, no doubt gave a fillip to the efforts of the Company. A good list of cricket fixtures was got through during the lulls of training, our chief scorers being Lieut. Hudson, 2/Lieut. Chattey, Sergt. Farrow and Pte. Jerman. The two former have also played for the Battalion. We have got through the first round of the



Company Knock-out with a win over "Q" Company by 4 wickets. The scores were "B" Company, 114 for 6 (Lieut. Hudson, 45 not out; Sergt. Farrow, 25 not out; Pte. Jerman, 21). "Q" Company, 73 (Pte. Woodward, 13; Lieut. Hudson, 5 wickets for 30; Pte. Sims, 3 for 15). We hope to put in an appearance in the final in our next notes. The Battalion Sports gave an opportunity of showing what could be done on the track, our teams taking first in the Three Miles and One Mile, second in the 220 Yards, third in the 100 Yards and second in the Long Jump. L./Sergt. Donovan had a field day in winning both the Three Miles and the One Mile individual. 2/Lieut. Chattey also ran well for second and third in these events, while second in the Long Jump was due to the brilliant jumping by Cpl. Horton and 2/Lieut. Chattey. To finish as high as second in the Battalion Championship is a feat which had been forgotten by "B" Company, and which will spur us on to an attempt to exchange the consolation Mons Shield for the coveted Albuhera Shield.

Football has made a welcome reappearance, and we are hoping for a good season. Our first match is against the Green Howards Depot on September 25th. It is to be recorded that the Company has been getting very musical of late with such popular numbers as "Goodbye-ee" and "Ol' Man River," but it must be admitted they were sung with due reverence in honour of each occasion. It may be an aftermath of our musical tournaments.

We have recently seen a number of the Company off to join the 2nd Battalion at Madras, and we regret the departure of Sergt.-Major Beasley to that sunny clime, possibly to father them again. They take our good wishes with them. Many sighs were heard at the conclusion of Battalion and Brigade Training. But there were bright interludes now and again, such as when "Mutt" was reported "drowned" on disappearing into long dewy grass, while an outward flow of quick-change steps were appreciated from a Mr. Fu Manchu. Still, no blood was spilt, except on the transport, which always seemed to be "bloody." We hope to record some good results at the forthcoming Battalion Rifle Meeting in our next notes. The dark horses of "B" have asserted that the Company is on a

piece of cake, and we sincerely trust that they will prove to be good judges.

G. E. G.

#### "C" COMPANY NOTES.

In the middle of July we found ourselves on the move to York to take part in the Northern Command Military Tattoo, to repeat our performance of the Historical Pageant given at the Royal Tournament, Olympia.

At York we were under canvas on the Knavesmire, which we found was much more pleasant than our closed-in quarters at Olympia, though we must admit that the cuisine did not come up to the Olympia standard. But the supper tickets came in very useful for a smoke or a snack according to whichever one was feeling inclined.

It was noticed that the searchlights put in plenty of practice in "spotting" when all was dark, and we know of a few who wished they would really turn their attentions elsewhere, instead of butting in when one was telling the old, old story.

We moved next to Doncaster to give further performances there. We were again accommodated under canvas and on another racecourse. Here some splendid photographs were taken of the different groups representing the various 'periods' of the Regiment. Both at Doncaster and York many of us took advantage of visiting places of interest, and we think on the whole we enjoyed ourselves in our new surroundings. We were able to get in a fair amount of recreation, cricket matches and swimming, not to forget to mention the quoit fiends (another lady).

It was with mixed feelings, when all was over, that we started to pack up to return to Catterick. We heard rumours that we were bound for Edinburgh just for one more "present," but it turned out that rumour was again a lying jade. Some we know were disappointed, just as they were beginning to think that they were really born actors.

On arriving back in Catterick we soon got down to it again and commenced modern training, which we have just completed with a little war between Eastland and Westland.

We enjoyed a very pleasant day at the Annual Regimental Sports, but we missed the services of some who had just at this time proceeded home on draft furlough.

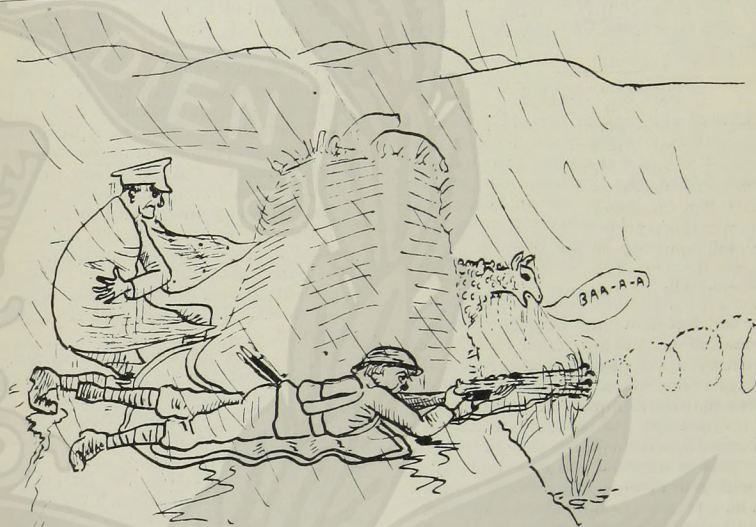
We must not forget, however, to mention the good work of Lieuts. Powell and Green, Sergts. Warren and Woodruff, and Pte. (Lofty) Evans.

Now to conclude with our au revoirs and welcomes. We wish the best of luck to L./Sergt. Woodroff on his return to civilian life, and hope that he will "bounce" into some congenial job. We also wish the draft to the 2nd Battalion the best of luck and a

#### "D" COMPANY NOTES.

Training is over, and so our initiative reverts to more peaceful subjects such as horticulture, distemping and the proverbial T.O.E.T. We were all very interested in the demonstration of a battalion at war strength, and thoroughly enjoyed our two days' march to Bedale, as we were very lucky in having excellent weather.

L./Sergt. Pratt has left us for "civvy



Musketry AT CATTERICK

GET A COMFORTABLE POSITION - AND SHOOT STRAIGHT  
THERE'S MONEY IN IT!

good time in India. With Capt. Dobbs go our best wishes for a pleasant tour of duty with the Territorial Army. We extend a hearty welcome to our new Company Commander, Brevet Major L. A. Newnham, M.C., to Capt. R. L. Hill, who has joined us from Africa, and to the recent draft from the Depot, and express the hope that they will have a really pleasant time with us.

C. E. G.

street," and we wish him every success. This also applies to L./Cpl. Bermingham and L./Cpl. Beck who have left us for the Depot. Sergt. Campbell has gone for a tour of duty as ship's Q.M.S. in the *Somersetshire*, and we hope he has a good time before he comes back well tanned.

We have lost a draft of twenty-four men who have gone to the 2nd Battalion, and we wish them every success in India. We welcome, however, the new draft who have joined us from the Depot.



In sports we have not done too well. Our athletic team was not at full strength owing to the draft being on furlough. However, Pte. Smith ('20) is to be congratulated on his effort in the High Jump, and L./Cpls. Oliver and Cooper on their running in the Quarter Mile Relay, which we won.

We were beaten by a very strong "C" Company team in the Cricket Knock-out, but our team put up a jolly good show and Cpl. Davis played a very good innings.

We all welcome L./Cpl. Woolley who has joined us from "H.Q." Wing. He, we know, will be a tower of strength in all our athletic teams.

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#### DRUMS' NOTES.

Again we are back to our old routine of Drum and Fifes after tours at York and Doncaster for the Tattoos. Much could be said about the Tattoos, but as the Journal will be full of the incidents that happened, it is unnecessary for us to write about them, except to say that the Drummers did all that was expected of them—and did it well.

After returning from Doncaster we settled down to Battalion and Brigade Training, and one N.C.O. and seventeen men had to perform the duty of the Transport for the training. This caused a great deal of excitement amongst us, and unfortunately L./Cpl. "Bumpy" Hill had an accident and broke his ankle. He is now in hospital and is progressing favourably. Jock is our best jockey, and we wonder where he went when he got lost. Did he reach Aberdeen? Smudger has become attached to his wonderful blue roan, and even when the "moke" endeavoured to devour his arm Smudger merely smiled and explained the good intentions of the animal. "Kipper Feet" has become the adopted pet of our merry horsemen Drummers.

We have just played "B" Company in the Cricket Competition, and although we made a score of 73, we were beaten by 4 wickets. This was due to Mr. Hudson's effort in scoring 45 not out. But still we are not worrying, for we know we can lick them at hockey and football, so with the opening of the winter sport we are confident we shall get our own back.

Our congratulations go to L./Cpl. Woolley on his appointment and we wish him the best of luck with "D" Company.

SNAKE CHARMERS.

#### BAND NOTES.

This quarter has been a very busy one for us. Like most of the bands in Catterick Camp, we had to perform at the York and Doncaster Tattoos, where we put in plenty of hard work in order that the musical part of the shows should be successful.

In spite of this a good many of our members must have left both towns with a feeling of regret. One even decided to stay for good—with disastrous results.

The Battalion Sports were held at the beginning of August. Our friends the Cameronians played for us during the afternoon, and we were fortunate in striking a fine day for the occasion. We were again represented in the various events, assisting "G" Company to win the Athletic Shield.

Several promising youngsters were found. Boys Hawkesworth and Mew put up a splendid show in the Pole Jump, both doing 7 ft. 6 in. and gaining third place for "G" Company. We are hoping to see them add several inches to their jumping next year. We must also congratulate "Daddy's" representative on his fine display in the Two Miles event. He should have been suitably rewarded.

By the time these notes are in print we will have lost the services of "Johnnie" Walker, the wonderful hurdler, who is going to try his luck as a policeman. We shall all miss him very much and wish him all the best in his new sphere.

We are pleased that the Battalion and Brigade Training is finished, for now we may be able to do more practice. Our various jobs during the training period have been enemy, intelligence and runners. Several of our members are excellent at "bike-pushing," one even tried "speeding," with disastrous results, for he was put out of action for a week or more for exceeding the Catterick limit.

In conclusion we offer our congratulations to L./Cpl. Dibble on his recent appointment.

TREBLE CLEF.

#### SIGNALLERS' NOTES.

Cheers—or is it tears? Being so intelligent, the novice of the last notes has been asked again to show his merit at telling all the world items and tit-bits about the "Ever Famous Section." As everybody else will mention the York and Doncaster Tattoos let's pass on.

The brightest of news to most of us is Annual Leave in December, and everyone is on the "moss." Battalion Sports have taken place, and again "G" won with the help of individuals coming from the Section, such as Cpl. Williams, who won the Long Jump, Lieut. Crawford and a few more all in the fore.

No more weary feet and straining hearts for another year, for Battalion and Brigade Training is finished. Praise should shower on us for the way we worked, lamps to the right of us and lamps to the left of us; but we were there (for we're easy). Now we are in strict training for classification which comes off in December. We have hopes, of course, but time will find us out. Many have been seen praying on the sly, perhaps 3d. per day is the cause.

Sergt. Challis and Pte. Nathan (the motous man) are sitting for their first. We wish them joy and luck.

Pte. Jeffery, from the 2nd Battalion, is now with us. He is little but good, and our stores have suddenly accumulated. A rumour has been heard that Cupid has hit him, and now we are saving up to buy him some "Bully Beef."

We have brought a gramophone—one of the latest—made in the year dot, but it doesn't stop us from fox-trotting even if the dry scrubber becomes a partner. Ernest has improved his steps considerably.

Luck and good wishes are sent to our fellow signallers in Punky. To L./Cpl. Hewitt, your letter received and our sympathies are yours to play with.

Sweat and polish is now the vogue, for the Brigade Commander's annual inspection is in the very near future.

Football is now the sport, although "G" has several cricket matches to play yet. The last one was with "A" (M.G.) Company which ended in a comfortable but exciting finish and caused many a heart to throb. In the next issue we hope to write the long list of footer wins to our credit. Nothing like counting the chickens, for we have some good talent amongst us.

The pen-wielder has suddenly developed a thirst, and, in closing, has been asked to wish all and sundry the best of luck.

BAG-FLASHER.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

So difficult is it to find material for notes, that it was only after a gentle reminder

that these lines were produced. There is always a sameness about the Company and Mess Notes, and a change would be appreciated. Perhaps the Editor will make some suggestions about this? As usual (more sameness), we have had whist drives and dances and dinners throughout the past quarter. All have been successful, especially the dance which took place after the Battalion Sports Meeting.

In this desolation these functions are doubly appreciated, and it is hoped that they will continue throughout the year. Sergts. Campbell and Clements have temporarily joined the Navy, having been detailed for duty on board a troopship during the trooping season.

I know a lot of members sighed a sigh of relief when they found that these members were the fortunate (?) ones. The sea is not generally admired, except from a beach.

As these notes are being written the Rifle Meeting is taking place and many of our members will be adding to their income. Those on the butts are "singing."

Congratulations to C.O.M.S. Farrow on his promotion to Colour-Sergeant.

What a change has occurred in the Mess since we arrived home from China. Another year will see a new Battalion in the Mess. It is intended to send a photograph of the Warrant Officers and Sergeants at Olympia, 1929, to our sister regiments in Canada and New Zealand, as a memento of a very historical occasion.

As this will be the issue prior to Christmas, we extend to our fellow members the whole world over of all Battalions greetings for the season to come.

G.A.P.S.A.

#### COLONEL G. BEACH, O.B.E., T.D.

LIEUT-COLONEL AND BREVET COLONEL GERALD BEACH, O.B.E., T.D., whose tenure of command of the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment expired on August 16th, was born on May 30th, 1881. He was educated at Cheltenham College, where he served in the then School Cadet Corps.





COLONEL G. BEACH, O.B.E., T.D.

Lieut. Beach was first gazetted to the 5th West Middlesex V.R.C. on April 4th, 1900. This Battalion at the time was the 4th Volunteer Battalion K.R.R.C. It is interesting to note that his father was one of the first to join this Battalion when it was raised in 1859.

After qualifying at the Aldershot Signalling School, Lieut Beach was appointed Signalling Officer, and afterwards Brigade Signalling Officer to the brigade.

He was promoted Captain in June, 1904, and was transferred in that rank to the Territorial Force, when his battalion became the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. Shortly afterwards he held the appointment of Divisional Signalling Officer to the Home Counties Division, which appointment he held till 1913, when he rejoined his unit to become a Company Commander. In this rank he sailed to India when his battalion was ordered abroad in 1914. He held several staff appointments in India until he again rejoined his unit to serve in Mesopotamia in the autumn of 1917.

Meanwhile, he had been promoted Major in June, 1916. As Second-in-Command of the battalion he took part in the operations on the Euphrates in the spring of 1918, but it was not long before he was again called away to take up an instructor's job, first with the division and afterwards at G.H.Q. at the Senior Officers' School, Baghdad. He thus missed commanding his battalion during the final operations in the advance on Mosul.

He actually rejoined to command in February, 1918, shortly after which date the battalion was reduced to Cadre strength and sailed for Bombay after leaving one company behind to form a composite battalion of the 5th Bn. East Surrey Regiment.

The cadre was retained with other details in Bombay on account of the outbreak of war with Afghanistan, and Lieut.-Colonel Beach was appointed (A.Q.M.G.) Administrative Commandant at Kohat. Unfortunately he fell sick with malaria, and finally returned home in the autumn of 1919.

In January 1920 he was appointed a Military Member of the Middlesex T.A. Association, and assumed the appointment of Second-in-Command of the reformed 9th Battalion under Lieut.-Colonel W. P. Hewett. On this latter officer's retire-

ment, in August, 1922, he was appointed to command, which appointment he held until August last.

During the war Colonel Beach was twice mentioned in despatches, and he received the O.B.E. on the occasion of the King's birthday in 1925. He was also promoted Brevet Colonel in 1926.

## THE PETERBOROUGH RANGERS

(ALLIED WITH THE MIDDLESEX REGT.)  
(DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN).

THE ARMOURIES,  
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO,

October 9th, 1929.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

Your letter of June 5th to the Officer Commanding was given to the Regimental Committee for action, and I am mailing under separate cover (no, not subscriptions, they, I trust, will follow shortly) some news which may or may not be of interest to your readers.

The veracity of the items is all that I can vouch for—the style is all my own—for very few old "sodgers" are literary, to state it but mildly.

As your letter expresses the wish that some good may be the result of a closer co-operation between the two units, I am instructed by our Commanding Officer to express the desire of all the officers of the Peterborough Rangers that every success may attend all endeavours of your Regiment as well as your superbly-edited Journal.

The writer will not be offended, personally, if you are unable, through lack of space or any other reason, to insert all that I have jotted down, and please do not return any unused manuscript. If you would like any notes *re* our city or the names of our officers, their commands, etc., or their war records or anything of that nature, please command me.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) G. G. WINTERBOTTOM, Major,  
Second-in-Command.

Chairman Regimental Committee,  
Peterborough Rangers.



## NEWS AND NOTES.

**A**UTHORITY was received on April 1st, 1929, for Lieut.-Col. W. G. Hall, V.D., to be transferred to the command of the 2nd Reserve Battalion and to be succeeded by Major M. H. Park, V.D., to command the Peterborough Rangers (1st Bn., 2nd Bn., C.E.F.).

The Regiment was authorized to train 152 all ranks for the year, and immediately Major Park assumed command he held a meeting of the officers and urged upon them the necessity of securing recruits of the best type, as he was determined to bring the Regiment up to its highest point of efficiency. He also asked all the officers for their most loyal and earnest co-operation to help make the Regiment a source of pride to all. That Col. Park received loyal support from all his officers is granted without further remarks.

The Regiment paraded each Tuesday and Thursday night until Brigadier W. B. Anderson, C.M.G., D.S.O., held the annual inspection in June.

On May 25th the Regiment paraded 150 strong and proceeded, via C.P.R., to Toronto, a distance of 100 miles, at the Regiment's expense, to take part in the Military Tournament which was held in the Coliseum. The trip was an outstanding success from a military point of view, as a great many of the younger members of the Regiment had never seen such a spectacle as was presented by the finest troops in the Dominion.

Upon arriving at Toronto, the troops were given shore leave until time to attend the Tournament, the officers repairing to the Prince George Hotel for dinner and refreshments, whilst the sergeants were the guests at dinner of the sergeants of the Toronto Scottish Regiment. After the Tournament the officers proceeded by bus to the Armouries, where they were royally entertained by the officers of the Toronto Scottish. At 2 a.m. the Peterborough Rangers "ranged" back to the train and thence home to Peterborough. More stories might be told of the happenings, but as certain refreshments are not allowed in our Militia messes in this province, probably the least written the better.

In June our District Officer Commanding, Brigadier W. B. Anderson, C.M.G., D.S.O., inspected the Regiment, and he made us all proud by the way he entered into the

spirit of the Mess after the parade, assuring us that he was not dissatisfied with the work of the Regiment.

On June 28th the Toronto Scottish, 450 strong, arrived from Toronto to stay until the night of July 1st to celebrate Peterborough's Old Home Week. After detraining they marched to their camp which was situated in the Exhibition Grounds, arriving in camp at about 11 p.m., where the officers of the Regiment met the Toronto Scottish officers and motored them to the Rangers' Mess for a buffet supper and refreshments and a renewal of acquaintances which had been made in Toronto a month previous.

On Saturday, June 29th, at 1 p.m., the two regiments paraded through the main streets of the city from the Armouries to the Exhibition Grounds to start off the Old Home Week celebrations. After the evening performance the Toronto Scottish officers were hosts to the officers of the garrison and the civic authorities.

On Sunday afternoon, June 30th, the Peterborough War Memorial was unveiled in the park in front of the Armouries before a crowd of 10,000. All units took part, as well as the legionaires of the British Empire Service League, in addition to other civilian organizations. After the unveiling ceremony the officers of the Peterborough units entertained some 500 guests to tea in our Mess-rooms and the mess-rooms of the cavalry regiment.

On Monday, July 1st, a parade was held in which all the garrison units, as well as visiting regiments, joined and was undoubtedly the greatest military display since the war. In the evening the Toronto Scottish entrained for Toronto, bringing to a close a very strenuous week-end for the officers of the Regiment.

The Rangers proceeded to the rifle ranges for a week-end camp on August 1st and held their Annual Musketry Training, remaining under canvas from Friday until Monday night. The weather was ideal for camping, and 127 men fired their complete practices "A" and "B."

On Sunday afternoon the officers of the Regiment, assisted by their wives, entertained their friends to the number of 300 to afternoon tea, after which the sports meeting was held and prizes awarded to the winners. The guests were interested spectators of the sports and were loud in their praise of the Regiment.

On October 1st a Regimental Smoker was held in the Recreation Room at the Armouries, when the best shot prizes were given—two to "H.Q." Wing and two to each company.

Lieut.-Col. F. H. Bradburn, M.C., who commanded the Regiment from 1922 to 1925, presented a magnificent cup to the Regiment with a replica for the best shot who, by the way, was a bandsman.

The beautiful trophy which had been so kindly donated by the officers of the Die-Hards was won by "C" Company, commanded by Capt. E. E. Nichols, M.C., D.C.M.

The Drums of the Regiment were re-organized and they are doing wonders with both sticks and mouthpiece.

The brass Band, under the direction of Lieut. W. H. Peryer, gave weekly concerts in the parks during the summer months.

## NEW ZEALAND RORKE'S DRIFT.

### SIXTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

(By W. F. GORDON)

(Reprinted from *The Taranaki Daily News*.)

**T**HE Turuturu-Mokai Redoubt was named after an ancient Maori pa in the vicinity. It was occupied in the olden days by the Puketis and Puketaratas. A well-informed native told me that the name originated from the fact of a slave of another tribe being caught on the spot and cooked and eaten. The old pa has not been properly occupied for over two hundred years.

The redoubt was built in 1866 by a company of the 18th Royal Irish, and was in bad repair when occupied by the garrison, which consisted of Armed Constabulary, under Captain Ross, and a few military settlers, who used to come in at night after doing what they could on their sections during the day when free from garrison duty. It had been used by a settler as a yard for his sheep.

The garrison set to work to put it in order, but had not properly repaired it when they were attacked by Hauhaus under Totokowaru. Constable Milmo's account was the first to appear in the Press, and is as

follows:—"About a quarter to six on the morning of July 12th the sentry on guard, perceiving something moving outside the redoubt, challenged, 'Who goes there?' and received no answer. He challenged a second time and was answered by a volley and a wild savage yell from the rebels. The two sentries who were outside the redoubt ran round to the back, and succeeded in getting into the gate, followed by the rebels, whom they kept in check till Constable Johnston roused the men who were sleeping in the tent by calling on them to turn out.

### CAPTAIN ROSS KILLED.

"Captain Ross, although undressed, was at his post before the rebels got to the gate. He called to his men to defend the gate, and to cheer for the troopers. Handing a revolver to Captain Ross, one of the men got shot in the shoulder, and, being disabled, was told by his commanding officer to make the best of it and escape if possible. Captain Ross still stood his ground, and fired off twenty rounds breast to breast with the rebels in the gateway, but in discharging a second chamber of a revolver he had picked up from one of the wounded men a ball from one of the rebel firearms hit him in the forehead, and he fell dead.

"At this time the rebels succeeded in getting in at the gate, and were repulsed by a volley from our men. They then went round to the front angle of the redoubt, and several attempts were made to effect a breach in it by means of their tomahawks and spades, but they were repulsed each time on their approach. We had to keep a sharp fire down on those who were striving to dig through the angle and to enter the corner, while those who tried to scale the parapet were met by a charge of bayonets.

"Nearly an hour and a half had passed when I noticed that the rebels suddenly appeared to withdraw, carrying off their dead and wounded, leaving behind a body of about a dozen men to cover their retreat. Some of their scouts must have given them notice of the approach of Major Von Tempsky's men, for they disappeared very quickly, leaving three of their killed behind. One of the covering party was shot and fell within a hundred yards of the redoubt. I understand that as they passed Major Von Tempsky's party they were fired at by the men at a distance of about 100 yards. Captain Ross's breast was toma-



hawked, and his heart pulled out, which the rebels dropped near the gate."

Mr. Milmo picked up the heart and gave it to Dr. Walker, who was the first to enter the redoubt. Captain Ross slept outside the redoubt in a whare, so did Lennon, the canteen-keeper.

Another account says that Constable Cowper and Hamilton, who were in tents outside the redoubt, managed to escape unperceived by the rebels. Shortly after the commencement of the attack, three men—Cobb, Wilkie and Burrows—cleared out by jumping over the parapet and made their escape to the Waihi redoubt. The latter, Burrows, was afterwards charged by Colonel McDonnell with cowardice, and excused himself by saying he woke up suddenly and did not know what he was about, but at Te Ngutu-o-te-manu he was about the first to start a panic by yelling out that the friendly natives had joined the enemy. On return to camp he was dismissed for cowardice.

On the day previous to the attack (Saturday), one of the rebels was at the redoubt selling onions there. The garrison consisted of about twenty-six men under the command of Captain Ross. The attacking rebels numbered about fifty. Johnston and Lacy were the two sentries, and Constable Johnston and Milmo, being armed with the long Enfield rifles, were the only two who had bayonets.

#### ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

The following is Mr. Coslett Johnston's account: "On the morning of the attack I and Garrett Lacy (an old 57th Regiment soldier, and Irishman) were on sentry duty. My post was at the south end of the redoubt, near the gateway. Lacy did sentry-go on the north side near the north-east angle. I was armed with a long Enfield rifle and fixed bayonet, and carried eighty rounds of ball cartridge in the big pouch at my hip, besides twenty rounds loose in a pouch in front. The Enfield we used was a good straight shooter; it would kill a man at a mile. The Armed Constabulary were armed with carbines only; the military settlers carried the Enfield. Suddenly, just before the first faint break of day, I heard Lacy challenge, 'Halt! who goes there?' Then there was a single shot, followed by a volley. The Maoris from Te Ngutu-o-te-Manu had crept up the gully on the west and north

side of the old native pa of Turuturu-Mokai, and silently lay in wait not far from our north-west flanking bastion, which was the angle upon which they concentrated their attack. Lacy was wounded in the shoulder by one of the Maori bullets, and as he saw he was cut off from the redoubt, he did the best thing he could, and ran into the fern and escaped to Waihi. At the first shot Captain Ross was up and out of his whare, and he ran over the plank and in through the gateway. I bolted in and took up a position in the south-east bastion with Milmo and several others. Milmo and I were the only two armed with Enfield rifles and bayonets, and I think it must have been that glint of our fixed bayonets as much as anything else that kept the Maoris from rushing us. Our weapons were unhandy—it took a long time to load and cap them—but they shot well. Then at it we went, firing away for our lives, whenever we could see anything at which to shoot.

"There was a cry that the natives were coming in at the gateway, and a number of us rushed for the entrance, to hold it. I found a dead man, Gaynor, sitting there. I knew it must have been he, although it was dark. He had evidently just been in the act of firing over the screen (parapet) in the rear of the gateway when a Maori tomahawked him in the temple, as he was discovered in the morning. He slid down, turning round as he fell, and remained in a sitting position, his back against the parapet, his rifle resting in the hollow of his arm—dead. Captain Ross was killed at the gateway, and his heart was cut out. After the fight we discovered two dead Maoris in the trench and another dead just outside; the others were dragged away. Lennon, the canteen-keeper, was killed outside the redoubt, and his heart, like the Captain's, was cut out by the Hauhaus. They had tomahawked him in two cuts, slanting downwards on his temple, like an inverted V. They cut out his heart. They certainly made a clean job of it. Lennon's heart was taken away, but we found Captain Ross's afterwards in the ditch, not far from his body.

#### HELP JUST IN TIME.

"I was wearing a Glengarry cap—I had no uniform, as I was a volunteer settler. A man fired at me over the parapet at such close range that the explosion blew my cap off, and sent me down half-stunned in a

sitting position. Now we heard some of the Maoris in the ditch cutting away at the parapet with their long-handled tomahawks in an attempt to undermine it. We shouted out from time to time, 'The Troopers are coming!' but the Maoris only laughed fiendishly, and continued their chopping and digging. It was well after daylight before help arrived from Waihi Redoubt, just in time to save the remnant of the garrison.

"After this affair we improved the redoubt, and I lived in it for some time, until things became more secure. We made a drawbridge we could haul up, and also made loopholes in the parapet with timber. These loopholes we plugged up with fern in the daytime to make the rampart look like a solid wall. Fern was generally used between the layers of earth in the building up of these defensive works. We could pull out these plugs from the inside at night. There was a plank walk running along the inner side of the parapet, a fire-step or banquette, but it was not quite finished when we were attacked, and it was so wet and slippery that I had asked the captain to let us do sentry duty outside."

Another account says that Lacy got in the redoubt and handed his rifle to Captain Ross to fire off.

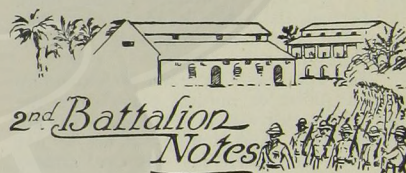
#### VON TEMPSKY TO THE RESCUE.

On hearing the firing at the Waihi Redoubt, Major Von Tempsky and his men started off to the relief and, on arriving in sight of the redoubt, saw the rebels actively engaged in the attack, the latter retiring towards the bush, being followed by the troops as far as Ohutunui. An awful sight awaited the Major on his arrival at the redoubt. Inside the gateway lay Captain Ross frightfully mutilated and the following killed:—Sergt. McFadden, Cpl. Blake, Constables Ross, Shields, Swords, Gaynor, Holden, Beamish and Lennon, the canteen-keeper (outside) and shockingly mutilated; wounded: Constables Beamish, Lacy, Kershaw, Flanagan, Tuffin, Gill and O'Connor. Taruhae was the native who shot Captain Ross, and he was also shot on the ground.

Major Von Tempsky, in his despatch to Colonel McDonnell, recommended for special consideration three men (Messrs. Milmo, Johnston and McLean), and the Colonel, in his report to the Hon.

Colonel Haultain on the 15th, recommended the following men for the Victoria Cross, viz; Volunteer Militia, Lawrence Milmo and Coslett Johnston; No. 2 Division, A. C. Henry McLean, Michael Gill, Wm. O'Brien and O'Connor, late of the 57th Regiment, "for their indomitable bravery in holding the outer angle of the redoubt, though taken at a disadvantage and against such fearful odds." The Victoria Cross could not be given because there was no Imperial officer present. This was the reason why the New Zealand Cross was instituted. That being so, one naturally wonders why the latter decoration was not awarded the men mentioned above for the V.C.

The above particulars are taken from information obtained from Messrs. L. Milmo, Coslett Johnston and M. O'Connor, three of the defenders, Wm. Fox, Omahuru, and from officers' reports. The writer knew Messrs. L. Milmo and M. O'Connor personally, the former being for many years a prominent resident of Hawera; a broad-minded and liberal man. The latter in 1872 was bass drummer in our (the Wellington Artillery Band) and was a thorough soldier. He deplored to me his inability to read or write, and I took him in hand, taught him the alphabet, and to write his name "Michael O'Connor." He then was able to obtain a situation as messenger in the Government Building in Wellington, which he held for many years, eventually retiring on superannuation.



IT was very interesting to see in the August number of this Journal the photographs and description of the 1st Battalion's great display at Olympia. Knowing from experience the time which has to be taken, and the trouble which has to be spent in preparation for even a very small tattoo, we can fully realize the immense amount of work which everybody concerned put into their rehearsing for the



Royal Tournament. We heartily congratulate the 1st Battalion on their very fine effort.

Our late Adjutant left us on August 1st for a year's leave in England. He had a great send off, practically all the officers and sergeants assembling at the Central Station to bid him "good-bye." The Drums were also there in full force. We congratulate Capt. N. P. Procter, M.C., on his appointment in Mr. Walden's stead.

On August 21st Lieut. A. H. L. Sugden, N.Z.S.C., was married to Miss Winifred Verden at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Georgetown. The wedding reception was held in the Officers' Mess, after which the bride and bridegroom left for Cannanore. Very soon Mr. Sugden will be back in New Zealand, and we voice the opinion of every member of the Battalion when we say we shall be very sorry indeed when he finally leaves us.

We were asked the other day by an N.C.O. of the Battalion if Volume II of the Regimental History would be purchased for the Library, and we had to reply that it would undoubtedly be placed in the Library when it was published, but as it was not even written at present, we could not guarantee any definite date.

As long ago as December, 1928, an attempt was made to start a cinema in the Detachment Theatre at St. Thomas's Mount. One difficulty after another arose, but at last these have all been overcome and the cinema is now a running concern. We have not heard yet whether any attempt has been made to produce talking films, but perhaps the comments of the spectators when the lights fail is considered sufficient in this respect.

"The Pothooks" have not presented any pierrot shows or musical plays since the Battalion's arrival in Madras. We are assured that their non-appearance is not due to the indifferent support usually received from the Battalion, but to the dispersal to Wellington, St. Thomas's Mount and England of most of the members of the Concert Party.

Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., will be leaving very soon for a tour of duty at the Depot in relief of Capt. Manson, who has had rather a protracted stay there. Capt. Whinney will be greatly missed in the Battalion, where he has always been one of its most useful members.

It would be of great assistance to us if companies and the groups of "H.Q." Wing sent in their notes by the date requested. We would draw the attention of offenders to an interesting little publication called Battalion Orders, Part I, in which notices appear asking for contributions to be sent to us.

A successful Boxing Tournament was held for the Detachment at St. Thomas's Mount on July 30th, 31st and August 1st, Ptes. Wright, Burbeary, Drake, Wells and Bradshaw winning the fights in their respective weights.

As a result of the formation of the Machine Gun Company, there have been considerable changes in officers and N.C.Os. throughout the Battalion. They are distributed chiefly as follows:—

"A" Company.—Major Bennett, Lieut. Gilbert, 2/Lieut. Foreman, C.S.M. Kent and C.Q.M.S. Glover.

"B" Company.—Major Wollocombe, Lieut. Chapman, 2/Lieut. Stephenson, C.S.M. Rand and C.Q.M.S. West.

"C" (M.G.) Company.—Capt. Appelbe, Lieut. Baldwin, 2/Lieut. Else, 2/Lieut. Ferguson, C.S.M. Palmer and C.Q.M.S. Hills.

"D" Company.—Capt. Kempster, Lieut. Dix-Lewis, Lieut. Jacob, C.S.M. Hart, and C.Q.M.S. O'Brien.

"H.Q." Wing.—Capt. Garrow, Lieut. Clark, Lieut. Walden, Lieut. Tuckey, C.S.M. Colbourne and C.Q.M.S. King.

We congratulate Lieut. Jacob and Lieut. Baldwin on qualifying at the Pachmari and Ahmednagar Wings respectively of the S.A.S.

#### HOCKEY NOTES.

The leanest of lean hockey seasons has ended, and we are glad to have a rest for a short while. Since the last notes were sent in we have taken part in the only two competitions open to us here, the M.C.C. Tournament and the District Tournament. From the former we emerged with no colours left to fly, and after the latter they were distinctly torn.

As these were the only real tests of the team it would be of little consolation to publish a list of games which ended more favourably but upon which nothing depended.

We will therefore record the results of these two only, and if they do make sorry reading now, they at any rate give us something to wipe off this time next year.

In the M.C.C. Tournament we lost to the Madras Port Staff 10—1, and at Bangalore we were defeated by the Lancashire Fusiliers 4—0. The Port Staff are a well-balanced team with two first-class players, and yet, had we played up to our normal standard, the score would have been cut down by half or more. Nerves, however, were apparent all over the field, and the faults we had tried to get rid of were in super-prominence. Eventually the team was little better than eleven individuals running around on their own.

The match in the District Tournament was not a run-away. Three break-aways and a penalty goal did the damage, but we had opportunities of replying which went astray. Added to this, two or three changes had to be made in the team, which may or may not have affected matters.

The root of the trouble is lack of combination. Individual forwards make good dashes from time to time, but there is no forward line and the passing is weak and inaccurate. The halves get worn down owing to the inability of the forwards to keep the ball attacking for more than a second, but are themselves to blame partly, as much of their passing is also very inaccurate. The clearing of the backs is weak.

In spite of all this there has been an improvement on the whole, and as more hockey has been played throughout the Battalion we hope to progress faster and further next year. The following were awarded 77th badges:—Lieut. Chapman, captain of the team; Capt. Procter, Pte. Brooker, Pte. Dean, L./Cpl. Searle, Lieut. Jacob.

The following also played for various periods:—Lieut. Gilbert, 2/Lieut. Stephenson, Cpl. Higgins, Bdsman. Gower, Pte. Redwood, Pte. Stanton, Pte. Swatman, Pte. Gorman, Pte. Robinson, Dr. Stickley, L./Sergt. Nash and Pte. Mileham.

The majority of the above will be available next year, and if by then they have learnt from the experiences of this year to be parts of a machine, we shall be able to start off with better prospects.

#### "A" COMPANY NOTES.

September finds "A" Company still at the Mount, but we expect to return soon from our stay "in the country," and by the time these notes are in print we shall probably be within the walls of the Fort St. George. In spite of being such a long distance from Madras, "A" Company has not been dull, as we have enjoyed ourselves in barracks with whist drives and dances, which have provided much entertainment, whilst bathing in the Adyar River is still popular, and the married families have had some jolly picnics at Elliott's Beach.

These attractions, however, have not distracted us from more serious things, and we are justly proud of our young soldiers who, at the Southern Command Rifle Meeting, came second in the Monro Cup, only losing top place by nine points. At the beginning of August the detachment held an open air Boxing Meeting, when "A" Company did very well. Details appear on another page. On August 6th we had our first cross-country run. The route was about three and a half miles, and for at least two miles the course was along the bank of the Adyar River; but in spite of these pleasant surroundings, reminiscent of England, no one slowed up to admire the scenery. The second part was along a road with a ditch to jump at the finish. The first man in was Pte. Coker, who covered the course in seventeen minutes, an excellent performance. He was followed by L./Cpl. Woodley (19 min.) second, with Pte. Brown third. Of the 119 starters 117 finished, and the first 90 in were within ten minutes of the first man home.

August 20th saw our second cross-country run, the course being almost the same as before. L./Cpl. Woodley and Pte. Coker tied for first place, their time being 19 min. 30 sec. The first 25 in are marked down to represent the Company in the Battalion cross-country run. (The course was half a mile longer.)

Mr. Gilbert has returned from his physical training course, and is now engaged in arranging our Company Sports, of which we shall give a full account in the next issue. We offer our congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Glover, who has been awarded the Long Service Medal after eighteen years' service exclusive of boy service. The Commanding Officer presented the award



on church parade, Fort St. George, on July 28th.

The formation of the new "C" (M.G.) Company has hit us rather badly, and we have been unfortunate in losing several of our boxers, including Ptes. Tatt and Drake. We are glad to welcome those who have come to us from "C" Company and "H.Q." Wing.

#### "B" COMPANY NOTES.

After a tiring three months of duties at the Fort we moved up to Wellington in two parties to take "D" Company's place.

The Company hockey team had to play in the Porter Hockey Tournament at short notice, and without any practice, almost immediately on arrival at Wellington, and were beaten in the first round by one goal to nil by No. 2 Company of the Hill Sanitarium.

There was a Platoon Knock-out within the Hill Sanitarium in which there were some quite exciting games. All platoons got through the first round, No. 5 Platoon drew with No. 8 Platoon, 4 all; No. 8 Platoon won the replay, 3-2; No. 7 Platoon then played No. 8 Platoon and No. 8 Platoon won, 3-0; so No. 8 Platoon was in the final with a platoon of The Loyal Regiment. The latter won rather easily.

The Pagal Gymkhana Sports were held on August 26th and our Company and platoon teams won the 880 Yards and 400 Yards Relay Races respectively. The only other person who obtained a place in an event was L./Cpl. Moore, who was third in the Obstacle Race.

We extend a hearty welcome to those N.C.Os. and men who were transferred to us from "C" Company when that company was broken up on the introduction of the new Machine Gun organization, and we hope that they will settle down happily with us.

#### "D" COMPANY NOTES.

Since our last quota of notes we have been on our holidays in the Nilgiri Hills. I specially said "holidays," as all and sundry are under the impression that when one goes to a hill station for a short period one has a very easy time. If the saying "A change is as good as a rest" is true, then we have certainly had one.

The journey from Mettapalayam to Wellington proved a great attraction to

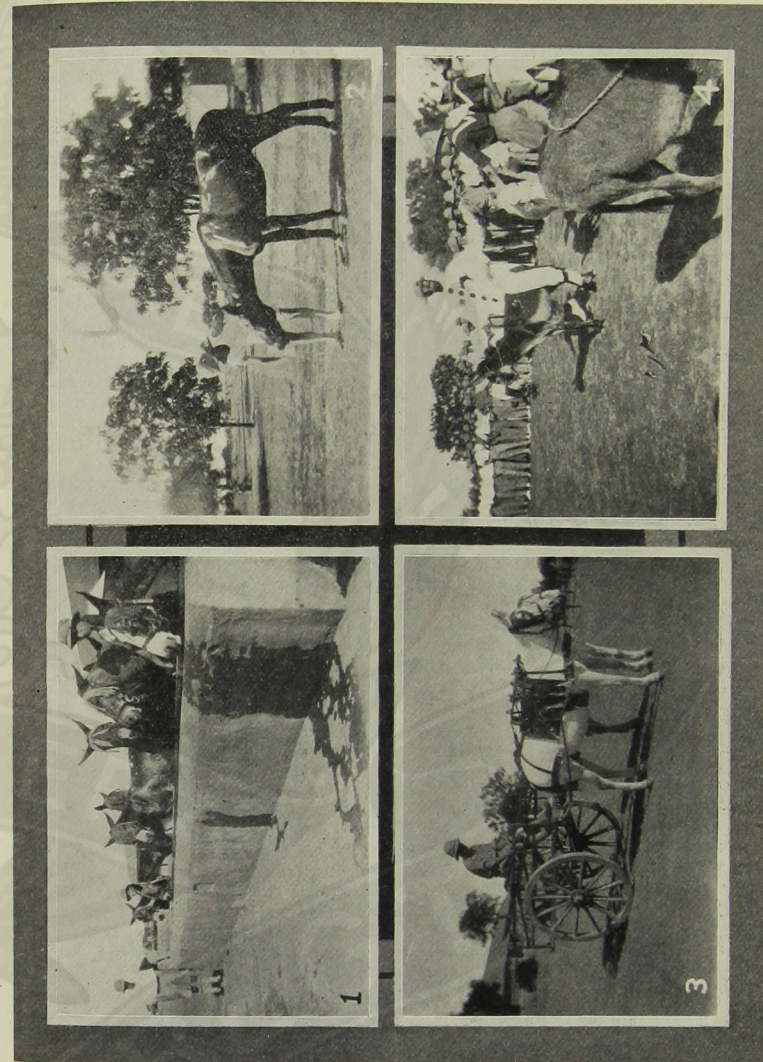
the majority of the Company, who have never travelled by a mountain railway before. We travelled up in two parties.

On detraining, we were met by the Adjutant of the Hill Sanitarium (Capt. Lawrence) and were warned not to march at the regulation pace as the air was so rare. By the time we reached barracks we were one and all of the same opinion. There did not seem to be enough air to go round, and we were all panting for more.

After we became acclimatized, we commenced to take an interest in sport. There were representatives from many regiments in India, and we had to pay strict attention to all its branches. The first competition we entered for was the Aravankadu Cup. Our first match was against the Wellington football team. Our opponents were natives but had a good knowledge of football, and the game was a good clean one which we won 5-4.

We then met the club team, which was composed of some good "old-timers" and coming youngsters. The game was a clean open one, and although we won 8-0 the standard of play was much better than the result would suggest. Cries of "Shoot Bluelight," caused our inside-right to score a very neat goal, and "Come on, Curly" brought our centre-forward well up in the goal scorer's league by scoring five goals of his own. Winning here we became finalists, and were due to meet "H.Q." Wing of the Lancashire Fusiliers. The game was played on the club ground, and a large crowd turned up to see the cup carried away by the best team. Nature had been working overtime and had produced a goodly shower during the afternoon, which on top of the rain we had had during the previous three days left the ground in a flooded condition. When the teams lined up at 4.45 p.m. the ground was still under water in many places. This caused the game to be very scrappy, and it was a matter of the team that knew most about "Mudlarks" winning. Our eleven played like Trojans, but were beaten by the better team. We had met a good team and went down 6-0. Team: Harris; Dyer and Makewell; Balls, Redwood and Merry; Mewett, Lloyd, Addinall, Waddington and Colbourne.

After this competition came the Toc H Inter-Platoon Knock-out. We entered four teams, and the attached N.C.Os. and men



1.—Old Pals. 2.—Enjoying his Morning Gun-fire. 3.—How would this look in London? 4.—Who is the Rider?



entered one. There were in all forty-nine teams competing and a keen competition was witnessed. None of our teams survived the first round, so we need say no more about that.

In the hockey our team, assisted by Sergt. Makewell and Cpl. Blackman, carried off the Hill Sanitarium Challenge Cup. There were five teams entered, and we secured a bye in the first round and, meeting the 9th Lancers in the semi-final, we won 2-0. Some very good hockey was witnessed in this game. In the final we met the Duke of Wellington's Detachment, who provided a good team and gave us a hard game. Both teams were full of confidence, and until five minutes before time a goal-less draw was expected. But a shot was sent in which gave the goalie little or no chance. Play that followed was very hard and keen, but the defences stuck to their guns and thus we won by one goal. Team: Hawker; Makewell and Blackman; Mewett, Higgins and Merry; Colbourne, Mr. Stephenson, Addinall, 2/Lieut. Stephenson and Waddington.

On presenting the cup, the Commandant stated that the game was one of the best he had seen for a long time.

There was no opportunity of producing a cricket team, but the Hill Sanitarium had a few matches, and the following were invariably selected:—2/Lieut. Stephenson, Sergt. Mewett, Sergt. Addinall and Pte. Lloyd. We congratulate them on their splendid performances.

During our stay at Wellington the Lancashire Fusiliers held an Inter-Regimental Sports Meeting, but only our Regiment sent a team to compete against them. Our old Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel F. E. Swainson, who still takes a very great interest in the doings of the Die-Hards, was present at the meeting.

Several all ranks' dances were held in the Gymnasium under arrangements of both the Lancashire Fusiliers and the Sanitarium. Some very enjoyable evenings were passed and the scheme of the Commandant giving prizes to ticket holders was popular.

Whilst at Wellington the Company fired its Annual Weapon Training Course. The weather and also the light assisted us greatly during our course. The final result showed how much these factors helped, together with the healthy physique of the men improved by the air at Wellington.

Our company average was 81.04. We are wondering now if "B" Company, who relieved us there, will beat us.

The Hill Sanitarium arranged and organized a picnic for the Company on Albuhera Day. The picnic was held at Lamb's Rock, one of the beauty spots near Wellington. The day passed very quickly and everyone enjoyed themselves, except, perhaps, the one man who erred and strayed and so missed the bus.

Since our return to Madras we have lost a number of N.C.O.s. and men from the Company, who have been transferred to "C" (M.G.) Company on its organization. In exchange we have received a number from the old "C" Company which has been disbanded. We wish everybody the best of luck in their new companies.

Sergt. Colbourne (now C.S.M.) was transferred to "D" Company, but on promotion to Warrant Officer, Class II, was transferred to "H.Q." Wing. We wish him the best of luck in his new appointment.

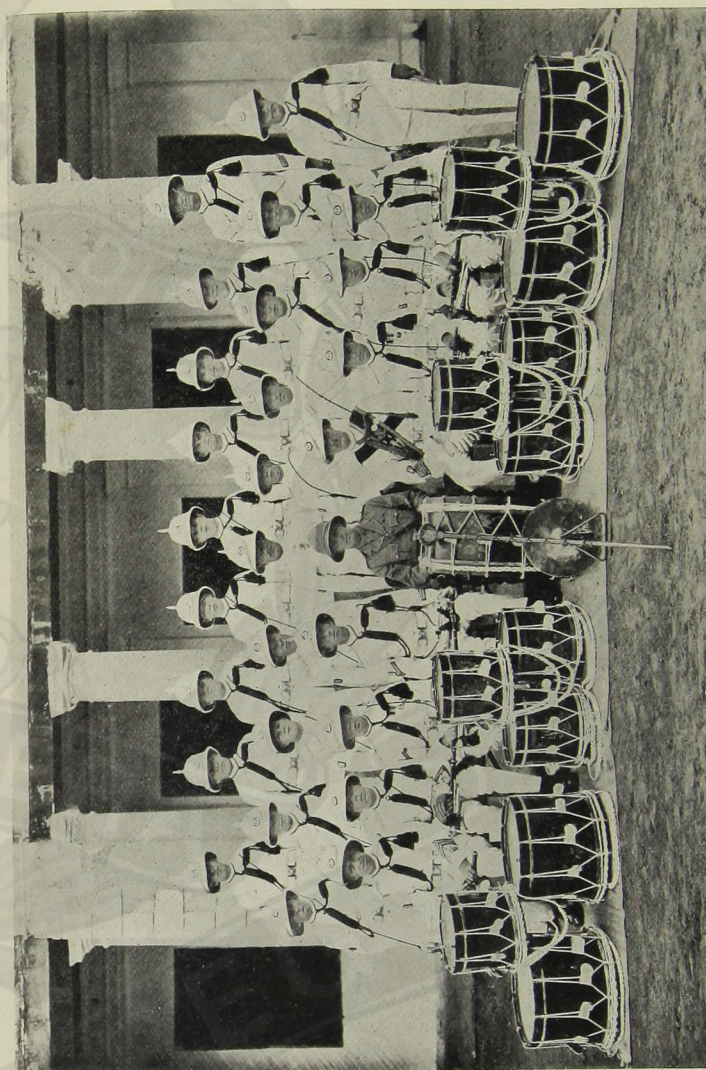
Lieut. A. H. L. Sugden, N.Z.S.C., has now gone into double harness. We wish both him and Mrs. Sugden the very best of life and prosperity in their new sphere. He is shortly returning to New Zealand, and we shall be losing an excellent sportsman and officer. No. 15 Platoon (Lieut. Sugden's Platoon) wishes to thank him for his kind remembrance of them on the day of days.

Coming to the end of our notes, we have to congratulate No. 16 Platoon on winning the Inter-Platoon Shoot on the range at St. Thomas's Mount with a score of 30 points. The competition consisted of doubling from 400 yards to 300 yards in fifty seconds and firing five rounds at figure 2's, scoring 3 points per hit. Team of four.

Generally speaking, as a Company we are not dissatisfied with our work and games during the period these notes cover. We had, however, and this must be borne in mind, the huge advantage of spending three months at Wellington. "B" Company is enjoying at the present moment similar good fortune, and we hope other companies next year will have the same chance that we had.

#### DRUMS' NOTES.

We were granted our annual leave in June, and full advantage was taken of it. We all had a thoroughly enjoyable time.



[Photo: Willie Burke, Madras.]

THE DRUMS—2nd BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.



and we are now anxiously waiting for June to come round once again.

Since returning from leave we have lost our late Adjutant, Lieut. Walden. We must thank him for the keen interest he took in the Drums during his tour of duty.

The Drums, combined with the Employed, managed to win the Inter-Group Football League, beating the Signals on goal average.

Hockey is our next item, and with the aid of our new Adjutant, Capt. Procter, we should be able to put up quite a good show.

We offer our best wishes to Mr. Sugden who was recently married, and trust he will have a happy married life.

Now before we go any further we must congratulate the Drums of the 1st Battalion on their splendid performance at Olympia during the Royal Tournament.

By the time these notes are in print we hope to have Dmrs. Lewin, Carpenter and Dean back from their summer furlough in England. We should be pleased to hear from any of our ex-Drummers who are now in civilian life.

Last, but not least, we must welcome Capt. Procter as Adjutant. Most of us know him, and are perfectly convinced that he will take a keen interest in the Drums.

"B. FLAT."

#### BAND NOTES.

Since our last notes appeared we have been very busy, and our time has been well occupied. "B" Company is at present at Wellington, so we have to take our turn at guards and regimental duties. We are also on our Annual Stretcher Bearer Course.

We are doing fairly well in the sports line, and have great hopes for the future. Cpl. Kemp has been transferred to "B" Company. This will be a great loss to us, as he was the backbone of all our teams. The Band has taken a keen interest in rugger, and Gower has been selected to play for the Battalion team. The boys are making great headway at football and hockey, so they will be able to fill the gaps that this year's trooping season will make.

Congratulations to "Smudger" on his appointment to Band Corporal and to Kemp (minor) on his appointment to Lance-Corporal.

#### SIGNALLERS' NOTES.

Our notes for this quarter find us in new surroundings, with the rest of the Wing at Fort St. George. We marched down from the Mount, settling down to a brisk pace all the way, and completed the eleven miles in just over three hours.

Despite the fact that we are in the "four in bed" stage, we are now competing with Standard Tests, which keep us busy most mornings up to one o'clock. Our new class is still struggling with dots and dashes, and we are making strenuous efforts to get themselves up to classification standard by early October.

In the sport line we are not doing too badly. We have just finished the Inter-Group Football League. We shared first place with the Drums and Employed, but as they beat us on goal average they will take the shield. Having lost the gunners from the Wing, their place has been taken in the league by a team from the attached men. 2/Lieut. Stephenson, who is attached to us for instruction, made quite a name for himself as a goalkeeper when we met the Attached. This match resulted in a draw 1-1. We are now waiting for the hockey to come along to show some of our new talent.

Cpl. Knighton has gone to the Signal School on a course, and we wish him the best of luck when the time comes for passing out in his examination.

Pte. Buckingham is leaving us shortly for the United Kingdom after having served his "buckshee." We wish the late C.I.D. man every success. We hear he is going to be a "cop."

We congratulate Cpl. Boothby on his promotion, and are very sorry that he has now become surplus to the establishment and that he has to leave us to return to his old company. We also congratulate L./Cpls. Wilson and Parrott on their appointments.

SUGAR PIP.

#### AN EPISODE IN THE LIFE OF A SOLDIER OF THE 77th FOOT.

IN 1862 the good ship *Middlesex* sailed for India (via the Cape of Good Hope) with troops, among whom were a small

draft of eleven men for the 77th Foot. One of these men was Johnny Fitzpatrick, a good smart soldier, but, unfortunately, given to drink. He went on board a prisoner for some military offence not stated, but no doubt fairly trivial or he would not have been sent out.

Whilst on board he was quartered, with others, in a part of the ship termed Cells, and a Bombardier of Artillery was placed in charge as head of the Military Police on board. This N.C.O. had a box, containing among other things, a bottle of whisky and some biscuits, which he placed in the cells for safe keeping as he thought. Now this box was broken open, the whisky drunk and the biscuits eaten. The bombardier reported the case, and Johnny was accused as being chiefly concerned and was ordered to be tried by Court Martial.

Johnny was tried, convicted, and sentenced to twenty-one days' imprisonment and to fifty lashes.

The day of punishment arrived; the troops were paraded, the triangles were fitted up and the Court Martial read out. When this had been done, the captain of the ship, a Scotch gentleman named Cameron, addressed the officer in charge of the troops and requested to be informed what the triangles were for. He was told the prisoner was going to be flogged. Capt. Cameron replied, "I am in command of this ship, and whilst I am in command no man on board shall be flogged." Thereupon the triangles were taken down and the parade dismissed.

The officer in charge of the troops (a captain), not liking his orders countermanded, ordered another Court Martial to assemble to try the prisoner again. This new Court Martial sat, tried and convicted Johnny again and sentenced him to forty-two days' imprisonment.

On arrival at Bombay, the General in command there inspected the troops on disembarkation, and during his inspection asked if there were any complaints. Johnny Fitzpatrick stepped out and said, "Yes, sir, I have been tried twice for one crime." The case was investigated, and the General stated that it was a scandalous thing, severely rated the officer who had ordered the Courts Martial, and directed that all record thereof be deleted from the man's documents, thus freeing Johnny from all consequences resulting therefrom.

Johnny soldiered on and completed twenty-one years' service, and was a good, clean, smart soldier, but he never got over his craving for drink, and to the very last he often went to the Guard Room on that account.

It should be borne in mind that in the days when Johnny was soldiering the discipline was very strict, and a man did not have to be very much under the influence to find himself *en route* for the clink. As an example, one day a man named Jimmy Allen, quartered in the same room as Johnny Fitzpatrick, returned from the canteen with just enough to loosen his tongue and, as is very often the case, attracted the attention of the corporal in charge by his noisy speech. The corporal ordered an escort consisting of Johnny Fitzpatrick and a man called Big Mike to fall in and escort Jimmy Allen to the Guard Room. When they fell in Jimmy Allen thought it was Johnny who was for it, and insisted on Johnny being the centre man, saying, "You know, Johnny, it is always you." The corporal, to save trouble, said: "Alright, Fitzpatrick, I'll sort you out when we get to the Guard Room." On arriving the corporal wheeled them to the right and then turned them to the left, thus making Allen the leading man on entering the Guard Room. The door of the prisoner's room had been opened ready to receive the prisoner, and Allen, being leading man, marched in, when at a signal from the corporal the others halted and the door closed on Jimmy, who at once started calling to the Sergeant of the Guard that he had made a mistake, that it was Johnny Fitzpatrick who should be in. But all turned a deaf ear, and Jimmy remained a prisoner, the others returning to their barrack-room.

Among other things, Johnny Fitzpatrick was a splendid swimmer, and when swimming his shoulders were always about a foot out of the water, much more so than I have ever seen with any other swimmer. When on detachment at Carlisle Fort, Queenstown, Ireland, I saw Johnny swim across the mouth of the harbour and land below Fort Camden and, after a short rest, swim back, without any boat accompanying him either way in case of mishap, and he landed apparently as fresh as when he started. The mouth of the harbour is very wide, though I do not know the exact width.

NIPPY.





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COLONEL J. K. MAITLAND, M.C., T.D.

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LIEUT. - COLONEL AND BREVET-COLONEL JOHN KENNETH MAITLAND, M.C., T.D., who resigned command of the 7th Battalion on March 18th, and was transferred to the Territorial Army Reserve, was born at Enfield, in 1893, son of John Maitland, late High Sheriff of the County of Middlesex. He was educated at Wellington College, and was gazetted to the 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment in 1912, promoted Lieutenant in 1914, Captain in 1916, and Lieutenant-Colonel in February, 1924.

In the war he served in Gibraltar from September, 1914, to February, 1915, and at the front in France and Flanders for three years, being present with the Battalion at the Battle of Aubers, the action of Bois Grenier and the attack on the Gommecourt Salient. During the battles of Ginchy, Flers-Courcelette, Morval and Le Transloy he was attached to the Staff of the 167th Infantry Brigade, and in that capacity was present at the three Battles of Arras, 1917, the Battles of Langemarck and Cambrai and the first Battle of Arras, 1918. For these services he was mentioned in despatches and received the Military Cross. In April, 1918, he was appointed an Officer Instructor at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, holding that appointment until his demobilization in January, 1919.

He rejoined the Battalion when it was re-formed early in 1920, assumed command in February, 1924, and was appointed Brevet Colonel in February, 1928. He was awarded the Territorial decoration in July, 1928, and resigned on completion of seventeen years' service.

### DEPOT NOTES.

THE annual inspection by the Area Commander, Major-General H. R. Peck, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., took place on July 24th.

We congratulate Major J. English on his promotion to Major on August 25th.

2/Lieut. R. W. D. Sword was attached to the Depot from October 1st to 14th on first appointment to the Regiment.

On September 13th Capt. E. P. Manson, M.C., sailed in H.M.T. *Dorsetshire* in command of the draft joining the 2nd Battalion.

Capt. R. Paiba, late of the Regiment, lunched at the Depot on September 19th, and brought with him the cup and six miniatures which he has very kindly presented as mentioned in the August Journal. A photograph of the cup is produced in this number.

Capt. E. P. Manson, M.C., Lieut. E. S. M. Ayscough, L./Sergt. G. Blake and L./Sergt. H. Hull, M.M., attended the Territorial Association Camp at Dover during July and August as cadre instructors.

During the present quarter we have had one recruit from the 7th Battalion and two from the 9th Battalion.

Squads visited the Guildhall on the dates as follow:—Ypres, July 17th; Nivelle, August 14th; Ladysmith, September 24th.

There are two squads at present training and two on leave. These two latter join the 1st Battalion about October 25th and 29th November respectively.

Several treasure hunts have taken place during the quarter. The recruits showed good initiative in solving the various clues. Great interest has been shown also in the Essay Competitions.

The married families' outing took place on July 27th, when the party proceeded by motor charabanc to Clacton. The weather was ideal, and a most enjoyable day was spent.

The Depot is now in the hands of the painters, who are gradually brightening up the look of the buildings.

### CRICKET NOTES.

The season is now over, and the Depot is able to look back on some very pleasant cricket, and even though we have to record more losses than wins, we finished the season (except for the last three matches, when we were very under strength) with five successive victories and two drawn games. In addition to those mentioned in the last issue of "THE DIE-HARDS," the following played for the Depot:—Major Percival, R.A.M.C., Major English, Capt. Stock, 2/Lieut. Cowley, S.R.O., 2/Lieut. Morley, S.R.O., 2/Lieut. Sorenson, ex-C.S.M. Siddons, Sergt. Osborne, Pte. Graney, L./Cpl. Endersby, Sergt. Honeybun, Cpl. Bayles, Pte. Buchan, and Sergt. Blake.



## RESULTS.

The Depot, 33, *v.* R.A.F., Northolt, 123.  
The Depot, 116 (Sergt. Northcott, 50 ;  
Lieut. Clowes, 29), *v.* Stroud Green, 120  
for 6.

The Depot, 112 (Major Percival, R.A.M.C.,  
35), *v.* Depot East Surrey Regt., 183 for 6.  
Old Finchlians, 82, *v.* The Depot, 143 for  
4 (Lieut. Clowes, 65 ; Major Percival, 24).

Major Money's XI, 105, *v.* The Depot,  
194 for 6 (Sergt. Northcott, 59 ; Major  
Percival, 46 ; Col. Seth-Smith, 45).

R.A.F., Northolt, 37, *v.* The Depot, 50  
for 3 (Lieut. Clowes, 21).

Finchley Police, 83, *v.* The Depot, 114  
for 5 (Sergt. Northcott, 33 ; Major Percival,  
28).

The Depot, 108 (Major Percival, 39 ;  
Lieut. Sorenson, 23), *v.* Lieut.-Col. Seth-  
Smith's XI, 88.

The Depot, 209 for 4 declared (Sergt.  
Northcott, 102 not out ; Pte. Bish, 23 ;  
Capt. Horrocks, 21), *v.* The Depot Royal  
Fusiliers, 107 for 5 drawn.

Olympic Old Boys, 103, *v.* The Depot, 64  
for 8 drawn (Pte. Bish, 25).

The Depot, 63, *v.* R.T.C. Pay Office, 53.  
The Depot, 85 (Lieut. Cowley, 23), *v.*  
Finchley, 204 for 5.

Mill Hill Village, 124, *v.* The Depot, 110  
(Pte. Lyons, 32 ; C.Q.M.S. Steadman, 20).

Finchley Police, 121, *v.* The Depot, 67.

## RIFLE MEETING.

The Depot Rifle Meeting was held on  
Thursday and Friday, September 19th and  
20th. Sergt. Burt won the Individual  
Championship with a score of 41 out of a  
possible 55. Sergt. Northcott was the  
winner of the Rapid Fire Pool Competition  
with a score of 37 out of 40.

A Ladies' Competition was introduced  
into the meeting this year, and some  
excellent scores resulted. Mrs. Holt won,  
with a score of 34 out of 40. On the  
strength of their shooting they challenged  
four of the best recruit shots, the result  
being a win for the ladies by 120 to 113.

*Competition "A," Individual Championship.*—1st, Sergt. Burt, 41 ; 2nd, Sergt.  
Paterson, 40 ; 3rd, C.S.M. Cook, 39.

*Competition "B," Falling Plates, Knock-  
out Pairs.*—Winners, Cpl. Barley and Cpl.  
Mason. Runners-up, L./Sergt. Hull and  
L./Sergt. Blake.

*Competition "C," Inter-Mess Challenge  
Cup.*—1st, Sergeants, 156 (Sergt. Burt, 47 ;

Sergt. Northcott, 40 ; Sergt.-Instr. Paterson,  
35 ; Sergt. Buckle, 34) ; 2nd, Officers, 136  
(Major English, 39 ; Lieut. Clowes, 51 ;  
Lieut. Ayscough, 30 ; Lieut. Gordon, 16) ;  
3rd, Corporals, 101 (Cpl. Bayles, 25 ; Cpl.  
Brightman, 23 ; L./Cpl. Sneesby, 15 ; L./Cpl.  
Turner, 38) ; 4th, Privates, 100 (Pte.  
Briton, 21 ; Pte. Lyons, 37 ; Pte. Tuckfield,  
24 ; Pte. Clapton, 18).

*Competition "D," Recruits' Handicap.*—  
1st, Ladysmith, 241 ; 2nd, Nivelle, 226 ;  
3rd, Ypres, 218 ; 4th, Somme, 212.

*Competition "E," Lewis Gun Pairs.*—  
Winners, Capt. Haydon and Sergt. Burt,  
51 ; Runners-up, Sergt. Stacey and Sergt.  
Hazelidine, 43.

*Competition "F," Inter-Squad Competition.*—1st, Ladysmith, 84 ; 2nd, Ypres,  
78.

*Competition "G," All-Comers' Pool Bull.*—  
Bulls were scored by: Sergt. Northcott,  
L./Cpl. Turner, L./Cpl. Sneesby, L./Cpl.  
Snell, Pte. Lyons, Pte. Seymour and Sergt.  
Stevenson.

*Competition "H," Ladies.*—1st, Mrs.  
Holt, 34 ; 2nd, Mrs. Stevenson, 33 ; 3rd,  
Mrs. Mason, 31.

*Ladies v. Recruits.*—Ladies, 120 (Mrs.  
Holt, 36 ; Mrs. Mason, 34 ; Mrs. Stevenson,  
26 ; Mrs. Northcott, 24). Recruits, 113  
(Pte. Bayford, 34 ; Pte. Poulton, 23 ; Pte.  
Ludlow, 30 ; Pte. Campbell, 26.)

*Competition "I," All-Comers' Rapid  
Fire.*—Winner, Sergt. Northcott, 37.  
Runners-up, Sergt. Burt, Pte. Lyons and  
Pte. Bayford, 36.

Sergt.-Instr. Paterson, assisted by Sergt.  
Hull, Pte. Marshall, Pte. Lyons, Pte. Butt,  
Dmr. Escudier and Pte. Grainger ran some  
very successful side shows.

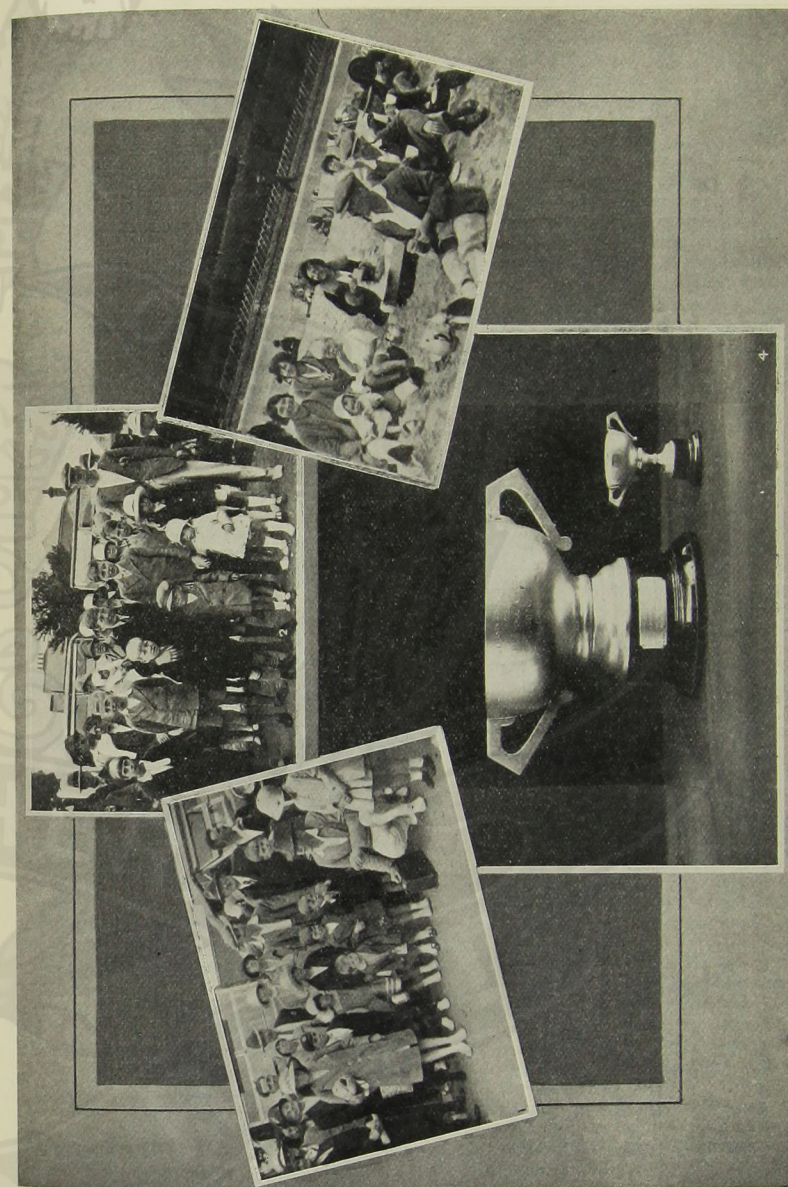
At the conclusion of the meeting Major  
Pargiter presented the prizes, and the cup  
presented to the Depot by Capt. Paiba, late  
The Middlesex Regiment, was on view.

## SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We have now completed our Tennis  
Tournament, with the results as follows:—

*Singles.*—Semi-final: C.Q.M.S. Steadman  
beat L./Sergt. Northcott, 6—2, 6—3 ;  
C.S.M. Cook beat L./Sergt. Blake, 7—5,  
1—6, 6—3. Final: C.Q.M.S. Steadman  
beat C.S.M. Cook, 6—4, 3—6, 6—4.

*Doubles.*—Semi-final: Sergt. Tisdale and  
C.Q.M.S. Steadman beat O.R.Q.M.S. Finch  
and C.S.M. Cook, 6—4, 6—2 ; L./Sergt.  
Northcott and R.S.M. Mantell beat Sergt.



1, 2 and 3.—Depot Married Families' Outing.  
4.—The Paiba Cup.



Burt and Sergt. Stacey, 6—0, 6—1. Final: R.S.M. Mantell and L./Sergt. Northcott beat C.Q.M.S. Steadman and Sergt. Tisdale, 3—6, 6—3, 9—7.

On July 11th we invited the Officers to a Tennis "At Home." Since our last meeting the Sergeants were determined to put up a better show. Result:—Major Pargiter and Capt. Haydon lost to R.S.M. Mantell and L./Sergt. Northcott, 1—6.

Capt. Parker and Lieut. Clowes beat Sgt. Burt and C.Q.M.S. Steadman, 6—4.

Lieut. Ayscough and Lieut. Morley beat O.R.Q.M.S. Finch and C.S.M. Cook, 8—6.

Sergeants' team won, 16—15.

During the afternoon we also played table tennis and billiards. Major English maintained his reputation, his opponent mainly doing marker. Altogether a very pleasant time was spent, especially the "round robin"—well spent.

After tea the officers retired, so to keep the balls rolling a five-a-side tennis match was organized (?) which mostly developed into concentrated volleys at the umpire.

After losing most of the balls we retired to the ante-room and were introduced to a new appetiser (new to most of us)—namely, "Pink Gin." Full marks to John Collins.

On August 14th we played the Officers and Corporals cricket. It was a very good match. Sergt. Northcott played a topping game, only just missing his century. Result—a win for the Sergeants.

In the evening the Corporals were invited to the Mess for a billiards match, a very pleasant evening resulting in a win for the Sergeants. Other games were played—Cardinal Poof, a selected Bridge Party and, of course, Pokey Dice.

Results of match:—

*Sergeants.*—R.S.M. Mantell, 120; Sergt.-Instr. Paterson, 26; C.S.M. Cook, 113; R.Q.M.S. Purcell, 141; Sergt. Shaw, 100. Total, 500.

*Corporals.*—Cpl. Mason, 100; L./Cpl. Sims, 100; Cpl. Bayles, 100; L./Cpl. Endersby, 86; Cpl. Butfield, 93. Total, 479. Sergeants' team won by 21.

On August 21st we held a family Tennis "At Home," and nearly everyone attended. The N.A.A.F.I. supplied an excellent tea. Exciting games were witnessed during the afternoon. Our ladies are certainly hitting out and are qualifying for Wimbledon 1930. Several tennis balls were found round the vicinity of No. 30. Our table tennis did not

catch on very well with the ladies, as they could not hit hard enough. Pokey Dice was a success, but not from the husbands' point of view, because—well, you know.

The results of the Depot Rifle Meeting will be found in the Depot Notes, but we should like to congratulate the Sergeants' team on winning the Individual Shoot. Sergt. Burt also won the Lewis Gun Pairs, but not without the able help of Capt. C. W. Hayden, M.C.

Congratulations to Sergt. Stacey and L./Sergt. Honeybun on being presented each with a son.

We are now eagerly awaiting the installation of a super-wireless set to help us through the long winter evenings.

We take this opportunity of wishing all battalions and old comrades a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

BOB.

## GAZETTE.

### CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

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

6198928 Pte. A. Brown, 6198953 Pte. F. Dell, 6198758 Pte. J. Ellis, 8774 Pte. A. Evans, 8920 Pte. W. Hall, 8485 Pte. E. Hutchinson, 7588 Pte. W. Harewell, 8823 Pte. H. Knight, 8764 Pte. T. Maskell, 8938 Pte. H. Radford, 8787 Pte. A. Sayers, 8766 Pte. F. Shepherd, 8935 Pte. H. Vidion, 8958 Pte. G. Barrows, 6723057 Pte. A. Campbell, 8945 Pte. R. Chippendale, 8941 Pte. C. Easthorpe, 6198946 Pte. J. Emery, 8949 Pte. F. Freeman, 8942 Pte. J. Galvin, 8944 Pte. W. Graney, 8947 Pte. E. Hill, 8929 Pte. P. Jarvis, 8933 Pte. J. Ludlow, 8952 Pte. W. Millichap, 8951 Pte. H. Maidment, 8930 Pte. A. Smith, 6711752 Pte. C. White, 8780 Pte. E. Berwick, 8959 Pte. T. Bristow, 6198965 Pte. F. Cox, 8964 Pte. G. Thompson, 8984 Pte. G. Watson and 8918 Pte. E. Wilson.

### COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

6191047 Sergt. E. Hazeldine: Attended 20th L.Q. Course at the Small Arms School, Hythe Wing, from 15/4/29 to 21/6/29, and obtained "Q.I.": Authority E.C.O. 507/29.

### EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

6188527 R.S.M. R. Mantell: Permitted to continue in the service beyond 21 years for a further period of 12 months, *i.e.*, until

16/7/31. Authority: O. i/c Records, R/Mx/4971, dated 21/8/29.

### BIRTHS.

2604867 L./Sergt. G. Blake.—A daughter, June Alice, born at Mill Hill, on 27/6/29.

6195113 Cpl. J. Little.—A daughter, Kathleen Helen, born at Mill Hill, on 9/4/29.

6195147 L./Sergt. L. Honeybun.—A son, Peter Leslie, born at Mill Hill, on 24/8/29.

6192291 Sergt. F. Stacey.—A son, Maurice Ramon, born at Mill Hill, on 11/9/29.

### POSTINGS.

6197763 Cpl. A. Tutte: Posted to 1st Battalion on 11/8/29.

6584440 Cpl. F. Butfield: Posted to 1st Battalion on 18/9/29.

6196943 L./Cpl. P. Bermingham: Posted to Depot from 1st Battalion, 23/8/29.

6197072 L./Cpl. L. Beck: Posted to Depot from 1st Battalion, 27/8/29.

6198075 L./Cpl. J. Donegar: Posted to Depot from 1st Battalion, 18/9/29.



## OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

### LADY BUTLER'S PICTURE.

THERE are still three signed copies of this picture for sale at ten guineas each. Five of the eight originally purchased have been sold. The Club has also bought and sold two unsigned copies. A further ten unsigned copies can be obtained at five guineas each. Application for these should be made to the Hon. Secretary.

At the Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on Wednesday July 17th, 1929, the following were present:

Colonel A. M. O. Anwyl-Passingham, O.B.E., D.L., in the chair, Brig.-Gen. F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. G. B. Lempriere, Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Col. S. C. Smith, T.D., Lieut.-Col. W. Y. Miller, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Lieut.-Col. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., Major A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. S. F. Hedgcoe and Lieut. J. H. Clowes (Hon. Secretary).

A welcome was extended to Colonel S. C. Smith, the new Commanding Officer of the 7th Battalion.

With regard to the Club tie, sample ties were produced and the Committee was asked to procure more samples to select from.

The question of officers of affiliated battalions becoming members of the Club was raised, but it was decided that until these units wore the badge of the Middlesex Regiment they could not become members.

It was proposed and carried unanimously that officers of the allied overseas units be made honorary members of the Club.

Rule VIII was amended to read as follows:—

"The Annual Dinner will take place, if possible, on the last Thursday in June. The Annual Cricket Week is the last week in June."

The question of hostess for the "At Home" held on the Wednesday of the Cricket Week was discussed. It was decided to ask the wife of the Officer Commanding the Depot to fill this position. In the event of the Officer Commanding the Depot being unmarried, the question to be referred to the Committee.

It was decided that Capt. Miller of the Wentworth Regiment of Canada be a guest of the Club at the dinner and during his stay at the Depot.



## REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30th, 1929.

Amount of grants and loans made: £174 10s. 2d.

Number of cases dealt with: 151.

Number of cases assisted: 72.

Number of men registered for employment: 66.

Number of men found permanent employment: 10.

Number of men found temporary employment: 1.

Number of men offered employment: 40.

Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 19.



A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on July 17th, 1929. Present:—Brig.-Gen. F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair); Cols. Lempriere and Beach, O.B.E., T.D.; Lieut.-Cols. W. Y. Miller, D.S.O., C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., W. H. Samuel, S. C. M. Smith, T.D.; Majors A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., and L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O. (Hon. Secretary); Capt. H. E. Foster and S. F.

Netley Charitable Fund	...	...	2	2	0
Newport Market Training School	...	...	1	1	0
Royal Drummond Institute	...	...	2	2	0
Royal Soldiers' Daughters' Home	...	...	2	2	0
Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association	...	...	2	2	0
Soldiers and Sailors Help Society	...	...	2	2	0
Special Fund for Blind	...	...	1	1	0
St. Dunstan's	...	...	1	1	0

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It was decided to allocate the sum of £10 to the upkeep of the Regimental War Memorial.



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Hedgecoe (8th Battalion), R.S.M. R. Mantell, R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, C.Q.M.S. S. F. Steadman and the Assistant Secretary.

The following donations to the under-mentioned charities on behalf of all battalions were sanctioned by the Committee:—

	£	s.	d.
British Legion (affiliation fee) ... ..	1	1	0
Charity Organisation Society ... ..	4	4	0
Ditto (registration fee) ... ..	1	1	0
Friends of the Poor ... ..	2	2	0
Hospital for Sick Children ... ..	2	2	0
Gordon Boys' Home ... ..	4	4	0
National Association for employment of ex-Soldiers, etc. ... ..	4	4	0

A sub-committee, consisting of Colonel Beach, Lieut.-Col. Rooke and Major Pargiter, was appointed to consider the question of election of additional members of the Executive Committee and the amendments involved in the rules.

#### QUARTERLY CONCERT.

About one hundred and fifty old comrades, with their wives and friends, were present at the Masonic Rooms, 341, Euston Road, on the evening of October 5th, when, by arrangement with Madame Corri, Mr.

Hugh Stanley's Concert Party, "The Sparklers," gave a very excellent entertainment.

The large number present justified the Committee's recent decision to seek more spacious accommodation, and the next quarterly concert on January 4th, 1930, will be held at the Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road, Chelsea. It is hoped that all those who have appreciated the gatherings at Euston Road will put in an appearance at Chelsea, and bring many more old comrades and friends. The new

Among those present were the following:—Col. Beach; Lieut.-Col. Samuel; Majors Pargiter, Sloane-Stanley, Money, English and Amor; Capt. Paiba; Lieuts. Clowes, McDonald and Ayscough; 2/Lieut. Sword; R.Q.M.S. Purcell; Madame Corri; 2/Lieuts. Amor and Christodoulo; C.S.M. and Mrs. Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Langdon, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Stapley, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Miss N. Shorter, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Mr. E. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Coe,

place is quite close to Sloane Square Station on the District Railway, and numerous buses from Charing Cross and other parts pass the door.

At the conclusion of the concert, Mr. F. E. Holmes (the chairman) announced the change of hall, and Major Pargiter, in the unavoidable absence of Colonel Passingham, made a brief speech, in which he thanked Madame Corri and the artistes, and referred to the work of the Association and drew special attention to the forthcoming Old Comrades' Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lyons, Mr. B. Rose and son, Mr. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Meacham, Miss Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Carron, Mr. Cattell, Mr. Keyes, Mr. B. Sullivan, Mr. Wiper, Mr. and Miss Warley, Mr. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, C.S.M. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Griggan, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Caldicott, Mrs. Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. Baldry, Mr. Connelly, Mr. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Conroy, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Haviland, Mr. F. Warren, R.Q.M.S. Raddon, Mr. and Mrs. Turney, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. Higgins and son, Mr. Pain, Mr. Gurney,

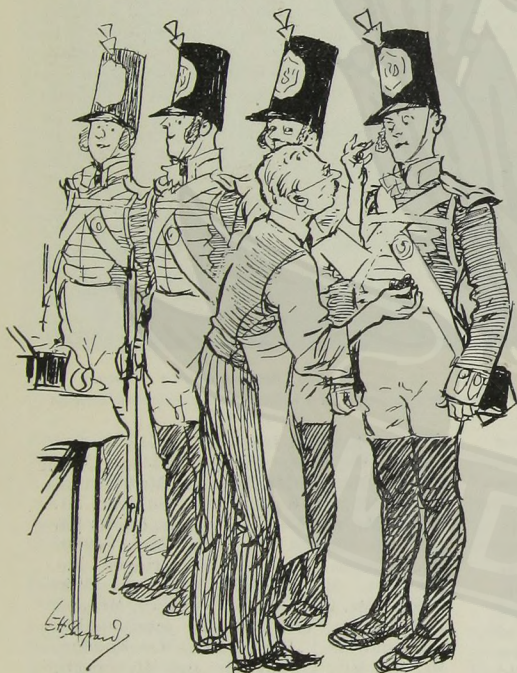
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Mr. Gales and son, Mr. Westlake, Mr. and Mrs. Yaring, Mr. and Mrs. Ayres, Mr. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Bartholemew, Mr. Turner, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Quick, Mr. White and son, Mr. Tindell, Mr. T. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Furniss, Miss Church, Mr. and Mrs. Tipping, Mr. and Mrs. Sturgeon, Mr. Morris, Mr. Godfrey, Mr. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Mr. Soames, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Tunes, Mr. and Mrs. Whiting and several others.

### "PUNCH" AND THE DIE-HARDS.

THE Historical Display (1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment—Diehards) is shorter and, I think, better than usual. It finishes with a lovely picture and a soul-



Serving out the Whisker Ration before Albuhera.

shattering band, and the whole thing is designed and stage-managed in masterly style. It is worth going a long way to see the bravura stick-work of the drummers and the uniforms of the good old days when soldiers stood to attention (apparently) with their feet wide apart. Personally, I was privileged to go behind the scenes and see the youthful privates of to-day falling-in for their ration of whisker at a Clarkson parade.

Heavens, how young they were! About eight or nine, I suppose, at the end of the Great War. And in the audience were two rows of men in hospital-blue who have been in hospital-blue, I imagine, for ten or eleven years. And war is a thing of the past, and we all sat there cheering these gallant young fellows with their swords and lances and bayonets and guns. A strange affair. That great band marching out at the end could almost lure me into the infantry again, which is more than an eloquent statesman could do. An ex-soldier said to me to-day, "That Tournament always makes me cry." Ridiculous, of course, but I know what he means. A strange affair, but a very fine show.

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### 7th BATTALION NOTES.

WE are pleased to report further progress in our recruiting campaign. We just missed reaching a strength of 400 by Annual Training, but we are optimistic enough to think that this number will be reached by the time these notes are in print. "D" Company (Tottenham) have gone ahead by leaps and bounds, being at the moment over 100 strong, and present indications point to yet a further increase before Christmas. The matter of recruiting will receive special attention during the Individual Training period, when the training will consist chiefly of weapon training classes, sand-table exercises and lectures for N.C.Os., leaving the men free to indulge in various forms of recreational training. Games programmes have been drawn up for the various drill halls, and from what one can gather

various inter-company games competitions are to take place. Undoubtedly this will help our recruiting programme, for it is very rare, apart from Annual Training and one or two isolated competitions, that companies are able to visit each other's drill halls, the various companies being somewhat scattered.

The chief item of interest during the past quarter has been the Annual Training, which took place at Dover during the period July 28th to August 11th. The Battalion was stronger in camp this year than it has been since the war, the numbers attending being 20 officers and 343 other ranks. Our strength during the first week was 20 officers and 282, and during the second week 19 officers and 264. However, even these high-sounding numbers did not appear to give us a very strong Battalion parade as "B" Company (Enfield), who are to form the Machine Gun Company, were entirely detached for specialist training, likewise the Signallers and a large squad of newly-joined recruits, also a certain number of N.C.Os. for cadre instruction. "D" Company, however, were able to form two very strong platoons.

The camp site, accommodation and messing arrangements appeared to be all that could be desired, but unfortunately the weather was very unkind to us. In fact, old hands of the Battalion remarked that it was one of the worst camps, as far as weather was concerned, that they had ever attended. This was very unfortunate, especially as camp is the only holiday a very large percentage of the men of the Battalion get. It is hoped, however, that the climatic conditions this year will not in any way have an adverse effect on next year's attendance in camp.

The following article was published in *The Times*, on August 2nd:—

#### A CHEERY CAMP.

"The Middlesex and Kent Brigade has suffered all the ills of weather which have befallen the 47th Division's brigades during the past week, and rather more, for the storm which greeted me here last night was considerably heavier than the storm I left behind at Falmer. Yet there are compensations to be found here which I have seen in no other camp. The camp is pitched on Swingate aerodrome, parallel to the old R.A.F. hangars, beside which

M. Blériot descended last week. These hangars no longer hold aeroplanes, and they are spacious enough to contain, in emergency, pretty well the entire brigade. When rain cancels field training they can be, and are, used for demonstrations and lecture purposes, and so they permit training of some sort and help to sustain interest. Every brigade commander must envy Colonel Wortham those hangars, for the future welfare of the Territorial battalions depends so much on the success or failure of the Annual Camp.

"If successful, then not only is the unit infinitely more efficient, but the cheerful reports brought back by N.C.Os. and men concerning their holiday exercise a stimulating influence on recruiting. Moreover, there is a woman's side to this question, as there is to most questions. Quite a large portion of the rank and file, especially of the urban units, are followed or accompanied by their families, and the discomforts of a wet camp are endured at second hand by the wives and children of the soldiers. A cheerful camp, therefore, means cheery holidays for the families, and in spite of rain the Dover camp is very cheery. For some of this the Y.M.C.A. is to be thanked. The Sussex and Surrey Division of that body, under Mr. H. A. Dennis, has taken entire possession of a hangar and has converted it into a combination of restaurant and concert hall. A band concert was given there during last night's storm, Sir Arthur Yapp and the Mayor of Dover being present. Colonel W. Wortham presided, and paid some sincere and well-deserved compliments to the Y.M.C.A., which made all the arrangements, including the engagement of guaranteed lodgings for the women and children of the brigade.

"The East Kent Motor Coach Company is running special coach services to the camp at fares below the normal, and so offers the troops the chance of visiting the sea front, and their families the opportunity of visiting the camp. The action of this particular company is all the more laudable as another company in another county has refused to consider concessions of any kind to Territorial troops. The West Kents are quite independent of coach companies, for a private soldier of the battalion has placed at the service of his comrades a motor-coach of which he is the proprietor."



Rumours are already current as to the venue next year, and it is thought that it will be Worthing, Arundel or Shoreham. The first-named place would be very popular.

The Regimental Journal is not in existence to discuss training, but the general opinion was that the training was not so hard as last year, and that the subjects taught at the drill halls during the winter months were very helpful indeed towards making the training interesting.

It was most unfortunate that it was not possible to play the annual Officers *v.* Sergeants Cricket match. This event is always looked forward to by both Officers' and Sergeants' Messes. Owing to inclement weather it had to be postponed on two occasions, and in the end it was not found possible to play it. There is no intention, however, of allowing this annual event to lapse, and it will most certainly take place next year.

Congratulations are extended to "B" Company (Enfield) on winning the Warner Drill Cup. Great rivalry exists to possess this trophy, and Enfield Company gained possession of it by the very lowest possible margin. We should like to thank our late Commanding Officer, (Brevet Colonel J. K. Maitland, M.C., T.D.) for paying us a visit in camp and for judging this event. We should also like to take this opportunity of thanking our Honorary Colonel (Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D.) for coming to see us, especially as at the time we were in camp he was in the north of England, which necessitated a journey of several hundred miles, also the Rev. H. C. Montgomery-Campbell, M.C., M.A., for paying us a visit. All ranks are always very pleased to see him at camp, or at their social functions during the winter.

The Brigade Rifle Meeting took place during the first week of Annual Training at Lydden Spout Range. One cannot imagine worse weather conditions; it rained incessantly the whole day, and occasionally firing had to be postponed while the low clouds were being blown across the range by half a gale. It was not possible to fire any practices at more than 200 yards, and what would normally have been a most enjoyable day was entirely spoilt by the weather. Unfortunately the Battalion, in spite of additional practice and a Battalion Rifle Meeting earlier in the year, did not do very well. It is impossible to say whether

any improvement was made on previous years' shooting, but it is certain, judging by firing which took place at Rainham earlier in the year, that the shooting of the Battalion is making rapid progress.

#### INTER-COMPANY SPORTS.

*Football.*—"D" Company beat "B" Company in the final, 4—3.

*Cricket.*—"H.Q." Wing beat "C" Company in the final by two runs.

*Tug-of-War.*—"C" Company beat "A" Company in the final by two pulls to nil.

*Warner Drill Cup.*—1st, "B" Company; 2nd, "A" Company; 3rd, "C" Company; 4th, "D" Company.

We are pleased to hear that Lieut. A. G. Womersley, who left us some couple of years ago to proceed abroad, has returned to England to reside and intends to return to the Battalion. He will be heartily welcomed by all but especially by the Signalling Section, with whom he put in a lot of hard work during Annual Training. We feel sure that under him the Signalling Section will make very rapid progress.

Since camp the drill halls of the Battalion have been closed for parades but are now open, and it is hoped that the attendances, which during last year were very satisfactory, will be again good.

Individual Training will commence on November 1st and will continue until the end of the year. Further comment will be made in the next issue of the Journal regarding training competitions and social functions which are taking place early in the New Year. To start the ball rolling a Battalion Officers' Tactical Exercise will take place at Baldock during the week-end October 11th and 13th, and later in the month there will be one for N.C.O.s.

#### "B" COMPANY NOTES.

We are just starting our first year's winter training under the new establishment as a Machine Gun Company. Considerable preliminary training in this weapon has already been done, especially at Annual Training this year. It seemed that we only met as a company at meal times and "Lights Out," we were split into so many squads and cadres. Our sergeants and two of our officers were under Capt. Whitmore of the 1st Bn. Manchester Regiment and his Sergt. Knight, whilst



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Officers' Group—Annual Training, 1929.



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Warrant Officers and Sergeants—Annual Training, Dover, 1929.



the remainder of the Company were split up between another sergeant of the Manchesters and two of our own Machine Gun Officers, Mr. Arnold and Mr. Amor. In spite of the weather being none too good to us, we all, we think, learnt a good deal about the Vickers gun, as shown by the excellent results obtained by our men in the competition at the end of the training period.

Of course, we are all very proud of the fact that we won the Warner Drill Cup. We came back to camp rather tired and hungry after a long morning, firstly on brigade inspection, and then, after that, watching an aerial display by the R.A.F., and were told to prepare to perform before dinners. There were several hard words said about the Army in general, but Capt. Cunliffe rallied us with one of his characteristic speeches, and we went on parade. Our usual keenness, coupled with the fact that we wanted our dinner, just pulled us through, and we were rightly, we think, congratulated by all on our victory.

In sport we reached the final of the Battalion soccer. Our play was noticeable for two reasons—the good play of Sergt. Parker and L./Cpl. Emery and others, and the total absence of skill displayed by Mr. Johnson and one or two others.

Our only regret about camp this year was the fact that Dover as a place of amusement did not come up to our expectations.

Back at our drill hall once again, we shall vary our routine work with the usual winter dances, the first of which is to take place shortly.

#### "C" COMPANY (HORNSEY).

Annual training has come and gone, and on the whole things went quite well. Before all else we must, however, point out that the Company is greatly handicapped by its small numbers. At the time of writing we are at about half-strength. The remedy lies with ourselves and it is the duty of all ranks to see that we obtain recruits. It should not be difficult to recruit one company from an area which has a population of nearly ninety thousand.

In spite of our small size we were able to derive some benefit from training. The rifle team won the High Sheriff's Competition at the Brigade Rifle Meeting, whilst

Sergt. Carter's tug-of-war team once more pulled sufficiently hard to win the Brigade "B" Team as well as the Battalion Competition. Sergt. Carter is to be congratulated on his success, although the parade ground very nearly lost a tree during the preliminary trials. With these efforts, combined with those of our cricket team, we have every hope of winning the Sports Cup. Other games at which certain other ranks of "C" Company excel, such as "Baiting the Orderly Sergeant" and "Swinging the Lead," are unfortunately not included in the competition; otherwise the cup might already be ours.

Autumn training started ten days ago and we have already quite a number of new recruits, so there is yet hope that our strength may reach three figures before next year's training.

#### "D" COMPANY (TOTTENHAM).

The outstanding event since the last appearance of these notes is, of course, annual camp.

For the last few weeks before camp we devoted our energies to a "big push" in recruiting and the results were very gratifying. As a result we have now got the Company up into three figures again and we are going to do all we know to keep it there.

Camp itself will no doubt be fully described elsewhere in this number, so we will not say very much about it. Apart from our strength on parade and managing to pull off the Inter-Company Football Competition, we did not distinguish ourselves as a company this year. With regard to our strength, we certainly did dwarf the other companies on parade, but we should like to inform our sister companies that strength of numbers is not an entirely unmixed blessing. A fairly strong company is rather apt to be regarded as a never-failing source of supply of cooks, batmen, grooms, "Sano" men, and goodness only knows what. However, we managed to live through it and really had quite an enjoyable camp, although the weather might have been a lot kinder than it was. The Inter-Company Cricket, Tug-of-War, and Drill Competitions we will not say anything about; anyway, who wants to go pot-hunting? But if we don't do better next year there's going to be trouble.

Whilst the Brigade Rifle Meeting was in progress the weather was just trying to see how bad it could be—so following up the idea we thought we would see how badly we could shoot, and the results surpassed our wildest dreams. That was how it struck the writer at any rate. Since returning from camp we have had a short holiday from parades, etc., but we are now getting down to it again. The next two items of importance will be the Inter-Company Miniature Range Competition and the Battalion Boxing. We will content ourselves with saying that we have these two events in mind.

We should like to welcome 2/Lieuts. G. C. D. Scott-Lowe and C. P. Gliksten who were posted to us shortly before camp. We don't think they are finding this Company so black as some paint is, at least we hope not.

We are glad to see 2/Lieut. Adams on parade again after his recent accident which unfortunately prevented his coming to camp.

We must also mention how pleased we all are to see and "hear" our old friend "Nobby" Clarke about the place once more. We hope that his health will continue to improve so that soon his recent severe illness will be no more than an unpleasant memory.

Hearty congratulations to Sergt. F. Chapman on his recent marriage.

P.S.—We hardly like to mention it, but we are not quite full up yet and, if the reader should know any eligible young fellows in the Tottenham district our address is The Drill Hall, Park Lane, N.17, and we have stacks of blue forms, and an obliging C.S.M.

P.P.S.—Don't forget the N.17 in our address, as there is another Park Lane in London, but not a patch on ours.

### THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION (MALAYA BRANCH).

THE Malaya Branch of the Association had been in existence for some time before I myself became aware of the fact. The first intimation that I received of any reunion of "Die-Hards" was a paragraph

in a local paper describing a dinner held in Singapore in the Straits Settlements. I was, at the time, stationed in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of the Federated Malay States.

Towards the end of 1927 I was taking tea (we do drink tea in Malaya) on my verandah at Parit Buntar, the most northerly station in the Federated Malay States, when a perfectly good British officer arrived and asked me for some local information. I observed that he was wearing regimental buttons. In the course of conversation, it transpired that he was Capt. H. A. A. Howell, the then Hon. Secretary of the Malaya Branch of the Regimental Association. He told me all about the Branch and I immediately joined, attending my first meeting and dinner on Albuhera Day, 1928. Lieut.-Colonel B. A. Thomson was in the chair, and in the course of proceedings, I had the honour of being elected to the Committee as Representative for Malaya North.

My territory extended from Kuala Lumpur in the south to Province Wellesley and Kedah in the north. C.S.M. A. Preston looks after members from Kuala Lumpur to Singapore, and Mr. V. H. Van Cuylenburg deals with members in the Unfederated State of Kedah in the north.

Glancing at my roll, I find that we have sixty registered members in British Malaya, but I am sure that there are other members of the Regiment in the country, and we shall most certainly make every endeavour to get in touch with them. The objects of the Branch, are of course, identical with those of the Regimental Association. We do try to get as many members as possible to the annual dinner, but, owing to the diversity of the members' occupations and the great distances to which they are scattered, it is a matter of considerable difficulty.

In 1928 on, my menu I find fourteen signatures, and in 1929 I find eighteen. These numbers do not include guests. Personally, I consider that under local geographical conditions this is an extraordinarily good show. I myself travel 300 miles to Singapore to attend the Annual Meeting and Dinner, and find it well worth the while to meet old faces and talk of old times.

Col. Thomson came home ahead of me, but is returning shortly with H.H. The Sultan of Johore to whom he is British Military Adviser. Capt. H. B. W. Savile is Hon. Secretary of the Branch at



Singapore, and I hope that he will have sent the photographs of this year's dinner to Mill Hill by the time this reaches you.

I would like to give you the story of a little incident which happened and which will show you how the *esprit de corps* flourishes in Malaya. No names, no pack-drill!

In Kuala Kangsar, the residence of H.H. The Sultan of Perak, a dance was in progress in the Idris Club. Adjacent to the club is the Rest House (in other words, an hotel). During an interval between dances, the leader of the band (an amateur band) received a note which read: "Do you only know one tune?" The signature was illegible, but at the bottom was written, "What about the Diehards?"

The leader of the band was more or less a stranger, and thought that some member of the Idris Club present had sent up the note. However, he struck up "Paddy's Resource." The dancers looked a little bewildered, but as the march finished a loud burst of cheering and clapping came from the Rest House. The pianist and the originator of the note met forty-eight hours later in another town and found that they were old friends, both members of the Branch and lived about forty miles apart!

With regard to the general occupation of members in Malaya, the majority are rubber planters, some are in commercial firms, and others are in Government service. I would not advise anyone to go out to Malaya without a definite appointment or agreement made up at home. One must have a definite job to go to. A European without employment in the East is a pathetic affair. He cannot do any manual labour. There is not even a European chauffeur.

The country is a young one. The climate is, on the whole, good, and salaries are fair. There is in Trafalgar Square Malaya House, where one can get any information about that country, but I should be glad to give anyone information about Malaya. I have resided there for ten years. I have no doubt that the Secretary at Mill Hill would be good enough to put any inquirers in touch with me.

One more word, from the military point of view. In the Federated Malay States I am glad to say that all members are continuing their soldiering in the Malay States

Volunteer Regiment, the finest volunteer force in the world, and in my own district two Diehards hold responsible positions in that regiment.

I hope to be back in Singapore for the next Albuhera Day Dinner, and we shall once more drink a toast to you at home, sending our thoughts and greetings to you.  
G. S. SUTHERLAND.

### 8th BATTALION (HOUNSLOW).

**E**ACH period of the training year has its individual claim to be of importance, but it is generally agreed that Annual Training takes first place.

The camp site this year at Dover really left very little to be desired. It was healthy, excellent country all round and overlooked the sea. Quite near the sea, too, but unfortunately only as the crow flies.

We had some rain it is true—quite a lot at times—but we also had plenty of wind to dry it up.

The Battalion attended Annual Training in fairly good strength—it might have been better, but it might have been decidedly worse. We entrained at Hounslow and detrained at Martin Hill station from where we marched into camp.

Unfortunately we had a foretaste of the rain on the way to camp and we marched out to the accompaniment of rain, but as a whole the weather was not too bad.

Some valuable platoon and company training was carried out and "B" Company, the future Machine Gun Company, had special training under brigade arrangements.

The Inter-Company Efficiency Cup was won jointly by "A" and "C" Companies, and we congratulate them on the keen spirit that accomplished this.

The Battalion held its usual Sports Day in the grounds of the Duke of York's School, and the arrangements made for spectators and the provision of tea on the ground helped to make the afternoon really enjoyable.

We congratulate "H.Q." Wing on winning the Battalion Sports Cup by a large margin of points, and also the sergeants, who kindly presented a cup for a tug-of-war, Officers *v.* Sergeants.

We may add the officers covered themselves with glory but did not win the cup. Well done, Sergeants!

In the Brigade Sports we won the Inter-Battalion Tug-of-War—we might almost add as usual. We were especially proud of our team when, owing to our oversight, they pulled over an opposing team of nine men.

We also won the Officers' Despatch-Riding Race, thereby winning a very handsome trophy kindly presented by the Brigade Commander.

On Sunday, September 8th, the Machine Gunners carried out a field firing practice at Bisley under ideal weather conditions.

These notes are tinged with one regret. We have to bid good-bye to our Adjutant, Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe, who has just completed his tour of duty with us.

We hope that in this instance duty has been a pleasure. Some junior officers often suspected and, indeed, felt the iron fist, but it usually had its velvet glove, and his advice and guidance have been of very great value.

All ranks join in wishing him and Mrs. Hedgecoe the best of luck in the future.

To Capt. Dobbs, who is coming to us as Adjutant, we extend a very hearty welcome.

### "H.Q." WING (HOUNSLOW).

We can look back to a successful camp at Dover, although the weather was rather varied. Some useful training was carried out, and there was a pleasing improvement in the tidiness of the "H.Q." Wing lines. 2/Lieut. Mitcheson was attached to us during camp, and shortly afterwards we were glad to see that he had passed into the Indian Army at the head of the list of Territorial candidates.

We have good reason to congratulate ourselves as regards the result of the Battalion Sports held at camp, as we won the cup with almost as many points as the other four companies put together, although we must remember that "H.Q." Wing is a double-size company. The Drums particularly distinguished themselves, as their tug-of-war team ("H.Q." Wing No. 2) were runners-up in the Tug-of-War, and even gave anxious moments to the redoubtable "C" Company, and Dmr. Ettridge took three firsts and one third place in the field events.

We are now settling down to winter training and, we hope, to various social events. The Saturday-night dances started again at the beginning of September, and are proving a great success.

### MACHINE GUN PLATOON NOTES.

The Machine Gun Platoon attended Annual Training in good strength and some very useful work was done. We are glad to record also that some measure of success attended their efforts.

In the Vickers Gun Competition we entered two teams, and as they secured second and third places out of the ten entries in the Brigade, we can congratulate them. This is not quite good enough, however, we must secure first and second places next year.

In the Inter-Battalion Competition, which takes place every year at Annual Training, we share first place with the 9th Battalion.

On Sunday, September 8th, the platoon carried out field firing at Bisley, and we had a brilliant day for a very interesting and instructive practice.

### "A" COMPANY. (HAMPTON).

Annual Training over, we are keenly looking forward to another year of progressive work with our eyes fixed on the Efficiency Cup, which this year we share with "C" Company. In spite of mixed weather Dover produced good and interesting work.

Our performance at the Athletic Sports was not up to "A" Company standard, and next year we hope to do much better. Of course, we have designs on the Battalion Boxing Championships, but at this stage we can only say we have hopes in this connection.

To the regret of all, C.S.M. Bawn left us just before camp after eight years in the Company. We wish him good luck and hope he will not lose sight of his old friends. In consequence of his retirement, we are able to congratulate Sergt. Hillier on his promotion to C.S.M.

Following the wishes of the Divisional Commander, great efforts are in hand for improving the amenities of the Company Club, and various entertainments are in hand for the winter, when we hope to extend



last season's programme of boxing, dancing, spoon shoots, etc.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Are breastplates issued to soldiers? If not, do pouches serve in lieu?

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Is 3 lbs. of steak a day a soldier's ration issue? If not, why not?

#### "B" COMPANY.

(EALING).

Since our last notes we have completed another Annual Training. We left Ealing on Sunday, July 28th, for Swingate Camp, near Dover, returning to Ealing on August 11th. We mustered two officers and 49 other ranks.

We missed the joys of route marching, platoons in the attack and defence, outposts and Battalion and Brigade field days for continuous study of the machine gun. All ranks worked hard to master their new weapon. The classes were held in the camp area under regular machine gun instructors.

We congratulate L./Cpl. Wilkinson on his promotion to C.Q.M.S., Cpl. Hodges to Lance-Sergeant, and L./Cpls. Huckstop, O'Doherty and Woodman to Corporal.

#### "C" COMPANY.

(STAINES).

We are now beginning to settle down after our fortnight at Dover and prepare for the beginning of the new training year. Now is the time to bring along these recruits, which have been so mythical up to the present.

At camp this year we managed to hold on to the Efficiency Cup for another year, although "A" Company, to whom we offer our heartiest congratulations, managed to tie with us. The sports were held as usual on August Bank Holiday. This year we were fortunate to have a really decent sports ground, thanks to the hospitality of the Duke of York's Military School, so the sports were more enjoyable both to participants and onlookers. The tug-of-war team upheld its worthy tradition by winning the Inter-Company Tug-of-War Competition. The team consisted of C.S.M. Reed, Sergt. Reed, Sergt. Merrin, Cpl. Hawkins, Sergt. Bond, Pte. Jones, Pte.

Bavin and Pte. Godfrey, together with C.S.M. Rogers as coach. It is interesting to note that C.S.M. Reed, who has for so many years captained and coached the team, was a member of this team, which he has taken so much trouble in training during past years. At the Brigade Sports C.S.M. Reed coached the Battalion team to victory in the Inter-Battalion contest. We congratulate 2/Lieut. R. E. Warlow on winning the Half Mile.

A successful Church Parade was held at St. Mary's Church, Staines, just before camp. There were nine officers and 149 other ranks on parade. After the service the Commanding Officer held an inspection on the recreation ground.

The Company Club is flourishing, and thanks to the untiring efforts of C.S.M. and Mrs. Rogers, C.Q.M.S. Johnson, Cpl. Johnson and Cpl. Wright the club-room is becoming a very cosy and welcome place for all those who visit the drill hall. A team has been entered again for the Staines Hospital Cup Dart Competition which we mean to win this year, while several friendly matches are also being arranged with local teams. We hope to see our comrades from other companies over with us sometime during the winter.

On Saturday, October 5th, the members of the Dart Club are holding their first Annual Outing. The final arrangements have yet to be made, but there is a rumour that they are going out to dinner and a theatre in London. Well, we hope they enjoy themselves, and that nobody misses the charabanc on the way home.

#### "D" COMPANY

(UXBRIDGE)

Annual training in camp is now a very happy memory behind us. Two of our members were so inspired by the martial life that they had been leading in Dover, that within a week of their return they presented themselves before the Recruiting Officer.

We arrived at Swingate Camp about 5 p.m. on July 28th to find ourselves perched on the top of the cliff in full view of the sea and France (sometimes). Intermittent rain tried unsuccessfully to make us unhappy during the first week—then let up for the week-end and even permitted us to have a perfect day for our Battalion Sports

on the Monday. On the Tuesday, however, when the G.O.C. Eastern Command made his inspection of the camp we experienced the wettest day that most of us had ever spent under canvas.

After this the rain gave up its attempt to annoy us and the weather was all that we could desire for the rest of the time in camp.

We were not as successful as we had hoped to be in the sports. We did our best, but the following were the only prize-winners:—Pte. Johnson, 1st, Half-Mile; Pte. Johnson, 2nd, One Mile; Pte. Dowler, 3rd, Long Jump.

Cpl. Day won a bronze medal as fourth highest score (rifle) in the Brigade Rifle Meeting, gaining the highest individual score in the Battalion.

We finished our cricket season very satisfactorily. We won practically every match towards the end—we must congratulate Cpl. Wilkie on his very successful captaining of our team, also Pte. Preece-Reed on his batting and bowling.

We are now going strong in the Football League (Uxbridge and District) which we hope to win.

A word of congratulation to Sergt. Woodhouse who has again won our Drill Attendance Competition.



### 9th BATTALION NOTES.

AS the writer of these notes was more or less forcibly removed from the Battalion during annual camp this year, and consequently did not see the Battalion from the inside, it is not proposed to go very deeply into annual training here. That has been done elsewhere by one who was peculiarly fitted to write on the work of the Battalion as a whole. Certain outstanding events, however, must be mentioned.

Dover, 1929, will always be remembered not only as one of the wettest camps of recent years, but also as Colonel Beach's last camp with the 9th Battalion.

It must have been sad for our enthusiastic late Commanding Officer to feel that at the end of the fortnight his last connection with the Battalion would be severed after so many years. His departure will be very much regretted by all ranks of the Battalion.

The farewell speeches in the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes had a ring of sincerity

which is not often heard in those hollies of hollies. One evening the most curious phenomenon was witnessed. At about eleven o'clock a most confused murmur of sound was heard in the neighbourhood of the Sergeants' Mess and a long black shape issued forth. At the head waddled a round figure carrying a lantern, behind came a human caterpillar with many staggering legs. On top could be dimly distinguished an immense shape kicking spasmodically. The caterpillar proceeded unsteadily in the direction of the Officers' Mess, and it was only then that the interested onlookers realized that Colonel Beach was very slowly and most insecurely being conveyed to the Officers' Mess for his final lying-in state. It had been originally intended that Colonel Beach should "lie in state" in the Officers' Mess for twenty-four hours, but his violent protests fell on sympathetic ears and it was decided to curtail considerably the ceremony. It is not proposed to deal with Colonel Beach's career in detail as this is being done in a separate article, so we will merely confine ourselves to saying how much we shall miss him and wish him the very best of luck in the future.

People who wish to rise to dizzy heights in the Army should note that every year a "catchword" appears. Generals mention this word tenderly to Lance-Corporals during their frequent visits. Colonels dream about it, and Adjutants fear it like nothing on earth. This year the magic word was "Specialists." The poor old rifle companies who after all do most of the fatigues, provide the guards, and are usually the apple of the Colonel's eye, were merely passed over with a few non-committal remarks, such as "Very Pretty," "Bad," etc., just to make sure that they were not entirely forgotten.

Swingate Camp positively seethed with specialists, particularly during the break in the morning. Pte. Snooks who left home a smiling individual was seen with a careworn, anxious, look in his eye. He had become a Specialist. The 9th Middlesex with that intense concentration to the catchword of the moment which has made them what they are, undoubtedly shone in the great specialist game.

Our Transport, thanks to the combined efforts of the Willesden Urban District Council, Sergt. Bungay and the L.G.O.C., won the Albuhera Cup. It is the first time that the 9th have ever won the Transport



Cup, because in past years with no wagons at Pound Lane they have been severely handicapped. Thanks to those Sunday morning social gatherings, attended by anyone who wishes to be considered anything at all in Willesden, commonly known as "George's Rodeo," we had first, second and third in the Limber Driving Competition. As driving a limber is presumably one of the most important functions of the Transport, we can reasonably consider that we provided the best transport in the Brigade this year.

Ninety machine gunners underwent training this year. How our ancestors would have shuddered at the thought. Instead of learning to form nice straight lines with which to meet the enemy's onslaught they spent fifteen happy days playing with nasty dirty oily 303 Vickers machine guns. The Brigade Machine Gun Competition was won by the 9th for the fourth year in succession. Full marks to the Machine Gun Platoon and in particular to Cpl. Drury, whose hard work in the Drill Hall with his indefatigable gun team, bore fruit, as hard work always will.

Two years ago the 9th had six classified signallers. This year twenty-two were classified at camp, and there are still nine hopefuls to try at Stamford Brook.

Camp would be a sad place without music, and there can be no question that this year we supplied our fair share. Firstly, the Drums have again improved under the careful tuition of Drum-Major Goodwin and are now a first-class corps of whom we are all extremely proud. Secondly, the Band, sometimes called "Mr. Rouse's Army," were in fine fettle. In the old days the Band usually impressed the onlooker by the enormous amount of experience they must have had, as they pessimistically blew down instruments with which they had grown up side by side. The sad look in the eyes of Mr. Rouse's Army exemplified the old saying that "Plus ça change plus c'est la même chose." A leavening of youth, however, has mysteriously appeared in the ranks of the ancients, and the consequent blending of ripe experience and youthful enthusiasm appears to produce sounds most pleasing to the ear.

The dark winter evenings are approaching and we are looking forward to a season profitable both in work and games.

Training parades are once more in full

swing, and the football team have already two successes to their credit. Boxing training has commenced and the Badminton courts are marked out. So we end by hoping that the coming winter may be as pleasant, if not more so, than last year, famous only for its burst pipes.

#### SWINGATE CAMP, DOVER, 1929.

After a long spell of real summer weather the Battalion left Pound Lane on Sunday, July 28th, bound for annual training at Swingate where they were met by the same "Deep depression" of the B.B.C. who served up a very mixed grill during the fortnight. Nevertheless, the training programme was interfered with on only one occasion, and despite the damp conditions everyone had a jolly good time.

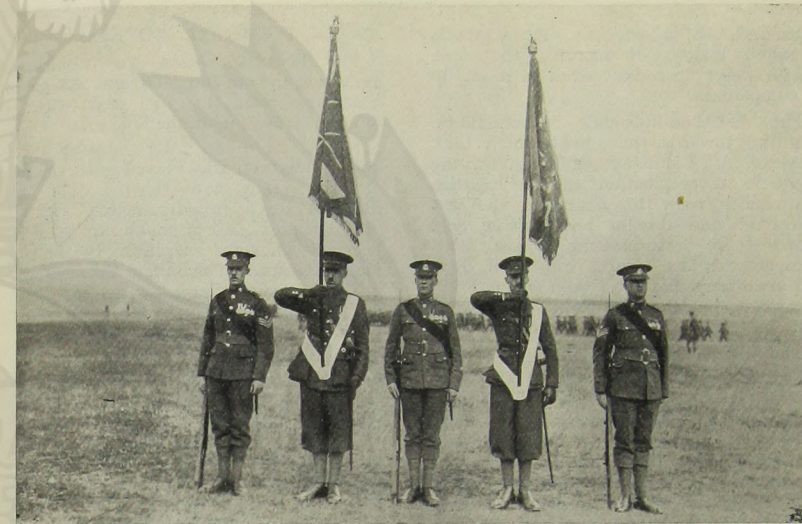
Training purposes necessitated the Battalion assuming a new, but only temporary, title, "Z" Company of the Composite Training Battalion. The change caused some little perplexity for the burning question seemed to be "Who is O.C. 'Z' Coy.?" (rhymes with Boy). On all sides one would hear cries of, "I know, I know," though on inquiry this knowledge consisted entirely of negative information, with points about machine-gun tactics and the Bank rate thrown in.

"Z" Coy. (plus or minus O.C.) trained on a three-platoon basis ("A," "C" and "D" Companies), No. 4 being imaginary, thus depriving many of the "loaf" considered due to the Company Commanders' reserve.

"B" Company which is to become the Machine Gun Company on April 1st, underwent training as befitted the "chosen people"—some say April fools—instructors being provided by the 1st Bn. Manchester Regiment. The work accomplished was of a high standard.

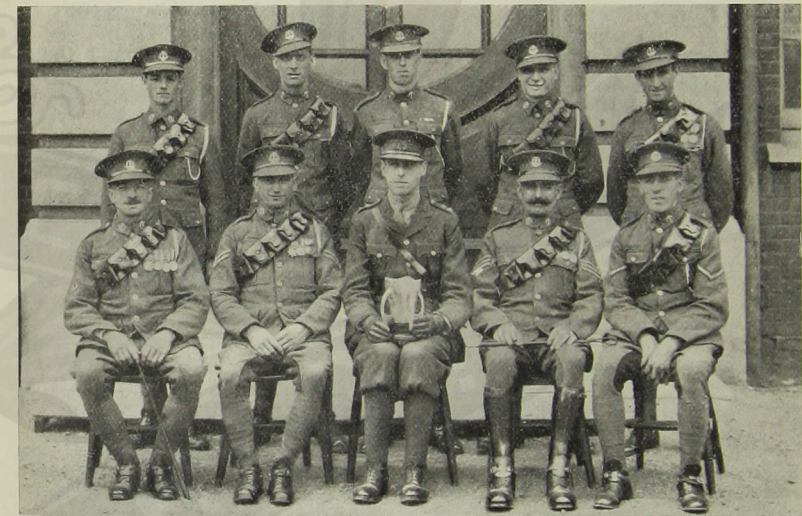
The night operation was blessed with fine weather, the exercise taking the form of an officer's patrol, involving a night march across open country. All three objectives were quickly reached, but whether the patrols were assisted by the revolving light on the foreland lighthouse, is a very debateable point. O.C. enemy should have had it extinguished.

The Guard Mounting Competition was won again by "B" Company with 58 per cent., "C" gained 57 per cent., "A" 56 per



COLOUR PARTY, 9th BATTALION.

[Photo: Whorwell, Dover.]



TRANSPORT SECTION—9th MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.  
Winners Albuhera Cup, 1929.



cent., and "D" 45 per cent. As all guards consisted mainly of recruits, the close results point to a very even turn-out by all companies.

The Platoon-in-Attack Competition, counting towards the Crowborough Cup, went to "A" Company, who, thanks to the energetic reorganization of the platoon commander prior to assaulting the last objective, undoubtedly put up the best show. It is very pleasing to see "A" Company at last coming into their own. For years past they have been on the brink of success, but the final award has always just eluded them.

The Section Leading Competition results were:—"A" Company, Cpl. Ward's Section, 1st; L./Sergt. Bateman's Section, 2nd.

The Brigade Rifle Meeting was held on July 31st at the Lydden Spout Ranges under the direction of the 9th Battalion. The weather conditions were very bad, with squalls of wind and rain with a driving mist, but as the targets could be kept up, the meeting had to proceed, as no other range accommodation could be obtained during the fortnight. The practices had to be somewhat amended. The following is a summary of the results:—

*Cheylesmore Cup.*—Winner, C.Q.M.S. Linthwaite, "C" Company.

*Middlesex Justices Lewis Gun Shield.*—"C" Company 9th Middlesex.

*Young Soldiers.*—Runners-up, "D" Company, 9th Middlesex.

Individual prizes were won by 2/Lieut. Gunston (Brigade Championship), Ptes. Doiley and Howell (Young Soldiers).

In spite of the bad conditions the experience of transferring this meeting from the autumn to during annual training proved a success.

Better weather attended the Machine Gun Competition held on August 1st at Lydd, which resulted in a decisive win for the 9th Battalion. Full details are:—9th Middlesex, 1st (54 points); 8th Middlesex, 2nd (27 points).

Capt. Horrocks, M.C., was taken for duty as Brigade Major and an Amateur Adjutant was detailed to take his place. This A.A. soon developed a most absurd habit of answering queries with "You will find it in Orders." Of course, but *who* reads orders, or if read *who* remembers them?

#### FOOTBALL NOTES.

The Football season has commenced again and the 9th Battalion look like having a stronger team than last year, when we finished runners-up in the League.

During camp an inter-company knock-out competition was played with the idea of discovering new talent. This was followed by a friendly match with the 8th Battalion, and although our team had been out on night operations the previous night, and some of them had already played in the company final a few minutes before, we came out winners by 4-2, though up till half-time the result was in doubt.

The Company Cup was won by "C" Company, who beat "A" Company by 2-0. Sergt. Bateman was a tower of strength for "A" Company, and the Battalion team will undoubtedly benefit by his presence. "Q" Company also produced a very promising half-back in Pte. Brown, so that the Battalion has undoubtedly benefited by this competition, hard though it is to run during the hectic fortnight of camp.

The first match of the season was played against Eastcote Village and was won by 3-1. After the game Mr. and Mrs. Hogg very kindly entertained us to tea, a kindness which was much appreciated by everyone. In the second match we overcame the Depot by 1-0, although the Depot goal at times led a charmed life. The game was an excellent one. Our forward line this year looks to be very promising, and they should get a lot of goals when the grounds become softer. The defence is strong, though the half-back line is not yet settled down. Fortunately, Cpl. Renyard and Pte. Belton are towers of strength at back, while L./Cpl. Thompson is greatly improved in goal. Good luck to the team during the coming season.

#### "A" COMPANY.

Under their new Company Commander, Mr. (now Capt.) "Fergie" Hogg, "A" Company had what every one voted was the most successful camp of recent years. Every man-jack in his own way pulled his weight and to some purpose. Which of us will forget Sergt.-Major Sewell's fatherly coaching of the young idea in preparation for the Guard Mounting Competition, in which he brought us to within a point of

victory? Or who will forget C.Q.M.S. Hawkesworth's sterling achievements in the "Q" Branch? Anyhow, he always managed to get us first on the scene when the grub was being served out—and it was *some* grub, this camp! Then among the Sergeants, what a fine blend we had of ripe experience and youthful enthusiasm—the ripe experience of wise old Sergt. Barnes and the youthful enthusiasm of Sergt. Bateman, who not only took us with flying colours into the final of the Inter-Company Football Cup, but was himself runner-up in the Battalion Section-Leading Competition. The competition itself was won by our brilliant and blushing young débutant, Cpl. Ward, while Cpl. Higham—who left off blushing years ago—was second among the Rifle Section leaders. While mentioning the Football Cup we feel we should have done even better in the football final if Mr. Hewson had been with us, judging by the form he showed in the Officers' v. Sergeants' match.

The Company as a whole seems to have been most successful in the various competitions held during the camp this year, not only being the winners of the Section-Leading Competition and runners-up in the Guard-Mounting and Football Competitions already mentioned, but most especially in the Inter-Company Tactical Competition which it won, and in this connection we should like to congratulate Mr. Gunston who was very largely responsible for this win.

It was apparently not only in competitions that the Company was successful, as we captured the enemy's Commander-in-Chief no fewer than three times during one night-ops; and when, on the next morning, shockingly early, we did our neck-or-nothing bayonet charge up that famous mountain known as "P" in "tumulus," a very high officer was heard to remark, "When 'A' Company get going, nothing can stop them!" He was right.

It only remains to wish every success to our former Commander, Major Lamont, who, we understand, still intends to keep a fatherly eye on us from the higher position to which he has been promoted.

#### "B" COMPANY.

Since the spring "B" Company have enjoyed the experience of studying, what is for them, an entirely new subject—the

machine gun. Certain of the arms drill experts have expressed a feeling of sorrow, thinking that they must say good-bye to rifle drill. A glance, however, at the photo of the Machine Gun Platoon, taken in camp, should reassure them.

So far the work has been of an elementary nature only, but it has been very encouraging to see the interest which all have taken even in this, and it will form a good foundation for what is to come. The Company have just cause for being proud, for their squads at the machine-gun classes consistently did better than those of any other battalion in camp.

During the last few years the Machine Gun Platoon have set a very high standard and the Company will have to work hard to maintain it, even with the assistance of the members of the platoon. Nevertheless, we have made a very good start, and when the platoon is eventually incorporated in "B" Company, we should be able to win against all-comers. There is a lot to be learnt in the coming training period and it will be more interesting than the elementary work, but all must really put their backs into it.

Congratulations to those who brought the Guard-Mounting Cup to "B" for the second year in succession. It will be a harder fight next year, but we must manage to win it again.

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#### WHAT WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

1. Who discovered most earwigs in camp?
2. Whether "B" Company made up for the lost sausages?
3. What is the first part removed in stripping a lock?

#### "C" COMPANY.

We must apologize for not including any Company notes in the last issue of this Journal, but we're sure they can't have been missed—it was the Royal Tournament number—and we would like to take this opportunity of congratulating our Editor on his splendid effort.

As far as our activities before camp are concerned, mention must be made of the kindness of the Harrow School authorities through whom we were able to spend a number of pleasant summer evenings practising our Lewis gun and rifle teams on



their 30 yards range with beneficial results, while transport difficulties were overcome through the sporting manner in which C.S.M. Todman provided his lorry on each occasion.

On July 15th Lieut. Horley, of the Westminster Dragoons, who had previously given us a lecture on the work of the armoured cars, came over with his crew to our hall with one car to give us the opportunity of examining it at close quarters, and by the time every member of the Company present had been for a joy-ride the inhabitants of Wealdstone were beginning to get somewhat alarmed, while the joy-riders began to appreciate the sporting spirit of the crew, who must have had a by-no-means comfortable journey from town and back again.

To most (sensible) people, like beer, there is no such thing as a bad camp, only "Some's better than others," and I think it is generally agreed that this year's Annual Training was well up to average, although it was unfortunate that the only wet spell we have had during this wonderful summer should occur while we were under canvas.

The afternoon chosen for the Brigade Shoot was particularly unpleasant, and our C.Q.M.S. Linthwaite deserves great credit for winning the championship and the Cheylesmore Cup with the loss of only one point. Five of our Company were selected in the Battalion team for the Lord Lieutenant's Competition, and one of our two Lewis gun teams, that commanded by L./Sergt. Carroll, won the Middlesex Justices Lewis Gun Shield.

As far as competitions within the Battalion were concerned, in the Section Leading Competition the points for first place between Cpl. Ward, of "A" Company, and three of our N.C.O.s.—L./Sergt. Carroll, Cpl. Sweetman and L./Cpl. Dyer—were so evenly divided, that it was not until another round had been fought that it was decided in Cpl. Ward's favour. In the Guard Mounting Competition, though Sergt. Maloney's guard was third, they were only two points behind the winners, and would almost certainly have won had all the waterbottles been filled with anything but air, and I think it fair to say we had a bit of hard luck as, owing to shortage of men, the spot guard had a rush to get their

equipment together after attending the Section Leading Competition.

The Company's "blot" was the fact that sixteen of its members were absent without leave, and, beyond making sure that such a thing does not occur again, the less said about it here the better.

It was a great joy to us to see that such fine *esprit de corps* still exists among this Company's old comrades. Again a party of thirty spent a day with us in camp, and the writer wishes that something more could be done to show how much we appreciate the interest they take in the old Battalion ten years after the war. Great credit is due to their able and energetic secretary, Sergt. Fenimore, who was again responsible for all arrangements. We are glad to say that he still pays regular visits to our hall, and is always ready to do all he can to stimulate interest between the old "Koi-hais" and the serving members.

Certain transfers have recently taken place, and it was a great disappointment to us and particularly to No. 10 Platoon, to find that Lieut. Hogg had been transferred to the command of "A" Company. He will be much missed, but we congratulate him on his promotion and wish him every success.

No doubt mention will be made elsewhere in this Journal of the retirement of our Battalion Commander, Colonel Beach. We of "C" Company wish to place on record our appreciation of his devotion to duty throughout his many years of service, and of his success in keeping in close touch with our "big brothers," the Regular members of our Regiment.

To his successor, Colonel Tupper, we respectfully offer our congratulations and wholehearted support in his command.

No sooner had we returned home from Dover, than two members of No. 10 Platoon, Sergt. Maloney and Pte. A. Cladd, decided to join the Regular Army and are now at the Depot, Mill Hill. Sergt. Maloney, in particular, will be greatly missed by the Roxeth Platoon, to whom he was senior N.C.O. and a regular attendant on parade. He has put in a tremendous amount of really useful work, and we can only say how glad we are to know that he and Cladd have chosen our Regiment for a career, and we will watch their doings with special interest.

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## "D" COMPANY.

Apart from the Annual Training, we have little to report this quarter. The Company joined the main body of the Battalion for Annual Camp at Willesden on Sunday, July 28th, and arrived at Martin Hill station (the point for detraining) in time for a well-earned meal. Here we experienced our first shower, and it continued for most of the first week. This, however, did not seriously mar the spirits of the troops.

During the bright periods, which were very few, the Guard Mounting Competition took place, and as the majority were recruits our choice was very limited and, in consequence, we did not do as well as we expected.

We also played off the Inter-Company Football Cup and lost to "B" Company, after a well-fought game and team rushes to the bushes for shelter during the showers.

Training, owing to the heavy rains, was somewhat curtailed, but the camp was voted a great success, except by the 1st week party who incidentally forgot to pack their bathing costumes.

The Brigade Annual Shoot took place at Lydden Spout Ranges a few miles from camp, and again the weather was against us, as no sooner had everybody arrived than it was simply one deluge. A decision was made to fire only one practice of ten rounds (for rifle), and the winners proved to be the Royal West Kents. Our own Company team put up a good show, but we are not satisfied yet.

In the Young Soldiers' Team Shoot this Company only lost by a very small margin to the winners, but we have the satisfaction of producing the top scorers in Parts I and II, won respectively by Pte. E. Dailey and Pte. J. Howell, to whom we offer our heartiest congratulations.

The recruits generally did very good work this year, and we are looking forward to seeing them show the way next camp. At the present time we are busy preparing the Drill Hall for the coming dance season, and the Company decorators are busy in the evenings with their brushes. Other tradesmen also have shown very good form, but one is not struck by this class of work. Some even call it a disease.

Our congratulations to 2/Lieut. B. L. Sutcliffe on obtaining his second "pip."

There is one thing we would like to know, and that is, what sort of a place is a "Nautch House"? Perhaps someone in the Company might oblige.

"Don."

## TRANSPORT NOTES.

Camp has passed, and with it the day of triumph when we brought the Albuhera Cup back to the 9th Battalion. Camp started in a downpour of rain. Everything and everyone was soaked, nevertheless the Transport remained cheerful to the end. Our new drivers and grooms soon got accustomed to their new duties, and Sergt. Bungay gilded the horse lines like the proverbial lily. Even the contractor's horses, under vigorous grooming, began to look like horses, though one so-called light draught which we had would never have looked like a nag even if it had lived to be a hundred. The Battalion night operations were the first big show that our men went out on, and, with the exception of a bit of trouble between a bus-driver and the cooker at the start, everything arrived safe and sound at the rendezvous.

The Brigade Horse Show results were as follows:—

*Officers' Chargers (Team).*—1st.

*Officers' Chargers (Individual).*—2nd (L./Cpl. Lake); 4th (Pte. Townsend); 5th (Pte. Knight).

*G.S. Wagon Turn-out.*—3rd (Pte. Lawrence).

*Limber Driving (Team).*—1st.

*Limber Driving (Individual).*—1st (Cpl. Keen); 2nd (Pte. Trendell); 3rd (Pte. Lawrence).

*Brigade Championship.*—1st, 9th Middlesex (12 points); 2nd, 5th Royal West Kents (11 points); 3rd, 7th Middlesex (7 points).

Credit for our success is due to each member of the Transport and not only to the men who figured in the prize-winners' list. Unfortunately every man cannot compete, but we won because we all pulled together as a team. This result would not have been gained by the winners without the willing assistance of those behind the scenes.

We should also like to thank those other people, not in the Transport, who by their interest and help aided us to gain a victory for the Battalion.



The last Friday night in camp was a night of rejoicing judging by the pale faces next day. Nevertheless, it was a well-earned night.

Winter parades have started again in earnest, and by next camp we hope to be even better than we were this year. To our new recruits we offer a hearty welcome. Finally, we have now got a waiting list for the Transport, so rivalling the old "D" Company.

#### SIGNAL SECTION.

The feelings of the Signal Section are now a trifle mixed, for just as we were becoming slightly elated at the progress which has been made, we received the news that Sergt. Missen has left us for the Regular Army. He carries with him our best wishes and sincere gratitude for the great work he has done for us, and our confidence that he will distinguish himself in his new but not unaccustomed sphere.

Classification at camp, although perhaps not quite so fruitful as we had hoped, resulted in twenty-two Signallers winning their flags. We are now waiting for the results from Stamford Brook in the hope that we have met with some success in the competitions. The most encouraging sign at the moment is the skill of our recruits and enlisted boys who are showing great form already. This is very hopeful for the future, and means that the Section should continue to improve for some time to come until eventually it reaches the best possible standard which, although it seems some distance away, is by no means impossible.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The "Great Event" since the last notes appeared has, of course, been annual training.

As usual, we held a concert on the first Tuesday in camp and it was again a huge success. Our thanks are due to C.S.M. Mills and his Committee for the excellent programme provided and the general arrangements. All our Officers came in during the evening and quite a good gathering of members of other Messes with the exception of one unit, of whom it was rumoured that they were all in strict training for the musketry meeting which

was taking place on the following day and were not allowed out after 9 p.m.

There is no doubt that our President and Committee excelled themselves this year as regards messing and camp comforts. The numerous letters of thanks from our several guests and members of other Messes who were attached goes to prove this.

The Pokey-Die Championship was won this year by Sergt. Barnes. A member of the Mess remarked that it was funny that last year a teetotaller won it and this year—well, perhaps I had better not finish what he said.

We have lost two of our members to the Regular Army, Sergts. Missen and Maloney. We all wish them the best of luck and hope that it will not be long before they are members of the Mess of their Regular units.

We should like to place on record our appreciation of all that our late Commanding Officer has done for our Mess during his long service with the Battalion. And to his successor, Lieut.-Colonel Tupper, we offer congratulations and assure him of our whole-hearted support during his period of command.

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

By SERGT.-MAJOR JAMES WHITE.

(Continued from p. 194, Vol. III, No. 4, May, 1929.)

"GOOD morning, Doctor, did you hear about my turning Hindoo? See, I have my caste-mark put on." I suspected from the first that he was using the Corporal for some purpose. He had got him to make his hair like the Hindoos—what they term the "Choolah" (hearth). The M.O. smiled and passed on. My last turn over Tucker was on the day he was taken before a board of officers, to have his discharge documents prepared. He had, by this time, been invalided—or rather passed for invaliding—by medical officers. He answered every question as to claims, etc., and, when finished with, he said, "Now, gentlemen, I should like to make a remark." The President of the Board, no doubt curious as to what our "loonie" had to talk

about, said, "Go on, then; let us hear you."

Bob, having permission to speak, proceeded to give them his opinion of them. "You, Bob Daley, are a trump," this to Capt. R. Daley. "You, Minister" (to Lieut. Minister) "are a crusty old curmudgeon. You, McDonald" (to Major McDonald) "are a — (sanguinary) old woman."

We moved him off at once. I fancy the officers took it as the raving of a maniac, for they smiled as we led him out. He knew nothing of any of the officers, for he had not been away from the hospital since joining, but may have talked a lot about them.

Robert Tucker was not insane; in my opinion, just a little eccentric, very self-willed, and very cunning. A few days later he left for England. Ten years later I saw him in Portsmouth hawking iron and tin articles of his own make.

#### GUARD OF HONOUR.

One morning in June, the detachment furnished a guard of honour for the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Colin Campbell (afterwards Lord Clyde), who was moving down country on his way home. We marched to the Dak Bungalow, and awaited his arrival. He arrived in a gharry as a subaltern might have done, and quite unaccompanied and in plain clothes. After the salute, he looked along the ranks, and I heard him say to our officer in command, "March your men back to barracks. I am sorry to see them looking so poorly in health. They are the most sickly-looking of any guard I have had on my way down."

#### 5TH BENGAL EUROPEAN INFANTRY.

There was an occurrence or two I must mention, although not connected with my Regiment. During the hot season (1860), one night, in the station of Dinapore, two privates of the 5th Bengal Europeans (a regiment which, at the end of the Mutiny, had been one of the Honourable East India Company's regiments) ran through the lines calling upon the men of the regiment to refuse to serve the Queen. They, with all the other men of the regiment, had voluntarily transferred their services from the East India Company to the Crown, receiving a bounty of Rs50 and various advantages,

such as all past service counting towards pension and towards completion of engagement. What possessed them, it is hard to say, unless it was drink. They were tried by general court-martial, and sentenced to penal servitude for life. The Commander-in-Chief, in confirming the sentences, said: "If any further act of insubordination occurs in this regiment, I shall direct that the general court-martial sentence the offender to the extreme penalty of the law."

A very short time after this, a man of the very same regiment was on picket duty, and was ordered, by the Sergeant in charge, to make prisoner of a man for some offence. He disobeyed the order, saying: "I shan't; he's my chum." He was made a prisoner, tried by general court-martial, and sentenced "To be shot to death by musketry." The sentence was approved by Sir Hugh Rose, and I believe the warrant for the execution by the Governor-General, and, William Johnson, aged 19, was shot on the rifle range at Dinapore. It was said at the time—but I cannot answer for the truth of it—that Johnson, just before his execution, said that he owed his fate to the fact that he was somewhat the worse for drink when he received the order. The Commander-in-Chief directed that the 5th Bengal European Regiment should be disbanded and the officers and men distributed among the regiments of the local European Army.

#### "THE GREAT TASMANIA" SCANDAL.

During the same year, there sailed from Calcutta a ship called *The Great Tasmania*, carrying nearly a thousand men of those who had refused to transfer their services from the East India Company to the Crown, on the winding up of the affairs of the East India Company. It was said at the time that the ship was supplied with old and worthless stores of food, etc., taken from the Government Stores of Fort William, Calcutta. Be that as it may, during the voyage to England, sixty-seven men died of scurvy and other diseases incidental to a crowded troopship, and on arrival at Liverpool 146 were taken off the ship in a helpless condition from sickness, and placed in a Liverpool workhouse. Had the Government not attempted to hand the men over to a service for which they did not engage



there would have been no "White Mutiny," as it was called. The offer of a small bounty and the question, "Will you transfer your services?" would have secured nearly the whole of them. As it was, most of the men re-enlisted after their arrival home. Early in 1861, all the men, with very few exceptions, of the Local European Army accepted the offer of amalgamation, and the regiments became part of the Regular Army in every respect; the infantry taking the numbers 101st to 109th, the cavalry becoming the 19th, 20th and 21st Hussars (the 21st afterwards became Lancers), and the artillery taking numbers and brigade letters in like manner.

#### HAZAREEBAUGH.

Towards the end of the year, the detachment moved across the Sone to Basvon, and there awaited the arrival of the right wing from Ghazipore, and the Headquarters (two companies) from Benares, and then the Regiment marched to Hazareebaugh, in Chota Nagpur, another fifteen days' march. We had a very pleasant march. My first experience of moving on foot for any distance, and I found it, as I did ever after, a delightful time. I made, during my stay in India, 174 days' march on foot, twenty-seven nights of bullock-train journeys, and my railway journeys amounted to about 1,700 miles. Being on the move in the cold season is pleasant, no matter in what manner one travels; but moving on foot, and the daily camping, is, to my fancy, the best of all. I always liked it. Hazareebaugh was a very pleasant station; dull, as stations go, but very healthy. I read of it at the time as a place in which the sanitary arrangements were bad; but, compared with Raj Ghaut, Benares, it was very good. During our two years' stay, we had only one case of cholera, and that not a fatal case. Soon after our arrival, a draft from the Depot joined us, but it was not sufficient to make up for the number of deaths during the year, not taking account of men invalided.

#### ATTEMPTED MURDER.

There was a fine young man named Owens in our No. 1 Company, and he had the misfortune to consider himself "the best man in the Regiment." His manner was a little overbearing, but on

the whole he was considered to be a decent fellow. Beer was issued in the barrack room at noon, after being drawn from the canteen.

One day, Owens, after drawing his pint in the room, went to the canteen for more. The Canteen Sergeant, instead of making him a prisoner, spoke rather sharply to him and sent him away. About three hours afterwards, Owens went into an outbuilding near the canteen and loaded his rifle. Seeing the Canteen Sergeant in the distance going towards the hospital, he followed him and entered the quarters of the Hospital Sergeant soon after the Canteen Sergeant had entered for a chat. Owens deliberately aimed at the Canteen Sergeant, and pressed the trigger, saying, "Take that." The percussion cap snapped, but the rifle misfired, and Owens went off into the bazaar near. He was, a little later, apprehended in his barrack room. His rifle was in the arm-rack, loaded, but with a snapped cap on the nipple. I was one of the escort sent to arrest him, and when we took him to the guard house he asked to be taken to the "rear." While in the rear, he took from his pocket a bottle of eau-de-Cologne, broke the neck off it, and drank the contents. He was tried by general court-martial, and sentenced to penal servitude for fourteen years. The sentence was "not approved," being considered as insufficient. Revised sentence, "Penal servitude for life." This was approved and confirmed by Sir Hugh Rose.

When arrested, Owens showed no signs of drink, but I think there is but little doubt that he had been the worse for drink when committing the offence. Eau-de-Cologne used often to be drunk by intemperate soldiers in India.

#### INSUBORDINATION IN THE ARMY IN INDIA.

In 1861-2, a wave of insubordination appeared to pass through the Army in India. Proceedings of general court-martial were read very frequently at the head of every regiment, and sentences of penal servitude, usually of ten years, were what one became quite accustomed to hear of. Nearly all were for offering violence to N.C.O.s. Fully fifty such were read during 1861. Evidently, the authorities were under the impression that these offences were being committed deliberately, with a view to being sent out

of India and discharged, for, towards the end of 1861, a General Order was issued which was read to every regiment on three successive C.O.'s parades. The Order showed what a sentence of penal servitude meant to a convicted man, malingering, feigning or producing disease.

Cases of the above may have been common in the years before 1847, when men were, so to say, enlisted for the term of their natural lives. The words on attestation were "until legally discharged." In 1859, and after, when the 1847 Enlistment Act had been so long in use as to make the greater number of the men "ten years' men," and the outlook for a man not liking Army life was not so hopeless, it was by no means as common as some try to make out. There was a case in the Regiment in 1861. A man named McClellan had a bad leg and it had defied the skill of the surgeon, one week improving, the next week not so well, and so on. One day, the Head Surgeon stayed and saw the leg dressed, and saw the bandages sealed. This treatment continued for three or four weeks and then the man was discharged "cured," but as a prisoner. He was brought up on a charge of "delaying his cure." The Surgeon and the Apothecary had noted the case for some time, and on their evidence the man was convicted and sentenced by district court-martial to six months' imprisonment with hard labour. During the first two months of his imprisonment the prisoner was insubordinate and used threatening language towards the Provost Sergeant. He was immediately brought before the C.O. and at once tried by regimental court martial, and in less than four hours had received a punishment of sixty lashes.

#### ARMY SCHOOLS.

When I joined the Regiment in Benares, there was no adult school, the Sergeant acting as Schoolmaster having died, and the school for children was carried on by the wife of the Sergeant-Major, there being no Schoolmistress.

Early in 1861, a qualified man was obtained by the transfer of a Sergeant from the 37th Regiment, and for over two years he carried out the duty. Many who were entirely uneducated became able to write their own letters in a surprisingly short time. I took advantage

of the school to add to my very limited stock of learning obtained in a national school. Fee, one penny per week. I for a short time attended a "double turn" of school by the kindness of the Acting Schoolmaster.

#### PROMOTION.

I was in this year (1861) appointed Lance-Corporal.

#### THE AWKWARD SQUAD.

There is—or used to be—an awkward squad; in some regiments it was known as "third-class drills"; in the 77th, the first name was used. In addition to not being allowed to drill with the Regiment, these men had an extra hour of drill daily. The Adjutant used to make the award. A form would be sent to him with the name of a man "slovenly at drill," or some such, and he would order "awkward squad for a month" or "until further orders," but not often the latter. I remember one having that award, a man named Byles, and for him the further orders never came. He was, as it were, forgotten, and for seven years he remained in it, and only left it by leaving the Service time-expired. He was a trifle stubborn, and would say, "What matters? It is all in the ten years."

#### HARD LINES FOR AN ARMOURER.

I mentioned that in 1861 I was made Lance-Corporal. On the following morning, the Drill Sergeant sent for me, and, on my reporting myself, he said, "Take that man to setting up drill." "That man" was an armourer who the previous day had been, by sentence of regimental court martial, "reduced to the rank and pay of a private sentinel." That was the form of words used—now "reduced to the ranks." An armourer was then—and for many years after—clothed as a Second-Class Staff Sergeant of the Regiment. This man had only been posted to the Regiment about four months, and, like all members of the Corps of Armourers, knew little or nothing of drill. On reduction to the ranks, he had been made to hand over the armourer's shop, tool, etc., to a Corporal who was a "handyman." After a few days of separate drill, he was made a member of the awkward squad,



and so continued until General's Inspection three months later. On the General asking if any man had any complaint, our ex-armourer had a complaint. He did no more drill, and in a few days left for an arsenal station, and a month later was Armourer Sergeant of the 19th Hussars. In the next month's General Orders by the Commander-in-Chief came instructions that, if an Armourer Sergeant was reduced, he was not to be put to drill or to be removed from armourer's duties; and was to be sent to the nearest arsenal as early as possible. Another Armourer Sergeant came and he was reduced and returned to Allahabad Arsenal within four months. Our next Armourer Sergeant died two years later from delirium tremens, but armourers as a rule are steady, sober men.

#### REPORTED AS BEING "TOO FAST."

As I go over, in my mind, my early days, one little experience occurs to me which I must mention, to show how little-minded men can be. One afternoon, soon after being appointed a Lance-Corporal, I saw, in the closed verandah of the company's bungalow, a sheep, and it being out of order, was making the floor very foul. I found that it belonged to one of the men, Pte. Noble, and I told him that it must, for sanitary reasons, be removed at once. He removed it. A few minutes later, the Colour-Sergeant sent for me, and said, "Noble reports to me that you have been interfering with his private affairs, and that at the same time you are permitting gambling to go on; that — and — are playing 'pitch and toss.'" I told him what I had done, and he said "Quite right," and I explained that I had not seen the gambling, as the men did not live within fifty yards of me. Next morning the Colour-Sergeant mentioned the matter to the Captain, and Noble was sent for, and, when asked to restate his complaint, he repeated it, adding that he considered I was "too fast" and that he was "not going to be 'cock-crowed' over by any 'lance-jack.'" It ended in Noble being awarded fourteen days' D.D. and C.B. by the Commanding Officer.

(To be continued.)

## BRANCHES OF THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION.

### 11TH BATTALION.

THIS new Association, which has been in the making since the beginning of the year, has now established itself in a strong position and is looking forward to a period of steady expansion in numbers. At the time of writing it has fifty members on its books, including several of the Officers of the Battalion, and it is continually directing its efforts to getting into touch with more and more.

The idea of forming the Branch really arose at the last Old Comrades' Dinner, in the course of which a dozen members of the Battalion found one another out and expressed the usual wish that something should be done to resurrect the unit. Fortunately this time it resulted in more than desultory talk and matters were considerably helped along by the discovery of Cpl. Warren and a little group of former members of the Battalion Transport who were found occupying a dug-out somewhere behind Regent's Park. After a provisional Committee, consisting of Messrs. D. McDonald, Edwin Jones and J. L. Hunt, had met several times, and some active canvassing had been carried out by Messrs. Jones and Warren, a preliminary Smoking Concert and meeting was well advertised to take place on May 11th last. About forty former members of the Battalion turned up and a great barrage of noise was let loose, but the Chairman's voice proved loud enough to allow it to be ascertained that there was a definite and large demand for the formation of an Association and a sincere intention to support it when formed. It was unanimously decided, with great applause, to invite Lieut.-Colonel W. D. Ingle to become President and Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Samuel to be first and senior Vice-President, and both these gentlemen were afterwards kind enough to accept the offices. Further, the provisional committee was instructed to carry on until the end of the year, with Mr. McDonald as Chairman and Mr. Jones as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; to co-opt to itself such additional members as it thought necessary and to draw up proper regulations for the running of the Association.

Apart from an informal gathering at the Chevrons Club in June, the next function of

the Association was a dinner on July 20th, at the Earl Russell Hotel, Wells Street, W., when thirty-one members sat down under the Chairmanship of Lieut.-Colonel Samuel, supported by four other officers of the Battalion—Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., Major H. G. Money, Capt. J. English and Mr. D. McDonald. A timely thunderstorm cooled down what threatened to be a very hot and stifling evening, and a very enjoyable reunion took place. After a telegram from Colonel Ingle had been read regretting

Dipsell, Colidrige, Holloway, Haviland, Bassett, Darling, Jones, Hunt, Gales, Bell, Kew, Warren, Westlake, Store, Howey, Jackson, MacIntyre, Hares, James, Bird, Reed, Gumbrell, Leonard, Goodchild, Gurney, Sheppard and Higgins. After dinner there was an impromptu concert in which Messrs. Dipsell, Sheppard, Goodchild and Warren, among others, took part.

A further meeting was held at the Earl Russell on August 31st, but probably owing to the holiday season the numbers attending



[Photo: Fancy Dress Studio, London, W.1.]

### 11th BATTALION OLD COMRADES' REUNION DINNER.

his inability to be present, owing to his leaving England that same day and after the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the toasts of the Regiment and the Battalion were given by the Chairman and Major Money, and responded to by Major Pargiter and Mr. Jones respectively, all the speakers indicating their pleasure that the idea of reviving the unit had at last borne fruit. A photograph taken at the dinner is reproduced herewith and a list of those present, in addition to the five officers already mentioned, is as follows:—Messrs.

were not large. However, those who did turn up spent a very enjoyable evening.

A good representation of the Branch turned up at the Regimental Old Comrades' Smoking Concert on October 5th, and arrangements are being made to seat together as many as can come to the Old Comrades' Dinner in November.

The attention of all former members of the 11th Battalion is drawn to the fact that copies of the photographs taken of all four Companies and of the Sergeants' Mess, in December, 1914, at Sandling, are still avail-



able. They may be had from Messrs. Lambert Weston & Son, Ltd., 25, Sandgate Road, Folkestone, at a price of 4/6 each mounted and 3/6 unmounted. An enlarged copy of each has been obtained and hung at Headquarters at the Earl Russell (Wells Street, W.1), where they may be seen at any time on application to the proprietor.

#### 12TH BATTALION.

On Sunday, September 29th, the Old Comrades of the 12th (Service) Battalion held their annual parade at Horse Guards Avenue, whence they marched to the Cenotaph and laid a wreath in memory of their comrades who fell during the capture of Thiepval by the Battalion on September 26th, 1916. On that day the Battalion lost 19 officers and 750 other ranks out of a strength of 21 officers and 900, and gained two V.Cs., one D.S.O., four M.Cs., three D.C.Ms., and 34 M.Ms. A party from the Depot joined the parade to do honour to the fallen.

#### THE WENTWORTH REGT.

Allied with the Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own.)

228, KENSINGTON AVE., SOUTH,  
HAMILTON, ONT.,

October 13th, 1929.

DEAR MAJOR PARGITER,

It is three months since October 4th that I left The Barracks, Mill Hill. It is my duty to begin this belated letter with apologies for not writing to thank yourself and staff for the many kindnesses and helpful considerations which I received during my never-to-be-forgotten sojourn at The Barracks, Mill Hill.

I have before me the August issue of THE DIE-HARDS, when I read with interest the events I was very fortunate to be present at. It brings back to me the happy days I spent with you all.

I truly appreciate the nice things (I presume you) said about me in the editorial. I notice, also, that the 8th Territorial Battalion mentioned my visit in their notes. Kindly tell them for me that it was kind of them to do so. My visits to the 7th, 8th and 9th Territorial Battalions were real nice and instructive. Kindly remember me

to them and tell them that I appreciate their kindness to me while I was with them.

I very much regret that I did not have the pleasure of saying good-bye to Mrs. Pargiter when I left. I called to pay my respects, but unfortunately she must have been outdoors.

I thoroughly enjoyed my week-end visit to Bexhill-on-Sea, visited Hastings, Eastbourne and the surrounding district. Met some of my old friends who gave me a real good welcome.

These places have all been built up considerably since I used to do 140 per minute in 1917-18 along the streets of Bexhill. I often meet some of the men who were officer cadets at Bexhill C.T.S., and they are interested to get some news of the place they spent some happy days.

We were very fortunate in having a pleasant sea voyage back to Canada, for two days the sea was as smooth as glass.

Wednesday, September 25th, was our first parade for the fall season. This being the first occasion I had met all the officers of the Regiment since I returned to Canada. They were all very interested to hear my report on my visit to our home regiment. Col. Sewell expressed his feelings by telling the officers that my report was an incentive for any of our officers to visit the home regiment if they should visit England.

Arrangements are being made to have the cup, which the Regiment duly received, presented next month to the ex-officers of the old 77th Militia Regiment.

I believe the cup was presented in 1913 to the old 77th, and someone from this side was going over to officially receive the cup on behalf of the 77th Canadian Militia Regiment. The cup really belongs to the old 77th Regiment, so they are now in possession of the cup.

Next month the old boys of the 77th Regiment are going to present the cup to the 1st Wentworth Regiment, so that we will remember the Middlesex Regiment that evening the presentation is made.

The officers of the Regiment met to-day at 10 a.m. and we did an outpost scheme. It lasted until 5.30 p.m., so we had a very successful debate on our various opinions.

In closing, I will ask you again to forgive me for being so long in writing. I will be delighted to hear from any of the officers, N.C.Os. or men who would like any information that would be of interest to them.

Capt. English was very kind in entertaining me for two nights while I was at the barracks. Please convey my regards to him and his family. I also wish to thank the officers for having me in the Mess as a guest. With kindest regards to Mrs. Pargiter and self.

Yours respectfully,

GEO. MILLER.

#### THE SOUTH AND TENTH MIDDLESEX OFFICERS' CLUB.

THE Annual Dinner of this Club will be held on Friday, December 13th, next at the Constitutional Club, Northumberland Avenue.

All members and other former officers of the South Middlesex V.R.C. and the battalions of the 10th Middlesex will receive a formal notice giving particulars of the dinner if their addresses are known.

Should any such officer not receive a notice he is requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Major C. Jarrett at 440, Strand, London, W.C.2.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

"MADONNAVILLE,"

WELLINGTON,

NILGIRI HILLS,

SOUTH INDIA,

July 15th, 1929.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

Another of the 1st Battalion pensioners has recently passed away—Sergt. William Hilling—who enlisted in October, 1892.

Mr. Hilling was employed in the cordite factory here as Assistant Foreman. He had only returned from leave in England and Australia two weeks, rejoined the factory for work on the Tuesday, and died suddenly from heart failure on the Sunday, July 7th. He was due to retire on pension on attaining the age of 55 in October. He

leaves a wife, son and four daughters. His son, William, is a Sergeant in the Accounts Branch. Mr. Hilling was given a military funeral. The Band and Drums of the 2nd Lancashire Fusiliers attended, and the firing party was furnished by the details of the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. The superintendent and officers of the cordite factory were present, and a large number of the factory staff. Mr. Tom Fallon and myself were also present. Quite a number of details of the 2nd Battalion have been recruiting their health in this cool and invigorating atmosphere.

I have come across Capt. Lawrence, Capt. Kempster, Lieut. Baldwin, Lieut. Stephenson (the son of the late Colonel and my old company captain). R.S.M. S. Cox also had a month up here.

Bandmaster Clibbens has quite picked up his health after a stay of three months, and has returned to Madras.

Colonel F. E. Swainson (another of my old company officers) is always pleased to see any of the Regiment. He is always very busy in his grounds, improving their layout.

With best wishes to all old comrades.

Yours faithfully,

A. H. SAY.

22ND LONDON REGT. (THE QUEEN'S),  
MYRTLE GROVE CAMP,  
NR. WORTHING, SUSSEX.

July 30th, 1929.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

SIR,

I have not forgotten that I said I would write, and mention, in writing, that I should be pleased if any of our comrades who may have relations buried in Hersin-Coupigny or Bully-Grenay Cemetery, in France, and who would like a photograph of the grave, that I would obtain one free of charge for them.

I hope to come along to the dinner on November 2nd, and there to see you again.

We are having quite a nice camp, but I am a little fidgety, as it is my first attempt at the "Q" Department, but so far everything is going fine.

Give my kind regards to all I know.

I beg to remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. C. SHEPPARD.



## OBITUARY.

THE LATE HON. MRS. CHICHESTER. **T**he *Morning Post* of August 30th contained the following announcement: "The Hon. Mrs. Chichester, the widow of Lieut.-Gen. The Hon. Augustus George Charles Chichester, died yesterday at 28, Eaton Place. Mrs. Chichester, who was the daughter of the late Mr. William Townend, was the widow of Major H. A. Macdonald, of the 77th Regiment, when she was married, in 1868, to the Hon. Augustus Chichester, the first Lord Templemore's second son. He died in 1896."

## EX-C.S.M. G. W. BLAKEY.

This old comrade of the 23rd Battalion passed away after a long illness on August 19th, and was buried at Brompton Cemetery on the 26th, when a sergeant and bugler attended from the Depot. He was formerly in the Royal Horse Guards (Blues), and saw service in the South African War. During the Great War he served in France and Salonika. We tender our sympathy to his widow and other relatives.

## EX-SERGT. W. HORNE, D.C.M.

We regret to announce the death of this old comrade on July 22nd. He enlisted in 1901, and served in the South African War. Mobilized in August, 1914, from the Reserve, he joined the 4th Battalion, and later served with the 2/10th Battalion in Palestine where he was awarded the D.C.M. The funeral took place at Chingford on July 29th, when an N.C.O. from the Depot attended with a wreath from the Regimental Association. We tender our sincere sympathy to the widow and other relatives.

## 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.

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

## BALANCES OF DECEASED OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS UNDISPOSED OF.

Atkinson, W. (alias Thompson),  
Pte., Middlesex Regt. ... 61 14 9  
Thompson, W. (alias Atkinson),  
Pte., Middlesex Regt. ... 61 14 9

Messrs. Gale & Polden, Ltd., have recently published a "Machine Gun Commander's Memory Card for Platoon, Section and Sub-Section Commanders." We are sure this will be very useful to Machine Gunners. Price 6d.

In "Fighting Tanks" (Seeley Service & Co., 12s. 6d.), Capt. C. Murray Wilson has given us what may be described as the "M'Andrew's Hymn" of the tank. It is a collection of contributions by the pioneers of the tank, together with other material, which gives us for the first time—not a strategic or tactical treatise—but a graphic account of some of the more romantic and humorous episodes of the tanks told by tankmen at first hand.

The Tank Corps was a citizen force. Of its 20,000 men, not more than two or three per cent. were professional soldiers. The whole of the engineering and administrative staffs, with one exception, were drawn from civilians. But there was no lack of keenness among the crews, although there was absent that tradition which in other units counted for so much. "The Chestnut Troop," and "The Rocket Troop" in the Royal Artillery, the "Death or Glory Boys" in the cavalry, and "The Die-Hards" and "Steady the Buffs!" in the infantry recall glorious deeds of the past and act as a stimulus to greater deeds in the present. But the Tank Corps had no such stirring memories of the past. The "dungaree men" had to make history. They did not fail.

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

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1st and 2nd Battalions (Regular).	1st and 2nd Battalions— contd.	7th Battalion (Territorial).	8th Battalion (Territorial)— contd.	9th Battalion (Territorial)— contd.
<b>Lt.-Colonels (2).</b>	<b>Lieutenants.</b>	<b>Lt.-Colonel.</b>	<b>Lt.-Colonel.</b>	<b>Captains.</b>
Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. (1)	Dix-Lewis, A. (2)	Drill Hall, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.	× Baker, E. E. F., D.S.O., M.C., t.a. 20/2/23	× Lamont, J. N., M.C. 1/6/16
28/9/28	Clowes, J. H. (1) d. 1/11/18	Hon. Colonel.	bt. col. 20/2/27	× Findlay, L. F. 25/10/21
1/1/18	Chapman, J. R. S. (2) 5/1/19	× King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D. (Col. Terr. Army) t.a. 13/8/25		× Fox, G. L. 17/8/22
Stanley-Murray, H. E., M.C. (2)	Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O., t. 27/8/19			× Sherwood, H. 26/10/22
28/9/28	Clayden, H. W. (1) 27/8/19			Hardcastle, H. K. 31/7/20
	Howell, H. A. A., M.B.E. (1)			
	24/10/19			
<b>Majors (8).</b>	Clark, S. J. (2)	<b>Lt.-Colonel.</b>	× Lewey, A. W., t.a. 28/7/23	
Brown, M., M.C. (s.c.) (2)	Walden, F. (2)	× Smith, S. C. M., T.D., t.a. 18/3/29		
28/9/24	Heywood, E. L. (2)	31/12/24		
1/1/19	Ayscough, E. S. M. (2) (d)			
28/9/24	Reid, J. G. E., c.o. 20/12/20			
3/6/18	Hudson, E. V. H. (1) 18/7/21			
Jaffard, W. W. (1)	17/12/21			
Bennett, R. D., M.C. (1) (2)	Musselwhite, C. C., c.o. 16/7/22			
15/9/25	Cubitt, D. Y. (1) 24/12/22			
Stoane-Stanley, L. F. (1) s.	Tuckey, P. E. C. (2) 14/7/23			
30/7/26	Worton, J. B. (1) 14/7/23			
5/5/27	Lambert, H. P. (2)			
3/6/18	Gordon, I. D. S. (1) d., Adj. 14/7/23			
Pargiter, L. L., D.S.O. (1) d.	10/7/22			
28/9/28	14/7/23			
3/6/19	Crawford, M., o. (1) 23/12/23			
Wellcombe, T. S., M.C. (2)	Newton, W. C. (1) 30/8/26			
10/12/28	Jacob, M. A. (2) 30/8/26			
3/6/18	Goulden, G. A., c.o. 29/1/27			
	Gilbert, N. G. (2) 4/2/29			
	Baldwin, C. M. (2) 4/2/29			
	<b>Captains (14).</b>			
	Lyon, N. H. B., M.C. (1) 6/2/25			
	Appelle, E. N. (2) 17/2/25			
	Norman, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. (1) 30/4/25			
	Saule, H. B. W., M.C., c.o. 1/10/15			
	Arnold, A. C., O.B.E., M.C., p.s.c. s. 2/12/25			
	Thorp, J. R. (1) s. 23/1/16			
	Phillips, H., M.C. (1) 26/8/16			
	Buchanan, G. C., M.C. (s.c.) 26/8/16			
	Paul, H. W. M., O.B.E., M.C. (s.c.) m.c. 26/8/16			
	Hornecks, B. G., M.C. (1) 1/1/17			
	Haydon, C. W., M.C. (1) d. 25/4/17			
	Lawrence, F. A. L. (2) 7/5/27			
	del Court, S. F. W., M.C., M.C. (1) (1) 28/9/20			
	Whitney, C. T., M.C. (2) 23/3/21			
	Procter, N. P., M.C. (2) Adj. 1/4/21			
	Lyns, E. F., M.C. (Small Arms) 18/2/22			
	Garrow, V. J. (2) 25/2/22			
	Manson, E. P., M.C. (2) d. 29/6/26			
	Roberts, W. L., M.C. (2) 9/5/27			
	Hill, R. L. (1) 9/5/27			
	Mirams, S., M.C., t. 9/5/27			
	Rackham, B. B., M.C. (1) Adj. 9/5/27			
	Water, A. V. (1) 9/5/27			
	Pain, E. T. (2) 9/5/27			
	Nunn, F. J., M.C. (1) 2/2/28			
	Kempster, G. W. (2) 20/4/28			
	Dobbs, J. E., M.C. (1) 28/9/28			
	Royce, H. S. (1) 23/10/28			
	Jones, W. H. V., s. 10/1/28			
	Hedgecock, S. F., t. 10/1/28			
	Parker, F. G., t. 10/1/28			
	Overell, A. N. (1) 10/12/28			
	<b>Subalterns (34).</b>			



# SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'S. SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1929.

## NOTICE.

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

### 1st BATTALION (Home Establishment).

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
R.S.M.	R. Mantell	Depot	26/9/24	Sgt.	G. Horrex	8th	9/2/27
Bdmr.	J. W. Clark	1st	27/6/16	Sgt. (I.M.)	E. Robbins	1st	15/2/27
R.Q.M.S.	A. Purcell	Depot	15/7/24	Sgt.	R. Challis	1st	21/2/27
Q.M.S. (O.R.S.)	A. Finch	Depot	13/6/28	Sgt.	F. J. Stacey	Depot	22/2/28
R.Q.M.S.	E. J. Crouch	1st	28/4/29	Sgt.	C. V. Misso	1st	28/2/28
C.S.M.	W. Beasley	1st	30/1/15	Sgt.	H. G. Thomas	1st	5/3/28
C.S.M.	H. Seamark	24th London	6/10/15	Sgt.	E. J. Steward	1st	7/3/28
C.S.M.	J. Walker, M.M.	1st	3/7/16	Sgt.	S. Buckle	Depot	20/3/28
C.S.M.	H. Gray, D.C.M.	7th	4/9/18	Sgt.	H. Warren	1st	29/3/28
C.S.M.	C. Denton	9th	26/3/25	Sgt.	T. Tiller	Depot	29/3/28
C.S.M.	E. Green, M.M.	19th London	26/5/25	Sgt. (Cook-Sgt.)	G. E. Knock	1st	18/11/28
C.S.M.	G. F. Goodall	9th	4/6/25	Sgt.	A. T. Jones	1st	18/2/29
C.S.M.	J. Tungate, D.C.M.	1st	17/6/25	Sgt. (Band-Sgt.)	A. Stenning	1st	23/2/29
C.S.M.	F. Pelly	8th	28/10/25	Cpl.	W. Overton	1st	1/5/28
C.S.M.	C. W. Cook, D.C.M.	Depot	15/8/26	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. West	1st	11/1/24
C.S.M.	T. E. Smith	1st	28/2/28	Cpl.	C. Egan	1st	16/2/24
C.S.M.	F. Peck	8th	18/2/29	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. H. E. Northcote, M.M.	Depot	18/3/24
C.S.M.	C. E. Goodall	1st	28/4/29	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. Tibble	1st	11/6/24
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	E. Sheppard	22nd London	14/9/14	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. W. R. Soper	1st	16/7/24
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	S. Steadman	1st Depot	20/9/17	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	G. E. Goss	1st	1/9/24
Sgt.	E. D. Pain	1st	26/10/18	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	G. Blake	Depot	13/12/24
Col.-Sgt. A. King	...	Egyptian Army	18/1/19	Cpl.	R. King Supmy,	Fire Bde., Bordon	30/12/24
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	J. Wilcockson	1st	30/11/20	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. H. Kennett	1st	1/3/25
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	H. Darby	1st	17/1/21	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	E. Williams	1st	26/3/25
Sgt.	W. Christie	1st	1/5/20	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. O'Brien	1st	16/4/25
Sgt.	W. P. G. Sadler	1st	10/2/21	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. Honeybun	Depot	26/5/25
Sgt.	E. C. J. Walsh	1st	25/8/21	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	H. C. Hull, M.M.	Depot	18/2/26
Sgt.	F. Stevenson	Depot	25/8/21	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	(O.R.C.) L. I. Priddy	1st	13/3/26
Sgt.	H. Tisdale	Depot	22/1/22	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	R. W. Glover	1st	9/2/27
Sgt.	V. Osterholm	1st	18/10/23	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	S. A. Thompson	1st	13/12/27
Sgt.	E. Shaw	Depot	19/1/24	Cpl.	R. Bayles	Depot	13/12/27
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	P. Newman	1st	16/2/24	Cpl.	L. Brown	1st	24/12/27
Sgt.	H. Campbell	1st	16/2/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. C. West	1st	1/1/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	G. H. Anderson	1st	20/2/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	N. R. Phillipson	1st	15/1/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	H. Farrow	1st	7/5/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. E. Painter	1st	15/1/28
Sgt.	J. Griffin	7th	11/5/24	Cpl.	E. J. Foulger	1st	28/1/28
Col.-Sgt. (O.R.S.)	B. E. Baldwin	1st	2/7/24	Cpl.	J. Fletcher	1st	8/2/28
Sgt.	B. Brockman	1st	15/7/24	Cpl.	A. Mason	Depot	28/2/28
Sgt.	L. Clarke	1st	1/9/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	F. Donovan	1st	5/3/28
Sgt.	W. Clements	1st	10/11/24	Cpl.	M. Horton	1st	7/3/28
Sgt.	A. Russell	1st	18/2/25	Cpl.	E. Paterson	1st	8/3/28
Sgt. (I.M.)	E. A. G. Jones	1st	1/3/25	Cpl.	P. Hale	1st	8/3/28
Sgt.	E. Burt	Depot	26/3/25	Cpl.	J. Little	Depot	14/3/28
Sgt.	E. Fleming	1st	16/4/25	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. J. Webster	1st	12/4/28
Sgt.	W. Rogers	7th	26/5/25	Sgt.	R. Ginnaw	1st	26/4/28
Sgt.	W. Randle	7th	16/8/25	Cpl.	W. Holt	Depot	1/5/28
Sgt.	E. Hazeldene	Depot	5/4/26	Cpl.	J. Thompson	1st	4/6/28
Sgt.	T. Page	19th London	20/5/26	Cpl.	F. Chasney	1st	22/6/28
Sgt.	W. Pennett	7th	19/6/26	Cpl.	H. Meakins	1st	24/6/28
Sgt.	J. Trapp	1st	30/1/27	Cpl.	C. Brown	1st	21/7/28
Drum-Major	J. Bray	1st	9/2/27	Cpl.	L. Williams	1st	8/8/28
Sgt.	G. Cliff	9th	9/2/27	Cpl.	P. Barley	1st	16/8/28
				Cpl.	A. Coulling	1st	1/9/28
				Cpl.	A. Butfield	1st	8/9/25

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
Cpl.	W. Bean	Depot	14/9/28	L./Cpl.	C. Sneesby	Depot	9/10/28
Cpl.	A. Lawrence	1st	26/9/28	L./Cpl.	R. Welsh	Depot	12/10/28
Cpl.	J. Ayres	1st	1/11/28	L./Cpl.	W. Pinkney	Depot	29/10/28
Cpl.	F. Davis	1st	7/11/28	L./Cpl.	T. McNamara	1st	1/11/28
Cpl.	H. Kruck	1st	18/11/28	L./Cpl.	H. E. Hill	1st	7/11/28
Cpl.	A. Davis	1st	22/12/28	L./Cpl.	W. Hancock	1st	18/11/28
Cpl.	S. Boiling	1st	8/1/29	L./Cpl.	R. Simmons	1st	15/1/29
Cpl.	P. Andrews	1st	18/1/29	L./Cpl.	H. Keen	1st	15/1/29
Cpl.	F. Brightman	Depot	1/2/29	L./Cpl.	S. Bullock	1st	15/1/29
Cpl.	W. E. Millar	1st	6/2/29	L./Cpl.	L. Beck	Depot	18/1/29
Cpl.	A. Tutte	1st	18/2/29	L./Cpl.	W. Lambert	1st	20/2/29
Cpl.	R. Dyson	1st	20/2/29	L./Cpl.	F. Surrey	1st	23/2/29
Cpl.	P. V. Edwards	1st	23/2/29	L./Cpl.	F. Dilley	1st	15/3/29

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L./Cpl.	J. O'Neill	1st	28/1/26	L./Cpl.	H. Hinsby	1st	5/9/28
L./Cpl.	F. Rumens	1st	6/8/26	L./Cpl.	S. Fletcher	1st	13/10/28
L./Cpl.	F. Rochester	1st	26/8/27	L./Cpl.	R. Pakeman	1st	29/10/28
L./Cpl.	S. J. Hutson	1st	13/12/27	L./Cpl.	J. Urquhart	1st	14/5/29
L./Cpl.	A. Stone	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl.	W. Litchfield	1st	17/6/29
L./Cpl.	R. Chaplin	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl.	A. Allchorne	1st	19/6/29
L./Cpl.	C. Warren	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl.	J. J. Packard	1st	10/7/29
L./Cpl.	S. Green	1st	28/1/28	L./Cpl.	B. White	1st	5/7/29
L./Cpl.	A. Turner	Depot	28/2/28	L./Cpl.	A. Nicholls	1st	3/8/29
L./Cpl.	H. Tyler	1st	12/4/28	L./Cpl.	C. Walker	1st	3/8/29
L./Cpl.	E. Edmunds	1st	20/4/28	L./Cpl.	F. Connott	1st	3/8/29
L./Cpl.	E. Paterson	1st	1/5/28	L./Cpl.	H. Woolley	1st	15/8/29
L./Cpl.	F. Hammond	1st	18/5/28	L./Cpl.	B. Bedward	1st	26/8/29
L./Cpl.	G. Veares	1st	29/5/28	L./Cpl.	W. Dibble	1st	7/9/29
L./Cpl.	J. Gould	1st	22/6/28	L./Cpl.	H. Ramsden	1st	16/9/29
L./Cpl.	E. Zetter	1st	20/7/28				
L./Cpl.	J. W. Hood	1st	21/7/28				
L./Cpl.	J. Barnett	1st	16/8/28				
L./Cpl.	J. Donegar	Depot	17/8/28				
L./Cpl.	P. Oliver	1st	8/9/28				
L./Cpl.	A. Allison	1st	14/9/28				
L./Cpl.	J. Chillery	1st	26/9/28				
L./Cpl.	T. Murphy	1st	9/10/28				

## Unpaid—

### 2nd BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Rank and Name.	Qualifications for promotion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Qualifications for promotion.	Date of present promotion.
R.S.M. S. Cox	...	20/1/26	Sgt. S. Ingle (Pioneer Sgt.)	1st Cl. Ed.	27/2/25
Bdmr. H. Clibbens	...	22/2/24	Sgt. G. Lambert (Mil. D. Corps)	1st Cl. Ed.	26/5/25
R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley (for Depot)	...	7/3/26	Sgt. S. Mason	...	2/2/26
C.S.M. H. Rand	...	28/1/25	Sgt. C. Banfield	...	13/2/26
C.S.M. J. Hart	...	20/1/26	Sgt. G. Bone (Transp. Sgt.)	...	19/3/26
C.S.M. C. Kent	...	15/5/28	Sgt. E. Hazeldene (Tour of duty, Depot)	...	5/4/26
C.S.M. E. Palmer	...	13/12/28	Sgt. A. Wright	...	10/2/27
C.S.M. R. Colbourne	...	13/4/29	Sgt. W. Harwood (Band Sgt.)	...	17/8/27
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. O'Brien	...	27/2/25	Sgt. S. Bishop	...	12/11/27
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. King	...	26/5/25	Sgt. L. Johnson	...	24/12/27
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) L. Hills	...	2/11/26	Sgt. (O.R.C.) W. Baker	1st Cl. Ed.	20/3/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. West	...	22/2/28	Sgt. S. Buckle (Tour of duty, Depot)	...	20/3/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) H. Glover	...	15/5/28	Sgt. F. Denchfield	1st Cl. Ed.	20/3/28
Col.-Sgt. (O.R.S.) W. Fletcher	1st Cl. Ed.	7/3/29	Sgt. A. Webb	...	15/5/28
Sgt. A. Walker (Prov. Sgt.)	...	1/5/20	Sgt. T. Tiller (Tour of duty, Depot)	...	29/5/28
Sgt. E. Heath	...	20/11/20	Drum-Major H. Poulter	...	13/10/28
Sgt. G. Capel (Off. Mess Sgt.)	1st Cl. Ed.	9/1/22	Sgt. S. Burgess	...	13/12/28
Sgt. H. Hart (Tour of duty, Depot)	...	9/1/22	Sgt. C. Champion (Sgt. Mess Cook)	1st Cl. Ed.	1/1/29
Sgt. F. Hill	...	22/8/23	Sgt. H. Short, M.M. (Intelligence Section)	1st Cl. Ed.	21/2/29
Sgt. G. Mewett	...	12/12/23	Sgt. A. Jones	...	10/4/29
Sgt. H. Hewett	1st Cl. Ed.	10/1/24	Sgt. E. Addinall	...	13/4/29
Sgt. L. Simmonds (S.A.S. Pachmari)	1st Cl. Ed.	28/4/24			



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Sgt. A. Boen ...	—	25/4/29	L./Cpl. W. Biggin ...	Passed (A)	15/12/28
Sgt. W. Makewell ...	—	25/4/29	L./Cpl. J. Smith ...	Passed (A)	15/12/28
<i>Paid—</i>			L./Cpl. A. Whitcombe ...	Passed (A)	21/12/28
L./Sgt. S. Copelin ...	1st Cl. Ed.	1/1/27	L./Cpl. G. Hornett ...	Passed (A)	11/4/28
L./Sgt. C. Donaldson ...	—	3/7/28	L./Cpl. L. Woodley ...	Passed (A)	18/8/28
L./Sgt. G. Sherriff ...	—	21/2/29	L./Cpl. W. Fountain ...	Passed (A)	27/8/28
L./Sgt. F. Nash ...	—	10/4/29	L./Cpl. H. Taylor ...	Passed (A)	28/8/28
L./Sgt. W. Green (I.M.) ...	—	13/4/29	L./Cpl. W. Johnson ...	Passed (A)	14/9/28
L./Sgt. G. Blackman ...	—	25/4/29			
L./Sgt. A. Hows ...	—	25/4/29			
L./Sgt. A. Russell ...	1st Cl. Ed.	15/5/29	<i>Unpaid—</i>		
Cpl. E. Wright ...	Passed (B)	26/4/26	L./Cpl. J. Bennett ...	—	29/7/27
Cpl. J. Painter ...	—	23/5/26	L./Cpl. G. Herbert ...	—	4/1/28
Cpl. C. Turner ...	Passed (B)	22/1/27	L./Cpl. P. Godfrey ...	—	8/2/28
Cpl. W. Kemp ...	Passed (B)	24/11/27	L./Cpl. E. Oram ...	—	30/3/28
Cpl. H. Ison ...	Passed (B)	9/2/28	L./Cpl. G. Cole ...	—	22/5/28
Cpl. W. Skull ...	—	20/3/28	L./Cpl. C. May ...	—	26/5/28
Cpl. J. Merry ...	—	26/3/28	L./Cpl. D. Drew ...	—	11/6/28
Cpl. G. Slate ...	—	26/4/28	L./Cpl. W. Brown ...	—	23/6/28
Cpl. W. Chalkley ...	—	26/4/28	L./Cpl. S. Mills ...	—	23/6/28
Cpl. E. Ormes ...	—	26/4/28	L./Cpl. C. Ives ...	—	23/6/28
Cpl. H. Lowry ...	—	26/4/28	L./Cpl. H. Hamer ...	—	18/7/28
Cpl. P. Palmer ...	—	26/4/28	L./Cpl. H. Padgett ...	—	25/8/28
Cpl. L. Newstead ...	—	26/4/28	L./Cpl. A. Fletcher ...	—	28/8/28
Cpl. E. Noakes ...	—	15/5/28	L./Cpl. F. Livens ...	—	12/11/28
Cpl. J. Harper ...	—	10/7/28	L./Cpl. J. Rainbow ...	—	15/12/28
Cpl. J. Chester ...	—	13/12/28	L./Cpl. E. Moir ...	—	15/12/28
Cpl. H. Sandle ...	—	13/12/28	L./Cpl. A. Munden ...	—	15/12/28
Cpl. J. Jackson ...	—	13/12/28	L./Cpl. W. Sweating ...	—	31/12/28
Cpl. A. Cartwright ...	—	13/12/28	L./Cpl. J. Smith ...	—	16/1/29
Cpl. W. Knighton (Signal Sgt.) ...	—	25/12/28	L./Cpl. A. Hawker ...	—	21/1/29
Cpl. E. Hillier ...	—	25/12/28	L./Cpl. W. Mounce ...	—	6/2/29
Cpl. W. Ray ...	—	22/1/29	L./Cpl. H. Smith ...	—	6/2/29
Cpl. R. Hannam (Provost Corporal) ...	—	21/2/29	L./Cpl. A. Etheridge ...	—	6/2/29
Cpl. G. Trestain ...	—	26/3/29	L./Cpl. T. Holland ...	—	13/2/29
Cpl. R. Parsler ...	—	10/4/29	L./Cpl. C. Copelin ...	—	16/2/29
Cpl. J. Ramsey ...	—	13/4/29	L./Cpl. R. Osbourne ...	—	16/2/29
Cpl. S. Cudmore ...	—	15/4/29	L./Cpl. J. Oatway ...	—	19/2/29
Cpl. F. Orton ...	—	15/4/29	L./Cpl. A. Woolford ...	—	22/2/29
Cpl. R. Smith (Band Cpl.) ...	—	16/4/29	L./Cpl. P. Gibbons ...	—	25/2/29
Cpl. W. Boothby ...	—	25/4/29	L./Cpl. W. Poulter ...	—	25/2/29
Cpl. C. Cooper ...	—	25/4/29	L./Cpl. C. Parker ...	—	25/2/29
Cpl. G. Chandler ...	—	25/4/29	L./Cpl. G. Bowers ...	—	4/3/29
Cpl. F. Higgins ...	—	20/5/29	L./Cpl. G. Tennant ...	—	11/3/29
Cpl. G. Balls ...	—	24/5/29	L./Cpl. L. Waddington ...	—	13/3/29
Cpl. H. Hamblin ...	—	5/6/29	L./Cpl. L. Grainger ...	—	20/3/29
			L./Cpl. F. Smith ...	—	26/4/29
			L./Cpl. P. Ower ...	—	26/4/29
<i>Paid—</i>			L./Cpl. R. Morris ...	—	3/5/29
L./Cpl. R. Wilson ...	Passed (A)	10/11/25	L./Cpl. R. Hewett ...	—	4/5/29
L./Cpl. E. Jennings ...	Passed (A)	29/5/26	L./Cpl. T. Palmer ...	—	7/5/29
L./Cpl. H. Holland ...	Passed (A)	12/11/27	L./Cpl. H. Leonard ...	—	7/5/29
L./Cpl. C. Watson ...	Passed (A)	31/10/27	L./Cpl. H. Webb ...	—	8/6/29
L./Cpl. J. Scott ...	Passed (A)	31/12/27	L./Cpl. E. Wilson ...	—	19/6/29
L./Cpl. A. Brett ...	Passed (A)	20/12/27	L./Cpl. L. Burgess ...	—	21/6/29
L./Cpl. R. Jackson ...	Passed (A)	23/12/27	L./Cpl. H. Rodgers ...	—	21/6/29
L./Cpl. W. Searle ...	Passed (A)	6/1/28	L./Cpl. A. Palmer ...	—	21/6/29
L./Cpl. J. Smith ...	Passed (A)	22/5/28	L./Cpl. L. Sheffield ...	—	29/6/29
L./Cpl. H. Marshall (Off. Mess Corporal) ...	Passed (A)	29/6/28	L./Cpl. S. Moore ...	—	22/7/29
L./Cpl. A. Statham ...	—	4/3/26	L./Cpl. H. Elcome ...	—	26/7/29
L./Cpl. J. Nicholls ...	Passed (A)	18/4/28	L./Cpl. R. Smallridge ...	—	26/7/29
L./Cpl. S. Smith ...	Passed (A)	6/11/28	L./Cpl. J. Brewer ...	—	9/8/29
L./Cpl. D. Green ...	Passed (A)	8/8/27	L./Cpl. A. Parrott ...	—	14/8/29
L./Cpl. F. Knight ...	Passed (A)	3/7/28	L./Cpl. F. Gribble ...	—	17/8/29
L./Cpl. P. Carter ...	Passed (A)	23/7/28	L./Cpl. H. Frewin ...	—	19/8/29
L./Cpl. S. Lilley ...	Passed (A)	20/8/28	L./Cpl. W. Kemp ...	—	19/8/29
L./Cpl. W. Fricker ...	Passed (A)	27/8/28	L./Cpl. R. Lomax ...	—	19/8/29
			L./Cpl. J. Chandler ...	—	21/8/29
			L./Cpl. G. Kemp ...	—	31/8/29