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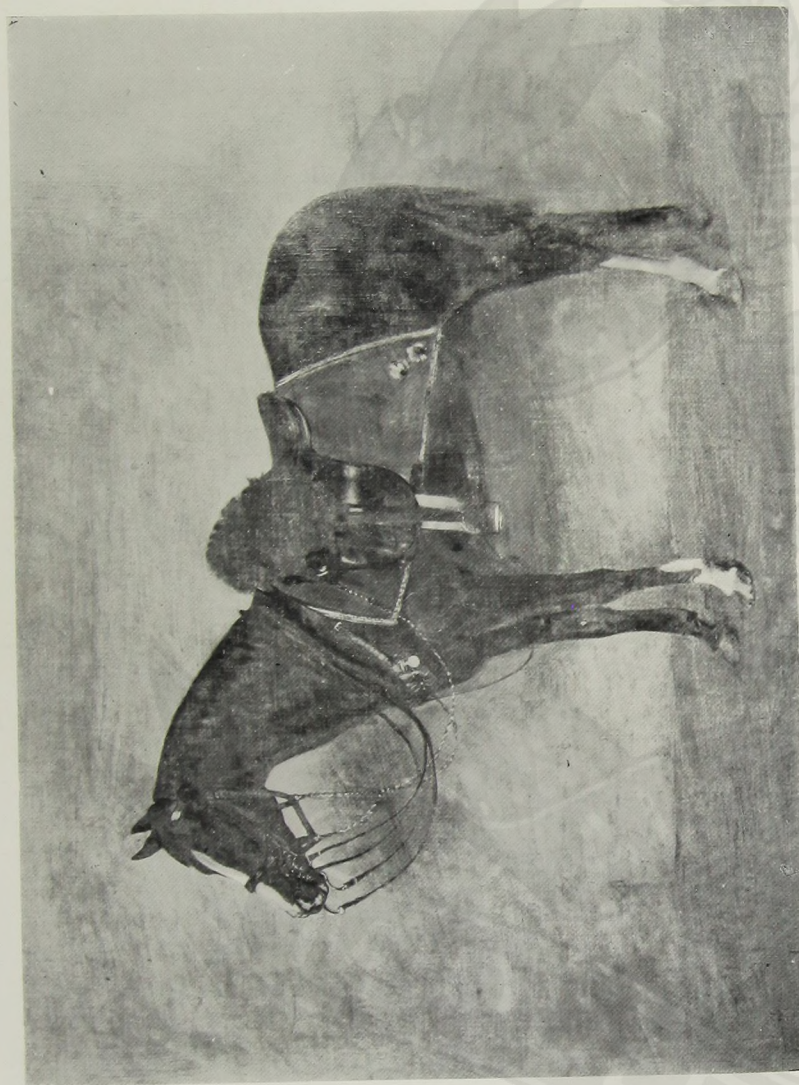
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EDITORIAL



IT is hoped that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will be present at the Officers' Annual Dinner on June 25th.

Our Frontispiece is a photograph of the painting by C. Lutyens of Col. Kent's charger from 1855 to 1877 with the 77th. The painting has been presented to the Regimental Museum by General Kent's nephew, Lieut.-Col. W. M. Goodwyn, late of the Devonshire Regiment.

Our congratulations to Major-General C. R. Simpson, C.B., on his marriage. An extract from the *Morning Post* will be found on page 352.

Our congratulations also to Major-General F. W. Ramsay, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., on his marriage to Mrs. Amy Frances St. Leger Glyn at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

We publish the photograph of the Regimental Brass in the chancel of the Ypres Memorial Church, which has been supplied to us by Lieut.-Col. F. G. Poole, C.B.E., D.S.O., Hon. Secretary of the Ypres Memorial Church Fund.

Special attention is drawn to the arrangements this year for the Annual Dinner on June 25th. Full details are given under Officers' Club Notices. Will all concerned note the date and new place for the Dinner—the Junior United Service Club—and to the fact that honorary membership of the J.U.S.C. for the day is necessary?

By kind permission of Mr. Strube, the artist, we reproduce the political cartoon of "The Die-Hards" which originally appeared in the *Daily Express*. Mr. Strube has very kindly sent us ten pulls on art paper, which may be had from the Editor by anyone desiring one.

In the news from the Wentworth Regiment (Canada), it will be seen that the cup presented to them by the 2nd Battalion has at length reached its destination.

We are very pleased to have in this issue the first news from the Middlesex Territorial Cadet Brigade, and hope that in future their notes will appear regularly.

Volume II of "The Die-Hards in the Great War" is now completed and may be obtained from the publishers, Messrs. Harrison & Sons, Ltd., 45, St. Martin's Lane, W.C.2. The prices are the same as for Volume I, viz., 10s. 6d. cloth-bound, or 28s. for Edition de Luxe, in half-morocco. Both are post free.

We have a number of Calendars for 1930 on hand and shall be pleased to dispose of these, price 1s., post free.

The attention of Sub-Editors of Battalions, etc., is invited to the "Notice to Contributors," which states that all contributions intended for publication should reach the Editor not later than the 1st of the month previous to that of issue. The publication of the Journal is often delayed owing to the non-receipt of "copy" by the proper dates.

REGIMENTAL FIXTURES.

April 5th.—Quarterly Concert at the Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road, Chelsea, at 7.30 p.m.

REGIMENTAL WEEK.

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

Nov. 1st.—Annual General Meeting of Regimental Association, and Old Comrades' Annual Dinner; Wharncliffe Rooms, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, 7 p.m.

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

REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

ARTICLES for the Museum and Library continue to arrive, and we take this opportunity of again thanking the donors.

In addition, subscriptions have been received from Col. E. E. F. Baker, and Messrs. Clowes, Ayscough and Gordon. Two purchases have been made from the funds, details of which will be found below.

Mr. E. Morris has very kindly presented a glass showcase, so that now one

of the uniforms can be exhibited properly. It is hoped that those interested will help with subscriptions, so that the Museum and Library Room may be quickly equipped. Cheques should be made payable to the O.C. Depot, and marked "Library and Museum Fund."

LIST OF ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

"Jottings in the Jungle," by L./Cpl. Sheridan, 2nd Battalion; and "A Soldier and a Man," by B. G. O'Rourke, D.S.O.: Col. G. W. W. Savile, D.S.O.

1st Battalion Book of Photographs, 1910: Bt. Major L. A. Newnham, M.C. 2nd Battalion Book of Photographs, 1913: Mr. H. A. Connelly.

Records of the 3rd Middlesex Rifle Volunteers (Evans); 2 Vols.: Lieut.-Col. S. Cedric Smith, T.D.

Complete set of photographs of uniforms at York Tattoo: 1st Battalion.

Four photographs, groups 5th Militia Battalion, circa 1900: Major W. B. Dunn.

The Art Annual, 1898 (The Life and Work of Lady Butler): Editor of THE DIE-HARDS.

57th and 77th Inscriptions on Memorials and Graves of Crimean War (from Colbourne): Editor of THE DIE-HARDS.

LIST OF ADDITIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

77th Coatee of General Kent: Col. G. W. W. Savile, D.S.O.

Two cases of 48 Regimental medals, besides badges, breastplates, etc., including the Seringapatam Gold Medal (loaned): Mr. E. Morris.

57th Silver Belt Plate (1850) in frame: Capt. E. M. Hodding.

Painting of General Kent's Arab horse (1855-77) by C. Lutyens: Lieut.-Col. W. M. Goodwyn.

6th Militia Battalion Staff Sergeant's belt buckle; 6th Militia Band satchel badge; Photograph of Sergeants of 1st and 2nd Battalions at Malta, December 23rd, 1913; Three small books of: No. 559 Q.M.S. T. Purcell, 1859-85; No. 4673 Sergt. E. Purcell, 1804-1915; No. 12083 and No. 6192171 R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, 1908-30; R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell.

Painting of 77th uniforms (1827) by R. Wymer: Purchased.

57th Medal, South Africa, 1879, No. 276 Pte. M. Lindsey, 57th Foot: Purchased.

We regret that the wrong description was given in the list of articles shown in Vol. III, No. 6, for November, 1929. The correct details are as follows:—

The entry on page 285 *re* fragment of Colours should read:—

"57th Regiment. Fragment of Colours carried (for the last time on active service) through the Zulu Campaign, 1879 (not New Zealand)."

The entry, same page, *re* Pewter Mug and Dishes, should read:—

"77th Regiment. Pewter Mug. The last remaining article of a kit presented by Col. Kent to the Sergeants' Mess, 1870. Two Dishes from a Kit of Crockery purchased in 1888 and discarded in 1898 when the 2nd Battalion embarked at Bombay for home."



THE Brigade Commander's Annual Inspection has been the only outstanding feature in the recent quarter. This was successfully overcome, and a very good report was obtained. Individual Training has been the order of the day, interrupted by three weeks' digging. Of all the occupations that Catterick provides, this is undoubtedly the most unpopular. When Marne and G.G. Lines are prosperous playing fields, they will be haunted by the imprecations of the 57th.

This year a new experiment has been tried, whereby the whole Battalion departed on furlough in December. This should prove a far better scheme than companies leaving one at a time, which always disorganized both sport and training programmes.

The returning Army of the Rhine is swelling the Garrison to bursting-point, and the Band and Drums are having a busy time playing in new units. How next year's Collective Training will be carried out on the very limited area available has yet to be seen.

In the world of sport, we have not yet been able to recapture our Aldershot form. The first round of the Army Cup, in both Association and Rugby, caused our downfall. In the former, we were beaten by the 2nd Bn. The East Lancashire Regiment by 6 goals to 2, after beating them the previous week in the McEwan Cup by 5—0. We were unlucky to lose the Rugby to the 4th Bn. Royal Tank Corps, who beat us by 13 points to 8, after extra time. We were leading by 3 points until the last five minutes, when they scrambled over with a very doubtful try to equalize.

Our hockey team, however, put up a very fine performance in their first round, defeating the 20th Brigade, R.A., by 4 goals to 1.

The "H.Q." Wing football team have done extremely well, winning their sector in the Garrison Company League. They have played 12 matches, won 10, and drawn 2—a fine record.

Lieut. J. R. B. Worton and 2/Lieuts. P. D. ff. Powell and W. H. P. Chatty are to be congratulated on being selected to play in Army Rugby Trial XVs.

Capt. B. B. Rackham, M.C., has vacated the appointment of Adjutant, after three difficult years, which included the move to and from China. His tireless energy, power of organization, and never-failing good humour will not quickly be forgotten. Every timorous visitor to Orderly Room, however humble his request, has always felt that help would be given him, should it be humanly possible. Capt. A. N. Overell has taken over this appointment, and we wish him every success.

We congratulate Lieut. W. C. Newton on his marriage to Miss Elise Carruthers, which took place in Dumfries on October 10th, 1929.

2/Lieut. A. E. Green has left us for the 2nd Battalion. He sailed on H.M.T. *Nevassa* on December 8th. Good luck to him in his warmer surroundings.

Congratulations to Capt. and Mrs. S. F. Hedgecoe on the birth of a daughter on December 31st, 1929.

R.S.M. Davies has joined us from the 2nd Battalion to take up his new appointment as successor to R.S.M. Beaman.



[Photo: Catterick, York.]

YORK TATTOO, 1929.
TYPES OF OFFICERS, 57th REGIMENT, 1756 TO 1929.

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

During the quarter under review, the Gunners have experienced not a few ups and downs, but the best of all was the news that we were to be made up to strength, and the Company now boasts of numbers (in men).

Having finished the bloodless engagements on the beautiful Yorkshire moors (Brigade Training it is termed by some), we settled down to our usual pastimes—I.A. gun drill, etc.

A number of the Company spent hours per day under the Educational Staff, and we hope their worried looks will be rewarded.

Again we answered the cry of "Back to the land," and spent three weeks in digging away a portion of Yorkshire to transform it into a sports ground. According to the remarks heard on the same sports ground, the grass seed sprinkled there should be any colour except green (if it grows).

We regret to have lost Lieut. H. A. A. Howell, M.B.E., Lieut. J. R. B. Worton and Sergt. A. Jones from the Company on their transfer to "C" and "D" Companies, and we wish them every success in their new companies.

We welcome 2/Lieut. H. F. Mackenzie, L./Sergts. Painter, Donovan and Mason, and forty-three men from the remaining companies of the Battalion, and hope they enjoy their stay in the Company.

Congratulations to L./Sergt. Mason on his recent appointment.

We have now commenced Individual Training, so the crank handle will continue to roll on the roller until the end of November, when the oft-quoted prayer, "Roll on, leave," is answered.

We are sorry that C.S.M. Tungate and Sergt. E. Jones are in hospital at the present time, and hope they are soon fit and back with us again.

Regarding sport, we have yet to try our new talent at soccer and hockey, but they have certainly excelled at boxing, as seen at the Company Boxing Meeting held recently:—

Feathers.—Pte. Coleman; runner-up, L./Cpl. Robinson.

Lights.—L./Cpl. Bolton; runner-up, Pte. Davidge.

Welters.—Pte. Sullivan; runner-up, Pte. Sargent.

Middles.—L./Cpl. Green; runner-up, Pte. Wichello.

Best Platoon.—No. 2 Platoon.

At the recent Battalion Novices' Boxing Tournament, we were fortunate in winning the Boxing Shield by a very narrow margin of one point over "G" Company. Our winners were L./Cpls. Green, Bullock and Robinson; runner-up, Cpl. Andrews; and Best Loser, L./Cpl. Urquhart. These, with the remaining entrants from the Company, fought well and hard, and did well in bringing the shield to the Company.

Recent football results:—

Company v. "B" Company, 1st Bn.

The Cameronians, lost 1—2.

Company v. "B" Company, 1st Bn.

The Middlesex Regiment, lost 0—1.

Company v. "C" Company, 1st Bn.

The Middlesex Regiment, won 6—0.

In concluding we send our best wishes to all brother-gunners (and late gunners) and wish them a bright outlook for the coming year.

ONE-AYE.

"B" COMPANY NOTES.

Since our last notes, "B" Company has been doing very well in all sports. In the Garrison Football League we have played nine games, having won four, drawn two, and lost three. Curiously enough, we have suffered all three defeats at the hands of our own companies, including rather an overwhelming defeat at the hands of "H.Q.", and a 4—2 defeat by "C" Company in the first round of the Company Knock-out Competition.

In the Novices' Boxing Competition, some splendid fights were witnessed, and in this "B" managed to gain third place. L./Cpl. Allchorne put up a very good show and lost the final to a better man, having fought his two previous fights with a broken thumb. Ptes. Armstrong, Evans and Francis are also to be congratulated on helping us to gather points.

We were unfortunately beaten in the first round of the Company Hockey Knock-out by "Don," who managed to beat us by the odd goal in seven after three extra times had been played.

Rugby, however, has proved our strong point this year, and after having



[Photo: Cuckside, York.]

YORK TATTOO, 1929.
TYPES OF ALL RANKS, 57th REGIMENT, 1811.

easily disposed of "C" Company, we played "Don" in the final, and after a very exciting game beat them by 8 points to 0. Our points were scored by Lieut. Hudson and Pte. Hatchett—familiarily known to all as "Choppers"—the second try being converted by Lieut. Hudson. The feature of the game was a brilliant run from a scrum almost on our line to the other end of the field by Lieut. Hudson, in which he scored our second try.

Our teams for these sports have mostly been composed of the same players, the following having played:—

Lieut. Hudson, 2/Lieuts. Chattey and Herapath, Clr.-Sergt. Farrow, Sergts. Russell and Pain, L./Sergts. Tibble, L. West and Donovan, Cpl. Horton, L./Cpls. Hood, Chillery, Macnamara and Sims, and Ptes. Francis, Underwood, Hatchett, Williams, Balman, Stroud, Barnes, Mann and Almond.

We noticed in the last notes published by "C" Company that they were in hopes once more of leading the Battalion on church parade, but, unfortunately for them, the results of the Annual Musketry Course, which finished with us leading, give us the privilege which is much coveted. Whilst on the subject of musketry, we must congratulate "A" (M.G.) Company on finishing first at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, "B" being fourth, but at the same time first of the rifle companies. Congratulations are also due to L./Sergt. Phillipson on his splendid display of "skill-at-arms" this year, and frequent sighs of envy are heard when he walks by swinging the arms covered with badges.

The Battalion is at present digging into Individual Training, having just finished three weeks' digging on the Marne and G.G. Lines.

We very much regret the fact that inter-company transfers have sadly depleted our stock of sportsmen, but our loss is some other company's gain. The following have left us, and we wish them the best of luck in their new homes:—

L./Sergts. Goss, Tibble and Donovan, and several Privates.

We also wish C.S.M. Beasley the best of luck, as he has left us for the 2nd Battalion.

In conclusion, we congratulate Clr.-Sergt. Farrow on his promotion, and

also welcome Capt. A. V. Weller, who is now Second-in-Command of the Company, and Cpl. Ginnaw, who has joined us from "D" Company. We extend a hearty welcome to our new R.S.M. (R.S.M. Davis), who has joined us from the 2nd Battalion.

It is rumoured that a certain N.C.O. has sold a troopship, and this is strengthened by the fact that another N.C.O. has been dispatched—to buy it back—perhaps.

"BEER."

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

We will commence with a good excuse—nothing much to report, and that our notes are required much earlier than usual, owing to the annual furlough coming in between the time of writing and the time these notes are in the hands of the printers; so we promise more next time.

Since our last notes were written we have spent the time in preparation for the annual inspection followed by the inspection for which everybody worked, and we hope our efforts produced satisfactory results, but we shall know more of that anon.

Amendments! Ask us if we know what they are. Yes, I think so.

Just after the inspection, half the Company were transferred to other companies on the Battalion reorganization. We miss their support, especially in the sports field, but our loss is others' gain.

We consider that we had very hard luck in not pulling off the Best Shooting Company this year, as we had great hopes of doing so. All ranks made every effort, too. We were successful in winning the Young Soldiers' Match at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, and we will not forget to mention that L./Cpl. Swadling is the best shot amongst the Corporals and Privates. He has our heartiest congratulations.

The recent inter-company transfers rather handicapped us in the Battalion Novices' Boxing Tournament, but those who fought for us put up a really good show and did well. L./Cpl. Hammond reached the final of the middles, and was only beaten on points. The team was ably seconded by Cpl. "Banjo" Egan and L./Cpl. Lichfield.

Our period of digging over, we have now turned our attention to Individual Training, which continues until the commencement of annual furlough, to which all of us are now looking forward.

In conclusion, we hope everybody had a jolly Christmas, and wish a happy New Year to all.

"CORK."

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

Although we are still in Catterick, in spite of the many rumours of a move, the Individual Training season has, at any rate, been blessed with better weather than usual, and so far not too much digging. We have spent three weeks in making new sports grounds, etc., on G.G. Lines, and we were fortunate in being able to have meals in barracks at the usual times. The less fortunate members of the Battalion spent their lunch-hour in a truly warlike aspect—in the mud of Marne Lines.

Since our last notes we have suffered several losses. We all wish Capt. Nunn, M.C., and C.S.M. Walker the best of luck and happiness in civilian life. Cpl. Millar has left us for a tour of duty at the Depot, and L./Cpl. Rumens and others have left for new companies. We wish them every success. We are very sorry to lose 2/Lieut. Mackenzie, who has gone to "A" (M.G.), but we hope to have him back one day. We welcome 2/Lieut. Sword to the Company on his first appointment, and Capt. Hedgecoe from the T.A., also Lieut. Worton from "A" (M.G.) Company.

Congratulations to L./Sergt. Paterson on obtaining a "Distinguished" on his Education Course at Shorncliffe.

The Company has done much better in the world of sport. We reached the final of the Battalion Rugby Knock-out, having played two very good games with "Q" and "G" Companies. Unfortunately we lost to "B" in the final by 8 points to 0.

In the cricket we were beaten by "C" Company. In the first round, Cpl. Davis is to be congratulated on playing a very good innings. We also reached the final of the Battalion Hockey and Football Competitions, and so are looking forward to success in both finals.

In the Garrison Football League we have done very well, having lost only two games so far. Our thanks are due largely to Pte. Keep individually, and to the team playing so well together.

We congratulate our entrants for the Battalion Novices' Boxing Competition, who all put up a very good show. We can only hope for more entrants and to be nearer the top next year.

Before closing these notes, we wish everyone the best of luck and the usual greetings for the New Year.

"DON."

BAND NOTES.

Since our last notes we have lost the services of our splendid athlete, "Johnnie Walker," to whom we offer our best wishes for his success in "civvy" life. We are convinced that his presence on the sports field will be missed by everybody.

Having recently given up "spade and pick" for instruments again, we are getting down to our much-needed practice, though at the same time looking forward to our annual leave.

We at least realize how very stimulating it is to be away from Catterick for a few weeks, and more especially during the festive season.

The Battalion held a Novices' Boxing Competition in October. We were represented by L./Cpl. Dibble and Bdsn. Cousins and Clark. All put up a good show worthy of the traditions of the Band in sport, Cousins and Clark reaching the final of their respective weights, whilst L./Cpl. Dibble was the recipient of a good loser's prize. Congratulations.

A Boys' Competition was also held, and some spirited bouts were witnessed. The boys were specially congratulated by the Commanding Officer on their keen display and example, for all the boys entered for the competition.

At football the boys succeeded in reaching round two of the Garrison Boys' Knock-out Competition, being victors over the Leicestershire Regiment Boys by 3 goals to 0, the scorers being Boys Mew (2) and Hayes. Several of our boys play splendid football, Moggridge being a "star artist" at dribbling.

We are very keen to win this competition, so at least we have got the spirit, if

not the weight. In round two we are drawn against the East Lancashire Regiment Boys, and a keen struggle is anticipated.

In conclusion, we welcome Bdsn. Jeffree, and wish the best of luck to those who have recently left our ranks. "TREBLE CLEF."

DRUMS' NOTES.

By the time these notes are published we shall have returned to Catterick Camp after our annual furlough. No doubt some of us will be suffering from "homesickness," but even that in time will pass and with the beginning of the New Year we wish all the members of the Regiment—both old and new—a happy and prosperous New Year.

Since our last notes we have lost one of our flock, Dmr. Stuldeer, famed for his musical abilities, who has left us for the Guards Band. Although we all miss him, we wish him the best of luck in his new sphere.

We are all very pleased to write that L./Cpl. "Bumpy" Hill is now back again with us after being in hospital over three months, and that his ankle is progressing as well as can be expected.

We have just finished our annual digging course and are wondering if we shall need a Vocational Training Course when we finish. Talking of courses, we may as well mention that "Taffy" is away on one at present.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting went off O.K., and "Q" Company, consisting mainly of Drummers, won the Young Soldiers' Shoot and the Tile Shoot, while the Drum-Major won the Individual Shoot for the grade he was in.

At sport, we are doing as we always do in hockey and football. We are up to the standard and hope to carry off one or two of the six-a-side games. We congratulate Dmr. Bolt on being picked to represent the Battalion in the Brigade Novices' Competition against the 2nd Bn. The East Lancashire Regiment.

In closing, our congratulations to L./Cpl. Windows on his recent appointment, and also to L./Sergt. Webster on being selected to represent the Garrison at hockey.

"SNAKE-CHARMER."

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We open these notes this quarter by extending a very hearty welcome to our new chief, R.S.M. Davis, who has now joined us for duty. "Winter" has also reported for duty at Catterick, and the "burning" question is "Coal." To "observe fire," one has to site a position very early in the Mess.

During the past months we have had our dances and whist drives, which have been very successful. Shows are a difficulty here; distance affects many people, as buses are not frequent or late-running, and ours is a remote corner of the Camp.

Wireless is becoming a factor in the quarters these days, and it is suspected that several rumours as to moves are picked up this way. The general comment is that the sooner an official message is received, the better.

The Staff is going strong on T.E.W.T. and one can imagine in later years some of our members visiting Catterick (?) with their families, and saying, "This is where I attacked the enemy and won many battles." But enough; we have not yet left our Northern regions. Now comes the inevitable, "I have no other news," and so put "Finis" to another quarter's notes.

The Mess hopes that our confederates everywhere have not already broken the resolutions made for the year 1930.

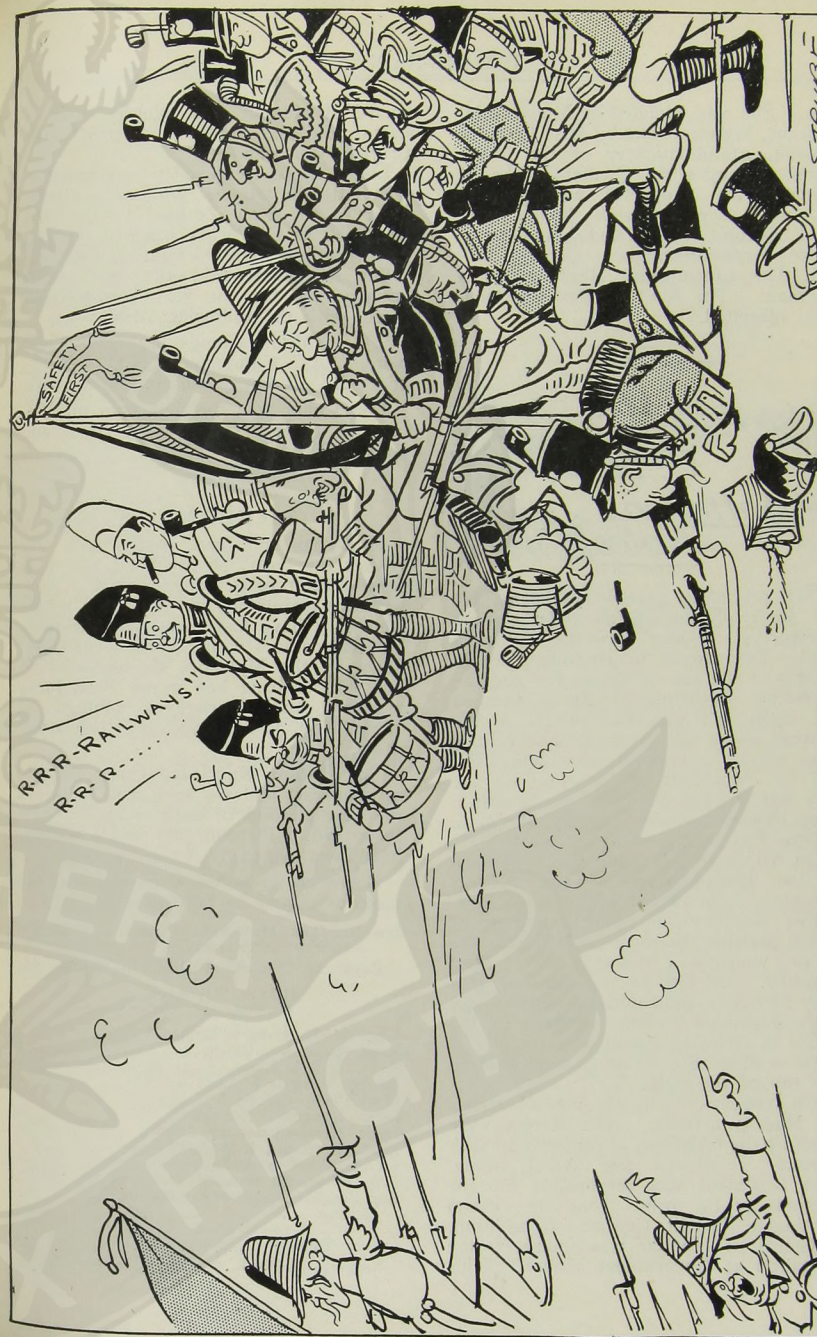
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THE MARRIAGE OF MAJOR-GENERAL C. R. SIMPSON, C.B.

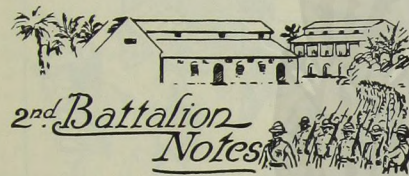
We publish an extract from the *Morning Post* of the marriage of Major-General C. R. Simpson, C.B. The Regiment was represented by Capt. C. W. Haydon, M.C.:—

"Brigadier-General Cochrane gave away his sister, Miss Mary Cochrane, daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Cochrane, rector of Stapleford Abbots, Essex, at her marriage to Major-General Simpson, C.B., of Strathcar, Tavistock, Devon, which took place at St. Michael's Church, Chester-square, yesterday.

"With a frock of champagne-coloured crêpe-de-Chine the bride wore a coat of moiré velvet in a deeper shade, collared with fox fur, and a brown and gold felt hat, and carried a bouquet of cream



roses. She was attended by Miss Muriel Cochrane, her niece, and by Miss Leonora Simpson, grand-daughter of the bridegroom. They wore Quaker frocks of autumn-brown georgette and guipure lace, with lace mob-caps bound with velvet ribbon, and carried bouquets of bronze chrysanthemums. Captain Milford, The Lincolnshire Regiment, was best man. The Rev. A. D. Gilbertson, R.N., officiated."



THE preceding quarter has been comparatively uneventful, and the most noteworthy incident was the All-India Rugby Tournament which took place in Madras at the end of September and the beginning of October. An account of this event will appear elsewhere in the Journal, so we will not duplicate the story here, except to congratulate Lieut. Else and the remainder of the team on the very fine display they put up against a more experienced side, namely, the Lancashire Fusiliers.

On Armistice Day a fair was organized at the Headquarters of the Madras Guards. Four or five of the many side-shows were run by the Regiment, of which perhaps the most popular was the Chute, which was in the hands of Mrs. Appelbe. It has been estimated that over fifty thousand foot-pounds of energy were expended by the workers at the Chute in throwing the mats, on which its patrons descended, from ground-level to the top of the slide.

On November 12th, the new Governor of Madras arrived. The streets were lined by the Garrison, in conjunction with various Territorial and A.F.I. units. The Regiment was responsible for the sections of the route from the Central Station to Fort St. George. In addition, a Guard of Honour was found by the Battalion at Government House. This

Guard of Honour was complimented on its turn-out and handling of arms by the Brigade Commander.

Lieut. E. L. Heywood has returned to the Battalion after a two years' attachment to the New Zealand Forces, and Lieut. P. E. C. Tuckey has just rejoined us after eight months' leave in England.

On November 8th, the first cross-country run for the year 1929-30 took place, with the following result:—

"C" (M.G.) Company, "D" Company, "A" Company, "H.Q." Wing, and "B" Company bringing up the rear.

Pte. Coker was the first man in, Pte. Stevens ("D" Company) second, and L./Cpl. Woodley third.

CRICKET NOTES.

Rain has interfered sadly with our cricket this year, so much so that it is very difficult to get any practice. Still, we have maintained our unbeaten record which we have had since 1923 inclusive, but our colours would have been hauled down by the Mylapore Recreation Club on October 22nd had it not been for a masterly and courageous innings by Lieut. Else, as the score sheet below will show.

The Platoon Knock-out Competition is in progress, and we have got as far as the best platoon of each company. Of these, No. 7 Platoon, last year's holders, have been beaten by No. 3 Platoon.

Below are given the score sheets of the matches played so far this season:—

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT V. H.M.S. "ENTERPRISE."

Played at Chepauk, Madras, on October 7th.

H.M.S. "ENTERPRISE."

1st Innings.

Ldg.-Tel. Pattenden b Addinall	...	...	0
Lieut. Davis b Addinall	...	...	6
Sergt. Hall b Kemp	...	...	0
Md.-Sp. Borgnis b Addinall	...	...	0
Lieut.-Cmdr. Grindle b Kemp	...	...	1
Lieut. Lampen b Addinall	...	...	0
Lieut. Morrison not out	...	...	10
Lieut. Brackman b Addinall	...	...	1
C.O.A. Wiles b Addinall	...	...	6
A.B. Withenden b Addinall	...	...	4
Boy Seggar c Glover b Addinall	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	2

Total 32

Bowling.—Addinall, 8 for 17; Kemp, 2 for 13.

2nd Innings.

Md.Sp. Borgnis b Glover	...	...	44
Lieut. Morrison b Mewitt	...	...	0
Lieut. Davis b Glover	...	...	24
A.B. Withenden c Mewitt b Glover	...	...	0
Lieut.-Cmdr. Grindle b Glover	...	...	0
Lieut. Lampen run out	...	...	0
Ldg.-Tel. Pattenden c Mewitt b Broadbridge	...	...	0
Lieut. Brackman run out	...	...	1
Sergt. Hall b Gilbert	...	...	1
C.O.A. Wiles c Glover b Gilbert	...	...	0
Boy Seggar not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	15

Total 85

Bowling.—Mewitt, 1 for 24; Glover, 4 for 32; Broadbridge, 1 for 14.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Lieut. Gilbert c Davis b Borgnis	...	...	7
Sergt. Capel not out	...	...	35
Sergt. Addinall c Grindle b Pattenden	...	...	51
Bdsn. Broadbridge b Pattenden	...	...	5
Bdsn. Gilbert not out	...	...	12
Extras	...	...	19

Total (for 3 wickets) 129

Pte. Lloyd, C.Q.M.S. Glover, Sergt. Mewitt, Cpl. Kemp, Lieut. Stephenson and Capt. Procter did not bat.

Middlesex Regiment won by an innings and 12 runs.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT V. THE MYLAPORE RECREATION CRICKET CLUB.

Played at the Garrison Ground, Madras, on October 27th.

MYLAPORE RECREATION CLUB.

Venkatapathy b Glover	...	...	1
Kanniah b Addinall	...	...	7
Krishnaswami c Else b Addinall	...	...	101
Venkatashubban c Addinall b Glover	...	...	3
Krishnamurthy b Glover	...	...	0
Parthasarathy lbw b Kemp	...	...	35
Rajagopal c Capel b Addinall	...	...	10
K. R. Krishnaswami st Capel b Stephenson	...	...	7
V. G. Ramchander not out	...	...	3
Extras	...	...	13

Total (for 8 wickets dec.) 186

Pany and P. S. Ramchander did not bat.

Bowling.—Kemp, 1 for 55; Glover, 3 for 39; Addinall, 3 for 48; Stephenson, 1 for 16.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Capt. Procter c and b Parthasarathy	...	...	3
Sergt. Capel b Parthasarathy	...	...	2
Sergt. Addinall c and b Ramchander	...	...	0
Lieut. Stephenson b Parthasarathy	...	...	10
Major Wollocombe b Ramchander	...	...	2
Lieut. Else not out	...	...	33
C.Q.M.S. Glover b Parthasarathy	...	...	3
Cpl. Kemp c and b Parthasarathy	...	...	0
Cpl. Painter run out	...	...	1

Pte. Lloyd b Parthasarathy	...	...	3
Boy Riseley not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	15

Total (for 9 wickets) 72
Match drawn.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT V. THE NATIONAL CRICKET CLUB.

Played at the Garrison Ground, Madras, on November 10th.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Lieut. Heywood c and b Ranghaen	...	...	9
Sergt. Capel b Nogalingam	...	...	0
Capt. Procter not out	...	...	48
Lieut. Stephenson run out	...	...	10
Major Wollocombe st b Sarhagari	...	...	9
Sergt. Addinall b Saramsugh	...	...	6
Sergt. Glover c and b Theobald	...	...	22
Cpl. Kemp b Theobald	...	...	7
Cpl. Painter not out	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	9

Total (for 7 wickets dec.) 124

Pte. Lloyd and Bdsn. Broadbridge did not bat.

NATIONAL CRICKET CLUB.

Saramsugh b Kemp	...	...	6
Theobald c Capel b Addinall	...	...	13
Nogalingam b Addinall	...	...	0
Balu c Broadbridge b Kemp	...	...	1
Rattons b Addinall	...	...	1
Easwaramy not out	...	...	7
Jayaram b Addinall	...	...	0
Sarhagari c Broadbridge b Kemp	...	...	0
Krashmysami b Addinall	...	...	3
Appu st Capel b Addinall	...	...	0
Ranganathen b Addinall	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	2

Total 34

Bowling.—Addinall, 7 for 15; Kemp, 3 for 17. Middlesex Regiment won by 90 runs.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT "B" TEAM V. M.C.C. "B" TEAM.

Played at Chepauk, Madras, on November 17th.
M.C.C.

Major Wollocombe c Broadbridge b Winterburn	...	...	4
L. G. Luku c Winterburn b Gilbert	...	...	5
E. M. Kilbane b Gilbert	...	...	2
De Clevmont b Mewitt	...	...	15
Lieut.-Col. Bradfield lbw b Gilbert	...	...	7
G. B. W. Woodroffe b Mewitt	...	...	12
Capt. Stewart c Broadbridge b Painter	...	...	5
Mr. Patterson b Gilbert	...	...	15
D. G. Roy not out	...	...	28
H. R. Powis c Else b Gilbert	...	...	3
F. Smith c Heywood b Winterburn	...	...	10
Extras	...	...	14

Total 120

Bowling.—Winterburn, 2 for 22; Gilbert, 4 for 24; Painter, 1 for 13; Mewitt, 2 for 13; Gilbert, 1 for 8.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Lieut. Heywood b Smith ...	5
C.S.M. Colbourne b Powis ...	2
Lieut. Else b Powis ...	13
Lieut. Gilbert b Powis ...	3
Cpl. Painter c Wollocombe b Smith ...	2
Pte. Lloyd b Smith ...	5
Bdsn. Broadbridge not out ...	35
Bdsn. Gilbert lbw b Smith ...	9
Sergt. Mewitt b Smith ...	4
Pte. Daly b Smith ...	8
Pte. Winterburn b Powis ...	2
Extras ...	9

Total ... 97

Middlesex Regiment "B" Team lost by 23 runs.

BATTALION RUGGER NOTES.

We arrived in Madras to discover very soon afterwards that we had to find a team to enter for the All-India Rugby Tournament, to be played in Madras.

Fortunately, we had a good number of officers to form a nucleus, and a few men who had played a little.

On the whole, the game was quite new to the Battalion, which had not played rugger since it was in Singapore.

The lack of rain and the hardness of the ground made any serious practice games impossible. The Gymkhana Club gave us a great amount of courage and assistance, and after a few scrum practices on our side, gave us a game in which we acquitted ourselves quite well.

We had games against their XV regularly twice a week.

Owing to the lack of time, we decided to concentrate on the Battalion XV alone, but were handicapped by the Battalion being split up and by the lack of experience among the men. A fairly well-matched pack was chosen early, and soon got together and played some really good hard games against the Gymkhana pack, which was also trying hard to get ready for the tournament.

Unfortunately, owing to their size, several useful players had to be dropped, as the scrum had to make up in weight what it lacked in experience and drill. The outsiders consisted chiefly of officers, but we had to find an inside three-quarter who could run straight and hold passes, and a full back who could tackle and find touch.

We had scarcely two months in which to make up our XV, and we could not play often enough, as the Gymkhana

could only give us two fixtures a week, and there were no grounds fit to play on except the one at the Club.

However, the team were fit by the time of the tournament, but the forwards were not trained to the standard they should reach next year helped by the experience of this. The outsiders were fast and could tackle really well, but sometimes in attack the three-quarters were liable to lose their places. We found that in the first round we had drawn the Lancashire Fusiliers, who have an excellent pack and who won the Madras Tournament last year.

Our game against them was one which will be remembered by all who saw it.

The game seems to be popular in the Battalion, and practically every man was shouting during our game in the tournament, and such encouragement helped us a great deal in putting up the game we did.

Now that rugger has started, we hope that by the time we get home really good rugger will be played in companies, and that our Battalion XV will be one which we can depend upon to win a good game.

EXTRACT FROM "THE MADRAS MAIL" OF
SEPTEMBER 27TH, 1929.

ALL-INDIA RUGBY TOURNAMENT
BEGINS.

LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS BEAT THE
MIDDLESEX

IN LAST MINUTE EFFORT.

A GREAT GAME.

If the first game of the tournament, that between the Lancashire Fusiliers and the Middlesex Regiment, is any criterion of what is to follow, Rugger "fans" in Madras will be reduced to nervous wrecks before the tournament is over. For sustained excitement the game under review would be hard to beat, and the Lincs won by the last kick of the game in the last minute of extra time, by a dropped goal and a penalty goal (7 points) to a try (3 points). If the Lincs had slightly the better of the game territorially, they did not cross their opponents' line, and the Middlesex may on that account be considered unlucky to lose.

The Lincs lost one of their backs half-way through the game, but on the other hand Baldwin was a passenger, though a very gallant one, throughout the second half. The early exchanges were even, and after a dangerous movement by the Lincs three-quarters had been checked by the award of a free kick, Stephenson and Gilbert got away and Gower looked likely to score, but his pass to Else was forward. An exchange of free kicks followed, that taken by Else gaining fully 50 yards. Hereabouts Dalton was prominent with some well judged kicking which gained his side a lot of ground. The Middlesex relieved with a fine forward rush to the centre, but from a scrum the Lincs three-quarters got going and only a splendid tackle by Gilbert saved a try. Continued pressure by the Lincs kept the Middlesex on the defensive, and at length a free kick was awarded the Fusiliers in front of goal and Trolan successfully negotiated it. Before half-time the Middlesex attacked strongly, again through Stephenson, Gilbert and Gower, and it looked as if the latter might have scored if he had gone on instead of passing. This was followed by another great run by Stephenson and Gilbert, but Bracken brought off a timely tackle, and at the interval there was no further score, though Hughes nearly wriggled through.

The second half was full of incident, and after an exchange of free kicks a Lincs three-quarter fumbled his pass, and Gower gained possession and was off at full speed. Nobody looked like tackling him, and he outpaced everyone and scored in the corner, Gilbert failing with a difficult kick. Thereafter it would be a fair criticism to say that the Lincs had two-thirds of the game, but Stephenson and Gilbert, with assistance from Palmer, repeatedly relieved with well-judged kicks. Greville once broke away, but his pass was forward, and West, who had come out of the scrum, produced the cleverest move of the game when he slung out a very long pass to Langlands. Gower averted the danger with a good tackle. There was no further scoring, and no-side being called an extra five minutes each way was played.

The extra period was splendidly contested, though both sides rather overdid their kicking. Just as everyone was

resigned to a replay, the ball came out to Dalton, who steadied himself and dropped a neat goal just as the whistle blew.

Praise for the winners, more particularly for their pack, must not be lost sight of in the general congratulations received by the losers on their wonderfully plucky fight. Let there be no mistake about it, the Lincs beat what was on the day's play a thoroughly good side. The defensive work of Stephenson and Gilbert, particularly the latter, was beyond praise. Gower was adequate in everything he did, Palmer in no way suffered from comparison with Bracken, and Baldwin put up the stoutest of shows in spite of his injury. The forwards, led by Else with his customary vigour, stuck to their task with great spirit, but the Lincs' heeling was definitely the better. West led the Lincs' pack splendidly, and when he came out of the scrum looked as dangerous as any three-quarter on the side. Dalton did many good things, but was inclined to hang on to the ball too long, and rather overdid his kicking, though it must be admitted that he gained a lot of ground for his side. Langlands, like Jacobs, had little to do, and did that little well. Both full backs fielded cleanly and kicked accurately and with considerable length. A great game.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

During the past quarter, soccer has rather taken second place to rugger. Nevertheless, the Battalion team were able to play two matches against H.M.S. *Enterprise*, both of which we won.

The Battalion has plenty of young men who, with experience, should turn into really useful players.

No. 3 Platoon of "A" Company won the Inter-Platoon Competition, and it was an exceedingly good feature to note that there was considerably more heartiness displayed in this year's football than in last. It was certainly a lack of such that prevented us from doing better in Regimental matches during last season. Our rugger enthusiasts have shown us how to play hard, and we cannot do better than emulate them.

The Madras football season is starting now, and so there should be full reports in the next Journal.

"A" COMPANY NOTES.

On October 4th we moved from St. Thomas's Mount to Fort St. George. The change is probably appreciated, as a prolonged spell of country life is apt to pall. Still, we can look back on some very pleasant days spent in Lawrence Barracks, St. Thomas's Mount.

Prior to our move, we held our Company Sports Meeting, which was a most successful event. Considering the state of the track, some good times were put up. Ptes. Coker and Og Brown and L./Cpl. Woodley showed their pre-eminence in the long-distance events, while in the short track and field events Sergt. Beaveridge, Pte. Miller, L./Cpls. Frewin, Hornett, Palmer and Dujardin, and Ptes. Snelling and Cordell figured prominently. A new and very popular event was the 220 Yards "All-in" Inter-Platoon Relay. In this event, the whole Company competed; thus every individual man was given the opportunity to help his platoon in the Athletic Championship. No. 2 Platoon won the championship from No. 1 Platoon by one point, the issue being in doubt until the last race. Our all-round athletic talent gives us good hopes of repeating last year's success in the Battalion Sports, which take place in February. The presentation of prizes by Mrs. Bennett concluded a very enjoyable meeting.

Prior also to our move, we entertained all those leaving us in the coming trooping season. When "troopers" are on the tide, we realize how time is passing and how quickly our own seven years are rolling on. Some have joined us "just for experience," and some have taken up the Army as a profession. In the latter category we specially note Sergt. Heath, who leaves us after twenty years' service with the Regiment. Sergt. Heath joined the old 3rd Battalion in South Africa in 1904, and has since soldiered in Peking, Hong-Kong, Singapore, and India, to mention but a few delectable stations. To him and to all who are now returning to civil life we wish the very best of luck. Our farewell dinner to them was a quiet function, and was much appreciated by all concerned. Thanks here are due to the Company Cook and his staff for the excellent menu provided at comparatively short notice.

"Cookie," the Lance-Corporal, kept everybody amused with reminiscences of his long service abroad. He had overlooked the fact that "Ticker" was present to check up his memoirs.

Shortly after our arrival in the Fort, our draft joined us. There are no Primo Carneras amongst them, but there are some really keen boxers and some likely soccer and rugger enthusiasts. The draft have not had time to show their prowess on the football field, but they produced a very strong entry for the last Novices' Boxing Competition, Pte. Tyde-man being the most successful in his weight, and Pte. Woodward being a runner-up. Of our "old hands," Pte. Carter and L./Cpl. Morriss won their weights, and Pte. Gibbons was a runner-up. L./Cpl. Dujardin, after having won his first fight in great style, became medically unfit. Ptes. Pearce, Preston and Tucker won good losers' prizes. Outside the novices' classes, we won three Battalion Belts: L./Cpl. Palmer, light heavy-weight; L./Cpl. Smith, middle-weight; and Pte. Hines, welter-weight.

At football we take our hats off to No. 3 Platoon for winning the Inter-Platoon Battalion Football Competition. It is now three years since "A" Company have walked off with a Platoon Shield, so it is about time we began. In the Battalion Football League we have won our first match, beating "B" Company by 4 goals to 2. It seems that at last we have found some goal-scorers!

In the Inter-Platoon Cricket, No. 1 Platoon met their old rivals, No. 7, and avenged last year's defeat. We are now in the semi-finals.

Rugger also claims our attention, and with Lieut. Gilbert, L./Cpl. Palmer and Pte. Brown in the Regimental team, and L./Cpls. Frewin and Poulter reserves, we hope to go far in the Company Knock-out. Rugger, perhaps, is our most steady form of exercise now that the monsoon is upon us. Fields where a ball is accurately centred or punched to the boundary for a four on one day are on the next wallowing grounds where water buffaloes gyre and gimble in the slush.

We have had a few changes in the Company. We welcome Capt. Manson, M.C., from the Depot, and hope that his posting to the Company will be per-

manent. We also welcome Sergt. Capel, who is Acting C.Q.M.S. We are glad to see him, not only for his "big weeks," but for his sportsmanship. We offer him our congratulations on his temporary appointment, which we hope will become permanent. He started his career as Company Storeman in this Company, and that was a few years ago.

L./Sergt. Wright and Cpl. Chalkley have returned from leave looking fat and well. They tell us that Home is the same as it used to be. Cpl. Cartwright has just returned from his "brain" course, and we congratulate him on gaining his certificate.

Christmas is upon us, and, although the greeting will be belated by the time these notes are in print, we wish all at home the very best for the coming year.

Ack Coy.

"B" COMPANY NOTES.

Before we left Wellington we played off the Platoon Football, which was won by No. 7.

There were two games of cricket played against the "H.Q." Wing of the 2nd Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers, in which we won the first by one wicket and lost the second by 52 runs.

We arrived back at the Fort on October 16th, where we found it very hot after our long stay in the hills.

The Battalion Platoon Football Knock-out started on October 18th, when No. 7 met No. 3. The game was not very interesting, and it resulted in No. 3 Platoon winning by one goal.

The quarterly cross-country run took place on November 4th, in which we came last, but when we get up to the Mount, we hope to be able to improve our position.

The Novices' Boxing entries were not up to expectations, but a number who did enter did quite well. Pte. Arney won his weight. There were quite a number who entered for the belt competitions. The light-weight belt was won by Pte. Bond, a newcomer, who beat Pte. Sayers on points. Pte. Barry put up a very good fight, but just lost on points.

We played the men of the French cruiser *Tourville*, which is on a world tour, at football, on a ground which was half under water. The result of the

game was a draw, as it was not possible to kick the ball more than a few inches at a time in front of the goals.

We welcome the men who joined us when we got back from Wellington, and hope that they will be happy out in India. We also welcome C.S.M. Beasley, who has just arrived from England.

The Company Football League has just started, and we played our first game on November 18th against "A" Company, who won by 4-2. Our second game was on the 22nd, against "C" (M.G.) Company, at the Mount, the result being a win for us by 2-0.

In the Inter-Platoon Battalion Cricket, No. 7 Platoon played No. 1 Platoon. It was a very exciting game to watch. No. 7 lost the first innings by 21 runs. In the second innings, No. 1 made 59 and so gave No. 7 81 to make in about forty-five minutes. In the first fifteen minutes the score rose to 35, but after that the runs came slowly, and No. 7 were all out for 62, thus losing the game by 19 runs.

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

This being our first contribution since the formation of the M.G. Company, time has not permitted us to give our fullest account. Nevertheless, with our able staff, training is in full swing, and excellent results are expected. Our officers are Capt. Appelbe, Capt. Roberts, M.C., and Lieuts. Baldwin, Else and Ferguson. C.S.M. Palmer, C.Q.M.S. Hills, and Pte. White complete our Company Office.

One hundred and ten men fired the A.M.G.C., averaging 182.92 points. We must congratulate all who fired on their fine effort, especially Pte. Drake and Lieut. Else on obtaining the highest scores up to date. We have some forty men still to fire, and hope they will advance our average still higher. It was hard luck that the firers in the Southern Command Competition failed to reach scratch on the day of the shoot. They lost by 15 points.

In the Battalion revolver shoots we were successful in the first shoot, and second to "H.Q." Wing in the second shoot. We hope they will do well when firing their course.

The cross-country run was the first section competition to be held. Great

keenness was shown in the trials, resulting in a close finish on the final day. The result was "D," "A," "B," "E," "C," and "F" Sections. The first five men home were McDonald, Daly, L./Cpl. Copelin, Drake, and Endersby. Lieut. Ferguson trained the first twenty men home for a strenuous two weeks. The team ran excellently in the Battalion Cross-Country Run and proved comfortable winners. Congratulations to Lieut. Ferguson and his team.

FOOTBALL.

We have finished our combined Section Knock-out, resulting in "C" and "D" Sections representing the Company. In the finals, they met No. 3 Platoon, who played an excellent game, while the Gunners failed to rise to their usual form. Better luck next time.

CRICKET.

Here "A" and "B" Sections met "C" and "D" Sections in the Company final. "A" and "B" were lucky to get rid of Sergt. Addinall so cheaply. We hope they will go a long way in the Battalion Knock-out.

NOVICES' BOXING.

Our entries, although few, went a long way. Parker won his weight in Class "A," and Saddington in Class "B." Tatt lost his challenge for the middle-weight belt, Baker and Sergt. Johnson lost after a hard fight in the finals. The remaining competitors need more practice before they will meet the public eye. The standard of boxing in the Company is not high, and we hope to see more interest and keenness shown in this sport next time.

Congratulations to Sergt. Nash and Cpl. Parsler on their excellent results at the Machine Gun Wing.

We should like to take the opportunity of showing our appreciation of our A./C.Q.M.S. for the keenness shown by him and of the way in which he placed his own bicycle lamp out for night firing. We are sorry he failed to hit it; we advise all who in future cycle up to the range to lock their lamps to their bicycles.

We welcome to the Company Ptes. Boitault, Clegg, Toon and Hulkes, and wish them the best of luck.

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

On our return from Wellington, we went to the Fort and took over the old quarters we vacated on leaving for the hills. We lost a number of men to "C" (M.G.) Company, and took over about the same number from the old "C" Company. We trust that these men will have shaken down in their new companies.

We took over the usual guards and duties, so during this period very little training was accomplished, except perhaps on the sand-table.

Platoons started playing games in earnest. No. 16 Platoon won the Hockey and Soccer Leagues; No. 14 won the Cross-Country, and No. 15 the Cricket Knock-out later at the Mount. No. 16 is at the top of the Inter-Platoon Championship at the moment.

No. 16 Platoon later lost to No. 3 Platoon, "A" Company, in the semi-final of the Platoon Knock-out Competition.

On October 4th, we marched to the Mount and took over "A" Company's lines. I think most of us were glad to say good-bye to the Fort for a little while. Then commenced a three weeks' period of Platoon Training on the somewhat limited training ground at our disposal there. A draft of twenty-four men joined us at about this period. They included a number of men good at games and all of them appear to have a good sporting spirit. We welcome them to "D" Company.

The first Novices' Boxing Meeting was held on October 28th, 29th and 30th and November 1st.

About forty men of "D" Company entered, but the Medical Officer was not agreeable in every case. Congratulations to all entrants, especially to No. 13 Platoon, who headed the list. Special congratulations to L./Cpl. Warnes on retaining his heavy-weight belt, and to the following who either won their weights or did well:—

Ptes. o8 Smith, Markham, French and Chapman, and L./Cpls. Smith, Mills and Fricker (on a good fight).

We ran second to "C" (M.G.) Company in the Battalion Cross-Country Run. Congratulations to Lieut. Jacob on his excellent training and his own spirited

performance. Congratulations also to "C" (M.G.) Company on beating us. We take off our hats to Sergt. Mewitt for finding a place in the team at his age, and to all who ran. Pte. Stevens was second home, a yard or two behind the winner. We hope to see him go up a place next year.

We have lost a few of the "old hands" lately, and among them two belt-holders, L./Cpls. Brown and Sweeting. We wish them all the best of luck in civilian life. We shall long remember L./Cpl. Brown, not only as a boxer, but as a personality and a good soldier.

We welcome Sergt. Simmonds to "D" Company, and C.S.M. Hart from leave. Capt. Lawrence has taken over "D" Company from Capt. Kempster, and we welcome him and wish him the best of luck whilst commanding us. We also welcome Lieut. E. L. Heywood, who has rejoined his old company after two years' duty in New Zealand.

A VISIT TO SERINGAPATAM.

The Company has been stationed for the past two months at Wellington, a health resort in the Nilgiri Hills, along with detachments of several other units.

A trip was arranged by the Commandant to Seringapatam for a few N.C.Os. and men of the units of the hill sanatorium belonging to regiments concerned in the capture of the Fort.

Four representatives were sent from the Suffolk Regiment (12th Foot), the Duke of Wellington's Regiment (33rd Foot), and the Middlesex Regiment (77th Foot). We arrived at Mysore late in the afternoon, and the following morning set out for Seringapatam, about twelve miles away.

The party was conducted by the Rev. Bull, who is an authority on Indian History.

The first place visited was a memorial erected to the memory of General Baillie, who, with a small force, was attacked by Haider Ali, the father of Tippoo Sultan, and taken prisoner to the Fort, where he died. This was a minor event in the First Mysore War of 1792.

We then went to the tomb of Haider Ali and Tippoo Sultan close by. This is a splendid example of a Mohammedan

tomb, and is kept in a good state of repair.

In the same grounds is a small cemetery containing graves of members of the 33rd Foot and their families who died in Seringapatam.

From there we went to Tippoo's summer palace on the riverside. This was used as a residence by Sir Arthur Wellesley after the capture of the Fort. It was not possible to take a photograph of the palace, but it is a beautiful place, the outer walls being covered with frescoes depicting Haider Ali's and Tippoo's victories over the British. Inside, the walls and ceilings are carved and covered with gilt scroll.

Next we went to the Fort itself. It stands on an island in the River Cauvery, which fact, combined with its fortifications, made it almost impregnable in old times.

From the outside can be seen two tall minarets belonging to a temple. This temple was the cause of the rise of Seringapatam. Some hundreds of years ago, some Brahmin priests founded a temple on the island, which in time became a place of pilgrimage, and soon a city grew up around it and spread to the banks of the river, but in a few years malaria wiped out so many of the population that the town was deserted and set up on its present site. The town is now Mysore City.

The Fort is protected by a double moat and two walls, the inner and outer defences. Just inside the gates and under the walls are some very dark and damp dungeons, and in these a General Mathews was slowly poisoned to death by Haider Ali. It was this incident that led to the siege and capture of Seringapatam some time afterwards.

When Haider Ali died, Tippoo came to the throne of Mysore, and for some years was a thorn in the side of the British who at last decided to teach him a lesson, and on May 4th, 1799, began the Siege of Seringapatam under General Baird.

It was decided to put a breaching battery on the banks of the river opposite a spot where the water had washed away part of the glacis. For three days, a continual bombardment was kept up on this weak point, while the defenders were prevented from repairing the

damage by the fire from the remainder of the troops.

Although the breach had not been properly made, it was decided to attack at about 1 o'clock in the afternoon on the fourth day. The 77th were the first to cross the river and enter the partly made breach. After heavy fighting on the walls, a company of the 12th Foot (Suffolks) managed to run along the outer wall and cross a temporary bridge over the outer moat, close behind where were Tippoo and some of his men who had tried to take their attackers in the rear by crossing the moat and going round the wall. Tippoo and his party were caught in a narrow gateway and killed. In the meantime, the 33rd and 77th had got through the breach, and, Tippoo being killed, the Fort surrendered.

We visited the spot on the breach where Lieut. Lawrence, of the 77th, was propped up, after being badly wounded and left for dead, by a Sergt. Graham, who planted the Regimental Colour on the wall by his side.

The last place we saw was another group of dungeons near the breach, where British prisoners were kept chained up for years. Some of them were put to death by being strangled by professional wrestlers, and others by having a nail driven into their heads. A record of this is in the summer palace.

A monument marks the spot where the breach was made, inscribed with the names of the officers and men who were killed during the taking of the Fort. The 77th losses were: killed, Capt. Owen and 10 other ranks; wounded, 51; missing, 1.

DRUM NOTES.

Since last quarter's notes, very little has happened here, except in the way of sport, in which we have been kept pretty busy without too much success.

We won the Company Football League after some strenuous games, but lost to a platoon of "C" (M.G.) Company 1-2 in the Battalion Knock-out.

At cricket we did not get so far, losing to the Band in the first match by 20 runs. We came second in the Company Basketball League, giving way to the Band, who were at the top. We certainly hope to get a bit of our own back when the hockey comes along.

The Rugby Tournament was a great success in so much as the Battalion team put up quite a good show. By the time the next tournament comes along, we hope to see them go a lot farther.

We played out at one of the matches, and we seemed to please the onlookers, so I suppose we may call that a success, as we very rarely have an opportunity to show what we are like.

The "Madras Guards" Fête on November 11th in aid of ex-Service men, was a very successful show, especially from the point of view of one or two of the Drummers, who did such marvellous things at the "Crown and Anchor" and "Poker Dice" stalls. They went home by car, and we don't wonder at it. We watched them play.

We lose one of our number shortly, namely, L./Cpl. Holland, who goes to duty to try his hand at getting further promotion. We all wish him the best of luck.

We have had one or two additions since last quarter, the principal one being "Jock" Middleton who returns after a good spell at duty.

BAND NOTES.

Since the appearance of our last notes, much has happened and quite a number of changes have taken place.

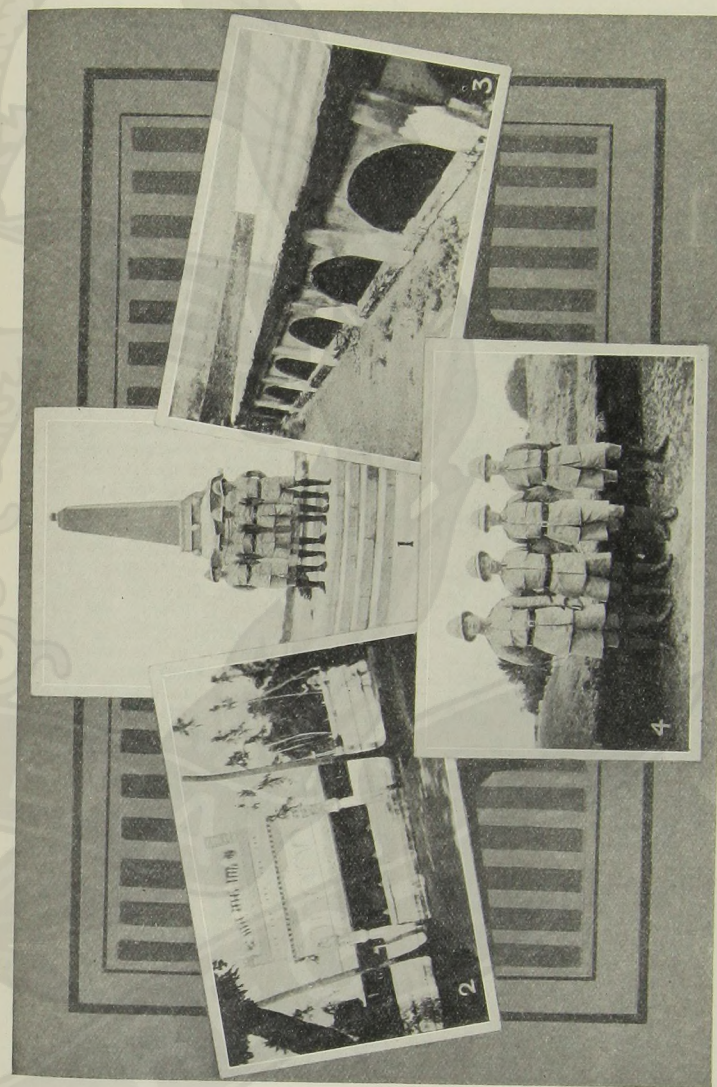
Cpl. Kemp has left us on being posted to "B" Company. His loss will be very much felt both at sport and at music. He is, however, not completely out of touch with the Band, for he plays out with us on important engagements.

Bdsn. Kingham, Simmons and Harrison are looking forward to the boat, so we all join in wishing them the best of luck in civilian life.

Five boys arrived with the last draft, and are just about settled down. All that remains is for them to show their talent. They are lucky, for the majority of their service will be spent in England.

Congratulations to Bdsn. Gower on being selected to play in the Battalion Rugby XV. After the All-India Tournament, Rugby practice became all the rage in view of the coming Company League. The Band are very keen, and so far are very prominent in the Company team.

By beating the Drums and Employed at cricket, we now represent the Company in the Platoon Knock-out.



SERINGAPATAM.

- 1.—Monument marking spot where Breach was made.
- 2.—Haider and Tippoo's Tomb.
- 3.—Dungeons where British Officers and Men were kept for many years.
- 4.—Spot where Lieut. Lawrence was placed with Flag during taking of Seringapatam.

Congratulations to Bdsn. Brettell on the fine show he put up during the last Battalion Boxing Meeting. He is now the bantam-weight belt-holder. Bdsn. Gordon was unlucky, but we hope to see him a belt-holder after the next meeting. We did exceedingly well during the Annual Course. Quite a number gained their "tanners," and only two lost theirs.

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Who was the man who lost his boots? Did he find them at Perambur?

SIGNAL SECTION.

Since the last notes, the Section have had a change-over and are now enjoying the Great Open Spaces at St. Thomas's Mount, and taking full advantage of the same for the purpose of training, both for the Collective Test and sports.

Annual Classification has taken place, and we congratulate Pte. Fisk on obtaining 99.97 per cent., which gains him the much-coveted Silver Flags.

We also congratulate Sergt. Knighton on his promotion and also on passing the A.I.'s Course at Poona.

We produced the winner of the Wing Cross-Country Run, namely, Pte. 90 Walker, who also ran exceptionally well in the Battalion event.

The Section were well represented in the boxing at Fort St. George, and put up some good fights. The "Training Camp" was very active, everybody dashing around in huge sweaters getting off weight.

"Lofty" has been collecting old socks for some time past to make a sweater, so we strongly advise somebody to look to their laurels in the next Novices' Competition.

We sustained a great loss to our hockey team by the departures of Pte. Buckingham to the United Kingdom and Pte. Bond to duty, but with a little more practice we hope to find worthy substitutes to fill the vacant positions from among the new Signallers.

We have had two good games with the Jats, drawing the first and losing the second, but as they had four company players performing, the 3-1 defeat was nothing to our discredit, and we are hoping to show them our proper form in the very near future.

We are losing Pte. Edwards, who is shortly proceeding to the United Kingdom on Vocational Training, but we wish emphatically to deny the rumour that he has been offered the post of storeman by the General Post Office. We wish him all the best, and hope he prospers in civilian life.

Some good times were spent with the sailors from H.M.S. *Enterprise*, especially by Pte. Williams, who capably explained to a "matloe" that forage caps are not laughing matters.

We congratulate L./Cpl. Hewitt and Pte. Bullock on being chosen to represent the Wing in the Company Football League.

ARMISTICE DAY.

IN spite of rough wind and driving rain, many friends gathered round our Regimental Memorial for the service of remembrance and thanksgiving on the morning of November 11th.

The Depot troops, together with representative detachments of the 8th and 9th Battalions, and Christ College Cadets, paraded under Capt. Haydon at 10.30 a.m. and, a hollow square having been formed round the Memorial, colour parties of the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions took up positions at the inner corners.

A choir, organized to lead the singing, and consisting of recruits, Depot staff and wives, flanked the piano at one side of the square, and, despite the roar of the wind, sang with verve and precision, their voices ably leading the rest.

The first part of the service was a memorial to those who gave their lives in the war, especially to thousands upon thousands of our Regiment, and for whom, at the conclusion of prayers and hymns, the "Last Post" was sounded and the Colours lowered. Immediately there followed that Two Minutes' Silence—the poignancy of which seems never to lessen with passing years. Simultaneously with its conclusion, the stillness was broken by the sounding of "Réveille" and the Colours were raised. Thereafter the many beautiful wreaths (a list of which is appended) were placed round the base of the Memorial, during which ceremony the choir sang "The King of Love

my Shepherd is." The service of thanksgiving followed.

The theme of Mr. Sheehan's address bore out the character of the service, in that it was not only a memorial to the gallant dead, but also one of thanksgiving for those who survived, and in a few trenchant words he called upon all present to remember those who were still suffering through the war, including the blind and otherwise disabled.

The wind and rain, though making things difficult for all, in no way marred the dignity and sincerity of the service, which closed with the hymn "Abide with me" and the National Anthem.

List of wreaths:—

Depot Officers; Depot Warrant Officers and Sergeants; Depot Corporals; Depot Privates; 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 11th Battalions; 7th City of London Regiment; 19th County of London Regiment; Regimental Association; Middlesex Territorial Association; Christ College Cadets; Messrs. Jones & Co. (a Liverpool firm of contractors engaged in repainting the barracks); and several others.

Among those present were Col. and Mrs. Passingham, Col. and Mrs. Baker, Lieut.-Col. S. C. M. Smith, Major and Mrs. Pargiter, Major and Mrs. Amor, Major and the Misses English, Capt. and Mrs. Horrocks, Lieut. and Mrs. Walden, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Goodall, Mr. Warren, Mr. Doherty, Mr. Sparkes, Mr. Bastable, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Edwin Jones, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Kerswill, Mrs. Lambourne, Mrs. Fordham, the Matron and Nurse from the Drapers' Cottage Homes, Capt. Howell, Mrs. Stapley, Miss R. Radclyffe, Miss D. Fyfe, Mr. and Mrs. Picton, Miss Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Brownell, Mrs. Goldstraw, Mrs. Clowes, Capt. and Mrs. Pringle, and Mrs. and Miss Buttery.

At 10 p.m. a detachment of the 12th Battalion, under Capt. Garstin, attended and placed a wreath on the Memorial. The "Last Post" was sounded by a Depot bugler, and the Rev. F. R. Sheehan, Vicar of St. Paul's, Mill Hill, was present and pronounced the Blessing.

Very sincere thanks are due to the Vicar for his presence on these two occasions.

THE LONDON GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1799.

Downing-Street, September 13, 1799.

A DISPATCH, of which the following is an Extract, was received this Morning by the Ship Sarah Christiana.

Extract of a Letter from the Earl of Mornington to the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, dated Fort Saint George, May 16, 1799.

YESTERDAY I received the enclosed Dispatch from Lieutenant-General Harris, containing the Details of the Capture of Seringapatam; they require no Comment, and I am persuaded that no Solicitation is necessary to induce you to recommend the incomparable Army which has gained this glorious Triumph, to the particular Notice of His Majesty, and to the Applause and Gratitude of their Country. I also enclose a Copy of the General Orders that I issued on this glorious Occasion.

MY LORD, *Seringapatam, May 7, 1799.*

ON the 4th Instant, I had the Honor to address to your Lordship a hasty Note, containing in few Words the Sum of our Success, which I have now to report more in Detail.

The Fire of our Batteries, which began to batter in Breach on the 30th April, had on the Evening of the 3d Instant so much destroyed the Walls against which it was directed that the Arrangement was then made for affaulting the Place on the following Day, when the Breach was reported practicable. The Troops intended to be employed were stationed in the Trenches early in the Morning of the 4th, that no extraordinary Movement might lead the Enemy to expect the Affault, which I had determined to make in the Heat of the Day, as the Time best calculated to ensure Success, as their Troops would then be left prepared to oppose us.

Ten Flank Companies of Europeans, taken from those Regiments necessarily left to guard our Camp and Out-Posts, followed by the 12th, 33d, 73d, and 74th Regiments, and Three Corps of Grenadier Sepoys taken from the Troops of the Three Prefidencies, with Two Hundred of His Highness the

Nizam's Troops, formed the Party for the Affault, accompanied by One Hundred of the Artillery and the Corps of Pioneers, and supported in the Trenches by the Battalion Companies of the Regiment De Meuron, and Four Battalions of Madras Sepoys.—Colonel Sherbrooke, and Lieutenant-Colonels Dunlop, Dalrymple, Gardiner, and Mignan, commanded the several Flank Corps; and Major-General Baird was entrusted with the Direction of this important Service.

At One o'Clock the Troops moved from the Trenches, crossed the rocky Bed of the Cavery under an extremely heavy Fire, passed the Glacis and Ditch, and ascended the Breaches in the Fauſſe Braye and Rampart of the Fort, surmounting in the most gallant Manner every Obstacle which the Difficulty of the Passage and the Resistance of the Enemy presented to oppose their Progress. Major-General Baird had divided his Force for the Purpose of clearing the Ramparts to the Right and Left. One Division was commanded by Colonel Sherbrooke, the other by Lieutenant-Colonel Dunlop: the latter was disabled in the Breach; but both Corps, although strongly opposed, were completely successful. Resistance continued to be made from the Palace of Tippoo for some Time after all firing had ceased from the Works: Two of his Sons were there, who, on Assurance of Safety, surrendered to the Troops surrounding them; and Guards were placed for the Protection of the Family, most of whom were in the Palace. It was soon after reported that Tippoo Sultan had fallen. Syed Saheb, Meer Saduc, Syed Gofar, and many other of his Chiefs were also slain. Measures were immediately adopted to stop the Confusion at first unavoidable in a City strongly garrisoned, crowded with Inhabitants and their Property, in Ruins from the Fire of a numerous Artillery, and taken by Affault. The Princes were removed to Camp.

It appeared to Major-General Baird so important to ascertain the Fate of the Sultan, that he caused immediate Search to be made for his Body, which after much Difficulty, was found late in the Evening in one of the Gates under a Heap of Slain, and soon after placed in the Palace. The Corps was the next Day recognized by the Family, and interred, with the Honors due to his Rank, in the Mausoleum of his Father.

The Strength of the Fort is such, both from its natural Position and the stupendous Works by which it is surrounded, that all the Exertions of the brave Troops who attacked it, in whose Praise it is impossible to say too much, were required to place it in our Hands. Of the Merits of the Army I have expressed my Opinion in Orders, a Copy of which I have the Honor to enclose; and I trust your Lordship will point out their Services to the favorable Notice of their King and Country.

I am sorry to add that, on collecting the Returns of our Loss, it is found to be much heavier than I had at first imagined.

On the 5th Instant, Abdul Khalic, the elder of the Princes formerly Hostages with Lord Cornwallis, surrendered himself at our Out-Posts, demanding Protection. Kerim Saheb, the Brother of Tippoo, had before fought Refuge with Meer Allum Behauder. A. Cowl-Namah was Yesterday dispatched to Futteh Hyder, the eldest son of Tippoo, inviting him to join his Brothers. Purneah and Meer Kummerdeen Khan have also been summoned to Seringapatam; no Answers have yet been received, but I expect them shortly, as their Families are in the Fort.

This Moment Ali Reza, formerly one of the Vakeels from Tippoo Sultan to Lord Cornwallis, has arrived from Meer Kummerdeen Khan, to ask my Orders for Four Thousand Horse now under his Command. Ali Reza was commissioned to declare, that Meer Kummerdeen would make no Conditions, but rely on the Generosity of the English.

Monsieur Chapuy and most of the French are prisoners; they have Commissions from the French Government.

I have the Honor, &c.
(Signed) GEORGE HARRIS.

Abstract of a Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing, at the Affault of Seringapatam on the 4th of May 1799.

EUROPEANS.

Two Captains, Six Lieutenants, Three Serjeants, One Drummer, and Fifty-eight Rank and File, killed.

One Lieutenant-Colonel, Four Captains, Eight Lieutenants, Three Ensigns, Two Conductors, Twelve Serjeants, Five Drummers, and Two Hundred and Twenty-eight Rank and File, wounded.

One Serjeant and Three Rank and File, missing.

NATIVES.

Thirteen Rank and File, killed.

One Jemidar, Two Drummers, and Thirty-one Rank and File, wounded.

Two Rank and File, missing.

Names of Officers killed and wounded on the Affault.

Killed.—Lieutenant Mather of the 75th, and Captain Owen of the 77th, Flank Companies; Lieutenant Lalor of the 73d; Lieutenants Farquhar, Prendergraft, Hill, and Shawe, of the 74th; Captain Cormick of the Pioneers.

Wounded. — Lieutenants Turner, Broughton, and Skelton, of the 75th; Lieutenant-Colonel Dunlop and Lieutenant Laurence of the 77th; Lieutenant Webb of the Bombay Regiment; Captain Lardy and Lieutenant Matthey, of the Meuron Regiment, Flank Companies.—Lieutenant Shawe of the 76th, serving with the 12th; Captain Macleod, Lieutenant Thomas, Ensigns Antil and Guthrie, of the 73d; Captain Caldwell of the Engineers; and Captain Prescott of the Artillery.

Copy of General Orders, dated Camp at Seringapatam, 5th May, 1799.

"The Commander in Chief congratulates the gallant Army which he has the Honor to command, on the Conquest of Yesterday. The Effects arising from the Attainment of such an Acquisition as far exceed the present Limits of Detail, as the unremitting Zeal, Labour, and unparalleled Valour of the Troops surpass his Power of Praise. For Services so incalculable in their Consequences, he must consider the Army as well entitled to the Applause and Gratitude of their Country at large.

"While Lieutenant-General Harris sincerely laments the Loss sustained in the valuable Officers and Men who fell in the Attack, he cannot omit to return his Thanks in the warmest Terms to Major-General Baird for the decided and able Manner in which he conducted the Affault, and for the humane Measures which he subsequently adopted for preserving Order and Regularity in the Place. He requests that Major-General Baird will communicate to the Officers and Men who on that great Occasion acted under his Command, the

high Sense he must entertain of their Achievements and Merits.

"The Commander in Chief requests that Colonel Gent and the Corps of Engineers under his Orders will accept his Thanks for their unremitting Exertions in conducting the Duties of that very important Department; and his best Acknowledgments are due to Major Beatson, for the essential Assistance given to this Branch of the Service by the constant Exertion of his Ability and Zeal.

"The Merit of the Artillery Corps is so strongly expressed by the Effects of their Fire, that the Commander in Chief can only desire Colonel Smith to assure the Officers and Men of the excellent Corps under his Command, that he feels most fully their Claim to Approbation.

"In thus publicly expressing his Sense of their good Conduct, the Commander in Chief finds himself called upon to notice in a most particular Manner the Exertion of Captain Dowse and his Corps of Pioneers, which, during the present Service, have been equally marked by unremitting Labour, and the Ability with which that Labour was applied.

"On referring to the Progress of the Siege, so many Occasions have occurred for Applause to the Troops, that it is difficult to particularize individual Merit; but the gallant Manner in which Lieutenant-Colonel Shaw the Honourable Colonel Welleſley, Lieutenant-Colonel Money Penny, the Honourable Lieutenant-Colonel St. John, Major MacDonald, Major Skelby, and Lieutenant-Colonel Wallace, conducted the Attacks on the several Out-Works and Posts of the Enemy, demands to be recorded. And the very spirited Attack led by Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell of His Majesty's 74th Regiment, which tended so greatly to secure the Position our Troops had attained in the Enemy's Works on the 26th Ultimo, claims the strongest Approbation of the Commander in Chief.

"The important Part taken by the Bombay Army, since the Commencement of the Siege, in all the Operations which led to its honorable Conclusion, has been such as well sustains its long established Reputation. The gallant Manner in which the Post at the Village of Agrar was seized by the Force under Colonel Hart, the Ability displayed in directing the Fire of the Batteries established there, the Vigor with

which every Attack of the Enemy on the Out-Posts of that Army was repulsed, and the Spirit shewn in the Assault of the Breach by the Corps led by Lieutenant-Colonel Dunlop, are Points of particular Notice, for which the Commander in Chief requests Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart will offer his best Thanks to the Officers and Troops employed.

"Lieutenant-General Harris trusts that Lieutenant-General Stuart will excuse his thus publicly expressing his Sense of the cordial Co-operation and Assistance received from him during the present Service; in the Course of which he has ever found it difficult to separate the Sentiments of his public Duty from the warmest Feelings of his private Friendship."

Extract from General Orders, dated Seringapatam, 8th May 1799.

"Lieutenant-General Harris has particular Pleasure in publishing to the Army the following Extract of a Report transmitted to him Yesterday by Major-General Baird, as it places in a distinguished Point of View the Merit of an Officer, on the very important Occasion referred to, whose general Gallantry and good Conduct since he has served with this Army have not failed to recommend him strongly to the Commander in Chief."

"If, where all behaved nobly, it is proper to mention individual Merit, I know no Man so justly entitled to Praise as Colonel Sherbrooke, to whose Exertions I feel myself much indebted for the Success of the Attack."

True Copies,

(Signed) P. A. AGNEW,
Military Secretary.

Copy of General Orders issued by the Earl of Mornington, Fort St. George, 15th May 1799.

THE Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council, having this Day received from the Commander in Chief of the Allied Army in the Field the Official Details of the glorious and decisive Victory obtained at Seringapatam on the 4th of May, offers his cordial Thanks and sincere Congratulations to the Commander in Chief, and to all the Officers and Men composing the gallant Army which achieved the Conquest of the Capital of Mysore on that memorable Day.

His Lordship views with Admiration the consummate Judgment with which the Assault was planned; the unequalled Rapidity, Animation, and Skill with which it was executed, and the Humanity which distinguished its final Success.

Under the Favor of Providence and the Justice of our Cause, the established Character of the Army had inspired an early Confidence, that the War in which we were engaged would be brought to a speedy, prosperous, and honorable Issue.

But the Events of the 4th of May, while they have surpassed even the sanguine Expectations of the Governor-General in Council, have raised the Reputation of the British Arms in India to a Degree of Splendour and Glory unrivalled in the military History of this Quarter of the Globe, and seldom approached in any Part of the World.

The Lustre of this Victory can be equalled only by the substantial Advantages which it promises to establish, in restoring the Peace and Safety of the British Possessions in India on a durable Foundation of genuine Security.

The Governor-General in Council reflects with Pride, Satisfaction, and Gratitude, that in this arduous Crisis, the Spirit and Exertion of our Indian Army have kept Pace with those of our Countrymen at Home; and that in India, as in Europe, Great Britain has found in the malevolent Designs of her Enemies an increasing Source of her own Prosperity, Fame, and Power.

By Order of the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council.

J. WEBBE, Sec. to Gov.

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES hopes to dine with the officers this year at the Annual Dinner.

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Junior United Service Club, Charles Street (off Haymarket), at 7.45 p.m. on June 25th.

Officers dining will be made honorary members of the Junior United Service Club for the day, and will be able to use the Club and have lunch and tea if they desire. As admission to the J.U.S.C.

will be by card only (except for members of that Club), and as the J.U.S.C. will require seven clear days' notice before issuing cards, all officers intending to dine should apply to the Hon. Secretary, The Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7, by June 17th for their dinner cards.

N.B.—J.U.S.C. temporary membership cards will be sent out with the dinner cards.

An Executive Committee meeting was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, S.W., on October 30th, 1929.

Present:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L., in the chair, Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. G. B. Lempriere, Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Lieut.-Col. F. S. Stead, D.C.M., Capt. R. E. Foster, Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., Lieut. E. S. M. Ayscough, and Lieut. J. H. Clowes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The accounts of the Annual Dinner and Cricket Week were read and approved. The question of the Band expenses to be considered by the Hon. Secretary.

The following dates were approved for the Annual Fixtures, 1930:—

Annual Dinner.—June 25th.

At Homes.—June 26th and June 27th (Old Comrades' Gathering).

The following Committees were approved:—

Annual Dinner.—President, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel; members, Major J. N. Lamont, M.C., and O.C. Depot.

Cricket Week.—President, O.C. Depot; members, Adjutants of 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions.

Derby Sweepstake.—President, O.C. Depot; members, P.M.C. Depot and Hon. Secretary.

It was proposed and carried that the subscriptions for 1930 be allocated as follows:—

Office Expenses ...	1s. 6d.
Journal, etc. ...	4s. 6d.
Annual Dinner ...	6s. 0d.
Cricket Week ...	9s. 0d.

Proposed by Lieut.-Col. F. S. Stead and

seconded by Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley that a grant of £10 be made towards the upkeep of the Regimental Museum. (*Carried.*)

REGIMENTAL DERBY SWEEPSTAKE.

The Regimental Derby Sweepstake will be arranged and carried out by the Club as usual. Tickets £1 is. each.

Applications, accompanied by remittance, must reach the Hon. Secretary of the Club not later than May 1st, 1930. Applications received after that date cannot be entertained.

If any members are desirous of obtaining tickets for either of the Test Matches (cricket) at Lord's and the Oval, will they please apply to the Hon. Secretary of the Club at once.

The following fixtures have been arranged for the Cricket Week:—

June 23.—v. Cryptics, at Depot.

June 24.—v. Royal Fusiliers, at Depot.

June 25.—v. Free Foresters, at Depot.

June 26.—v. I Zingari, at Depot.

June 28.—v. Sandhurst Wanderers, away.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1929.

Amount of grants and loans made: £170 8s. 3d.

Special loan sanctioned by Executive Committee: £50.

Special grant sanctioned by Executive Committee: £15.

Grant from Royal Patriotic Fund in case No. C/3367: £5.

Number of cases dealt with: 194.

Number of cases assisted: 83.

Number of men registered for employment: 85.

Number of men found permanent employment: 6.

Number of men found temporary employment: 3.

Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 23.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, on October 30th, 1929. Present:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair), Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Cols. C. B. Lempriere and E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Cols. W. H. Samuel and F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Hon. Treasurer), Majors A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., and L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O. (Hon. Secretary), Capt. H. E. Foster, Lieut. E. S. M. Ayscough (representing 2nd Battalion), R.S.M. R. Mantell, R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, C.Q.M.S. S. F. Steadman, Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., Mr. F. E. Holmes, and the Assistant Secretary.

A special loan of £50 and a special grant of £15 were approved.

It was unanimously agreed that all members of the Regiment who hold the V.C. shall, in future, be invited to all Regimental functions.

A vote of thanks to Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., and Major W. W. Jefferd for their valuable services to the Association was passed unanimously.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., the Colonel of the Regiment, presided at the Annual General Meeting, which was held at the Wharnccliffe Rooms, Great Central Hotel, on November 2nd, 1929, when the Annual Report for 1928 was presented and adopted.

OLD COMRADES' DINNER.

The Annual Old Comrades' Dinner was held at the Wharnccliffe Rooms on the evening of November 2nd, 1929, when 331 Old Comrades, including many officers, were present. The gathering was universally considered the most successful and cheery ever held, and a most gratifying feature was the large attendance from the Depot, 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions, and the various branches of the 1st and 2nd 10th Battalion and 11th and 12th Battalions.

Loyal telegrams were sent to His Majesty the King and to the Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the following replies being received in the course of the evening:—

"General Sir Ivor Maxse, Old Comrades, Middlesex Regt. Dinner, Gt. Cen-

tral Hotel, M'bone,—Please convey to the Old Comrades of the Middlesex Regt. assembled at their annual dinner the King's sincere thanks for their loyal message.—Private Secretary."

"General Maxse, Middlesex Regiment, Gt. Central Hotel, Marylebone,—My sincere thanks to Old Comrades, Middlesex Regiment, for their kind telegram. I wish them a very pleasant evening.—Edward P., Colonel-in-Chief."

The guests of the evening were Sir Charles Pinkham, Chairman, and Mr. E. S. W. Hart, Clerk, of the Middlesex County Council. Lord Rochdale, the Lord-Lieutenant, Sir William Prescott, the High Sheriff and Mr. Cecil De Salis were invited, but were unavoidably absent through illness or other causes.

Other guests were Mr. R. E. Ryder, V.C., who found a hearty welcome among his old friends of the 12th Battalion, and In-Pensioners Hawkins and Howell from Chelsea Hospital. The first-named Pensioner is totally blind, but we have since heard from Major Lloyd-Jones that he thought it was a great treat and that he appreciated it immensely. Hawkins was happy to thank everyone for the very happy evening spent among his old comrades.

Messages, conveying hearty greetings and good wishes, were received from Old Comrades of the Royal Fusiliers and East Surrey Regiment.

After the loyal toasts, General Maxse proposed the toast of "The Regiment," alluding to the numbers present and to the representatives from the Service Battalions who have formed, or are about to form, branches of the Association. He also referred to the number of men placed in employment by the Association in 1928, and urged co-operation of members present, many of whom, he remarked, must be in a position to assist the Committee in their work of finding jobs for unemployed members.

Sir Charles Pinkham, who briefly responded for the visitors, spoke of the connection of the Regiment with the county of Middlesex.

The toast of "The Colonel and Officers of the Regiment" was proposed by Mr. E. J. Warren, a Zulu War veteran, in an able speech, and was responded to most enthusiastically with musical honours.

An excellent dinner was provided by the Great Central Hotel, and thanks are due to the Dinner Committee for their excellent arrangements.

The Band of the 9th Battalion, under Mr. H. J. Rouse, played a good programme of music perfectly throughout the evening.

Among those present were the following:—

Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley.
Cols. E. J. King, A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, F. W. Ramsay, G. Beach, E. E. F. Baker, G. W. W. Savile.

Lieut.-Cols. W. H. Samuel, G. F. E. Rapson, F. S. Steed, G. W. H. Tupper, C. R. Johnson. Majors P. B. Allott, E. H. Amor, G. B. Anderson, H. G. Money, E. L. Taggart, L. L. Pargiter, J. English, A. C. Dundas, W. Lloyd-Jones, N. E. G. Willoughby.

Cpts. W. H. K. Richards, R. I. Paiba, A. T. White, C. S. Burdon, G. Johnson, E. J. Garstin, E. M. C. Denny, A. E. Howell, F. Measor, H. E. Foster, H. R. Strong, W. Rosam, H. Stuart-Cook, Norman B. Melvor, C. Allistone, G. Carter, E. L. O. Baddeley, W. Evans.

Lieuts. D. McDonald, W. O'Donoghue, E. F. James, R. Douthet, J. F. Morley, E. G. W. Amor, R. C. Price, Robertson, H. W. W. Gray, O. G. Johnson, S. Heath, G. S. Sutherland, J. H. Clowes.

The Rev. Basil Aston.
Messrs. J. H. Dennis, Gales, W. A. Smith, W. Blackwood, W. Martin, T. Martin, Drinkwater, A. Goddoston, S. Fry, A. Lawson, W. G. Monk, A. Todman, J. Lavender, B. M. Marks, F. J. Sonner, W. B. Green, F. Way, G. W. Goodwin, W. Hollingsworth, F. G. Nogg, H. L. MacIlwaine, W. Dines, H. Dilley, G. T. Holloway, H. Wells, H. Gregory, H. E. Meadley, F. C. Pilgrim, W. Wilkins, J. W. Holwell, J. Hearn, A. J. Morey, J. Ryan, E. J. Warren, W. A. Meachen, A. B. Coldicott, G. Nethercott, F. E. Holmes, H. C. Holmes, W. Quiggan, T. R. Mackenzie, A. Stephens, E. Morris, A. C. Woodard, E. Weber, R. T. Guscott, Cowtan, Lake, Stokes, Raindle, H. Grayton, Whitfield, D. B. Sanders, S. F. Fricker, F. Janeway, E. Baker, W. Lyons, R. E. Evans, A. Blinco, W. Pearce, R. C. Whiting, H. A. Cluett, W. G. Rice, A. Weston, Lock, Blaker, J. Smith, T. Woodhouse, F. Finch, F. Finds, F. Sparkes, Wade, Rogers, W. Johnson, H. Wilkinson, Bird, G. Harvey, T. Shepherd, J. Boothby, J. F. Boothby, G. Palmer, H. Hewitt, W. Clarke, W. J. Hall, G. Shaw, J. P. G. Hunt, Tom Sewell, A. W. Knight, B. G. Watkins, W. Rouse, W. King, R. Catt, G. Edser, T. Flanders, W. Jobson, W. Polly, J. A. Gunn, W. A. Carter, C. H. J. Jones, Falstaff, W. J. Parsons, W. Bennett, J. R. Anderson, L. N. B. Odgers, A. H. Jeffries, W. Ward, E. J. Hardy, T. Masters, F. A. Skinner, F. Ryder, H. J. Beadle, F. L. Schaper, C. Keith, F. Warren, J. L. Pitman, H. F. Turner, S. F. Turner, E. A. Turner, J. Tarbox, T. Dimmock, A. E. Allen, J. Goulding, G. Stevens, W. J. Dally, W. Green, R. E. Ryder, V.C., W. Cuthbert, E. Burt, G. Coulling, H. Tisdale, W. Northcott, A. Asborne, E. Shaw, S. Steadman, F.

Stevenson, F. Stacey, T. Tiller, J. Clark, A. Finch, C. Easton, P. Crowley, G. Dowling, R. Luckhurst, S. Matthews, W. Patrick, P. McGann, J. Riches, G. Ward, F. Latty, E. Perriott, C. Cook, Priddy, G. Hanks, J. Wilfred Sharp, W. Phipps, W. C. Elliott, T. A. J. Hicks, A. E. Jackman, E. C. Tyler, G. Crow, C. C. Baldry, E. G. Tulley, H. Anderson, H. Roots, Hows, F. Harragan, H. Stone, C. Shaw, T. A. Capel, Cross, Percy, A. C. Furse, A. G. Mayers, A. D. Miller, A. C. Chidley, J. H. Purcell, W. King, G. H. Read, Westlake, Haviland, H. J. Ormiston, W. C. Thompson, A. J. Wilson, C. J. S. Whips, W. A. A. Bishop, A. A. Mundy, W. R. Prangley, P. A. James, E. Fox, H. Benfield, P. E. Cumming, A. H. Cumming, T. Lowe, J. Bayliss, W. Paterson, A. Purcell, W. H. Piley, W. Munro, W. Grady, C. J. Arnold, H. Riches, F. Claret, E. C. Champion, H. Peplow, W. J. Brough, C. P. Young, J. Warner, W. S. Oakins, C. A. Rush, E. J. Woollard, E. Jones, E. King, J. Matthews, W. Gibbons, W. Moore, Ezra, Allen, E. R. Furris, L. J. Monahan, T. Body, S. Darling, G. W. Kerswill, G. Kew, A. E. Coker, J. H. H. Lambourne, S. Buckell, W. Creedon, A. R. Wood, T. T. O. Cunningham, J. H. Barnes, H. A. Twigg, A. E. Tree, R. Foster, A. V. Philidrens, T. Bailey, Wren, Langley, C. Beattie, E. Ash, J. Lyons, S. Turner, J. R. Carton, W. J. Greenland, H. W. Bentley, C. W. Gibson.

OLD COMRADES' QUARTERLY CONCERT.

The Quarterly Concert was held on January 4th at the Duke of York's Headquarters, when, by arrangement with Madame Ghita Corri, "The Monocles" gave an entertainment which was much appreciated by the gathering of Old Comrades and their friends. Mr. F. E. Holmes occupied the chair, and was supported by Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, Lieut.-Col. Samuel, Major Pargiter and Capt. Foster. About 120 were present, including many officers and ex-members of various battalions. The attendance was quite good, considering that rain was falling in torrents all the evening.

After a show of hands, it was decided to hold the next concert on April 4th at the same place.

DEPOT NOTES.

THE G.O.C., Eastern Command, General Sir Robert D. Whigham, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., inspected the Depot on January 10th. He displayed great interest in the Regimental Museum, now in progress of formation, and made

some valuable suggestions in this direction.

We welcome to the Depot Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., Capt. B. B. Rackham, M.C., and Lieut. M. Crawford. Of these the first two are far from being strangers, as they have both previously done tours of duty here. We are glad to see them again, and hope their stay with us will be a happy one.

We were sorry to lose Capt. C. W. Haydon, M.C., and Lieut. J. H. Clowes, whose tours of duty have expired, and who have left us for the chilly North. The latter is taking a course at Hythe *en route*. We wish them both the best of luck.

The Depot was well represented at the Old Comrades' Dinner at the Great Central Hotel on November 2nd, and all those who attended voted the function a great success.

On the occasion of our monthly church parade on November 3rd, we had the services of the 9th Battalion Drums, who played us to church and back. This gave the recruits an idea of the parade ceremony they should expect when they join the Home Battalion, and proved an incentive to good marching.

We are indebted for this to the Officer Commanding the 9th Battalion, and we hope that another visit may be forthcoming.

On November 10th, the Depot church parade attended the service of remembrance at the Ridgeway War Memorial, held under the auspices of the British Legion.

On November 11th, the annual service at the Regimental War Memorial took place, the Rev. F. R. Sheehan, Vicar of Mill Hill, officiating. The Colours of the 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions were carried on parade by colour parties of the respective units, and the 6th Battalion (Militia) Colours were carried by Lieuts. Clowes and Gordon. All the Territorial units were represented, but the number of Old Comrades and visitors was less than in previous years, largely owing to the fact that the day was a Monday and an ordinary working day.

We learnt at the beginning of November that Mill Hill had been selected as the clearing-up station of the British Army of the Rhine on their evacuation of Wiesbaden, and our "Q" Branch

became a hive of activity as the question of accommodation and barrack furniture arose.

The advance party arrived from the Rhine on November 15th, followed at short intervals by the various staff officers and their clerks, and we now have some thirty officers and thirty-five other ranks with us. "A" Block contains sixteen offices, all of which have been converted from ordinary barrack rooms. The B.A.O.R. personnel are commanded by Brigadier E. D. Young, C.B., C.M.G.

On November 20th a most successful guest night took place, at which we welcomed the Commanding Officers and Adjutants of the Territorial Battalions. We hope to have a ladies' guest night in due course, and to have the pleasure of entertaining their wives.

On December 12th, a very enjoyable concert took place in the Lecture Room; the artists were introduced by the Rev. F. R. Sheehan, to whom we owe our thanks for arranging a very successful show.

From December 20th to December 29th the Depot closed down for the Christmas holiday, in so far as duties would permit, and most of the Depot staff and recruits proceeded to their homes to enjoy the festive season.

On December 30th, 2/Lieut. J. de la M. Herapath and 2/Lieut. W. H. P. Chattey paid us a short visit, in order to put in a week's finishing instruction before going to Hythe.

On January 1st, the Christmas Dinner took place; the cookhouse staff produced an excellent meal, and the Warrant Officers and Sergeants filled the rôle of waiters with great proficiency.

On January 2nd the Children's Christmas Tree and Entertainment was held in the Lecture Room, the officers being the waiters on this occasion. After tea an excellent show of conjuring, ventriloquism, and living marionettes filled the programme until the great moment arrived for the visit of Father Christmas. Major English appeared in this part, and was voted a great success by everyone, and owing to the able staff work of Mrs. Pargiter every child went away happy and satisfied.

The first whist drive of the New Year for Depot staff and married families took place on January 15th. The scores were:

Ladies.—1, Miss Cannon, 148; 2, Mrs. Stevenson, 148; 3, Mrs. Cook, 140.

Gentlemen.—1, Cpl. Coulling, 148; 2, Sergt. Shaw, 148; 3, L./Sergt. Blake, 137.

This is the first of a series of whist drives, and the next drive will be for recruits.

The banks round the Officers' Mess tennis courts and lawn have been returned, last year's drought having killed the grass. The cricket ground has been handed over to experts supplied by the Army Sports Board for thorough overhaul, and the wickets next summer should be better than ever before.

Squads visited the Guildhall and St. Paul's on the following dates: Somme, October 9th, 1929, and Albuhera, on January 15th, 1930.

The Treasure Hunts and Prize Essay Competitions which alternate each week continue to prove a great success, and it is noticeable that the daily papers are more read than before.

The Regiment is closed for recruiting until after March 31st, except for special enlistments.

There are three squads at present training—Albuhera, Mons, and Ypres. Of these, Albuhera joins the 1st Battalion on March 14th, whilst the last two squads, which have only recently been completed, do not proceed to Catterick till June.

Since the last issue we have sent three squads to the 1st Battalion—Nivelle, on October 25th, 1929, Ladysmith, on November 29th, 1929, and Somme, on January 3rd, 1930.

The Rev. Stogden paid us a flying visit from Harrow on January 13th.

The long-awaited Volume II of the History of the Regiment in the Great War has arrived, and copies are now in the Messes, Institutes, School and Regimental Library.

GAZETTE.

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

6189004 Sergt. F. Stevenson: Awarded 1st Class Certificate of Education on 9/10/29.

6196271 Dmr. C. Escudier, 6198036 L./Cpl. R. Welsh, 6198021 Pte. J. Westgarth, 6198959 Pte. Bristow, 6198965 Pte.

F. Cox: Awarded 2nd Class Certificate of Education on 28/11/29.

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

6198957 Pte. H. Almond, 6199228 Pte. W. Hiscock, 6198998 Pte. W. Patrick, 6198990 Pte. G. Ward, 6198995 Pte. A. Bristow, 6198970 Pte. W. Hedley, 2024357 Pte. E. Plucknett, 6198993 Pte. P. Crowley, 6539593 Pte. F. Leonard, 6199209 Pte. L. Roseblade, 6199232 Pte. W. Bird, 6198969 Pte. A. Fielder, 6198991 Pte. W. Poulton, 6199223 Pte. A. Smith, 6198639 Pte. A. Cladd, 6198971 Pte. P. McGann, 6199215 Pte. D. Reed, 6199239 Pte. J. Whybrow, 6198783 Pte. H. Harding, 6198963 Pte. T. Jones, 6198983 Pte. T. Wallis, 6199208 Pte. G. Dowling, 6198980 Pte. F. Latty, 6198992 Pte. F. Servante, 6198978 Pte. R. Colman, 6193916 Pte. P. Maloney, 6199213 Pte. F. Rhodes, 6539383 Pte. G. Soames, 6199227 Pte. E. Campbell, 6198997 Pte. S. Matthews, 6199207 Pte. A. Willis, 6198994 Pte. K. Wicks, 6198968 Pte. J. Deeble, 6584513 Pte. E. Ottley, 6911176 Pte. E. Perrett, 6198988 Pte. R. Luckhurst, 6198989 Pte. J. Riches, 6197994 Pte. W. Belcher, 6197939 Pte. L. Clapton, 6199201 Pte. D. Panther, 6198129 Pte. F. Smith.

POSTINGS.

6197943 L./Cpl. A. Veares: Posted to 1st Battalion, 10/10/29.

3759504 Cpl. T. Millar: Posted from 1st Battalion, 17/10/29, for tour of duty.

6190630 Cpl. A. Mason: Posted to 1st Battalion, 22/10/29.

6198306 L./Cpl. F. Dilley and 3233706 L./Cpl. W. Snell: Posted from 1st Battalion, 29/10/29, for tour of duty.

6195761 Cpl. P. Barley: Posted to 1st Battalion, 5/11/29.

6197353 Cpl. E. Edmonds: Posted from 1st Battalion, 5/11/29, for tour of duty.

6190886 Sergt. S. Mason: Posted from 2nd Battalion for a tour of duty, 29/12/29.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

6196354 Cpl. A. Coulling: Attended 44th Course at the Army School of Education, Shorncliffe, from 19/7/29 to 27/9/29, and obtained "Pass, Class 1." 6195113 Cpl. J. Little: Attended No. 41 Regimental Instructors' Course at the Chemical Warfare School, Winterbourne

Gunner, from 26/8/29 to 21/9/29, and obtained "Q1."

TRANSFERS TO ARMY RESERVE, AND DISCHARGE.

2813399 L./Cpl. W. Brown, 2813448 L./Cpl. W. Sweeting, 2748432 Cpl. G. Slate, 724159 L./Cpl. G. Cole: Transferred to Section "B," Army Reserve, on 19/11/29.

6191970 Sergt. E. Heath: Discharged under K.R. 370 (xxiii), on 31/12/29.

N.C.Os.' PROMOTION EXAMINATION.

6196037 L./Cpl. C. Sneesby and 3233706 L./Cpl. W. Snell: Passed to Sergeant, 21/11/29.

6198036 L./Cpl. F. Dilley: Passed to Corporal, 21/11/29.

BIRTH.

6188527 R.S.M. R. Mantell.—Daughter, Pamela Anita, born at Maidstone on January 3rd, 1930.

DEPOT SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

First of all we wish to thank the members of the Peterborough Rangers for promising to supply us with a copy of the periodical *Canadian Defence Quarterly* each quarter. The first copy has been received, and is now well thumbed.

The first dance of the season took place on October 25th, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, many old friends putting in an appearance.

The first and third Mondays of each month are "Social Evenings," dancing and singing taking place from 8 p.m. till midnight. The socials already held have been very enjoyable. Ex-members and our usual guests are invited to attend whenever possible. They will always receive a hearty welcome.

The Mess turned out in force to attend the Annual Old Comrades' Dinner. During the evening, many old friends were met and many old experiences gone over. The evening was a greater success than ever. Everybody appeared to have enjoyed themselves, and are now anxiously awaiting the coming of this year's dinner.

On Armistice Day the usual impressive service, was held at the War Memorial, details of which appear elsewhere in this issue of the Journal.

After the service, the Mess was thrown open to the many members and their wives of the T.A. Battalions and ex-members of the Regiment.

During the evening, a social was held. After the tattoo service at the Memorial by the 12th Battalion Old Comrades, we were "At Home" to them, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. It is hoped that we shall be able to entertain all-comers again this year and each succeeding year.

Our Annual Dinner was held in the Mess on New Year's Eve, the catering being done by the Finchley Catering Company. Thirty-nine members, wives, friends and staff sat down to dinner.

The Commanding Officer, officers of the Depot, two officers of the 1st Battalion, and an officer of the B.A.O.R. visited us after dinner. The usual toasts with musical honours and speeches were made.

The dinner was followed by a social, which included dancing, singing, and round games, in which the officers took part.

At 11.55 p.m., "the link" was formed, and the Old Year ushered out to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne."

The social continued until 1.55 a.m. Everyone appeared to have enjoyed themselves and voted the evening as a top-notch.

Great credit is due to L./Cpl. Dilley and his civilian friend for the excellent show they put up on the piano and jazz outfit.

The Depot Christmas Tree was held on January 2nd. On behalf of all participants, we express our thanks to Father Christmas and those responsible for the excellent tea, entertainment and presents. It is believed that for at least two hours afterwards children were asking their parents to let them have their presents to play with.

Since the middle of December we have had about thirty or more of the Headquarters, B.A.O.R., in mess. To them all we extend a hearty welcome, and hope in the near future to be able to arrange a few social events.

Sergt.-Instr. A. F. Osborne, A.E.C., who relieved "Stiffy" Dunham (who, by the way, is now in the service of H.M. Prisons Staff) on July 17th, 1925, left us on January 10th for Tientsin. We feel

sure that all those members of the Regular and T.A. Battalions who have at some time or other been acquainted with him will join with us in wishing him God-speed and the best of good luck for the future. "Ossie" will be missed by many.

In wishing God-speed to "Ossie," we welcome his successor, Sergt.-Instr. W. Smith, A.E.C., who joins us from Northampton, and hope that he will have a happy and comfortable time during his sojourn with us.

We also extend a hearty welcome to Sergt. Mason and family, who have joined us from India for a tour of duty, and to R.Q.M.S. Pilley and family, who have come to us on permanent posting, vice R.Q.M.S. Purcell, who leaves us at the end of January, after twenty-two years' service, for "civvy" street.

We feel sure that everyone will join with us in wishing him and his family the best of health, wealth and prosperity.

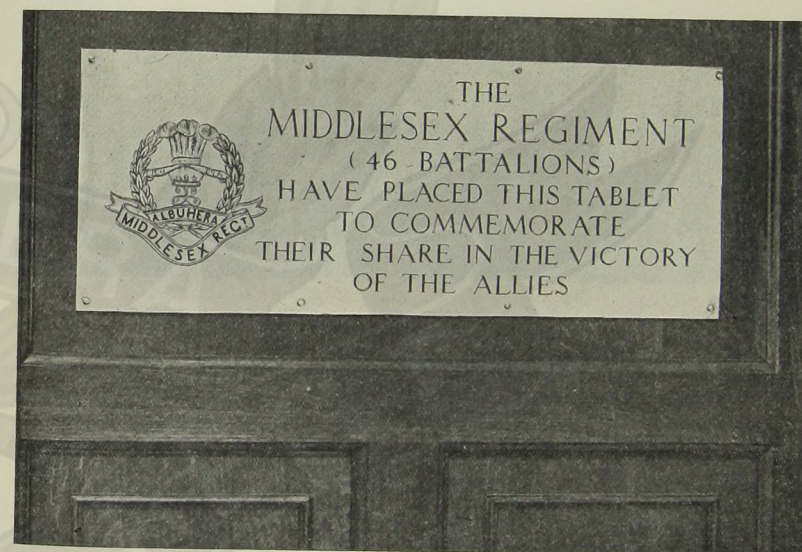
To Sergt. Tiller and his wife, who are under orders for India, we wish God-speed and good luck for the future.

Sergt. Stevenson having obtained that most coveted possession, his "First," we heartily congratulate him and we hope to be able to congratulate him again shortly, as he now goes back to the 1st Battalion instead of to India. Presumably his "First" will bear fruit quickly. On his departure we wish him and his family, not forgetting "Pyjamas," the best of good wishes for the future.

Our congratulations to R.S.M. and Mrs. Mantell upon the birth of a daughter. We hope to see her dancing soon. Step out, "Pam."

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

On November 23rd, the Corporals held their first dance of the season, which was successful, and it is hoped to hold more during the season.



THE REGIMENTAL BRASS IN THE CHANCEL OF THE YPRES MEMORIAL CHURCH.

We welcome heartily Cpls. Edmonds and Millar and L./Cpls. Dilley and Snell in our midst from the 1st Battalion. We wish them every success during their tour of duty at the Depot.

We have with us now the Rhine Army Details. We welcome the junior N.C.Os. to our Club, and hope they will have a comfortable and enjoyable time here.

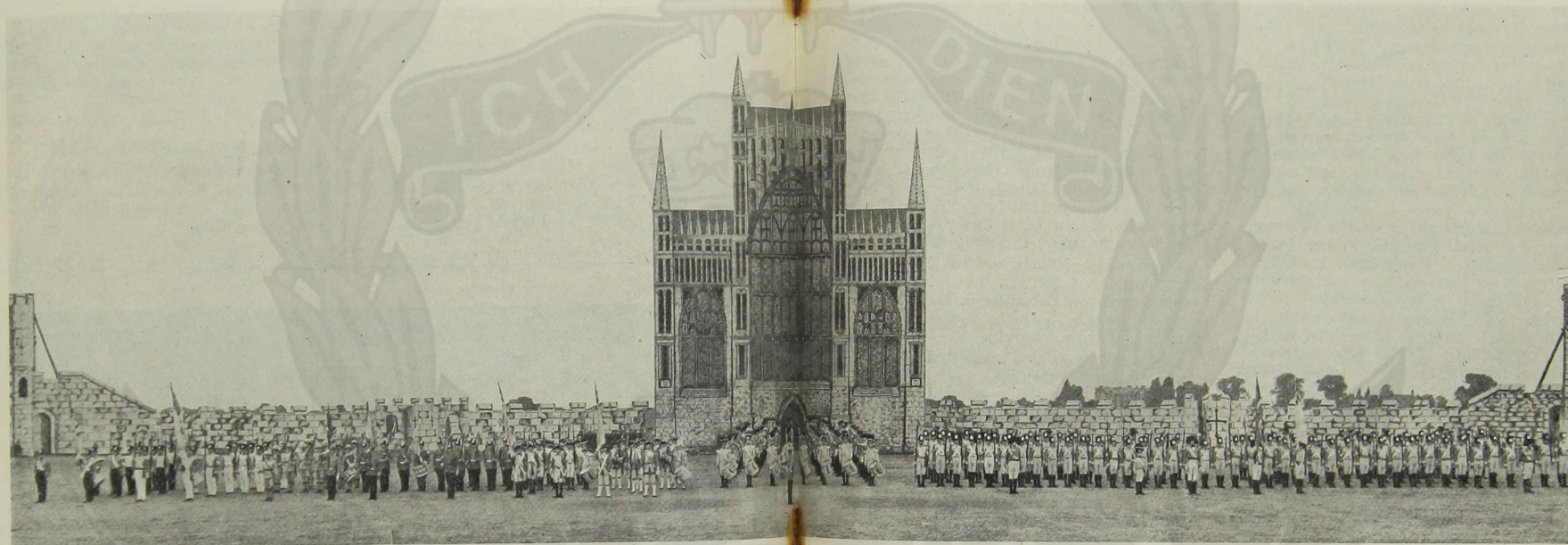
prompt attention and civility during the Christmas Dinner, which was held on January 1st. They should not find much difficulty in obtaining employment in civil life, as they made excellent waiters, especially the wine stewards.

The Corporals wish to thank "Massa" and "Twister" and the two "meat cloths" on cooking an excellent dinner.

SIR KENNETH J. MAC-KENZIE, Bt., OF GAIRLOCH.

SOME few who, like the writer, served with the 1st Battalion in the early eighties of last century will have read with much regret the announcement in *The Times* of December 6th, 1929, of the

he was posted to the old Light Company ("K"), then commanded by Capt. Garstin, and immediately threw himself with zest into his new duties and gave every promise of making a really good soldier. He was soon quite at home in the Regiment, interested in and proud of its traditions, and in a very short time became exceedingly popular with both



YORK TATTOO, 1929.
57th REGIMENT.
BAND AND DRUMS.

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HISTORICAL SQUADS, 1756 TO 1929.

REGIMENT AS AT ALBUHERA.

We have already beaten them at football, and hope to take their socks off at other games later.

Christmas was a happy time for those on leave, but those who stayed behind were rather glum and unfortunate, but we did our "stuff" with a good heart (self-denial?).

The Corporals wish to thank all members of the Sergeants' Mess for their

We hope that Cpl. Barley ("Flopp"), who is now at Hounslow on a trade course, has learnt how to mix plaster.

Congratulations to R.S.M. and Mrs. Mantell on being presented with a little daughter.

The members of the Club wish all junior ranks of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, also the Territorial Army, a happy and prosperous New Year.

death at Conon House, Rosshire, two days previously (4th), of Sir Kenneth John Mackenzie, seventh Baronet of Gairloch.

Born in 1861, he passed for a direct commission in the Army after a University training, and was on March 10th, 1883, gazetted as Second-Lieutenant to the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, then stationed in the Channel Islands. On joining Headquarters at Guernsey,

officers and men, which he continued to be while he remained with it.

Unfortunately and to the regret of all, his stay with the Regiment was brief, as, after six months, viz., on September 12th, 1883, he was transferred to his father's old regiment, the Rifle Brigade. The writer well remembers the farewell dinner given to this promising young officer on his leaving the Regiment, and the

speeches made on the occasion which expressed the general regret at losing him. His after-career, which was one of distinction, was followed with interest by those to whom he was so well known and appreciated in his first regiment.

Kenneth Mackenzie served with the Rifle Brigade for the most part in India, taking part with it in the Second Burmese War. He was promoted Captain in 1902, and his father having died two years previously, he succeeded him as seventh Baronet of Gairloch. He found so many important duties awaiting him in his native county of Ross-shire that he decided to retire from the Army and devote himself to these and to the management of his large estates there. Henceforth he gave himself up wholeheartedly to such duties and to public affairs in Scotland generally, and especially such as affected Ross-shire. He was for twenty-one years King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer for Scotland, being in consequence well known in the Scottish capital. He became a Deputy-Lieutenant for Ross-shire in 1891, and later Vice-Lieutenant and Convener of the County. His life was a full one, and he never spared himself in public duties, whilst in private life he was a trusted and loyal friend. His outstanding ability and devotion to the interests of his county and of Scotland will indeed be greatly missed.

The sympathy of all must go out to his widow, Lady Marjory, and his son Hector David, by whom he is succeeded as eighth Baronet, who himself saw much service with Lovat Scouts in the European War.

Sir Kenneth's family, the Mackenzies of Gairloch, is one of the most ancient in Scotland, springing as it does directly from the Mackenzies of Kintall Chiefs of the Clan Mackenzie.

It is fitting that a regiment whose slow march (the "Caledonian"), which dates from the latter part of the eighteenth century and was introduced by a distinguished Highland soldier who commanded the 57th in the American War should be proud of the connection, even though brief, of another Highlander of distinction such as the late Sir Kenneth John Mackenzie of Gairloch.

"SENEX."

7th BATTALION NOTES.

QUITE a number of interesting events have taken place during the past quarter.

The Battalion held its annual Armistice commemoration church parade at the Parish Church, Hornsey, on Sunday, November 17th. The attendance, both of the Old Comrades and of the present serving personnel of the Battalion, was considerably greater than in the previous two years; no doubt the weather had something to do with this, as we were fortunate in having a very fine day for the parade. It is regretted that for the second year in succession the Battalion Padre (the Rev. H. C. Montgomery-Campbell, M.C., M.A.) was, through illness, prevented from taking the service. At the conclusion, the Battalion marched back to Headquarters via Crouch End, where the Mayor of Hornsey (Alderman C. H. Summersby) took the salute.

On Sunday, November 10th, a detachment (under Capt. L. C. D. Doidge) represented the Battalion in the Mayor's Sunday parade, which took place at Hornsey Parish Church.

A ceremony which attracted a good deal of local attention took place at Alexandra Palace on Saturday evening, December 7th, when the grand organ, which has been under reconstruction for several years, was reopened by the Lord Mayor of London. The Battalion provided a guard of honour under Capt. G. A. H. Bower, M.C., the Regimental Colour being carried by Lieut. S. A. W. Brown. The guard was drawn up inside the main entrance of Alexandra Palace, and at 8 p.m. the Lord Mayor on arrival was received with the appropriate salute. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Battalion returned via Wood Green and Hornsey High Street, to Headquarters, where everyone was served with a meal. The guard of honour, including the Drums, numbered 100.

Great credit is due to all those who took part in the event, especially as the day and hour were somewhat inconvenient, being a Saturday. The turn-out was exemplary, and one feels that this guard of honour has enhanced the prestige of the Battalion in the Borough,

and will have the effect of drawing recruits from the neighbourhood.

The annual shoot for the Lady Regent Cup took place at Hornsey on December 17th. The Battalion team beat the 19th Bn. The London Regiment team by 49 points.

Full details are as under:—

7th Bn. Middlesex Regiment.

Drum-Major March	100
Sergt. Porter ("C" Coy.)	100
Cpl. Knight ("D" Coy.)	99
L./Cpl. Dehnel ("C" Coy.)	88
Sergt. Thomas ("B" Coy.)	83
Pte. Hewitt ("D" Coy.)	62

Total 532

19th Bn. London Regiment.

Sergt. Edney	101
Capt. Haigh	86
Capt. Dove	77
C.S.M. Wilson	77
C.Q.M.S. Hughes	75
Lieut. Alderton	67

Total 483

Our hearty congratulations are extended to the team on their excellent shooting, which showed a considerable improvement on last year, as the total score is exactly the same as that made by the 19th London Regiment when they won the trophy in 1928. The trophy has been handed over to the Mayor of Hornsey by the Mayor of St. Pancras, and will be on view at the Annual Prize Distribution, which takes place in March.

We held our Annual Boxing Meeting at "D" Company's Headquarters, Tottenham, on Thursday, January 9th. The number of entries was considerably in excess of those at our last Annual Meeting; in fact, should the entries next year exceed those of this, it will have to be considered whether the meeting will not have to be held on two evenings. The boxing started at 7.30 p.m. sharp, and did not cease until nearly midnight.

The meeting was a success in every way. The consensus of opinion was that the boxing had improved considerably; likewise the prizes, which, instead of being presented at the Annual Prize Distribution as in former years, were presented at the conclusion of the meeting.

"D" Company are to be heartily congratulated on winning the Boxing Cup. They fully deserved to do so, having made special arrangements for boxing instruction and other sports during the winter months, and have thus reaped the benefit of their energy and sports organization. The full details are given below:

BOXING CUP.

1. "D" Company	20 points
2. "C" Company	13 "
3. "B" Company	9 "
4. "A" Company	8 "
5. "H.Q." Wing	4 "

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP.

Light Heavy-weight.—Pte. Littlefield; Pte. Williams.

Middle-weight.—Pte. Brichard; Sergt. Parker.

Welter-weight.—Sergt. Chapman; Sergt. Matthews.

Light-weight.—Pte. Walton; Pte. Young.

Feather-weight.—Pte. Nodes; Pte. Kemp.

Bantam-weight.—Pte. Thomas.

Fly-weight.—Pte. Chesson; Pte. Stone.

Best Loser.—Pte. Beale.

We hope the Battalion team will repeat its last year's success in the Brigade Boxing Championships, which take place at Pound Lane, Willesden, on Saturday, February 8th. We wish the competitors the very best of luck.

"A" COMPANY.

(HIGHGATE)

On January 4th, a dance was held in the Drill Hall, Highgate, and it turned out a great success. Great credit is due to those who rendered service as regards the lighting and decorating. A pleasing feature of the show was the large number of officers who patronized it.

We are holding another dance on or about March 29th, and it is hoped that it will be even more of a success than the last. Members of the Company are requested to attend in much greater numbers than before, and also to bring along a friend each.

Two shooting matches for the King Cup have taken place, and in both cases we were victorious, but, sad to relate,

the total scores are not as high as they should be; so there is only one thing to do—come along and get more practice and improve your shooting. "C" Company entertained us on their range on Thursday, January 16th, and we were at home to "B" Company on Sunday, January 19th. Both shoots were very enjoyable.

Several of our lads are required to represent the Battalion in the Brigade Boxing Competition, and we wish them the best of luck. Do your best, boys, and may you win your weight!

Although we had several recruits during the past few months, many more are required, as, at present, the Company is much below strength, so all members are earnestly requested to do their utmost to introduce many more.

No more at present, so cheerio!

"B" COMPANY. (ENFIELD)

Since our last notes were written, one or two noteworthy events have taken place, the chief of which has been the unfortunate absence of our Company Commander, Capt. Cunliffe. We hope to see him back with us very soon, and we wish his father a very speedy recovery to good health.

The largest parade of the year was, as usual, bounty night, which was held on December 19th. As regards our serious training, there is much we could write. Firstly, we should like to extend a very warm welcome to Sergts. Fletcher and Davis, of our 1st Battalion, who have just come down to instruct us further in the art of using a Vickers gun. We hope their sojourn with us will be as pleasant for them as it will be instructive for us. Extra machine-gun training has been arranged for the Easter Camp at Rainham, so all members should try to keep the week-end free, and attend.

We understand that our Company Commander has been throwing out a challenge lately, and, further, that the 6th Bn. Essex Regiment has accepted it. A Vickers gun open range match has therefore been arranged to take place at some late date in March—we hope at Purfleet—which promises to be very interesting. The practices to be fired are

stiff, but varied. Our whole-hearted wish is that the 7th Bn. Middlesex Regiment should show the 6th Bn. Essex Regiment how to use a Vickers gun, and we are confident that they will.

On November 30th we held the first Company Dance of the season, and it was very well attended by visitors, but, we regret to say, very few of the Company were seen and even fewer were seen to dance. We should like to see more of the Company at these social functions. Our official Company Dance, on January 25th, will be over before these notes are in print, but another dance has been arranged for March 29th, and we should like to take this opportunity of extending a very hearty welcome to any member of the other companies who cares to turn up on this date.

On Thursday, January 9th, most of us spent a very enjoyable evening at Tottenham, where the Battalion Boxing Championship was fought. Some very good displays were seen, and, although we were third in the championship, out of the five entrants from our Company three will fight in the Brigade Competition at Willesden.

We all extend a very hearty welcome to 2/Lieut. A. L. Womersley, who has just joined us.

"C" COMPANY. (HORNSEY)

In our last notes we made several comments on the lack of recruits. We could go on commenting still further. True, there have been sufficient newcomers to keep up our strength in the face of odd and sundry departures, but we still tread water round about the 65-mark. We labour in the hope that we shall one day convince the youth of Hornsey that playing soldiers is, after all, not such a bad game.

Boxing has taken up quite a lot of our time recently. The Battalion Meeting ended in our losing the cup to "D" Company by 7 points. Cpl. —, who spent the evening in the canteen, thought it was by 7 pints, and afterwards apologized most profusely for not trying harder. The honours of the day, as far as we were concerned, went to two of our new recruits, Ptes. Littlefield and Williams, respectively winner and runner-up

in the light heavy-weights. Pte. Young, an older hand at the game, was runner-up in the light-weights. We wish them luck in the Brigade competitions.

Two days after the Boxing Meeting, we co-operated with "H.Q." Wing in running a dance for all ranks, at which over 200 were present, including the C.O. and Mrs. Smith. We literally "kicked up a dust" until a very late hour—so much so that our King Cup team were unable to propel bullets with any degree of accuracy next morning. It is a great pity that the whole of "D" Company team were not present as well. As "A" Company beat us in the same competition a few days later, it may be that all our rifles need resighting.

We can sympathize with the man who complains that he got hiccoughs in his efforts to hit a snapshooting target which would keep on bobbing up and down, but we really cannot cope with the young soldier undergoing Lewis-gun instruction who insists that a tangent is a bicycle for two.

"D" COMPANY (TOTTENHAM).

The last three or four months of the year are always rather difficult from the point of view of notes for the Magazine, for although we are very busy during the period there is nothing much in the way of outstanding events.

We have been carrying on with the first part of our winter training programme, and have, we hope, considerably improved our knowledge. A very interesting tactical exercise was held during December, and although the ground seemed at the time more appropriate for naval operations, we managed to learn a good deal.

Boxing has been a very prominent feature at the Drill Hall for some time past, and on January 9th the Inter-Company Boxing Competition was held. We had a splendid number of entries, and some very promising boxers amongst them, and, as a result, we were declared the winners with 20 points, against the next nearest company with 13 points. At the moment we are busy keeping fit and rectifying our mistakes in preparation for the Inter-Battalion Boxing next month.

Another event in the period under review was the Annual Armistice Church Parade. We are sorry that once again the numbers were very disappointing. This annual parade is a very black spot on our Company record, and we must really look to this next time. There is no reason whatever why at least 90 per cent. of the Company should not attend this parade instead of under 50 per cent. Those who did attend had a very enjoyable parade, finishing up with an excellent dinner at Battalion Headquarters.

Owing to various unforeseen circumstances the King Cup and Miniature Range Competitions have been delayed rather longer than usual this year, and up to date we have only fired one match. There is nothing like a good start to buck one up, so having pulled off the first one with a very good margin we are feeling rather hopeful about the remainder.

We have had two dances so far this season, and both were very much enjoyed. We should like to see the members of the Company taking a more prominent part in the dancing, and not doing quite so much onlooking.

In the last issue of these notes we were rather jubilant, because we had once again got our strength into three figures. We have continued the good work, and are now well up to establishment, so we hope that at this year's camp we shall look something like a company—in numbers, at any rate.

8th BATTALION NOTES (HOUNSLOW).

CONGRATULATIONS to Capt. Parmeter, Capt. Sherbrooke-Walker, and 2/Lieut. Warlow on passing their promotion examination, also to Lieut. Maddex on his promotion to Lieutenant.

Capt. Parmeter has handed over command of "B" Company to Lieut. Maddex, and has taken over the duties of Second-in-Command.

We extend a hearty welcome to 2/Lieut. J. L. H. Cloutte, our new Signalling Officer, and hope that he will be happy and find life interesting in the Battalion. We shall expect much from our Signallers during the next training season under his leadership.

On October 16th, the Battalion furnished a guard of honour to General Sir Ian Hamilton. Capt. Parmeter commanded the guard, and 2/Lieut. R. E. Warlow carried the Regimental Colour. The General congratulated the guard on its steadiness on parade and smart turn-out.

The Armistice anniversary was observed in the Battalion on Sunday, November 10th; company church parades were held and were well attended.

On November 11th, a Colour Party (King's Colour, 2/Lieut. Warlow; Regimental Colour, 2/Lieut. Russell), and representatives from all companies proceeded to the Depot for Armistice service. The Depot is to be congratulated on the arrangements for the service.

Tactical exercises were held at Amersham on November 16th for officers, and on November 17th for officers and senior N.C.Os. Some good work was done during the afternoon of the 16th, despite wind, rain and snow. Although it was a defence scheme, the Crown Hotel, Amersham, became the final objective at about 1600 hours, and after hot baths and tea, work was carried on—except for a break for dinner—until nearly midnight. On November 17th, the Sergeants joined in and a satisfactory day's work was done. The scheme was interesting, it being the first occasion the Battalion had considered three rifle and one machine-gun company in defence.

Thirty-eight past and present officers of the Battalion attended the Reunion Dinner at the Trocadero on November 22nd, when all heard with much regret that it was the last occasion Col. Baker would occupy the chair as Commanding Officer.

On Friday, November 23rd, the officers and their friends spent a very jolly evening at Headquarters on the occasion of the first subscription dance of the season.

The Annual Prize Distribution on December 14th, was well attended. Sir John Ferguson, Bt., K.B.E., M.P., presented the prizes. Our Honorary Colonel, Col. W. Garner, and Mr. Fenton proposed and seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Sir John Ferguson.

A successful boxing competition was held at Hounslow on November 20th, when some good hard fights were witnessed.

"H.Q." WING NOTES.

At the time when we are writing these notes (Christmas), we have just completed the period of N.C.Os.' training, during which the Machine Gun N.C.Os. have been visiting Ealing, and the Signallers have been receiving instruction at Stamford Brook. The benefit of this training should be apparent when Individual Training starts in January.

The Band and Drums have continued their music-making, and the Employed Group (or some of their more active members) have enjoyed themselves in various useful ways.

We much regret the departure of Lieut. Maddex, who has gone to Ealing to take command of "B" (Machine Gun) Company. We shall miss him very much at Hounslow, but we congratulate him on his promotion.

We have done well in the Battalion Championship Competitions for 1929, and at the recent Prize-giving we carried off the Herbert Cup, Major Law's, the Signalling, Battalion Sports and Montgomery Memorial Cups.

We congratulate the following winners of Company Cups and Prizes:—

Edwards Memorial Cup.—Employed Group.

Capt. Palmer's Cup and Prize.—Sergt. Mullaley.

Individual Efficiency Cup and Prize.—L./Cpl. Court.

Social activities are in full swing, and dances, dart matches, etc., are the order of the day. Our thanks are due to the Hon. Secretary of the Club, and to the Dance Committee and R.S.M. Pelly, for all the hard work they have been putting in, particularly Sergt. Reeve, who is indefatigable.

The Children's Christmas Party has been arranged for January 17th, and this is being much looked forward to. It is intended that the Christmas party shall also be the occasion for the presentation of Company Cups and Prizes.

During the past few weeks, several improvements have been made to the Club rooms in the way of furniture and decorations, and the former billiard room now looks a little less like a railway station waiting room on a wet Sunday afternoon.

"A" COMPANY. (HAMPTON)

Life has been full of interest during the past quarter—a change of Permanent Staff Instructor, and social and sporting events in galore.

In the Brigade Miniature Range Competition we came third. We feel that next year we shall be placed first.

A very successful Novices' Boxing Competition was held on January 15th; some good fights were witnessed, and we were pleased to welcome so many old faces again.

We have held many Company dances with much success, financially and socially.

The attendance of N.C.Os. during the N.C.Os.' training period was good, and the Company will feel the benefit of this instruction during the training season, 1930.

"B" COMPANY. (EALING)

Since the last issue of the Journal, we have seen many changes in the Company.

Capt. Parmeter has been called to many higher things. Don't mistake this—he is still with us as Second-in-Command of the Battalion.

Lieut. Maddex, of "H.Q." Wing, has taken over command of the Company.

C.S.M. Cronin, after a very brief stay, has been transferred to "A" Company, and his place taken by C.S.M. Peck, who comes to us straight from Netheravon. This is an advantage that should prove of very great help in our training.

On December 18th we held our Annual Prize-giving, and, although the weather was bad, we had a good attendance. The Mayoress of Ealing, who was accompanied by the Mayor, presented the prizes, and, as is usual, the Ealing Borough Council supported them.

Among other guests we were glad to welcome Col. and Mrs. Baker and our Adjutant, Capt. Dobbs.

In his farewell speech, Capt. Parmeter intimated that he would present a cup to be awarded for Long Service and Efficiency, for which he was accorded our hearty thanks.

After the prize-giving, a very enjoyable evening closed with an All-Ranks' Dance.

Turning to more serious matters, the N.C.Os.' Classes have ended and have been well attended generally.

A number of Tactical Exercises, and Platoon Staff Training have been held in the vicinity of Amersham, and a large number of N.C.Os. and men turned out in spite of the bad weather.

L./Cpl. Reed and Ptes. Hughes and Stevenson all did very well in the Novices' Boxing Competition at Hounslow on Wednesday, November 20th. Let us hope that they will manage to "put it across" their opponents once more at the Inter-Company Boxing Championships at Hounslow on January 25th.

A very successful dance was held at the Drill Hall on Saturday, January 4th. We were pleased to welcome Col. and Mrs. Baker, and regret that it will be the last Company function he will attend as our Commanding Officer. Anthony Eldridge and his Band supplied the music, while the Committee of the Company Club did all that was possible to make the whole show go with a swing.

We close with every good wish to our comrades in other companies and other battalions for the New Year.

"C" COMPANY. (STAINES)

The Company Dart Club held its annual outing on Saturday, October 5th, in London. A charabanc party left Staines at six o'clock in the evening for the White Horse Hotel, Holborn, where an excellent dinner was served. After dinner, the company was entertained by Cpl. Johnson, L./Cpl. Hales and Pte. Allen, Royal Fusiliers (an old member of the Company), and at nine o'clock everyone adjourned to the Holborn Empire. The programme was very good; everybody enjoyed it, and returned to Staines in very high spirits.

The Annual General Meeting of the Company Club was held at the Drill Hall on November 26th. At the end of a successful meeting, the Chairman, 2/Lieut. R. E. Warlow, presented a wedding present to L./Cpl. Seward, who is getting married.

The Company Football Club is in full swing, thanks to the able leadership of its captain, L./Cpl. Hart, and its vice-

captain, Cpl. Hawkins. Next year it is hoped to enter a local league, so as to ensure regular matches every Saturday.

At the Battalion Prize Distribution at Hounslow on December 14th, we carried off:—

The Ladies of Whitton Cup, the Battalion Challenge Cup, and tied with "A" Company for the Efficiency Cup.

Well done, "C" Company! What about making sure that at the end of 1930 the Montgomery Challenge Cup will be in the safe custody of the Company at Staines?

An Inter-Platoon Championship has been started. The first competition is in full swing, but the results will not be known until these notes have gone to press.

In September a team was entered in the Monro Challenge Cup Competition at the London and Middlesex Rifle Association Meeting at Bisley. This competition, for Lewis-gun teams, necessitated spending two week-ends at Bisley Camp. The Company team consisted of C.Q.M.S. Johnson, Cpls. Johnson and Wright and L./Cpl. Gigg, while C.S.M. Rogers, L./Cpl. Hales and Pte. Mills came down to help. We were fourteenth, the H.A.C. winning. The experience gained will prove invaluable for next year's competition.

"D" COMPANY. (UXBRIDGE)

The outstanding feature of the Company's activities since the last notes to this Journal were penned is, of course, the Company Prize Distribution and Annual Dinner, which took place at the "George" Hotel, Uxbridge, on December 13th.

We were fortunate in persuading Major J. J. Llewellyn, O.B.E., M.C., M.A., Member of Parliament for the Uxbridge Division, to attend and present the prizes. His attendance was interesting, not only by reason of the fact that he is a Member of Parliament, but also because he still holds a commission in the Territorial Army.

The other guests included the Commanding Officer, the Adjutant, the Quartermaster, and Major T. South. Capt. Rees was in the chair, and there were approximately fifty serving members

of the Company present, in addition to a number of past members and other ex-Service men.

After dinner, Major Llewellyn made a short speech and proceeded to present the prizes as follows:—

BATTALION PRIZE.

Cross-Country Cup.—"D" Company.

COMPANY CUPS.

Capt. Cuthbert's Challenge Cup.—Cpl. Day.

Company Challenge Cup.—Cpl. Bennett.

Ladies' Challenge Shield.—No. 5 Section (Cpl. Juggins).

The Waddington Cup.—No. 15 Platoon (Sergt. Woodhouse).

The Sandy Cup.—Pte. Hutton.

The Woodbridge Challenge Cup (to be held by the man showing the most efficiency in the Battalion Boxing Championship).—Pte. McGuire.

The Montgomery Cup (to be held by the best all-round sportsman in the Company).—Cpl. Wilkie.

The Howard Button Cup (to be held by the W.O., N.C.O. or trained man who carries out the highest number of drills between January 1st and September 30th in each year).—Sergt. Woodhouse.

We should like to take this opportunity of again congratulating all these N.C.O.s and men on their success.

At the conclusion of the prize distribution, Major Llewellyn kindly offered to present a cup to the Company, the exact terms of the gift to be settled later, and this offer was gratefully accepted.

This very enjoyable evening was finally terminated at about 11 p.m.

The N.C.O.s' training period has now finished, and it is hoped that all have benefited. The results should now show themselves in the forthcoming training period and more particularly, so far as junior N.C.O.s. are concerned, at Annual Training in Camp.

To turn to sport, L./Cpl. Taylor and Ptes. McGuire and Eldridge represented the Company at the Novices' Boxing Competition held at Hounslow on November 20th. Although none of our representatives won their bouts, they put up a good show and, with more experience, ought to go far. A boxing instructor, Cpl. Driscoll, of the R.A.F.

has been engaged to instruct and train the men, and we hope that the results will manifest themselves at the Battalion Boxing Championships to be held at Hounslow on January 25th.

A football team was entered in Division II of the Uxbridge and District Football League and has played a number of matches, both at home and away. Experience has shown us, however, that we were too ambitious and should have entered in a more junior division, as in practically every case our opponents have been an older and far more experienced team. In spite of this, the Company team has given a good account of itself.

The Company is now the strongest in the Battalion, and we hope to see it grow still bigger.



9th BATTALION NOTES.

THE past quarter, which is usually supposed to be the restful period in the busy year of the Territorial Army, has not quite proved the haven of peace that was expected. Invigorated by a spot of leave, when the drill halls were closed for training purposes during September, everyone positively leaped at the chance of doing a bit of soldiering again. Once more our long-suffering friends at Letchworth had to bear with us for a week-end, and, although the evening was not quite so hilarious as during our previous visit, it was a very pleasant time none the less, and, as the ground lent itself particularly well to the exercise in question, a profitable as well as a happy week-end was certainly spent.

"B" Company and the M.G. Platoon were the next victims of the tactical exercise fever and, travelling out in one of Mr. Harroway's most comfortable charabanes, they were initiated into the mysteries of the positions of readiness and rendezvous, etc. It is rumoured that one young officer almost reached the divorce court because he insisted on reciting to his wife each night before going to sleep "The duties of the Junior Sub-Section Commander." Pelmanism is supposed to improve the brain (if any), but anyone who has fulfilled the difficult rôle of Junior Sub-Section Commander for, say, one year deserves to be pen-

sioned off and put out to grass for the rest of his life. Following the brainy ones (you have only got to look at a machine gunner to see how brainy he is) came "A," "C" and "D" Companies, who busied themselves with problems of a company in the counter-attack. Most people appeared to enjoy the day's outing, and the tea afterwards at the Steers Hotel was voted the best money's worth that had yet been obtained at any tactical exercise. It is a most curious thing but the old saying that it is an ill wind that blows nobody good is proved even with tactical exercises. The poor farmer is having a bad time and is therefore turning more country to grass, thus opening up more and more country for us to use in a tactical exercise without damage to crops.

In the middle of November we paid our annual visit to the Middlesex Guildhall, where Sir Montagu Sharpe presented "C" Company with the Middlesex Justices' Shield for Lewis Gun, which was won during Annual Training at Dover.

This shield has existed only for four years and has been won three times by the 9th Middlesex Regiment. On the conclusion of the ceremony, Col. Tupper, in a particularly happy little speech, thanked the Justices for the presentation and said how much we appreciated this link between the County and the Middlesex Regiment.

The blue-eyed boys at the moment are the Signallers.

At last we have won a signalling trophy—the Kitoe Cup, which is presented to the 132nd Infantry Brigade for the unit with the greatest number of classified signallers. Three years ago we had five; now we have twenty-three—a very good effort on the part of our enthusiastic Signal Section. They now feel that the coveted Dartmouth Cup is almost within reach.

The football team are going very strongly in the Territorial Army Cup, having beaten the 4th Royal Sussex Regiment by the enormous score of 15 goals to 0. They put up a very fine performance, showing themselves to be a clever, experienced side, and with any luck should be going up to Durham to play the final. If the Territorial Army Cup comes to Willesden, the Drill Hall will

probably go up in flames, and there will be some sore heads for weeks afterwards.

In the week before Christmas we held our Annual Christmas Shoot. Every year this function seems to get better, and the number of prizes are becoming almost impossible to deal with. This year 120 prizes were competed for. They included turkeys, geese, silver cups, watches, joints of meat, fruit, Christmas cakes, etc.; in fact, before the prize distribution, the Drill Hall resembled a miniature Selfridges.

The winner, Pte. Norman, wisely chose a turkey, but the event of the evening was undoubtedly the Sergeant-Major's potatoes.

Our local Tex Rickards have been busy and the next three months should be full from a social and work point of view. What this Battalion would do without the L.G.O.C. it is difficult to say. The average person imagines that the Company provide merely drivers and conductors. Far from it. There is nothing they cannot turn their hands to. We badly wanted a stage with footlights, etc. Within a fortnight, the L.G.O.C. had constructed one on our boxing ring—a first-class stage which takes to bits in half an hour.

On looking back we can say that 1929 has treated us kindly. Our numbers have gone up, and success has come our way in nearly every competition that we have entered for. If 1930 treats us as kindly we shall have no grumbles.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The football season is advancing, and the early 2.30 p.m. kick-offs are now past, much to the relief of the Football Secretary. Last year we were moderately successful, having lost two matches, drawn two, and won the rest, but our hopes of the league championship are very nearly gone. It has been difficult to get our strongest team out every Saturday, owing to the turns worked by the busmen and overtime worked by other people.

In the first round of the T.A. Cup we scored fifteen goals without reply from the 4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regiment. The Sussex were not so bad as the score might suggest, but our forwards had their shooting boots on, and when our

forward line, led by Sergt. Bateman, are in form they take a lot of holding. We meet the 4th Queen's in the Divisional final. May we beat them.

STOP PRESS NEWS.

44th (H.C.) Divisional Final.—9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 4; 4th Bn. The Queen's Regiment, 2.

"B" COMPANY.

Slowly but, we hope, surely we are becoming specialists. In fact, when one enters the Drill Hall on our parade nights one is reminded of the famous words of a senior officer of the Brigade, "Machine guns on the right, machine guns on the left. . . ." To be more serious, we have during these past three months learnt a lot more about our new weapon and are gradually becoming accustomed to calling the "doings" a "crank handle" and not a "cocking handle."

Mr. Gray and his platoon are to be congratulated on the excellent show they put up in the November Inter-Platoon Competition, also Pte. Coleman on winning the Individual Competition that month—his work was very good. We are looking forward to some really close contests between him and Pte. Yelland, of the Machine Gun Platoon in the next few months. They are worthy rivals, comparable to Hood and Harvey.

We most heartily congratulate Mr. Petrie on obtaining a Distinguished Certificate at a Bar and Stroud course at the London District School of Instruction—a jolly good effort. We hope that his platoon will all follow his example and earn similar honours in the April examination. It will bring great credit to them if they do, as their instructors have unfortunately been unable to attend parades with any consistency.

We had a very interesting tactical exercise a few miles north of Stevenage in November. We learnt a lot and enjoyed a perfect autumn day in delightful country. Incidentally, we must find a few more singers in the Company if we are to hold our own with the Machine Gun Platoon when the time for amalgamation arrives. Their tuneful voices rather drowned ours in the charabanc.

Although we are going to be machine gunners—with plenty of emphasis on the

going—such is our humility, thanks to the untiring efforts of Mr. Gray and Mr. Petrie, we are not going to forget how to fire a rifle. The miniature range after parade seems a popular place of resort, and we have no doubt will prove more so in the future.

Members of the Company who did well in the Christmas shoot owe a lot to those who have encouraged them to practise, and we hope were duly appreciative.

We were sorry to say good-bye to some of our friends who came for the last time to draw their bounties (sorry, Proficiency Grants) just before Christmas. We hope that they will come and see us whenever they can spare time.

"C" COMPANY.

In our last Journal notes, space prevented us from making any mention of the previous half-yearly N.C.O.s' promotion examination—that held in July—and, though it is rather late in the day, we must not forget to make mention of it now, since our four entrants—L./Cpls. Camplin and Lock and Ptes. Berry and Ford—all successfully passed, while L./Cpl. Camplin headed the list of the fourteen members of the Battalion who entered.

Since then another half-year has slipped past, and at the beginning of December L./Cpl. Carter passed his examination for Sergeant, while our two other representatives, Ptes. Kent and A. Pinner, also qualified, Kent doing particularly well.

We take this opportunity of congratulating these seven men on their success and hope that those of them who have not yet started climbing the ladder of "stripes" will not be kept waiting for long!

Our Company Sergeant-Major, C.S.M. Todman, has just returned from a month's evening course on Drill and Tactics at the London Central School of Instruction, and our thanks are due to him for devoting all his spare time over such an extended period, not only for his own good, but also for the general efficiency of our Company. Needless to say, the report on his work on the course, which has just been received, was highly satisfactory, and we hope he feels that

the time he spent there will not have been wasted.

So far this season, our Company dances have been far from the financial success that was hoped for, and we feel that the fates have been particularly unkind to us in this respect, as one dance was held on one of the worst evenings of the recent severe gale, while, on our second effort, a lot of trade went to foreign merchants through a breakdown of the train conveying the dance band from town.

Meantime, the cloth on our canteen billiard table, being far from whole, is steadily growing holier and holier. To rectify this, we are thinking of getting permission to count dancing lessons as drills, in order to get stronger support for our dances from members of our Company, a very few of whom up to the present have gathered sufficient courage to take the floor.

We greatly look forward to our Company Dinner for past and serving members on January 4th, and, judging by the way our Old Comrades are purchasing tickets, it is practically assured of success. This is particularly pleasing, as we hope to make it the occasion for presenting a small token to that wonderfully energetic Secretary of our local Old Comrades Association, Sergt. Fenemore, in appreciation of his efforts to keep alive that spirit of comradeship which existed between all ranks during those long war years—a task which has earned for him the gratitude of "koi-hais" and serving members alike.

The Battalion Boxing Championships take place on January 23rd, and, as usual, we hope to be able to send a pretty strong team of young novices into the ring, though unfortunately two of the Company's best boxers have not been able to train this year, owing to late hours at work, while that hard fighter, Pte. Foster, now lives at Cambridge.

To our comrades of the Regiment, at home and abroad, we take this opportunity of sending our best wishes for 1930 and we naturally hope it will bring still further success to our Journal.

H. S.

(No. 10 PLATOON (ROXETH).)

We are pleased to be able to say that the Company's offspring, No. 10 Platoon,

is getting along nicely and is gradually developing into a well-organized body. The morale is good and, owing to the co-operation of the members themselves, its financial standing has been considerably improved.

We were able to hold a most interesting Christmas Shoot, which provided some good scores for the Company average, but we are anxious to know whether there is any truth in the rumour that the winner of the first prize purposely hid the grocery voucher to make sure of getting it himself!

In the New Year we hope to start running some social evenings.

W. G. R.

AN ACCOUNT OF "C" COMPANY'S
ANNUAL DINNER, JANUARY 4TH.
(Written specially for THE DIE-HARDS
Journal by an Old Comrade.)

Our Annual Reunion Dinner in the Drill Hall on Saturday, January 4th, was a most encouragingly well attended and enjoyable affair. The company numbered over 120, and we were particularly grateful to the Old Comrades who attended in such good numbers and so materially contributed to the success of the evening. In this connection we would place on record our indebtedness to Sergt. Fenemore, Sergt. Sainsbury and Pte. Bindon of the Old Comrades for their co-operation and help in the organization of the function. It was a real pleasure to see so many old friends, officers, N.C.Os. and men, and the time was all too short to speak to all as we would have wished. The space at my disposal does not permit of my attempting to register even a few of the memories of old days which this meeting with old friends recalled.

Our present O.C., Capt. H. Sherwood, may have been the least comfortable of us in the matter of dress, but none the less he discharged the duties of Chairman with his characteristic geniality and thoroughness. Amongst others we were pleased to welcome Mr. H. C. Stutfield (Chairman, Wealdstone Council), Mr. W. W. Symper (Chairman, Harrow Council), Rev. Edgar Stogdon (Vicar of Harrow), Col. J. L. Blumfeld, T.D. (Honorary Colonel, 9th Bn. Middlesex Regiment), Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D. (late O.C. 9th Battalion), Lieut.-Col.

G. W. H. Tupper, T.D. (O.C. 9th Battalion), Lieut.-Col. M. F. Kittoe, O.B.E., D.L., T.D., Lieut.-Col. L. J. Bedwell, Major J. N. Lamont, M.C., Capt. H. K. Hardcastle, Capt. F. G. Hogg, Lieut. J. Horley (Westminster Dragoons), R.S.M. C. Denton, Mr. W. A. Boulter (Chairman, Harrow and Roxeth British Legion), Mr. J. A. Morrison, M.C., J.P., and Mr. A. H. Webb.

Col. G. Beach appropriately proposed the toast of "The Middlesex Regiment," and in his reply Col. Blumfeld said the only thing that shocked him in meeting so many old friends was to see how old some of them were getting.

In proposing the toast of "'C' Company," Col. Tupper observed that the Company was now on the up-grade and contained extraordinarily good talent—men who were keen to carry on the traditions of the Company and Regiment.

Capt. Sherwood, in reply, assured us that the Company to-day was very much alive. He regretted that it was still under strength, but mentioned that they were fulfilling their duty to train efficient men capable of becoming N.C.Os. in time of war. He mentioned the shortage of funds, and that Capt. W. J. Sholl had promised support in an appeal and started it with a donation of £2 2s. He was specially proud of the Company having won the Middlesex Justices' Lewis Gun Shield, and in this connection mentioned indebtedness to the Harrow School authorities in granting the use of their miniature range in the summer months. Capt. Sherwood concluded by thanking Capt. Horrocks and the Permanent Staff for their co-operation and help.

Ex-R.S.M. Drinkwater responded to the toast of "Old Comrades" proposed by Sergt. Hatley.

Sergt.-Major Todman was entrusted with the toast of "Our Guests." He welcomed the Chairmen of the Harrow and Wealdstone Councils, and thanked them for their help. He also thanked Lieut. J. Horley, of the Westminster Dragoons, for assisting the Company in demonstrating how tanks co-operate with infantry. He coupled with the toast the name of the Rev. Edgar Stogdon, who, he said, was a member of the Company many years ago.

Major the Rev. Edgar Stogdon, in response, gave us some interesting

reminiscences of the days when he was in charge of the Harrow School Corps (the 27th Battalion of the Middlesex Volunteer Rifle Corps).

The event of the evening was the presentation to ex-Sergt. F. Fenemore of a gold watch, an illuminated address (the artistic work of ex-R.S.M. Drinkwater), and an enlarged photograph of himself and other comrades on active service. The gifts were subscribed for by thirty-seven serving members and sixty Old Comrades. In asking Col. Blumfeld to make the presentation, Capt. Sherwood said the success of the Old Comrades Association and of that gathering was very largely due to Sergt. Fenemore, their Hon. Secretary, who was absolutely one of the best. (Applause.) He was not content to concentrate on the Old Comrades, but was out to help the Company and serving members in every possible way.

Sergt. Fenemore was enthusiastically chaired to the head table by three of his Old Comrades, and was held aloft while Col. Blumfeld made the presentation and added his appreciation of Fenemore's services for the Association and Company. His acknowledgment of the gifts was characteristically modest, for, having expressed his thanks and surprise, he added that he had only done what any man who loved his battalion and comrades would have done.

The outstanding feature of the Bohemian concert which followed was the appearance of Morton Scales, ex-Sergt. Girlestone Lewis, and Harold Nickolds, members of the "Original Terriers" Concert Party of India and "Mespot" fame, and of whom Old Comrades have such pleasant memories.

"D" COMPANY.

During the past three months, the winter weapon training has kept us well employed, and attendances have been fairly good. Recruiting was particularly brisk until December, when it suddenly slackened, but we feel sure that this is only a temporary relapse, and look to our present members to bring along their friends early in the New Year.

The boxing classes are enthusiastically attended every Friday evening. The classes are taken by Mr. Dunmow, a well-

known and very able member of the Hendon Boxing Club, who has always taken great interest in the Company, being himself an old "D" Company man.

Our new miniature range is nearing completion, and is a great improvement on our previous arrangement.

A very pleasant evening was spent on December 23rd, when the Christmas Handicap Shoot was held. The competition was keen throughout the Company, and about fifty members attended and a number of friends. The show was conducted by C.S.M. Goodall. The first six prizes were as follows:—

1. Pte. Lowe, turkey; 99 points out of possible 100.
2. Pte. Timbs, set; 99 points out of possible 100.
3. L./Cpl. McCarthy, turkey; 97 points out of possible 100.
4. Cpl. Edwards, turkey; 94 points out of possible 100.
5. L./Cpl. Willison, whisky; 94 points out of possible 100.
6. Sergt. Devereaux, leg of pork; 93 points out of possible 100.

In all, there were forty prizes, thanks to the generosity of the local tradesmen, who always support us so well. The whole Company greatly appreciate their kindness.

Cpl. Podger is to be highly commended for his good work in this connection.

A ladies' shoot, quite a popular event, was held later in the evening.

The Company Dinner will be held on January 18th, and we hope that as many past and present members as possible will attend.

The fortnightly dances are a popular feature and going well.

We wish every "Die-Hard" a happy and prosperous 1930.

TRANSPORT NOTES.

The past three months have been a quiet time for the Transport Section after the labours of camp. Ordnance inspected our harness and wagons last October and gave us a very good report on the state in which it had been kept, and the amount of work that had been put into it. We are hoping, as a result of that inspection, to have some of our harness replaced.

On Saturday before Christmas we held our Christmas Supper to celebrate the winning of the Albuhera Cup. The evening was a great success in every way, and reflects great credit on Mrs. Martin, who did our catering, and also Mr. Martin, who looked after our liquid needs. "The Band" also needs a word of praise for the manner in which he entertained us. We trust that he got his instruments safely home.

The Transport Section themselves had great difficulty in getting home after this function. Some got home early, some got home late, and rumour has it that one did not get home at all; nevertheless, it was a night out that was thoroughly deserved, for the Transport Section is getting a reputation for being a very dependable body of men, and we are asked to do a job of work fairly frequently now. We want to keep this reputation.

Riding classes have started at St. John's Wood on Wednesday evenings, and we are getting a fairly good muster. These classes undoubtedly do help us a great deal, especially as we are unable to hold our Sunday morning rodeo until Ordnance have finished with our harness.

In the summer we have great hopes of running a Transport Section cricket team. Everything is at present in the air, but these things all help to keep us together.

TRANSPORT.

SOME REMINISCENCES OF THE DIE-HARDS.

By SERGT.-MAJOR E. BEZAR (late
57th Regiment).

(Continued from page 547, August, 1927.)

CHAPTER IV (continued).

We were at a loss to account for this, for, though we could see for miles, we could discern not the slightest sign of an enemy. There were, it is true, any amount of scrub and little sand-mounds all over the plain, and ample covering for men on foot, but we expected our friends to be all mounted, and this proved to be correct, a fact we were very forcibly convinced of before even our advance guard was properly extended.

About 1,200 yards ahead, there arose a yell which almost shook the ground, and, as if by magic, there appeared the force, all mounted either on camels or horses, the latter consisting of those beauties for which Arabia is so noted. Animals, men, and all must have been lying down waiting our approach, and they opened the ball.

Like the late Prince Imperial at Spicheren, this was my baptismal firing, for, although I had been in the Crimea, after the fall of Sebastopol, I had not been under fire, though I had gazed on the sad ravages of war and the millions' worth of destruction, saw miles of road mettle with broken shot and shell, and helped to construct walls round the numerous graveyards, and in some cases to put more covering over the remains of poor fellows who had met their doom, covering which time and circumstances did not admit of being done when they were placed there.

As they opened fire, the two field guns were brought from the centre of the column, where they had been concealed during the march. The extended line in front was ordered to lie down, to enable a few rounds of grapeshot to be sent over among them. The first round was very near causing considerable mischief among the line in front; through some reckless elevation it was sent ploughing up the sand among the skirmishers, and the officer who was responsible for this got somewhat scared. The next round was more successful. That, and our rifles, created a little move among them. The bright weapons of the Arabs were flashing in the sun. The whole of our men were soon extended, and peppering away at them. They dared not come nearer, thus the guns and we had all the sport, as the other part of the force had still the old "Brown Bess," or some very near relative to that much-abused old weapon. Many people seem to forget altogether what solid work had been done by them in the past. When the Arabs found it was not to their interest to get any nearer to the white coats (we were thus dressed), they made an attempt to get round our right flank, and, as was supposed, make for Aden, under the impression that they could easily get in in our absence. Seeing the attempt, the commander sent off his body guard (15

Scinde horsemen). They went full gallop, and near enough to open fire. This bold rush-out caused the Arabs to reconsider their decision, and they swept away round to the left flank, taking every care to describe a big circle, in order to avoid the little messengers we were sending after them.

By this time, a long line of Sepoy skirmishers were thrown out to our left. The Arabs found that they could get much nearer to them, and did so. Then a few white coats were sent to mix with them. This caused them to edge off, and they made an attempt to get round to the left, and this brought them not far from the Harbour Steamer Point, and a gun-boat commenced to fire away with blank, which made the Arabs again change their minds. Finding that they were not likely to gain much advantage by fooling round near us, they struck a bee-line for their home, or in the direction of a town we could see a few miles ahead, Shakothman, and we had nothing more to do but follow straight on.

The blue jackets began to grumble about taking no active part. They said, "The 'Die-Hards' with their d—d long rangers have it all to themselves, and will get all the credit for this."

"Never mind," said the Brigadier; "you shall storm the town."

The right of our line was somewhat overlapping the town, as we got nearly up to it, and Sir R. Douglas, who had charge of that part, said:

"Now, the moment the sailors get the order to charge, you cut for that big building as if Old Scratch were behind you; if we can only get half a dozen men there before the tars, I'm satisfied."

A halt was ordered about 600 yards from the nearest building, and a few shot and shell sent in, but there appeared to be very few people left, having nearly all retired before we got there.

Soon the tars were ordered to charge, and away they went; half a dozen or so with Sir Robert kept edging in the direction of the big house, and when the tars rushed we rushed, and to their disgust a few of us got in before them—right into the front entrance of the large building, which proved to be a mosque—Sir Robert in the lead. In the centre was their place of prayer, and here we found a few, and three wounded men that they could not

manage to take away; and no doubt the Arabs were cute enough to know that we were not likely to injure them further.

Outlying pickets were sent out in order to allow the remainder of the force to take it easy. The native sappers were set to work to undermine and blow up a building or two, just, it was supposed, to bring the Arabs to their senses as soon as possible; the remainder piled arms, and were enabled to fossack around a bit.

I ought to have mentioned that soon after the firing commenced the Brigadier said:

"Half a dozen of you men have a pop at that chief." This was the leader, who could be seen galloping about urging on his men, brandishing his sword, which could easily be seen glittering in the sun. So about half a dozen went down on the knee and fired. The chief was seen to fall.

"Well done," said the Brigadier, and he gave ten rupees to William McIntyre (now in Greymouth), and credited him with popping off the chief; but to this day I never could understand how he arrived at that conclusion, seeing that we fired simultaneously, or nearly so. However, in the town I came upon a small box of Mexican dollars, one of which is still in the family as a brooch; perhaps that accounts for keeping it so long. I think it does. I have also a few other articles which came from the Shakothman.

When the rush was first made, two or three of our men came running out of the mosque with flags, on which were several small bells jingling. These, Mr. Rassam said, were connected with their place of worship, and not flags of war, and they were at once replaced.

Word was passed along that a flag of truce was coming in, and three mounted men could be seen approaching with it, but just as they arrived within about four hundred yards from where we were all idling about, a mine exploded with a loud report, then another; this caused the party with the truce to turn round and flee for their lives. After some time, they were seen coming again, and Mr. Rassam went out to meet them.

They asked why the big guns had been fired at them; but they were informed what it really was, and on they came to within about one hundred yards of where we were all standing waiting for their

approach, when they declined to go on unless we were sent away. Then Mr. Rassam said, "Move back, men, clear from the mosque; they do not like to pass you."

This we did, and they passed in, when a conference was held, and they came out, mounted other horses, and off they went. We shortly learned that all was squared, and that we were to return that afternoon.

The chiefs stated that they had lost 73 men and 3 chiefs. Besides a number of horses and camels, three men fell into our hands, and were taken into our hospital. One died from a shot in the chest. Another had his arm above the elbow shattered with a grapeshot, and it was taken off by Dr. Griffin. I think he died in our hospital. The third was a huge Seedie shot in the leg, and as soon as he got well enough to leave, he did so one dark night, for some natives had told him that as soon as he was well enough he was to be shot. He must have thought there was some truth in it, for he cleared. I was somewhat doubtful of the number killed; but as the chiefs said so it ought to be true. In such a case they were less liable to exaggeration than we should be.

About three in the afternoon we made a start for Aden, and from the Arab gate up to our lines, a distance of four or five miles, the road was lined with the inhabitants, cheering us heartily as we passed. This affair ended very satisfactorily, if we might judge from the compliments bestowed on us in despatches. There was a very marked change for the better towards us after this skirmish. Previously, when passing through the crowded bazaars, it was extremely difficult to get along. All the people used to appear to do their utmost to impede our progress. It was unpleasant to be *always* treading on their bare toes; yet it could not be avoided sometimes if any progress was to be made at all. But after the brush, no matter how crowded the streets were, there was always a passage made for a European soldier.

John Long had cause to rejoice at this expedition, though he was only present in the spirit—his body was in gaol. The Brigadier was so delighted that he remitted the remainder of his sentence a few days after our return.

(To be continued.)

FIRST BATTALION WENTWORTH REGIMENT

(DUNDAS, ONTARIO).

November 7th, 1929.

DEAR MAJOR PARGITER,

I trust you are well and that the Regiment is still keeping its end up.

I have been requested to forward a few notes for THE DIE-HARDS Journal which I am enclosing. I am sure you will be pleased to learn that the cup recently sent out to the old 77th from the Regiment was formally handed over to them at a very happy dinner party we had here in Dundas. I felt very honoured in deputizing for the officers of the Middlesex Regiment on this occasion, and can assure you that the gift was received by the ex-officers of the 77th Wentworth Regiment in great style. I was requested by them (77th Regiment) for the officers of the Middlesex Regiment to please accept their sincere thanks for the gift, and to say that the silver piece will always find an honoured place in the Mess.

Capt. G. Miller returned to duty from the Old Country and had nothing but nice things to say about his visit and the Regiment generally. If you meet Sir Ivor Maxse please tell him that I occasionally practise a few of his training stunts with the Battalion.

I will try to send you a few notes for the Journal from time to time.

Yours sincerely,

C. MORRIS, Major.
(late Captain, Middlesex Regt.)
A./Adjutant, 1st Bn. The Wentworth Regiment.

BATTALION NOTES.

The Battalion is busy getting ready for the Annual Inspection by the G.O.C., Military District No. 2, Headquarters, Toronto, which takes place at Dundas on November 18th, 1929.

The inspection consists of ceremonial drill, company drill, Lewis-gun and signalling training; books and quarters.

The attendance of all ranks at the weekly parades is slowly increasing, and if the Battalion does as well as at the last inspection it will be "jake." The

Annual Signalling Test will take place at Dundas on December 27th, 1929.

The "Die-Hards" Display at the Royal Military Tournament last year must have been a splendid success, and all ranks of the Middlesex Regiment are requested to accept our sincere congratulations on keeping before the public in so worthy a manner an incident which is of such historical interest and value to the British Empire.

OFFICERS' MESS NOTES.

ANCASTER DANCE.

Col. and Mrs. J. J. Grafton, of Dundas, entertained delightfully at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club, Ancaster, for the officers and honorary members of the 1st Bn. The Wentworth Regiment, of which Col. Grafton has been Honorary Colonel for some years. Mrs. Grafton, who received with her husband the 150 guests, wore a smart frock of black taffeta. The guests included the officers of the 2nd Reserve Battalion of the Wentworth Regiment. Those present were:

Col. and Mrs. Stanley Sawell, Col. and Mrs. Armand Smith, Col. MacLennan, Col. and Mrs. Ernest Greenwood, Lieut. Col. H. A. Dickson, Major F. B. Bowman, Major and Mrs. Stewart Grafton, Major and Mrs. Harry Thomas, Major and Mrs. W. H. Glendinning, Major and Mrs. L. C. Lauchland, Major Robert Dodds, Major and Mrs. Thomas Bates, Major and Mrs. L. A. Carr, Major and Mrs. C. H. Morris, Capt. Albert Smith, Capt. George Coombes, Capt. and Mrs. George Miller, Capt. and Mrs. Cecil Nicholson, Capt. and Mrs. James Peace, Capt. E. D. Pennington, Lieut. and Mrs. George Honey, Lieut. and Mrs. W. G. Lawson, Lieut. and Mrs. Fred. Looseley, Lieut. and Mrs. A. L. Shaver, Lieut. J. R. Turnbull, Lieut. Ralph Coombes, Lieut. I. E. Millard, Lieut. John Builder, and others.

We are pleased to have Capt. G. Miller back with us again after his vacation in the Old Land. He spent a pleasant and profitable ten days at the Depot Middlesex Regiment. We hear that he now rises at 0400 hours daily to do his physical jerks, and in the absence of an instructor of the Middlesex Regiment employs the radio broadcaster. (Good stuff.)

Our genial Paymaster, Capt. J. F. Crowley, is on his annual hunting trip "up North" chasing the wily moose. We trust he will meet with his usual luck and bring home the bacon.

Talking about hunters, what happened to the "Jerky Triggers" who made the trip to Rice Lake, and where are the ducks? Did they go after ducks or Indians?

Extract from "Dundas Star."

OFFICERS' MESS REUNION AND PRESENTATION.

ENJOYABLE DINNER HELD AT THE ARMOURIES SATURDAY EVENING.

Away back in 1911 or 1912 the officers of the Duke of Cambridge's Middlesex Regiment, with which the 77th Wentworth Regiment was affiliated, conceived the happy idea that it would be a nice thing to make a presentation to their affiliated regiment in Canada. The idea was adopted and a handsome silver loving cup was purchased and suitably engraved. It was the intention to have the cup formally handed over the first time one of the officers of the Middlesex Regiment visited Canada or when one of the officers of the 77th Regiment was in England. The war came along, however, before this could be arranged, and all thoughts were devoted to it, many of the officers of the Middlesex Regiment giving their lives in the great struggle. After the war, the cup was forgotten by the new officers, but early this year the idea was again brought to the fore, and as it happened that Major C. H. Morris, D.S.O., one of the former officers of the Middlesex Regiment is now Adjutant of the First Battalion Wentworth Regiment, it was arranged that the cup should be presented by him.

The formal presentation was postponed until the fall, and was made at the Armouries last Saturday night at a reunion and dinner of the old officers of the 77th Regiment and officers of the Wentworth Regiment, which was a very enjoyable gathering of old-time friends.

After a fine repast, during which the regimental orchestra provided music, Major Dyson acted as toast-master and took charge of the programme. After the toast to the King had been loyally

responded to, the toast to "Our Departed Comrades" was proposed by Major Ven. Archdeacon A. C. Mackintosh and drunk in silence. It was not sufficient, he said, to think of what they were—heroes and gentlemen, patriots who heard the call of the weak and helpless and went to the defence of home and country, and gave all they had, their lives, but we should also think of what they now are in the great unseen world, for it is a great comfort to think of them as still living and still conscious of the comrades they have left behind. We should not only think of their example, but we should also think of them as spectators, as a great host which compasses us about.

In presenting the cup to Col. J. J. Grafton as a representative of the old 77th Regiment, Major Morris referred to his former service with the Middlesex Regiment. It was formed 175 years ago and had served in all the campaigns of the past hundred years, and had about a hundred battle honours. Their officers are very keen to make the affiliation a real thing and to develop a sentiment of comradeship with their sister battalion in Canada. The Militia is one of the greatest influences in the development of the bonds of Empire. He had great pleasure, on behalf of his old regiment, in presenting the cup to Col. Grafton, representing the old 77th Regiment.

Capt. George Miller, who was a guest of the officers of the Middlesex Regiment for ten days last summer, told of the splendid reception and entertainment given him.

The toast to the First Battalion was proposed by Lieut.-Col. A. A. Smith, M.C., O.C. of the Second (Reserve) Battalion of the Wentworth Regiment. In his address he gave some interesting reminiscences of the old days of the 77th. Great credit was due to the men who kept the Militia together in those days. Col. Grafton was the daddy of them all, and he was glad to again see Matt. Wilson, Lieut. Rous, of Lynden, Stewart Moss, Billy Mallett, Stewart Grafton, C. S. Burns, of Waterdown, George Weatherston, of Beverley, and Major Ptolemy. He referred in feeling terms to Jamie Bertram, who fell in the Great War, than whom he said there was no finer soldier, and to Major A. E. Kim-

mons, of Winona, who went with the First Contingent, and was killed at St. Julien. He was a splendid officer and a cultured gentleman. His name stands first in the list of Canadians inscribed on the Menin Gate, on which are the names of 57,000 of those killed in the vicinity of Ypres who have no known grave. F. P. Thornton was Bandmaster, and they had a fine Band in those days, and Col. Greenwood was Sergeant-Major of the Regiment. Great credit is due to the officers who have carried on so successfully since the war. It was reorganized by Col. Clifford, then Col. Greenwood took command, and now Col. Sawell is in charge. The Regiment has been progressing splendidly, and he congratulated Col. Sawell and his officers upon the fine way they were carrying on the traditions of the splendid old 77th Regiment.

Major R. Dodds, M.C., responded. They were particularly fortunate, he said, in having the support, assistance and encouragement of many of the old officers.

Col. Grafton presented the cup from the 77th Regiment to the present Wentworth Regiment. In doing so, he gave a brief outline of the history of the 77th. It was organized, he said, in 1872, with Headquarters in Dundas. There were eight companies: "A" Company in Dundas, "B" in Waterdown, "C" at Binbrook, "D" at Ancaster, "E" at Stoney Creek, "F" at North Glanford, "G" at Rockton, and "H" at Freelon. Prior to the organization there was quite a military spirit in Dundas. The town furnished three companies to the 71st York Rangers in 1812, and a number of men from Dundas fought under Brock and were with him when he died. These three companies were commanded by Dundas officers, Capt. Hatt, Capt. Crooks and Capt. Durrand. There was also a company of riflemen attached to the now Royal Hamilton Regiment, and commanded by the late Col. Robertson in 1847. Col. Robertson resided at "Foxbar," the residence now owned by Mr. F. E. Lennard on the Governor's Road.

In the year 1866, when the Fenians were causing so much trouble, volunteers from the Dundas district were called for, and in less than two days one hundred

men were enlisted. The late Capt. A. R. Wardell was made Captain of the company, and the late Col. H. C. Gwyn was subaltern. This company, together with two other companies formed at that time—one in Binbrook, and the other in Waterdown—were the nucleus of the 77th Regiment. The Regiment has many honours to its credit, and was known practically all over the British Empire for its famous rifle shots. It was also famous for its regimental band and is still famous, for it is keeping up the prize-winning which made it famous in the old days. When signalling began to play a more important part in the duties of a soldier and signalling sections were formed in all regimental units, the old 77th Signalling Corps was the premier signalling corps and came first in the Dominion under Lieut. E. Ford, now Col. E. Ford, present Director of Signals for the Canadian Army.

The old 77th Regiment continued to function until 1919, and during the war recruited approximately 2,800 men from Wentworth County for overseas service. After the war the 77th went to the new organization, whose object is to maintain such traditions and add new honours for the glory of the old Regiment.

The cup was accepted by Col. Sawell on behalf of the Wentworth Regiment, who referred to his appreciation of the fine comradely spirit of the officers of the Middlesex Regiment, and asked Major Morris to convey to them the sincerest thanks and best wishes of the Wentworth officers, who are very proud to have such affiliation with such a distinguished regiment.

On the motion of Col. Smith and Col. Greenwood, a vote of thanks was passed to the officers of the Middlesex Regiment for their thoughtful kindness, and the loyalty and affection of the local regiment is to be sent them, with the assurance that the cup will long continue to bind that invisible tie which means so much to the Empire.

The toast to "The Canadian Militia" was proposed by Dr. A. C. Caldwell in an eloquent address in which he traced the great traditions we inherit of responsible government, our educational system, our law courts, and of the British Army and Navy. The traditions of the Militia

cover two thousand years, from the time early Britons had fought Julius Cæsar. Since then they had fought the Danes, the French, the Spaniards, the Portuguese, the Dutch, the Russians, the Irish and the Scotch. They had fought in blue, in red and in khaki, and under their flag had been the men of all nationalities. They had fought on foot, on horse, in the trenches, in the open, in the air, and on the sea, anywhere, anyhow and anybody.

In the early days of Canada men had been one day farmers and the next day soldiers. The second period was comprised of independent companies, and in 1860 the foundations of our present Militia system had been laid, the 13th Regiment of Hamilton, formed in 1862, being one of the oldest. In 1867 Dundas had a company under the late A. R. Wardell attached to the 13th, and there was another in Waterdown, and five years later these were formed into a unit of their own and became the 77th Regiment. The Canadian Militia had sent men to the Egyptian campaign, the South African War, and the Great War, and we are all proud of their great achievements and sacrifices.

The toast was responded to by Dr. F. B. Bowman, who was Medical Officer of the 77th when Col. W. E. S. Knowles was in command. He told of the old days in camp and drew a comparison with present days.

An interesting feature of the evening was the presentation of a silver mug to Col. Sawell for his young son, Donald. The presentation was made by Col. E. H. Greenwood in a humorous speech.

On behalf of the Poppy Day Fund Campaign Committee, Major J. S. Grafton presented the Regiment with a wreath to be laid at the Memorial on Armistice Day, when the Regiment and returned men will march to Memorial Square for short ceremonies and recognition of two minutes of silence in honour of their fallen comrades.

On the motion all the old officers of the 77th Regiment were made honorary members of the Officers' Mess of the Wentworth Regiment, and they were extended a hearty invitation to call at the Armouries at any time.

BAND NOTES.

Congratulations to Musicians Mabb, Clark and Wyatt on being awarded the Long Service Medal.

We hear rumours that several "old boys" are endeavouring to trace mysterious back service and so obtain the coveted decoration.

The Band gave an excellent show at the Band Competition, Toronto Exhibition, last summer, and indeed were unfortunate to be placed third. Better luck this year.

The Mayor and Town Council of Dundas gave Mr. F. P. Thornton and the Band a complimentary banquet at the Melbourne Hotel on October 2nd, 1929, about 100 guests being present. The banquet was a decided success and showed fine appreciation of the numerous successes achieved by the Band recently.

The Band instruments are now being changed from high to low pitch, and so conform with instrumentalists of Europe and U.S.A. This change means quite a number of new instruments, and incidentally entails quite an expense.

BUGLE BAND NOTES.

The Bugle Band, under Sergt.-Major McInerney, is coming along in fine style this fall, and should present a splendid show at the forthcoming G.O.C.'s Inspection.

A stag party was held in the Armouries on November 4th, about fifty members and guests being present. Cards, solos and community singing and eats were the order of the evening. The Commanding Officer and Adjutant were both present.

We hope that this kind of entertainment will not be the last of this season. Sergt.-Major Amsden made a very genial Chairman.

COMPANY NOTES.

"A" Company is going ahead and should make a good showing at the Annual Inspection by the G.O.C.,

Major Glendinning and his Committee are to be congratulated on the very successful Company Dinner held at the Melbourne Hotel. We are looking forward to the Company Boxing Tournament to be held at an early date.

"B" Company is on the warpath for recruits, and is getting the right type, too.

The Company Fall Theatre Party in Hamilton was voted a happy one by those who attended. The Company extend a hearty welcome to C.S.M. Amsden, who has recently been posted to the Company. Now we shall have some "singing birds."

SOME UNUSUAL CHRISTMASTIDES.

(Being the experiences of an old 10th Sergeant.)

1914.

Christmas Day in India. It seems a long time ago since "A" and "E" Companies were doing outpost duty at Chingri Khal, and we filled sandbags for two hours on Christmas morning and had our Christmas puddings sent down by the R.Q.M.S. from Fort William. But the day was royally kept up. "A" beat "E" at footer, the entire companies playing, by one goal to nil, the kick-off being at 6 a.m., and then after a spot of sandbag filling the huts were decorated in real Army fashion. True there was no holly or mistletoe, but it is surprising what a lot can be done to a hut with Army blankets, crossed bayonets, and palms. Sports were held in the afternoon for some very fine fake prizes, and the dinner in the evening was one to be remembered, and everyone enjoyed life. So much so, that the early morning parade of "E" Company found more absentees than men on parade. The Provost Sergeant was very busy for one hour that day.

1915.

Having been dispatched to "Blighty" from Bombay on November 12th with another messmate, we arrived after many adventures, including an unpleasant interview with a German submarine, at the port of Marseilles on the evening of Christmas Eve, and prepared to leave our none too sumptuous quarters *ek dam*, but not so. Our O.C. Troops, a fiery old Regular of the old school, had a peculiar way of dealing with Territorial N.C.Os. of whom we mustered about forty. He

had in no unmeasured way shown us for about six weeks that our last days in the ranks should be remembered with mixed feelings, and on Christmas Day he rose to his greatest height, for he had the whole lot of us—C.S.Ms., C.Q.M.Ss. (fancy), Sergeants, Corporals and all—turned out as a fatigue party to unload ship and thus passed our second Christmas Day, humping packages off a B.I. boat at Marseilles. The greatest joy of that fatigue party was the carrying down to the quayside the O.C. Troops own personal luggage. It was treated with the greatest care, I don't think, and almost made Christmas feel like Christmas.

1916.

The line near Neuve Chapelle; mud, rain, and cold. It made one wish for even old Chingri or the Marseilles fatigue party. G.H.Q. had determined there should be no more fraternizing at Christmas, and there was not. Each side kept up a continual *straffe*, and our battalion headquarters seemed to be the centre of the beaten zone and were being fairly plastered with real good 'uns, when a new M.O. arrived from the base. This was his first experience of shell fire, and he arrived about the middle of the worst dose the Battalion had had since the Somme. On inquiring from the runner escorting him in whether it was usually like this, he received the cheery answer, "Blimey, sir, this is quiet. Wait till they really *do* start." That M.O. must have been relieved when he found out we had more shelling that night than in the next three months put together.

1917.

Again France. This time farther south, just by Arras in a very badly battle-scarred area, and as luck would have it we were in close support, which was almost worse than being in the line, as we supplied all carrying and working parties. There was not much mud, but plenty of snow and a very different temperature from Chingri Khal. We did our best to remember it was Christmas, living in dug-outs in a deep railway cutting, the disadvantage of which was that Jerry shelled it at irregular intervals, but with much accuracy, which certainly did not improve the Christmas feeling. Several of the old Tenth were there in the Bat-

talion; Carpenter, late of "B" Company, who seemed to enjoy war, Jiggins, in the Signallers, and several others. The best joke of Christmas was awarded to the Quartermaster, a man who had a profound contempt for the staff. On Christmas Eve he was visited by the Staff Captain, and the following is the supposed conversation:—

S.C.: "Ah, H—, I hear you are writing a book?"

H.: "Yes, that's right."

S.C.: "What is it called?"

H.: "'B— Fools I've met in the War.'"

S.C.: "Ha, ha! Am I in it?"

H.: "You—you're the b— frontispiece!"

The truth of the above yarn is not vouched for by the writer, but it is not far from the truth.

1918.

War all over, and all that was left of a Middlesex Battalion billeted in a little village six miles from Mons. "In lieu of," as we say, fighting, plenty of parades, heaps of rumours and wagon-loads of 'flu, but Christmas was certainly kept up in right good Army style. Christmas fare was collected from far and near, and decorations in billets were masterly. The companies were lodged in large and airy barns, and one in the village school, and the writer visited each dinner in turn, together with the C.O. and Second-in-Command. The Christmas feeling certainly grew stronger as each company was visited, so that by the time the Sergeants' Mess dinner took place in the evening, to which all officers were invited, nobody knew and nobody cared. The dinner was held in a large village hall, and the proceedings concluded with a mob game of football, the ball being the C.O.'s cap. To this day the point is yet undecided as to which of the Sergeants got in most kicks on the C.O.'s and Adjutant's shins.

Alas, next day, the Battalion moved by route march to Mons in full marching order. Steel helmets were more frequently carried than worn, and the singing was not so birdlike as usual.

A. B.

[Extract from "The Old Tenth," the Notes of the 10th Middlesex Sergeants' Mess Association.]

11th BATTALION OLD COMRADES' NOTES.

THE 11th Battalion Branch of the Regimental Association is continuing to flourish, and at the time of writing has over a hundred members on its books.

A very representative party attended the Regimental Old Comrades' Dinner on November 2nd last, sixteen officers and twenty-five other ranks occupying the second-largest table of the evening, which was exceeded in size only by that of the Depot. Among others who had not been seen at Regimental fixtures for a long time, the following were particularly welcome:—

The Rev. Basil Aston, D.S.O., Capt. Harold Peploe, D.S.O., Capt. H. L. MacIlwaine, Capt. R. C. Price, Capt. H. R. Strong and Capt. H. Stuart Cook.

The table was presided over by Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, the senior Vice-President of the Branch, in the regretted absence of the President, Lieut.-Col. W. D. Ingle, in South Africa.

Letters from Majors G. L. Brown, D.S.O., J. H. Piper, R. C. Lane and R. Pearse and also from Capt. A. F. E. Robinson, explaining their absence, were circulated, together with addresses and particulars of several other officers known to be abroad or in remote parts.

A most happy reunion took place, and it was generally agreed that the Battalion is now once more alive.

On Armistice Day, Messrs. Edwin Jones, Higgins and Bastable attended the service at the Depot and afterwards laid a wreath on the War Memorial in the name of the Branch.

On Saturday, December 7th, the Annual General Meeting of the Branch took place at the Earl Russell, when a good muster of Old Comrades put in an appearance. Among others, there were present Major G. B. Anderson and Messrs. D. McDonald, T. J. Castro, H. Geale, W. H. Reed, H. Haines, W. Coombes, T. Hayhoe, F. Morley, C. R. Tuck, F. Welch, J. Trumble, E. Jones, A. Gales, F. Warren, Bastable, Andrews, E. Price, Treefry, Riches, Howall, Clayton and Kew.

The business commenced with a report from Mr. Jones on the financial position,

and as this disclosed a small sum in hand it was decided to send a donation of £1 to the Regimental Association, as an earnest of regular support in the future.

Next, the Rules which had been drawn up by the Committee for the management of the Branch were read out and accepted.

The following officers were then appointed for 1930:—

President.—Lieut.-Col. W. D. Ingle.

Senior Vice-President.—Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel.

Chairman of Committee.—Mr. D. McDonald.

Hon. Treasurer.—Major G. B. Anderson.

Hon. Secretary.—Mr. Edwin Jones.

The following Old Comrades were elected to the Committee:—

Messrs. Gales, Warren, Haviland, Darling, Gill, Welch and Reed.

The views of the meeting were then taken with regard to arranging a programme for 1930. After the Chairman had pointed out that the Regimental Association holds smoking concerts in January, April and October, and an Old Comrades' Dinner in November, at all of which members of the Branch are welcome, it was decided that the fixtures of the Regimental Association be the fixtures of the Branch, and, further, that the Committee endeavour to arrange the additional fixtures indicated in the programme given below.

At the conclusion of the business there was a very enjoyable concert.

On January 4th, a fair number of members of the Battalion turned up to the Regimental Association's smoking concert at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea.

The programme which has been arranged for the coming year is as follows:—

February.—Smoking concert.

March.—Dinner.

April.—Regimental smoking concert.

May.—Afternoon visit to the Depot at the invitation of the Officer Commanding.

June.—Smoking concert.

July and August.—At present no fixtures.

September.—Smoking concert.

November.—Regimental Old Comrades' Dinner.

December.—Annual General Meeting.

These events will take place on the first Saturday in the month, and those of February, June, September and December will be at the Headquarters of the Branch at the Earl Russell, Wells Street, London, W.

CADET BRIGADE.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

STRENGTH.

The strength of units, on November 1st, 1929, was as follows:—

1st Cadet Battalion.—19 officers, 342 other ranks.

2nd Cadet Battalion.—4 officers, 38 other ranks.

3rd Cadet Battalion.—11 officers, 179 other ranks.

4th Cadet Battalion.—8 officers, 126 other ranks.

Total.—42 officers, 685 other ranks.

OFFICERS.

Col. W. Scott-Miller, D.L. (Colonel-Commandant of the Cadet Brigade), has just returned from a cruise to the West Indies.

The following appointments have recently been made in the Cadet Brigade:

Capt. P. W. Heanly (late 18th Bn. The Rifle Brigade), appointed Cadet Lieutenant-Colonel, and to command 2nd Cadet Battalion.

Capt. G. J. Leatham, M.B.E., M.C. (late Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment), to be Brigade Musketry Officer.

P. J. Fenn, Esq., to be Second-Lieutenant, 3rd Cadet Battalion.

F. C. Davey, Esq., to be Lieutenant, 2nd Cadet Battalion.

A. R. J. Ridley, Esq., to be Second-Lieutenant, 1st Cadet Battalion.

F. C. Cave, Esq., to be Second-Lieutenant, 1st Cadet Battalion.

LUCAS-TOOTH COMPETITION, 1929.

The result of the Lucas-Tooth Competition in the Cadet Brigade—which was judged by Capt. G. J. Leatham—has recently been announced, and is as follows:—

1st Cadet Battalion.

	Points.
John Lyon School ...	229
Christ College ...	236
Stationers' School ...	228

3rd Cadet Battalion.

"A" Company (Harringay) ...	225
"B" Company (Wood Green) ...	222
"C" Company (Willesden) ...	182

4th Cadet Battalion.

"A" Company (Chiswick) ...	163
"D" Company (Chiswick) ...	179

Christ College are the winners of the School Competition.

"A" Company (Harringay), 3rd Cadet Battalion are the winners of the Non-School Competition.

THE LADY WEST MEMORIAL SHIELD COMPETITION (1ST PHASE).

The result of this competition—which was judged by Capt. H. E. R. Ford, Adjutant, 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment—has just been notified, and is as follows:—

1st.—1st Cadet Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (team from John Lyon School Cadet Corps).—81 per cent. of marks.

2nd.—3rd Cadet Battalion The Middlesex Regiment; "A" Company (Harringay).—72 per cent. of marks.

2ND CADET BATTALION MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

(Affiliated to 8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), T.A.)

Headquarters.—Drill Hall, Churchfield Road, Ealing, W.13.

Colonel-in-Chief.—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

Honorary Colonel.—Col. John Perring, D.L., J.P., L.C.C.

C.O.—Lieut.-Col. P. W. Heanly,

This Battalion has been thoroughly reorganized since Lieut.-Col. P. W. Heanly took over the command last September. The strength has increased and new uniforms supplied.

On October 17th, upon the occasion of the British Legion rally at the Town Hall, Ealing, a guard of honour was formed in the vestibule, and inspected by General Sir Ian Hamilton, who spoke in strong terms of praise of the smart turn-out

and spent some time conversing with the Cadets.

On December 19th, Lieut.-Col. Heanly and the officers gave an invitation concert at the Drill Hall to the Patrons of the Battalion, and the cadets parents, among those present being the Mayor (Alderman H. Baker, J.P., C.C.), the Mayoress, the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Skinner Cox, J.P.) and Deputy Mayoress, Alderman Basil Holmes, J.P., C.C., Alderman Col. Kimmitt, J.P., O.B.E., Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, D.L., Rev. Cardigan Williams (Brigade Chaplain), Councillor Willoughby Garner, and about 175 others. The Mayor made a stirring speech, in which he said:

"I want to put it up to the young fellows of the Borough to join such an organization as the Cadet Battalion, and I say that advisedly, because I have pleasant recollections of the somewhat varied experience I have had of public work, and other forms of social service, but I have no more pleasant recollections than of the days I spent in the Cadet Corps to which I was myself attached. I made many firm friendships there, and they have cropped up in subsequent years in life. There is no place in which you can make greater friends than in serving in the ranks of any battalion. I know some of the younger lads will say, 'Why should we do this?' I say that while you are young it is sometimes good to stop and think, and it is in our younger days that we make the friends who are most dear to us. As we get older we may make what I venture to term are acquaintances, but they can never be the same as the friends of our youth."

MEANING OF CITIZENSHIP.

The Mayor said that he was honoured in being elected the chief citizen of the Borough: that was a great distinction, but he would like to feel also that the Borough possessed a Cadet Corps as efficient as any in the country. "I should then feel," said the Mayor, "that as your chief citizen I should be exemplifying and representing a true spirit of citizenship, because citizenship means a very great deal. It isn't only a question of going to the poll and voting; it isn't only a question of putting certain men on the Council, because your Council as a Council can do nothing unless it has behind it

the true spirit of citizenship and fellowship. The spirit of citizenship has got to come from the younger generation. Unfortunately, we to-day are carrying the added burden of public work because we suffered the catastrophe of having practically a whole generation wiped out, and I appeal to the young men to give some of the true spirit of citizenship in service to their country and their fellow-men."

The Headmaster of the Ealing Priory School has invited Lieut.-Col. P. W. Heanly to form a company of over fifty pupils. This will be "B" Company, under the command of Major Walter Morris, M.C. (author of "Bretherton") and work will commence next term.

On Saturday, January 5th, a detachment will form a guard of honour at the civic church parade at Ealing Parish Church, and be inspected by the Mayor after the service.

3RD CADET BATTALION NOTES.

Notes for the Regimental Journal are a distinct novelty, and as the training season has just finished, it will be a good thing to glance at our doings during the past twelve months.

Thanks to the financial help of the Colonel-Commandant, a considerable number of recruits has been taken on the strength. To put them all through their classification has been a heavy job for the Musketry Officer and has taxed the range accommodation to the utmost.

We started the year by winning the Byrne Challenge Cup. In the Miniature Rifle Competition, the senior team took second place, and the junior the third. We put up the best score in the Spring Gold Medal Shoot, and C.Q.M.S. Batchelor won the individual prize. We were fortunate in camp, where the D.G.T.A., General Stevens, kindly judged the Tent Competition, which "C" Company won, while the other two prizes also came to the Battalion.

The Sports Cup was regained; C.S.M. Burman acquired the Individual Cup for Sports—his excellent performance will be missed next year, when he is leaving the Battalion, but he takes our very best wishes with him.

The result of the Lucas-Tooth Competition has just come to hand. In the Open Battalion Section, "A" Company

have repeated their success of last year by scoring the largest number of points, while "B" and "C" did good work for the Battalion by being placed respectively second and third.

The inter-company events have been very keenly contested. "C" won the Commanding Officer's Shield by the narrow margin of $3\frac{1}{2}$ points. No. 4 Platoon secured the Col. Goodfellow Trophy, and "B" carried off the Marching and Shooting Cup on both occasions.

We welcome Cadet 2/Lieut. P. S. Fenn to the Battalion, and understand that he is proving very useful in "C's" football team.

In concluding, we think this is a good occasion to express our thanks to the Os.C. 7th and 9th Battalions and their Permanent Staffs for their help to the Cadets.

19th LONDON TERRITORIALS.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

THERE was a large assemblage of members, and friends of both sexes, of the 19th London (St. Pancras) Territorials at the Drill Hall, High Street, Camden Town, for the occasion of the Annual Presentation of prizes, followed by an excellent concert.

Col. R. W. Eaton, T.D., the Honorary Colonel, presided, with Lieut.-Col. M. Cuthbertson, M.C., commanding, and Mr. A. P. F. Chapman, the famous cricketer, on the platform, whilst besides the officers the attendance included the Mayor of St. Pancras (Councillor H. E. Capes) and the Mayoress (Mrs. Capes), and several of the ex-officers of the Battalion and of its predecessors, the 17th (North) Middlesex Rifle Volunteers.

Lieut.-Col. Cuthbertson, in a brief address, said he did not propose to weary his audience with any array of statistics, contenting himself with the general observation that the Regiment was well and going strong, and the gratifying fact that during its summer training this year it had earned quite a lot of praise for its efficiency. Introducing their good friend Mr. Chapman, he further remarked on the fine spirit of sportsmanship that animated the Regiment and, indeed,

every member of the Territorial Army—(Hear, hear)—with the keen desire to back up in every possible way the Regular Army. They were breaking away somewhat from tradition, on that occasion, by not having some big General Officer to present their prizes, but had instead asked their old friend Mr. Chapman, whom they met at Canterbury some couple of years ago, to undertake that duty, particularly realizing that Mr. Chapman certainly knew how to play the game with a straight bat. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Mr. A. P. F. Chapman, having presented the prizes to the several winners, warmly shaking hands with and complimenting each individual recipient, said he really felt somewhat out of place on such a platform, for his only knowledge of military matters was, as a youngster, some five years' service in an O.T.C., at the end of three years of which he found himself attaining the dizzy rank of Acting Lance-Corporal—(laughter)—unpaid. (Renewed laughter.) Then he was given a bugle, out of which he was unable to produce a single note—(laughter)—and at the end of another year or so he found that was because the bugle had no mouth-piece—(laughter)—so he finally blew himself out of military life with a mouthless bugle. (Laughter.)

Seriously, he was very proud to meet them of the Territorial Army, and he took off his hat to them—to all the chaps who, after their hard day's work, gave up their own time and money to put in drills and other kinds of hard work in their evenings. The country certainly owed thanks to the late Lord Haldane, although he once said that his spiritual home was Germany, for the conversion of the old Volunteer Force into the Territorial Army, and thereby saving England from becoming instead the physical home of the Germans. (Hear, hear.) He, for one, certainly believed that if the Territorial Army had not been there in 1914 and afterwards, Great Britain would not have won the war. (Hear, hear.) On the sporting side, he believed, too, that the members of the Territorial Army were, indeed, great sportsmen, and especially those of the 19th London, whom he first met at Canterbury and whom he was again delighted to meet that night. He very sincerely and frankly

admired them all, and he thanked them for allowing him—and he said allowing advisedly—to enjoy the great honour of presenting their prizes to them. (Applause.)

Col. Eaton expressed the thanks of them all to Mr. Chapman for his admirable and expeditious disposal of so many trophies, and also their thanks to him for having honoured their headquarters and themselves by his visit.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of "The Die-hards."

P.O., MARAISBURG,
TRANSVAAL.

October 13th, 1929.

DEAR SIR,

Herewith please find P.O. for 4s. for the Magazine.

Old Comrades will be interested to learn that two old members died recently, viz., at Maraisburg, Jack Vile, Lance-Sergeant, Signallers, in Woolwich in 1898, and Denny Fitzpatrick, who died at Pretoria last month. Denny was in the 1st Battalion at Buttevant and Kilkenny, and was a son of a former Sergeant-Major of the 1st Battalion.

Yours faithfully,

WM. TREZONA.

NOTICES.

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 4s., post free. The photographs were on view at the Old Comrades' Dinner.

SCHOLARSHIPS AT BRIGHTON COLLEGE FOR SONS OF ARMY OFFICERS.

It is officially announced that an examination for one Gill Memorial Scholarship and one or two Gill Memorial Exhibitions will be held at Brighton College on June 3rd and 4th, 1930. Admission to compete in the examination is by nomination, and candidates must be:

- (1) Under 14½ years of age on June 1st, 1930; and
- (2) The sons of officers or ex-officers of the Regular Army, or of the Reserve or Auxiliary Forces.

The Scholarship and Exhibitions are each tenable at Brighton College for three years, but this period may, on the recommendation of the Headmaster, be extended to four years. The annual value of a Scholarship is £81, and of an Exhibition £60, reducing the amount payable by a parent or guardian to approximately £77 and £98 respectively, inclusive of all necessary extras.

Applications for nomination by the War Office (accompanied by birth certificates and certificates of conduct from the headmasters of the schools at which the boys attended during the previous two years) should reach the Under-Secretary of State (C.I.), The War Office, London, S.W.1, not later than April 30th, 1930.

The Annual Dinner of the 12th (Eastern) Division, of which the 11th (Service) Bn. The Middlesex Regiment was part, was held at the Hotel Cecil, London, on November 14th last. Major-General Sir Arthur Scott presided, and ninety officers were present.

The Hon. Secretary (G. L. Reckitt, 2, Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, W.C.2) would be glad to have the address of any officer late of the 11th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment who did not receive a notice of the dinner.

WORK FOR EX-OFFICERS.

NEW ORGANIZATION FORMED.

A new scheme to provide employment for suitably qualified retired officers of the fighting Services is embodied in Aides-de-Camp, Limited, a company which has

been formed on the initiative of the City of London Branch of the British Legion, and to which Lady Haig has given her patronage. A.D.C., Limited, is a corps of ex-officer travel-guides and business experts who are prepared to undertake any commission for clients either at home or abroad. A member of the company will be available at any time to act as courier, secretary, companion, or agent, in any excursion, tour, expedition, or transaction, or other venture, whether for business or holiday purposes. Members will be especially qualified to act as guides for visitors to London and other historic places in Britain. A.D.C., Limited, will also organize publicity propaganda, historical research (including heraldry), and public meetings.

Lady Haig, in a Foreword to the pamphlet explaining the organization, writes: "My husband, the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig, had very much at heart the welfare of those who served under him. It was his ardent wish that every possible means should be employed to provide useful and permanent careers for officers of the type described in these pages. I am sure that this effort to create a business, whereby officers having the required ability and experience, will be in a position to help themselves, would have had his unqualified support. As the patroness of the organization, I hope and believe that A.D.C., Limited, will prosper."

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Messrs. Ward, Lock & Co., Ltd., have sent us a copy of the "Wonder Book of Soldiers." This is an excellently produced work, with many fine illustrations, in which all branches of the land Services throughout the Empire are described in plain language. Though meant as a book for the youngsters, it will prove most interesting to grown-ups as well.

The price is 6s. picture boards, or 7s. 6d. cloth.

ARMY RESERVE—TRAINING, 1930.

It is notified in an Army Order that there will be no training during 1930 for Sections "B" and "D" of the Army Reserve.

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.

THE ROYAL TOURNAMENT, 1930.

The Royal Tournament for 1930 will be held at Olympia from May 29th to June 14th inclusive.

WORK FOR DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

During October, 202 soldiers completed courses of instruction at the Army Vocational Training Centres at Hounslow, Aldershot and Chisleton, and 146 obtained immediate employment on leaving the Colours. In addition to Oversea Settlement, the courses included carpentry, plastering, painting, bricklaying, boot repairing, motor mechanism, positions of trust, private service, and a dozen other occupations.

OBITUARY.

JOHN THOMAS CARRAD.

WE regret to announce the death of this Old Comrade, who was knocked down by a lorry and instantly killed near his home at Ashford, Middlesex, on November 30th last. Mr. Carrad joined the Regiment in 1881, and served with the Colours until 1887. On the outbreak of the Great War he joined the Essex Regiment at the age of 50 years, and saw service in Gallipoli.

EX-COLOUR-SERGEANT ARTHUR SAFFERTY.

We regret to announce the death of this Old Comrade, who passed away on February 1st after a long illness, aged

fifty-five years. He enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment on June 1st, 1892, and was discharged to pension on May 31st, 1913, in the rank of Colour-Sergeant. He rejoined the Regiment on the outbreak of the Great War, and served overseas with the 13th Battalion, being finally discharged in August, 1919. He was in possession of the following decorations:—Queen's S.A. Medal, with six clasps; King's S.A. Medal, with two clasps; 1915 Star, General Service and Victory Medals, and the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct.

The funeral took place at Golders Green Jewish Cemetery on February 4th, when representatives, including a bugler, attended from the Depot, and a wreath was sent from the Regimental Association.

We tender our sincere sympathy to the widow and her children in their bereavement.

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

(57)

1st and 2nd Battalions (Regular).	1st and 2nd Battalions— contd.	7th Battalion (Territorial).	8th Battalion (Territorial)— contd.	9th Battalion (Territorial)— contd.
Lt.-Colonels (2.)	Lieutenants.	Lt.-Colonel.	Lt.-Colonel.	Captains.
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.	×Findlay, L. F. 25/10/21
28/9/28	Clowes, J. H. (1) d.		20/2/23	×Fox, G. L. 17/8/22
1/1/18	Chapman, J. R. S. (2)	Hon. Colonel.	bt. col. 20/2/27	×Sherwood, H. 26/10/22
Stanley-Murray, H. E., M.C.	Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O., t.	×King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D. (Col. Terr. Army) t.a.		31/7/20
(2)	28/9/28	13/8/25		Hardcastle, H. K. 13/7/27
	Majors (8).		Major.	Hogg, F. G. 17/8/29
Browne, M., M.C. (s.c.) (2)	Clayden, H. W. (1)		×Lewey, A. W., t.a. 28/7/23	
28/9/28	Howell, H. A. A., M.B.E. (1)			Lieutenants.
1/1/19	24/10/19			Hewson, A. S. 9/6/23
Brown, G. L., D.S.O., s.	Clark, S. J. (2)			Wright, L. C. 24/12/23
28/9/24	Walden, F. (2)	×Smith, S. C. M., T.D., t.a.		Wright, E. W. 24/12/23
3/6/19	21/2/20	18/3/29		Heffer, H. 17/3/26
Bennett, R. D., M.C. (1) (2)	Heywood, E. L. (2)	31/12/24		Furness, G. J. B. 30/7/26
15/9/25	Ayscough, E. S. M. (2) (6)			Coubro, T. P. 21/6/27
Jefford, W. W. (1)	Reid, J. G. E., c.o.			Gray, H. W. W. 24/3/29
16/12/24	18/7/21			Sutcliffe, B. L. 24/7/29
Sloane-Stanley, L. F. (1)	Hudson, E. V. H. (1)			
30/7/26	Musellwhite, C. C., c.o.			2nd Lieutenants.
5/5/27	17/12/21			×Bedwell, L. J. 18/1/28
Tidbury, O. H., M.C. p.s.c.	Cubitt, D. Y. (1)			Mordue, L. H. 5/12/28
(1) s.	24/12/22			×Petrie, A. G. 1/2/29
3/6/18	Tuckey, P. E. C. (1)			Dear, J. T. 8/2/29
Pargiter, L. L., D.S.O. (1) d.	14/7/23			Gunston, C. A. 1/7/29
28/9/28	Gordon, I. D. S. (1), d., Adj.			
3/6/19	14/7/23			Adjutant.
Wollcombe, T. S., M.C. (2)	14/7/23			×Horrocks, B. G., M.C., Capt. Midd'x R. (1)
3/6/18	10/12/28			26/1/27
	3/6/18			Quarter-Master.
				×Wright, W. S., Lt. (Lt. ret. pav.) (Res. of Off.) 20/5/29
				[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.
				Cadet Unit affiliated. 3 C. Bn. Midd'x R.
				Supplementary Reserve
				Category B.
				Subalterns (9)
				Lieutenants.
				×Kitching, E. 6/7/25
				×Fitch, W. R., D.C.M. 30/8/25
				2nd Lieutenants.
				Jupp, C. F. 27/7/27
				Morley, J. F. 24/10/28
				Wilcox, G. L. M. R. 5/12/28
				Cowley, L. D. 9/2/29
				Territorial Battalions affiliated to the Regiment.
				7th City of London Regt. (Post Office Rifles). 24, Sun Street, Finsbury Square, E.C.2.
				Adjutant.
				×Mirams, S., M.C., capt. Midd'x R.
				19th London Regt. (St. Pancras). The figure of St. Pancras. 76, High Street, Cam'en Town, N.W.1.
				Adjutant.
				×Parker, F. G., capt. Midd'x R.

SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.Os. SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1929.

NOTICE.

Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. 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. Seemark	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	11/5/20
C.S.M.	C. W. Cook, D.C.M.	Depot	15/8/26	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. West	1st	11/1/14
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	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	Army	18/1/19	Cpl.	R. King	Supnmy, 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. 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	22/1/22	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	(O.R.C.) L. I. Priddy	1st	13/3/26
Sgt.	H. Tisdale	Depot	18/10/23	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	R. W. Glover	1st	9/2/27
Sgt.	V. Osterholm	1st	19/1/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	S. A. Thompson	1st	13/12/27
Sgt.	E. Shaw	Depot	16/2/24	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.	E. A. G. Jones	1st	1/3/25	Cpl.	P. Hale	1st	8/3/28
Sgt. (I.M.)	E. Burt	Depot	26/3/25	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	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	Cpl.	R. Ginnaw	1st	26/4/28
Sgt.	W. Raindle	7th	16/8/25	Cpl.	W. Holt	Depot	1/5/28
Sgt.	E. Hazeldine	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. Bennett	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. Clift	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	1st	15/1/29
Cpl.	A. Tutte	1st	18/2/29	L./Cpl.	W. Lambert	Depot	18/1/29
Cpl.	R. Dyson	1st	20/2/29	L./Cpl.	F. Surrey	1st	20/2/29
Cpl.	P. V. Edwards	1st	23/2/29	L./Cpl.	F. Dillely	1st	23/2/29
				L./Cpl.	F. Green	1st	15/3/29
				L./Cpl.	F. Payne	1st	2/4/29
				L./Cpl.	G. Newstead	1st	18/5/29
				L./Cpl.	A. Stapleton	1st	17/6/29
				L./Cpl.	R. Jenkins	1st	26/6/29
				L./Cpl.	V. Cooper	1st	14/7/29
				L./Cpl.	S. Phelan	1st	24/7/29

Paid—

L./Cpl.	J. O'Neill	1st	28/1/26
L./Cpl.	F. Rumens	1st	6/8/26
L./Cpl.	F. Rochester	1st	26/8/27
L./Cpl.	S. J. Hutson	1st	13/12/27
L./Cpl.	A. Stone	1st	15/1/28
L./Cpl.	R. Chaplin	1st	15/1/28
L./Cpl.	C. Warren	1st	15/1/28
L./Cpl.	S. Green	1st	28/1/28
L./Cpl.	A. Turner	Depot	28/2/28
L./Cpl.	H. Tyler	1st	12/4/28
L./Cpl.	E. Edmunds	1st	20/4/28
L./Cpl.	E. Paterson	1st	1/5/28
L./Cpl.	F. Hammond	1st	18/5/28
L./Cpl.	G. Veares	1st	29/5/28
L./Cpl.	J. Gould	1st	22/6/28
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—

L./Cpl.	H. Hinsby	1st	5/9/28
L./Cpl.	S. Fletcher	1st	13/10/28
L./Cpl.	R. Pakeman	1st	29/10/28
L./Cpl.	J. Urquhart	1st	14/5/29
L./Cpl.	W. Litchfield	1st	17/6/29
L./Cpl.	A. Allichorne	1st	19/6/29
L./Cpl.	J. J. Packard	1st	10/7/29
L./Cpl.	B. White	1st	5/7/29
L./Cpl.	A. Nicholls	1st	3/8/29
L./Cpl.	C. Walker	1st	3/8/29
L./Cpl.	F. Connott	1st	3/8/29
L./Cpl.	H. Woolley	1st	15/8/29
L./Cpl.	B. Bedward	1st	26/8/29
L./Cpl.	W. Dibble	1st	7/9/29
L./Cpl.	H. Ramsden	1st	16/9/29

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. W. Harwood (Band Sgt.)	—	17/8/27
Bdmr. S. Clibbens	—	22/2/26	Sgt. S. Bishop	—	12/11/27
C.S.M. J. Hart	—	20/1/26	Sgt. L. Johnson	—	24/12/27
C.S.M. C. Kent	—	15/5/28	Sgt. (O.R.C.) W. Baker	1st Cl. Ed.	20/3/28
C.S.M. E. Palmer	—	13/12/28	Sgt. S. Buckle (Tour of duty, Depot)	—	20/3/28
C.S.M. R. Colbourne	—	13/4/29	Sgt. F. Denchfield	1st Cl. Ed.	20/3/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	C. King	26/5/25	Sgt. A. Webb	—	15/5/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	L. Hills	2/11/26	Sgt. T. Tiller (Tour of duty, Depot)	—	29/5/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	W. West	22/2/28	Drum-Major H. Poulter	—	13/10/28
Col.-Sgt. (O.R.S.)	W. Fletcher	1st Cl. Ed.	Sgt. S. Burgess	—	13/12/28
Sgt. A. Walker (Prov. Sgt.)	—	1/5/20	Sgt. C. Champion (Sgt. Master Cook)	1st Cl. Ed.	1/1/29
Sgt. H. Glover	—	1/5/20	Sgt. H. Short (Intelligence Section)	1st Cl. Ed.	21/2/29
Sgt. G. Capel	1st Cl. Ed.	9/1/22	Sgt. A. Jones	—	8/4/29
Sgt. F. Hill	—	22/8/23	Sgt. E. Addinall	—	10/4/29
Sgt. G. Mewett	—	12/12/23	Sgt. A. Boen	—	13/4/29
Sgt. H. Hewett	1st Cl. Ed.	10/1/24	Sgt. C. Donaldson	—	25/4/29
Sgt. L. Simmonds	1st Cl. Ed.	28/4/24	Sgt. W. Knighton (Signal Sgt.)	—	15/5/29
Sgt. S. Ingle (Pioneer Sgt.)	1st Cl. Ed.	27/2/25			
Sgt. G. Lambert (Mil. D. Corps)	1st Cl. Ed.	26/5/25			
Sgt. S. Mason (Tour of duty, Depot)	—	2/2/26			
Sgt. C. Banfield	—	13/2/26			
Sgt. G. Bone (Transp. Sgt.)	—	19/3/26			
Sgt. E. Hazeldine (Tour of duty, Depot)	—	5/4/26			
Sgt. A. Wright	—	10/2/27			

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