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THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT

*(Duke of Cambridge's Own)*

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Home Counties Area

The Plume of the Prince of Wales. In each of the four corners the late Duke of Cambridge's Cypher and Coronet.

"Mysore," "Serlingapatam," "Aibuhara," "Ciudad Rodrigo," "Badajoz," "Vittoria," "Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Nive," "Peninsula," "Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "New Zealand," "South Africa, 1870," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1900-02," "Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Ypres, 1915, '17, '18," "Albert, 1916, '18," "Bazentin," "Cambrai, 1917, '18," "Hindenburg Line," "Suvla," "Jerusalem," "Mesopotamia, 1917-18."

"Le Cateau", "Retreat from Mons", "Aisne, 1914, '78", "La Bassée, 1914", "Lootens, 1914", "Neuve Chapelle", "Gravenstaf", "St. Julien", "Frezenberg", "Bellewaerde", "Aubers", "Hooge, 1915", "Loos", "Somme, 1916, '18", "Deville Wood", "Pozières", "Ginchy", "Flers-Courcelette", "Morval", "Thiepval", "The Transloy", "Ancrè Heights", "Ancrè, 1916, '18", "Bapaume", "Baillancourt", "Vimy, 1917", "Sailly", "Sailly-lez-Lannoy", "Messines, 1914, '17, '18", "Ploeghem", "Langemark, 1917", "Mein Road", "Polygon Wood", "Broodiselaan", "Poperinghe", "Poperinghe, 1917", "Rœux", "Rœux, 1917", "Aves", "Villers Bretonneux", "Lys", "Estaires", "Hazeubrouck", "Baillieu", "Kemmel", "Scherpenberg", "Canal du Nord", "St. Quentin Canal", "Courtrai", "Selle", "Valenciennes", "Sambre", "France and Flanders, 1914-18", "Italy, 1917-18", "Struth", "Doir", "1918", "Fading at Sunset", "Semilly Hill", "Gallipoli, 1915", "Rumani", "Egypt, 1915-16", "Gaza", "El Mughar", "Jericho", "Jordan", "Tel Asur", "Palestine, 1917-18", "Muran, 1919", "Dukhovskaya", "Siberia, 1918-19".

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*Uniform*—Scarlet.      *Facings*--Lemon Yellow

1st Bn. (57th Foot) ... ..	Colchester ( <i>for Palestine</i> )
2nd Bn. (77th Foot) ... ..	Sudan ( <i>for Colchester</i> ).
5th Bn. (R. Elthorne Mil.) ... ..	Mill Hill.
6th Bn. (R. East Middlesex Mil.) ... ..	Mill Hill.
Depot—Mill Hill.	Record Office—Hounslow.

### Territorial Army Battalions

7th Bn. ...	Drill Hall, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.
8th Bn. ...	Drill Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow.
9th Bn. ...	Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W.10.

**Affiliated Territorial Army Battalions.**

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The Peterborough Rangers	... ..	Peterborough, Ontario.
The Wentworth Regiment	... ..	Dundas, Ontario.
The Middlesex Light Infantry	... ..	Lucan, Ontario.

**Allied Battalion of Australian Infantry.**

57th Battalion ... .. Preston, Victoria.  
**Allied Regiment of Dominion of New Zealand.**  
 The Taranaki Regiment ... New Plymouth.

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M.C., Colonel W. Gds., Colonel-in-Chief 12th L., R. S. Fus.,  
S. Wales Bord., D.C.L.I., P.W. Vols., Seaforth, and R. Wilts Yeo.,  
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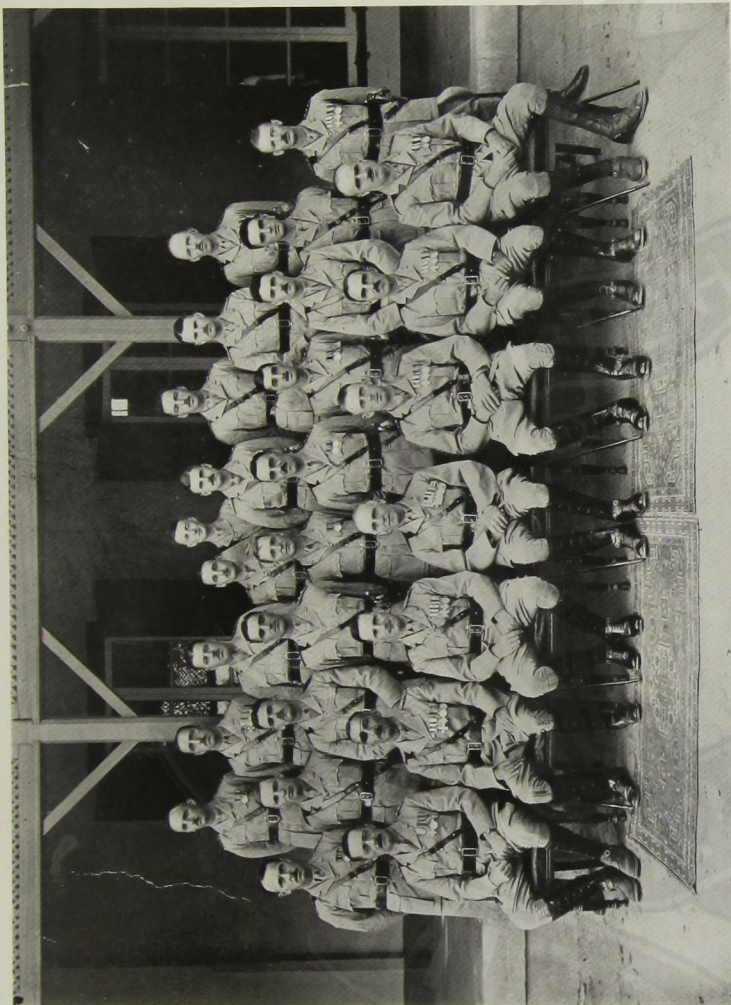
Colonel :

General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.  
Officer Commanding Depot :  
Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., Middlesex Regiment.

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OFFICERS, 2nd BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.).  
Khartoum, Sudan, May, 1931.

<i>In Rear</i> —2/Lieut. W. M. Ferguson.					
<i>Standsting</i> and <i>Race</i> —Lieut. E. L. Heywood.	Lieut. E. M. G. Wray, D.S.O.	Capt. V. I. Garrow.	Lieut. M. A. Jacob.	2/Lieut. A. Green.	Lieut. G. R. Gossett.
<i>Standsting</i> and <i>Race</i> —Lieut. F. H. Elke.	2/Lieut. A. Min.	Lieut. G. R. Gossett.	Lieut. N. G. Gilbert.	Capt. R. W. Stoddard.	Lieut. J. W. Stoddard.
<i>Standsting</i> , 1st Race—Lieut. J. R. S. Chapman.	Lieut. C. M. Blair.	Lieut. J. W. Stoddard.	Lieut. P. E. C. Tuckey.	Lieut. E. S. M. Ayscough.	Lieut. P. E. C. Tuckey.
<i>Standsting</i> , 2nd Race—Lieut. S. F. Helgeboe.	Capt. E. T. Pan.	Lieut. E. S. M. Ayscough.			
<i>Standsting</i> , 3rd Race—Lieut. S. F. Helgeboe.	Capt. E. T. Pan.				
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## EDITORIAL



HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been pleased to approve of an alliance between the Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) and the Middlesex Light Infantry, Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada. We offer our most hearty congratulations to both Regiments on their alliance. The Middlesex Light Infantry have their Headquarters at Lucan, Ontario, Canada.

We offer our congratulations to Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., D.L., on being appointed A.D.C. to H.M. the King, and to Mr. Cecil De Salis, Chairman of the Territorial Army and Air

Force Association of the County of Middlesex, on his C.B., both in the Birthday Honours.

Our heartiest congratulations to the 1st Battalion on being second in the Army Athletic Unit Team Championships at Colchester on July 10th and 11th. The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry were first with 100 points, the 1st Battalion second with 90½. The events won by the 1st Battalion were the 880 Yards Relay, Pole Jump, Hammer, and Javelin. This is by far the best show that has been put up by the Battalion in Athletics.

Lieut. Eric Moore Sheehan, R.A., who was seriously injured by Indian terrorists in a Punjab mail train on July 23rd, is a son of the Rev. F. R. Sheehan, the Vicar of Mill Hill, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

We regret to announce the deaths in March and April respectively of Mrs. C. T. Fane, sister of the late Major C. B. D. Michel, 57th Foot and 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, and of Mrs. G. T. Munro, widow of the late Capt. G. T. Munro, 57th Foot and 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. An account of the services of Major Michel and Capt. Munro appears in this issue.

We regret to announce the death, suddenly on June 25th, of Major T. F. Chipp, M.C., D.Sc., Assistant Director, Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, and late of the 8th Battalion. A notice appears in this issue.

R.Q.M.S. W. H. Cooper, Royal Sussex Regiment, has been promoted Lieutenant and Quartermaster in that unit. Lieut. Cooper was transferred to the Royal Sussex Regiment on the disbandment of the 4th Battalion in July, 1922. He was the Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant of that battalion.

The following is reprinted from the daily Press:—

"Another unusual incident I saw in the neighbourhood of Stickleton this morning. I encountered a woman, with rifle slung across her shoulder, approaching

the 'short' range, and wheeling a push-chair with a pretty baby girl in it. She was Mrs. Charles Philpott, of Leicester, and the child her daughter Denise, who is just a year and eight months old. Mrs. Philpott passed to the small-bore range, and while she was engaged in cleaning her rifle told me she had shot at the meetings of the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs since 1919. 'Yes,' she replied to my question, 'my little girl will be taught how to shoot as soon as she is old enough to handle a gun.'

Mrs. Philpott is the wife of C.Q.M.S. C. H. Philpott, late of the 4th Battalion, who won the A.R.A. Bronze Jewel at Bisley in 1923. On the disbandment of the 4th Battalion, C.Q.M.S. Philpott was transferred to the Royal Sussex Regiment.

Stop Press.—On July 11th, at Bisley, Mrs. Philpott won the Daily Sketch Ladies' Challenge Trophy.

A Regimental Diary will be published for 1932. This will contain the usual features, and its popularity is assured. It can be supplied in two bindings, cloth at 1s. 6d. and leather at 2s. 6d. The latter style will be well worth the extra shilling. Units and individual subscribers are requested to notify their requirements at the earliest possible date.

A limited number of Calendars will be available for 1932, price 1s. post free. Early application is advised.

We regret that, owing to a printer's error, the signature to the letter from South Africa (page 744, May issue), was incorrect. It should, of course, have been "Wm. Trezona."

## REGIMENTAL FIXTURES, 1931.

Nov. 7th.—Annual General Meeting of Regimental Association, and Old Comrades' Annual Dinner at the Queen's Westminster and Civil Ser-

vice Rifles' Drill Hall, Buckingham Gate, S.W.1.

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

## THE MIDDLESEX REGT. &amp; COUNTY FORCES BALL.

THE first Middlesex Regiment and County Forces Ball (under the patronage of the Lord-Lieutenant) will be held at the Park Lane Hotel on Tuesday, November 17th, 1931. The Embassy Band will play. Tickets, 25s. each, including champagne supper and running buffet.

Any serving or retired officer of the following units is eligible to attend and to bring his friends:—

The Middlesex Regiment.  
7th City of London Regiment.  
19th London Regiment.  
Headquarters and Nos. 1 and 3 Companies, 44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.  
Group Headquarters and No. 317 Company, Kent and Middlesex Group, A.A. Searchlight Companies, R.E.  
No. 604 (B.) Squadron, Auxiliary Air Force.  
County of Middlesex Cadets, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Battalions.  
Middlesex Voluntary Air Detachments.

Full particulars may be obtained from any battalion of the Regiment, from the Secretary of the Officers' Club, or from the Secretary of the Ball Committee (Major R. D. Sherbrooke-Walker, 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, E.C.4, Telephone Mansion House 8453).

Applications for tickets should be made by serving officers to their units, and by retired officers to the Secretary of the Ball Committee. All applications should be accompanied by a remittance, cheques being made payable to "Middlesex Regiment Ball."

It is hoped that the Ball will receive all possible support from serving and retired officers of the Regiment.



## REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

THE following articles have been received for the Museum and Library:—

*2nd Battalion*.—Permanent Pass, No. 1240 Pte. George Kimpton, 1892. (Mr. G. Kimpton.)

*2nd Battalion*.—Framed address by General Coke to 2nd Middlesex Regiment, Charlestown, S.A., June 13th, 1900. (Mr. R. E. Evans.)

*2nd (South) Middlesex V.R.*—Shako badge, cross-belt plate, waist-belt clasp, pouch, ball for head-dress, tunic, commission papers, photograph. (Capt. W. Moore, late Worcestershire Regiment, T.A.)

*2nd Battalion*.—Six photographs, 1884, at Secunderabad. (Mr. E. Warren.)

*20th Middlesex (Artists) R.V.*—Two pewter mugs awarded for bayonet fighting, 1886 and 1888. (Lieut.-Col. Parmer.)

*57th*.—Breastplate, rank and file, 1823. (Purchased.)

*57th and 1st Battalion*.—Nine framed photographs and prints. (Loaned by Sergeants' Mess, 1st Battalion.)

*Middlesex Regiment*.—Officer's mess kit complete, officer's blue-serge jacket (present day). (Major Pargiter.)

## OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

CRICKET WEEK, 1931.

JUNE 22ND TO 27TH.

THE Regimental cricket team suffered a severe setback on Saturday, June 20th, when it was learnt that Lieut. Hudson had fractured a bone in his wrist in attempting to start his Austin "7." (Why don't officers buy Rolls-Royces?) Added to this misfortune, it was later learnt that Sergt. C. Kennett would be unable to play in the first two matches. This meant that our bowling was sadly depleted and that the attack devolved almost entirely on Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson and Sergt. W. Northcott.

Although four matches were lost and one drawn, two of the defeats were only decided in the last over, and in the drawn game, versus I Zingari, who fielded an

extraordinarily strong and practically a county side, we required only 5 runs, with 4 wickets to fall, when stumps were drawn.

In this match, Mr. Flint, late of the 2nd Battalion, played a fine innings of 67 not out, and was ably supported by Capt. Worton with a valuable 31 not out. These two batsmen made a remarkable effort to score the necessary runs within the short time available. Further individual efforts worthy of note were the centuries of Capt. Whinney and Lieut. Stephenson against the Royal Fusiliers and Sandhurst Wanderers respectively. Capt. Whinney scored 137 not out, carrying his bat through the innings when everyone else failed, and also performed the unique feat of clearing the trees on the north side of the ground with a magnificent six, which has never been done before. Sergt. Kennett bowled well against I Zingari, taking 5 wickets for 66, but the absence of Lieut. Hudson was very heavily felt throughout the week, which resulted in our side spending many weary hours in the field. Previous Journals will show the excellence of his bowling on all types of wickets, and his absence cannot be too emphatically considered when comparing the results with former years.

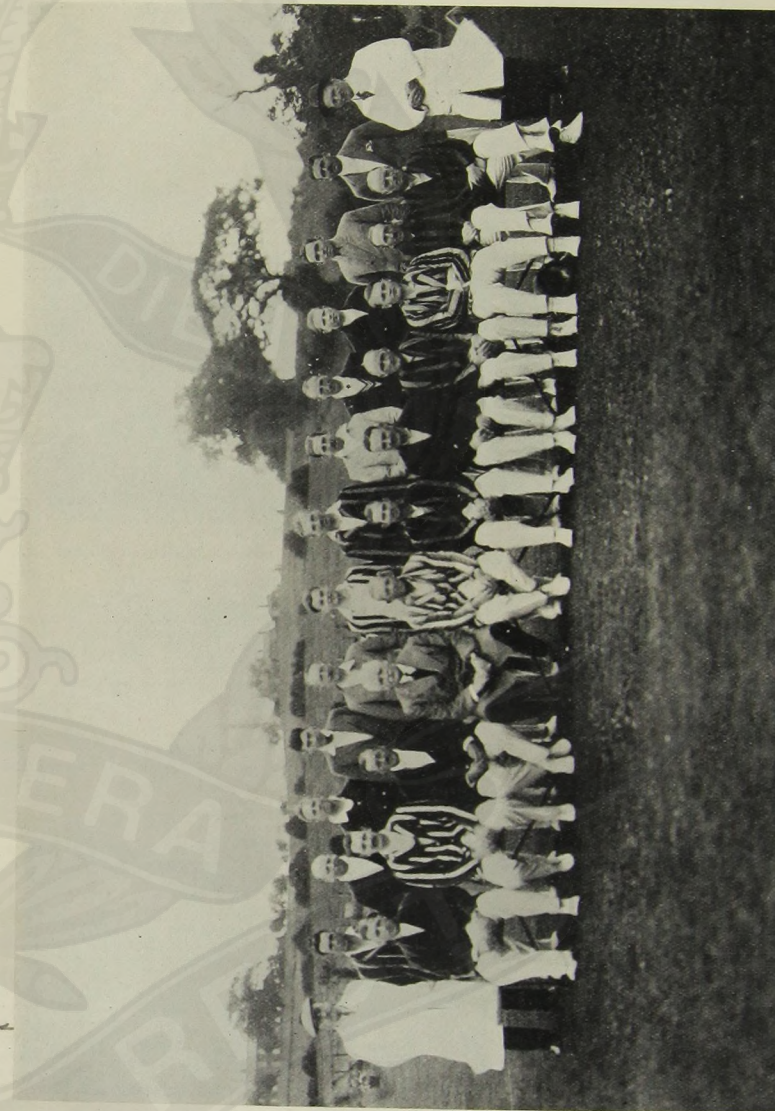
Lieut. Stephenson showed his real form against the Sandhurst Wanderers. His early failures were due to the fact that he had arrived straight from the matting wickets of the East and he took some time to acclimatize himself on the soft English pitches.

The Band of the 1st Battalion played excellent programmes throughout the week and were greatly appreciated.

### MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. CRYPTICS.

Played on June 22nd.

CRYPTICS.	
Mr. H. Thompson b Stephenson	12
Mr. E. C. Loder lbw b Whinney	5
Mr. G. Mambridge b Stephenson	13
Lieut.-Col. Carroll b Stephenson	4
Mr. A. Crawford c Worton b Northcott	15
Mr. E. D. Johnson b Northcott	9
Mr. A. T. Chatfield Clark b Northcott	2
Mr. E. B. Glanfield c Franklin b Northcott	39
Mr. D. L. Gwynne Williams c Northcott b Stephenson	39
Mr. Badcock b O'Brien	84
Mr. Taylor not out	18
Extras	19
Total	259



[Photo: Broadway Studio, Mill Hill.]

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. I ZINGARI, JUNE 25th.



MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.				
Capt. Worton b Badcock	...	...	...	2
Cpl. Flint b Taylor	...	...	...	17
Mr. Franklin c Badcock b Taylor	...	...	...	21
Mr. Stephenson b Badcock	...	...	...	13
Capt. Lyon c and b Taylor	...	...	...	2
Capt. Phillips c Gwynne Williams b Taylor	...	...	...	2
Capt. Whinney c Thompson b Badcock	...	...	...	13
Major Pargiter c Thompson b Badcock	...	...	...	0
Mr. Weston b Taylor	...	...	...	5
Sergt. Northcott b Taylor	...	...	...	11
Sergt. O'Brien not out	...	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	...	2
Total	...	...	...	92

### MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. ROYAL FUSILIERS.

Played on June 23rd.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.				
Cpl. Flint b Mardall	...	...	...	39
Capt. Whinney not out	...	...	...	137
Mr. Franklin c Nevill b Lotinga	...	...	...	17
Mr. Stephenson b Mardall	...	...	...	19
Capt. Lyon b Nevill b Mardall	...	...	...	2
Capt. Phillips c Mardall b Lotinga	...	...	...	4
Capt. Worton c Ransome b Mardall	...	...	...	9
Mr. Weston run out	...	...	...	2
Major Pargiter b Mardall	...	...	...	1
Mr. Sword not out	...	...	...	9
Extras	...	...	...	15

Total for 8 wickets (innings declared closed) ... 254

Sergt. Northcott did not bat.

ROYAL FUSILIERS.				
Mr. Packe c Stephenson b Northcott	...	...	...	109
Mr. Ray b Stephenson	...	...	...	1
Mr. McCall b Northcott	...	...	...	1
Mr. Mardall not out	...	...	...	111
Mr. Whiting b Franklin	...	...	...	8
Mr. Nevill not out	...	...	...	13
Extras	...	...	...	18

Total (for 4 wickets) ... 261

Mr. Standage, Mr. Lotinga, Mr. White Thomson, Mr. Ransome and Sergt. Isaacs did not bat.

### MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. FREE FORESTERS.

Played on June 24th.

FREE FORESTERS.				
Mr. Hollins c Whinney b Stephenson	...	...	...	37
Mr. Blaxland c Flint b Kennett	...	...	...	2
Mr. Russell lbw b Kennett	...	...	...	28
Mr. van Straubenzee c and b Stephenson	...	...	...	39
Mr. Thompson c Flint b Northcott	...	...	...	51
Mr. Phillips not out	...	...	...	14
Mr. Ward c Lyon b Stephenson	...	...	...	0
Major Reade not out	...	...	...	12
Extras	...	...	...	7

Total for 6 wickets (innings declared closed) ... 190

Mr. Gerrard Wright, Mr. Wall and Mr. McIvor did not bat.

### MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Capt. Lyon c Thompson b Russell	...	...	...	18
Mr. Stephenson b McIvor	...	...	...	2
Mr. Franklin c McIvor b Russell	...	...	...	9
Cpl. Flint run out	...	...	...	3
Capt. Whinney b McIvor	...	...	...	1
Capt. Phillips b Russell	...	...	...	7
Capt. Worton b McIvor	...	...	...	2
Sergt. Northcott b McIvor	...	...	...	1
Mr. Weston lbw b Russell	...	...	...	4
Mr. Sword not out	...	...	...	5
Sergt. Kennett b Russell	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	0
Total	...	...	...	52

### MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. I ZINGARI.

Played on June 25th.

#### I. ZINGARI.

Hon. C. Lyttleton lbw b Kennett	...	...	...	9
Lieut. Sellars b Kennett	...	...	...	13
Mr. Akers Douglas b Stephenson	...	...	...	14
Lieut.-Col. White c Franklin b Stephenson	...	...	...	25
Mr. Crichton Maitland b Stephenson	...	...	...	40
Mr. Hill b Kennett	...	...	...	24
Major Garnier not out	...	...	...	10
Mr. Cobbold b Kennett	...	...	...	14
Lord Dunglass b Weston	...	...	...	11
Extras	...	...	...	35

Total for 8 wickets (innings declared closed) ... 201

Capt. Buttall and Col. Nicholson did not bat.

### MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Capt. Lyon c Hill b Sellars	...	...	...	4
Mr. Stephenson lbw b Cobbold	...	...	...	26
Mr. Franklin lbw b Cobbold	...	...	...	21
Cpl. Flint not out	...	...	...	58
Capt. Whinney b Cobbold	...	...	...	14
Capt. Phillips c Akers Douglas b Dunglass	...	...	...	19
Capt. Worton not out	...	...	...	31
Extras	...	...	...	24

Total (for 5 wickets) ... 197

Sergt. Northcott, Mr. Weston, Mr. Sword and Sergt. Kennett did not bat.

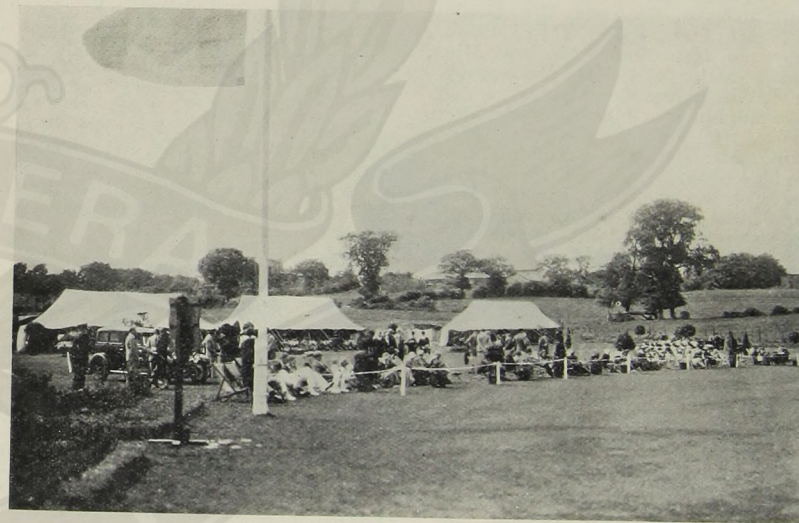
### MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. SANDHURST WANDERERS.

Played on June 27th.

#### MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Capt. Lyon c Grace b Collyer	...	...	...	6
Mr. Stephenson c Grace b Walker	...	...	...	108
Mr. Franklin c Airey b Collyer	...	...	...	9
Capt. Whinney b Hill	...	...	...	5
Capt. Phillips b Hill	...	...	...	4
Capt. Paul c Pritchard b Walker	...	...	...	3
Mr. Weston b Collyer	...	...	...	0
Mr. Sword b Collyer	...	...	...	27
Sergt. Northcott c Walker b Mybergh	...	...	...	24
Pte. Jones not out	...	...	...	13
Sergt. O'Brien c and b Pritchard	...	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	...	24

Total ... 225



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## SANDHURST WANDERERS.

Mr. Sims c Sword b Stephenson	...	36
Mr. Morton c and b Northcott	...	3
Capt. Lucas b Stephenson	...	20
Mr. Collyer c Jones b O'Brien	...	37
Mr. Grace not out	...	32
Mr. Mybergh not out	...	10
Capt. Aslett c Stephenson b Northcott	...	1
Capt. Walker b Stephenson	...	70
Extras	...	18

Total (for 6 wickets) ... 227  
Mr. Hill, Major Airey and Mr. Pritchard did not bat.

AT HOME, WEDNESDAY,  
JUNE 24TH.

The weather for the At Home on Wednesday, June 24th, was cold, north and north-easterly winds prevailing throughout the afternoon.

The following members and guests were amongst those who braved the weather and were present:—

General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke and Lady Clarke, General Sir Ivor and the Hon. Lady Maxse, Major Harada, Major and Mrs. Pargiter, Mr. Page, Miss Brown, Capt. and Mrs. Rackham, Mrs. Catchpole, Col. and Mrs. Savile, Capt. and Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Blake, Major and Mrs. Amor, Mr. and Mrs. Walden, Major and Mrs. Willoughby, Mrs. J. Willoughby, Col. Davy, Capt. and Mrs. Paul, Major and Mrs. Tidbury, Mrs. Appelbe, Col. Beach, Col. and Mrs. Perring, Mr. and Mrs. Cockburn, Mrs. and Miss Ash, Capt. and Mrs. Ford, Lieut.-Col. Steed, Mrs. Touche, Mrs. Baker, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Gordon, Capt. Roberts, Mrs. Peck, Mr. Willoughby, Mrs. Lyon, Miss Tester, Capt. and Mrs. del Court, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Ward, Miss Ward, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Swayne, Mrs. Bell, Col. and Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Passingham, Mrs. Beverley, Mr. Cubitt, Mr. Chattey, Col. and Mrs. Pearson, Miss Passingham, Col. Samuel, Col. Heanly, Capt. Parker, Mrs. Pain, Major Jefferd, Mrs. Lloyd-Jones, Mrs. Hills, General Heath, Col. Stewart, Mrs. Neale, General and Mrs. Rowley, Col. and Mrs. Glover, General and Mrs. Ramsay, Mr. Lyon, Col. Burns, Col. Oliver, Col. Kittoe, Col. Cuthbertson, Major English, The Misses English, Mr. J. English, Miss English, Mrs. Fletcher, Miss Stock.

## ANNUAL DINNER.

Members attending the Annual Dinner of the Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club, at the Junior United Service Club, Charles Street, S.W., on June 25th:—

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

Major-Generals S. R. Simpson, C.B., and F. W. Ramsay, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Brig.-Generals R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G., F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., J. H. Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O., and R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O.

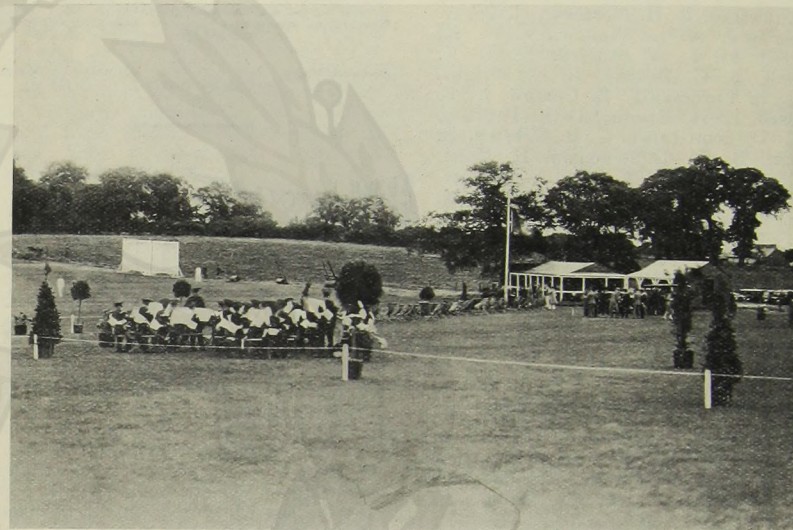
Col.-Cmdt. C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., A.D.C.

Cols. G. W. W. Savile, C.B.E., D.S.O., E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., G. Beach, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., F. C. Worthington, L. G. Oliver, C.M.G., J. L. Blumfeld, T.D., D.L., A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L., and R. F. B. Glover, D.S.O.

Lieut.-Cols. W. Y. Miller, D.S.O., H. W. E. Finch, C.B.E., D.S.O., W. H. Samuel, F. S. Steed, D.C.M., W. H. Parmeter, W. H. C. Davey, W. H. H. Johnston, W. C. Newton, M. Cuthbertson, M.C., C. A. H. Graves, O.B.E., W. A. Stewart, O.B.E., V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., G. W. H. Tupper, T.D., and C. P. Rooke, D.S.O.

Majors R. A. Slee, J. M. Cossar, T.D., C. Jarrett, D.S.O., T.D., L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., J. English, G. E. Squirrel, G. B. Anderson, M.C., J. E. Elin, R. D. Sherbrooke-Walker, J. N. Lamont, G. L. Fox, P. Lloyd-Williams, E. A. Bennett, H. E. L. Glass, D. A. Scott, N. E. G. Willoughby, H. A. Murray, A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., J. T. Avison, W. W. Jefferd, L. F. Sloane-Stanley, L. A. Newnham, M.C., O. H. Tidbury, M.C., and G. C. Bucknall, M.C.

Cpts. C. S. Burdon, E. F. Lyons, M.C., R. I. Paiba, C. T. Whinney, M.C., B. B. Rackham, M.C., J. R. B. Worton, S. Mirams, M.C., L. M. Hewlett, S. Maddex, M.B.E., S. M. Pratt, R. H. W. Hope, W. L. Roberts, M.C., R. E. Warlow, G. Hartley, L. C. D. Doidge, H. E. Foster, H. K. Hardcastle, A. S. Hewson, H. Sherwood, A. F. E. Robinson, F. G. Parker, G. F. Haigh, J. L. Willis, H. D. Legge, W. E. Pringle, M.C., H. Phillips, M.C., N. H. B. Lyon, M.C., and S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C.



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Lieuts. F. Walden, I. D. S. Gordon, M. Crawford, R. H. Northcott, J. W. A. Stephenson, A. L. Womersley, W. R. Warrell, H. L. V. Russell, K. T. V. Russell, E. G. Brooke, L. C. Wright, G. J. B. Furness, T. B. Coubro, L. F. Bedwell, L. H. Mordue, D. R. Pattison, G. C. D. Scott-Lowe, C. P. Gliksten, E. Miskin, B. St. J. Steadman, H. West, E. C. Alderton, E. F. Hill, A. J. Page, R. C. Franklin, R. C. Atherton, A. H. Charles, L. J. Beynon, E. C. K. Sadler, E. V. H. Hudson, R. W. H. Willoughby, H. F. Mackenzie, H. A. A. Howell, M.B.E., R. W. D. Sword, J. P. Hall, C. C. Musselwhite, R. A. Gwyn, G. P. L. Weston, W. C. Newton and E. C. Wheeler.

### TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The Officers' Club Tennis Tournament took place at the Depot on Saturday, June 6th, which was the first occasion on which the Depot courts were in action this season.

The 1st Battalion carried off the honours, but they were made to go all out by the 8th Battalion representatives, who put up a very good effort in both Singles and Doubles.

Numbers were rather disappointing. The 9th Battalion were, as usual, prominent in their support, both by entries and visitors. A few more from other units would have been appreciated.

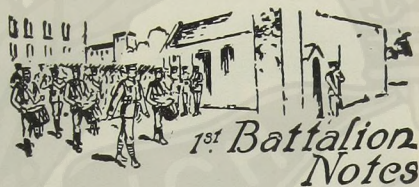
The results were as follows:—

SINGLES.				
1ST ROUND.		2ND ROUND.	SEMI-FINAL.	FINAL.
2/Lt. Adams ...	Bye	Rackham	Newnham	Newnham (6-4, 6-2)
Capt. Rackham ...	Bye	(6-1)	(6-1)	
2/Lt. Page ...	Bye	Newnham		
Major Newnham ...	Bye	(6-1)		
Lt. Walden ...	Bye	Miskin		
2/Lt. Miskin ...	Miskin	(6-0)		
Capt. Sherwood ...	(6-0)		Miskin	
2/Lt. Bartram ...	Brook		(6-0)	
2/Lt. Brock ...	(6-2)	Weston		
2/Lt. Weston ...	(6-2)	(6-1)		
Lt.-Col. Pearson ...	(w.o.)			
DOUBLES.				
1ST ROUND.				
2/Lt. Brook and 2/Lt. Miskin, 8th Bn.	Bye.			
Lt.-Col. Pearson and Major Sloane-Stanley,	1st Bn.	Rackham and Walden		(w.o.)
Capt. Rackham and Lieut. Walden, Depot				
Major Fox and Lieut. Sutcliffe, 9th Bn.		Newnham and Weston		(6-2)
Major Newnham and 2/Lt. Weston, 1st Bn.				
Lt.-Col. Tupper and Capt. Sherwood,	9th Bn.	Tupper and Sherwood		(6-1)
2/Lt. Bartram and 2/Lt. Adams, 7th Bn.				

### DOUBLES.

2/Lt. Brook and 2/Lt. Miskin, 8th Bn.	Bye.	
Lt.-Col. Pearson and Major Sloane-Stanley, 1st Bn.	} Rackham and Walden (w.o.)	
Capt. Rackham and Lieut. Walden, Depot		
Major Fox and Lieut. Sutcliffe, 9th Bn.	} Newnham and Weston (6-2)	
Major Newnham and 2/Lt. Weston, 1st Bn.		
Lt.-Col. Tupper and Capt. Sherwood, 9th Bn.	} Tupper and Sherwood (6-1)	
2/Lt. Bartram and 2/Lt. Adams, 7th Bn.		

SEMI-FINAL.			
Brook and Miskin v.	Rackham and Walden	}	Brook and Miskin (6-2)
Newnham and Weston v.	Tupper and Sherwood		Newnham and Weston (6-0)
FINAL.			
Brook and Miskin v.	Newnham and Weston	}	Newnham and Weston (6-3, 6-4)



SINCE our last notes the news has arrived that the Battalion will embark for foreign service "on or about December 22nd." This looks like Christmas Day "on or about the Bay of Biscay." Those of us who came back in the *Somer-setshire* from Shanghai will devoutly hope that the sea will not be in the turbulent state it was then.

The usual Sports were unable to be held on Albuhera Day this year owing to A (M.G.) Company being away at Netheravon at the time. Amusements, however, were arranged in the form of a football tournament between Officers, Sergeants, Corporals and Privates. This was won by the Sergeants. Non-championship Sports events were also run off. In the evening the usual dinner and ceremonies in the Sergeants' Mess and the Officers' Mess were observed.

Our athletic team has been going strong again this year. After winning the Garrison, the team went to Chatham to compete in the Command, and lost by half a point only to the Training Battalion, R.E., a very creditable performance. This put us in the Army Championships which took place at Colchester on July 10th and 11th. For the first time in the history of the Battalion we were runners-up, the 2nd Bn. The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry being the winners, a performance of which we are all proud. This year we had the help of C.S.M. Hill, A.P.T.S., in the field events. Accounts of the Battalion, Garrison, Command and Army Championships are given in these columns.

Major Harada, of the Imperial Japanese Army, has just left us after an attachment of two months. We are very sorry to lose him, as he made himself very popular in the Mess. Major Harada has presented the Mess with a very fine model of a tiger, suitably inscribed. We wish him every good fortune on his return to Japan, which we understand is not until January.

We also send our good wishes with Capt. Haydon, who left us for the Royal West African Frontier Force on June 17th. He will be greatly missed, especially in the rugger fifteen and the hurdle team.

Major Newnham is to be congratulated on the success of the Battalion team, which won a very fine shield in the Essex County Rifle Meeting. The team, together with the scores, are set out below:—

ESSEX COUNTY SHIELD.			
	200 yards.	500 yards.	Total
Sergt. Thomas ...	34	35	69
C.S.M. Farrow ...	34	34	68
Major Brown ...	33	34	67
Lieut. Clarke ...	32	34	66
Drum-Major Phillipson ...	31	35	66
Major Jefferd ...	33	32	65
Sergt. Northcott ...	29	33	62
Lieut. Clayden ...	29	31	60
Sergt. Soper ...	33	27	60
L./Sergt. Hale ...	29	29	58
Total ...	317	324	641
Highest possible score	350	350	700
1. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment ...	641		
2. Depot The Essex Regiment ...	567		
3. 3rd Carabiniers ...	559		

Another shooting success was that of No. 2 Platoon, A (M.G.) Company, in winning the 11th Infantry Brigade match on the 30 yards' range at Netheravon.

### BATTALION SPORTS, 1931.

The Battalion held the Inter-Company Athletic Team Championship on Monday and Wednesday, June 8th and 10th.

This resulted in a somewhat easy win for A (M.G.) Company, who scored 95½ points, this being the highest number recorded.

Racing throughout the afternoons was keenly contested, though A (M.G.) Company created another record by winning every track event.

Some notable achievements were:—

A (M.G.) Company (L./Sergt. Painter, Pte. MacNamara, Cpl. Bullock and Pte. Urquhart) returned 1 min. 36.9-10 sec. for the 4 x 220 Yards Relay.

Pte. Evans, D Company, threw the discus 104 ft. 8 in. and the hammer 104 ft. 10 in.

Lieut. Powell jumped 21 ft. 6 in.

L./Cpl. Jolley threw the javelin 147 ft. 4 in.

General Sir Ivor Maxse was present on the Wednesday afternoon. We were also glad to see a large number of visitors from the Depot and elsewhere.

The detailed results are as follows:—

*Pole Vault.*—Equal 1, A (M.G.) Company and G Company; 3, Q Company. Height, 16 ft. 6 in.

*Three Miles.*—Equal 1, A (M.G.) Company and D Company; 3, B Company. Time, 15 min. 55.2-5 sec.

*880 Yards Relay.*—1, A (M.G.) Company; 2, C Company; 3, D Company. Time, 1 min. 36.9-10 sec.

*High Jump.*—1, Q Company; equal 2, B Company and C Company. Height, 10 ft. 7 in.

*Discus.*—1, G Company; 2, A (M.G.) Company; 3, C Company. Distance, 168 ft. 8½ in.

*Two Miles Relay.*—1, A (M.G.) Company; 2, G Company; 3, B Company. Time, 9 min. 14.3-5 sec.

*Putting the Shot.*—1, C Company; 2, A (M.G.) Company. Distance, 61 ft. 10½ in.

*Throwing the Hammer.*—1, A (M.G.) Company; 2, G Company; 3, C Company. Distance, 196 ft. 8 in.

*Veterans' Race.*—1, C.Q.M.S. Darby; 2, C.Q.M.S. Fleming; 3, Sergt. Bray.

*One Mile Open Relay.*—1, 3rd Carabiniers; 2, 2nd Bn. The Royal Fusiliers; 3, 4th Divisional Signals. Time, 3 min. 51.2-5 sec.

*Long Jump.*—1, G Company; 2, A (M.G.) Company; 3, C Company. Distance, 37 ft. 1½ in.

*4 x 110 Yards.*—1, A (M.G.) Company; 2, C Company; 3, G Company. Time, 48.3-5 sec.

*One Mile Team.*—1, A (M.G.) Company; 2, D Company; 3, G Company. Time, 4 min. 57.3-5 sec.

*4 x 120 Yards Hurdles.*—1, G Company; 2, A (M.G.) Company; 3, B Company. Time, 8 min. 19½ sec.

*Throwing the Javelin.*—1, A (M.G.) Company; 2, Q Company; 3, G Company. Distance, 234 ft. 4 in.

*Sergeants' Race.*—1, Sergt. Soper; 2, Sergt. Williams.

*One Mile Relay.*—1, A (M.G.) Company; 2, D Company; 3, C Company. Time, 3 min. 56 sec.

*Inter-Mess Relay.*—1, Officers; 2, Sergeants.

Final placings were:—

1. A (M.G.) Company ...	95½ pts.
2. G Company ...	57½ pts.
3. C Company ...	51½ pts.
4. D Company ...	47 pts.
5. B Company ...	34½ pts.
6. Q Company ...	21 pts.

The Regiment was represented at the Amateur Championships held at Stamford



Bridge on July 3rd by Lieut. P. D. ff. Powell in the 220 Yards and the Long Jump, and by 2/Lieut. R. H. Batten in the Quarter-Mile. 2/Lieut. Batten was rather unfortunate in having the famous Dr. O. Peltzer in his heat, but nevertheless ran a very fine race to finish five yards behind.

#### GARRISON CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Inter-Unit Athletic Championships of the Colchester Garrison were held on

#### 1st BATTALION INTER-COMPANY ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS. COLCHESTER, 1931.

Mrs. V. L. N. Pearson presenting Trophies to winners of 880 Yards Relay.



A (M.G.) Company.—L./Sergt. Painter, Pte. Urquhart, Cpl. Bullock, Pte. Macnamara.

Wednesday and Thursday, June 17th and 18th. The championship was won by the Battalion with 133½ points, followed by the Black Watch with 122½ points.

The results were:—

*Pole Vault.*—1, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 2, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch; 3, 2nd Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment. Distance, 18 ft. 3 in.

*Long Jump.*—1, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 2, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch; 3, 2nd Bn. The Royal Fusiliers.

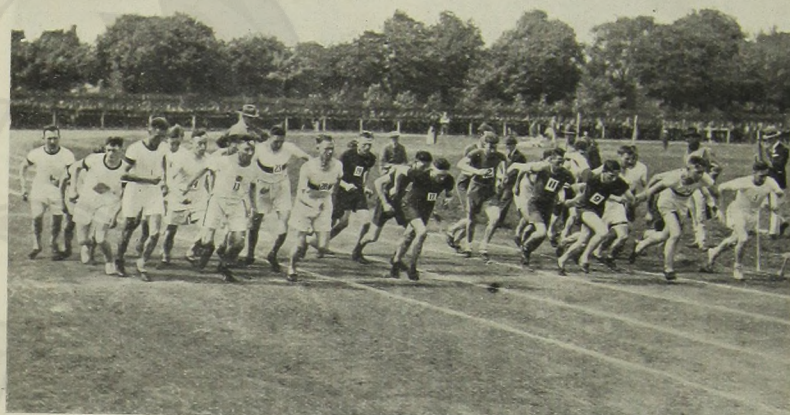
*440 Yards (four of 110).*—1, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 2, 4th Divisional Signals; 3, 2nd Bn. The Royal Fusiliers. Time, 46 4/5 sec.

*Putting the Shot.*—1, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch; 2, 2nd Bn. The Royal Fusiliers; 3, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. Distance, 68 ft. 8 in.

*880 Yards Relay (four of 220).*—1, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 2, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch; 3, 2nd Bn. The Royal Fusiliers. Time, 1 min. 36 4/5 sec.

*One Mile.*—1, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 2, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch; 3, 2nd Bn. The Royal Fusiliers. Time, 4 min. 46 3/5 sec.

*Throwing the Javelin.*—1, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 2, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch; 3, 4th Divisional Signals. Distance, 293 ft. 7 in.



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COLCHESTER GARRISON ATHLETIC MEETING, 1931.  
Start of 1 Mile Team Race. Won by 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment.  
Placings, 1, 2, 4, 5. Total—12.



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COLCHESTER GARRISON ATHLETIC MEETING, 1931.  
Start of 3 Mile Team Race. The Middlesex Regiment—3rd.

*480 Yards Hurdles.*—1, 2nd Bn. The Royal Fusiliers; 2, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 3, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch. Time, 1 min. 15 2/5 sec.

*Two Miles Relay.*—1, 2nd Bn. The Royal Fusiliers; 2, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch; 3, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. Time, 8 min. 0 1/5 sec.

*Throwing the Discus.*—1, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 2, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch; 3, 2nd Bn. The Royal Fusiliers. Combined distance, 186 ft. 3 in.

*One Mile Relay.*—1, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 2, 2nd Bn. The Royal Fusiliers; 3, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch. Time, 3 min. 43 4/5 sec.



*High Jump*.—Equal 1, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch and 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 3, 4th Divisional Signals. Combined height, 10 ft. 2 in.

*Three Miles*.—1, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch; 2, 2nd Bn. The Royal Fusiliers; 3, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. Time, 16 min. 13 sec.

*Throwing the Hammer*.—1, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch; 2, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 3, 4th Divisional Signals. Distance, 22 ft. 10 in.

#### EASTERN COMMAND INTER-UNIT TEAM ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP.

The championships, which were held on the United Services' Ground at Chatham, ended in a thrilling victory for the Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, who led at the end by the narrow margin of half a point from the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

Many outstanding performances were recorded, notable among them being the brilliant running of L./Sergt. Lowman, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, in the One Mile Team Race, when he beat 2/Lieut. Denison, of the Royal Engineers, 2/Lieut. Price, who recently beat the track record for the Mile at Fenners, finishing third. In this event the Royal Engineers managed to beat the Middlesex Regiment by a very narrow margin, both teams running exceptionally well, and on their performance they must be considered strong candidates for the Army Championships.

At the conclusion of the first day the Royal Engineers led by  $4\frac{1}{2}$  points from the Middlesex Regiment and the Royal Tank Corps, with the Gloucestershire Regiment, three points behind, in the third place.

The second day's sports were fought out in a really sporting rivalry between the three units which held the lead at the commencement.

The Depot Battalion, Royal Engineers, started a series of thrilling performances by beating the Army team record in the High Jump by clearing 11 ft., Sergt. Boyhand jumping 5 ft. 9 in.

The Middlesex Regiment and the Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, then began to assume command with the Tank Corps still third, and at the tea interval, with only three events remaining, the Middlesex Regiment led by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  points.

By winning the 440 Yards Relay from the Middlesex Regiment the Royal

Engineers gained a lead of half a point, and when they won the Mile Team Race, with the Middlesex Regiment again second, they made almost sure of the Sports, with a lead of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  points. The excitement was now intense. If the Middlesex Regiment won the Mile Relay and the Royal Engineers were pushed into third place, it would mean a victory for the Middlesex Regiment. The race proved a great struggle between these two units, and after a neck-and-neck struggle between the first three strings, the Royal Engineers started the last lap with L./Sergt. Powell leading 2/Lieut. Batten by three yards. 2/Lieut. Batten by very clever running managed to gain the lead and ran a very fast quarter to win the race by three yards.

The final placings of the leading teams were: Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, 142 points; Middlesex Regiment, 141 $\frac{1}{2}$  points; and the Royal Tank Corps, 128 $\frac{1}{2}$  points.

As a result of these Sports the first two units will compete in the Army Championships at Colchester on July 10th and 11th, and must be looked upon as serious challengers to the holders, the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

The following is a complete summary of the results of a contest in which the winners must be congratulated on their victory and the runners-up on their splendid defeat, which is greatly suggestive of their nickname "Die-Hards."

*Pole Jump*.—1, 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps; equal 2, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment and Training Battalion, R.E. Height, 19 ft. 3 in.

*Throwing the Discus*.—1, 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps; 2, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 3, Training Battalion, R.E. Distance, 198 ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.

*Putting the Shot*.—1, Training Battalion, R.E.; 2, 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps; 3, 2nd Bn. The Gloucestershire Regiment. Distance, 68 ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment were fourth.

*Three Miles Team Race*.—1, Training Battalion, R.E.; 2, 2nd Bn. The Gloucestershire Regiment; 3, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. Time, 15 min. 6 sec. Individual winner: 2/Lieut. Denison (Training Battalion, R.E.).

*Long Jump*.—1, 2nd Bn. The Gloucestershire Regiment; 2, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 3, Training Battalion, R.E. Distance, 40 ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.

*High Jump*.—1, Depot Battalion, R.E.; equal 2, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 2nd Bn. The Gloucestershire Regiment, 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps, and Training Battalion, R.E. Height, 11 ft. Teams in second place tied at 10 ft. 6 in.

*880 Yards Relay*.—1, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 2, Training Battalion, R.E.; 3, 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps.

#### COLCHESTER GARRISON ATHLETIC MEETING, 1931.

Winners—1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment.

Mrs. W. J. Cooke-Collis presenting the Trophy to Lieut.-Colonel V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.



[Photo: J. S. Stutter, Colchester.]  
Lieut. D. Y. Cubitt (Team Captain) receiving the Bissett Cup (Runners-up, Army Inter-Unit Team Championship) from Mrs. Bonham-Carter, Colchester, July 11th, 1931.



*Throwing the Javelin*.—1, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 2, 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps; 3, 2nd Bn. The Gloucestershire Regiment. Distance, 299 ft. 8 in. Training Battalion, R.E., were fourth.

*Two Miles Relay*.—1, Training Battalion, R.E.; 2, 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps; 3, 2nd Bn. The Gloucestershire Regiment. Time, 8 min. 29 1/5 sec. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment were fifth.

*Throwing the Hammer*.—1, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 2, 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps; 3, Training Battalion, R.E. Distance, 206 ft. 8 in.

*480 Yards Hurdles*.—1, 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps; 2, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 5, Training Battalion, R.E. Time, 1 min. 14 sec. In this event the third and fourth teams were disqualified.

*440 Yards Relay*.—1, Training Battalion, R.E.; 2, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 3, 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps. Time, 45 sec.

*One Mile Team Race*.—1, Training Battalion, R.E.; 2, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 3, 2nd Bn. The Lincolnshire Regiment. Time, 4 min. 43 sec. Individual winner, L./Sergt. Lowman (Lincolnshire Regiment).

*One Mile Relay*.—1, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; 2, Training Battalion, R.E.; 3, 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps. Time, 3 min. 38 sec.

The following competitors took part in the championship:—

Lieuts. D. Y. Cubitt and P. D. ff. Powell, 2/Lieuts. R. H. Batten, W. H. P. Chattey and R. C. H. Bellers, L./Sergts. Painter, Donovan and West, Cpls. Brown and Bullock, L./Cpls. Clark, Gardiner, Wadsworth, Jolley, Barnett, Roseblade, Chillery, Gadsden and Macdowell, Ptes. Mellish, Urquhart, Macnamara, Evans, Langdale, Shaw and Long, Bdsns. Higgins, and Boys Mew and Ryder.

### ARMY INTER-UNIT TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING.

Following its success in the Eastern Command Inter-Unit Championship the Battalion competed, and were placed runners-up, in the Army Inter-Unit Team Championship finals held at Colchester on July 10th and 11th.

An excellent account of the meeting, given in the *Essex County Standard* of July 14th, is reproduced below:—

#### ARMY ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS.

##### SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT AT COLCHESTER.

Hitherto held at Aldershot, the Army Unit Team Athletic Championships were this year transferred to Colchester, on the suggestion of the Garrison authorities, with a view to increased support and a more satisfactory result, and large crowds gathered at the fine Poplar Ground enclosure, Abbey Field, on Friday and Saturday last, when they had the opportunity of seeing some of the most notable of soldier athletes. The arrangements were in every way excellent, and there was an added interest on the part of Colcestrians by reason of the fact that the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, who during their stay

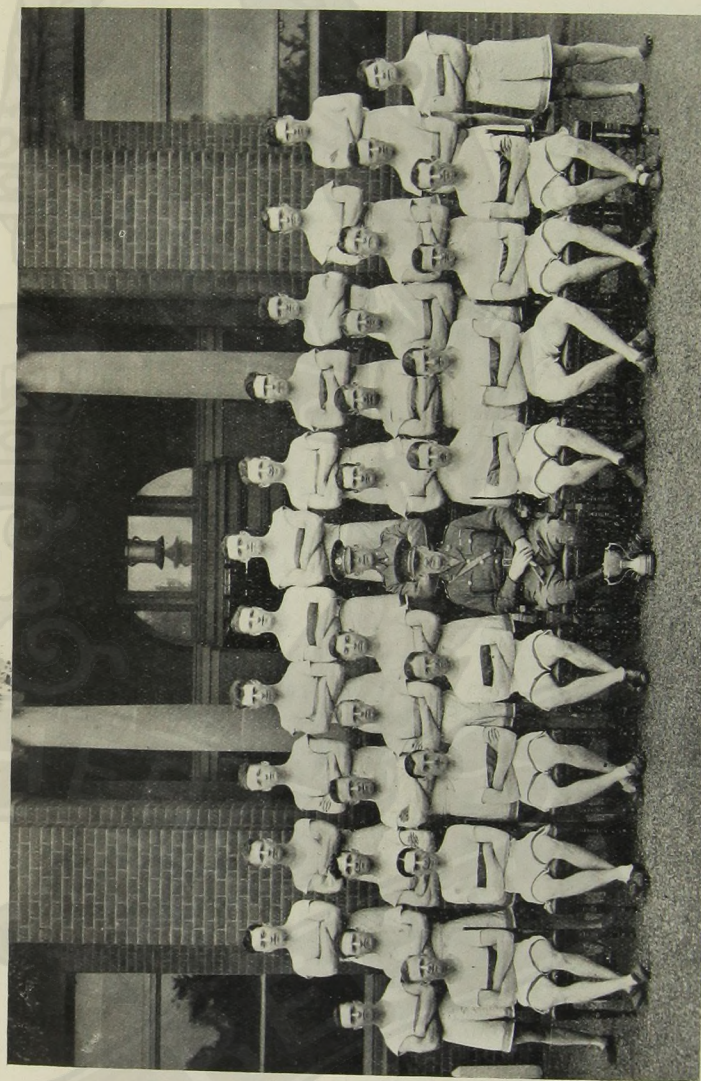
in garrison have become very popular, were competing. Altogether the result was about as satisfactory as could be expected of an initial venture, and the attendance augured well for the success of the Army Individual Championship Meeting at the same venue this coming week-end, when well-known amateur record-holders will defend their titles.

In addition to the Middlesex Regiment, units competing in the interesting programme were the Training Battalion, Royal Engineers (also Eastern Command), 1st Bn. The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (holders of the championship), and 3rd Divisional Royal Signals (Southern Command), 2nd Bn. The Cheshire Regiment and 2nd Bn. The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (Aldershot Command), and 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers (Northern Command). Although no records were broken, the times and distances returned were all up to standard; but the holders failed dismally in their attempt to retain the championship, and, indeed, finished at the foot of the table. The winners were the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, and the Middlesex Regiment are to be congratulated on securing the Bissett Cup as runners-up by leading the Engineers by half a point.

The 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment's representatives achieved a notable performance in the Pole Jump by tying for first place with the Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, at 19 ft. 3 in., nine inches short of the Army record established last year. In the one track event final, however—the Three Miles Team Race—the "Die-Hards" did not show up so prominently, and could only take sixth place. The winners were the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, but the first man home in 15 min. 12.5 sec. was 2/Lieut. E. W. Denison, of the Royal Engineers, who let Cpl. J. Broadley (Royal Signals) make the pace all the way, and then took the lead in the last lap, to win by fifteen yards. Sergt. W. M. Cotterell, former Army cross-country champion and a noted long-distance runner, of the Royal Corps of Signals, was in the big field, but arrived in about sixth.

The Middlesex Regiment strengthened their challenge for the championship by securing third place in the Weight-Putting event and second place in the Long Jump. In the latter event their combined jump of 38 ft. 8 1/2 in. was more than twelve inches less than the winners, the Lancashire Fusiliers; nevertheless, the "Die-Hards" first string accomplished the best individual jump at 20 ft. 7 1/2 in.—a fine effort.

The opening events on the second day saw the Middlesex Regiment rapidly take top position with clear-cut victories in the 880 Yards Relay and the Javelin. In the former the "Die-Hards" representative ran grandly to pull back the six yards' lead of the Engineers' men and win by inches, while in the Javelin the Middlesex Regiment first string threw 151 ft. 10 in., and the second string 153 ft. 10 in., a total distance of 305 ft. 8 in. Then they met with no further success until the Hammer-Throwing competition, when they beat the Cheshire Regiment, but thereafter they fell away, and it was not until the last event, the Mile Relay, that they were able to capture substantial points. In this respect they were somewhat fortunate, for the Engineers, who were first at the tape, were disqualified, and with the Lanca-



[Photo: J. S. Stiller, Colchester.]

### 1st BATTALION ATHLETIC TEAM.

1930: RUNNERS-UP, 1ST INFANTRY BRIGADE. 1931: WINNERS, GARRISON ATHLETIC MEETING, COLCHESTER. INTER-UNIT TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, COLCHESTER. Back Row.—1, Cpl. Macdowell, L./Cpl. Jolley, L./Cpl. Blackman, L./Cpl. Wadsworth, L./Cpl. Clark, L./Cpl. Green, L./Sergt. West, L./Cpl. Thirkettle, C.S.M. Tungate, L./Cpl. Gardiner, Pte. Langdale, Pte. Shaw, 2/Lieut. Mackenzie, 2/Lieut. Chattey, Lieut. Cubitt, Lieut. ff. Powell, 2/Lieut. Denison, 2/Lieut. Higgins, 2/Lieut. Fauter, Absent.—Cpl. Bullock, Cpl. Donaghy.



shire Fusiliers then taking premier honours the Middlesex were elevated from third position.

The final placings were as follow:—

1. Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry ...	100 pts.
2. Middlesex Regiment ...	90½ pts.
3. Training Battalion, Royal Engineers ...	90 pts.
4. Cheshire Regiment ...	78½ pts.
5. Divisional Signals ...	76½ pts.
6. Lancashire Fusiliers ...	70½ pts.
7. Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry ...	68 pts.

The trophies and medals were presented to the winners and runners-up by Mrs. Bonham-Carter.

The referee was Major-General C. Bonham-Carter, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (G.O.C. 4th Division), with Col. the Hon. H. R. L. G. Alexander, D.S.O., M.C., as assistant referee, and Lieut.-Col. F. W. L. Bissett, D.S.O., M.C., of the Northamptonshire Regiment, as chief track judge. Capt. W. C. Ratcliffe, D.S.O., of the Northamptonshire Regiment, was the officer in charge of the Press, and the judges, recorders and timekeepers chiefly comprised officers, warrant officers, and non-commissioned officers of the Colchester Garrison. The general arrangements were made by the General Committee of the A.A. and C.C. Association, of which Lieut.-Col. C. Mc. M. Robertson, D.S.O., is Hon. Secretary, and Major A. Webb, D.C.M., Assistant Secretary.

#### FIRST DAY'S RESULTS.

**440 Yards Relay (four of 110 yards).**—First heat: 1, Training Battalion, R.E.; 2, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry; time, 45 4-5 sec. Second heat: 1, Lancashire Fusiliers; 2, Middlesex Regiment; time, 45 sec.

**Pole Jump (teams of two).**—Final: equal 1, Training Battalion, R.E., and Middlesex Regiment (tie, 19 ft. 3 in.); 3, Divisional Signals; equal 4, Cheshire Regiment and Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (tie).

**Throwing the Discus (teams of two).**—Final: 1, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (198 ft. 7 6-10 in.); 2, Cheshire Regiment (197 ft. 8 7-10 in.); 3, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (192 ft. 3 in.).

**880 Yards Relay (four of 220 yards).**—First heat: 1, Middlesex Regiment; 2, Cheshire Regiment; time, 1 min. 34 3-5 sec. Second heat: 1, Training Battalion, R.E.; time, 1 min. 35 2-5 sec.

**Three Miles (teams of four).**—1, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry; 2, Cheshire Regiment; 3, Divisional Signals; 4, Training Battalion, R.E. Time, 15 min. 1 2-5 sec.

**480 Yards Hurdles Relay (four of 120 yards).** First heat: 1, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry; 2, Divisional Signals; time, 1 min. 11 2-5 sec. Second heat: 1, Lancashire Fusiliers; 2, Cheshire Regiment; time, 1 min. 11 3-5 sec.

**Putting the Weight (teams of two).**—1, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (70 ft. 9 4-10 in.); 2, Training Battalion, R.E.; 3, Middlesex Regiment.

**One Mile Relay (four of 440 yards).**—First heat: 1, Training Battalion, R.E.; 2, Middlesex Regiment; time, 3 min. 38 2-5 sec. Second heat: 1, Lancashire Fusiliers; time, 3 min. 38 1-5 sec.

**Long Jump (teams of two).**—1, Lancashire Fusiliers (39 ft. 11½ in.); 2, Middlesex Regiment; 3, Divisional Signals.

#### SECOND DAY'S RESULTS.

**High Jump (teams of two).**—1, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (10 ft. 8 in.); equal 2, Middlesex Regiment and Training Battalion, R.E. (tie, 10 ft. 7 in.); 4, Divisional Signals.

**Young Soldiers' Two Miles Relay.**—First heat: 1, Cheshire Regiment; 2, Middlesex Regiment; time, 8 min. 22 1-5 sec. Second heat: 1, The Black Watch; 2, Northamptonshire Regiment; time, 8 min. 54 2-5 sec. Final: 1, Cheshire Regiment; 2, Middlesex Regiment; 3, Black Watch; time, 8 min. 26 4-5 sec.

**880 Yards Relay.**—1, Middlesex Regiment; 2, Training Battalion, R.E.; 3, Cheshire Regiment. Time, 1 min. 33 4-5 sec.

**Throwing the Javelin (teams of two).**—1, Middlesex Regiment (305 ft. 8 in.); 2, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry; 3, Cheshire Regiment.

**Two Miles Relay.**—1, Training Battalion, R.E.; 2, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry; 3, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. Time, 8 min. 22 1-5 sec.

**480 Yards Hurdles Relay.**—1, Lancashire Fusiliers; 2, Divisional Signals; 3, Cheshire Regiment. Time, 1 min. 10 4-5 sec.

**Throwing the Hammer (teams of two).**—1, Middlesex Regiment (223 ft. 6 in.); 2, Cheshire Regiment; 3, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

**440 Yards Relay.**—1, Lancashire Fusiliers; 2, Training Battalion, R.E.; 3, Middlesex Regiment. Time, 45 sec.

**One Mile Relay.**—1, Lancashire Fusiliers; 2, Middlesex Regiment. Time, 3 min. 35 4-5 sec.

**One Mile Team Race.**—1, Royal Engineers; 2, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry; 3, Cheshire Regiment. Time, 4 min. 35 3-5 sec.

#### CRICKET NOTES.

The cricket season began rather badly for us, as we were beaten in our first two matches by the R.A.M.C. and the 2nd Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment respectively. Our bowlers did very well in the second match, but unfortunately our batting collapsed and we were defeated rather easily.

However, we won our next two matches—the first a return match against the R.A.M.C., and the second against the Royal Signals. Unfortunately we have had to postpone a match with the 2nd Bn. The Black Watch, but it is hoped to play it later in the season.

Congratulations to Capt. Lyon, Capt. Phillips and Sergt. Kennett on playing for the Garrison.

The Inter-Company Cricket is now in full swing.

In the first round G beat B by 9 wickets. B went in first and made 34; G then knocked off the runs for the loss of only one wicket.



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#### 1st BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT ONE-MILE TEAM.

1930: WINNERS, 1ST INFANTRY BRIGADE, CATTERICK; 4TH, ARMY INTER-UNIT TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, COLCHESTER. 1931: WINNERS, NORTHERN COMMAND, CATTERICK; 5TH, ARMY INTER-UNIT TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, COLCHESTER. 2ND, EASTERN COMMAND, CHATHAM; 2/Lieut. W. H. P. Chattey.

L/Sergt. Donovan.

Pte. Langdale.

L/Cpl. Clark.



In the other match C beat D, C making 121 and then dismissing D for 62.

In the Boys' Garrison League, for which a cup is presented, we live in hopes. These matches are being played towards the end of July and the beginning of August, the Carabiniers, Royal Fusiliers and the Black Watch being our opponents.

#### Scores:—

R.A.M.C.	
Cpl. Ottaway b Kennett ...	10
Cpl. Course b Kennett ...	0
R.S.M. Colter b Kennett ...	2
Pte. Stewart run out ...	2
Cpl. Millington b Kennett ...	9
Sergt. Clarke run out ...	2
Pte. Thomas b Kennett ...	19
Cpl. Catling run out ...	18
Pte. Moxham not out ...	0
Cpl. Vowles b Kennett ...	2
Col. Cameron c Stickley b Kennett ...	2
Extras ...	4
Total ...	70

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
Sergt. Northcott b Catling ...	12
Sergt. Thomas b Moxham ...	0
2/Lieut. Sword b Vowles ...	17
Dmr. Stickley c and b Catling ...	1
2/Lieut. Gwyn b Catling ...	0
2/Lieut. Bellers b Catling ...	5
Capt. Phillips b Vowles ...	0
Sergt. Kennett b Vowles ...	3
Sergt. Williams b Vowles ...	0
Lieut. Herepath not out ...	0
Pte. Soames b Vowles ...	0
Extras ...	1
Total ...	45

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT.	
L./Cpl. Smith b Kennett ...	4
Sergt. Overy b Kennett ...	9
Lieut. Taunton b Weston ...	4
Pte. Sear b Kennett ...	15
Cpl. Casey b Weston ...	10
Lieut. Nicholson not out ...	13
Pte. Hearne b Kennett ...	5
Pte. Vaughan lbw b West ...	8
L./Cpl. Groundsel c Kennett b West ...	5
Pte. Stone b Kennett ...	6
Bdsn. Start b Kennett ...	0
Extras ...	6
Total ...	85

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
2/Lieut. Gwyn lbw b Smith ...	1
Sergt. Thomas b Overy ...	12
2/Lieut. Sword b Hearne ...	3
2/Lieut. Weston b Hearne ...	0
Sergt. West run out ...	3
2/Lieut. Bellers b Hearne ...	17
Lieut. Herepath st — b Hearne ...	0
Sergt. Kennett c and b Smith ...	5

Dmr. Stickley b Taunton ...	2
Sergt. Williams b Smith ...	0
L./Cpl. Britton not out ...	6
Extras ...	3
Total ...	52

R.A.M.C.	
Lieut.-Col. Bowle c Thomas b Kennett ...	0
Cpl. Ottaway c Lyon b Kennett ...	4
Pte. Gray b Britton ...	21
Cpl. Millington, c Lyon b Northcott ...	6
Major Scrogie c Phillips b Northcott ...	5
Cpl. Catling c Phillips b Northcott ...	0
Cpl. Course c Kennett b Britton ...	2
Lieut. Sherwood b Kennett ...	1
Pte. Pennington c Lyon b Kennett ...	0
Pte. Thomas b Britton ...	3
Sergt. Clarke not out ...	9
Extras ...	6
Total ...	57

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
Sergt. Thomas c and b Course ...	9
Sergt. Northcott run out ...	10
Capt. Phillips st Gray b Course ...	34
Capt. Lyon c Gray b Pennington ...	4
Sergt. Kennett not out ...	22
C.O.M.S. Steadman c and b Course ...	2
Dmr. Stickley not out ...	4
Extras ...	4
Total (for 5 wickets) ...	89
Sergt. Williams, Boy Mew, Sergt. West and L./Cpl. Britton did not bat.	

4TH DIVISIONAL SIGNALS.	
Cpl. Worth run out ...	16
Sigmn. Marshall c Coleman b Kennett ...	1
Sigmn. Rose c Williams b Kennett ...	8
Lieut. Gardiner c Phillips b Britton ...	0
Sigmn. Pettit c Weston b Kennett ...	10
Sigmn. Walton b Britton ...	18
Sigmn. Backhouse c West b Kennett ...	0
Sigmn. Hall b Kennett ...	2
Cpl. Edey b Kennett ...	3
Sigmn. Dalziel not out ...	2
Sigmn. Wheeler b Britton ...	4
Extras ...	7
Total ...	71

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
Capt. Phillips b Marshall ...	46
2/Lieut. Weston c Worth b Marshall ...	25
Sergt. Kennett b Wheeler ...	34
Sergt. Williams b Rose ...	6
Dmr. Stickley c Worth b Rose ...	6
2/Lieut. Bellers c Hall b Rose ...	2
L./Cpl. Britton c Rose b Walton ...	10
Sergt. West c and b Rose ...	6
Pte. Long c Gardiner b Walton ...	14
Pte. Coleman not out ...	0
Extras ...	8
Total (for 9 wickets) ...	157
Capt. Lyon did not bat.	

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

At last after arduous months of Individual Training our young Machine Gunners have all had their first opportunity of seeing the home of machine gunnery, as we have all just returned from our first Concentration at Netheravon. Our work there reached a high standard of perfection. Even our guns and equipment dazzled the eyes of "ye gods of the guns." What is more, they were more than astonished at the exactitude of the said guns, especially after we carried off the Brigade Trophy given for the 30 yards' range, harmonized sights, Fire Discipline Competition. Unfortunately the weather elements were against us when we competed in the Machine Gun Fire Control Competition, for, as all machine gunners know, this factor is one that requires a slice of luck with careful calculations. However, we did well in being top of the Brigade, but did not fulfil our ambitions of rising from fifth place in the Army, where we finished last year. We are hoping, however, to do better in the A.R.A. Machine Gun Cup.

Prior to proceeding to Netheravon the Company classified in the new A.M.G.C. as laid down for 1931, and did exceptionally well, having gained 23 marksmen and 25 first-class shots.

#### SPORTS.

Keep it very quiet, as I believe the other companies are going to take up this rare pastime next year, so be careful, A (M.G.). Continuing our exploits, we will finish the story of our winter sports before commencing the story of how we just managed to win the Athletics.

At soccer the Company team went through the league table without the loss of a game, thereby winning this competition. No. 2 Platoon of the Company showed that they were good followers of the sport by reaching the final of the Six-a-Side, eventually being beaten by the Band after a very strenuous game in the final. Thanks must be given to the following who did exceptionally well for the Company at soccer during the past season:—

Cpls. Green, Brown and Bullock, L./Cpls. Robinson, Jolley and Abell, and Ptes. Coleman, Johns, Baldrey, Billson and Sickenger.

Our next performance was at hockey. Here again we were successful in winning the league unbeaten, and again in the Company Knock-out, where we were beaten in the final by G Company. This match was a very keenly contested game, and at half-time neither team had scored. In the second half, however, our centre-half, Cpl. Bullock, was injured. This naturally weakened our team and G got away to score the first goal. Our team fought back hard, and, although they held G and claimed most of the play, G finished winners by 3 goals to 2, a very good final.

This defeat at the hands of G had yet to be accounted for, and very shortly the Company's opportunity came in the nature of the final at rugby. After having eliminated C Company in the semi-final by 30 points to 0, we met our old opponents, G Company, in the final. In this game we excelled, for here it was beef and brawn that defeated technique, and by the end of the first half we were leading 6—0, although most of our team were minus shirts. In the second half G tried a rally, but they simply could not get past the beef of A. A very fine break-away by 2/Lieut. Chattey secured for us a further try, which gave us a lead of 9 points, when G, from a fine knock-on, scored their first try. This quite naturally gave them impetus, and just on time they again succeeded in crossing the line, but failed to convert, which left the final score at 9—6 in our favour. A very clean game and one that was worth watching. The old stalwarts were again to the fore in this match, namely, Capt. Haydon, Cpls. Green and Brown, and L./Cpl. Wadsworth, the last-named a product of Capt. Worton's. Wadsworth played at scrum-half, and, although small in stature, he is a good pupil of a good tutor.

Following shortly on rugby, the Battalion Cross-Country Run took place. At this period the Company was in serious training for the Battalion Athletics and were not over-keen on the cross-country run owing to its taking place so late in the season. However, we competed and gained second place to B Company, claiming first, third, fourth and fifth men home. This was an extraordinarily good performance, considering that this sport has been ignored, and one could only put it down to sheer grit, for our most serious thoughts were concentrated on Athletics.



Now after three months of continuous training the Battalion Athletic Meeting took place on June 10th and 11th, and the result of hard work and the giving up of leisure time is rewarded by the following results, which I think constitute a record for any company. To win all track events and to be either first or second in all field events except one is an achievement to be proud of. Here is a summary of the events won by the Company:—

440 Yards Relay, 880 Yards Relay, One Mile Relay, Two Miles Relay, Three Miles Team Race (tied with D Company for first place), Throwing the Hammer, Throwing the Javelin, Long Jump, Pole Jump (tied for first place with G Company). Our placings in other events were: High Jump, 4th; Hurdles, 2nd; Putting the Shot, 2nd; Throwing the Discus, 2nd.

One other race we won, the Veterans' Race, which was, as usual, "walked" by C.Q.M.S. Darby. (Poor old Joe!)

We must congratulate Pte. Broughton on the fine effort he made in finishing the Three Miles after suffering from a severe attack of stitch in the fourth lap. He was a fine example of how to play the game for the team's sake.

The result of the Tug-of-War foundered the critics. B Company were hot favourites for this event and undoubtedly they were well trained, but the final proved that we could aspire to great heights. With Beef and Spirit the Company pulled B Company over in the first two pulls, thereby retaining the cup for another year.

We have gained one good thing for the benefit of the Battalion. Besides winning the Athletics we have produced sixteen from this Company alone to represent the Battalion in the Army Championships. So this year of sports has terminated and once more we are proud possessors of the Albuhera Shield and other minor trophies. Now to work again in order to gain it next year.

In closing our notes we must say how sorry we are in losing our Second-in-Command, Capt. Haydon, who has taken an appointment in East Africa. We all wish him good health and good luck in his new job.

EMMA GEE.

### B COMPANY NOTES.

After our spell of duties and employments we are once again on Company Training.

We miss Barden Fell and Hilltop Farm, but doubtless "Cherry Tree" and Friday Wood will soon be equally familiar.

With a most successful year of sport we easily gained the Mons Shield, and, though disappointed in the Annual Athletic Meeting, we had the satisfaction of taking away five shields at the distribution of prizes.

The Cross-Country Shield was gained easily, chiefly owing to the careful training a month beforehand.

C.S.M. Farrow is to be congratulated on his untiring efforts in turning out the men to train each day, and the men on their whole-hearted support.

We were fortunate in having several Battalion players in the Football, which we won by a narrow margin from G Company.

The Shooting and Cricket Shields were gained whilst at Catterick. The latter, however, is already lost after a surprise defeat by G Company in the first round of the Knock-out. We hope to make up for this by winning the Swimming.

We welcome to the Company Capt. Jones from the 2nd Battalion and C.Q.M.S. Brockman from the Depot, but regret the loss of C.S.M. Russell and Sergt. Thomas.

### C COMPANY NOTES.

Since the last notes were published the Company has been having a very busy time, and has been achieving great things both in the field of sport and in the training areas.

Our Company Training period lasted from April 23rd to June 15th, during which time Sergt. Rogers very ably filled the post of C.S.M. in the absence of C.S.M. Anderson.

After Whitsun the days were the busiest that we can remember for a long time, for, besides our Company Training, over forty of our gymnasts every morning practised for the P.T. Display the Battalion was to give in the Colchester Carnival. At the same time there were rehearsals for the King's Birthday Parade and, for those stalwarts whose legs and

spirits could stand it, athletic training on the track in the evenings.

The Company Training was thoroughly successful and ended in a most enjoyable three-day march with C Company of the 2nd Bn. The Black Watch. For this we were fortunate in having the most perfect weather and an ideal site for our camp.

Major U. Harada, of the Imperial Japanese Army, who had been attached to us for training, came into camp with us. He took a keen interest in all he saw, and watched our game of rounders with such a critical eye that the rumour soon spread that this was the national game of Japan.

Owing to the large number of casualties to fire, the result of the musketry is uncertain, but as far as one can see it will be much the same as last year.

In sports, thanks to the heroic way in which the team trained, even during the energetic period after Whitsun, we startled everybody by obtaining third place in the Battalion, and being top of the rifle companies.

Lieut. P. D. ff. Powell, L./Cpl. Barnett and Pte. Evans were all towers of strength to our team as they are to the Battalion team.

In the first round of the Cricket Knock-out we beat D Company easily, winning by 59 runs in a single-innings game. 2/Lieut. Hall and Pte. Freestone were our top scorers, and Ptes. Chapman and Rogers dismissed our opponents for 62. We are now in the semi-final, and with a little practice we should certainly get into the final.

We are very sorry to lose Lieut. Howell who is now attached to the R.A.P.C. We shall miss his "weight" in the sporting world. At the same time we are very pleased to see that Capt. Mirams is posted to the 1st Battalion.

Finally our heartiest congratulations to 2/Lieut. J. P. Hall, who qualified, and to C.S.M. Anderson and L./Sergt. Honeybun, who obtained Q.1 at Hythe.

CORK.

### D COMPANY NOTES.

Not without incident the Company has now completed its Company Training. Bad weather prevented us from making a three-day march to Clacton-on-Sea. Now all that remains for us is three

months of employment before Battalion Training starts, by which time we hope that many of the hard-earned lessons learnt early in the year will not be forgotten.

However, we are not downhearted, as we have just received news that with any luck we shall be celebrating Christmas Day (either above or below decks) in the Bay of Biscay.

Just as we finished our training Major Tidbury and C.S.M. Stevenson rejoined the Company, the former from running a Command Intelligence Course, the latter from Trooping duties, and judging from his conversation we must be thankful that he has not forsaken us and joined the Navy.

We are sorry to lose Sergt. Jones, who, being relieved of the duties of Acting C.S.M., has now gone for a temporary trip to the Regimental Depot, where we wish him the best of luck.

Cpl. Dyson has just returned from an Education Course on which he has done well, whilst Pte. Barrell has completed a Selected Cooks' Course and obtained a certificate. We may now expect a Carlton dinner!!

The following is an extract from an eye-witness's account of the Company Sports held on June 4th:—

"Our Company Commander, Major Tidbury, organized a novelty race for the ladies, who were all lined up, and on the word 'Go' a hen was let loose which had to be caught. The winning lady was Mrs. Stevenson (hence two hens met). After this thrilling event, Mrs. Tidbury kindly presented the prizes which were put up by the officers of the Company, and also distributed six new-laid eggs to the competing ladies who failed to catch the hen!"

In the Albuhera Sports the Company was not very successful, but we were very pleased to have with us two old friends, C.S.M. Duncan, D.C.M., M.M., and C.Q.M.S. Boddington.

Company cricket is now in full swing, but unfortunately we have already been defeated by C Company.

Lastly, after a welcome visit of two months to the Regiment during which time he visited us quite often, Major U. Harada, Imperial Japanese Army, has now departed, taking with him everyone's very best wishes.

DON.



## THE CORPS OF DRUMS.

Time and tide wait for no man, so once again we take up the pen for this quarter's notes.

The Company Inter-Group Sports were held in June and, although we were not successful in winning the trophy, we managed to put up a good show.

We now take the opportunity of congratulating L./Cpl. Blackman and Dmrs. Billings, Morley and Elms on winning prizes. We hope to do much better next time. The Drummers mainly contributed to the sports team of Q Company in the Battalion Sports, and, although we were unsuccessful in doing great things, we managed to draw one or two former spectators from their shells.

We congratulate Dmr. Bolt on being successful in his fight for the Garrison against the Royal Air Force at Felixstowe.

Cricket has not been plentiful yet, but when it is we hope to be able to shine.

By the time these notes appear our draft leave will be on our heels, as the Battalion visits the mysterious East in December. This seems to shatter all the dear boys' dreams of a long and loud Réveillé, pork, turkey, Christmas pudding, etc., to say nothing of a sly sock hung up in the home for expectations.

SNAKE CHARMER III.

## BAND NOTES.

We extend to Bandmaster and Mrs. Judge a hearty welcome and hope that their stay with us will be both pleasant and successful. Already the Band has, as it were, donned a new cloak in which verve and enthusiasm are predominant, and according to critics we are becoming better every day and, moreover, it is not self-praise, but "Vox Populi."

We are at present engaged in the gentle pastime of firing our course. Every day we trip gaily to the ranges there to settle the burning question "To be or not to be—a third-class shot." As we go we sing this everlasting refrain:—

"Am I a second? Am I a third?  
If I'm the latter I'll sure get the bird.  
Ain't done with slaving,  
Just doing my darn'dest to find that  
bull.

Will it be 'civvies' and also pay?  
Or just Pokey drill day after day?  
We'll be glad when its over and we are  
at rest  
From the awful suspense (and expense)  
of changing our dress."

Well, we shall soon know and so we will leave it at that.

Several of our modern young bandmen have been conspiring together and have now issued a "tent-pitching" challenge to all bandmen residing in the United Kingdom. Fourteen tents up would be the match, starting from scratch; no sixpenny Postal Orders required.

We must congratulate our representatives who have upheld Band traditions in the athletic fields, namely L./Cpl. Chillery and Bdsn. Higgins, Mew and Ryder. Their efforts have met with success, and we are confident that their names will be heard in the Army Unit Team Championships.

We spent an enjoyable week at the Depot and have also played at Halstead and Kelvedon. Whilst at the Depot we met many old friends who wished to be remembered to any friends who may read these notes.

Don Elliot, Midda, Jimmy Green and Bill Dibble were a few of the names.

Palestine will not be far away when these jottings appear in print, so we will conclude by reminding all Bandmen that "Absence makes the heart grow fonder"—sometimes—and that the words of Tosti's "Good-bye" may be obtained from

FLAT PITCH.

## SIGNALS' NOTES.

Classification is finished, with very good results. A special congratulation from the higher authorities was bestowed on all who took part. This is not the first time that we have been mentioned in dispatches, but it is certainly the first time from those higher up.

We are sorry to have lost some jolly good men to duty, but they seem to enjoy it and progress.

Congratulations to L./Cpl. Wordley on his quick success. We trust that he goes on even better than he has started.

Since our last notes we regret the loss of L./Cpl. Swan, a good all-round man,

who died recently. He is very much missed and is a great loss to the Section.

Blower and Squirrel are away on a course and should do well if Blower does not blow his Q.I or D away.

Sea-sickness for the youngsters is near at hand, and Christmas dinners look like being plentiful for us seasoned sailors (Sorbo).

Several of us are getting either engaged or, worse still, married before our little trip, so a Welfare Centre is being started by a prime mover. Sympathy is extended to all and those wishing to enrol please notify us of intended marriage.

The Annual Rifle Classification is now in full swing and it is noticed that the markers have developed a sudden deafness to the song "Ask the Markers to Help You." They are not carrying us through.

In conclusion we hope the Signallers who will next occupy our rooms will enjoy this station as much as we have (?).

FLAGS.

## SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

This quarter we announce the arrival of Bandmaster A. E. Judge from Kneller Hall, who has been posted to the Battalion in place of Mr. Clark. Our welcome to the former is as sincere as is our regret in losing the latter. Our congratulations are cordially given to both Mr. Judge and Miss Irene Turner upon their marriage at Hounslow on June 17th last. We all hope that the traditional happiness of June weddings will always attend them.

Our winter fortnightly whist drives and dances ended with a final function on May 13th, which was as well attended and as thoroughly enjoyed as all the others. Although no "glassy" mincemeat was manufactured nor any "cook" masquerades carried out, the fun did not fail to reach its usual height. A vote of thanks to the members of the Mess responsible for organizing our winter social functions is indicated and freely given. It is hoped that their efforts may result in even better shows during the remainder of our stay in Colchester.

May 16th passed by all too quickly, although none of the time at our disposal was wasted. In addition to non-championship sports events which occupied the

forenoon, an Inter-Mess Six-a-Side Football Tournament was held, which was won by the Sergeants, who, after defeating the Officers by 11 points to 5, waded into the Corporals with equal success and beat them by 9 points to 3. The team consisted of C.S.M. Farrow, Sergt. Burt, L./Sergt. Williams, Sergt. Blake, Sergt. Kennett and Sergt. Thomas. They are congratulated upon a good performance which was not without its humorous element, for one of the team's natural "defences" proved unpassable.

At noon we visited the Officers' Mess for an hour in accordance with previous custom and thoroughly enjoyed it. We hope that this privilege may always be ours.

Returning to our Mess afterwards we were delighted to find that some old friends had come to pay us a visit. They included ex-C.S.M. Duncan, ex-S.Q.M.S. Crookes and ex-Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer.

Now followed an hour particularly enlivened by individual performances of some of our comrades—to which feats some allusion is worthy of being made.

Although we know of no increase in his personal wealth which merited it, it was noticed that a musical one of our number drove home in a "car," which, it has since been asserted, was his own. It is to be supposed, however, that the amenities given by this worthy chariot are not sufficiently appreciated by our equally worthy friend, as on the only occasions that it has since been seen it has merely served as a transport vehicle for coal. However, it must not be forgotten that it had much additional merit on the day we speak of.

Forgetting the time of the year (and day) certain youthful spirits tried to paddle in the horse trough. This adventure was not, of course, without design. The scheme, however, failed.

An attempt was made to mow the Mess lawn, but what chance has seven horsepower of cutting grass?

In the evening the Commanding Officer and Officers visited us in accordance with tradition, and the annual toast to those who fell at Albuhera was drunk. This was followed by a long chat and a smoke "at ease"—a privilege we enjoyed as much as that of the morning.

On the day of the Battalion Sports (June 10th) we were glad to welcome the



Depot Mess members and their families as our guests for the day. It was good to have them among us and we all hope they have happy memories of it.

A well-attended dance was held in the Garrison Gymnasium in the evening, the arrangements for which were excellent—due thanks to our Entertainment Committee. The Regimental Band gave us of their best, and we thank them too.

It was with deep regret that our proposed visit to witness the Depot Sports on June 26th had to be postponed. This was due to our attendance at the Eastern Command Athletic Meeting at Chatham on the following day. But we hope an opportunity may soon offer itself of enabling us to visit the Depot in force.

We congratulate R.S.M. and Mrs. Davis on the birth of their son Raymond on May 2nd last at Colchester.

#### CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

Having no one of sufficient literary aspirations for the duties of Editor during the regular scribbler's short vacation, no notes were recorded for the last quarter. The President tenders his humble apologies and states that he will personally see that no reoccurrence of this appears.

In the month of March the Corporals of the 2nd Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment were entertained to a billiards and snooker tournament. A splendid evening's sport resulted in which the visitors managed to beat us at billiards and snooker after some very evenly contested games. We were then challenged to an impromptu dart tournament, but we easily romped home winners of this, thus making the honours even. The "hit" of the evening was when the Corporals' Club Follies, ably led by "Dodger," sang to our visitors. After the gramophone records had been played three or four times each, our visitors left us, expressing their delight at a very enjoyable evening.

Albuhara Day was spent rather quietly this year owing to A (M.G.) Company being at the Concentration Camp at Netheravon. The 16th was observed as a general holiday. Each Mess entered a six-a-side soccer team, the competition being organized in place of the usual Battalion Sports. After a hard game, we managed to beat the Privates' team, but lost to the Sergeants in the final.

The Regimental Sports were held on June 10th, the majority of the members representing their companies in the various sports. Unfortunately, owing to some misunderstanding, the Club failed to enter a team for the Inter-Mess Relay; our vision of the cup is obscured for another year!

Lastly we wish to congratulate all members who represented the Battalion in the Garrison, Command and Army Inter-Unit Championships, and to compliment them on the wonderful exhibition of skill they gave us. Our best wishes are extended to all newly joined members of the Club and to those who have gone.

J. W. H.

#### OBITUARY.

We deeply regret to record the death of L./Cpl. A. Swan, who died in the Military Hospital, Colchester, on April 28th, 1931. Cpl. Swan was a prominent figure in the Club, a Battalion rugby player, and a good boxer. He will be greatly missed by all.



#### A REGIMENTAL RECORD.

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March 20th, 1931.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

I have received your favour of December 31st acknowledging receipt of parcels, and mother and self are pleased to hear of safe arrival of same at your end.

In one of your recent numbers ("Royal Tournament") mention is made of the retirement, with the rank of Captain, of Quartermaster Vivian E. Stock. Well, you will find enclosed herewith his photo., as we knew him about 1875 at Kandy, Ceylon. [The photograph has been sent to Capt. Stock.—Ed.] His father was Sergeant "Ned" Stock of the 57th and who was in charge of the Canteen on the Curragh and also during the Regiment's stay in Ceylon.

Young Vivian was born at Colombo and at the time this photo. was taken his parents and family were paying a visit to my people and staying with us at the

Industrial School, Kandy. My mother is greatly pleased to read of his fine record and it is splendid to know that so many sons of the old Corps have got on so well in the years after we left, and achieved commissioned rank in the Regiment in which they first saw the light. Good luck to them all, say I, and it should act as an incentive to the young "Die-Hards" of the present day.

Since I wrote you last November I have received a long and very interesting letter from an ex-"Die-Hard," contemporary with ourselves, viz., Mr. Alex. Stephens, of The Falstaff, Ladywell, Dover.

Mr. Stephens, who must now be about 75 or 76 years of age, is one of the two boys (the other's name is King) in the front row of the Band-group photo. taken at Kinsale and forwarded you with other photos.

This letter of Mr. Stephen's (who, by the way, got our address through reading my letter in the Journal) is of special value to us, in as much as it bridges a hiatus which has existed in our family history for a great number of years—in fact, since 1869.

My Uncle Jim left the Regiment (57th) at Tregantle in 1869 and joined the Navy. However, in 1880 he rejoined the 57th and became Drum-Major, which position he retained until completion of his full term of service. He married and his son, James E., also became Drum-Major—taking it from James Deacon, who had succeeded young Jim's father. Shortly after attaining his position the war broke out (August, 1914) and Jim went to France with the Regiment (57th), 1st Battalion, received a commission, and as Second-Lieutenant took part in a reconnaissance and with 2/Lieut. Birdwood attacked an enemy trench for identification purposes (see Vol. I, page 216, "The 'Die-Hards' in the Great War"). He was promoted Captain, but unfortunately was killed whilst making a further reconnaissance on October 24th, 1916 (see Vol. II, page 14, "The 'Die-Hards' in the Great War"), thus ending what appears to have been the start of a promising career and thereby closing a family record in a direct line of eighty-one years in the British Army, 1835 to 1916—seventy-five years of which were served with the glorious old 57th.

I must break off here to let you know with great sorrow that my dear mother has just met with a painful and rather serious accident. She was sitting with me while I was drafting the above, and quite suddenly fell backwards in her chair and injured her back and is at present laid up and unable to use her legs. (This happened over three weeks ago, and will account for the delay in forwarding this screed, which I was in hopes would have been in time for the May issue. However, she is on the improve and is able to sit up, and the M.O.s. have every confidence in her being able to get about again shortly. She is a "Die-Hard" and no mistake.

Under these circumstances I trust you will excuse me if I break off here somewhat abruptly.

Hoping you all have a good time at the Albuhara Dinner on May 16th.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

J. CLEMENT COUGHLAN.

P.S.—Since penning the above, I wish to tell you that, again owing to the publication of my letters in the Journal I have received a surprise invitation from Lieut.-Col. J. J. McKenna, O.C. 57th Australian Infantry, to visit the Headquarters. I did so and was received with *eclat* and highly entertained by the Officers' Mess and was told with musical honours that I was a "jolly good fellow, etc."—of course, having been born in the "Jolly Die-Hards," that was only a natural sequence.

I have been invited again for the Thursday following Easter to speak a little as to what I know about the old Corps (with which this regiment is now affiliated). Well, as I have all the records of the Regiment at hand, I should be able to make a decent fist of it.

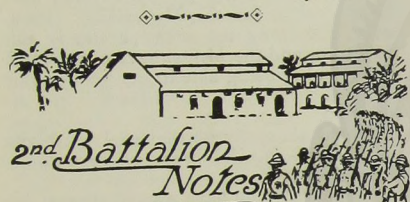
I have also been commanded (?) to parade on the occasion of the Trooping of the Colours on Sunday, April 26th, that being the anniversary of the day after the landing of the Australian Imperial Forces at Gallipoli in 1915.

Among the officers whom I met besides the O.C. were Capt. W. H. McDonald, who was Second-in-Command of the Battalion in France, and Lieut. Easton, whom you will no doubt remember as having called on you (at the Depot)



during his visit to England recently. He has asked me to forward his kind regards and best wishes to Mrs. Pargiter and the Major of that ilk, and states that he will be writing shortly. Capt. McDonald, mentioned above, met the 2nd Battalion (and was entertained by them) at Singapore about the time H.R.H. the Prince was on his way to Australia.

J. C. C.



THE Battalion has now settled down at British Barracks, Khartoum, South, for its year's stay in the Sudan, prior to proceeding home.

Before giving any account of our new station, some notes must be inserted describing our last few weeks in Madras, as our last contribution to the Journal was sent off before the final preparations for the move were made.

H.E. the Governor of Madras attended parade service at Fort St. George on March 29th, and after the service made a short speech to the troops on parade, in which he complimented the Battalion on its good state of discipline during its two-and-a-half-years' stay in Madras, making especial reference to the behaviour of the men during the very trying period of civil disturbances in May and June, 1930. He also expressed his regret at the departure of the Battalion from the Presidency. The Commanding Officer replied on behalf of the Battalion. We also had visits from the G.O.C. Southern Command, Sir Wm. Heneker, and the District Commander, Major-General C. R. Newman, both of whom made some very complimentary remarks as to the behaviour of, and standard attained by, the Battalion during its time in Madras.

On Good Friday a memorial to the N.C.Os. and men of the unit who had died at Madras and Bangalore was unveiled in St. Mary's Church by the Commanding Officer and was dedicated by the Bishop of Madras. The memorial is in

the form of a bronze with the crest of the Regiment and the names of those who died. This is the second memorial tablet which has been left during our tour of service in India, as there is also one in the church at Ahmednagar (where there was already a monument to the N.C.Os. and men of the Battalion who had died there in 1898).

The Company Sports Championship for 1930-31 was won by H.Q. Wing. It was a closer struggle than in previous years and there were only 30 points between the winners and the bottom company, who, curiously enough, were last year's winners. B Company were runners-up and only 5 points behind the Wing.

H.Q. Wing has previously won the Sports Championship for several years, but has not been successful since the Machine Gun Company was formed, and their victory is highly creditable.

We were very sorry to lose our Indian Platoon, who joined the Green Howards at Poona before our departure. They had become an integral part of the Battalion, as constituted in India, and they too were very sorry to leave us. A shield was presented to them by the Battalion, to be held by the best shot each year.

The move from Madras to Khartoum involved a railway journey of three days to Bombay, a sea journey of nine days, and finally a further day and a half on the train between Port Sudan and Khartoum. Thanks to the excellent arrangements made beforehand and the satisfactory manner in which the Battalion baggage was packed, the move proceeded in a most successful manner and with few or no mishaps. We left Madras in three trains, all of which insisted on leaving at ridiculous hours of the night or early morning. However, no one was left behind by mistake and we again crossed India.

On arrival of the first train at Ballard Pier, Bombay, it was found that the *Neuralia* was late and had not even arrived. When she did finally berth, therefore, a scene of considerable confusion was inevitable, the Green Howards going off while we went on, and the other two trains adding to the crowds which poured on to the ship. Also it appeared that some of our baggage was likely to remain indefinitely on the quay. However, all went well and on the afternoon

of April 13th we "saw Bombay from the blunt end," the *Neuralia* meanwhile appeared to our disordered imaginations to have about half the British Army in India on board. In spite of somewhat crowded accommodation, the voyage passed off peacefully—there being no rough weather—and thanks are due to the ship's officers for their help in making conditions as easy as possible, and especially to the Troops Officer for his assistance and effort to find entertainments for the men. His race meeting was a great success.

Tug-of-war and other sports were held on board and the Band and Drums played regularly.

We arrived at Port Sudan on the 22nd, and the first train left that evening—owing to there being only one troop train on the Sudan Government Railway the relieving unit has to travel in two portions, the second portion remaining on the troopship for three more days. Unfortunately an epidemic of influenza had set in at this time, involving three officers and some seventy men, who all had to do their best to creep on to the second train.

The personnel going with the first party—H.Q. Wing and D Company—had all the hard work to do as regards taking over barracks and unloading baggage, and it is gathered that they found Khartoum a particularly hot and thirsty place on that first day. The second party had a comparatively easy time.

Our barracks in our new station front the road running alongside the Blue Nile—at present at the lowest level for the past eight years. Four miles to the west is Omdurman, at the junction of the two branches of the Nile. To our left front is the huge road and railway bridge to Khartoum North, and across the way are the Royal Welch Fusiliers, who have two companies here, two companies in other parts of the Sudan, and one as far afield as Cyprus. We on our side are all concentrated in one barracks.

Khartoum, on our first arrival, seemed a trying and difficult station, but now that we have been here a month it is realized that it is not such a bad place after all, and the year here should pass with reasonable speed. There are disadvantages as compared with Madras, but there are also advantages. There is even less for the

troops to do outside barracks than there was in Madras, and there are no "talkies." On the other hand, the institutes are better than those to which we were accustomed and the barracks are better, though rather scattered.

The climate with its dry heat is certainly preferable to the moisture of Madras, although the heat of the sun at midday is very trying at first. The sun, in fact, begins to scorch the ground very soon after it rises, making outdoor training impossible after an early hour.

At present, unfortunately, we are in the midst of a series of "haboobs" (sandstorms) and the air is full of dust, while we are told that there is worse to come.

On the other hand, there are no mosquitoes, at least not at present, and it is pleasant to be able to sleep without a net again.

We have not so many sports grounds in Khartoum as we had in Ahmednagar or Madras. There are only two football grounds and one hockey ground in barracks; they are good grass grounds, it is true, but they have to be watered frequently and so are consequently often out of action. The Gordon College has also very kindly lent us one football ground and one hockey ground during the summer, but there is still need to find recreation for a large number of men. Tennis is becoming quite popular, and it is hoped to have more than one court soon. There is rather a rough golf course outside barracks, and companies are making great efforts to popularize games on the veranda, such as "deck" tennis, whilst miniature race meetings are proving successful. Bathing in the Blue Nile is going strong, but unfortunately this will cease soon when the flood water comes down.

When considering one's impressions of Khartoum it should, of course, be remembered that we came here at the wrong time of year, just at the beginning of the hot weather when there are few Europeans in the station and there is very little going on outside barracks.

A draft of sixty-two men from home was waiting for us on arrival, under the command of 2/Lieut. A. M. Man, with C.S.M. Cook, D.C.M. We extend a hearty welcome to all. Some short notes



as regards the draft are included in this issue.

We also have much pleasure in welcoming to the Battalion the new Regimental Sergeant-Major, R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M., who joined us in May from the 1st Bn. Grenadier Guards, stationed at Kasr-el-Nil Barracks, Cairo. He has had previous knowledge of the Regiment, as he was a Company Sergeant-Major with the 2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards at Aldershot, when the 1st Battalion was there in 1924-25. The R.S.M. first enlisted as a Drummer Boy in the 2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards in 1909. He served with that battalion during the European War, being wounded three times, and was awarded the Military Medal.

Capt. Lawrence and Lieuts. Jacob and Stephenson proceeded home on leave via Port Sudan on June 4th, and we wish them all a good time.

Two mistakes crept into the Battalion's notes in the last issue of the Journal, and we would like them corrected to avoid any misapprehension. On page 700, column 2 (football notes), the word "hands" should be "heads"; the error might make readers wonder which code of football was concerned; whilst the footnote to the photograph on page 708 should read, "H.Q. Wing Sports Prizes; Boxing Shield presented by Capt. Procter." The shield had been presented for competition amongst the various groups; the other cups and medals were the prizes for the Wing Sports, partly purchased out of the Sports Account and partly presented by Warrant Officers and senior N.C.Os. of the Wing.

P. E. C. T.

#### BATTALION BOXING NOTES.

The Battalion boxing team competed in the Madras District Tournament a week or two before leaving India.

The team beat the Gunners at Bangalore fairly easily by 6 fights to 2, but lost to the Somerset Light Infantry in the final by 3 fights to 5.

The team was composed of Pte. Palmer (heavy-weight), Pte. Tatt (light heavy-weight), L./Cpl. Warnes (middle-weight), L./Cpl. Smith (welter-weight), L./Cpl. Maunder (welter-weight), Pte. Sayers

(welter-weight), Pte. Bond (light-weight), L./Cpl. Tear (feather-weight), and Pte. Pugh (bantam-weight).

L./Cpl. Maunder damaged his hand in the semi-final and his place in the final was taken by Pte. Sayers.

Bdsn. Gordon and Lowe fought in the Individual Competition, but were not successful, though they both boxed well. The team fought excellently and there were no knock-outs scored against them. Those of the team who may think that the two disqualifications in the final affected the result should comfort themselves with their own certain knowledge that there was very little to choose between the two teams.

Pte. Tatt carried his years bravely and exhibited a degree of skill and pluck that a much younger man might have envied. Pte. Sayers, substituted for L./Cpl. Maunder in the final, won his fight at a critical time by an unusually good display of boxing in which a sound left was very evident. L./Cpl. Warnes, when disqualified in the final, received the decision in a manner that one associates with a good type of sportsmanship. It may be difficult to avoid displaying a degree of annoyance on such an occasion, but L./Cpl. Warnes successfully controlled his feelings.

Pte. Benham, the reserve light-weight, was not called upon to box. However, he won his weight in the individuals in the most promising fashion. Pte. Palmer was the heavy-weight runner-up, losing on points in the final. Pte. Bond was unable to continue in the individuals on account of a damaged shoulder. Otherwise he might have repeated his success of last year.

C.S.M. Kent and Sergt. Addinall trained the boxing team between them with the exception of three of B Company men who were trained by Sergt. Harper. The training was carried out under difficulties at a hot time of the year, and in the limited time available the trainers got the team as fit as could be expected.

It is indeed curious that we could never win the Madras District Tournament. It has not been due to lack of effort. It is to be hoped that further efforts in the future will meet with more success, especially when the Battalion arrives in England.

D Company won the Open Inter-Company Boxing Tournament by defeating B Company in the final. They had previously beaten H.Q. Wing. B Company defeated C (M.G.) and A Companies. D Company had a strong team and the final result was anticipated by most people.

Congratulations to D Company on their win and to B Company on battling their way to the final.

Pte. Benham's victory over Pte. Goodall after an extra round was rather a surprise, but the loser certainly made a mistake in underrating his opponent, who has since, as stated in these notes, done great things.

Most of the bouts were good. Cpl. Frost did very well against Pte. Bond. He displayed skill and pluck, a very useful combination. L./Cpl. Tear's fight with Pte. Pugh was a good one among others.

Results of final:—

*Light Heavy-weight.*—Pte. Chapman (D) knocked out Sergt. Harper (B).

*Middle-weight.*—L./Cpl. Warnes (D) beat Pte. Wilder (B).

*Welter-weight.*—Pte. Green (D) lost to Pte. Sayers (B).

*Welter-weight.*—Pte. Vickers (D) beat Pte. Stock (B).

*Light-weight.*—L./Cpl. Frost (D) lost to Pte. Bond (B).

*Light-weight.*—Pte. Benham (D) beat Pte. Goodall (B).

*Feather-weight.*—L./Cpl. Tear (D) beat Pte. Pugh (B).

*Feather-weight.*—Pte. o8 Smith (D) lost to Cpl. Livens (B).

*Bantam-weight.*—Pte. Markham (D) beat Pte. Barry (B).

Result: Six wins to D Company, three to B Company.

#### A COMPANY NOTES.

The Company formed the advance party of the Battalion in the move from Madras to Bombay, and marched out of Fort St. George for the last time at 4 a.m. on April 10th. Despite the early hour, a number of old friends came to see us off; amongst them we were glad to see "Shabo" who provided us with tea and cakes before our entrainment. The journey to Bombay was as comfortable as could be expected for the time of the year and the Company arrived there in

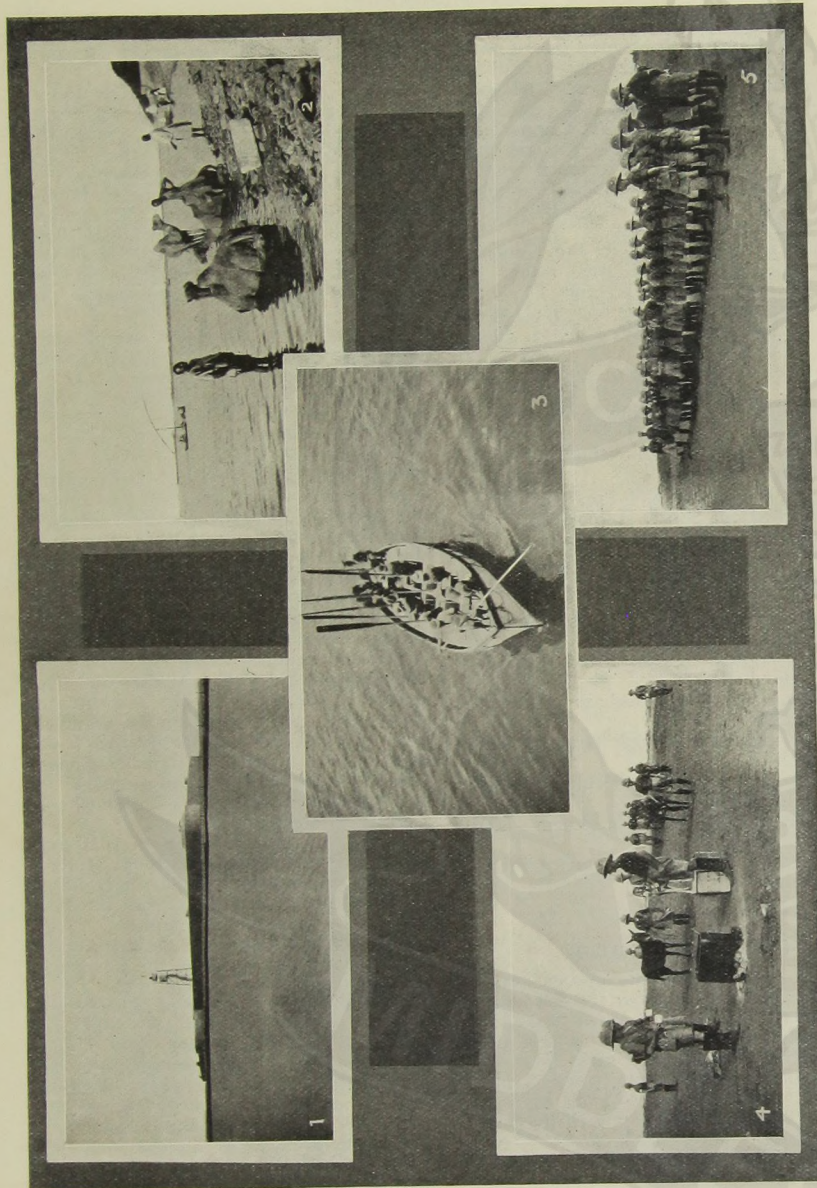
good shape in time for dinner on April 12th.

After waiting for the disembarkation of the Green Howards, who were arriving in India from Shanghai, we got on to the job of loading up the Battalion heavy baggage and installing ourselves on board. Work was not completed until nearly midnight and we were glad enough to get into hammocks at that hour. The following morning the remainder of the Battalion arrived and embarked, and by 5 p.m. on April 13th we were clear of the shores of India.

The journey to Khartoum was pleasant and uneventful. A programme of sports was carried through in which the Company entries put up creditable performances. On arrival at Port Sudan, A, B and C (M.G.) Companies formed the rear party and remained on board for a couple of days during which D Company went forward to the attack on Khartoum. We ourselves arrived there on April 25th and it must be confessed that our first impressions were not favourable. There appeared to be a vast superfluity of sand and a lack of the social amenities to which we had become accustomed at Madras. Closer acquaintance, however, disclosed certain advantages. Khartoum is undoubtedly healthier than Madras and one can take part with greater zest in the various forms of sport which are possible. Since the arrival of the Battalion we have concentrated on getting as many games going as possible in order to get exercise and to prevent boredom in a station where there is little else to do.

As regards football, at present no games of importance, such as Inter-Platoon or Company matches, have been played. Of our recent matches the following are worthy of comment. The Company Officers and N.C.Os. took on a team drawn from the rest of the Company and won the match by 1 goal to 0. This, too, without the assistance of our veteran C.Q.M.S. Capel! The solitary goal was scored by L./Cpl. Lambert, one of our last draft. Sergt. Jones brought off one or two miraculous saves in goal. A team picked from the draft took on a Company team—or perhaps it would be more accurate to say a team selected from the rest of the Company. In this match the draft won by the large margin of 7 goals to 1. Although, as previously stated,





1.—View South of Barracks—the R.A. Fort.  
2.—View North of Barracks—the Blue Nile.  
3.—Company Boat Crew—Port Sudan.  
4.—Chota Hazri.  
5.—No. 1 and No. 2 Platoons on Range.

their opponents were in no sense the Company team, this fact does not detract from the very good team play put up by the draft. We note particularly L./Cpl. Lambert and Pte. Wallace, who should train on. The Company team played the H.Q. Wing of the Royal Welch Fusiliers. This match ended in a draw 2—2. For us C.Q.M.S. Capel at centre-half scored one goal and Pte. Makewell at back scored the other!! Pte. Setters played a good game in goal. He was rather disconcerted at times by wearing a topee which blew off at critical moments. Another Company match was against the Royal Artillery on their ground. This was rather a poor game owing to the sandy ground and the fact that the Gunners have not a great deal of material to choose from. The Company won 4—1. Goal-scorers in this match were Coker (2), Simpson and Miller.

Turning to hockey, matches have been confined to play between platoons and sides chosen within the Company. A Platoon Knock-out Competition has been held to find the representative platoon in the Battalion Platoon Hockey Competition. No. 1 Platoon were drawn against No. 4, and No. 3 against No. 2 Platoon. In the match between Nos. 1 and 4, No. 1, who were the better balanced team, ran out winners, the score being 3—0. The goal-scorers for No. 1 were Lieut. Gilbert (2) and Sergt. Hillier. The match between Nos. 2 and 3 was won by No. 3 after a good game. No. 2 were not at full strength, but put up a very good show. The final score was 2—0. C.Q.M.S. Capel, L./Cpl. Maunders and Pte. Lewis played well for No. 3, and Cpl. Drew and Pte. Dudley were conspicuous for No. 2. Nos. 1 and 3 were thus left in the finals. The first match ended in a draw of 1—1. No. 3 Platoon scored in the first few minutes, but No. 1 managed to equalize through a short corner, Pte. Makewell scoring, towards the end of the game. In the replay, No. 1 won by 2—0 after a close and interesting game. We regret to relate that No. 1 made their first and last appearance in the Battalion Inter-Platoon Competition by being knocked out by the Drums and Employed. This was an exciting and close game requiring extra time for decision. The Drums and Employed scored twice in

quick succession in the extra time, and thus won the match.

Swimming, deck quoits, deck tennis, "pukka" tennis and golf are other games that engage our attention, but lack of space does not permit more than a brief reference to them. At the Aquatic Sports on Albuhera Day the Company was second in the Inter-Company Team Race, and L./Cpl. Lomax won the Open Short Race. Bathing in the Nile is the daily evening recreation of a large number in the Company and is much enjoyed. The other recreations noted above all have their enthusiastic adherents in the Company.

#### B COMPANY NOTES.

Madras is now a thing of the past, but of course there are those of the Company who yearn to be back.

The move to Khartoum and its various incidents would necessitate a lengthy description, already ably done by the Sub-Editor. The move went off extremely well, only marred by an unpleasant epidemic of 'flu, which afflicted a considerable number of the Battalion. In fact, the whole Battalion was in quarantine on arrival here and remained so for a fortnight.

On first impressions our new station did not come up to expectations and appeared to be rather difficult and trying, but since we have been here two months and have settled down, we have realized that it is not by any means as bad as we first thought. A large-sized town and the "talkies" are missed considerably, yet the healthy dry climate is certainly preferable to the moisture of Madras. We are very fortunate over our surroundings of trees, grass lawns and playing fields, which are very pleasant considering the type of country we are in.

Few people seem to realize the great advantage of the Battalion being together and not like our neighbours, the Royal Welch Fusiliers, who are scattered far and wide.

During the sporting year of 1931 the Company did extremely well in every form of sport. We won both the Inter-Company Cricket and Hockey Leagues, and the Football and Hockey Inter-Platoon Knock-outs; were runners-up in the Open



Team Boxing, and were third in the Athletic Sports. At the end of the year we were placed second in the Company Championship, only five points behind H.Q. Wing. Our main weakness is in our cross-country running in which we are invariably last. Before we left Madras the Open Boxing took place and in this we defeated A and C (M.G.) Companies and met D Company in the final, when we lost by three points. The team fought very well and was as follows:—

*Bantam*.—Pte. Barry.  
*Feather*.—Pte. Pugh.  
*Light*.—Ptes. Goodall and Bond.  
*Welter*.—Ptes. Sayers and Stock.  
*Middle*.—Pte. Wilder.  
*Light Heavy*.—L./Sergt. Harper.

Regarding hockey, we won the Inter-Company League with comparative ease, being unbeaten, though in the final game we drew with H.Q. Wing. The team was as follows:—

Lieut. Chapman, Sergts. Bishop, Tiller and Kemp, Cpls. Searle and Oram, and Ptes. Mann, Gorman, 42 Knight, Winterburn and Holmes.

Since we have been here we have played off the Company Inter-Platoon Hockey Knock-out, which was won by No. 7 Platoon, an unexpected result. Best of luck to them in the Battalion Competition.

Finally we welcome C.S.M. Colbourne to the Company, another addition to our cricket and athletic teams, and those men of the new draft who were awaiting us on our arrival here.

We wish C.S.M. Beasley, who has left us to join H.Q. Wing, the best of luck.

#### C (M.G.) COMPANY NOTES.

At last we have left India and reached our final station before coming home. The journey passed off very smoothly except for the fact that large numbers got 'flu before leaving the *Neuralia* and had to go into hospital on arrival in the Sudan. But that is all over now and we have been busy drawing up guns and equipment to complete to Imperial scale. Our organization, too, has changed. We now have four platoons instead of the six sections we had in Madras.

We should like to mention in these notes how sorry we are to lose our old

friends the Indian Platoon. They have been with the Battalion during the whole of its seven years in India and have been very proud to belong to us. They told us, when they met our train as we passed through Poona, that they are looking forward to the time when the 1st Battalion reaches India so that they can come back to the Regiment again.

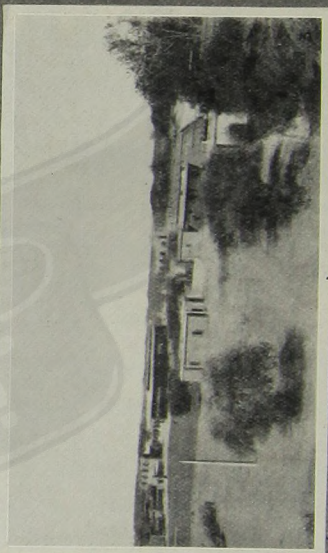
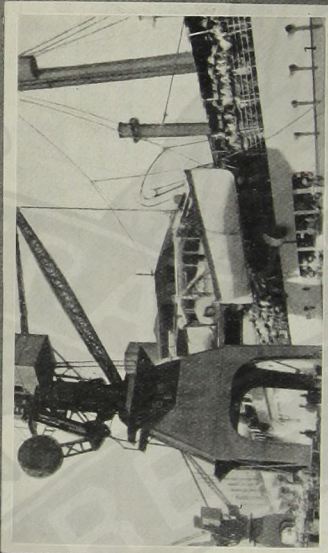
We could not help noticing the comparative shortage of sports grounds on coming to Khartoum from Madras. But the joy of playing on grass makes up to a certain extent for other deficiencies.

Just before leaving Madras Subadar-Major Nihil Singh very kindly presented a silver hockey cup to the Company, for which we thank him very much. It was decided that this cup should be competed for annually by sections. Owing to the shortage of time before leaving Madras a knock-out competition was played which resulted in some very close games. We congratulate No. 5 Section, who beat No. 3 in the final. In the Inter-Company Hockey Tournament we had a very useful side and succeeded in gaining third place, drawing against H.Q. Wing and D Company, and beating A Company. We congratulate Pte. Crabb on his goal-keeping. He and Pte. Hogg and Cpls. Etheridge, Holland and Ives made an excellent defence. Our team was:—

Pte. Crabb; Pte. Hogg, Pte. Cross; Cpl. Etheridge, Cpl. Holland, Cpl. Ives; Lieut. Baldwin, Pte. White, Cpl. Wilson, Pte. Dudley and Lieut. Else.

In the Open Boxing we placed our novices' team in the ring with one exception. Unfortunately we met the future winners in the first round, and lost by the odd fight. The Company very much admired the spirit of the team, who, having been defeated in the Novices, entered the Opens, and we are proud of the excellent example which they set to the rest of the Company, among whom, we are sorry to say, there are more critics than there are performers.

We are now getting together our Company hockey and football teams. There is as usual great competition in the half-line whilst the forwards are hard workers, but fail to score the necessary goals. We wish both teams success when the time comes.



1 & 2.—H.T. "Neuralia" at Bombay. 2nd Battalion on board, April 13th, 1931.  
 3.—British Barracks, Khartoum, from the East.  
 4.—Monument outside Orderly Room, where are situated the graves of Officers and Other Ranks killed during the Mutiny of 1924.



## D COMPANY NOTES.

In order not to absorb the complete Regimental Journal, the Editor of the notes has reluctantly been obliged to select portions of the extensive and highly interesting notes submitted to him. For the same reason he cannot indulge in judicious alternatives. The journey from India to Khartoum is now but a memory and the same applies to influenza and food poisoning. We have not quite made up our minds about Khartoum as a station; but we are all determined to make the best of it. The climate on closer inspection appears to be rather more reasonable than we at first thought, and facilities for games are good. We finished third in the Company Championship, and had the satisfaction of winning the Open Boxing, Rugby and Soccer. Not such a bad record. We supplied three members for the Battalion boxing team in L./Cpls. Warnes and Tear and Pte. Benham. They all did well, especially the last-named, who won his weight in the District. We congratulate them.

The following represented the Company in the Inter-Company Team Boxing Meeting: L./Cpls. Warnes, Frost and Tear, and Ptes. 98 Chapman, Green, Vickers, Smith, Benham and Markham.

They all boxed well and in nearly every case won their fights.

We celebrated Albuhera Day by playing six-a-side football, holding aquatic sports in the afternoon, and attending a cabaret show in the evening. D Company, represented by L./Cpl. Grainger and Ptes. Bell, Lloyd Armitage, Redwood and Endersby, lost to the Officers in the second round of the Six-a-Side Football. We were third in the Inter-Company Swimming Relay Race, and scored a success at the cabaret show by being awarded first prize for the best turn. The turn was the well-known "Music Shop" acted by Sergt. Russell, Cpl. Whitcombe, and Ptes. Molloy, Bland, Higgins and Grogan.

We took over some indoor games from the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, and are indulging in competitions at the moment. The results of the first monthly competitions held so far are:—

*Draughts Competition.*—Winner, Pte. O'Neill; runner-up, Pte. 28 Brown.

*Quoits Competition.*—Winner, L./Cpl. Day; runner-up, Pte. Lloyd.

We had a race game in D Company one evening, but owing to the poor attendance it was not the success anticipated. Cpl. Whitcombe was a great success with his "Tote," and usually defeated his two rivals, C.Q.M.S. Hewett and Sergt. Mewett by selling more tickets than either of them. Owing to a mistake at the "pay out," a few winning ticket-holders were overpaid. This is not likely to occur again.

No. 16 Platoon has just won the Inter-Company Hockey Competition and now represents us in the Battalion Tournament. We wish them the best of luck. They beat No. 14 Platoon in the final chiefly by marking that platoon's captain.

No. 16 Platoon's team was as follows: Pte. Mileham; Pte. Outram, L./Cpl. Cromm; Pte. Verlander, Pte. 15 Butler, Pte. Harknett; Cpl. Whitcombe, Pte. Reddick, Pte. Lloyd, L./Cpl. Day and L./Cpl. 77 Walker.

The following scored the goals that decided the match against No. 14 Platoon: L./Cpl. Walker and Pte. Lloyd (2 each).

On arrival we took over a draft of twenty men. They have impressed us favourably and, though I suppose we shall lose them on the turn-over, all ranks hope they will enjoy their brief time with us and will help to add fresh laurels to the Company. We wish them the best of luck in their military careers.

C.S.M. Cook also arrived with the draft and took over the duties of C.S.M. of the Company from Sergt. Mewett, who has been acting for some time. We welcome our new Company Sergeant-Major and hope he will be as successful with the Company as he was with his company at Sandhurst.

To turn to the officers, Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence and Lieut. M. A. Jacob have just left the Sudan for a well-deserved leave in the United Kingdom. The latter is to be married whilst he is on leave, and all ranks tender their congratulations and wish him and his wife the very best of luck.

Capt. G. W. Kempster and Lieut. E. L. Heywood are, of course, still with the Company.

At the moment very little training is possible owing to the number of duties we are finding. We shall start our training



D COMPANY, ASSOCIATION AND RUGBY FOOTBALL TEAMS, MADRAS, 1930.  
Winners of Inter-Company Tournaments, 1930-31.



in about three months' time and hope really to do something on the range this year.

#### H.Q. WING NOTES.

Headquarter Wing is now situated in three groups of barrack rooms at the southern end of British Barracks, these being occupied respectively by the Signals and Police, the Employed, and the Band and Drums. Several other buildings intervene between the three, and to move from one end to the other involves quite a long trek over the sand—at least, it seems to do so during a "haboob" (sand-storm).

Before leaving Madras the Wing regained its place as Champion Sports Company, though only by a very small margin over B Company, who finished five points behind. This is the first time we have achieved this success since the Machine Gunners left us. The result reflects great credit on the keenness and enthusiasm of the teams which represented the Wing, especially towards the end of the season, as we did not start in any too promising a fashion.

The final result depended largely on our hockey team, who were runners-up to B Company and very nearly won the league, as in the last game we were a goal up on B until almost the end, but a draw was a correct result.

The first tournament to be played at Khartoum is the Inter-Platoon Hockey, in the first round of which the Drums and Employed, who have a strong but perhaps rather too individual team, beat A Company's best platoon 3—1 after extra time. Our own Inter-Group Tournament is also proceeding at the time of writing.

Owing to the shortage of grounds here strenuous efforts are being made to provide varied amusements; tennis seems popular in the Wing and we hope to hold a Doubles Tournament shortly. Various other activities are in prospect and Sergt. Bone is rapidly getting a severe sore throat through shouting the odds at race meetings.

Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom recently and we wish him the best of luck and good cricket weather.

There are now therefore only two officers actually with the Wing, Capt.

E. P. Manson, M.C., Commanding, and Lieut. Tuckey.

In conclusion we extend a hearty welcome to our new Regimental Sergeant-Major to C.S.M. Beasley, who has joined us from B Company, and to all the other ranks who have come to the Wing on the new establishment. We would like to congratulate Sergt. Harwood of the Band on being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

We will now give way to the Group Notes.

#### DRUMS NOTES.

Since our last notes were sent in our move to Khartoum has been completed and we are more or less settled down to spend what most of us hope to be our last year abroad. We have already heard numerous rumours regarding the date we leave for Colchester—or Palestine? We naturally hope not to have to send any of our number to the 1st Battalion on the change-over taking place.

We have two companies of the Royal Welch Fusiliers on the north side of the Nile as well as a squadron of the R.A.F., and a detachment of the Artillery quite close to us on the south side.

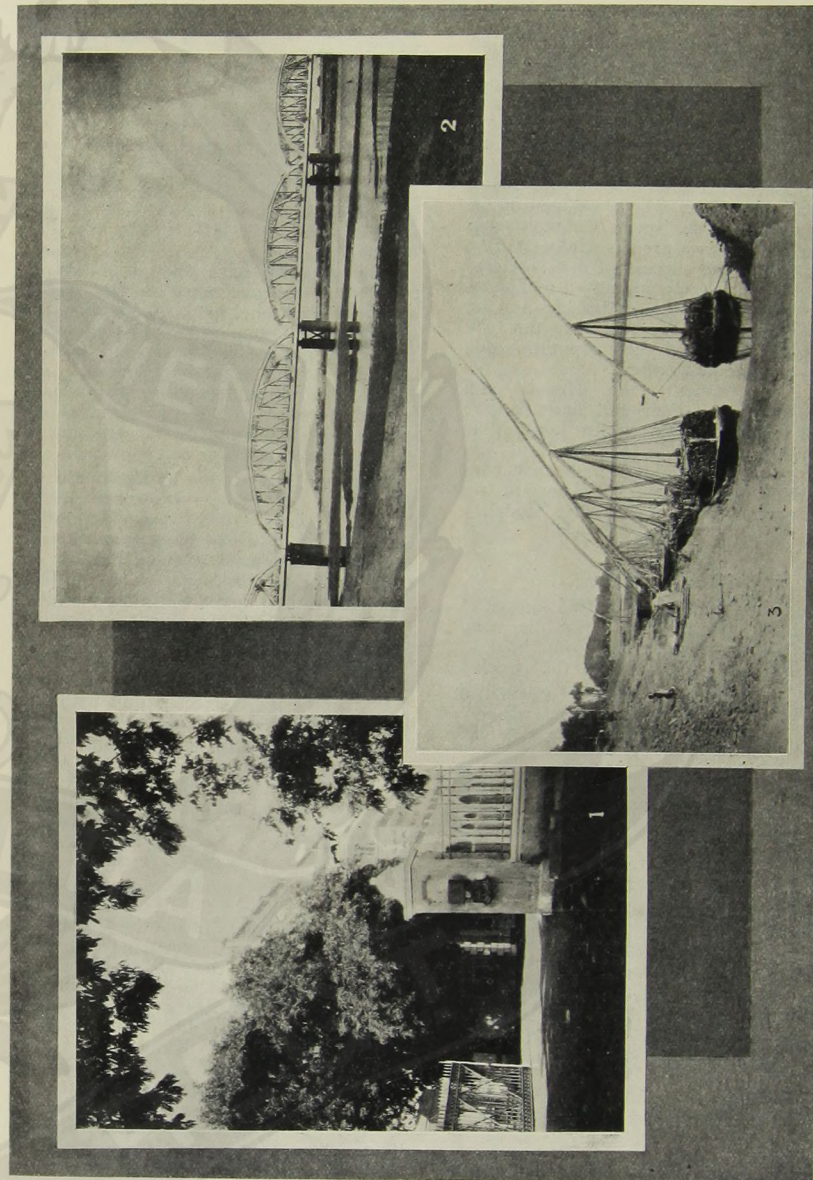
We are not too well off for sports grounds, but have already managed to play some keen games with members of the other units stationed in Khartoum.

We beat "Retreat" every Tuesday evening, but are greatly handicapped owing to the lack of a suitable piece of ground, as there is nothing else but sand all round us. However, we have to manage up and down the Nile Road.

There is very little amusement in Khartoum so everything possible to entertain the men in barracks has been started straight away. We have already had a very successful miniature race meeting in the Wing. Apart from that a number of indoor games have been bought and we are about to start a miniature golf course.

We wish the 1st Battalion Drums the best of luck on starting their tour abroad and hope they will have a very successful time.

The Drums are now settling down to Intelligence and Anti-Aircraft Training, although for the former it is very hard to do any practical work out of doors, as



1.—The Governor-General's Palace, Khartoum. The Unit supplies a Guard here on five days a week.  
2.—Bridge across Blue Nile, just North of Barracks.  
3.—View on the Blue Nile, outside Barracks.



there is nothing but miles and miles of desert, with no high ground at all. However, we are doing our best with indoor work and as much outdoor training as can be managed in preparation for employment as an Intelligence Section at Colchester.

The Drums contributed several members of the teams which enabled H.Q. Wing to regain the Sports Championship at Madras, and we are especially glad to mention that the success of our Novices' boxing team, largely composed of Drummers, contributed so materially to the Wing's success. We feel sure that the Drums will keep up their reputation for plucky and clean boxing.

At the moment, the Drums and Employed team are entered again for the Platoon Hockey Knock-out, and it is hoped that we shall be successful.

Before closing our notes we must congratulate "old soldier" Harwood on being granted his Long Service Medal.

#### BAND NOTES.

The Band are now settled down at Khartoum where we naturally find conditions rather different from those at Madras. In addition to the weekly Officers' Mess guest night we also play out here once a week on the N.A.A.F.I. Garden, on alternate Mondays at the British Military Hospital, and once a month on the Officers' Mess lawn in the evening. So in spite of the lack of outside engagements, which are not obtainable during the hot weather, we are kept quite busy here.

The shortage of sports grounds is proving rather a handicap, but several members of the Band are taking earnestly to tennis, and bathing is also popular at present. There is little sporting news to record, except that we did not succeed in carrying off the Games Shield again for the past year, but we hope to recover it this time. The Band gave the Drums and Employed, an all-star side, a great game of hockey in the Group Tournament and should have won; as it was, a draw reflected great credit on an inexperienced team. Chatfield played a fine game in goal.

Some of the Band have been ill since our arrival here, especially Stretton and

Peters, but we are glad to say that all are now recovered.

L./Cpl. Hathaway and the Boys were left at Gebeit during our journey across the Sudan; they stay there for the hot weather. They are much missed both on the work and sports sides and we will be glad to see them here. Cpl. Smith has now deserted us for a month, as he has gone up there on leave to see how they are faring.

Now that we have been a month in Khartoum we have come to the conclusion that the camel has a good cause for his hump, as some growths seem to be appearing on the backs of some of our old friends the "Madras Citizens," and the way our long friend Boughton pads across the sand with his size tens is the envy of all and sundry who are not so gifted with such pedal extremities.

When we first arrived at Khartoum we did plenty of lifting—we mean heavy boxes, in case Gilbert and Holt take offence—and now we have come to the conclusion that most of the Battalion are training for weight-lifting championships and packed their boxes with their barbells, or else they are "Moochis" in disguise carrying boxes of hobnails with them. Of course it has toned up the muscles of the Band tenfold, and "Chub" Smith was seen to pick up a piece of duff with one hand—surely a great feat!

We are all getting ready for our return to civilian life, as we now play outside the "Wet" on Friday nights, so we shall be ready for the time when we play outside the local "pub" when we get our tickets. The look on some faces in the Band is rather pitiable to behold when they see a nice smooth glass of lemon (???) sliding down the neck of someone sitting on the lawn outside the Corporals' Room or the Wet Canteen; nevertheless, they manage to do their share afterwards.

Since Hookey has bought his trumpet great and varied are the weird wails which disturb the air at night, but as it is all in the cause of H.M. King Jazz we grin and bear it. (Did I say grin? Sorry.)

Now that we are getting near to our "Blighty" shift, a few of our members are getting the wind up as to the efficiency of Scotland Yard, and Darky Knights, Ugly Hogg and Loo Rayner are wearing little doormats on their faces. Of course

one consolation is that they hide some of the aforesaid faces and save our nerves quite a lot.

GRANF.

#### BOYS.

This is our first adventure into journalism so we hope the Sub-Editor will be lenient with us and forgive us our errors. As a rule we have nothing of interest to write about, but just lately quite a lot has happened in our little world to cause us to want to give tongue as well as the rest of the Battalion.

Just before we left Madras we were fortunate in having a couple of outings to Ennore. These were kindly arranged by Lieut. Tuckey, and the buses were supplied by Major Browne. We can honestly say that we have never had a more enjoyable time, and we were only too sorry on each occasion when the time came to return.

We sailed in the troopship *Neuralia* on April 13th and had quite a smooth journey which was due to a great extent to Sergt. Walker in obtaining permission for us to sleep on the fo'c'sle (to say nothing of how he looked after our "inner men"). When we reached the Sudan we travelled as far as Gebeit with the Battalion and then left the train, as we stay at Gebeit Camp during the hot season. At this camp we are with the Boys of the Royal Welch Fusiliers and we get on very well together. We have played them at all sports and we have managed to keep our end up as honours are fairly evenly divided.

Since we have been at Gebeit we have formed a Boys' Band consisting of the Boys of the two regiments. We have played out a couple of times and we are very pleased to say that we were praised by the Commanding Officer of the Royal Welch Fusiliers for our performance, so now we are thinking of putting up in opposition to the Regimental Band, only we do not want to cause any jealousy, so perhaps we had better not.

YOB.

#### SIGNALS.

During the past few months there have been quite a number of changes among our Group; our strength has been reduced to the British Establishment and therefore several of the "Bashers" are now enjoying a well-earned rest at duty. We

take this opportunity of wishing them a fond farewell, and at the same time we welcome the new class, the members of which, though few in number, are showing great promise, and will soon be able to take the place of the men shortly going home.

The Section have kept up to their usual high standard of efficiency in the field of sport, and, although losing to the Drums and Employed in the Wing Hockey League, managed, after a very fast game, to beat the Band, thereby winning the All-Round Sports Shield for 1930-31.

A number of good games of football have been played against sections and groups of other units and here the Section have excelled.

We hope to continue these fixtures and to do as well during the remainder of our stay in Khartoum as we have during the few months we have already spent here. An exceptionally good game of soccer was played against the Signals of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, resulting in a victory for us.

Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson, our Signal Officer, has left us for three months' leave in the United Kingdom. We hope he thoroughly enjoys his holiday and will come back fit and well to prepare the "Bashers" (some of them) to carry on the good work and traditions of the Section when they reach the "Wailing Wall."

TUNINE.

#### DRAFT NOTES.

2/Lieut. Man and sixty-two men left Hyderabad Barracks, Colchester, in rain on Monday morning, February 16th, bound for Khartoum, headed by the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion. Two days later they set sail from Southampton on board H.M.T. *Somersetshire*. Those two days had been eventful ones—including a march through London from Liverpool Street to Waterloo, as transport was not available, and a day and a half loading ship—this the draft accomplished in very good time, earning the praise of the authorities.

Our numbers were increased on the day of sailing by the arrival from the Depot of C.S.M. Cook, D.C.M., and Sergt. Hazeldine, whom we were very pleased to see.



The voyage was uneventful except for three days in the Mediterranean which proved too rough for the comfort of many. Gibraltar gave ample opportunity for the "old sweats" to air their knowledge of the "Rock," and the voyage through the Suez Canal was a source of never-ending excitement to those who had never seen a camel at large before.

A Boxing Tournament was arranged on board, six of the draft entering. Ptes. Lambert, 22 Smith and McGrady reached the semi-finals of the welter-weights, and the first-mentioned eventually won after some good fights, with Smith as runner-up. A very good show.

Port Sudan was reached at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3rd, and at 10.30 p.m. the ship left on the last lap of its trip.

Before we left the Commanding Officer congratulated us on our general conduct and work, in which he said we had upheld the reputation of the Regiment, the guard duties being particularly well carried out. After thirty-six hours spent attached to a goods train in heat to which we were not accustomed, we reached Burri Siding, Khartoum, at 7 p.m. on the 5th, and everyone was glad to march into barracks headed by the Drums of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Warwickshire Regiment, to whom we were attached.

The next seven weeks were taken up with inspections by the Brigadier and the G.S.O.I., a sports meeting, and games when grounds could be allotted to us. Ptes. Lambert, Clifton, 22 Smith and Lawrence were appointed Acting Lance-Corporals.

Col. Wilson (Chief Staff Officer, Sudan Defence Force) very kindly invited C.S.M. Cook and Sergt. Hazeldine to tennis, whilst all of us were invited to an excellent party given by the members of the Sudan Club to the British troops in Khartoum.

Although we were very grateful to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment for their hospitality, the arrival of the Battalion on April 23rd was welcomed by all.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

These are our first Journal notes from Khartoum and we are afraid it is too much to expect that they will be our last. However, we are living in hopes that perhaps

another two contributions from here will just about see us through.

We are not particularly in love with our new station, although some would have us believe there are far worse. However, we have a fairly decent Mess, a tennis court, a miniature golf course, a dart board, and a decent crowd of fellows on the other bank of the Nile—to wit, the 1st Bn. The Royal Welch Fusiliers—so perhaps we can contrive to make the best of a bad job and put the best we can into our twelve (or maybe less) months here.

The journey from Madras was very pleasant, especially the sea part of it which gave us eight days of perfect weather and a beautifully calm sea the whole way. We had to make the journey from Port Sudan to Khartoum in two parties; the first arriving here on April 23rd, and the second on the 27th. The less said about the train journey the better. It must have been the worst experience any of our members have ever had to go through—any of our post-war members, anyway; nothing but sand and mirages the whole way. One reads of the latter in novels, but the actual experience of the phenomenon far exceeds anything the imagination conjures up from the tales of Kathleen Rhodes and others. If we had not been told that they were merely mirages and that there was no water anywhere at this time of the year, we should have certainly argued black was blue, that the whole way was thick with sheets of water with trees and bushes (and sometimes boats) dotted about here and there. And it was hot!! We are accustomed to heat of various degrees, but this was a new departure to us. However, like all things it came to an end and we are none the worse for it.

Those of us who are married sadly miss our wives and families (more so perhaps than we thought we might), and we watch for letters hungrily on mail days, of which there are two every week, with an occasional Air Mail thrown in.

We had a good time on Albuhera Day—six-a-side football in the early morning, in which the Mess entered a team; aquatic sports after tea, in which again the Mess entered a team (captained by that old stalwart, Jim Cook), and in the evening we had the members of the 1st Bn. The Royal Welch Fusiliers in to dinner and a

games tournament. By the by, before we forget it, our hearty welcome to the above-mentioned Jim Cook. We are all very pleased to have him here and must congratulate ourselves on an increase in strength of such a useful and popular member. We should also like to welcome back to the Mess Sergt. Hazeldine, who has been away at the Depot for the past couple of years.

On the Saturday after Albuhera Day the Mess of the Fusiliers gave us a return "dinner" and "do." We had a really splendid time and firmly cemented a friendship already begun on Albuhera Day. We are looking forward to very many happy times together to help the period of our exile here to pass quickly.

We have at present a couple of tournaments in progress—tennis and billiards. They have been running quite a long time and the competitors appear to have faded away with ennui. Anyway, we cannot hold up the Journal notes pending the probable termination of the tournaments and publication of results. Might we suggest that a little more interest be taken in future tournaments. It makes things ever so much easier for the Entertainment Committee and clears the way for subsequent events.

Several members have uneasy minds with regard to the turn-over to the 1st Battalion—that dread and inevitable event which will occur on our leaving this station. One or two of our more frivolous ones have indulged in jokes—practical and otherwise—regarding the "Wailing Wall" as they call it.

However, we can all do nothing at present but wait and see, and incidentally hope and pray. We can assure any of our members who are unlucky enough to "click" of our very sincere sympathy. After all, most of us have been abroad a considerable time, and to be switched off to Palestine, on the very eve of going to good old England, appears to be the hardest of hard lines.

Lastly we come to our new R.S.M. We have left him last purposely, to enable us to do full justice to him. He joined us from the Grenadier Guards shortly after our arrival at Khartoum, so he has not been with us very long. What little time he has been with us, however, proves to us that he will be a very popular and

sociable member of the Mess, as well as a respected Regimental Sergeant-Major. We cannot perhaps realize, to the extent of his own feelings, how difficult a matter it is to have to take up such a responsible job and position in an entirely strange battalion, which contains not a single familiar face, and the very work in which is more or less entirely different from that in his previous battalion. But we earnestly wish to assure him that we do realize it to a very great extent, and, realizing it, wish to assure him also of our help and backing in everything he does, to assist him to tide over a very difficult period of his career. We take this opportunity of extending to him a very hearty welcome and hope that his stay with us will be a prolonged and happy one. W. F.



#### "PRISTINÆ VIRTUTIS MEMORES."

WHAT mean those standard's legends bright,

Which glitter on their scrolls of gold  
What lesson shines, for those who fight  
As fought beneath them, men of old?

Not only of that trust they tell  
Which with them, Queen and country  
gave,

Duty's unspoken parable,  
As o'er the soldier's head they wave.

Not only are those silken folds  
The bond of comrade life; that mood  
Which in its grasp mysterious holds  
A thousand hearts in brotherhood.

For wider yet their lessons range,  
The stream of time they upward trace,  
Beneath those colours men may change,  
But not the spirit of our race.

There we may read how fields were won  
By men whom duty taught to die;  
How flew that flag in every zone,  
And flew full off to victory.

There Oudenarde and Ramillies  
Humble the monarch's grasping pride,  
There over Blenheim's shot-swept leas,  
Triumphant Marlborough's squadrons  
ride.



There read how Clive an Empire won  
 'Mid Plassey's groves, 'gainst countless  
 foes,  
 When "first 'neath India's burning sun,"  
 The 39th to battle rose.

There read of that dark citadel  
 Where Wolfe, against the oriflamme,  
 Staked life and loss, then conquering fell  
 Upon the Heights of Abraham.

There shines the sphinx inscrutable  
 To 'mind us how on Egypt's plain  
 Napoleon's power was crushed and fell,  
 And all the Orient breathed again.

And who may tell the record bright,  
 Which o'er those veterans' bayonets  
 flew,  
 Who marched with Wellington to fight  
 From Lisbon's rock to Waterloo.

Still hear we like a trumpet thrill  
 Their voice from Coa's hard-kept  
 bridge,  
 From Albuhera's "fatal hill,"  
 From where the "Die-Hards" held the  
 ridge.

And stormers gird them to the fight,  
 And nothing reck of wounds or loss;  
 Remembering still that "misty night"  
 When England's sons won Badajos.

Still by the burning chateau's glare  
 We see the guards their post maintain;  
 Still watch around each steadfast square,  
 Napoleon's horsemen toil in vain.

Still see the sunset's lurid gleam  
 Like fireflies on the bayonets glance,  
 As, loosed at last, they onward stream  
 To sweep away the host of France.

Here must we pause, though bright the  
 need  
 And long the list of later wars,  
 For veterans still recount each deed,  
 And tell the story of their scars.

They tell us how on Indus' banks  
 'Mid gloom and doubt they onward  
 bore,  
 Re-forming oft their shattered ranks  
 And quelled the Lions of Lahore.

Still upon many an honoured breast  
 The silver legend we may scan  
 Which speaks of Alma's hard-won crest,  
 Or "Soldiers' fight" at Inkerman.

And living lips hand on the tale  
 Of Lucknow, where that gallant band,  
 Undaunted 'midst the leaden hail,  
 Obeyed their dying Chief's command.\*

Such is the heritage of fame,  
 Whose title deeds these colours are,  
 Of glory won in Britain's name,  
 By men whom duty led to war.

And may her sons by these inspired  
 Unswerving hand those honours down;  
 Heirs of the past, may they be fired,  
 To leave the future like renown.

Unspotted may those colours wave  
 By aught of selfishness or fear,  
 And may they guide beyond the grave  
 The hearts that do their duty here.

For Christ, who once the soldier blessed,  
 Leads us 'gainst sin in sternest fight,  
 And he by Him shall be confessed,  
 Who keeps his honour pure and bright.

We are indebted to General A. A. Garstin for the poem. General Garstin writes:—  
 "It was written for me by my old friend, now alas dead! Bishop Selwyn, Bishop of Melanesia. He was son to the famous Bishop Selwyn of Lichfield, who was Bishop of New Zealand during the war there and knew and loved the 57th and was known and loved of them. I have often heard old officers who were out there speak of him with affection and respect. He used to go as he liked untouched and respected from the British to the Maori Camp, and vice versa. A most remarkable man. His son, my Bishop, I knew well. He was a delightful person and most talented and gifted. I was commanding the 2nd Battalion at Ahmednagar and went on leave to Australia. On the return voyage I travelled with Bishop Selwyn as a fellow passenger. He had been invalided from his work and was quite crippled at the time. He often used to talk to me of his father and his love for and knowledge of the Regiment. He dashed off the enclosed poem in a few days, not an easy task! I afterwards stayed with him at Selwyn College, Cambridge, and much lamented his death when he died. I think I gave John Fortescue a copy of this poem with which I know he was delighted. I am sure you will find room for it in the Journal. There is a true military ring about it. He loved soldiers and would have liked to be one."

\* "Never surrender."—Sir H. Lawrence.

## DEPOT NOTES.

GENERAL SIR CHARLES MANSFIELD CLARKE has presented a photograph of himself to the Officers' Mess.

General Sir Webb Gillman, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C. Eastern Command, accompanied by Major-General C. G. Fuller, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., visited the Depot on May 7th.

Lieut. M. Crawford was married on July 7th to Miss Martha Hamilton-Walker at Dunscore Old Church, Dumfriesshire.

2/Lieuts. Weston, Gwyn and Bellers were attached to the Depot from March 1st to 14th on being gazetted to the Regiment from the R.M.C.

Lieut. L. R. Bee and 2/Lieut. E. G. Taylor, Mill Hill School O.T.C., were attached to the Depot from March 23rd to April 4th.

2/Lieut. R. W. H. Willoughby, S.R.O.O., is attached to the Depot for Preliminary Training, from June 15th to August 14th.

2/Lieut. J. R. Spooner, 7th Battalion, is attached to the Depot for a fortnight from July 6th.

Major U. Harada, Japanese Imperial Army, paid a visit to the Depot on June 24th.

On May 17th the Depot found a Guard of Honour on the occasion of the presentation of Colours by the Lord-Lieutenant to the Hendon Branch of the Old Contemptibles at Hendon Park.

On Albuhera Day a squad of recruits gave a P.T. demonstration at the 9th Battalion Drill Hall, under Sergt.-Instr. Paterson.

No. 6191643 Pte. J. Clark has taken his discharge after more than twenty-eight years' service in the Regiment.

On June 18th the officers were At Home to the members of the Sergeants' Mess.

Parties from the 8th Battalion trained at the Depot from April 2nd to 6th and from May 23rd to 26th.

Ypres Squad proceeded to join the 1st Battalion on May 9th.

## TO-DAY'S STORY.

INSTRUCTOR (during talk on promotion): "Can anyone tell me that famous saying of Napoleon's?"

BRIGHT RECRUIT (mumbling): "Yes, Staff. 'There's a field-marshal's baton in every soldier's haversack.'"

INSTRUCTOR: "That's right. There's a field-marshal's baton in every soldier's haversack! (Turning to another recruit) By the way, son, what's a baton?"

RECRUIT: "Officer's servant, Staff!"

## R.S.M. R. H. MANTELL.

We are sorry to announce that R.S.M. R. H. Mantell is taking his discharge on August 12th.

He joined the Regiment in 1908 and was posted to the 2nd Battalion, then stationed in the Channel Islands.

He proceeded with the 2nd Battalion from Malta to France in November, 1914, then holding the rank of Sergeant.

At Neuve Chapelle he was wounded and invalided home. After recovery he was selected as an instructor and helped to form the "Young N.C.O.s' School" at Gillingham. After a short while he volunteered for active service and was again in France with the 2nd Battalion.

In 1917 he was promoted Warrant Officer Class II.

At the Third Battle of Ypres he was severely wounded on August 16th, 1917. He spent a long time in hospital, and after a short spell at the Convalescent Camp at Catterick eventually became fit again. He passed and qualified for a commission at a Cadet School in Ireland, but the Armistice came and he decided to return to the Regiment in his original rank, in preference to going on the Reserve of Officers.

He rejoined the 2nd Battalion Cadre at Colchester, and when the Battalion was re-formed proceeded to Egypt with it, going on to Singapore and then to India.

In 1924, whilst in India, he was selected for promotion to Warrant Officer, Class I (R.S.M.) and was posted to the Depot, where he has served for the past seven years.

Having received an appointment under the Hendon Education Committee, he has decided to retire after twenty-three years' service—two years as a Private, seven years as an N.C.O., and fourteen years as Warrant Officer, Classes II and I. He is in possession of the 1914 Star, British War and Victory Medals, and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.



## GAZETTE.

## PROMOTION.

6192072 Sergt. B. Brockman: Promoted Colour-Sergeant (C.Q.M.S.), 1/4/31.

## APPOINTMENT.

6189019 Sergt. J. Steward: Appointed Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry, w.e.f. 1/4/31.

## POSTINGS.

6192072 C.Q.M.S. B. Brockman: Posted to 1st Battalion, 1/4/31.

6188784 Sergt. G. Horrex: Posted to Depot from 1st Battalion, 1/4/31, for a tour of duty.

6192538 Sergt. S. Bishop: Posted to Depot from 2nd Battalion, 10/5/31, for a tour of duty.

6193168 L./Cpl. R. Soden: Posted to Depot from 1st Battalion, 1/6/31, for a tour of duty.

6199260 L./Cpl. R. Overy: Posted to Depot from 1st Battalion, 16/6/31, for a tour of duty.

## CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

## 1st Class.

3233706 Cpl. W. Snell: Obtained 1st Class Certificate of Education at an examination held at Mill Hill on March 16th and 17th, 1931.

6192072 C.Q.M.S. B. Brockman (1st Battalion): Passed in Geography at an examination held at Mill Hill on March 16th and 17th, 1931.

## 2nd Class.

5612472 Pte. F. Johnson: Awarded 2nd Class Certificate of Education on 3/3/27, whilst serving with the 2nd Bn. The Devonshire Regiment.

## 3rd Class.

3765799 Pte. G. Chelu: Awarded 3rd Class Certificate of Education on 10/3/27 whilst serving with the King's Regiment.

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

6199133 Pte. L. Aldridge, 6539610 Pte. T. Batson, 6199867 Pte. W. Bell, 6200150 Pte. R. Bone, 6200102 Pte. S. Couze, 6200144 Pte. S. Cheesley, 6199868 Pte. H. Eddison, 6199888 Pte. R. Gosling, 6200123 Pte. H. Goodair, 6200115 Pte. J. Hartnett, 6199880 Pte. H. Johnson, 6199890 Pte. L. Steadman, 6584906 Pte. J. Stone,

6199894 Pte. A. Thompson, 6199499 Pte. G. Walker, 6200113 Pte. L. Watson, 6199820 Pte. H. King, 6200104 Pte. V. Knight, 6199879 Pte. T. Morgan, 6200124 Pte. A. Quaille, 6199828 Pte. E. Belding, 6199847 Pte. L. Brown, 6199892 Pte. F. Boyton, 6199884 Pte. T. Chadd, 7600309 Pte. T. Claxton, 6199877 Pte. T. Doyle, 6200114 Pte. E. Fleming, 6199840 Pte. J. Fry, 6200119 Pte. A. Hoare, 6200121 Pte. J. Jones, 6199895 Pte. R. Stone, 6199887 Pte. J. Triggs, 6200112 Pte. R. Tarrant, 2977377 Pte. W. Wyllie, 6200147 Pte. C. Wilson, 6199876 Pte. L. Kendall, 6199854 Pte. W. Langridge, 6200108 Pte. R. Langford, 6199875 Pte. R. Robinson, and 6200122 Pte. R. Monk.

## SERVICE.

6192434 L./Sergt. J. O'Brien: Permitted to continue in the Service for a period of 12 months, i.e., until 31/7/32.

6196636 L./Sergt. E. Paterson: Extended to complete 12 years with the Colours.

## MARRIAGE.

6188693 Sergt. S. Buckle: Married to Gladys Elenor Wrighte at Birmingham on 23/5/31.

## DISCHARGE.

6722741 L./Cpl. H. Sims: Discharged under K.R. 370 (xvi) (a), on 11/6/31.

## LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS.

The undermentioned have been awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medals in accordance with the list published with Army Orders for April, 1931:—

*Warrant Officers, Cl. II (with Gratuity).*—6191996 Gray, H. J. (D.C.M.), W.O. Cl. II.

*N.C.Os. and Men (with Gratuity).*—6188693 Buckle, S. H., Sergt.; 6188917 Harwood, W. T., Sergt.; 7808049 Shaw, E. T. L., Sergt.

## SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

A general speed-up this quarter has enabled us to complete two tournament games. This revival of "that keener interest" is more than satisfactory.

Snooker was the tournament for April, the winners being: 1, Sergt. Moore (R.A.S.C.); 2, Sergt. Wright.

In May, skittles took pride of place. This was won by Sergt. O'Brien, Sergt. Shaw being the runner-up.

At football our ascending star met a bolt from the blue. Result—an eclipse. Our final position was fourth, not so bad considering that the average service of our team was at times above the average age of some of our opponents!

Of cricket little can be said, the league having only recently commenced. We have played one, won one.

## ALBUHERA DAY.

The Commanding Officer and officers visited us in the Mess when the "Silent Toast" was drunk. The C.O. and a few more youngsters (George Kerswill, Johnny Hewitt, Nobby Clark, and Bill Pocock) entertained us with tales of long ago, such as "Remember when in '00 . . ." and "Of course we did—n't."

A new cocktail was this day invented and named "The Sal-e-Bish" (recipe on application on the usual pro forma).

Everybody enjoyed the evening social, the talent being exceptional (I had hardly the Hart to write that).

On June 10th a merry party, consisting of the members and their families, embussed at the Mess and proceeded to Colchester on the occasion of the 1st Battalion Sports Meeting. The welcome accorded us by their members was greatly appreciated by all and sighs went up when the order to embus was given at 8.30 p.m.

On June 18th the officers were At Home to us; various games were organized, but Pluvius frowned upon us and drove all to shelter, but not before one of our party inquired as to how, being left-handed, could one use a right-handed putter?

It is likely that the rules of billiards will be altered shortly since one is liable to a fine for not keeping both feet on the table!

We welcome to our fold Sergt.-Instr. Benwell (A.E.C.) (Study, boys, study!) and Sergt. Bishop from the 2nd Battalion, who relieved respectively Sergt.-Instr. Smith (A.E.C.) and Clr.-Sergt. Brockman. May his "OBS" be few.

And the dining members grow less and less, Sergt. Buckle having joined the happy band of pilgrims. Our congratulations and best wishes for a happy future are assuredly his.

Details of, and members' successes at, the Depot Sports will be found elsewhere. We had a very pleasant gathering and an excellent tea.

A very successful dance was held in the evening at which many Old Comrades, officers and friends attended. We congratulate the Committee responsible for both functions on their hard work to attain this success.

EL. SIE.

## SCHOOLBOY TEASER.

No. 1234567 Cpl. P. Rovo: Acting in the vicinity of Sergeant.

Is this right?

## CORPORALS' CLUB.

Since our last episode "things" have been happening as usual. By "things" we mean social events—the military affairs do not happen, they just are usual.

The Club has run successfully a couple of dances, and we thank all friends who gave us their assistance and the honour of their presence at the last one, which was greatly appreciated.

Albuhera Day was spent quietly and the Club members had the honour of drinking the Commanding Officer's health. This was done with a will.

The Depot Sports, from the Corporals' point of view, were a great success, the Club being very well represented in the prize-winners' list. We congratulate Cpl. Sneesby on his excellent performance; some members actually volunteered to bring the hand-cart to his assistance when the silver plate which he had collected had to be moved. We also had the good fortune to win the Inter-Mess Tug-of-War, but this, I think, was due to our advanced knowledge of the "use of ground."

In other sports we are going great guns. We are at present leading the Passball League, and as the argument is not yet finished we still have great hopes of stopping there.

Owing to a feeling of fatherly tenderness to our recruits, we were beaten by Ladysmith Squad at cricket by about 11 runs. (Someone unkindly said we were only playing with ten men—to be correct, nine men and one boy.)

We send our best wishes to L./Cpl. Sims, who has gone to "Civvie Street," and we welcome L./Cpls. Soden and



Overy, who are on long tours, and Cpl. Boiling and L./Cpl. Connett, who are here to assist us during the "rush." We sincerely hope that the tour will not be any longer than they want it to be.

Owing to the kindness of the P.R.I. the billiard table is again in use in its proper sphere and is no longer a "useful ornament."

Notice is hereby given that miniature golf is discontinued forthwith.

We thoroughly enjoyed the company of the Band N.C.Os. during Cricket Week, and hope they enjoyed themselves. If not, why not? Beer is cheap!

We thank the Sergeants' Mess for their kind invitation to the dance on Sports night, which we all enjoyed very much.

"Time may go on for ever," but the Editor will not permit us to do that, so cheerio until the next publication.

AUNT NELL.

#### SOCIAL AND WELFARE CLUB.

The Social Club and Welfare Centre is going "great guns." Some very fine "hits" have been registered since our last notes appeared.

One of the "hits" in April was a successful whist drive and dance, the "marksmen" being:

*Ladies.*—Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Paterson.

*Gentlemen.*—Sergt. Wright and Mr. Blackburn.

It is whispered that the remainder of the Depot will have to look to their laurels in the shooting line, as we have several "Miss Fosters" in the making. History looks like repeating itself, as when a ladies' team beat a team of men in the Depot.

At our last whist drive and dance one optimist wanted to know "if the car was ladies or gents first." The "marksmen" on this occasion were:—

*Ladies.*—Miss Fry and Mrs. Chasney.

*Gentlemen.*—Sergt. Moore and C.S.M. Hart.

#### WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

If "Old Bill" has got rid of the "Flanders mud" yet.

If the kit for "a cup-tie result" is another blow to men's dress reform.

If "a Roman soldier" fought with a three-ply sword.

#### ATHLETICS.

This has been a busy quarter for Athletics:—

(a) May 7th.—Preliminary Inter-Squad Team Contest.

(b) June 26th.—Depot Individual Sports.

(c) July 2nd.—Inter-Squad Team Athletic Championship.

(a) Resulted as follows:—

1. Ypres 13 (Sergt. Wright) ... 67 pts.
2. Ladysmith (Sergt. Bishop) ... 57 pts.
3. Albuhera (Sergt. Sadler) ... 49 pts.
4. Nivelle (Sergt. Mason) ... 46 pts.
5. Mons (Sergt. Horrex) ... 39 pts.
6. Ypres 14 (Sergt. Wright) ... 15 pts. (Joining)

#### (b) DEPOT SPORTS.

The Depot Individual Sports took place, as usual, on the Friday of Cricket Week, June 26th.

The Old Comrades' Gathering also took place on this date.

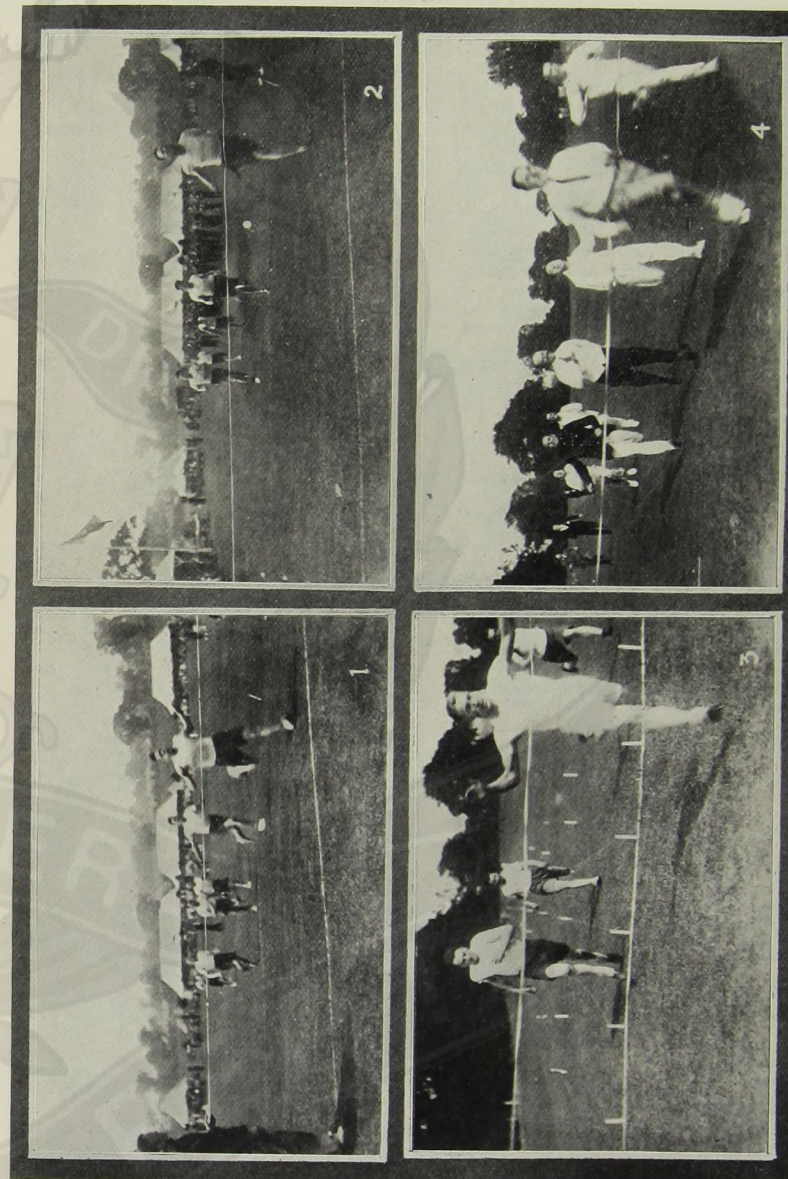
The Clerk of the Weather was on his best behaviour. All went very much "according to plan," and much credit is due to Lieut. Crawford, R.S.M. Mantell, Sergt.-Instr. Paterson and the very many N.C.Os. and men who were responsible for and assisted with the arrangements.

Lieut. Crawford was not only prominent, however, as an organizer, but also as a performer, as it was due to his very fine quarter-mile backed up by a very plucky half-mile by Lieut. Walden, that the Officers will appear on the Inter-Mess Relay Trophy for the first time.

The large number of recruits at the Depot made the Sports more interesting and the events were more closely contested than for several years. There are some useful performers among the recruits, who, with further training, will be a great asset to their future battalions. Notable among these are Ptes. Orwell (Individual Champion), Johnson, Barkway, Freshwater and Kendall.

#### INTER-SQUAD ATHLETIC MEETING.

Squad.	100 Yards.	220 Yards.	440 Yards.	880 Yards.	One Mile.	High Jump.	Long Jump.	Shot.	Total.
1. Ypres 13	10	10	12	12	8	6	4	3	67
2. Ladysmith	12	12	8	6	6	4	5	4	57
3. Albuhera	4	8	10	4	12	2	5	3	49
4. Nivelle	8	4	6	10	10	5	1	2	46
5. Mons	6	6	4	8	4	3	2	6	39
6. Ypres 14	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	15



DEPOT SPORTS.

[Photos: Broadway Studio, Mill Hill.



The Inter-Mess and Inter-Squad Tug-of-War produced some hard pulls, but, although there was an admitted slope on the pitch, there is no doubt that in each case the better side won.

We were very pleased to have the 1st Battalion Band with us again after such a long absence, and hope they enjoyed their stay as much as we enjoyed their music.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Pargiter very kindly presented the prizes as follows:—

*Three Miles Open.*—1, Pte. Johnson (A); 2, Pte. Kendall (A); 3, Pte. Maskell (DS); 4, Pte. Hiscock (S); 5, Pte. Jones (Y); 6, Pte. Armstrong (DS).

*100 Yards Open.*—1, Cpl. Sneesby (DS); 2, Pte. Mann (DS); 3, L./Cpl. Oliver (DS); 4, L./Sergt. Paterson (DS); 5, Sergt. Wright (DS); 6, Pte. Ball (L).

*220 Yards Open.*—1, Cpl. Sneesby (DS); 2, Pte. Mann (DS); 3, L./Sergt. Paterson (DS).

*440 Yards Open.*—1, Pte. Johnson (A); 2, Cpl. Sneesby (DS); 3, Pte. Orwell (A); 4, Pte. Mann (DS); 5, L./Cpl. Oliver (DS); 6, Pte. Garnish (DS).

*880 Yards Open.*—1, L./Sergt. Paterson (DS); 2, Cpl. Sneesby (DS); 3, Pte. Kendall (A); 4, Pte. Armstrong (DS); 5, Pte. 23 Bell (A); 6, L./Cpl. Oliver (DS).

*Long Jump Open.*—1, L./Sergt. Paterson (DS); 2, Cpl. Cooper (DS); 3, Pte. Orwell (A); 4, Pte. Mann (DS); 5, Pte. Ball (L); 6, Pte. Rossiter (Y).

*One Mile Open.*—1, Pte. Barkway (M); 2, Pte. Kendall (A); 3, Pte. Johnson (A); 4, Pte. Marling (Y); 5, Pte. Warren (Y); 6, Pte. Luckhurst (DS).

*Discus Open.*—1, L./Cpl. Oliver (DS); 2, Cpl. Cooper (DS); 3, L./Sergt. Paterson (DS); 4, Pte. Cretton (M); 5, Pte. Borrow (M); 6, Pte. Barkway (M).

*High Jump Open.*—1, Pte. Orwell (A); equal 2, Cpl. Cooper (DS) and Pte. Mann (DS); equal 4, Pte. Garnish (DS) and Pte. Langridge (A).

*100 Yards, Recruits.*—1, Pte. Orwell (A); 2, Pte. Johnson (A); 3, Pte. Freshwater (M); 4, Pte. Rossiter (Y); 5, Pte. O'Donoghue (Y); 6, Pte. Jackson (L).

*220 Yards, Recruits.*—1, Pte. Orwell (A); 2, Pte. Freshwater (M); 3, Pte. Chelu (Y); 4, Pte. Ball (L); 5, Pte. Sadler (L); 6, Pte. 04 Smith (M).

*440 Yards, Recruits.*—1, Pte. Chelu (M); 2, Pte. Kendall (A); 3, Pte. 23 Bell (A); 4, Pte. Blackley (M); 5, Pte. Ludlow (M).

*880 Yards, Recruits.*—1, Pte. Johnson (A); 2, Pte. Hales (Y); 3, Pte. Haynes (A); 4, Pte. Dudley (M); 5, Pte. 04 Smith (M); 6, Pte. Cox (Y).

*Long Jump, Recruits.*—1, Pte. Orwell (A); 2, Pte. Ball (L); 3, Pte. Freshwater (M); 4, Pte. Cretton (M); 5, Pte. Robinson (A); 6, Pte. Eddison (A).

*High Jump, Recruits.*—1, Pte. Freshwater (M); 2, Pte. Monk (Y); 3, Pte. Langridge (A); 4, Pte. Jackson (L); 5, Pte. Budd (A); 6, Pte. Robinson (A).

*Heaving Shot, Recruits.*—1, Pte. 04 Smith (M); 2, Pte. Heath (N); 3, Pte. Freshwater (M); 4, Pte. Borrow (M); 5, Pte. Ball (L); 6, Pte. Hoare (Y).

*Inter-Squad Relay.*—1, Albuhera; 2, Mons.

*Inter-Mess Relay.*—1, Officers; 2, Sergeants; 3, Corporals.

*Inter-Mess Tug-of-War.*—1, Corporals; 2, Privates D.S. (No prize.)

*Inter-Squad Tug-of-War.*—1, Albuhera; 2, Lady-smith.

#### POST-ENTRY RESULTS.

*Pillow-Fighting.*—1, Pte. Levick (A); 2, Pte. Hales (Y).

*Boys' Race.*—1, Peter Cook; 2, Hope Clark; 3, William Pilley.

*Girls' Race.*—1, Betty Cook; 2, Joan Paterson; 3, Jean Clark.

*Veterans' Race.*—1, Major English; 2, C.Q.M.S. Clark; 3, R.Q.M.S. Pilley.

*Potato Race.*—1, Sergt. Wright (DS); 2, Pte. 34 Smith (L).

*Apple and Bucket Race.*—1, Pte. Holdford (M); 2, Pte. Mann (DS); 3, Pte. Haynes (A).

*Sack Race.*—1, Pte. Richardson (L); 2, Pte. O'Donoghue (Y); 3, Pte. Aldridge (A).

*Cigarette Race, Ladies.*—1, Miss Stelling; 2, Mrs. Mantell; 3, Mrs. Paterson.

*Sergeants' Race.*—1, C.Q.M.S. Clark; 2, L./Sergt. Paterson; 3, R.Q.M.S. Pilley.

*Corporals' Race.*—1, Cpl. Sneesby; 2, L./Cpl. Overy; 3, L./Cpl. Oliver.

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

#### (c) INTER-SQUAD TEAM ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP.

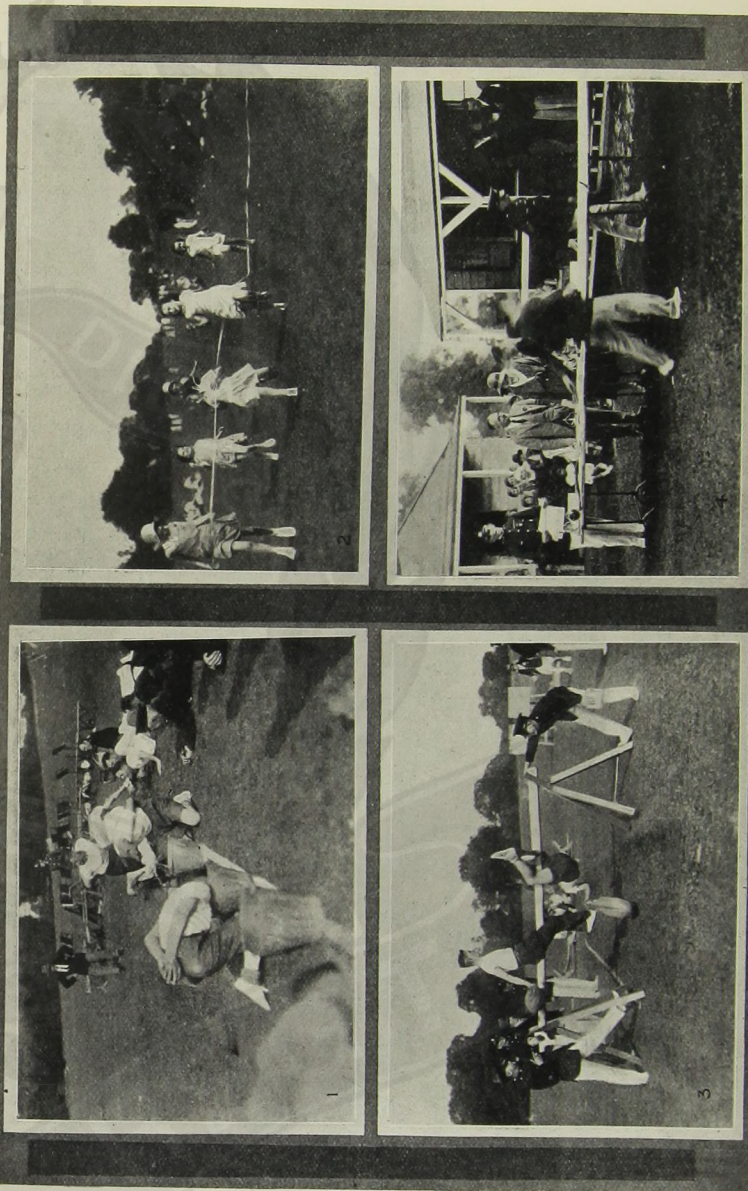
The Depot Athletic Shield is now awarded to the winning squad in this contest and not as a result of points gained by individuals in the Individual Sports.

The Championship Contest took place on Thursday, July 2nd. It proved a great success from every point of view. Fortunately six squads were able to field teams. Albuhera (Sergt. Sadler) were favourites, but Mons (Sergt. Horrex) sprang a mild surprise and are to be congratulated on their fine win.

Somme (Cpl. Snell), only twelve strong and in process of forming, were very sporting to find a team for all events.

Placings were as follows:—

1. Mons (Sergt. Horrex) ...	72½ pts.
2. Albuhera (Sergt. Sadler) ...	66 pts.
3. Nivelle (Sergt. Mason) ...	47 pts.
4. Ypres (Sergt. Wright) ...	45½ pts.
5. Ladysmith (Sergt. Bishop) ...	42 pts.
6. Somme (Cpl. Snell) ...	21 pts.



[Photos: Broadway Studio, Mill Hill.]

DEPOT SPORTS.



Squad.	440 Yards Relay.	Long Jump.	One Mile Team Race	100 Yards Relay	High Jump.	Two Miles Relay.	Heaving the Shot.	One Mile Relay.	Total
1. Mons	10	5	10	4	12	10	6	12	72½
2. Albuhera	12	4	8	3	10	12	5	10	66
3. Nivelle	4	1	12	1	4	6	8	6	47
4. Ypres	6	3	6	6	3½	6	2	8	45½
5. Ladysmith	8	2	4	6	2	2	4	4	42
6. Somme	2	6	2	3	1	2	1	2	21

### 57th/60th BATTALION AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

May 9th, 1931.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

We are always interested to receive the copies of THE DIE-HARDS, and these are passed round the officers in the Mess. We thought that you might like to receive some news from us from time to time, and are sending you the attached, in the hope that you may find it of interest.

Lieut. Easton has now returned and settled down again after his trip to England. He speaks in enthusiastic terms of the way in which he was received by the officers of the unit in England, and has quite whetted our appetites for a trip Home so that we might see something of you all there.

We will continue to send you notes from time to time, and should there be any particular way in which you would like them treated, please let us know.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. GOLLAN, Major.

Seeing every battalion of the Middlesex Regiment represented in each issue of THE DIE-HARDS, we, who are upholding the flag "down under," feel that we would like to let you know of our doings from time to time, and trust that they will prove acceptable and interesting.

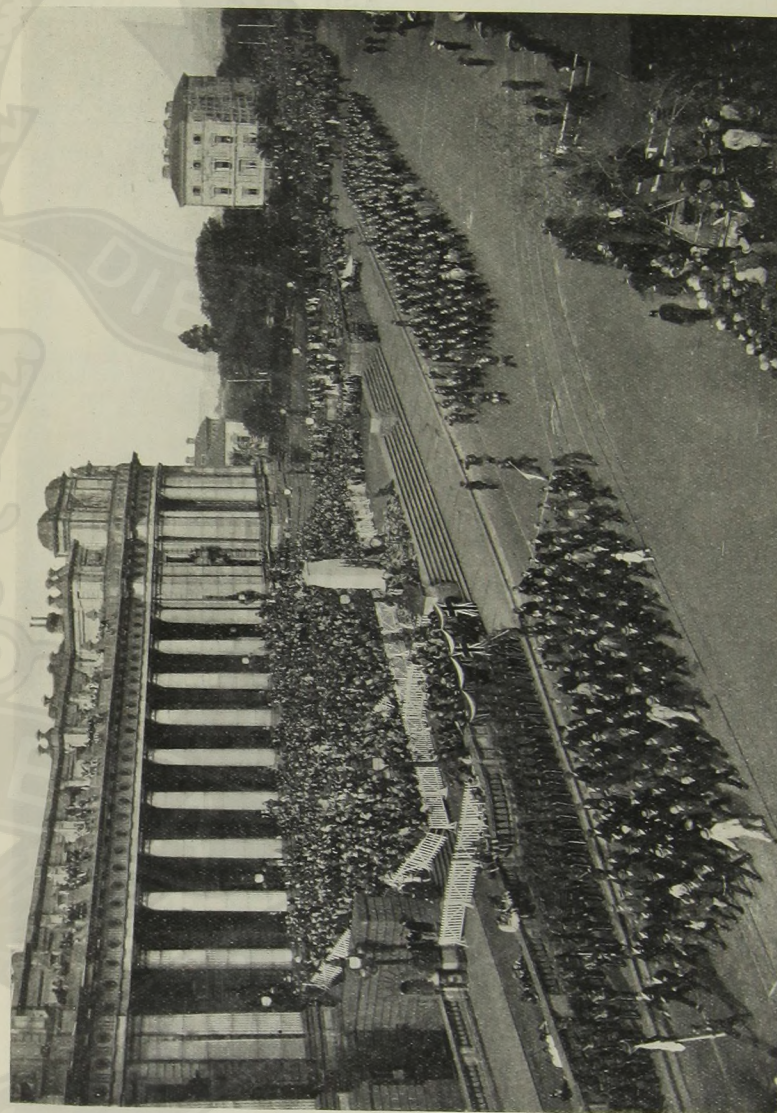
We have settled down under the new scheme of organization for military training in Australia and now have linked with us the 60th Battalion. This complies with

the new scheme of organization whereby brigades are now organized on a three-battalion instead of a four-battalion basis.

April is always an active month in military affairs in Australia by reason of the fact that April 25th is Anzac Day (the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli). It is observed throughout the country as a national holiday, and a day of remembrance for those of the Australian Forces who gave their lives in the Great War. The 57th/60th Battalion this year had the honour of providing the Guard of Honour to His Excellency the Governor (Lord Somers) at the Cenotaph on the steps of State Parliament House. This guard, which consisted of 100 men with Band and Colour party, was commanded by Major H. R. Gollan, D.S.O., M.C., and received high praise for the manner in which the work was carried out. His Excellency commented on the keenness and enthusiasm of the men and the officer in charge of the arrangements at the Cenotaph, Lieut.-Col. S. G. Savige, in a letter to the C.O., said: "The approach march towards the Cenotaph was really a fine sight and during the wait for the Governor's arrival the demeanour of the troops was excellent. It was evident that much time had been spent in training the guard, but training, good as it may be, does not carry off the job without enthusiasm. Such a fine turn-out demonstrates you have both in your command."

To give members of our allied battalions some idea of the Cenotaph arrangements a photograph is sent herewith showing the guard in position on the left of the picture. It was the finest attendance of former soldiers to take part in an Anzac Day commemoration march since the Duke and Duchess of York visited Australia in 1927. The check of the parade showed that there were 23,500 men taking part and they took one and a half hours to pass the Cenotaph, marching ten abreast.

The Battalion also had a busy time on the Sunday following Anzac Day when the ceremony of Trooping the Colours was carried out on the Preston Oval. The Battalion was assisted by a company from each of the 58th and 59th Battalions, and together with the Regimental Bands of the three battalions, a very creditable performance of this interesting ceremony was given in the presence of about 10,000



[Photo: "The Argus," Melbourne.]  
GUARD OF HONOUR OF 57th/60th BATTALION AT THE CENOTAPH, MELBOURNE, ON ANZAC DAY, 1931.



people. The salute was taken by Brig.-General J. C. Stewart, C.M.G., D.S.O., who is Honorary Colonel of the 57th Battalion, and who commanded the battalion for a period during the Great War. It is proposed to carry out the ceremony every year in each battalion area of the brigade in turn. The 15th Infantry Brigade is the only brigade in Australia which now consists of the same battalions as during the war. They are thus in a unique position to carry on the traditions of the service unit.

On Saturday, March 28th, the 57th/60th Battalion rifle team won the Tulloch Cup for the 1931 Bullecourt Match. The O.C. was Capt. H. H. George, and he and his men are to be congratulated on winning this event from so many splendid teams which were entered from the other units of the forces in the State of Victoria.

The Battalion was also successful in winning for the fourth year in succession the Sargood Shield. This is a shield presented for firing efficiency and is a much-coveted shield by battalions who pride themselves on efficiency in handling their weapons. Our fourth win speaks well for the enthusiasm of the men and for their training by the officers and N.C.Os. The team of eight men averaged 33 out of a possible of 35 at 500 yards.

Capt. George is the champion rifle shot in the Victoria Militia Rifle Union for the shooting year 1930-31. General Brand presented Capt. George (whose score was 275 points) with the Mat Sullivan Trophy. General Brand remarked that the battalions with the best shooting records are those in which the Commanding Officer and officers take an interest in the rifle club of their unit.

We were privileged on May 7th to be visited by Lieut.-Col. S. G. Savige, C.O. 24th Battalion, who told us of his thrilling experiences in Persia during the latter part of the war with the Dunster Forces. This lecture was the first of a series which will be given during the winter months to the officers and N.C.Os.

Further results of our keenness for marksmanship were forthcoming at the Camp of Annual Training, when our platoon won the Grimwade Cup for rifle and Lewis-gun work on the range under service conditions.

## REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

### HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30TH, 1931.

Amount of grants and loans made:  
£131 1s. 11d.

Number of cases dealt with: 152.

Number of cases assisted: 74.

Number of men registered for employment: 55.

Number of men found permanent employment: 20.

Number of men who took up employment: 20.

Number of parcels sent out by Ladies' Guild: 5.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, on April 29th, 1931.

#### Present:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair), Brig.-Generals R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G., and F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Cols. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., 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), R.S.M. R. Mantell, R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley, C.Q.M.S. L. Clarke, Mr. W. Blackwood, Mr. F. E. Holmes and Mr. E. J. Warren.

The following amendment to Rule VII, Rider "B" (a), was approved:—

To delete the words "the ranks of" in the third line.

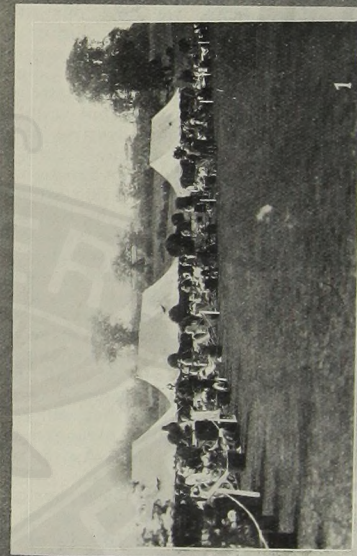
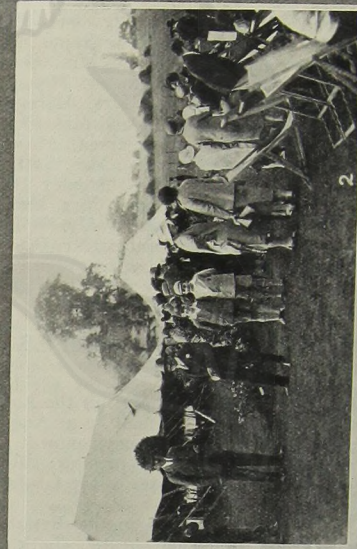
The auditors' certificate for the 1930 accounts was received and the accounts finally passed.

A donation of two guineas was sanctioned towards the restoration and upkeep of a Peninsular War Memorial at Biarritz.

An estimate from Messrs. W. Hill & Son, Ltd., for catering at the Old Comrades' Annual Dinner was accepted.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND OLD COMRADES' ANNUAL DINNER.

These functions will be held at the Queen's Westminster and Civil Service Rifles' Drill Hall, Buckingham Gate, London, S.W.1, on Saturday, November



[Photos: Broadway Studio, Mill Hill.]

OLD COMRADES GATHERING.



7th, 1931. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. and the dinner at 7.30 p.m. The price of the dinner ticket will be 5s., and drinks will be sold at canteen prices; draught beer will be available. It is hoped that the change from the Wharnclyffe Rooms where the dinner has been held for many years will prove popular and successful and that a record number will be present. The usual notice cards will be sent to Army Reservists and Pensioners, also to other individuals as soon as the cards and tickets are available.

#### OLD COMRADES' SUMMER GATHERING.

On June 26th the Old Comrades' Gathering took place, and once again days gone by were the subject most to the fore. A very pleasant afternoon was spent, tea provided by the Regimental Association being very much appreciated by all. The Depot Sports being held on the same afternoon added very much to the sporting comrades' spirits.

We were all pleased to see amongst us such a large gathering of officers, a far larger number than one is accustomed to see on these occasions. But the numbers attending are far below our expectations, be they officers or other ranks, and we hope that all readers of these notes will try to make an appearance next year. We should like to see you.

A good number of those present availed themselves of the opportunity of attending a very excellent dance in the evening, given by the Sergeants' Mess and Corporals' Club, to the members of whom we wish to extend the thanks of the "old hands."

Among those present at the gathering were:—

Major-General Ramsay, Brig.-Generals Hall and Heath, Col. Anwyl Passingham, Lient.-Cols. Stewart, Samuel and Steed, Major Willoughby, Major and Mrs. Amor, Capt. G. Johnson, All Officers of the Depot and Other Ranks, Mr. Holwell, Mr. Donoghue, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt, Mr. N. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Lambourne, Mr. T. Hicks, Capt. W. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, Mr. Pockney (from Malay), Mr. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Clelland, Mrs. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Vivian,

Mr. and Mrs. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. Sparkes, Mr. and Mrs. Muggridge, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Goldstraw, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Kerswill, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Jephson, Mr. E. Warren, Mr. G. Nethercott, Mr. E. Morley, Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. T. Capel, Mrs. Stapley, Mr. Sims, G. Harding, T. Bailey, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. Searle, Mr. Farr, Mr. White, Mrs. Jennings, Mr. Dimmock, Mr. Payne, Mr. Lowen and Mr. Harvey.

#### 7th BATTALION NOTES.

WHEN we read the notes for the April-July quarter we shall be at Annual Training in the leafy environment of Myrtle Grove, near Worthing; away beside the rolling pastures of the far-flung Sussex Downs.

The past few months in the Battalion have been somewhat hectic, both as regards training and social activities. As in previous years, we held our usual musketry camp at Rainham during the Easter period, when a record number attended and fired their Annual Course. The Machine Gun Company also attended for three days and carried out training. The N.A.A.F.I. (who advertise themselves as being purveyors and caterers for the Territorial Army) did not function, so it was necessary for the catering arrangements to be undertaken by the Battalion, also the running of the Canteen. We were fortunate enough in securing the use of the one and only building, which proved of undeniable value in view of the very bad weather. There were no complaints. The only complaint made was by someone who had only five kippers for breakfast instead of six. All those attending hope that if a camp is carried out at Rainham next year they will again be messed under Battalion arrangements, for all agree that the N.A.A.F.I. were not missed in any way.

This is rather a favourable opportunity to congratulate Sergt. Carter on the distinguished service performed as Acting Quartermaster. Apparently the only thing he left behind at Rainham was the permanent buildings.

The Transport did a couple of very hard days' work at Hornsey, and no one will deny that as a result the harness and wagons are in a better condition now than they have ever been.

The Signallers did very useful work in the neighbourhood of Bayford, and as the weather was so bad the use of the Enfield Drill Hall, for sleeping and messing purposes, was of great value.

On April 8th the detached Machine Gun Platoon of the Enfield Company, at Hornsey, migrated to Tottenham. The move has proved very successful indeed, as they get the sole use of the Drill Hall there on one night a week, as well as the use of the recreation rooms. Tottenham has found them some very useful new recruits and the Platoon there will undoubtedly prove to be Enfield's best machine-gun unit.

On Saturday, April 11th, a team from the Battalion took part in the 44th Divisional Cross-Country Race at Coulsdon. We should like to take this opportunity of congratulating the 8th Battalion on their win. This was the first occasion we entered a team, and we think that reaching sixth place was not too bad an effort at all. Our team consisted of 2/Lieuts. G. C. D. S. Lowe and A. L. Womersley, Cpl. Wright, L./Cpl. Bundy, and Ptes. Axe, Dinsdale, Nodes and Phillips. We hope the team will keep together and train with a view to competing, and winning, next year. Thanks are due to Capt. S. A. W. Brown and 2/Lieut. L. A. W. Barnes for their energies in producing the team.

We very much regret the departure of our late Brigade Commander, Col. H. C. Wortham, C.M.G., D.S.O., who relinquished command of the Brigade on March 31st. He has been succeeded by Col. H. G. Harrison, D.S.O., who we hope will enjoy his tenure of command. Col. Wortham was entertained to dinner by the officers on April 15th.

On Thursday, April 16th, the Tottenham Company found a rifle and Lewis-gun team for the 132nd Infantry Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition. The Lewis Gunners performed most creditably, and had the rifle team done likewise it would have been a very close contest between the winners (the 9th Battalion) and ourselves. The Tottenham Company have found the teams for this

competition for several years past, and we hope, in the eliminating competition next year, one of the other companies will have made sufficient progress to rob D Company of the honour they have had for so many years.

Part I of the Inter-Battalion Machine Gun Competition for the Perring Cup took place at Enfield on Thursday, April 15th. It is to be regretted that the team did not collect as many points as in the previous years, which handicaps them very severely in Part II of the competition which is to be fired on the ranges at Purfleet in the Brigade Rifle Meeting on July 5th.

All ranks of the Battalion would like to take this opportunity of felicitating our Honorary Colonel, Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., D.L., upon the honour conferred upon him in being made an A.D.C. to the King. Col. King is the Senior Infantry Officer on the Active List of the Territorial Army. He commanded the Battalion continuously for a period of over eleven years, and has been Honorary Colonel since 1925. He has been a Military Member of the County Territorial Army and Air Force Association of Middlesex since its formation in 1908, and its Vice-Chairman since 1925, and Chairman of its Finance Committee. He is a Deputy Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace for Middlesex. During the war he commanded the Battalion in France for two and a half years, and subsequently served for a year on the Staff. He was mentioned in dispatches three times, made C.M.G., and promoted Colonel. There is no doubt whatever that the distinction is richly deserved.

We are pleased to congratulate our Commanding Officer upon the recent decoration with which he was presented at the hands of His Majesty the King at the Investiture on Tuesday, June 23rd. I am sure that we will all agree that the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, with which he has been presented, is richly deserved.

Yet another honour has fallen to an N.C.O. in the Battalion, namely, Sergt. A. P. McNally. A record of his gallant act was published on page 682 of the *Albuhara* Number. We congratulate Sergt. McNally on being awarded the Life Saving Medal, in Bronze, of the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem.



Sergt. McNally was presented with his decoration at the Investiture by His Majesty the King at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, June 23rd.

Whit-Sunday saw the Transport again performing at Hornsey, and the Signallers and Machine Gunners at Crews Hill. A visit was also made to the ranges at Rainham.

On June 1st fourteen officers attended a Levée at Buckingham Palace. The presentations were made by Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., D.L., A.D.C.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Rainham on June 7th. Unfortunately the weather rather spoiled the day, but great keenness and enthusiasm were shown in all the competitions. We were all delighted to see our Commanding Officer once again. Owing to increased business responsibilities and bad health he has had to be granted leave of absence, and handed over command of the Battalion, temporarily, to Major H. A. Murray. At the conclusion of the meeting Col. Smith congratulated the winners and presented the prizes.

The following are the full results of the various competitions:—

LEE MEMORIAL SHIELD		Points.
1. D Company (Tottenham) ... ..	...	1,092
2. B (M.G.) Company (Enfield) ... ..	...	795
3. A Company (Highgate) ... ..	...	790
4. C Company (Hornsey) ... ..	...	623

HORNSEY VASE.		Points.
1. D Company ... ..	...	343
2. B (M.G.) Company ... ..	...	306
3. A Company ... ..	...	275
4. C Company ... ..	...	125

OFFICERS' CUP.		Points.
1. 2/Lieut. R. Bartram ... ..	...	60
2. Lieut. N. E. T. Christodoulou ... ..	...	57
3. 2/Lieut. B. J. Paul ... ..	...	57

MARKSMAN'S CUP.		Points.
1. Pte. Fay (D Company) ... ..	...	61
2. Pte. Chesson (B Company) ... ..	...	60
3. Pte. Blake (A Company) ... ..	...	59

ENFIELD CUP.		Points.
1. Pte. Warren (D Company) ... ..	...	38
2. Pte. Strachan (B Company) ... ..	...	38
3. Pte. Read (B Company) ... ..	...	37

ARNOLD WHITE CUP.		Points.
1. A Company ... ..	...	383
2. D Company ... ..	...	343
3. H.Q. Company ... ..	...	338
4. B (M.G.) Company ... ..	...	326
5. C Company ... ..	...	325

## VOLUNTEER CUP.

	Points.
1. D Company ... ..	206
2. B (M.G.) Company ... ..	163
3. C Company ... ..	153
4. A Company ... ..	132

## WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' CUP.

1. C.Q.M.S. Matthews (A Company) ... ..	61
2. L./Sergt. Ayres (C Company) ... ..	55
3. R.Q.M.S. Roberts (H.Q. Company) ... ..	55

## LEWIS GUNNERS' CUP.

1. Pte. Stratford (D Company) ... ..	70
2. Pte. Edwards (A Company) ... ..	69
3. Pte. Morley (D Company) ... ..	67

D Company are to be congratulated on winning the Lee Memorial Shield, which during the two previous years had been won by the Enfield Company. Tottenham secured a record number of points, and their winning teams should give a very good account of themselves at the Brigade Meeting. The winners celebrated their victories in no small manner at their Headquarters on the following Tuesday.

Another annual event, this one of a social nature, took place at Battalion Headquarters on Friday evening, June 12th, when teams of eight from the Officers and Sergeants fired on the miniature range. The Sergeants beat the Officers by the narrow margin of five points. At the conclusion a photograph was taken of the officer who fired on the wrong target, and we hope to reproduce a signed copy in the next issue. The event was followed by a supper in the Officers' Mess, and terminated in the early hours of Saturday morning with vocal items, when Sergt. "Chillie" Carter, having sung with touching sentiment and penetrating sweetness, disclosed his refined sense of variety by replying to the encore with the martial strains of "The 7th Royal Fusiliers." Sergt. Love once more reminded us of the immortality of "Paddy McGinty's Goat," and the cheerful Sergt. Badham sang, as usual, with that real effect which reminds his hearers that the stage has lost a "character"; while Sergt. Porter presided at the piano with aptitude which qualifies the old belief that genius lurks behind a silent, thoughtful manner.

On April 17th Mr. C. F. Denton joined us as Quartermaster in place of Capt. G. E. Framingham, M.B.E., M.C., who relinquished his commission on attaining

the age limit. We feel sure that Capt. Framingham's pleasant repartee in the Mess will be sadly missed. Lieut. Denton was, prior to coming to the Battalion, very well known to a large number of us, as he previously served with the 9th Battalion for some considerable time. He has already settled down, and is very popular with everyone.

About this time last year we were promised a new Canteen at Hornsey, and just as we were about to give the matter up as hopeless a firm of contractors appeared out of Hornsey to erect the promised building. There is no doubt whatever that the absence of a good Canteen and recreation room at Hornsey has had a detrimental effect upon drill attendances and the social activities, and the building will be a great asset in every way.

The erection of the new Canteen and recreation room marks another vicissitude in the long history of the great old premises which are our Headquarters, but none of those changes has altered the appearance of the main building itself. There it stands in its original form; a massive, windowed cube of brick, with hardly a trace of architectural beauty, built in those stern old Puritanical days when ornateness of construction was "counted as but vanity." The pillared portico in front (surmounted by three war trophies of doubtful elegance) is a comparatively modern addition. A towering pine tree in the forecourt, just opposite the portico, has died. It was a striking specimen of its kind, a lonely survivor of the ancient Forest of Middlesex which covered all this area. Perhaps it succumbed to old age, or maybe it was a victim of that mysterious disease which in latter years has swept away so many trees of the fir genus in the South of England. Years ago its lower branches swept an ornamental lawn which was bordered by a semi-circular carriage drive connecting the two front gates, but those branches and the lawn and carriage drive have long since disappeared—sacrificed, we surmise, to Territorial necessity—"cruel necessity" (as Cromwell moaned when the head of Charles fell). The iron rails between these gates—as innocent of ornament as the house itself—"have seen so much and said nothing"! But if they could speak they would tell us, amongst

many other things, of their long-lost friends the timid forest deer that stole up from the woodland solitudes at night to gaze at the big square house that loomed within. The long brick wall which is the western boundary of the premises, winding along in conformation to the original Nightingale Lane, bears many traces of ancient alteration. Within the house is full of interest, and one must ponder in the labyrinth-like basement. In the old-world kitchen, now a billiard room, the open fireplace still remains intact; and here is the spit which suspended fizzling joints in days long past. Here, too, many a cask of ale was broached where the N.C.Os.' Club Caterer now carries on that fine tradition.

In the early part of our notes we referred to the Brigade Rifle Meeting at Purfleet on July 5th, saying that the Battalion's successes (if any) would be published in the next issue. We are pleased to say that we are able to publish the results in this issue, as they are just in time to get them in before going to press.

We think we can congratulate ourselves on some excellent performances. Our Battalion team won the Lord-Lieutenant's Competition with a score of 772. Actually, we tied with the Royal Corps of Signals for first place, but by virtue of the rule which states that "In case of a tie the unit making the highest score in the Fire and Movement Practice will be declared the winner," we secured the trophy. Full particulars of the individual scores will be published in the next issue.

Highgate Company won the High Sheriffs' Competition with a very excellent score of 403. Having won a similar competition in the Battalion Rifle Meeting they are surely entitled to very hearty congratulations on the double event.

Yet another success came our way: the Young Soldiers' team from D Company (Tottenham) were first out of a total of seventeen teams. Their score of 291 was nearly 50 points ahead of their nearest rivals. Undoubtedly the team deserved their success, which is ample proof of the continuous practice put in.

It was a disappointment that we did not, for the second year in succession, carry off the Middlesex Justices' Lewis Gun Shield. We lost this by the very small margin of 21 points; the highest score made by a company team in the Battalion



being that of A Company with a score of 289.

Neither time nor space will allow us to publish any further details now, but results in full will probably be read with great joy by all concerned in the next publication.

#### A COMPANY.

It is unfortunate that, owing to the long period which elapses between the time these notes are usually called for and the time they actually appear in print, any attempt at detailing the activities of this Company must be in the nature of a prophecy or a retrospect. May we respectfully suggest that a Stop Press column be instituted wherein everybody's doings right up to the last minute could be inserted? We fear this suggestion may not be appreciated.

As a company we are naturally inclined to hide our light (or lights) under a bushel. Of course all companies are like this, but then there are bushels and bushels—glass ones, for instance.

The Company's High Sheriffs' team was successful at the Battalion Rifle Meeting and won their competition by a good margin. The Lewis Gunners did not do so well, but, all the same, they are to be congratulated on the hard work they put in before the shoot. The Young Soldiers' team was not good. We much appreciate the effort made by most members of this team in putting in so much work and practice beforehand. These were, unfortunately, let down by one or two members who apparently considered that their prowess with a rifle could not be improved with practice. In the case of the latter we think that the term "Young Soldiers" may be slightly incorrect. We are all agreed as to their youth, but as regards the second part we are doubtful and could possibly suggest a better word. However, we hope to be able to tell a better story about the Brigade Rifle Meeting in the next issue.

Our efforts in the recruiting line have recently been more successful. At the present moment we are certainly getting a few more recruits and can only hope that this state of affairs will continue.

Our light has now been exposed for quite long enough and we will again shade it for a space by congratulating C.Q.M.S.

Matthews on winning the Sergeants' Cup and in welcoming all newly joined members.

#### B COMPANY.

Once more camp is upon us, this year to be held near Worthing. We are all looking forward to an enjoyable time, and we have at least the consolation that the weather cannot be worse than it was last year. With the exception of those who are in the Battalion M.G. team, everyone is revising the "joys" of platoon and arms drill, while during recent weeks the incessant reports from the miniature range have borne eloquent witness to the practice being put in for the Battalion Meeting.

This meeting was held on June 7th, and we regret that we lost the Lee Memorial Shield which we have held for two years. Congratulations, however, to D Company, who put up a fine score and fully deserved their win. Next year we propose to take the shield back to Enfield. We always announce our wins with pride and we must in all fairness report our failures as well, and there is no question that the Company's shooting as a whole was not up to the standard attained in practices. We must, however, give a word of praise to our recruits who put up an excellent score, although their team was unluckily two men short, and who obtained the second and third places for the Young Soldiers' Individual Championship. We are now working hard to try to redeem our scores in the imminent Brigade Rifle Meeting, and we hope to have three or four individuals in the Battalion team.

While on the subject of the Brigade Meeting we may say that we are going to have a strong try at putting up a machine-gun score which will make up the leeway we have lost in the first part of the Brigade Competition.

Range-taking has been going on with great enthusiasm ever since the evenings have been light enough for outside work, and the full days' training arranged for range-takers on Sundays should go far to consolidate the evening work.

On Saturday, June 20th, forty-six members of the Company under Mr. Womersley visited the Tattoo at Aldershot. So far nothing but praise has been heard

about the outing, but one gathers that not the least thrilling event of the evening was the way in which the driver (evidently eager for bed) brought the bus through London. We congratulate those who turned up for shooting practice at Rainham next day on their keenness, and commend their example to those other members who preferred to be "slackers."

Mr. Barnes, together with Sergts. Cutting and Povey, attended a Machine Gun Course at the London District School recently. They have returned with awful threats as to what they will teach us in camp, and should prove of immense value in bringing us up to date.

A miniature-range match has been arranged with B Company, The London Scottish, to take place in the early autumn and it is hoped that one against C Company, The London Rifle Brigade, will take place between now and camp. To our great regret our regular fixture with D Company, The H.A.C., did not take place last winter owing to mutual inability to fix a date, but we hope to meet them twice if possible in the autumn.

The transference of the Hornsey Platoon to do its work at Tottenham has proved an unqualified success, not only in the work done over there, but also for the extra recruits which we have gained. Now that this platoon has gained so in numbers it has become necessary to have extra instructors there, and Sergt. Povey has volunteered to attend there on Wednesdays, which should prove of great value to the platoon.

Mr. Barnes is conducting training runs on the track at Edmonton with an eye on the Inter-Company Sports, but so far not very many have taken the opportunity of availing themselves of his coaching, which is a pity.

#### C COMPANY.

Many changes have taken place during the past quarter. Among those who have left us are L./Cpls. Hersant and Howes and Pte. Blundell, the latter having gone to the Metropolitan Police. Quite a number of recruits have been posted to us and are shaping well. We would point out, however, that the R.S.M. should never be addressed as "Mate," even during the first week of one's service.

The results of the Annual Range Courses and Battalion Rifle Meeting, although better than last year, show that there is still a lot to be learned about the firing of bullets. We are not too good. The O.C. Company was heard to express himself even more forcibly whilst watching the demolition of a stop-butt by a certain Lewis gunner. All that we care to put in print about musketry is the fact that at the Battalion Rifle Meeting 2/Lieut. Bartram won the Officers' Cup, and L./Sergt. Ayres was placed second in the W.Os.' and Sergeants' Competition.

By the time these notes appear in print we hope to have gone a long way towards winning the Sports Cup again. Ptes. Axe and Dinsdale were chosen to represent the Battalion in the Divisional Cross-Country Run, and we hope they will help us to win the Battalion event.

As the parade ground has assumed the air of a builder's dump, the wagon shed hidden behind a dump of bricks, and the surrounding architecture looking as if it had seen service in an earthquake, we presume that our new Canteen is at last being brought into the world. Pessimists assure us that it is only the Quartermaster looking for a gas leak. Another theory is that the square is being irrigated and fitted with a glass roof so that we may grow a bigger and better type of dandelion.

The Master Cook has frequently been accused of "rationalization" of the food supply, but if the following conversation is anything to go by, the palm must be awarded to the Canteen Caterer for producing a really compact drink.

PRIVATE (*having purchased cup of tea*): "What do you call this? Coffee?"  
CATERER: "No. Cocoa."  
PRIVATE: "Hm. Tastes like soup."  
CATERER: "Right. That will be another tuppence."

#### D COMPANY.

The Tottenham offices look very smart these days, as extensive repainting has taken place and at convenient spots mats have been laid down to prevent the highly polished floor from being marred by the feet of our less buoyant members. Our billiard table has been renovated and some



very good exhibitions are given on parade nights (other companies may challenge). We are also quite clever at darts!

We acquitted ourselves well enough at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, as we carried off the Lee Memorial Shield, the Hornsey Vase and the Volunteer Cup—and in the other competition (High Sheriffs) we were second. Our marksmen are to be congratulated, particularly Ptes. Stratford and Fay, who respectively won the Lewis Gun Cup (best shot of all ranks with the Lewis gun) and the Marksmen's Cup (best shot among all ranks, Corporals and under). We hope that our team will have helped the 7th to come out top at Purfleet—past history when these notes appear.

There was quite a smell of the sea at Tottenham the other day as our long-lost friend C.S.M. Cowtan reappeared with a supply of cockles from Southend. A certain officer soon necked the lot amidst scenes of wild enthusiasm!

2/Lieut. Westcott recently attended the London District School of Instruction and unfortunately had to go into hospital shortly afterwards (the course had nothing to do with it). May he make a speedy recovery. 2/Lieuts. Adams, Scott Lowe and Westcott were present at the Levée on June 1st at St. James's Palace.

We hope to muster three strong platoons at camp which ought to be possible with a strength of close on 150, but by the time we have supplied the greater number of "Sano men," cooks, batmen and general odd-jobbers, we shall not look so strong. Recruits are still wanted, as, although we are not taking any more in D for the present, we have that M.G. Platoon to keep up to strength.

Overheard in the Orderly Room:—

PRIVATE: "Please, sir, can I buy a new pair of puttees and pay for them in instalments? I got the sack the other day."

OFFICER: "How was that?"

PRIVATE: "I was a lorry driver, sir, but they found I had flat feet."

HOTSPUR.

H.Q. WING.

BAND.

Owing to the fact that the Band practises at Enfield it is regretted that we are unable to give any information as

regards their welfare or performances, but without doubt quite a lot of news will be forthcoming immediately after camp.

#### DRUMS.

Of late the Drums have been working very hard with a view to carrying off one of the prizes offered for the Drums Contest at the Ealing Hospital Fête. Their efforts were rewarded on Saturday, June 27th, when they carried off the third prize. There is no doubt that there is considerable room for improvement in all departments, and with everyone pulling his weight and showing the enthusiasm that is essential, there is no reason why they should not carry off greater honours in the near future.

Do not forget that an inspecting officer invariably looks for (1) hats being worn on the head in a proper military fashion, not *à la* Beatty style, or for that matter *à la* Fairbrother style; (2) long hair (musicians, please note and do the next best thing).

However, congratulations to you on the great show you put up, and we all hope that next year the premier honour will be yours. It will not unless you work hard and attend regularly for practice. "Practice makes perfect."

#### SIGNALLERS.

It is very pleasing to know that the Signallers are increasing in numbers, and it is hoped that the full complement will put in an appearance at camp for fifteen days.

By the time these notes appear in print several Signallers will have attended at Willesden for their Annual Classification, and it is hoped that all will pass with the maximum number of points.

#### TRANSPORT.

There is no doubt that the Transport are going hearty and strong and have been doing so for some time past. Their vehicles and harness are looking simply great, and it is anticipated that the whole of the prizes at the Brigade Transport Show will be ours. We are not greedy, but we like a lot of the good things of life. For the amount of time, patience and spare-time work they have put in they certainly deserve some recognition of their efforts. After Annual Training the tale will be told or left untold.

#### ODDS AND —S.

Although we see the above-mentioned fairly frequently, as they do not appear to do a lot or say a lot, it seems rather awkward to comment on them. One thing I do know: they have some really expert crib players.

"Chilly" is going great guns. Having been supplied with a new set of pioneer tools he is busily at work making new houses for everyone, absolutely free of charge. At the making of sand-tables he excels, at the gathering of empty cases on the range he has no equal, and at winning pool shoots he is a past master of the art. "Telling the tale" to him is like Greek.

I have now come to the end of my tether, but just wait till after camp and you will have pages and pages—if only blank ones.

#### "THE PHANTOM ARMY OF INVERARAY.

#### "A QUEER TALE FROM THE LONG AGO.

#### "WHAT TWO MEN SAW IN THE LIGHT OF A SUMMER'S DAY.

"Many people were astonished the other day when they saw that the most important column in *The Times* newspaper was filled by the story of what was called a Vision.

"Lady Frances Balfour contributed the document, which has been in her family since 1808. It was written by a Mr. Archibald Bell, Writer to the Signet, Inveraray, and recorded that his father and grandfather had seen a ghostly army. They were both well known as sober and honourable men. No one had ever doubted their story. Yet it is one of the strangest ever told.

#### "RED COATS AND BAYONETS.

"It was on a clear summer's day, some time between 1746 and 1753, about three o'clock, when they were walking towards Inveraray, that they turned a corner and saw a great number of men marching toward them. They wore red coats, and their bayonets glittered in the sun. As far as eye could see along the road there

were soldiers: more and more came on round the bend of the road on the horizon. The two men realized that it was not a regiment but an army which they saw. The older man said it must have come from Ireland, and added that, though he had fought at Culloden, he had never seen so many men before.

"For a long time the two stood watching the advancing soldiers, noticing many details which interested the younger man, who, unlike his father, had never been a soldier. Children and women loaded with pots and other household gear hurried along by the menfolk. There were sixteen pairs of colours. The men in the rear frequently had to run to keep their places. These things the two Bells discussed together.

#### "THE MAN ON THE GREY HORSE.

"By now the soldiers were very near. The vanguard of about fifty men was led by an officer on foot. Then came a man on a grey horse who had a gold-laced hat and a blue hussar coat lined with red. The Bells thought he must be the Commander-in-Chief, and they stared so hard that they would have recognized him again.

"All at once it struck the younger Bell that the sergeants might force him to become a recruit, as the press gang seized men for the Navy. He told his father that they had better make off, but the older man felt he was safe, so the boy jumped a dyke, and then turned to see if his action had been noticed. To his amazement the army had vanished!

"What are we to make of the strange tale? When Archibald Bell wrote it down in 1808 he said he did so with reluctance, 'well knowing how little reliance is given by the more intelligent classes of people to a narration of that kind, and how little it corresponds with the ordinary course of cause and effect.'

"Being prosaic Saxons and not romantic Highlanders, we believe that there may be some physical explanation for the apparition. It is not impossible that it was in the nature of a mirage, and that the actual army was really marching somewhere miles away."

From "*The Children's Newspaper*" dated Week ending, August 21st, 1926.



Sergt. E. Brereton, 7th Battalion, writes the following:—

# "THE PHANTOM REGIMENT OF WICKLOW.

"The Phantom Army of Inverary has a curious Irish parallel of later date, but on a smaller scale.

"At noon on a bright June day in 1861, shortly after the outbreak of the American Civil War, two men named Graham and Nolan were working on the gently sloping side of one of those beautiful valleys in Western Wicklow. Glancing up the slope they beheld an amazing scene; there stood a vast parade of infantry soldiers, rank behind rank, and company behind company, facing towards the valley. They were dressed in scarlet jackets, wore white cross-belts, and were gaitered to the knees; a pair of colours flapped above their tall shakos, and on their right the instruments of a regimental band flashed in the noonday sun. After some parade movements they formed into fours, and, wheeling into column, company after company, marched down the slope, with the band in front; passing along an ancient hill-side lane they turned on to the main North road, changing the grey ribbon of the highway to a vivid red. But they moved in ghostly silence, not a sound was heard, no word of command or tramp of feet; and, weirdest part of all, the bandsmen seemed to play, but their motions were as mute as the cadence of the march, which was with the drummer's silent beat.

"The two peaceful workmen followed every movement with bewildered looks, marking how the even rows of glittering bayonets were disordered when the narrow and uneven lane upset the rhythm of the march. They conjectured in their simple way as to what might be afoot: 'The Crimean War came to an end five years before. Had another conflict broken out?' or 'Maybe this had some connection with the civil strife beyond the seas!' They felt uneasy and with a single impulse turned about and scanned the valley at their back, but when they looked again the martial host had disappeared, it had vanished into air. There stretched the lonely hill-side, the narrow lane, and the road below, but without a single human form. The sky-larks soared and sang, the meadows waved beneath the gentle

breeze, and all was tranquil as before. The two men crossed themselves devoutly and resumed their work in silence and dismay, and with many an upward glance across the now deserted landscape.

"Graham and Nolan were both sober, honest folk, who never left their native glens, and could not invent a tale so strange. They always told the story without a word of alteration, and sometimes with emotion at the eerie mystery of it all."

## 8th BATTALION NOTES.

WHEN these notes come into the hands of our eager readers we shall probably be at camp and we shall be seeing for ourselves what the weather has in store for us, so we will make no forecasts!

We have seen a great deal of Bisley lately, as the terrible weather on the first Sunday made it necessary to go down five times before camp. The standard of firing has been good and we are hopeful of success at the Brigade Rifle Meeting.

The Winter Weapon Training Competition was won by B (M.G.) Company, the runners-up being A Company, closely followed by H.Q. Wing. B Company are also to be congratulated on winning Part I of the Brigade Machine Gun Competition—Part II will follow immediately, but unfortunately after these notes have started on their somewhat leisurely journey to press.

Whitsun Training was carried out at Mill Hill, but for reasons of economy only specialists—Machine Gunners and Signals—were allowed to go.

The Commanding Officer, Adjutant and Machine Gun Company Commander attended the Divisional Tactical Exercise at Hythe in March, and a larger number of officers were at the Brigade Exercise in May, when we had the opportunity of meeting for the first time our new Brigade Commander, Col. Harrison. We take this opportunity of giving him a very hearty welcome and also of wishing all good luck to our late Brigade Commander, Col. Wortham, who completed his period of command in April. We owe a very

great debt to Col. Wortham for his kindness and interest in the Battalion.

A new departure has been the Adjutant's classes for subaltern officers at Headquarters. The benefit of these should be felt at camp.

Capt. Maddex was attached to the Machine Gun Concentration at Netheravon in May and 2/Lieut. Brooke attended a Drill and Tactics Course at the London District School of Instruction, where he pleased his company as much as his battalion by getting a D. Heartiest congratulations to him.

The following N.C.Os. are to be congratulated on passing their promotion examination recently: L./Sergt. Hamerton (A Company) and Cpls. Newell and Juggins (C Company).

The usual Transport Competition was held at the Ealing Horse Show on Whit-Monday and the Battalion won the first prize for the G.S. Wagon Turn-out. We hope this will lead to further successes for the Transport at camp.

The strength of the Battalion is increasing very satisfactorily and now stands at 22 officers and 509 other ranks, figures which the Adjutant, who is something of an historian, declares to be the highest since William the Conqueror. We now want a final spurt to reach full strength.

A Battalion church parade was held at Staines in April and there was a turn-out of approximately two hundred, who were reinforced by detachments of Old Comrades and Old Contemptibles, parading under General Turner. We are very grateful to Sir Edward Clarke who so kindly provided refreshments for all the men.

On Albuhera Day there was a Guest Night in the Officers' Mess at which Col. Harrison and Col. Wortham were present, followed by an All Ranks' Dance which proved very popular.

The Battalion continues its achievements in the world of sport, as we won the Divisional Cross-Country Run held at Coudsdon in April. Hearty congratulations to the team.

The Battalion Old Comrades' Dinner was held at Headquarters on May 6th and proved a most successful occasion. Col. Pank was in the chair and the Commanding Officer, Col. Anwyl Passingham and many officers of the Battalion were present. The Drill Hall was full to over-

flowing, as about 170 sat down to dinner. Business was (wisely) got out of the way before dinner, after which the usual toasts were drunk and Col. Pank, Col. Anwyl Passingham and the Commanding Officer spoke.

We are asked to say that the Regimental Old Comrades' Dinner will be held at the Drill Hall of the Queen's Westminster Rifles on the first Saturday in November. Tickets are 5s. each, and we are assured that drinks will be at Drill Hall prices.



8th Battalion. Purfleet.

And now we come to a matter of great regret to us all. Our Quartermaster, Capt. Dymore, has left us, a victim to Anno Domini. We all knew that his time was to be up in April, but the blow was none the lighter for this when it came. Capt. Dymore has spent eleven years with the Battalion and during that time he became the friend and counsellor of us all. He has never spared himself in his work and he has always been ready to turn to and help in every Battalion activity. We shall always be particularly grateful for all the time and effort which he and various members of his family have given in connection with dances at Hounslow. He indeed made the wilderness to blossom like the rose!

We wish him all possible good luck and we are very glad that he is remaining in the district, at any rate for the present, so that we shall, we hope, often see him still.

A farewell dinner to Capt. Dymore was held in the Officers' Mess in April, at which there was a large gathering of past and present officers. After dinner a



presentation was made by Major Jack on behalf of past and present officers.

Our new Quartermaster is Lieut. S. A. Cox, who has joined us from the 2nd Battalion. We hear great things of him (from a little bird which has flown over from the East) and we give him a very hearty welcome into the 8th.

#### STOP PRESS NEWS.

Heartiest congratulations to 2/Lieuts. Cloutte, Miskin and Brooke on passing their promotion examination for the rank of Captain.

2/Lieut. Miskin has been selected to represent the Territorial Army in the Invitation Relay Race at the Inter-Services Athletic Championship at Stamford Bridge.

A year's hard training has resulted in B (M.G.) Company winning the Perring Machine Gun Trophy. Congratulations to B.

#### A COMPANY.

(HAMPTON)

Since writing the last notes the Company Commander, Capt. R. B. Hirst, has been promoted to Major. We are pleased to note that Major Hirst still remains in command of A Company and he will be with us at Annual Training at Worthing in July.

We have now completed the Annual Weapon Training Course, having fired at Bisley on May 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st and June 7th. The result on the whole is satisfactory, though there are still eighteen other ranks to qualify, but one more day will probably be arranged before the end of the training year, when it is hoped that at least two-thirds of this number will avail themselves of the opportunity of qualifying for the musketry bounty, and so increase the number of efficient other ranks in the Company. The Company lost the Efficiency Cup by a very small margin last year owing to an error in dress for a drill competition. This will not happen again. Our record to date is 79.54 per cent. efficient other ranks—so look to your laurels, B Company.

The Company will have a complete programme for the Brigade Rifle Meeting which will take place shortly before camp, and, judging on present form, the Com-

pany rifle and Lewis-gun teams will give a good account of themselves.

Football in the Company has come to stay. The team, having played a series of friendly matches last season, is now properly organized, and will play in the Hounslow and District League Section this season. We wish them the best of luck and hope they will be well supported by all members of the Company. Cricket in the Company is on the weak side, but the team will play some friendly matches with local sides, and we hope that by next season we shall be sufficiently sound to get a place in the Junior Section of the League.

The strength of the Company to date is 4 officers and 87 other ranks; recruiting during the past two months has been steady, and there is every possibility of finding the missing thirteen and so completing the century.

The Annual Camp is to be held at Worthing this year—from the domestic (ladies') point of view a very popular choice. What with a bus to take you right into camp, tea, or what is considered to be such by the Y.M. authorities, to be had for a charge which one does not mind handing over for such rare liquid as the Y.M.C.A. manages to produce. Father is a lucky individual to be able to get his in the mess-tent. Still one must not grouse too much, as memories of another beauty spot, East Boldre, come back to one's mind, where if you missed the last train to camp you could book a New Forest pony if you could manage to catch one. However, it is hoped that the best use will be made of the deck-chairs on the sands this year, and that there will be no late night or early morning arrivals in camp.

#### B (M.G.) COMPANY.

Since the last issue of the Journal there have been scenes of feverish activity in the Ealing Drill Hall.

For Easter and Whitsun Training we were the guests of the Depot, for whose hospitality we are grateful. We had a very good attendance for Whitsun Training, a total of over thirty-five other ranks attending. We understand that the sausages were very much appreciated.

Our Company Commander left us for a fortnight during May for Netheravon, to

learn the latest ideas of the machine-gun powers—that be in our "spiritual home." No doubt the result of his visit will be apparent when we learn at camp that things which we were reproved for leaving undone last year will on no account be done this year.

Such is the machine-gunner's life!!

For some Sundays those who go down to Bisley in coaches for their Annual Weapon Training have pondered on the ways of an inscrutable Providence which insists upon its starting to rain about 11.30 and continuing with or without "finer intervals" until 6 p.m. Nevertheless, there are still optimists in the Company who appear without overcoats and face the delights of Bisley in the rain.

While at Bisley our M.G. Trophy teams have seized the opportunity for a little practice, and our hopes are high, though not unduly so, for Part II on July 5th. We won Part I in April, our marking being 11 per cent. higher than our doughty rivals, the 9th Battalion, and 30 per cent. higher than the 7th Battalion.

It can be imagined that this result was not achieved without an enormous expenditure of time and hard work and everybody who took part is to be heartily congratulated.

In addition we are proud to record that B (M.G.) Company won the Battalion Winter Weapon Training Competition which took place in April.

We are very glad to welcome Lieut. W. R. Warrell, who was formerly in the 17th London Regiment, but so far we have not been ordered to "shoulder arms" on parade. However, we await the day with interest.

Our congratulations to Ptes. Hooper and Budden on being in the Battalion team for the Divisional Cross-Country Run. This, we hope, is a good omen for the Sports Cup at camp, where we hear there is a long list of events.

We had an all-round games tournament against 317th Battery, R.A., Southall, on May 14th, which we won outright. Nor does this end our sporting activities. The Drill Hall is marked out for Badminton and we have installed cricket nets.

Waterloo may have been won on the playing fields of Eton, but our opponents in the next war will have to reckon with

the spirit bred in our Drill Halls by our cricket nets.

#### C COMPANY.

(STAINES)

After a brief survey of the past three months we have come to the conclusion, somewhat regrettably, that events of importance were few and far between.

Our football team finished fifth in the North-West Surrey Minor League. This result is by no means a fair indication of our prowess; for, after losing the first three matches, we completed the season by carrying all before us, save the mangled remains of our defeated opponents whom we left behind to mark our glorious trail. Without doubt we shall finish first next year.

The cricket season is now in full swing. Although we are apt to use our bats like golf clubs and the ball like a piece of red-hot iron, favourable progress is reported. We were rather fortunate in defeating H.Q. Wing by the small margin of two runs. This win was due to the brilliant feat of Pte. B. C. Brown in capturing 5 wickets for 3 runs, including a "hat trick." We also defeated C Company of the 5th Bn. The Royal Berkshire Regiment by the narrow margin of two runs. After the match we spent a very enjoyable evening together; the weather being warm, refreshments were very popular.

We welcome the return of our Company Commander, Capt. R. E. Warlow, who, having answered correctly, we hope, all the questions in his examinations, once again feels the call of duty. With the homing instinct so prevalent in spring he has flown back to his spiritual home at Staines.

#### D COMPANY.

(UXBRIDGE)

At the time of writing the Company is working hard in preparation for camp.

The team is also training hard for the Brigade Rifle Meeting. Some excellent scores have been made by the men in the Company this year, and silver spoons have been awarded to Cpls. Day and Juggins.

An innovation is the establishment of a Dart Club and out of four matches played



against local teams three have been won and one lost.

The cricket team plays regularly with various success.

The Company offers its heartiest congratulations to Capt. G. Hartley on his promotion, and to 2/Lieut. E. G. Brooke on obtaining a D at the London District School of Instruction in Drill and Tactics.

H.Q. WING.

DEAR READERS,

In this issue we hope to interest you with a few brief extracts from our diary.

*March 21st.*—"Encoached" for Northolt for Battalion Cross-Country Run. Sixteen entries from the Company and fourteen finished the course. Pte. L. Kendall and Dmr. Dollery our first two men home, who finished sixth and seventh. Congratulations to D Company on winning and to ourselves on beating A and C Companies.

*April 2nd to 6th.*—Signallers spent enjoyable and instructive time at the Depot for Easter training. Transport ditto ditto ditto at Hounslow Barracks.

*April 8th.*—Farewell dinner by past and present officers to Capt. Dymore, one of the best and will be missed by all, but fortunately only as the "Quarter-bloke," as he has been called to the bar (as our Steward). We welcome his successor, Lieut. Cox, and long may he reign!

*April 11th.*—Divisional Cross-Country Run at Coulsdon. We were represented by the brothers Kendall, who assisted the Battalion team to win the cup.

*April 19th.*—Band and Drums attended church parade at Staines.

*May 3rd.*—To Bisley, for football. Should have been musketry, but lack of targets and pouring rain made shooting with feet instead of with arms the only alternative.

*May 6th.*—A full house for the Battalion Old Comrades' Dinner. A popular feature of good music by our Band was the Regimental Marches.

*May 12th.*—We were judged for the Battalion Winter Weapon Training Contest. Intensive training and instruction under our P.S.I., C.S.M. Goodall, and a keen response by our teams placed us third—a very praiseworthy result and comparing very favourably with the more experienced rifle companies.

*May 16th.*—A date everyone in the Regiment should know. Celebrations at Headquarters comprised Guest Night dinner in the Officers' Mess followed by an All Ranks' Dance.

*May 25th.*—Ealing Horse Show and congratulations to our Transport on winning first prize in the G.S. Wagon Turn-out.

*June 13th.*—Journeyed to Staines for our first cricket match with C Company. A good game in which we ran out losers by two runs. A sorry tail!

Well that's that, and we must now catch the post and we apologize for being brief, but, after all, a diary is a diary, and as one Samuel might have remarked, it has at least given you a few "Pepys" at our doings this quarter.

Yours truly,  
H. Q. W.

## 9th BATTALION NOTES.

ALTHOUGH Easter seems a long way away, the records of our Easter Camp were too late for the last issue. The camp, however, went swimmingly, in more senses than one, and in spite of the miserably wet and cold weather on the Friday and Sunday it seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by everybody. A special word of praise is due to Sergt. Brooks and his cookhouse staff for the meals they turned out under very difficult and trying conditions.

We played the London Scottish in the semi-final of the T.A. Cup at Willesden on April 11th. This was a most exciting game in which the London Scottish were leading 2-1 until ten minutes from the end. Then the excitement became too much for the local crowd who encroached on the playing field all round the ground, and, in spite of the efforts of the referee and linesmen to remove them, remained there. The referee had no option but to stop the match, and the replay was accordingly fixed for the following Saturday on their ground. This was another most exciting game and but for an injury to our centre-forward in the first ten minutes of the game, which completely incapacitated him, we might well have won. As it was we were three goals down at half-time and things did not look

very rosy. However, with the wind in our favour, our four forwards suddenly took charge of the game and scored three goals in ten minutes to make us 3-3. We made frantic efforts to score again, but could not so do, and fifteen minutes from the end we had plainly shot our bolt. Five minutes from time the Scottish scored again and held the lead to the end, winning 4-3.

The greatest credit is due to the whole of the team for the way in which they fought back after losing their centre-forward and being three goals down, and, although everybody played so well, our outside left, Dmr. Barnett, must be mentioned for the extraordinarily fine game he played. We must now wait for next year, and hope that we shall go one stage farther.

The Inter-Company Winter Weapon Training Competition was held during the second week of April and was won again by D Company, who accordingly represented us in the Brigade Competition in which for the fourth year in succession they gained first place. This is a magnificent achievement and one on which they are to be heartily congratulated.

At Whitsun owing to lack of funds in the training grant, only B (M.G.) Company went away for a week-end camp. They chose an old favourite resort in Chipperfield, and, in spite of atrocious weather, apparently had a very good time and did not confine their activities to machine gunning!

On May 6th a Guard of Honour was provided by the Battalion on the occasion of the opening of a new wing of the Harrow Hospital by their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York. The guard was commanded by Capt. H. Sherwood and was carried through most successfully, while the Band stayed behind afterwards and played at the hospital.

Albuhera Day was, as usual, celebrated in pouring rain. This year it fell on a Saturday, and all arrangements had been made to have a Drill Display, P.T. Display by Recruits from the Depot, and a Display by the Drums outside the Drill Hall. At the last moment all these arrangements had to be changed owing to the weather and the show took place inside, where the lack of space rather restricted the movements. Everything went satisfactorily,

however, and at the end of the afternoon Lord Rochdale, Lord-Lieutenant of the County, very kindly gave away the prizes.

The Machine Gun Company Winter Weapon Training Competition, Part I, was held late in April. Unfortunately we dropped 11 points to the 8th Battalion and are now lying second. Strenuous efforts are being made to make up lost ground in Part II at the Brigade Rifle Meeting, and several practices have taken place on the 30 yards' range at the Depot, where the night has been made hideous with noise. The rumour that certain mothers and children would like us there every night is without foundation.

On May 30th/31st an officers' tactical exercise was held at Hythe, during which we were extremely fortunate as regards weather. This exercise was a great success, as the Transport Officer's answer to the opening problem, in spite of opposition from his syndicate, was adjudged correct.



Drums, 9th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, being judged at Drum and Fife Competition, June 27th, 1931, in which they obtained second place.

The Band and Drums took part in a competition at Ealing on June 27th at King Edward VII Memorial Hospital Fête. The Band distinguished themselves by gaining first place in the Band Competition, and the Drums only lost to the 3rd City of London Regiment by one point for first place—a most creditable show. Drum-Major Goodwin has already started to get that extra point next year.

Preparations for camp are now in full swing, and we are looking forward to a successful fortnight on the Downs.

NINTH.



## H.Q. COMPANY.

Interest in general, at the moment, is centred around preparations for our Annual Camp at Myrtle Grove, Worthing, and from the reports we hear there is every prospect of an enjoyable fourteen days on a camp site that is not only suitable from a strategical point of view, but ideal also from a social aspect.

## BAND AND DRUMS.

We wish to record the splendid effort of the Band and Drums in a championship contest which was held at Haven Green, Ealing, on June 27th last.

Bandmaster Rouse and his men are to be congratulated on winning the Band Section of the championship and in qualifying for the Challenge Shield. Drum-Major Goodwin and the Drums did exceedingly well and only missed the Drum and Fife Prize by one point. We wish them better luck next year.

## SIGNALLERS.

The Signal Section has been a hive of industry during the past few weeks, busily engaged on raising the standard to such proficiency as to enable its members to pass the Annual Classification Test which takes place at Headquarters on Sunday, July 10th. We wish Sergt. Foster and his men every success in their efforts.

## TRANSPORT.

Sergt. Bungy and his companions must be congratulated on manœuvring the limbers and harness in the wagon shed without the aid of either horse or mule and in such a manner that their display is stirring interest overseas. It has, in fact, been rumoured quite recently that a party of Colonial officers have travelled all the way to Willesden expressly for the purpose of inspecting the Transport Section.

## BRIGADE RIFLE MEETING.

Despite the unsuccessful attempt of the Battalion to win the Brigade Rifle Shoot, H.Q. Company managed to achieve the High Sheriffs' Shield for the Inter-Company Competition. Sergt. Fitzgerald is to be complimented on the efforts of his team, but at the same time one member at least has many regrets concerning his small contribution and is determined to do better, with more practice, in future years.

H.Q.

## A COMPANY.

This quarter of the year began with the Winter Weapon Training Competition in which A Company put up their usual spirited effort. In fact, they put up such a good show that they are feeling by no means disheartened, even though the management thought fit to allow D Company to scrape home and secure the much-coveted shield by a narrow margin of points. A Company take the very reasonable view which King Henry VIII did when the suspenders of his beautiful but quick-tempered seventh wife, Duchess of Richmond, became detached from the attachments to which such things are normally attached in the course of a strenuous evening's dancing at Pound Lane (or some place like that). What he said to her was, "Honey swore qui mal de mer," which of course is the Old Norman French for "Don't get sick about it, darling, because things come unstuck." Whereupon the Duchess landed him a clip aside the ear-hole which caused him to see quite a lot of stars in various parts of the heavens. Hence the name of that well-known house of refreshment the "Star and Garter" at Richmond.

This leads us by a natural chain of ideas to our own tactical outing on June 21st in Richmond Park, where the presence of Col. Beach, who very gallantly volunteered to come and see us through the day, inspired a strong and representative selection of our N.C.Os. to perform prodigies of valour in the face of an enemy strongly entrenched on sundry mountains of those regions whose existence we were able to detect through our skill in map reading. Incidentally, of course, we showed our usual profound knowledge of tactics, strategy and staff work, coupled with those soldierly qualities of presence of mind and more especially of presence of body at the time and place appointed for lunch, and also tea, which occurred afterwards at the "Lass of Richmond Hill." The rest of our time this quarter has been mainly devoted to even more strenuous practice than usual for the Brigade Weapon Training Meeting.

Mr. Wormwood and Mr. Scrub both know us well, nor are we strangers to Rainham and Purfleet; in fact, nearly all of us now know how to fire either a rifle

or a Lewis gun, and as long as a good number of the bullets we fire out of them hit the targets in suitable places we think we ought to have a very fair chance of winning a few cups, medals and other such paraphernalia at the Brigade Meeting on July 5th. In this we hope to be considerably helped by Messrs. Butcher and Dean, two former Corporals who have both been sporting enough—Dean after three years' absence—to rejoin as Privates. Nor must we forget the valuable help we are getting from R.S.M. Goodall, whose presence at Headquarters has done much to raise the already-high spirit of A Company.

Ack.

## B (M.G.) COMPANY.

It seems strange to be writing in June of events which took place at Easter, but we cannot fail to record our visit to the 1st Battalion at Colchester. We journeyed down by charabanc on Good Friday and arrived in time for dinner—an excellent meal—typical of every meal we had during our visit. The weather was fair on the Saturday when we did limber drill and other work which we cannot do in our Drill Hall. On the Sunday we should have gone to church and saved ourselves a soaking. We were very sorry indeed when the time came for leaving; the sun was shining and we had just learnt our way about. None of us will forget the hospitality shown us by all ranks and we are all looking forward to showing those of the 1st Battalion who are coming to camp with us that we most heartily appreciate all they do for us.

There must have been secret knowledge amongst the Divisional and Brigade Staff of the horrible weather in store for us at Whitsun, as they decided to let us, alone of all the companies, "go away" for Whitsun. Once again Chipperfield was our destination, and we left Willesden on the Saturday afternoon in pouring rain, wondering where we were to lay our heads that night, as there seemed little prospect of pitching camp in such a down-pour. There was, however, an abundance of odd buildings at Chipperfield, and, trusting in our old friends Mr. and Mrs. Cole of the "Two Brewers," and in the

truth of the old saying that the devil looks after his own, we set off to see what could be done. We were able to procure the use of the Men's Club and the Committee very sportingly decided to take the risk of letting us use their home. They were justified, and we have been told that we—B (M.G.) Company only, of course—can use the Club at any time we like in the future.

Chipperfield is a most hospitable place. The village arranged a dance on the Saturday evening especially for us, it would seem, judging by the number of men in uniform dancing and the number of village lads holding up the wall watching their Hearts' Desires dancing with our stalwarts. The events of the evening were the winning of the spot dance by a certain Corporal who did not pay to go in (no, he went in on duty) and the difficulty of finding him when the time came for us to go—he has obviously learnt the art of taking cover, and, secondly, L./Cpl. Outram's rendering of a famous song.

Whit-Sunday will long be remembered for the religious fervour it awoke in the Company. One Lance-Corporal (now known as the Rev. L./Cpl.) was so smitten (we hope with the said fervour) that he went to evensong with a young lady and her mother and the whole Company turned out to welcome his return with hymns.

So much for the lighter side. We have been working quite hard in the hope of pulling back on July 5th those eleven points we lost to the 8th in Part I of the competition. Major Pargiter has very kindly let us use the 30 yards' range at the Depot on more than one occasion and we have also journeyed to Rainham. One may fairly ask: Was the N.A.A.F.I. formed for the benefit of the Forces or the Forces for the benefit of the N.A.A.F.I.? It seems most unreasonable that no provision is made for the supply of food or drink to those who have to go over twenty miles to shoot, and be away from 10.30 a.m. to probably 7 p.m.

July 5th and camp loom largely before us at the moment, and we are looking forward to both and hope that Myrtle Grove will give us better weather than did Beaulieu.

BEER.



## D COMPANY.

As a sequel to our last notes "we did settle down to Winter Weapon Training."

Albuhera Day was celebrated as usual on May 16th, at Pound Lane, and after a very stirring speech made by the Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex the prizes were presented.

The following trophies were won by individuals and teams of the Company:—

1. Best Company in the High Sheriffs' Competition.
2. Best Company Average in Lewis Gun.
3. Best Company in the T.A.R.A. Competition.
4. Individual N.C.Os.' Cup: Sergt. A. Devereaux.
5. Best Private Soldier in the Brigade Rifle Competition, Pte. Townsend.
6. Best Recruit in the Brigade Rifle Competition: Pte. Brown.
7. Best Score by any rank in the Brigade Rifle Competition: Pte. Townsend.
8. Section Leading Competition: Cpl. Mansbridge.
9. Scholl Cup, highest points in Brigade Rifle Meeting.
10. Battalion Football Cup.
11. Battalion Boxing Cup.

No. 13 Platoon won the Battalion Winter Weapon Training Competition, and the Company won the 132nd Infantry Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition.

Not bad—eh?

Twenty-eight members and wives visited the Aldershot Tattoo on June 13th. The charabanc left the Drill Hall at 5.30 p.m. fully loaded (with). We had a very pleasant journey and stopped half-way for refreshments (liquid).

It is rumoured that one member conducted community singing, but I do not think that is correct.

The Company attended a church parade in Hendon Park on the occasion of the presentation of Colours to the Hendon Branch of the Old Contemptibles on May 17th (not a very nice day for it). After the ceremony everyone marched to the Memorial and from there to the Drill Hall, where refreshments were served to all (including families). Lord and Lady Rochdale and party were also entertained to tea at the Drill Hall.

C.S.M. Goodall has left us to take up the appointment of R.S.M., and C.S.M.

Rand has joined us from the 1st Battalion. We wish them both every success in their new spheres.

We congratulate the following on their promotion, and hope that they do (not) receive (any) medals at camp:—

Cpl. Podger on his promotion to Sergeant.

L./Cpls. Kent and Thurtell to Corporal.

Ptes. James, Gordge and Harvey to Lance-Corporal.

We also congratulate the following:—  
C.S.M. Mills on his being awarded his first clasp to his Territorial Efficiency Medal.

C.Q.M.S. Badger on obtaining his Territorial Efficiency Medal.

BAKER: "To-morrow's rooti, sir."

Q.M.: "Is it to-day's?"

BAKER: "Why?"

Q.M.: "Because yesterday's wasn't."

## THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who was the N.C.O. who was engaged (?) and watched the bus leave and followed in another? And at what cost?

"EMMAINKDON."

MALAYAN BRANCH  
ANNUAL REUNION DINNER.

THE Eighth Annual Reunion Dinner of the Middlesex Regiment was held at the Europe Hotel recently, eight old members of the Regiment and six guests being present. The decrease in numbers attending is due to members being home on leave, leaving the Colony, and the slump.

After the toasts of "H.M. the King" and "The Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," had been honoured, the Chairman (Lieut.-Col. Thompson) proposed the health of the Regiment and the guests. In a further speech he said that this was the eighth Annual Reunion Dinner and it was a great credit to the Malayan Branch of the Regiment seeing that no other line regiment had ever had these dinners in Malaya. He mentioned that as he was retiring next year this would unfortunately be his last, but he knew that as long as Mr. Pharaoh was in

the Colony the Association would not die, and he thanked Mr. Pharaoh for all he had done, as one of the originators of the Association.

Mr. Pharaoh replied, mentioning how sorry the members were to hear that the Colonel was retiring, but hoped that he would live long to enjoy many more dinners at home with the Association. He also referred to the absence of Mr. Stephenson, the other originator of the Association, who had gone home.

Mr. Scott replied on behalf of the guests with a very witty speech, and Mr. Kearne also replied and speaking about the Forces of the war hoped they (the R.A.F.) would decide to have reunion dinners similar to the famous Middlesex ones.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, and since, when old comrades meet, there are many stories to be retold and incidents to be recalled, the party did not break up until a late hour.

The following members of the Middlesex Regiment attended: Lieut.-Col. B. A. Thompson, Messrs. A. J. Pharaoh, W. H. Follenfant, J. Schooling, F. Deason, F. C. Johnson, J. Thurston and W. L. Wood.

There may still be some old members of the Middlesex Regiment in Malaya who are not aware of the existence of this Association whose objects are not only to keep past members of the Regiment in touch with each other, but also to assist any who may require help in Malaya and to further the good work that the Regimental Branch of the Association is doing for distressed ex-Service men in England.

Full details can be obtained from the Secretary, The Middlesex Regimental Association (Malayan Branch), Drill Hall, Beach Road, Singapore.

2/10th BATTALION BRANCH  
OF THE REGIMENTAL  
ASSOCIATION.

## REUNION DINNER, 1931.

THIS Old Comrades Association held its Annual Reunion on Saturday, March 28th last, Capt. and Qmr. F. W. Wallis presiding. Over one hundred

members of the Battalion and their guests were present: a muster attesting not only pride of regiment and unit, but that steady appreciation of all that comradeship meant during the war years, which is, in itself, a grateful memory.

After the loyal toast to the memory of "Absent Friends" had been duly honoured, the Chairman proposed "The Regiment" and Lieut.-Col. C. C. Fayrer Hosken, T.D. (1st/10th Battalion), replied. Capt. N. B. McIvor, M.C., then proposed the health of the Chairman, and in so doing conjured up many memories of a kindly and rugged personality always grimly doing his job and determined that, whatever else might happen, rations should be forthcoming. Half-forgotten incidents came thronging back—Gallipoli beaches, the long camel train swinging on over ridge after ridge of sand, rain-soaked hillsides of Palestine—to be joyfully taken up by the gathering who reminded their "Quarters" either of a famous occasion when the ration camels got "in front" in their determination to get up, or of lesser incidents where the acumen of his staff had circumvented individual ingenuity for the acquisition of additional provender or kit.

The Reunion heard, with deep regret, of the recent death of Lieut.-Col. C. R. Johnson, T.D., the Battalion's first Commanding Officer, whose support of the Branch had been unfailing.

On the nomination of a President for 1931-32 Major D. B. Watson, M.C., was unanimously elected.

To the great regret of the members, Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., of the 1st Battalion, who commanded the Battalion in Palestine, was prevented by military duties from attending.

The gathering felt itself fortunate in having as its guests from the Regular units representatives of the 1st Battalion and of the Depot and from the Territorial Army members of the 7th Battalion (R.Q.M.S. Raddon and Sergt. Carter) totalling fifty-seven years' service between them, and the 1st/10th Battalion.

Following the dinner an entertainment was given by the "Mignons" Concert Party with whom was Charlie Davis, once a member of the Battalion party who did much to relieve the tedium of the desert or "rest"; an excellent programme, well



fitted to the occasion, was very much appreciated and added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

Hon. Secretary: W. Brockis Warren, Esq., 13a, Talbot Road, W.2.

### PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING.

May 22nd, 1931.

THE OFFICER COMMANDING DEPOT,  
THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT,  
MILL HILL.

SIR,

We beg leave to inform you that the above memorial is to be unveiled by H.R.H. Prince Leopold of Belgium on Sunday, June 7th.

We have several regimental wreaths to place on that day, ranging from 15s. to £2 2s.

May we have the honour of placing a wreath on behalf of the Regiment to the 192 officers and other ranks of the Middlesex Regiment whose names are on the memorial?

Should you decide to entrust us with your order, may we beg an early reply, please, and suggest you forward a piece of regimental ribbon and card for wreath?

Thanking you in anticipation of a favourable reply,

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours faithfully,  
J. H. O'CALLAGHAN.

THE SECRETARY,  
WAR GRAVES WREATH SERVICE,  
22, RUE DE HAERNE,  
YPRES,  
BELGIUM.

May 29th, 1931.

DEAR SIR,

In reply to your letter addressed to O.C. Depot The Middlesex Regiment, Mill Hill, N.W.7, reference the unveiling of the War Memorial at Ploegsteert on 7th June, 1931, by H.R.H. Prince Leopold of Belgium.

I have been requested to order a wreath to the value of £1 1s. by my Committee. Will you please carry out the order for same? A length of regimental ribbon

and a card will be forwarded under separate cover.

Yours faithfully,  
L. L. PARGITER, Major,  
Hon. Secretary.

June 12th, 1931.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY,  
REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION,  
THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

DEAR SIR,

I am forwarding photograph of wreath placed on the Ploegsteert Memorial in accordance with your esteemed order of 29th May. The cost of same is £1 1s.

I take this opportunity of reporting safe arrival of regimental ribbon and card, which I attached to wreath.

Thanking you for the honour and trust,

I am, Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
J. H. O'CALLAGHAN.

### PENINSULAR WAR MEMORIAL.

PRESBYTERE ST. ANDRE,  
BIARRITZ (B.P.).

February 25th, 1930.

THE COLONEL,

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

DEAR SIR,

Enclosed is a photograph of Peninsular War Memorial which forms part of St. André's Church, Biarritz. It is the idea of General Sir Charles Tucker that I should write to each regiment represented on this memorial for a donation (£1 upwards) to be used for the preservation of this costly and handsome record.

It was given by Philip Hunt, Esq., and opened by Queen Victoria, and has just been put in perfect order.

Yours very faithfully,  
MARGARET FLETCHER.

MISS MARGARET FLETCHER,  
PRESBYTERE ST. ANDRE,  
BIARRITZ.

THE BARRACKS,  
MILL HILL,  
LONDON, N.W.  
October 1st, 1930.

DEAR MADAM,

I have to acknowledge your letter dated 25th ultimo, enclosing a photograph of the Peninsular War Memorial in St.



1.—Ploegsteert Memorial to the Missing. 2.—The Middlesex Regiment Tablet and Wreath.

[Photos: W. G. W. S., Ypres, and J. H. O'Callaghan, Ypres.]



André's Church at Biarritz, and to inform you that the same will be laid before my Committee at its meeting on 29th instant. A further communication will be made to you later.

Yours faithfully,  
L. L. PARGITER, *Major*,  
Hon. Secretary.

THE BARRACKS,  
MILL HILL,  
LONDON, N.W.

June 12th, 1931.

MISS MARGARET FLETCHER,  
PRESBYTERE ST. ANDRE,  
BIARRITZ (B.P.).

DEAR MADAM,

*Re* PENINSULAR WAR MEMORIAL.

In reference to your letter of last year, addressed to the Colonel of the Middlesex Regiment, I have much pleasure in informing you that the Committee of this Association has sanctioned a donation of two guineas towards the object mentioned therein.

A cheque is enclosed, and your receipt at your earliest convenience will greatly oblige.

Yours faithfully,  
L. L. PARGITER, *Major*,  
Hon. Secretary.

### THE CITY CADET JOURNAL.

WE have received Vol. I, No. 1, May, 1931, of the above Journal, which caters for Cadets' units throughout Great Britain. It is a well-designed and well-produced magazine, which should be a great help to the Cadet movement. (Published in January, May and September yearly. Annual subscription 2s. 6d., post free, from the Editor, *The City Cadet Journal*, 16, Lewis Road, Sutton, Surrey.)

The following are republished by kind permission of the Editor:—

#### 2ND BATTALION THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX CADETS.

This Battalion, which was formerly the 2nd C. Battalion Middlesex Regiment, has changed little under the new constitution; the strength is about the same and recruits continue to come along each

week, but of course there are frequent changes in the roll, mainly because so many boys obtain employment in other districts, or attain the age limit. It is very gratifying to note that already this year four cadets have passed into the Territorial Army and one to the Regular Forces. B Company will be represented at the Marlborough Camp by two Officers and forty Cadets, and we hope to send a good number also to the Herne Bay camp, whilst three of the contingent will join the party arranged by the Warwickshire Cadet Brigade to Belgium and the Battlefields.

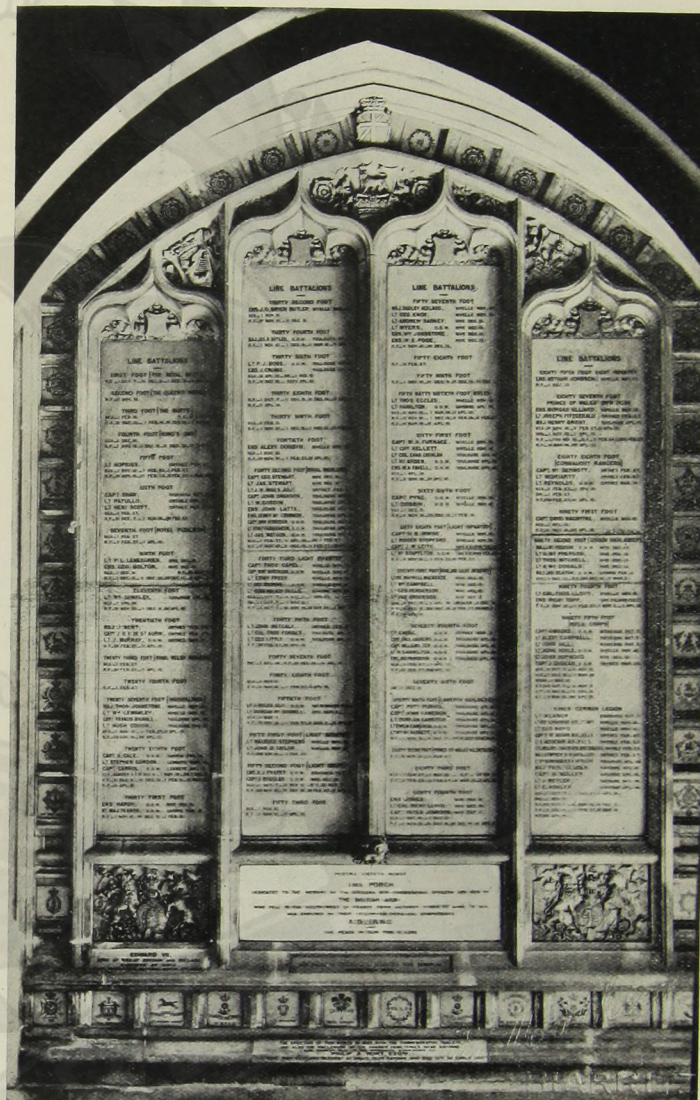
Lieut.-Col. P. W. Heanly, the Commanding Officer, in conjunction with the Director of Education, started a new company in April at the Little Ealing Schools, and this company will recruit in the South Ealing and Brentford districts. The accompanying photograph was taken when Col. the Master of Semphill entertained Col. Heanly, the Officers and about 50 Cadets to flights at Hanworth Park Aerodrome following an invitation he extended when B Company formed a Guard of Honour at the Ealing Town Hall on Life Boat Day last November. Col. The Master of Semphill is explaining the Puss Moth machine, similar to the one used by the Prince of Wales.

#### A SONG OF SIXPENCE

#### OR A MESSAGE OF HOPE TO ALL THIRD- CLASS SHOTS (AND OTHERS).

Over a year ago now I became afflicted with a spasm of bad shooting, and, as the tale of my redemption may interest and help others in like case, I give it here, so that they may take the necessary steps before the next Classification comes round.

My trouble was that I could score a bull and immediately follow it with a magpie or a visit to the dry-scrubber area. In a word, I was erratic, and no man could predict where my next shot would be. Not an uncommon occurrence with third-class shots. My trainers were puzzled and then astonished as I became steadily worse. My rifles were tested and re-stocked, my trigger-pressing was examined and passed, and I was studied from all angles. Then one evil day I was told that I was blinking at the



[Photo by E. Mathieu]

PENINSULAR WAR MEMORIAL AT BIARRITZ.



moment of firing. That remark completed my ruin. I *did* (and do) blink, but whether at the instant the trigger is released or a moment later I am unable to say. In my efforts to stop it I became worse than a third-class shot—I was a positive danger to the community at large. I concentrated so much on keeping my right eye open that I practically forgot to aim. From occasionally hitting the bull I was a total stranger to it, and even missed the target in my efforts.

It is—and I daresay many others are in the same predicament—a physical impossibility for me not to blink. A rifle or pistol snapped in my presence makes me do so, even if I am unaware that it is about to happen. Short of propping my eye open with matchsticks, I was defeated.

Then the man who had encompassed my final ruin brought about my salvation. He told me to try placing a sixpence on a wing of the foresight protector, and keep it balanced there whilst I aimed and pressed the trigger—the sixpence to be in position at the end of this operation. I tried and failed. I denied that it was possible, and maintained that the shock of the striker going forward would upset the coin. I was shown otherwise. Then, after very many trials, I succeeded in doing it *once*. Thus encouraged, I carried on with my practice, and after much labour became so expert that I could do the trick nineteen times out of twenty. That, I thought, was good enough.

The effect on actual shooting was marked and immediate. I began to hit the bull again, the dry-scrubber area knew me no more, even an occasional magpie became a matter for astonishment and investigation. The trick improves both rapid, snap, and slow shooting. The whole secret seems to lie in securing steadiness of aim even after the bullet has left the barrel. When much shooting is being done, it should be practised in the evenings, in order to prevent a relapse.

Now, all you "Thirds" and potential "Thirds," get down and practise. If you haven't a sixpence a halfpenny will do. I am sure you will greatly improve your scores and no longer be a reproach to your Company. I am told it is an old trick, but it was new to me, and I expect to others as well. In conversation with

my coach I remarked on the good it had done me. His laconic reply was to the effect that it was very useful for recruits. However, I am one up on him, as I still blink. Can anyone tell me a cure for this nervous complaint?

"ÇA IRA."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE,  
SINGAPORE, S.S.

May 1st, 1931.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

It is with great pleasure that I write and enclose a cutting from our local paper (with a view to inclusion in the JOURNAL), and which confirms the Shanghai news of a very good performance by Mr. Palmer, late Sergeant-Drummer of the 1st Battalion who left the Regiment prior to their departure for England. The sporting qualities of the 2nd Battalion during their stay here in 1922-23 is often recounted by many Singaporeans to this day, and their two years' unbeaten games at soccer was, of course, outstanding. The Cup and League champions both years.

Palmer is looking forward to meeting many faces at the Cricket Week at the Depot culminating on Albuhera Day, I think, while we here are meditating upon the Reunion Dinner of the Malaya Branch Middlesex Ex-Services' Association. A few from this part are away on leave this year, but our thoughts will wing their way across the distance on the evening of this always pleasant gathering.

G. A. Stephenson is also leaving on business in a few days' time for England. In hurrying to catch the mail kindly accept our best wishes and fondest remembrances to all at home.

Very sincerely yours,

W. H. FOLLENFANT.

(Singapore Free Press, April 15th, 1931.)

## WEEKLY SPORTING NOTES.

### A CRICKET RECORD BROKEN.

FORMER SINGAPORE PLAYER'S BIG INNINGS  
IN SHANGHAI.

Interesting sporting recollections of a few years back, when the 2nd Middlesex Regiment were in garrison here, were brought to mind last week by the visit of a man whose name is always recalled when sporting activities of the Diehards in Singapore are under discussion. Palmer (a full-back who would not have failed to do himself justice with a Second or Third Division side at home) was not only the Diehards' most reliable defender on the soccer field, but was also a fine batsman whose innings were always interesting to watch because he got his runs quickly. It is in this capacity that he distinguished himself up in Shanghai a little while ago, playing an innings of 215, which relegated to second place the innings of 201 by that fine ex-Hampshire cricketer, Captain E. I. M. Barrett, which had stood for a dozen years or more as the record individual innings in Shanghai. When Palmer left Singapore with his Regiment he obtained a transfer home to the 1st Battalion with whom he went to China as a member of the Shanghai Defence Force when developments there two or three years back necessitated the strengthening of the garrisons. He subsequently obtained an appointment with the Municipal Council and is now on his way home on leave. Through him news was forthcoming of other prominent members of the Middlesex football team. Wayte, of course, is in the Government service at Perak, Capel—one of the cleverest half-backs we have seen out here since the war—is now C.S.M. of the 1st Battalion, while Dack, Palmer's full-back partner, has settled down at Mitcham in a small business, and finds time to play for the well-known Mitcham Wanderers team.

MILITARY HEADQUARTERS,  
CEYLON COMMAND,  
COLOMBO.

May 28th, 1931.

The Officer Commanding,  
The Regimental Depot of  
The Middlesex Regiment,  
Mill Hill.

DEAR SIR,

I am directed by the Brigadier Commanding Troops, Ceylon, to inform you that there is in Colombo an old cemetery which has been in disuse for many years.

A recent examination of the graves showed that there are some seventy late officers and men of the Army buried there, in which the following numbers of your Regiment are included:—

Pte. Henry Gulley, 57th Regiment, 19/4/1877.

Pte. Charles Hardy, 57th Regiment, 31/5/1877.

Pte. John Hurst, 57th Regiment, 27/2/1874.

Pte. Joseph Rimmer, E Coy., 57th Regiment, 9/7/1874.

Pte. George Watson, E Coy., 57th Regiment, 9/7/1874.

Sergt. Edwin Thomas, 57th Regiment, 27/2/1877.

Band Boy Thomas Hole, 57th Regiment, 27/1/1877.

Pte. Charles Thomas, 57th Regiment.

These graves are in a very dilapidated condition, but unfortunately the Brigadier has no monies at his disposal with which to repair them. He is, in consequence, anxious to raise a fund for the proper maintenance of these graves—the fund to be administered by the Officer Commanding Royal Engineers.

A sum of six shillings per grave would be approximately sufficient to put them in immediate repair, and an annual grant from you of twenty-four shillings would keep them in the condition in which, the Brigadier feels, everyone concerned would like to see them.

Would you kindly let me know what your views are, and whether your Regiment would wish to participate in this scheme?

I may add that the cemetery lies in a conspicuous position, and is constantly visited both by residents and individuals passing through Colombo.



The following extract from the regulations for R.E. Services will help to indicate the position:—

"Memorials, monuments and tombstones will not be repaired at the public expense, and if allowed to fall in disrepair, will be liable to removal."

ERIC WHITE, Major,  
Staff Officer,  
Military Headquarters, Ceylon.

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION OF  
THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT,  
THE BARRACKS,  
MILL HILL,  
LONDON, N.W.  
June 29th, 1931.

DEAR SIR,

In reference to your letter, C.R. No. 11664/A, dated 28th ultimo, addressed to the O.C., Depot Middlesex Regiment, on the subject of the old cemetery in Colombo, I beg to inform you that it has been decided by this Association that the sum of £2 8s. should be paid now towards the cost of putting the graves in repair, and a cheque for the amount is enclosed. Kindly acknowledge receipt to this office.

It has further been decided that this Association shall guarantee an annual grant of 24s. towards the maintenance fund. Will you please state when the amount should be remitted?

My Committee is glad to associate itself with the scheme.

Yours faithfully,  
L. L. PARGITER, Major,  
Hon. Secretary.

The Staff Officer,  
Military Headquarters,  
Ceylon Command,  
Colombo.

## OBITUARY.

MRS. FANE, SISTER OF CECIL MICHEL.

MRS. FANE, who died in March of the present year, was Caroline, sister of Major C. B. D. Michel, a well-known officer of the 57th and 1st Middlesex Regiment in the seventies, eighties and nineties

of last century. She married, as his second wife, Charles Thorold Fane, of Fulbeck Manor, Lincoln. Her father was Col. Charles Michel, of the 54th and 66th Regiments, and her uncle, the famous Field-Marshal Sir John Michel, whose name was a household word in the Army in the seventies and eighties of last century. Sir John actually commenced his Army service in the 57th Regiment, being gazetted as an Ensign to that Regiment in 1823, but serving afterwards with several other regiments. He served at the Cape and in the Chinese War of 1860, commanded the troops in Canada, and was Commander-in-Chief in Ireland, when the 1st Battalion came under his command. He was appointed Field-Marshal in 1886, and died later in that year.

Major Cecil B. D. Michel, Mrs. Fane's brother, joined the 57th Regiment as Lieutenant from the 7th Royal Lancashire Rifle Corps (Militia) on November 12th, 1873. He served on the staff in the Zulu War of 1879, and on return to England was appointed Adjutant of the 57th in 1880, continuing to hold this appointment in the 1st Middlesex, and after promotion to Captain, until 1886. In 1890 he was appointed A.D.C. to his cousin, General Lord Frankfort, who then commanded a division in the Bengal Command. Cecil Michel was promoted Major in 1891, and died, after a lingering illness, lamented by all, on February 20th, 1894. He was one of the best known and most popular officers in the Regiment.

MRS. MUNRO, WIDOW OF CAPT. MUNRO.

Mrs. Munro, who died on April 7th, 1931, was daughter of General White, R.E., and married Capt. Gilbert Tothill Munro, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment. He was appointed to a commission as Second-Lieutenant in the 57th Regiment in 1879. He was promoted Lieutenant when it became the 1st Middlesex Regiment in 1881 and Captain in 1888. Capt. Munro served in the latter part of the Zulu War with the 57th Regiment, and took part in the operations of "Clarke's" Column. He was very well-known and popular in the Regiment, and was specially noticeable, being a very

small man, as always driving a particularly high dog-cart with a very tall horse. He died in 1909.

THE LATE MAJOR T. F. CHIPP, M.C., D.Sc.

Major T. F. Chipp, Assistant Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, died suddenly on Sunday at Kew at the age of forty-five.

Thomas Ford Chipp was born at Gloucester, where his father was Chief Constable. He was educated at the Royal Masonic School, Bushey, and early displayed a love of nature. After serving for some time in the gardens of Syon House he entered Kew in 1906 as a student gardener, and after a few months was appointed a temporary technical assistant in the Herbarium. Here he remained until 1908, preparing himself in his spare time for the B.Sc. examination of the University of London, which he passed in 1909 with honours in botany, proceeding later, through research work accomplished largely in his leisure hours, to doctorates of philosophy and science.

After serving for a time as demonstrator in botany at Birkbeck College, he was appointed in 1910 an Assistant Conservator of Forests in the Gold Coast, a post for which he equipped himself by a year spent in studying practical forest management in Germany and the Federated Malay States. In 1914 Chipp accepted the post of Assistant Director of the Botanic Gardens at Singapore, and on the outbreak of the War he was in England about to go out to the Straits Settlements. He obtained permission to rejoin the 8th Middlesex Regiment (he had previously held the rank of captain) and served continuously until 1919, being ultimately attached to the Staff with the rank of Major, and gaining the Military Cross.

In 1919 he was at last able to proceed to Singapore to take up the post of Assistant Director to which he had been appointed five years earlier, but his good work while Assistant Conservator of Forests in the Gold Coast had not escaped attention, and in 1921, on the occurrence of a vacancy as Deputy Conservator there, he was induced to return. On the retirement in 1922 of Sir David Prain and the promotion of the present Director, Major Chipp was

appointed Assistant Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Chipp was a loyal colleague, bright, happy, and filled with unbounded energy. As a scientist his chief work was in forestry and plant ecology, and he lectured widely on these subjects and published a number of articles, as well as several books, of which the best known is the volume on "Aims and Methods in the Study of Vegetation," which he edited with Professor Tansley, of Oxford, in 1926.

There will be a service at St. Anne's Church, Kew, to-morrow at noon.—*The Times*, July 1st, 1931.

Within an hour of returning home to Kew on Sunday from a visit to Hove, Major Thomas Ford Chipp, Assistant Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, died suddenly. At an inquest held at Richmond yesterday a verdict of death from natural causes was returned.—*The Times*, July 2nd, 1931.

A correspondent writes:—

The news of the untimely death of Major T. F. Chipp, Assistant Director of the Botanical Gardens, Kew, has caused sorrow among the wide circle of his friends and all interested in botanical and geographical research. A big, upstanding man of splendid physique he was only forty-five and appeared quite recently to be in perfect health with many years of work before him. Dr. Chipp, as he was called at Kew, was more widely travelled in Africa than the obituary notice in *The Times* made clear. Besides the Gold Coast he knew most of the other countries of West Africa as well as Northern Africa, and in 1928-29 he traversed the whole length of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan on behalf of the Sudan Government to advise it on the State agricultural service and many cognate problems. But, between whiles, he studied the flora and, down on the Uganda border, in the Imatong Mountains, did a little bit of exploration. The general conclusions on vegetation and climate he drew from this journey he told at a meeting of the Royal Geographical Society last year, and it was characteristic of Chipp that in that lecture he made no reference to any personal adventures. Another expedition Chipp undertook was to study the flora of the Sahara—for even a desert has its vegetation, scanty as it



SERGT.-DMR. NUGENT TAYLOR.

Nugent Taylor joined the 77th Regiment as a boy in 1868, and was discharged to pension in 1889 after twenty-one years' service, the whole of which was spent in the Drums. On discharge he obtained employment in the Royal Arsenal,

R.S.M. W. BISHOP.

Bill Bishop, as he was known to all, joined the Middlesex on July 3rd, 1901, and proceeded to St. Helena with the 3rd Battalion in March, 1902, for which service he received the Queen's South African Medal. He was also in possession of the British War Medal and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. He left the Regiment in Cawnpore on posting to the Indian Volunteers in 1912, with which Regiment he completed his service in July, 1923. He was noted as a very good shot, representing the 3rd Battalion in most of their shoots, for which he gained several trophies, and he gathered a few cups whilst serving with the Volunteers. He leaves a wife and daughter, to whom our deepest sympathy is conveyed through the columns of the Journal.

G. W. K.



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1st and 2nd Battalions (Regular).	1st and 2nd Battalions— contd.	4th Battalion (Territorial).	5th Battalion (Territorial)— contd.	6th Battalion (Territorial).
<i>Lt.-Colonels (2.)</i>	<i>Lieutenants.</i>	Drill Hall, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.8.	<i>Lt.-Colonel</i>	<i>Captains.</i>
Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. (1)	Cloves, J. H. (1) 1/11/18	<i>Hon. Colonel.</i>	✕Parneter, W. H. 11/6/30	✕Sherwood, H. 26/10/22
28/9/28	Chapman, J. R. S. (2) 5/1/19	✕King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D. (Col. Terr. Army) 1/3/25	Major.	Hardcastle, H. K. 13/1/27
1/1/18	Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O. (2)		✕Sherbrooke-Walker, R. D. 1/4/30	Hogg, F. G. 17/8/29
Stanley-Murray, H. E., M.C. (2) 28/9/28	Clayden, H. W. (1) 27/8/19		✕Hirst, R. B. 2/5/31	Hewson, A. S. 20/2/30
	Howell, H. A., M.B.E. (1)	<i>Lt.-Colonel.</i>	16/12/22	<i>Lieutenants.</i>
	24/10/19	✕Smith, S. C. M., T.D., I.A.	8/11/28	Wright, L. C. 24/12/23
	Clark, S. J. (2) 21/2/20	18/3/29	7/2/25	Wright, E. W. 24/12/23
	Walden, F. (2) d. 21/2/20	31/12/24		Hefler, H. 17/3/26
	Heywood, E. L. (2) 20/2/30			Furness, J. B. 30/7/26
	Ayscough, E. S. M. (2)	<i>Majors.</i>	✕Ellis, H. C., O.B.E.	Coubro, T. P. 24/3/29
	20/12/20	✕Murray, H. A. I.A. 19/3/29	8/12/28	Gray, H. W. W. 1/4/30
	1/1/19	✕Bower, G. A. H., M.C.	7/2/25	Sutcliffe, B. L. 2/12/30
	28/9/24			Townell, S. H. 14/7/29
	1/1/19	<i>Captains.</i>	✕Maddox, S., M.B.E.	✕Bedwell, L. J. 25/6/23
	26/10/24	✕Murray, H. A. I.A. 19/3/29	8/12/28	
	1/1/19	✕Bower, G. A. H., M.C.	7/2/25	<i>2nd Lieutenants.</i>
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	1/1/19			✕Petrie, A. G. 1/2/29
	26/10/24			Dear, J. C. 8/2/29
	1/1/19			Gunston, C. A. 1/7/29
	28/9/24			Exeter, G. W. M. 14/2/31
	1/1/19			<i>Adjutant.</i>
	26/10/24			Worton, J. B., II., Middx. R. (temp. Capt. T.A. 21/3/30)
	1/1/19			21/12/30
	28/9/24			<i>Quarter-Master.</i>
	1/1/19			✕Wright, W. S., II., (Lt. ret. pay), (Res. of Off.) 20/5/29
	26/10/24			[Uniform—Scarlet.
	1/1/19			Facings—Lemon Yellow.
	28/9/24			<i>Supplementary Reserve</i>
	1/1/19			Category B.
	26/10/24			<i>Subalterns (9)</i>
	1/1/19			<i>Lieutenants.</i>
	28/9/24			Jupp, C. F. 14/10/30
	1/1/19			<i>2nd Lieutenants.</i>
	26/10/24			Morley, J. F. 24/10/28
	1/1/19			Wilcox, G. L. M. R.
	28/9/24			Cowley, L. D. (att'd. O.T.C.) 9/2/29
	1/1/19			O'Dowd, P. L. 20/8/30
	26/10/24			Willoughby, R. W. H. 13/6/31
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# SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.Os. JULY 1st, 1931.

## NOTICE.

Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. are, in their own interests, requested to write direct to the Adjutant, 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, Colchester, Essex, 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.	A. Stenning ...	1st	23/2/29
*R.S.M.	C. Davis ...	1st	13/4/29	Sgt.	R. King ...	Supnmy., Fire Bde., Bordon	5/7/29
*Bdmr.	A. Judge ...	1st	12/4/31	Sgt.	J. West ...	7th London	15/1/30
*R.O.M.S.	W. Pilley ...	Depot	7/3/26	*Sgt.	W. Northcott, M.M.	1st	25/2/30
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.)	A. Finch ...	Depot	13/6/28	*Sgt.	W. Tibble ...	1st	17/10/30
*R.O.M.S.	E. Crouch ...	1st	28/4/29	Drum-Major	N. Phillipson	1st	20/10/30
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.)	B. Baldwin	1st	2/7/30	Sgt.	C. Soper ...	1st	17/12/30
*C.S.M.	H. Rand ...	9th	28/1/25	*Sgt.	G. Blake ...	1st	10/1/31
*C.S.M.	G. Goodall ...	9th	4/6/25	*Sgt.	C. Kennett ...	1st	16/1/31
*C.S.M.	J. Tungate, D.C.M.	1st	17/6/25	Sgt.	E. Williams ...	1st	14/3/31
*C.S.M.	J. Hart ...	Depot	20/1/26	Cpl.	W. Overton ...	1st	11/5/30
*G.S.M.	T. Smith ...	19th London	28/2/28	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	E. Williams ...	1st	26/3/25
*C.S.M.	F. Peck ...	8th	18/2/29	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. O'Brien ...	Depot	16/4/25
*C.S.M.	C. Goodall ...	8th	28/4/29	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. Honeybun	1st	26/5/25
*C.S.M.	A. King ...	Egyptian Army	4/1/30	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. Priddy ...	1st	13/3/26
*C.S.M.	F. Stevenson ...	1st	4/1/30	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	R. Glover ...	Depot	9/2/27
*C.S.M.	P. Newman ...	7th	15/1/30	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	S. Thompson ...	1st	13/12/27
*C.S.M.	G. Anderson ...	1st	20/10/30	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	R. Bayles ...	1st	13/12/27
*C.S.M.	H. Farrow ...	1st	16/1/31	Cpl.	L. Brown ...	1st	24/12/27
*C.S.M.	A. Russell ...	1st	1/4/31	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. West ...	1st	1/1/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	S. Steadman	1st	23/7/23	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. Painter ...	1st	15/1/28
Sgt.	E. Pain ...	1st	26/10/18	Cpl.	H. Hull ...	1st	18/2/28
Sgt.	W. Christie ...	1st	1/5/20	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	A. Mason ...	1st	28/2/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	J. Wilcockson	1st	11/6/27	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	F. Donovan ...	1st	5/3/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	H. Darby	1st	28/2/28	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	E. Paterson ...	Depot	8/3/28
*Sgt.	W. Sadler ...	Depot	10/2/21	*Cpl. (L./Sgt. O.R.C.)	P. Hale	1st	8/3/28
Sgt.	E. Walsh ...	1st	25/8/21	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. Little ...	1st	14/3/28
Sgt.	H. Tisdale ...	1st	22/1/22	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. Webster ...	1st	12/4/28
Sgt.	V. Osterholme ...	1st	18/10/23	Cpl.	W. Holt ...	1st	1/5/28
Sgt.	E. Shaw ...	Depot	19/1/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	F. Chasney ...	Depot	22/6/28
Sgt.	H. Campbell ...	9th	16/2/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. Williams ...	1st	8/8/28
Sgt.	H. Griffen ...	1st	11/6/24	Cpl.	A. Coulling ...	1st	1/9/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	B. Brockman	1st	1/4/31	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. Bean ...	1st	14/9/28
*Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	L. Clarke	Depot	15/1/30	Cpl.	A. Lawrence ...	1st	26/9/28
*Sgt.	E. Jones ...	1st	1/3/25	Cpl.	J. Ayres ...	1st	1/11/28
*Sgt.	E. Burt ...	1st	26/3/25	Cpl.	F. Davis ...	1st	7/11/28
*Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	E. Fleming	1st	20/10/30	*Cpl.	H. Kruck ...	1st	18/11/28
Sgt.	W. Rogers ...	1st	26/5/25	Cpl.	S. Boiling ...	1st	8/1/29
Sgt.	W. Randle ...	7th	16/8/25	Cpl.	P. Andrews ...	1st	18/1/29
Sgt.	S. Mason ...	Depot	2/2/26	Cpl.	F. Brightman ...	1st	1/2/29
Sgt.	W. Bennett ...	1st	19/6/26	Cpl.	R. Dyson ...	1st	20/2/29
Sgt.	J. Bray ...	1st	9/2/27	Cpl.	P. Edwards ...	1st	23/2/29
Sgt.	G. Clift ...	1st	9/2/27	Cpl.	R. Chaplin ...	1st	17/6/29
Sgt.	G. Horrex ...	Depot	9/2/27	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. Warren ...	1st	21/9/29
Sgt.	A. Wright ...	Depot	10/2/27	Cpl.	E. Edmunds ...	1st	10/10/29
*Sgt.	W. Robbins ...	1st	15/2/27	Cpl.	E. Paterson ...	Depot	15/1/30
*Sgt.	R. Challis ...	1st	21/2/27	Cpl.	J. Hood ...	1st	25/2/30
*Sgt.	S. Bishop ...	Depot	24/11/27	Cpl.	J. Chillery ...	Depot	20/3/30
*Sgt.	C. Misso ...	1st	28/2/28	*Cpl.	C. Sneesby ...	Depot	6/4/30
*Sgt. (I.M.)	H. Thomas	1st	5/3/28	Cpl.	L. Beck ...	Depot	9/4/30
Sgt.	E. Steward ...	Depot	7/3/28	Cpl.	F. Payne ...	Depot	11/4/30
Sgt.	S. Buckle ...	Depot	20/3/28	Cpl.	F. Newstead ...	Depot	19/4/30
Sgt.	H. Warren ...	8th	29/3/28	*Cpl.	V. Cooper ...	Depot	30/4/30
Sgt.	T. Tiller ...	Depot	29/5/28	Cpl.	E. Zetter ...	1st	14/5/30
*Sgt.	A. Jones ...	7th	18/2/29	*Cpl.	A. Allchorne	1st	15/5/30
				*Cpl.	J. Packard	1st	5/6/30

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Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
Cpl.	S. Green ...	1st	17/10/30	L./Cpl.	P. Ward ...	1st	20/10/30
Cpl.	C. Brown ...	1st	20/10/30	L./Cpl.	G. Barnett ...	1st	6/11/30
Cpl.	A. Veares ...	1st	9/11/30	L./Cpl.	E. Wadsworth ...	1st	17/11/30
*Cpl.	B. Bedward ...	1st	19/11/30	L./Cpl.	E. Whichello ...	1st	17/11/30
Cpl.	W. Clements ...	1st	17/12/30	L./Cpl.	H. Jolley ...	1st	19/11/30
Cpl.	R. Simmons ...	1st	3/1/31	L./Cpl.	F. Gardiner ...	1st	29/11/30
Cpl.	W. Snell ...	Depot	10/1/31	L./Cpl.	G. Endersby ...	1st	11/12/30
*Cpl.	C. May ...	1st	16/1/31	L./Cpl.	L. Jerman ...	1st	11/12/30
Cpl.	S. Bullock ...	1st	23/1/31	L./Cpl.	C. Clark ...	1st	30/12/30
Cpl.	R. Jenkins ...	1st	17/2/31	L./Cpl.	A. Moore ...	1st	3/1/31
Cpl.	H. Ramsden ...	1st	1/4/31	L./Cpl.	H. Chillery ...	1st	16/1/31
L./Cpl.	J. O'Neill ...	1st	28/1/26	L./Cpl.	A. Lane ...	1st	23/1/31
L./Cpl.	E. Rochester ...	1st	26/8/27	L./Cpl.	A. Windows ...	1st	2/2/31
L./Cpl.	A. Stone ...	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl.	C. Escudier ...	1st	13/2/31
L./Cpl.	J. Barnett ...	1st	16/8/28	L./Cpl.	R. Overy ...	Depot	17/2/31
L./Cpl.	A. Allison ...	1st	14/9/28	L./Cpl.	W. Watts ...	1st	18/2/31
L./Cpl.	S. Phelan ...	1st	24/7/29	L./Cpl.	P. Sampson ...	1st	20/3/31
L./Cpl.	B. White ...	Depot	27/8/29	L./Cpl.	C. Surrey ...	1st	22/3/31
L./Cpl.	A. Nicholls ...	Depot	9/9/29	L./Cpl.	M. Duddy ...	1st	22/3/31
L./Cpl.	F. Connett ...	1st	13/9/29	L./Cpl.	C. Jacob ...	1st	22/3/31
L./Cpl.	E. Swadling ...	Depot	5/11/29	L./Cpl.	A. Thorne ...	Depot	4/4/31
L./Cpl.	J. Robinson ...	1st	6/1/30	L./Cpl.	K. Simpson ...	1st	1/4/31
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L./Cpl.	R. Blackman ...	1st	20/8/30				
L./Cpl.	T. Castle ...	1st	21/8/30				
L./Cpl.	J. Donegar ...	1st	13/9/30				

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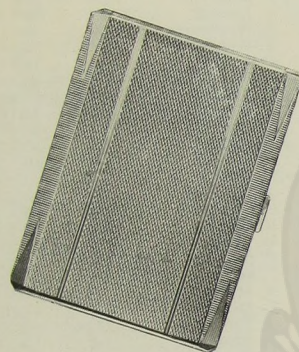
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*R.S.M. W. Ward ...	18/3/31		*Sgt. L. Simmonds ...	24/8/24 (2) (6) (a)	
*Bdmr. H. Clibbens ...	22/2/24		Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	28/1/25 (6)	
*R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher ...	31/1/30		*Sgt. S. Ingle (Pioneer Sgt.) ...	27/2/25 (5)	
C.S.M. W. Beasley ...	30/1/15 (3) (6)		Sgt. G. Bone (Transport Sgt.) ...	19/3/26 (8)	
*C.S.M. C. Cook, D.C.M.	15/8/26 (3)		Sgt. E. Hazeldine ...	5/4/26 (6)	
*C.S.M. C. Kent ...	15/5/28 (4)		Sgt. W. Harwood (Band Sgt.) ...	17/8/27	
*C.S.M. E. Palmer ...	13/12/28 (3) (a)		*Sgt. F. Stacey ...	22/2/28 (1) (2)	
*C.S.M. R. Colbourne ...	13/4/29 (2) (6)		*Sgt. F. Denchfield ...	20/3/28 (7)	
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. King	26/5/25 (3) (6)		*Sgt. A. Webb ...	15/5/28 (3)	
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) L. Hills	2/11/26 (6)		Sgt. T. Tiller ...	20/5/28 (6)	
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. West	22/2/28 (6)		Drum-Maj. H. Poulter ...	13/10/28	
*Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) G. Capel	6/11/29 (4) (b)		*Sgt. C. Champion (Sgt. Master Cook) ...	1/1/29 (2)	
*Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) H. Hewett	27/12/29 (3)		*Sgt. H. Short, M.M.	21/2/29 (1) (2)	
*Col.-Sgt. (O.R.S.) W. Baker...	1/5/20		Sgt. A. Jones ...	8/4/29 (6)	
Sgt. A. Walker (Prov. Sgt.)	1/5/20		Sgt. E. Addinall ...	10/4/29 (4)	
Sgt. H. Glover ...	12/12/23 (6)		Sgt. A. Boen ...	13/4/29 (3)	

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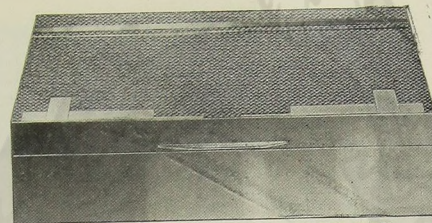
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Sgt. W. Knighton (Signal Sgt.)	15/5/29 (7)		L./Cpl. W. Kemp ...	31/3/30	
Sgt. G. Sherriiff ...	9/12/29		*L./Cpl. R. Lomax ...	1/4/30	
Sgt. F. Nash (Officers' Mess Sergeant) ...	11/12/29 (3)		L./Cpl. J. Chandler ...	22/4/30	
Sgt. W. Green (Sgt. I.M.) ...	27/12/29 (6)		L./Cpl. F. Cook ...	26/4/30	
*Sgt. A. Russell ...	16/2/30 (2) (3)		L./Cpl. E. Warnes ...	28/4/30	
*L./Sgt. W. Kemp ...	11/12/29 (6)		*L./Cpl. H. Dujardin ...	5/5/30 (2)	
L./Sgt. H. Ison ...	27/12/29 (6)		L./Cpl. E. Bennett ...	7/5/30	
L./Sgt. H. Cartwright ...	16/2/30 (1) (2) (6)		†L./Cpl. E. Housden ...	8/5/30	
L./Sgt. R. Parsler ...	31/3/30 (3)		L./Cpl. A. Parker ...	24/5/30 (2)	
L./Sgt. W. Chalkley ...	27/6/30		L./Cpl. W. Flude ...	6/6/30	
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Cpl. G. Blackman ...	24/1/27 (1) (2) (4)		L./Cpl. J. Miles ...	29/11/30	
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Cpl. R. Hannam ...	21/2/29		L./Cpl. R. Smallridge ...	1/1/31	
Cpl. R. Smith (Band Cpl.) ...	15/4/29 (6)		L./Cpl. F. Walker ...	2/1/31	
†Cpl. H. Hamlin ...	20/5/29		L./Cpl. H. Walker ...	20/1/31	
Cpl. H. Wilson ...	24/5/29		L./Cpl. W. Brown ...	20/2/31	
Cpl. J. Scott ...	5/6/29		L./Cpl. L. Long ...	21/2/31	
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Cpl. S. Smith ...	5/2/30 (7)		L./Cpl. P. Doubleday ...	30/3/31	
Cpl. S. Lilley ...	22/4/30		L./Cpl. L. Grainger ...	21/4/31	
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Cpl. E. Oram ...	6/6/30		L./Cpl. A. May ...	5/6/31	
*Cpl. D. Drew ...	25/7/30		L./Cpl. S. Day ...	15/6/31	
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Cpl. A. Hows ...	25/10/30 (3)		L./Cpl. F. Parfitt ...	1/9/30	
Cpl. A. Whitcombe ...	31/10/30		L./Cpl. E. Folley ...	1/9/30	
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Cpl. H. Smith ...	28/2/31		L./Cpl. A. Keeler ...	22/11/30	
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