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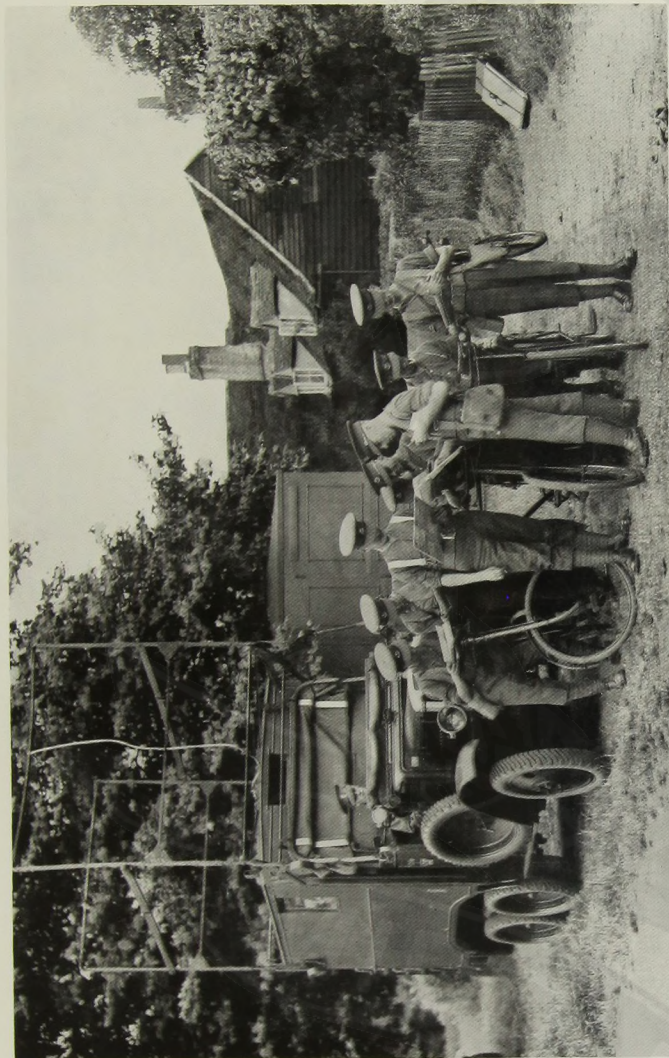
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EDITORIAL



LADY BUTLER, the painter of "The Roll Call" and other famous military pictures, including "Steady, the Drums and Fifes," died on October 2nd at Gormanston Castle, Co. Meath (the residence of her daughter, Viscountess Gormanston), at the age of 82.

"Steady, the Drums and Fifes," was painted in 1896, and is, as most of our readers are aware, a proud possession of the 1st Battalion, commemorating as it does the bravery of that Battalion—then the 57th Regiment—at the Battle of Albuhera.

Lady Butler had always displayed an interest in the Middlesex Regiment, and a telegram of condolence was sent from the Depot on behalf of the Regiment to her daughter when the news of her death was received.

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We are always glad to receive photographs to illustrate our pages, but in view of the cost of reproduction it is necessary occasionally to omit some which are not of general interest. This will be understood when we state that the cost of blocks for the August number was £14.

In this connection will Sub-Editors and others bear in mind that permission to reproduce photographs is invariably required from photographers who hold the copyright, and time and correspondence would be saved if the necessary permission were obtained before sending photographs to this office.

It is suggested that money could be saved if the right to reproduce a photograph without fee in the Regimental Journal could be made a condition when photographers are engaged, or permitted, to take Regimental photographs. The reproduction of a photograph becomes expensive when a fee of half a guinea is added to the cost of the block.

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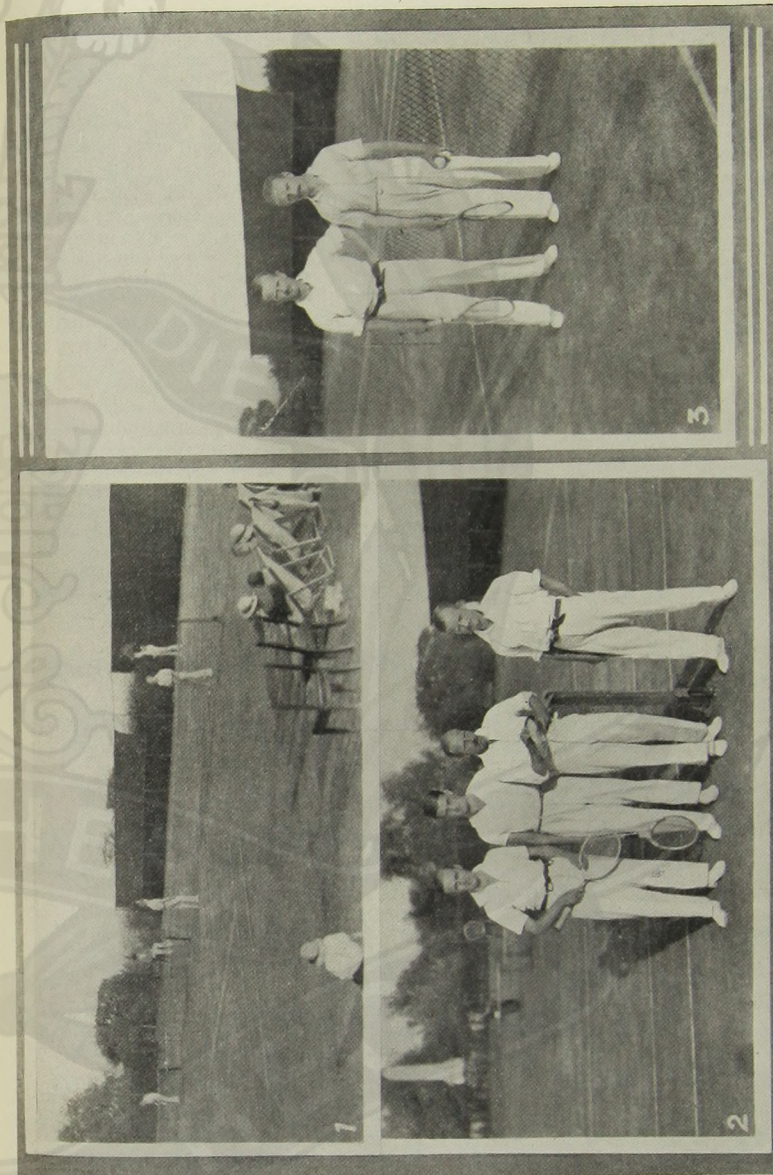
A Regimental Diary will be produced for 1934, and will contain (1) matters of Regimental interest; (2) the principal Services and Civilian Sporting Fixtures during the year under their respective dates; (3) useful general information. All Diaries are complete with Regimental Crest, Pencil, and Regimental Ribbon Marker.

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A few spare copies of each sort will be available, but early application is advised to avoid disappointment.



1.—The Officers' Club Tennis Tournament, held at the Depot on August 26th and 27th, 1933.
2.—Finalists in the Doubles, Officers' Club Tennis Tournament. Left to Right: Lieut. A. J. Page and Capt. R. L. Hill (XIX London Regiment), Runners-up; Major L. A. Newnham, M.C., and Lieut. E. V. H. Hudson (1st Battalion), Winners.
3.—Finalists in the Singles, Officers' Club Tennis Tournament. Left to Right: Lieut. E. V. H. Hudson, Runner-up; Lieut. E. Miskin (8th Battalion), Winner.

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

THE Annual Tennis Tournament was held on August 26th and 27th. The weather was fine, but both days were exceedingly hot. There were eighteen entries, and a fair attendance of spectators on the two days. The standard of tennis was higher than last year. It is hoped that this will not prevent the average player entering next year. At the same time, one must recognize that, for a Regimental meeting, the standard of play is higher than one would expect. Partly on this account, a subsidiary competition was held, for those who failed to survive the first round of the Singles. This was called the Mill Hill Plate, and it certainly added to the interest of the meeting; we would not allow it to be called the Rabbits' Plate.

Major Newnham and Lieut. Hudson won the Doubles for the 1st Battalion by defeating Capt. Hill and Lieut. Page of the 19th London Regiment in the final. Had Lieut. Atherton been able to play, the holders might have been more successful. We hope to see them at full strength next year.

The Singles produced some very hard games. In an early round Major Newnham had the greatest difficulty in beating Lieut. Page in three sets. The following day he himself was narrowly beaten by Lieut. Hudson in a very gruelling three-set match.

Lieut. Miskin had to work hard to reach the final, Lieuts. Tuckey and Heywood giving him hard games.

The final of the Singles was full of incident. Lieut. Hudson won the first set rather easily, and at one time appeared to be winning the second. Lieut. Miskin with great determination drew level and eventually the score stood at eleven-all, when it became obvious that unless Hudson won the set play would have to be discontinued on account of the failing light. At this stage Hudson had to stop on account of a bad attack of cramp, probably induced by over-exertion during the two days' play. He announced his intention of retiring. Lieut. Miskin, however, would not permit him to retire and they replayed the match on the following Saturday. Lieut. Miskin won, after having lost the first set, and after

only narrowly winning the second. It was a well-deserved success, and so the cup went to the 8th Battalion again.

The two finalists certainly played very attractive tennis, and I hope we shall see them drawn against each other next year.

Lieut. Blair, by defeating Capt. Hill in the final, won the Mill Hill Plate.

A feature of this tournament is the social side. With one exception, all battalions were represented and this must lead to good results eventually, and increased knowledge of one another.

It was a very satisfactory meeting in every way, and produced some tennis of a very high order.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Committee hopes that all members of the Club will make every endeavour to secure new members from any people they may know who are eligible for membership. There is a strong feeling that our present membership of about two hundred and seventy might well be increased. You are earnestly requested to co-operate with the Committee in this matter.

REGIMENTAL FIXTURES.

Feb. 3rd, 1934.—Old Comrades' Concert. "Goat and Compasses," Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.

REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

THE following presentations were made to the Regimental Museum during the past quarter and are acknowledged with many thanks:—

Collection of pictures, books and arms, the property of the late Lieut.-Col. F. S. Steed, O.B.E., D.C.M., presented by Mrs. Steed.

(These include many objects of considerable interest; the arms include several foreign rifles captured during the Boer War and also articles from Burma. Amongst the books is a copy of "Records of the 77th Foot.")

Photograph of Lieut.-General Warre, 57th Foot, from Clr.-Sergt. Bezard. (This has been framed.)

Photograph of 77th Foot on parade, India, circa 1869, from Mr. J. T. Nolan (late Corporal, 57th and 77th Foot). (This has been inserted in an album.)

Small picture of Capt. Audley Lempriere, from Miss Longe. (The uniform in which Capt. Lempriere was killed at Sevastopol is in a case in the Museum.)

Also a large collection of arms, presented by Bt. Lieut.-Col. O. H. Tidbury, M.C., which were brought to the Museum by Miss Tidbury. These arms mostly date from the last war, and include several automatic pistols, a German steel helmet, a German gas-mask in case, and other trophies.

Now that the Officers' Club has taken over charge of the financial side of the Museum it has been possible to effect some improvements as regards furniture, especially by the construction of book-cases which now contain the books originally presented to the Museum, but which up till now have been kept in the Officers' Mess.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1933.

Amount of grants and loans made: £123.

Special grants sanctioned by the Committee: £10 17s.

Number of cases dealt with: 213.

Number of cases assisted: 114.

Number of men registered for employment: 60.

Number of men found regular employment:—

(a) Regimental Association: 1.

(b) Acton Branch of National Association: 13.

(c) Other Branches of National Association: 10.

Number of men found temporary employment:—

(a) Regimental Association, nil.

(b) Acton Branch of National Association: 4.

(c) Other Branches of National Association: 4.

Number of married couples found employment by Regimental Association: 1.

Number of men who took up employment: 33.

Other men found employment by connected Labour Exchange: 20.

Number of parcels sent out by Ladies' Guild: 6.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, on July 19th.

Present:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair); Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Cols. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., W. H. Samuel and G. W. H. Tupper, T.D., Major N. H. B. Lyon, M.C., Capt. H. E. Foster, G. W. Kempster (Acting Hon. Secretary), and A. N. Overell, 1st Battalion, C.Q.M.S. C. King; Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M.; Mr. F. E. Holmes and Mr. E. Morris; and Major E. H. Amor (Assistant Secretary in attendance).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Brig.-General R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G., Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., R.S.M. C. Davis and R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley.

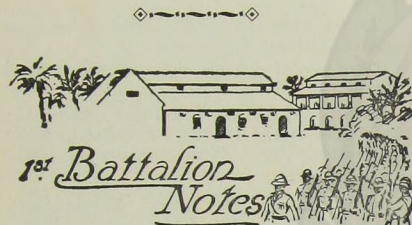
The following donations to charities were approved on behalf of all battalions:

	£	s.	d.
Alexandra Orphanage	2 2 0
British Legion (Affiliation Fee)	1 1 0
Charity Organization Society	4 4 0
Charity Organization Society (Registration Branch)	1 1 0
Hospital for Sick Children	2 2 0
Imperial Ex-Service Association of Australia	1 1 0
Gordon Boys' Home	2 2 0
Netley Charitable Fund	2 2 0
Royal Female Orphanage	1 1 0
Royal Soldiers' Daughters' Home	2 2 0
Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association	2 2 0
Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society	2 2 0
Special Fund for Blind (National Institute)	1 1 0
St. Dunstan's	1 1 0

The consideration of a donation to the Ex-Services Association of India and Burma was deferred until further information could be obtained.

The continuance of a weekly allowance for a further period of one year was approved.

It was decided that the February, 1934, Old Comrades' Concert should be held at the "Goat and Compasses," Euston Road.



THE Battalion is due to leave the Citadel for Moascar on or about March 10th, 1934. At the time of writing these notes (September), intensive Individual Training is being carried out by one company at a time; at the end of October B Company go off to Maadi for a month under canvas for Company Training followed by the other Companies; Battalion Training will be carried out in camp still farther away at Helouan, and finally, early next year, Brigade and Higher Training will take place under canvas at Beni Yusef on the opposite side of the Nile.

We seem to have very few officers in the Battalion now apart from those who are on leave and on courses in England, and everyone is very pleased to hear that Capt. J. E. Dobbs, M.C., and Lieuts. E. S. M. Ayscough, F. B. Whiting and A. W. F. Peal are coming out to join us this trooping season.

At the same time we are very unfortunate in losing Capt. B. G. Horrocks, M.C., who has been selected for the appointment of Staff Captain, Military Secretary's Department (M.S.2), at the War Office, and also Capt. F. G. Parker, who has been selected for the appointment of Assistant Provost Marshal, British Troops in Egypt. We offer our congratulations to both these officers, who will leave the Battalion in January next.

Capt. del Court flew back from leave in Europe in July, and about the same

time Capts. Rackham and Parker both went off with their families on leave to England.

Lieut. Musselwhite has now completed his duties as Command Gas Officer at Alexandria for this year and will leave the Battalion again in October to carry out a month's attachment with the Royal Air Force at Heliopolis, where Lieut. Sword has also been on a Short Liaison Course.

Lieut. Marsh, who went off to Cyprus for a week on court-martial duty, had the very interesting experience of coming back from the island in one of the Royal Navy's fastest ships, the Aircraft Carrier H.M.S. *Glorious*.

2/Lieut. Gwyn is now Transport Officer and is attending a course with the cavalry at Abbassia, while 2/Lieut. Beadnall has been on leave in Alexandria with a change-of-air party.

A combined Battlefield Tour and T.E.W.T. is being organized by the Cairo Brigade in October, and seven officers from the Battalion will be going to Palestine in connection with it.

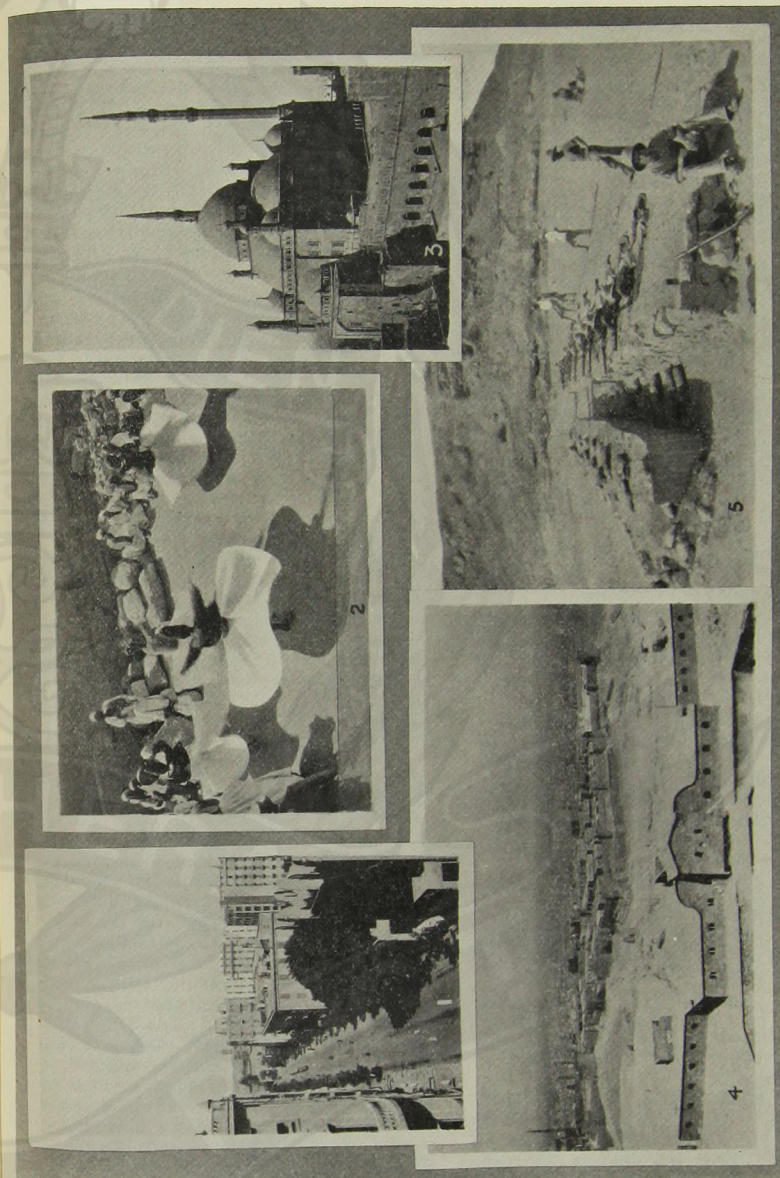
The Battalion Rifle Meeting took place on the Mocattam Range on August 15th and 16th, B Company taking most of the honours. The Egyptian Command Small Arms Meeting is due to take place on the Abbassia Ranges at the end of September, but owing to the heavy travelling expenses that will be incurred we shall not be able to enter as many teams as we should have wished.

The "Die-Hards" Concert Party gave another show in the Gymnasium on August 31st, and it was evident that it is high time some more talent came forward.

The Regimental Dance Band is now much in demand, and is to be congratulated on getting an engagement with the Gezira Sporting Club to play at the regular weekly dances there.

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We regret to announce that 6198278 Pte. H. Brealey, who was a member of A (S.) Company, died in the Citadel Military Hospital on July 21st, 1933, from bronchial pneumonia.



1.—A Main Street in modern Cairo, July, 1933. General View.
2.—Dervish Dancers under the Sphinx at Mena, 1933.
3.—The Mahomed Ali Mosque inside the Citadel. It contains the Tomb of Mahomed Ali.
4.—The Citadel Barracks from Makkattam Hills.
5.—The Battalion Rifle Meeting.

CRICKET.

The cricket season is rapidly drawing to a close, and our last few matches at Kasr-el-Nil have been played to the accompaniment of yells of "Keep it on the island" from the soccer fans on the adjoining football ground.

Since the last notes appeared, the Battalion team has been considerably strengthened by the return of Capt. Phillips and Lieuts. Sword and Gwyn from leave, and we can look back upon the latter half of the season with considerable satisfaction. The results from the beginning of August show:—

Matches played, 10; won, 5; drawn, 2; lost, 3.

August 3rd.—v. The Shell Company, draw. Scores: Shell Company, 137 for 6 dec. (L./Cpl. Painter, 4 for 53); 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 129 for 5 (L./Cpl. Painter, 43; Pte. Jones, 21).

August 8th.—v. Gezira Sports Club, won by 38 runs. Scores: 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 195 for 6 dec. (Lieut. Sword, 78; L./Cpl. Painter, 50 not out); G.S.C., 157 (L./Cpl. Painter, 3 for 31; Chapman, 5 for 38).

August 9th.—v. R.A.S.C., lost by 7 wickets. Scores: 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 107 (L./Cpl. Painter, 32; 2/Lieut. Gwyn, 21; 2/Lieut. Beadnell, 20 not out); R.A.S.C., 126 for 3.

August 12th.—v. R.A.F., Heliopolis, lost by 6 wickets. Scores: 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 100 (Jones, 62); R.A.F., 138 for 7.

August 14th.—v. R.A.O.C., lost by 7 wickets. Scores: 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 65 (Sergt. Paterson, 27); R.A.O.C., 163 for 9.

August 19th.—v. Maadi Sports Club, won by 2 wickets. Scores: M.S.C., 153 (Sergt. Northcott, 4 for 48; L./Cpl. Britton, 4 for 35); 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 179 for 8 (Price, 61; Sergt. Northcott, 55).

August 20th.—v. Five Cs., draw. Scores: Five Cs., 189 for 9 dec.; 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 114 for 6 (Jones, 31; Sergt. Northcott, 24; 2/Lieut. Gwyn, 22).

August 29th.—v. Gezira S.C., won by 7 wickets. Scores: G.S.C., 176 for 7 dec.; 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 177 for 3 (Price, 109 not out; L./Cpl. Painter, 20 not out).

September 2nd.—v. King's Own Royal Regiment, won by 3 wickets. Scores: King's Own Royal Regiment, 185 (Price, 3 for 50; Chapman, 5 for 26); 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 189 for 7 (Price, 48; 2/Lieut. Sword, 43 not out; L./Cpl. Painter, 58).

September 11th.—v. Cairo English Police, won by 1 wicket. Scores: Cairo E.P.C., 127 (Price, 3 for 31; Chapman, 5 for 15); 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 129 (Sergt. Bullock, 51; 2/Lieut. Gwyn, 24).

When we compare this record with the results during the first half of the season we can see that the Battalion team has made a very definite improvement. Our bowling still leaves much to be desired and is at the moment rather handicapped by the absence of a good spin bowler; however, all our regular bowlers (Sergt. Northcott, L./Cpls. Britton and Painter, and Ptes. Chapman, Price and Evans) have put up good performances, and are to be congratulated on the splendid way in which they have stuck to their tasks.

We have had only two 2nd XI matches of late—a win and a loss. Here undoubtedly lay the reason for our inability to produce a really good Battalion team during the first half of the season. This, however, is the outcome of the poor facilities we have had at our disposal for all games in the Citadel. C.Q.M.S. Thomas, and Ptes. Evans and Price are to be congratulated on their gaining Colours and a special word of praise is due to the latter on the tremendous all-round improvement he has shown this season, including a fine 100 not out against Gezira Club, besides several other good scores. Lieut. Sword, Sergt. Northcott, L./Cpl. Painter and Pte. Jones are also to be congratulated on their good performances with the bat.

Our batsmen have also proved that they are capable of playing forcing cricket by snatching three last-minute victories, two against Gezira and one against the King's Own Royal Regiment. The K.O.R.Rs. are one of the strongest sides in Cairo, and, although they did not quite have their full team out, the way in which the Battalion team went for the runs deserves nothing but praise, and we have Lieut. Sword, L./Cpl. Painter and Pte. Price to thank for the masterly way in which they knocked off the runs.

In the first of our matches against the Club, which we won by 38 runs, the last opposing batsman was bowled in the last over of the match. As regards the second of the matches we could not find a more suitable ending for these notes than by quoting the *Egyptian Mail*:—

"At the beginning of the present season the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment were decidedly weak as a cricket team and in match after match suffered defeat with a monotonous regularity. Of recent days, however, they have been showing marked improvement, and on Tuesday afternoon (August 29th) they accomplished their best performance to date when defeating a Club side by 7 wickets. It must be admitted that the Club attack was not too strong, but nevertheless the performance of the Middlesex batsmen in taking 177 runs for the loss of only three wickets cannot be detracted from."

In the Inter-Platoon Knock-out, No. 9 Platoon, C Company, were again victorious, beating No. 20 Platoon (Details) by 13 runs, and No. 19 Platoon (Drums) in the final by an innings.

The Inter-Company Single League resulted in a tie between C and D Companies. In the deciding game, each company having won all its matches, both sides were out for 48 runs, D Company's last five wickets falling for an equal number of runs.

SWIMMING.

Swimming has played a prominent part in this year's sport, and water polo has proved itself a very popular game. We entered for the Water Polo Swimming League, but were not very successful; like every other game, it needs practice, and it is amazing how the standard has improved throughout the Battalion.

The Battalion water-polo team has begun to find its legs, and next year we should be able to produce a hot side, as they will have plenty of opportunity for practice when we get to Moascar.

The Battalion entered a team for the Command Swimming Championship and were ninth (with 7 points) out of fifteen entries.

This is the first year this Battalion has taken swimming seriously for a long time, and the performance was really a

much finer one than it appears from the placing. There were only three teams who could be considered definitely better than us, and it is interesting to note that the winners only managed to collect 8 points last year; so we live in hope of doing great things.

We thank Sergts. Thompson and Painter for the splendid way in which they trained the swimming and water-polo teams respectively, and congratulate them on the very satisfactory results.

Mayhew and Baker are to be congratulated on being second in the 440 Yards (Team), and Saddington and Simmonds on getting into the finals of the Diving.

The following are to be congratulated on having received their Swimming Colours for the season:—

H.Q. Wing.—L./Cpl. Hopwood, Bdsn. Ryder, Pte. Rogers and Boy Schroder.

A (S.) Company.—Cpl. Blackman, L./Cpl. Hoskins, and Ptes. Marling and Saddington.

B Company.—Sergt. Painter and Pte. Ball.

C Company.—L./Cpls. Sargent and Simmonds.

D Company.—L./Cpl. Tatt, and Ptes. Mayhew, Tarrant, Le Dain and Baker.

Last year's Inter-Company Swimming was held in June and resulted in a win for D Company.

The Inter-Company Water Polo League was won by B Company, and we are now in the middle of the Inter-Platoon Knock-out.

Those who play for their companies are not allowed to take part in this, so that now we get a greater number of men playing.

A (S.) COMPANY.

The past quarter has not been quite so eventful as the previous one. Whereas in the last issue scenes of exciting finals were published, here we have the beginnings of new competitions.

We once again won the Albuhera Shield, for the fifth time in succession. This is a feat that the Company is justly proud of. We are also the proud possessors of the Football, Swimming, Athletics, Tug-of-War, Hockey and Cross-Country Trophies. In fact, last season was one of the most successful and interesting sporting seasons the Company

have ever experienced. These sporting successes can only be put down to the fine spirit, leadership and team work of the men. We hope that this will be maintained during the forthcoming season.

The only sports of note that have taken place during the past quarter are passball, water polo, swimming and cricket.

PASSBALL.

This season has produced some fine games of passball. Every platoon has had to fight extremely hard for supremacy. Two of our platoons—Nos. 2 and 4 Platoons—reached the semi-finals of the Knock-out Competition, but eventually fell victims to platoons of D and C Companies respectively. This, however, has brought us full points towards the Mons Shield. It is certainly a great achievement and we tender our congratulations to these platoons on their exceptionally fine efforts.

WATER POLO.

The Company did not do so well in this competition. We feel sure, however, that it was not through lack of effort that this competition did not prove to be more fruitful.

The Platoon Water Polo Knock-out is still in progress, so the result is still in the balance. No. 4 Platoon is our remaining platoon and we are looking forward to seeing them doing great things.

CRICKET.

The cricket season was rather handicapped by the lack of games. In the few that were played, the Company did not fare too well, but we hope to do better next season, when we have a bigger and better ground to play on.

SWIMMING.

The first swimming competition since the Battalion have been abroad was held in Cairo. There were only a few events in this competition, but quite sufficient for us to prove that we had the necessary material to be worthy winners. Pte. Saddington gave a fine exhibition of diving and this greatly assisted us in winning this shield.

FOOTBALL.

We are now at the beginning of the football season. We have acquired some

very fine footballers from the recent turn-over, and the struggles for team places are proving very interesting. This is certainly a great asset, for it assures us of some extra football from the players. We are looking forward to a very prosperous season, and from the standard of football produced in recent friendly matches we are fairly confident of putting up an extra good show in defending our championship.

ANNUAL M.G. COURSE.

The standard of the Company firing was exceedingly good. In spite of the fact that 75 per cent. of the Company have still another practice to complete, there are a considerable number of marksmen already, and the chances of these numbers being trebled on the completion of the course are extremely good. The Company are now in training for the Command Shoot that is due to take place in the near future.

EDUCATION.

Five men of the Company are now undergoing strenuous periods of educational training for their Firsts. They are Sergt. Hazeldine, L./Cpl. McDowell, and Ptes. Yetton, Martin and 97 Cox. We wish them the best of luck, and hope that they succeed in raising the educational standard of the Company.

TRANSFERS.

We have lost Sergt. Ayres to B Company. We certainly miss Pops and feel that B Company have gained one of the most popular and sporting N.C.Os. in the Battalion. In return for Sergt. Ayres the Company received Cpl. Blackman. In this N.C.O. we have acquired an all-round sportsman. Unfortunately, at the moment he is in hospital, with his old leg trouble. We hope that he will soon be back again to aid us on the football field and in all other realms of sport.

COURSES.

Cpl. Clark and L./Cpl. Payne have proceeded on P.T. and Gas Courses respectively. Although we have not yet received the results, we feel confident that they have done exceptionally well.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

We wish to congratulate the following on their recent promotions and appoint-

ments: Sergt. Mason, Cpl. Clark, and L./Cpls. Hosking, Soper and Coleman.

LEAVE.

Capt. Lyons, M.C., and Lieut. Chattey are at the moment enjoying the tropical heat of "Blighty" and we feel sure that they are now anxious to rejoin us in the pleasant surroundings of Cairo (?).

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Pte. Brealey. He was an extremely popular fellow amongst the Company, and in tendering our sincerest sympathy to all his relatives we assure them that we miss him from our family circle a great deal.

As these notes have got to be rushed to the press for publication, there is no more time to tell our readers anything more about the welfare of the Company, but we hope that there will be a lot of good news for publication in the next issue.

ACK-EMMA-GEE.

B COMPANY.

Once more we take up our pens and endeavour to keep our patient readers interested in the doings of the Company.

There is nothing so boring as going over the same ground twice, so if I diverge slightly I feel sure you will forgive me.

Since our last notes, some of our casualties have fired their Annual Course, and the results as yet are gratifying, and we are looking forward to having our name engraved once more on the Shooting Shield.

On August 16th and 17th the Battalion held its Rifle Meeting. B Company again held the laurels and as a result our tile-shoot team was entered in the R.A.S.C. Rifle Meeting. As yet they have knocked out two teams and are still in the competition, but the final result will have to wait till the next edition of the Journal. All our "dead eyes" are now looking forward to the Command Meeting due to be held at Abbassia in September, and we feel that we shall do great things.

Whilst we are ruminating on the Company in general, we must not forget our C.S.M. I feel sure that the Company thanks him for the great organizing powers he has shown. He has organized

several outings to the Barrage on Sunday mornings, and we have thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

To give a brief *résumé* of our day's outing, we left the Citadel at about 8 a.m. and arrived at the Barrage in the proximity of 9.30 a.m., and we promptly amused ourselves in a game of cricket.

The weather was at its best, and we were able to enjoy ourselves in the boat trips down the Nile and on donkey trips round the Barrage. We have no doubt that C.S.M. Brockman is still mystified by the gullie-gullie man. After a very pleasant day, which included a visit to the model house and to the prison, we returned to the Citadel.



A happy group at the Change of Air Camp, Alexandria.

The Company is endeavouring to run a trip down the Nile during the Individual Training period, and we feel sure that it will prove both pleasant and interesting.

We are now arriving at the training period, and the first on the list is the Individual. During this period our Company Commander has arranged a platoon competition in every branch of sport, so we can look forward to this period with anticipation.

Now, patient readers, we will switch over to the sports side and tell you of the doings of B Company. First we congratulate Pte. 91 Price on being awarded his Cricket Colours. He fully deserves them, as he has been putting up some useful scores and has been consistent throughout the season. Good luck, Bill; carry on with the good work.

We mentioned in the last notes that we had started the Inter-Company Swimming, and the result was a win for D Company, and we finished second—a very satisfactory result for us and we shall



A Sun-bathing Party at Alexandria.

now be able to concentrate on our swimming team for next year, and we feel certain that we shall win. Our water-polo team has performed well and finished up by winning the league.

We have now bidden cricket "au revoir," and welcome in its place football. We have played several trial games with good results, and we played D Company in a friendly game and were victors by 5-1. We congratulate Ptes. Williams, Baylis and Dean, and L./Cpl.



C v. B Company at the Citadel, Cairo.

Holloway on being selected to play for the Battalion, and with all this wealth of talent we can look forward to the forthcoming season full of confidence.

At present there are quite a lot of long faces walking about. This is no doubt interpreted by the fact that they have not been to the change-of-air camp at Alexandria. We left in parties of twenty at a time for a fortnight and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

The camp is situated practically on the sea front and was very convenient from the bathing point of view. Many non-swimmers returned to the Citadel full of the crawl and a determination to pass the swimming test. Even Charlie is convinced that the Channel is an easy thing.

On the other hand, there are quite a lot of smiling faces, and these are most certainly the homegoers. They are all patiently waiting for the celebrated and well-known orders to appear so that they can celebrate. As by the time these notes appear in print they will be on their way home, we will take this opportunity of wishing them good luck and *bon voyage*. So cheerio to L./Sergt. Ayres, Cpl. Beck, L./Cpls. Image and Lane, and Pte. Bond. Best of luck in Civvy Street.

Others on the homegoing list are Sergt. Painter and Ptes. Bonfield and Fletcher, who are going to home establishment. No doubt Charmaine will miss the Regimental cinema.

We must also take this opportunity of wishing good luck and *bon voyage* to our Company Commander, Capt. Horrocks, M.C., who is leaving us to take up an appointment in the War Office. Although he has been with us only a few months, we shall miss him a lot. He has always taken the greatest interest in the Company's welfare, and has been a leading light in the sports section. So while we congratulate him on his appointment we hope he will sometimes think of his old Company.

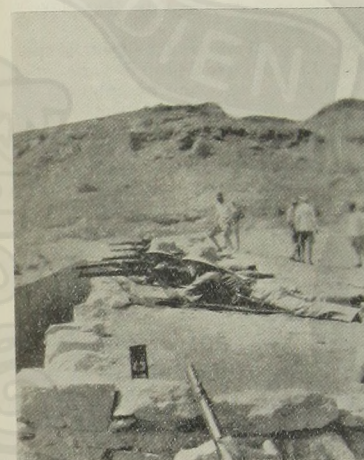
By the time these notes appear Christmas will be very near, so we take this opportunity of wishing everybody a very pleasant Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Congratulations to L./Cpls. Hayward, Emery and Penman on their appointments.

Now we have come to the end of our tether and as we do not wish to inflict too much punishment on our long-suffering readers we will, like the Arabs, fold up our tents and silently steal away. "OFFICE."

C COMPANY.

Before giving the notes of the present quarter, it must be understood that sport has been the watchword of the day. The aim has been to give everyone a game and so keep fit during the sultry Cairo summer. To achieve this end the points for the Inter-Platoon Passball and Water Polo were included in the points for the Platoon Efficiency Shield, an innovation keenly competed for throughout the Company. At present No. 11 Platoon



THE BATTALION RIFLE MEETING.
9 Platoon, C Company.

is leading with 15 points gained from the following results:—

Passball (Inter-Section).—1, No. 12 Platoon; 2, No. 9 Platoon; 3, No. 11 Platoon; 4, No. 10 Platoon.

Water Polo.—1, No. 10 Platoon; 2, No. 11 Platoon; 3, No. 9 Platoon; 4, No. 12 Platoon.

Kit Inspection.—1, No. 11 Platoon; 2, No. 12 Platoon; 3, No. 9 Platoon; 4, No. 10 Platoon.

Drill.—1, No. 11 Platoon; 2, No. 9 Platoon; 3, No. 12 Platoon; 4, No. 10 Platoon.

In the Battalion competitions the Company has shown its mettle in quite a

number of ways. As was expected, No. 9 Platoon demonstrated that they were in deadly earnest when the subject was cricket, and again they won the Inter-Platoon Knock-out, and it is very unlikely that the Drums will hear the last of it if there are no more Battalion Concerts. In the competition for the Mons Shield, H.Q. Wing defeated us in the cricket final, levelling matters up somewhat. We drew with D Company for first place in the Cricket League with 4½ points, this counting towards the Albuhera Shield. Our display in the two competitions resulted in C Company retaining the Cricket Shield. We have yet to develop our water-polo team, however. The material that will give the Company a better place than third is certainly here.

At the Battalion Rifle Meeting No. 9 Section, No. 11 Platoon, distinguished themselves by winning the Inter-Section Cup. The Inter-Platoon Cup came to No. 9 Platoon, who proved the relationship between straight bats and straight sights in masterly fashion.

The ninth and last party has just left for the change-of-air camp at Alexandria. The people who went on the earlier parties want to know whether a visit to the gas chamber during Individual Training constitutes another change of air.

D COMPANY.

We have just completed our Annual Range Course. This is a relief to a few who hold a great dislike for hill-climbing. The shooting has been up to our usual standard. In the Battalion Rifle Meeting B Company beat us in the Company Tile Shoot. We are confident of reversing this decision next time. No. 7 Section put up a very good show by winning the Inter-Section Match.

After some of us had retrieved our lost tempers—and akkers—after climbing a distance which, if it was added, nearly reached the sky, Lieut. Marsh blossomed forth once again in the rôle of the great producer, by organizing another Battalion Concert. In all probability this will be reported elsewhere. His leading ladies were of a type of beauty that Flo. Ziegfield is always noted for ("Honker" Morrison of C).

"Micky Mouse" (L./Cpl. Lambert) has been employed as nursemaid to the

children attending the Garrison School whilst on mid-term holidays. He wants to know if he can be granted a "Vokay" as a nurseryman.

We have had a good run of wins at cricket, but in competition games we have been very unfortunate. At one period of the season our team included seven Battalion players, and in one game we were able to field a side consisting of eleven who had played, and five still represent the Battalion! Here are the results:—

CAIRO BRIGADE SMALL UNITS' K.O.

Second Round.—D Company, 258 for 4 (Pte. Jones, 87; Sergt. Northcott, 74); H.Q. Company, Coldstream Guards, 238.

Third Round.—D Company, 97 (L./Cpl. Willis, 35); No. 4 Company, Coldstream Guards, 106 (L./Cpl. Britton, 4 for 20; Sergt. Northcott, 3 for 28).

BATTALION INTER-COMPANY.

H.Q. Wing, 63 (L./Sergt. Williams, 5 for 13); D Company, 81 for 6 dec. (2/Lieut. Beadnell, 21).

B Company, 46 (Pte. Evans, 5 for 7); D Company, 56 for 1 dec. (Sergt. Northcott, 34).

A Company, 67 (Pte. Evans, 6 for 26); D Company, 148 (Pte. Kirby, 49).

C Company, 48 (L./Cpl. Britton, 4 for 28; Pte. Evans, 4 for 12); D Company, 48.

The game against C Company was remarkable owing to the batting strength of both sides. This time the bowlers had their day out. In the Platoon Knock-out only one platoon did any good. No. 13 Platoon reached the semi-final, and were defeated by No. 9 Platoon of C Company in a low-scoring game.

With the advent of the football season our sports storeman ("Ginger" Dudley) has stopped oiling the willows and is now getting his hand in at pumping up footballs.

So far we have played A (S.) Company in a friendly game and delivered them their eggs by 1 goal to 0. A remark was overheard on the line that it was the best game seen in the Citadel for some years. L./Cpl. Tatt is still going strong in spite of his years, and showed some of our younger bloods how to dash about. L./Sergt. Williams is doing all he can to improve the Company in this game, by imparting all that he has learnt

during the ten years he has represented the Battalion.

No. 13 Platoon failed to win the Inter-Platoon Passball Cup for us this year. No. 16 Platoon have reached the final and we are relying on them to keep it in the Company. Some people scoff at this game and call it a ladies' game. Ask No. 16 Platoon if it is.

At present boxing is in the back row. Pte. Evans and Cpl. Chillery have been selected to represent the Army versus the Navy in the heavy-weight and light heavy-weight respectively. We wish them the best of luck, and they have our congratulations.

We are still in the limelight in sports. Nos. 13 and 16 Platoons are in the Water Polo Knock-out and stand a good chance of reaching the final. L./Cpl. Tatt and Ptes. Mayhew and Baker have represented the Battalion in the Command Championships and have been congratulated by the Commanding Officer on their performance.

Sergt. Northcott is at present working overtime in the capacity of Acting C.S.M. whilst C.S.M. Burt is relaxing at the change-of-air camp.

Before these notes appear in print we shall be losing quite a few of the Company to the Army Reserve. We wish them the best of luck in civilian life.

Joe Bray is still serving us as storeman and "bumming his load" to the younger soldiers.

DON.

H.Q. WING. SIGNALS.

We are now in the midst of Classification training. This can be realized by the lined foreheads of ———. Having just completed a fortnight's holiday at Alexandria, we are settling down to the routine once again.

Our latest idea is water polo, at which we are making great strides and feel confident of winning the Inter-Platoon Knock-out.

There have been rumours of late that the "Wog" with the big cigar who watches Mr. Burkitt's XI is really Mr. Chapman in disguise, looking for talent.

Nothing else really interesting has happened so we will cut these notes short.

Perhaps when Classification is over and the next notes are prepared a little story may be told.

There are forty-eight classifying, so the story should be very interesting.

SMALLSLAMS.

BAND.

"And his mates on the wedding morning presented a full canteen,

Which as it turned out to be spoons and forks, but think what it might have been."

Which to many may read nonsensical, but after racking my brains for a suitable opening, I consider it as good as any, and at any rate it serves its purpose and starts us off.

Having decided to summer in Cairo, we selected the Citadel as our home, because, although the cuisine of the Continental Savoy is slightly better than that of Mohammed Aly's road-house, the view of Cairo from the Citadel is one which once seen is never forgotten.

Imagine if you can a few square miles of dust, and piercing through the haze minarets and the domes of mosques.

Sprinkle over it a few million flies, and add the jangle of trams and the braying of donkeys, and of course the inevitable smells of the East, of which garlic is the most predominating, and you have a fair idea of the most cosmopolitan of cities.

The Band, complete with buckets and spades, are now at the change-of-air camp at Alexandria, and our water-polo team are making a name for themselves down there.

Regarding sport, there is not much to relate. The football season has just started and great things are expected of "Chesty" Cockbill and "Lofty" Lefevre, who are going great guns.

Bdsn. Ryder and Marling and Boy Schroder have represented the Battalion in swimming and water polo, and at the time of going to press our Platoon water-polo team has reached the third round of the Inter-Platoon Competition.

Contract bridge means sleepless nights for some of the Band who are ardent students of Ely Cuthbertson and "the man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo."

We all join in wishing L./Cpl. Tommy Brind *bon voyage* home and a speedy

return to good health. We also wish him every success in civilian life, and if he is as popular amongst the civilians as he was with the military—well, we should expect to hear great things of him. "Au revoir," brother.

Congratulations to the 2nd Battalion Band on their numerous engagements, but where are those jobs you had way back in '21?

In conclusion we wish everybody the compliments of the season, Christmas, 1933.

FLAT PITCH.

DRUMS.

The most important event during the past quarter has been the Annual Weapon Training Course.

The majority of us retained the elusive tanner, so the sweat is off for another twelve months.

Under the captaincy of Dmr. Purse, the cricket eleven did exceptionally well in the Platoon Knock-out. Unfortunately we lost heavily to No. 9 Platoon in the final.

In the Passball Competition we lost to No. 4 Platoon in the second round.

Water polo has been very popular during the hot months. We have qualified for the second round in the Platoon Knock-out by beating No. 2 Platoon 1—0.

Football is now in full swing. So far we have played only the Signals and the Details in friendly games.

Our best footballer, Dmr. Watson, has been claimed for the Battalion team and has excelled himself as a centre-forward.

The Drums have been away on a change of air, and returned much benefited by the change.

By the time these notes appear in print L./Cpl. Windows and Dmrs. Fellows and Campbell will be settled down in civilian life. We take the opportunity of wishing them all the best.

Congratulations to L./Cpls. Butt and Webber on their recent appointments, also to L./Cpl. Ormes on his step up the ladder.

Before closing, we wish all men, past and present, and also of the 2nd Battalion Corps, a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

SNAKE CHARMER III.



OVERHEARD AT CAIRO MAIN STATION

SERGEANT. "Hi you! Do your coat up at once."

PRIVATE (Returning from a Change of Air Camp at Alexandria)

"Oh, but it's holiday time, Serge!"

DETAILS.

It is regretted that no notes were published in the last issue of the Journal owing to the fact that our learned scribe has been very busy with the averages. He still has the score-book on his bed, although the football season is in full swing.

We welcome into our midst Lieut. Gwyn, with whose aid we reached the semi-final of the Platoon Cricket. We congratulate Capt. Phillips and C.Q.M.S. Thomas upon their brilliant displays, and we also take this opportunity to congratulate C.Q.M.S. Thomas upon his appointment; rather late, but better late than never.

Our football team shows great promise this season, only, as usual, there are too many captains and too many players with self-centred opinions.

The water-polo team, though inexperienced, put up a good show in beating No. 6 Platoon 3-2 after a very exciting game.

We shall be losing two or three old members in the forthcoming trooping season, and we wish them every success in civilian life.

Many members of the Group have visited Alexandria for a taste of the sea breezes, and have returned well tanned, and in some cases well "browned."

TIED.

THE OFFIS BOY'S CORNER.

DERE REEDERS,

Football is here again, hurrah! We always get spechully hot weather at the begining of the football seeson. The boss sez its so hot wen football starts that even if the referee went wear the crowd told him 2 he wudn't be any hotter. It's funny having cold wether for cricket and hot for football isn't it?

U see the boss always goes 2 sleep at a cricket match and only wakes up wen a leg bye is scored or sumfink fritefully eggisiting happens, but u carnt go 2 sleep at a football match its 2 eggisiting. The boss sed that wunce Chelsy scored and 50,000 people frew his hat in2 the air. U cudn't sleep wile people r so happy and frendly, cud u?

Our teem, the Park strete rowwers, played larst saturday and won by free goles to won, sew we r well on the way

to wining the cup. Well that is enuff sed about football and now we say sumfink about uver people. The boss is going away 4 weeks sew i am going 2 rite the paper 4 him. This means that i shall have 2 close down my artickal until he comes back but i shall still be able 2 anser letters from my frends.

i have got a lot of ansers 2 rite this week sew i must start now.

cheerio dere frends,

yores

WILLIE THE OFFIS BOY.

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Ansers to frends:—

A. N. (POOL).—i wudn't take the truble 2 see a docter as i fink u will soon be well agen.

WILLIE (CAIRO).—u cudn't let me have a foto of the gel, cud u? then i cud deside if u r reely in luv.

BEN (BURT).—i will see if i can find who the 2 men were who went 2 a football match and got there 25 minits after the match finished.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Having failed to subscribe any notes to the last issue of the Journal, I must take up my trusty pen (thanks, George), and endeavour to produce an account of our adventures, both social and otherwise, since our last publication.

FUNCTIONS.

Owing to the difficulties of travelling facilities which any visitor to the Citadel has to contend with, our attendances at the weekly whist drives have dropped off considerably and in consequence we have curtailed them to one a fortnight. The band, i.e., one gramophone, must be congratulated on supplying the music for the dancing which follows the whist at these functions.

OUTINGS.

Several outings have been arranged, including a moonlight trip to the Pyramids, a visit to the Barrage, and another to Moascar. Unfortunately the first of these enterprises was nipped in the bud owing to the Regimental bus being under repair. We cannot say what expense was incurred by the cancellation of this trip, but we ordered the moon for the night, and it turned up accordingly; it probably

means another heavy electric-light bill this quarter.

BILLIARDS.

Arrivals and departures of members who are fortunate enough to spend a well-earned (?) rest at Alexandria have considerably prolonged our half-yearly billiard tournament. Although we have two members in the semi-final, we have still two of our number who seem averse to passing into the second round.

We had a very enjoyable games tournament, which included billiards, darts and snooker, against the Corporals, finishing a pleasant evening on the winning side. The detailed account, with the scores, will be found in the Corporals' Club notes.

ROUNDERS.

Our sports representative must be congratulated on his untiring efforts to keep us fit, and his latest enterprise was to issue a challenge to the Corporals, followed by another to A (S.) Company, and finally to arrange a match between two teams of the Mess at the excellent game of rounders. Let us call it baseball—it sounds better. Thanks to some splendid pitching by "Babe Ruth" Burt and some brilliant fielding by "Sure Catch" Chillery, we managed to overcome the opposition supplied by the Corporals, and splendid work on the part of the scorer helped us to draw with A (S.) Company. The final game was a long-drawn-out struggle, made very interesting by the efforts of "Chips" to overlap "Okka." We should like to add that our only left-handed player is an expert at supplying the opponents with catches and how!

TENNIS.

A tennis At Home versus the Corporals supplied a very interesting morning's entertainment. Although we rather easily defeated our less experienced rivals we have no doubt that with more practice they will soon be able to produce a team which will give us a sterner struggle. Youth will out.

WATER POLO.

What the Corporals lack in tennis players they easily atone for in this branch of sport. They beat us to the tune of 6 goals to 2, but had it not been for the brilliance of our goalie we might

have made a draw of it. Well done—sorry, swum—"Chal."

CRICKET.

Our cricket team put up two splendid performances in losing to the Corporals by only 4 runs and defeating the Prison Staff by 51 runs, but both of these results were completely put in the shade by our glorious victory over the Officers. The Officers batted first and, thanks to a brilliant century by Mr. Gwyn (100) and able support from Mr. Beadnell (36) and Mr. Sword (35 not out), they were able to declare, with only three wickets down, for the formidable score of 200. Northcott and Raindle opened the innings for



Officers v. Sergeants Cricket Match.
The Sergeants' Winning Team.

the Mess and the task of beating the Officers seemed hopeless when these two were back in the pavilion with only 22 runs on the board. Bullock then joined Paterson at the wicket and the fireworks commenced. Anything that was straight was treated with contempt and the score had been advanced to 54 when "Pat" returned a catch. His innings of 11 was made up of a 6, a 4 and a 1. West then went in and after a very shaky start he followed the example set by Bullock, and runs came very fast. After contributing 27 towards a stand of 54, West was bowled by Mr. Herepath with the score at 108. Meanwhile, "Stan" refused to be moved in more senses than one. The R.S.M. contributed one run to the total and then decided to rejoin us in the pavilion, and "Drummy" stubbornly defended his wicket while Bullock collected the runs, completing a very hard-

hit century which included three 6's and fifteen 4's. The Officers' total was passed without further loss, and we ran out comfortable winners by five wickets, Bullock being 107 not out, and "Drummy" 17. The afternoon's cricket, which lasted three hours and a quarter, yielded 404 runs for the loss of eight wickets. This should interest the critics who are always crying for brighter cricket.

Referring back to the match which we played against the Prison Staff, we should like to add that a very enjoyable evening was spent in their Mess at the conclusion of the game. We called it a social evening, and it was—very!

FOOTBALL.

Results to date include a 3—1 defeat by H.Q. Wing, a draw 1—1 against D Company, and a 1—0 victory against A (S.) Company. Our object so far has been to give all members a chance of playing, and some excellent games have resulted.

CASUALTIES.

We began to think that the hospital authorities would supply a special ward for our members, as at one period we had a considerable number of our comrades partaking, in a relay, of popping in and out. Fortunately all of these invalids are now back with us and enjoying the delights of the Citadel.

ARRIVALS.

We are reminded of the old saying "Better late than never" when we extend congratulations and a hearty welcome to our new members, L./Sergts. Moir, Herbert, Smith, Bullock and Snell. We wish them success and a long stay in their new home.

SPOON SHOOT.

A spoon shoot is at present occupying some of our spare time, the prizes being a silver spoon for the winner, and the wooden spoon for the lowest score. We wonder if the wooden spoon will have enough silver to stand drinks round the Mess when he receives his prize?

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion we should like to bring to the notice of the reader the gripping

story entitled "The Drama of the Glory Hole."

It was as if a huge tornado had suddenly been let loose—they were scattered to the four corners—here they stood in groups, their backs turned from their comrades who lay face downwards in the centre—the sombre darkness of the material on their backs made the ghostly whiteness of their faces even more pronounced—there was a hushed silence—not one of them moved—not a murmur was heard—suddenly a hand reached out—the silence was tense—why did he hesitate? It was fated that he should do this awful deed—he searched the faces before him and then—Bill Randle played the double six. (Loud sighs from the reader and many moans from his partner, Bunkle.)

L. C. W.

CORPORALS' CLUB.

Our term of service abroad will soon be running into "years" so that we are not so much in touch with the "London season" as we used to be. Nevertheless the Cairo season has absolutely sparkled so far as the Corporals are concerned. We have had more dances, whist drives, socials, etc., than ever before.

The weekly socials held each Sunday have met with great success. "Bomber" can certainly announce a "One-step" (please note pause between "one" and "step"). Our big success was our dance held on August Bank Holiday Monday in the Gymnasium. The Sergeants very kindly ran the bar, and it is a moot point as to where the dance was—in the Gymnasium or in the bar. However, we hope to repeat the dose on the last Friday in September.

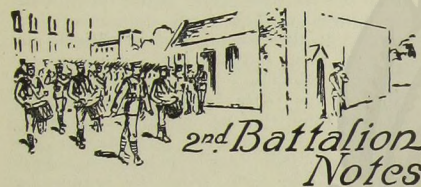
On the following Sunday we met the Sergeants at cricket, a very exciting game ending in a win for us by 2 runs. Sergt. Paterson's heart and bowling were definitely broken by some sparkling strokes on the part of L./Cpl. Parker. At tennis the Sergeants proved that "old age will out" by beating us in all games except one, but after the interval many challenge matches were played which were all won by us. We proved ourselves superior in the athletic world when we beat the Sergeants at baseball by two rounders.

We congratulate L./Cpls. Soper, Tatt, Hoskins, Emery, Penman, Balman and

Hayward on their appointments, and wish them every success in the future.

We cannot conclude without expressing our hope that by the time Kennard Scott returns from Alexandria the Regimental barber will be able to smile again.

S. J. W.



ONCE more we have reached the end of the summer training period. Our many battles are over and we turn again to the piping times of peace. "Peace" in this case stands for Individual Training, winter games—soccer, rugger, boxing and hockey—and the prospect of the leave period in the near future.

We may expect a number of changes in personnel during the next few months. Among the officers Major Stewart and Lieuts. Ayscough, Peal and Whiting are under orders to join the 1st Battalion. A draft of about thirty-five other ranks also will shortly join the 1st Battalion. Our good wishes go with them all.

Among the officers presently to rejoin and join the Battalion we shall soon see Lieut. Clayden and one newly gazetted subaltern, whilst some postings to and from the Depot also may be expected shortly.

Drafts of recruits now arrive from Mill Hill with what appears to be the greatest regularity. In fact, the tide of numbers seems to be turning at last. Instead of our strength steadily dwindling as we say good-bye to old friends, our numbers gradually increase with each new draft from the Depot. We shall soon compare more favourably with our neighbours as far as numbers are concerned, and, judging by recent events in work and sport, we may expect to show to advantage.

The unexpected retirement of Capt. C. T. Whinney has removed from the Battalion an officer who has always been a tower of strength both at work and play. The best wishes of all ranks go

with him, and we look forward to frequent visits from him in the future.

A COMPANY.

Training of a strenuous nature has kept us all fully occupied since the last issue of these notes. The Company, though composed chiefly of very young soldiers who had never taken part in field training before, came through the trying times most creditably. What they lacked in experience they made up in keenness. The weather had been very good until the last Brigade exercise. Then came the rain, and the troops marched home on Wednesday evening, September 13th, appropriately singing "Stormy Weather."

We have had two squads join us from the Depot recently, and the Company is at last beginning to take a really active interest in sports and games. Among the squads are some very promising performers, and A Company should soon be back in its former position of either champion company or runner-up.

Writing of sport and the past reminds us that we must extend a hearty welcome to Lieut. Jacob, who served with the Company during our stay in Ahmednagar when A more than held their own in sport with the remaining companies in the Battalion.

Whilst on the subject of arrivals and departures we congratulate C.Q.M.S. Franklin on his appointment and welcome him among us. We regret the loss of C.Q.M.S. Jones—who has left us for D—after a very brief stay with us since his posting. He will be missed from our football team during the winter.

Owing to training there has been little time for sport, but we won the Inter-Company Cricket Knock-out Competition, beating D Company in the final.

In the next issue we hope to have a long list of successes on the sports fields, and in conclusion we congratulate L./Cpls. Lomax, Drane, Waters, Hinch, Parry and Cummins on their appointments and would remind them that the great Napoleon himself once served in the ranks.

B COMPANY.

The past quarter has been one in which the Company's time has been fully occupied, chiefly with training. We went

straight through from Company Training to Inter-Brigade Training. In spite of the fact that it was the first Collective Training period most of the men had done, they acquitted themselves very well. We were well in the thick of most of the manoeuvres, as we were one of the two "meat" companies, A Company being the other. Consequently it was usually A on the right and B on the left. In the last exercise the Battalion marched thirty-five miles in thirty-six hours.

During Company Training we had many officers attached to us. Two officers from the Cambridge University O.T.C. went through the whole training. For three days we had thirteen officers with the Company: four R.E. officers, two T.A., two Supplementary Reserve, two Cambridge University O.T.C., and three Company officers.

Two days were spent in camp at East Mersea, which was all too short. The bathing is of a very muddy nature, but was enjoyed.

The Company congratulate Pte. Mann on the following Eastern Command Order, No. 420, dated August 16th, 1933:

"At Donyland Wood, near Colchester, on 19th July, 1933, No. 6108479 Private L. Mann, 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, acted with great promptitude and personal courage in stopping a runaway horsed G.S. limbered wagon which was galloping driverless down the road."

Capt. Whinney left us at the end of July on two months' leave pending retirement. We would like to take this opportunity of saying how sorry we are to lose him. Although most of the men in the Company were new to him, there were many in the Company, and others spread throughout the Battalion, who had served many years under his command. The whole Company wish him every happiness in his new life.

We managed to get through one round of the Inter-Company Cricket Tournament, but were knocked out by A Company in the second round.

We have again become the champion dart company. Whether this is to our credit is rather problematical!

A number of men in the Company will shortly be leaving us for the 1st Battalion. We wish them the best of luck, and we are sure they will enjoy their tour of foreign service.

C (SUPPORT) COMPANY.

Since the last notes, Lieut. Baldwin has bidden us good-bye and has departed for a tour of duty with the Transjordan Frontier Force. Mounted on either the forward or supporting hump of his camel, he should be able to cope with any Kurds in the "way." Anyway, we are very sorry to lose him, and wish him the best of luck. Lieut. Reid also leaves shortly to take over the Adjutancy of the 8th Battalion at Hounslow. The spirit of movement has spread to Lieut. Green, who has temporarily retired to Warley, where he commands the party supplying the guards there.

The Company, however, remains not, be it said, totally unmoved, as in the Inter-Brigade Training just completed they humped themselves and their guns over thirty-five miles between 8 a.m. of one day and 5 p.m. of the next, and were still going strong when the "Cease fire" sounded.

Continuing the total of moves and changes, the following seven men are under orders for the 1st Battalion: Ptes. Islip, Waters, Studer, Quigley and Payne (waiting men), and Ptes. Firth and Cheal. On the other hand, a draft comes to us on November 1st.

Cpls. Makewell and Marshall have obtained Q.I's at the Machine Gun School, Netheravon, since the last notes. L./Cpl. Day is at the School now, and L./Cpls. Davidson and Tye are ready for the next course. In fact, "Join the Machine Gunners and see Netheravon."

In the opening match of the football season the Battalion team included L./Cpl. Tye, and Ptes. Daly, Delaney and Lowton. We congratulate them all and hope they will retain their places in the team.

In conclusion, Pte. Hayward is to be congratulated on winning the Stephenson Cup.

D COMPANY.

At the moment we feel rather like the small boy entering on his first term at school, with the well-known maxim ringing in his ears: "Be seen and not heard." It is only natural that we should feel slightly envious of our fellow and more powerful contributors who are able to group their many happenings under

various headings. We are weak in numbers, but mind not. One day we shall be as strong as the other companies. We shall then be seen and, what is more, be heard. On training we *could* be seen—just. The four flags that were carried certainly showed up sufficiently to enable the remainder of the Battalion to realize that we were still part of it. In case it should be forgotten, we would like to point out that we sacrificed one whole platoon (as such) to enable another company to appear the more powerful. On training then we appropriately enough found ourselves in our true light. Not that we were despised. Far from it. In any clearing up of any situation we were never found wanting.

When the official history of the campaign of the Ossia Peninsula is written, we shall feel justifiably proud of ourselves and our gallant action in preventing any further landings on our territory—an action which was made none the easier by the fact that it was carried out by night. We were eventually ordered to retire, but not before the remainder of the Battalion had done so. "Thou shalt not pass" was often found to be our motto during the many times we acted as rearguard during the wars of Brigade and Inter-Brigade Training.

We have had grounds to remark on our weakness, but we are gradually growing stronger. Some fifty men from the last two drafts—to whom we extend a hearty welcome—are now on the Battalion Cadre and are shortly due to return to the Company for duty. We shall expect much from them in the building up of our sadly depleted Company teams and hope we shall not be disappointed.

Which reminds us that in spite of our weakness we managed to get into the final of the Inter-Company Cricket Knock-out. (True we played G Company, who were twice as weak as ourselves in the first round, and whom we duly accounted for, but we must naturally slur over that—not in any disrespect.) We had a thoroughly enjoyable and exciting game against A Company in the final, the issue being in doubt up to the last moment. We felt we had done well to get them out for 55, and, although we realized we could still lose even though we gained a first-innings lead, we felt if we could only make 56 all would be well.

We tried desperately hard on a very bad wicket—equally bad, it is true, for both sides. Our last man, Pte. Hockley, made a gallant and justifiably reckless effort to hit the matter beyond all doubt, when our score was 52 for 9, by hitting the ball into the middle of the training area. He failed—only just, may be—but a failure sufficient to see his wicket broken and the side all out. We tried hard to get them all out again in as short a time as possible, so as to have a chance of making the runs in the second innings. We were left to score 61 in nineteen minutes. Many were the efforts to hit the ball into that training area. Most of the efforts we are sorry to say ended in disaster, and we were some 15 runs behind the desired number when our nineteen minutes were up. Another five minutes were all we wanted, as our later batsmen were just getting the range that was required. It was a splendid game, and enjoyed by both sides.

We shall be losing some men in the first draft which is due to proceed to Egypt very soon. We take this opportunity of wishing them the best of luck, and hope they enjoy life abroad. We shall be sorry to lose 2/Lieut. Peal, who will also be going, and hope to see him amongst us again some day.

Football is now in full swing, and we hope to get our revenge on A Company in time. We have the nucleus and makings of a good eleven, as there are some promising players in the draft.

BAND.

During the past month or so we have been having a rather busy time owing to training. Although we say a busy time, one can hardly call it that, because it is quite a change for a bandsman to be out with the Battalion and seeing what goes on. We were split up into various sections. The few who were with A Company were able to give quite a good imitation of a war, but we will not mention any details.

Now that it is all finished we have come to a period when we can get down to the brighter side of soldiering, *i.e.*, sports. Up to now we have had two football matches. Needless to say, our Bandmaster has a rather important part to play, as he is the goalkeeper and has

had a trial with the Battalion team. The two matches we have played we have won, the scores being 3—2 against A Company and 7—3 against C (S.) Company. Not so bad if we keep that up. Boxing is not so popular, but we have a few entries for the Novices' Competition, which is to take place shortly, and I am sure they will do their best.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Bdsn. Lowe on being appointed Lance-Corporal, and wish him every success.

The Band in general is improving musically. The honours go to the Bandmaster, who seems to know how to produce quality, which is what is wanted. The Dance Band are falling into the habit of "hot playing," and have got that Roy Fox rhythm which is the foundation of dance playing.

DRUMS.

Once again we have finished training and are now on our usual drum and fife practice.

We heartily congratulate Cpl. McEnery on his recent marriage. We hope he did not take the usual "pace forward" on the first peal. He was the recipient of a silver-mounted cruet from the Drummers. We are sure it will remind him of us, even if it remains empty.

The Silver Bugle Competition was recently held and our hearty congratulations are due to Dmrs. Girdlestone and Sewell upon winning the Commanding Officer's and Adjutant's Bugles respectively. Dmr. Course gave us a surprise by tying for third place with L./Cpl. Carpenter. Having been at the Depot on a tour, and never having used a shank before, we think this is a very good performance. Whilst on the subject, Dmr. Course will shortly be joining L./Cpl. Doolan at Hounslow for Vocational Training, and with him goes every wish for success from us all.

We have in the Drums a very nice football team, and from the results of the trial recently held we should be able to put a good team in the field this season. We have played an away match versus Boxted United, and ran out winners to the tune of 6 goals to 2—a good start which we hope to maintain. Look out, C (S.) Company! Whilst on the

subject of football, we might mention that Dmr. Jones is the outside left of the Regimental team. We shall look forward to seeing his name well up the list of goal-scorers by the end of the season.

Ptes. Page and Burchell have joined us from duty companies, and to them we extend a hearty welcome, and hope their stay will be a happy one, and sooner or later find them among the top-notchers.

As a Novices' Boxing Competition is close at hand we are hard at it in preparation for this forthcoming event. We shall rely on practically the same team as last year, which won for us the Inter-Group Shield.

As we shall not be contributing again before Christmas, we wish all our drummer friends abroad a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We hear that L./Cpl. Stickley is to join us from the 1st Battalion. Should this be so, we shall be very pleased to have him with us once again, and a hearty welcome is assured.

SIGNALS.

Battalion and Brigade Training has ceased and the Section is now doing guards and fatigues once more. We do not know whether the higher authorities agree, but we think that during the recent exercises the Signallers maintained the good record gained by previous sections.

By the time these notes appear in print Pte. Parry will be the only old Signaller left with us, as Brailey is attending a Vocational Training Course, Taylor has gone to the Army Reserve, and Alexander to D Company. Three of the following N.C.Os. will have gone to duty companies: Cpls. Hawkins, Day, Buckland and Wray. We wish them all luck in their new spheres and take this opportunity of congratulating Cpl. Buckland on his marriage (may all his troubles, etc.), and L./Cpl. O'Doherty on his appointment.

At the time of writing, Ptes. Hoare and Hatfield are waiting men for the draft to the 1st Battalion. We sincerely hope they do not get dropped, as they will be missed. Hoare is a good middle-weight scrapper, and Hatfield is a good all-rounder. Six members have just been detailed as part of a detachment to Warley, and we hope they enjoy their

holiday. Pte. Gedge is on a Transport Course, and will soon be a fully fledged jockey. "Kitty," the eye-shade specialist, is now at Catterick as servant to Lieut. Bellers of the 1st Battalion.

With reference to Annual Training, everybody got "stuck in" and few and far between were the moans. The runners supplied by the Band and Drums worked with us really well, although Cpl. Wray declares that he has lost his voice and discovered a few grey hairs, caused by arguing and worrying about the bicycles, and that being gassed is not as bad as he thought. (Who said thirteen was unlucky?)

Cpls. Hawkins and Wray are threatening to sign on any day now, and Sergt. Smith has already done so.

In the matter of sports, the Employed Group and the Section have been amalgamated as Q Company, and, though we are very weak at present, we hope the new class will have plenty of sportsmen.

BOYS.

Since the last time of going to press very little of major importance to us has occurred—at least very little worth publication. The Swimming Sports are a thing of the past—in fact, when such a subject is brought up, quite a few shivers are apparent.

As usual, the Boys were well catered for in the Battalion Sports. There were three Boys' events—two lengths free style, the same distance breast-stroke, and an open diving event. Some very close finishes were recorded, and entries fully justified the inclusion of the events in the sports.

Both rooms are now nearly full. Boys always seem to enlist *en masse*. Among the latest contingent was included a very big fellow from a naval school, by name Wilson. If size goes for anything he should be well to the fore at sport. Others of the same party were Wagner, a boy from the land of milk and honey, Gray, a promising young "aviator," Parsons and Bright, the last-named being a good all-round sportsman.

Our football season opened rather disastrously, for our first match was lost 1—3, the victors being the Boys of the 4th Hussars. Some of the superfluous fat collected in the summer will have to

be disposed of, as the team was very slow on the ball. Perhaps cross-country runs will remedy this.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Our heartiest congratulations to Ctr. Sergt. Franklin (formerly Denchfield) on his promotion and appointment as Company Quartermaster-Sergeant of A Company. He is a very old member of the Mess and has been waiting for his promotion for a long time. He is getting married on the strength of it, and we wish him the best of luck.

We welcome into the Mess Sergt. Sneath, our new Transport Sergeant, who has joined us on transfer from the 4th Hussars; also L./Sergt. Allchorne from the Regimental Depot. Our congratulations to Sergt. Wilson on his promotion to full rank, and to L./Sergt. Ramsden on his entry to the Mess.

C.Q.M.S. Sadler has left us on discharge from the Service. He has settled down locally and we wish him the best of luck in civilian life. Sergt. Cartwright has also exchanged military for civilian life, and we hear he is doing well. The best of the Mess's good wishes go with him.

The chief social event of the quarter under review has been the Kent Cup Shoot which was held on Saturday, July 29th. Being a Saturday and in the morning, there were a few potential wooden-spoon competitors who were unable to be present. However, the shoot was not without surprises and many of the experts failed to head the list anywhere. The practices fired were as follows:—

200 Yards Snapshooting in the open, 5 rounds.

500 Yards Rapid in the open, 10 rounds in one minute.

600 Yards Slow in the open, 10 rounds.

Sergt. Bishop carried off the cup, with Sergt. Hows and C.S.M. Mewett as runners-up, while the wooden spoon went to Drum-Major Poulter, who tied, in the first instance, with Sergt. Scott, and lost in a toss-up on the miniature range.

There is little else to report, as what with Battalion and Higher Training, which has occupied most of the time, the Mess social life has necessarily been rather slow.

Now the winter is close at hand we hope to get things moving, and are in fact commencing with a whist drive and dance in the Mess on the third Friday in October.

We shall not be able to recommence the monthly dinners until January next—in November there is the Old Comrades' Dinner, at which many members of the Mess will have the pleasure of meeting old friends, and December leave makes social events in the Mess impracticable.

We hope to make a fuller contribution to the Regimental Journal in next quarter's notes.

MUSKETRY.

The outstanding success gained by the Battalion in the Colchester Garrison Rifle Meeting held on July 18th was the winning of the Sergeants' Challenge Cup by our team, which was composed of the following members: C.S.Ms. Peck (captain), Colbourne, Hewitt and Clarke, and Sergts. Wright, Jones, Kemp and Wilson. Five of these were in the team which won the Essex Challenge Shield at the County Meeting in June. The practices were based on those of the A.R.A. Royal Irish Cup Match. These involved a good deal of intensive practice shooting beforehand, and by the day of the actual match even the older members had become expert sprinters.

In the Mafeking Cup Match, a knock-out competition fired at falling plates, D Company's team reached the semi-final, in which they were beaten by a team from X Company of the 2nd Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry. H.Q. Wing team reached the third round. This match provided in a way the most interesting spectacle of the day, as each unit in the Garrison entered six teams, and firing being concurrent enthusiasm was very great.

In the other matches we were not so fortunate, though this was in no way due to lack of keenness or practice. We were very successful at the pool ball, and of those scored at 300 yards no less than twelve out of fourteen were scored by members of the Battalion. After the Garrison Meeting was over we concentrated on practice shooting for the A.R.A. non-central matches, for which the Battalion had entered teams. From

the results of the competition shooting, our Officers' and Sergeants' teams should figure in the first twenty teams entered by the Army at home.

The Young Soldiers' team shot particularly well and achieved a far higher score in the competition than at any of the practice shoots. Their total should place them about tenth in the Army at home.

Next year we hope to figure more prominently in the Garrison Meeting and A.R.A. matches. The winter months will give the opportunity of discovering hidden talent, and, given the same keenness as was shown by all ranks this year, we should achieve this purpose. Central Rifle Club and voluntary rifle meetings have of necessity still to remain in abeyance, but it is hoped to restart these in November. Up to that date the range will be fully occupied by the casualties and the drafts firing Table A.

The Colchester Police have an enthusiastic shooting team, against whom we hope to have the opportunity of competing during the coming winter.

ATHLETICS.

With the Eastern Command Athletic Meeting, the Battalion season has come to an end except for those individuals who care to take advantage of various open meetings to gain further experience, and we hope plenty of them will. The Command Meeting, which attracted a very good gate incidentally, was extremely interesting this year. It was very closely contested and there were several excellent individual and team results. Before passing on to our own share in the contest we must congratulate our old friends and next-door neighbours The Black Watch on their success.

The outstanding performance as far as this Battalion is concerned was the double success of Pte. Jacques in the Mile and Three Miles—the former in 4 min. 36.1-5 sec., and the latter in 15 min. 22.1-5 sec., times which would certainly have been better but for the very stiff breeze which was enough to prevent first-class times. Jacques timed his race beautifully and gave a fine object-lesson to young runners in the Battalion. We congratulate him most heartily on his

double success, and feel confident that it will have a most heartening effect amongst our long-distance runners. As a memento of his achievement, the Battalion are presenting him with a silver plaque, which we hope will long afford him a pleasant reminder of his splendid effort.

Apart from Pte. Jacques's successes, the running of Lieut. Gutteridge, of the Royal Tank Corps, must have been an education to nearly everyone. His 1 min. 58.45 sec. for a half-mile, which he could have reduced if necessary, followed by 51 sec. for the 440, coming at the end of two days' hard running, were magnificent achievements.

The points gained by the Battalion in each event and its final placing are shown later, and it is a very encouraging sign to find that with a younger team we not only did better this year in our final results, but that there was an enormous improvement in individual achievement. For the future it is a great thing to know that there are a considerable number of reserves for most events, and even during the Garrison and Command Meetings it was possible to replace casualties with no apparent injury to the team.

Of the team results the most notable was the 480 Yards Hurdles, which was won by us in 1 min. 9.15 sec., only 2.15 seconds over the Army record. This result is all the more creditable when one considers the young gale which met the second and fourth runners, and that Lieut. Else had only been able to do two or three hurdles since returning from Hythe a day or two before. Next year we hope to see the record broken. After the hurdles must come the Three Miles, in which we rose from our usual lowly position to third. Granted the enormous advantage given us by Jacques, we must give full credit to Ptes. Peasley, Hinch and Valle for their excellent running. It looked as though the three-mile effort would be repeated in the Mile. Hinch arrived well up and not only stuck to 2/Lieut. Porter, but left him, and the latter too ran very well and was well placed, but Peasley was unfortunate, for three laps from home he was running extremely well and easily and looked like being in the first flight, but when he tried to open out, an old strain crippled him and he was only able to struggle in.

The sprints were disappointing, as once more we struck the fastest teams in our first heat. It was some consolation, however, to win the second heat in each of the finals, thus securing fifth and fourth places respectively. We ought to have been higher, but Sergt. Ramsey was showing lack of practice and never produced his best form until the final 440 of the meeting, whilst Cpl. Knights, who came up from the P.T. School, was obviously slowed down by his P.T. activities.

The Mile Relay team met with little success, but this is an event which next year should be much stronger. Pte. Rawlinson, L./Cpl. Hiscocks and several other young runners show signs of promise, but cannot yet do the full 440. In the Two Miles team lies our greatest weakness, but 2/Lieut. Willoughby and Pte. Crossthwaite are improving daily and in practically no running event does continual practice produce a performer more than this. Here lies the opportunity for keen young runners who are not quite fast enough to get into a sprint team and who are prepared to train hard.

The field events were not as good as in the Garrison. Lieut. Else did well to clear 5 ft. 2 in., considering that he had had no practice, but Pte. Page, who was brought down from the Depot, was unable in the strange surroundings and conditions to produce the form he had shown in practice. However, he looks a jumper and the experience will be useful for next year. The Shot was poor and much time must be devoted to this this winter.

Lieut. Stephenson and Pte. Mew were again consistent in the Javelin and did well to take third place, whilst Mew again was steady in the Hammer, and we hope that with more practice L./Sergt. Jenkins will be able to increase his throwing a lot by next year.

The Long Jump is weak at present, and L./Cpl. Davis was affected by a strain, but here again there are youngsters like Pte. Lowton who by next year may easily be doing 20 feet. Sergt. Dean was also out of this event owing to a strain.

In the Discus, Lieut. Unwin was unable to produce his 106 feet, but was well up and in consequence our sympathy is very much with L./Cpl. Tye, who was given three no-throws, as he had been throwing very consistently in practice and might

otherwise have aided us to be very well placed. With Lieut. Unwin, L./Cpl. Tye and Pte. Mew to choose from next year, this team should be very strong. The Pole Jump is at present disappointing. Mew was handicapped by a slightly sprained ankle and could not better 9 ft. 9 in., and Cpl. Poulter has not regained his form of last year, and, though he was over 9 ft., he might easily have been well over 10 ft., as he started beautifully.

We cannot conclude these notes without thanking the Depot for their assistance and passing a special vote of thanks to S.Q.M.S.I. Hill for once more coming to coach us. S.Q.M.S.I. Hill is shortly, we hear, going to civilian life, but it is welcome news to know that he has promised to assist us all he can next year and we hope that when he comes he will find more material farther advanced than this year. If so we can look forward to next year, and should climb another two rungs on the ladder towards the cup.

Results:—

High Jump.—Lieut. Else and Pte. Page, 5th.

Shot.—C.S.M. Peck and Sergt. Livens, 8th.

Javelin.—Lieut. Stephenson and Pte. Mew, 3rd.

Hammer.—Pte. Mew and L./Sergt. Jenkins, 7th.

Long Jump.—Lieut. Else and L./Cpl. Davis, 7th.

Three Miles.—Ptes. Jacques, Peasley, Hinch and Valle, 3rd.

Hurdles.—Lieuts. Gilbert, Else, Stephenson and Unwin, 1st.

Mile.—Pte. Jacques, Lieut. Porter, and Ptes. Peasley and Hinch, 6th.

Discus.—Lieut. Unwin and L./Cpl. Tye, 8th.

880 Yards Relay.—Sergt. Ramsey, Cpl. Knight, Lieut. Unwin and Cpl. Overy, 5th.

Two Miles Relay.—Lieut. Willoughby, Pte. Crossthwaite, L./Sergt. Jenkins, Pte. Allen and Lieut. Porter, 7th.

Pole Jump.—Pte. Mew and Cpl. Poulter, 6th.

440 Yards Relay.—Lieuts. Stephenson and Unwin, Sergt. Ramsey and Cpl. Knights, 4th.

One Mile Relay.—Sergt. Ramsey, Pte. Pilfold, L./Cpl. Hiscocks and Pte. Rawlinson, 9th.

Final positions:—

1. 2nd Bn. The Black Watch.
2. Training Bn., Royal Engineers.
3. 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps.
4. 2nd Bn. The Royal Fusiliers.
5. 2nd Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry.
6. 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.).
7. 4th Divisional Signals.
8. 2nd Bn. The East Surrey Regiment.
9. 4th Divisional Engineers.

SWIMMING.

Training for the Battalion Swimming Sports began earlier this year than last, and a fair number attended the baths before breakfast daily. The sports, although arranged for June 15th and 16th, did not take place until July 4th, owing to the drought, which prevented a change of water. The entries were good, and some keen racing was seen.

The results were as follows:—

Two Lengths Free Style.—1, Pte. Rawlinson, H.Q.; 2, 2/Lieut. G. O. Porter.

Two Lengths Breast-stroke.—1, Pte. Humberstone, H.Q.; 2, L./Cpl. Fuller, B.

Two Lengths Back-stroke.—1, Cpl. Bromley, D; 2, Pte. Lomax, A.

Seven Lengths Free Style.—1, Pte. Lomax, A; 2, Cpl. Bromley, D.

Plunging.—1, Lieut. R. T. Guscott; 2, Capt. N. P. Procter.

Diving.—1, Pte. Short, D; 2, Lieut. W. M. Ferguson.

Inter-Company Relay Race.—D Company.

Boys.

Two Lengths Breast-stroke.—Boy Phipps.

Two Lengths Free Style.—Boy Caney.

Diving.—Boy Caney.

Pte. Rawlinson's two lengths free style and Lieut. Guscott's plunge of 50 ft. 6 in. were probably the best performances of the two days, whilst Pte. Lomax swam well in the seven lengths.

In the week left before the Garrison Sports the choice of names for the Battalion team was no easy task, the selection of the last two for each team of four

being the difficulty. The following team was eventually selected, however:—

Two Lengths Free Style.—Pte. Rawlinson, H.Q., 2/Lieut. G. O. Porter, Pte. Short, D, and Pte. Lomax, A.

Two Lengths Back-stroke.—Cpl. Bromley, D, Pte. Lomax, A, L./Cpl. Eastland, C (S.), and Bdsn. Veryard, H.Q.

Two Lengths Breast-stroke.—Pte. Humberstone, H.Q., L./Cpl. Simpkins, B, L./Sergt. Livens, D, and Sergt. Johnson, C (S.).

Seven Lengths Free Style.—Pte. Lomax, A, Pte. Rawlinson, H.Q., Cpl. Bromley, D, and Sergt. Russell, D.

Diving.—Pte. Short, D, Lieut. W. M. Ferguson, and Pte. Williams, D.

Plunging.—Lieut. R. T. Guscott, Capt. N. P. Procter and Pte. Murray, B.

The day was cold and wet with a keen wind which made it very unpleasant for the competitors, especially in the later events. The Battalion secured fourth place with 17 points, 4th Divisional Signals being first with 29½ points, the Royal Fusiliers and King's Shropshire Light Infantry tied for second place with 29 points—a very close and exciting finish—and the Black Watch were fifth. The Battalion team swam well, but were not up to the standard of the first three teams, although, had previous form been reproduced in one or two cases, more points would most certainly have been collected. Pte. Murray's plunge of 52 feet deserves particular mention, after he had previously gained third place in the Garrison Individual Championships. Boys Caney and Nolan tied twice for first place in the Boys' Diving in the same competition, Boy Nolan eventually winning—a very creditable performance.

CRICKET.

The Battalion season ended with a very fair and creditable record. Out of 14 matches played, 5 were won, 3 lost, and the remainder drawn. The original fixture list showed that we had twenty matches in all, and it was particularly unfortunate that six of these had to be scratched for one reason or another.

We were indeed lucky in our weather, and wonder when we shall see a similar summer. Unfortunately, Capt. Whinney will not play for us again. An apprecia-

tion of what he has done for Regimental cricket—and particularly the 2nd Battalion—requires more than can be written in these notes. We should, however, like to express our regret that he will no longer be able to play for us, and to say how much we owe him for all he has done both off and on the field. It was a particularly pleasant and gratifying end to his cricket in the Regiment to see him do so well in his last match for the Battalion. Playing against H.M.S. *Ganges* he took 6 wickets for 35, and then proceeded to assure victory by a very good 62. We should also like to congratulate him on the first occasion of his captaincy of the eleven during the Depot Cricket Week. Five matches were played, out of which four were won and one drawn. We wish him the very best of luck, and hope (possibly against hope) we may yet see him play for us again—sometime, somewhere.

The scores of our matches since our last notes appear later on. Our defeat at the hands of Felixstowe was a regrettable show. We had first innings on what was, without a doubt, the best wicket we played on this year. The explanation of our collapse remains a mystery, as the bowling was not particularly terrifying. We hoped Lieuts. Unwin and Stephenson were set for a big partnership, and it was indeed a misfortune when the former was caught off a rising ball when he appeared set.

The match against Frinton, which proved to be our last match, had an exciting finish, with the dice loaded against us. However, our last wicket managed to hold out for two very exciting overs and so thwarted them of a victory.

We look forward to an even more successful season next year. Lieut. Hudson will be here, as a regular and very valuable member of the side, and there are plenty of keen young cricketers in the Battalion of whom much is expected. Till then we must declare our innings closed. A long closure, but it is unfortunately unavoidable.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

Played at Colchester on July 14th.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Lieut. G. P. L. Weston lbw b Wellock	21
Pte. Pullen b Cox	0

Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson c Cobb b Coton	57
Lieut. E. J. Unwin b Cox	54
Lieut. A. E. Green c Marshall b Coton	6
Capt. C. T. Whinney not out	43
Lieut. F. H. Else c and b Coton	10
Lieut. J. G. E. Reid c Brickles b Coton	3
Pte. Allen c Henderson b Cox	2
Pte. McQuillan c Gardner b Cox	4
Pte. Lloyd c Gardner b Cox	5
Extras	10
Total	224
Bowling.—Cox, 5 for 70; Wellock, 1 for 30; Coton, 4 for 33.	

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

Cpl. Wellock b Whinney	9
Cpl. Coton lbw b Whinney	0
Lieut.-Col. Henderson c Else b Stephenson	4
Lieut. Gardner lbw b Reid	3
Sigmn. Larkin lbw b Stephenson	5
Sigmn. Marshall b Whinney	48
Sigmn. Cox b Stephenson	46
Lieut.-Col. Cobb c Lloyd b Stephenson	17
Sigmn. Brickles c McQuillan b Stephenson	2
Sigmn. Seager not out	8
L./Cpl. Walton b Stephenson	0
Extras	10
Total	162
Bowling.—Stephenson, 6 for 38; Whinney, 3 for 53; Reid, 1 for 25.	

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. FELIXSTOWE.

Played at Felixstowe on June 24th.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Lieut. J. G. E. Reid b Quayle	5
Pte. Pullen run out	0
Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson c Greenland b C. Hobrough	39
Lieut. E. J. Unwin c Wyatt b C. Hobrough	16
Capt. C. T. Whinney b Quayle	2
Lieut. A. E. Green lbw b Quayle	0
Lieut. G. P. L. Weston b C. Hobrough	0
Pte. Delaney lbw b Quayle	2
Pte. Allen b Catchpole	19
Pte. Brailey b C. Hobrough	0
L./Sergt. Wilson not out	13
Extras	3
Total	99
Bowling.—C. Hobrough, 4 for 11; Quayle, 4 for 43; N. Catchpole, 1 for 34; Russell, 0 for 8.	

FELIXSTOWE.

I. S. Quayle b Whinney	21
C. G. Russell c Pullen b Reid	69
C. H. Henderson b Whinney	0
A. T. Hobrough st Wilson b Green	27
F. D. Bird b Green	24
N. Catchpole not out	18
Col. E. R. Wyatt not out	9
Extras	11
Total (for 5 wickets)	179
Bowling.—Whinney, 2 for 37; Reid, 1 for 14; Green, 2 for 29; Stephenson, 0 for 49; Unwin, 0 for 19; Weston, 0 for 20.	

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

Played at Colchester on July 19th.

H.M.S. "GANGES."

P.O. Clarke c Delaney b Whinney	1
P.O. Lump c Reid b Whinney	0
Lieut. Bliss b Whinney	34
Lieut.-Cmdr. Finlay run out	15
Boy Howling run out	5
S.A. Pritchard c Stephenson	24
Cpl. Lunn b Whinney	4
Lieut. Beattie b Whinney	0
Lieut. Mawer b Whinney	0
— Cooper b Reid	27
— Ward not out	0
Extras	14
Total	124
Bowling.—Stephenson, 1 for 15; Whinney, 6 for 35; Reid, 1 for 4.	

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

L./Sergt. Wilson c Pritchard b Ward	0
Pte. Coombes c Howling b Pritchard	0
Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson c Finlay	29
b Pritchard	3
Lieut. E. J. Unwin c Clarke b Pritchard	62
Capt. C. T. Whinney not out	15
Sergt. Glover c Howling b Ward	10
Lieut. J. G. E. Reid not out	8
Extras	127
Total (for 5 wickets)	127
Bowling.—Pritchard, 3 for 46; Ward, 2 for 37.	

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. FRINTON.

Played at Frinton on July 29th.

FRINTON.

T. N. Pearce c Lloyd b McQuillan	58
M. F. Alexander b Stephenson	38
S. H. Wrinch c Unwin b Weston	38
L. F. Lyle c McQuillan b Weston	21
G. F. Gardner b Lloyd	4
A. Quick b Lloyd	4
T. G. Grinter not out	27
E. Balls b Stephenson	9
H. W. Holmes c Stephenson b McQuillan	9
H. J. Tuck not out	1
J. Downes absent	0
Extras	19
Total (for 8 wickets dec.)	228
Bowling.—Stephenson, 2 for 51; Weston, 2 for 64; Lloyd, 2 for 59; McQuillan, 2 for 29.	

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Lieut. A. M. Man b Pearce	5
Pte. Pullen c Grinter b Tuck	4
Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson not out	56
Lieut. E. J. Unwin b Pearce	48
Lieut. G. P. L. Weston c and b Quick	0
Lieut. F. H. Else c Balls b Pearce	3
Lieut. A. W. Peal c Alexander b Quick	9
Capt. N. P. Procter b Quick	1
Pte. Allen b Pearce	2
Pte. McQuillan b Pearce	0
Pte. Lloyd not out	0
Extras	10
Total (for 9 wickets)	138
Bowling.—Pearce, 5 for 53; Quick, 3 for 29; Tuck, 1 for 16.	

BOXING.

A Battalion Novices' Boxing Meeting was held on September 27th and 28th, the finals being fought on October 2nd. All three days provided us with a programme of excellent fights, with clean and spirited fighting. The general standard of the boxing was high and a large number of useful "left hands" were in evidence. It was noticeable that those competitors who hit straight and used a straight left frequently won their fights, while on the whole there was much less of the windmill style of boxing than is usually seen in a novices' competition. The material which has been supplied by the Depot is excellent, and we now have the makings of a good team for the next few years. The necessity for straight hitting and the use of the left hand cannot be over-emphasized, and it was demonstrated practically in the fights seen in the competition.

Some of the best fights of the meeting were provided by the boys. The number of competitors was encouraging, and the audiences appreciated the sporting fights and good boxing, and gave the competitors a great deal of support. A good loser's prize was awarded to Pte. Rose, D Company. His fight with Pte. Connor, C (S.) Company, was undoubtedly one of the most outstanding of the meeting.

It is impossible to give all the names of those worthy of special mention, but amongst those who showed the most promise were Pte. Bennett, D Company, L./Cpl. Collison, D Company, Pte. Marsh, D Company, and L./Cpl. Johl, B Company. Amongst the boys, Boy Cook was outstanding in style and punch.

The winners and runners-up were:—

Heavy-weight.—Pte. Bellchamber, A Company; Pte. Eyles, D Company.

Middle-weight.—Pte. Kent, A Company; Pte. Edwards, H.Q. Wing.

Welter-weight.—Pte. Bennett, D Company; L./Cpl. Collison, D Company.

Light-weight.—Pte. Phillips, H.Q. Wing; L./Sergt. Allchorne, D Company.

Feather-weight.—Pte. Murray, A Company; Pte. Joyce, D Company.

Bantam-weight.—Pte. Robins, D Company; Pte. Pullen, H.Q. Wing.

Good Loser's Prize.—Pte. Rose, D Company.

Boys.

Welter-weight.—Boy Firman; Boy Copeland.

Feather-weight.—Boy Cook; Boy Thorley.

Bantam-weight.—Boy Burrell; Boy Gower.

Fly-weight.—Boy Ash (only entry).

Mosquito-weight.—Boy Hailey; Boy Street.

Midge-weight.—Boy Caney (only entry).

SEVENTY-SEVENTH REGIMENT or MONTGOMERIE'S HIGHLANDERS, 1757.

11, SOUTH EATON PLACE,
LONDON.

September 18th, 1933.

DEAR EDITOR,

The attached may be of interest to the readers of THE DIE-HARDS.

It is an extract from a book in my possession called "Sketches of the Character, Manners and Present State of the Highlanders of Scotland, with details of Military Service of The Highlander Regiments," by Col. David Stewart.

This gives more information than Woolbright's History of the 77th.

Yours sincerely,

H. W. M. STEWART.

As will be noticed in speaking of the 78th regiment, when Government had determined to raise Highland corps, letters of service were issued to Major the Honourable Archibald Montgomerie, son of the Earl of Eglinton, to recruit a regiment in the north. From his connections and personal character, Major Montgomerie was peculiarly well qualified for the command of a Highland regiment. Having one sister, Lady Margaret, married to Sir Alexander Macdonald of Slate, in the north; and another, Lady Christian, married to the Laird of Abercainey, on the borders of the southern Highlands; he mixed much with the people, and being a high-spirited young man, with a considerable dash of romantic enthusiasm in his composition, and with manners cheerful and affable,

he made himself highly acceptable to the Highlanders; and by the support which he met with, and the judicious selection of officers of influence in the north, he soon completed an excellent body of men, who were formed into a regiment of 13 companies of 105 rank and file each, making in all, with 65 serjeants, 30 pipers and drummers, 1,460 effective men. The corps was numbered the 77th regiment.

Colonel Montgomerie's commission was dated the 4th of January, 1757, and those of all the other officers each a day later than his senior in the same rank.

MAJORS.

James Grant of Ballendalloch, died a General in the army in 1806.
Alexander Campbell.

CAPTAINS.

John Sinclair.
Hugh Mackenzie.
John Gordon.
Alexander Mackenzie, killed at St. John's, 1761.
William Macdonald, killed at Fort du Quésne, 1759.
George Munro, do. do.
Robert Mackenzie.
Allan Maclean, from the Dutch Brigade, Colonel of the 84th Highland Emigrants, died a Major-General, 1784.
James Robertson.
Allan Cameron.
Captain-Lieutenant Alexander Mackintosh.

LIEUTENANTS.

Charles Farquharson.
Alexander Mackenzie, killed at Fort du Quésne, 1759.
Nichol Sutherland, died lieutenant-colonel of the 47th regiment, 1780.
Archibald Robertson.
Duncan Bayne.
James Duff.
Colin Campbell, killed at Fort du Quésne.
James Grant.
Alexander Macdonald.
Joseph Grant.
Robert Grant.
Cosmo Martin.
John Macnab.
Hugh Gordon, killed in Martinique, 1762.
Donald Macdonald.

William Mackenzie, killed at Fort du Quésne.

Robert Mackenzie, do.

Henry Munro.

Alexander Macdonald, killed at Fort du Quésne.

Donald Campbell.

Hugh Montgomerie, now Earl of Eglinton.

James Maclean, killed in the West Indies, 1761.

Alexander Campbell.

John Campbell.

James Macpherson.

Archibald Macvicar, killed at the Havannah, 1762.

ENSIGNS.

Alexander Grant.
William Haggart.
Lewis Houston.
Ronald Mackinnon.
George Munro.
Alexander Mackenzie.
John Maciachlane.
William Maclean.
James Grant.
John Macdonald.
Archibald Crawford.
James Bain.
Allan Stewart.
CHAPLAIN, Henry Monro.
ADJUTANT, Donald Stewart.
QUARTER-MASTER, Alex. Montgomerie.
SURGEON, Allan Stewart.

This corps was embodied at Stirling, and embarked at Greenock for Halifax, without time being allowed for acquiring the use of arms in a uniform manner. On the commencement of operations in 1758, the 77th was attached to the corps under Brigadier General Forbes, in the expedition against Fort du Quésne. This, and all the other movements of this regiment, are included in the narrative of the service of the 42d regiment.

Montgomerie's Highlanders were often employed in small detached expeditions, traversing, to a very great extent, the most difficult countries. In these marches they had numberless skirmishes with the Indians, and with the irregular troops of the enemy; a species of service of the most harassing kind, as it required the greatest personal exertion on the part of the soldiers, and demanded constant vigilance and presence of mind on that of

the officers. Hence, it was well calculated to open a field to the junior officers for acquiring professional experience in their detached commands. The enterprises in which they were engaged necessarily obliged them to depend on their own resources, in a way quite different from what would have been called for, had they been acting under the immediate direction of others.

At the conclusion of the war, all the officers and men who chose to settle in America were permitted to do so, each receiving a grant of land in proportion to his rank. A number of these officers and men, as well as those of the 78th regiment, joined the King's standard in 1775, and formed a corps along with the Highland Emigrants in the 84th regiment.

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ATHOLL HIGHLANDERS

OR

SEVENTY-SEVENTH REGIMENT.

At the peace of 1783 this regiment was marched to Portsmouth, to be embarked for the East Indies, although the terms on which they had enlisted were to serve for three years, or during the war. They showed, however, no reluctance to embark, nor any desire to claim their discharge, to which their letters of service entitled them. On the contrary, when they came in sight of the Fleet at Spithead, as they marched across Portsdown Hill, they pulled off their bonnets, and gave three cheers for a brush with Hyder Ali. But no sooner were they quartered in Portsmouth, to wait till the transports should be ready, than distrust and discord appeared. Emissaries from London, it is affirmed, expatiated on the faithlessness of sending them to such a distance, when their term of service had expired, and inflamed them by reports of their being sold, for a certain sum per man, to the East India Company. Some of the officers, it was added, were to divide the money among themselves. Had their confidence in their officers not been thus undermined, they would not have been so easily stirred up to disobedience and disregard of their authority, and disbelief of the explanation given by those to whom they had hitherto shown the greatest attachment. But the influence of these motives having been destroyed by false insinuations against

their officers, there was the less restraint on their indignation at what was but too true; that no regard was paid to the engagement by which they had bound themselves. The consequence was, a determination on the part of the soldiers to adhere to their terms of service, and not to embark for India. After some days of disorganization and misrule, in which the officers lost all command, Government acquiesced and countermanded the order to embark.

The following account of this affair, dated at Portsmouth, was published in February, 1783: "The Duke of Atholl, his uncle, Major-General Murray, and Lord George Lennox, have been down here, but the Athole Highlanders are still determined not to go to the East Indies. They have put up their arms and ammunition into one of the magazines, and placed a very strong guard over them, whilst the rest of the regiment sleep and refresh themselves. They come regularly and quietly to the grand parade, very cleanly dressed, twice a-day, their adjutant and other officers parading with them. One day it was proposed to turn the great guns, on the rampart, on the Highlanders, but this scheme was soon overruled. Another time it was suggested to send for some marching regiments quartered near the place, upon which the Highlanders drew up the draw-bridges, and placed sentinels at them."

Another account states—"You may be assured I have had my perplexities since the mutiny commenced in the 77th regiment; but I must do the men the justice to confess, that, excepting three or four drunken fellows, whose impudence to their officers could only have been equalled by their brutality, the whole regiment have conducted themselves with a regularity that is surprising; for what might not have been expected from upwards of one thousand men let loose from all restraint? Matters would never have been carried to the pitch they have, but for the interference of some busy people, who love to be fishing in troubled waters. The men have opened a subscription for the relief of the widow of the poor invalid, for whose death they express the greatest regret. On their being informed that two or three regiments were coming to force them to em-

bark, they flew to their arms, and followed their comrade leaders through the town, with a fixed determination to give them battle; but on finding the report to be false, they returned in the same order to their quarters. The regiment is not to go to the East Indies contrary to their instructions, which has satisfied them, but will be attended with disagreeable consequences to the service; and since the debates in the House of Commons on the subject, I should not wonder if every man intended for foreign service refused going for the reasons there given, which, you may depend on it, they are now well acquainted with."

In the course of the parliamentary debates on this subject, Lord Auckland, then Mr. Eden, and Secretary of State for Ireland, said, "He had happened to have the 77th regiment immediately under his observation during the sixteen months of their garrison duty in Dublin, and though it was not the most agreeable duty in the service, he must say that their conduct was most exemplary. Their officers were not only men of gentlemanly character, but peculiarly attentive to regimental discipline. He having once, upon the sudden alarm of invasion, sent an order for the immediate march of this regiment to Cork, they showed their alacrity by marching, at an hour's notice, and completed their march with a dispatch *beyond any distance in modern times*; and this, too, without leaving a single soldier behind."

It is difficult for those who are not in the habit of mixing with the Highlanders, to believe the extent of the mischief which this unhappy misunderstanding has occasioned, and the deep and lasting impression it has left behind it. In the course of my recruiting, many years afterwards, I was often reminded of this attempt on the Athole Highlanders, which was always alleged as a confirmation of what happened, at an earlier period, to the Black Watch. This transaction, and others of a similar description, have created distrust in Government, and in the integrity of its agents.

If Government had offered a small bounty, when the Athole Highlanders were required to embark, there can be little doubt they would have obeyed their orders, and embarked as cheerfully as they marched into Portsmouth. The

regiment was marched to Berwick, and disbanded conformably to the original agreement. No man was tried or punished. An inference has in consequence been drawn, and never forgotten, in the Highlands, that however unjustifiable the mode of redress, the men had just cause for complaint.



DEPOT NOTES.

THE Annual Inspection of the Depot was carried out on September 20th by the Area Commander, who was accompanied by Major Whitacre Allen, D.A.A. and Q.M.G.

The G.O.C.-in-Chief, Eastern Command, and the Major-General-in-Charge of Administration visited the Depot on October 3rd.

The number of recruits at present is 134. This number is slightly below the average, and will tend to decrease rather than increase for some time to come, as only 118 recruits are to be enlisted in the Regiment during the remainder of the recruiting year. It is understood that one new squad will be formed in November, and one each in January, February and March respectively of next year.

Some changes are about to take place amongst officers at the Depot, and we regret very much the impending departure of Capt. A. N. Overell and Lieut. H. W. Clayden. The former is to rejoin the 1st Battalion, but has not yet received his embarkation orders, whilst the latter will be posted to the 2nd Battalion on October 2nd. We are also extremely sorry to lose Lieut. N. G. Gilbert, who has still a considerable portion of his tour of duty to complete, but who has been given a vacancy in the Royal West African Frontier Force, and sails on October 18th. He will be especially missed in the boxing and athletic spheres of activity. His flourishing pig industry has been handed over to Lieut.-Col. English.

The Depot cricket season finished in a satisfactory manner, and full notes will be found elsewhere. The football season has commenced; no outside fixtures have yet been played, but a number of Squad games have revealed a certain amount of talent amongst the recruits, though it may

be rather too much to expect that there will be such talent as was discovered last year. In any case, however, a good season is anticipated, as there is an interesting fixture list. It is hoped that we will not have as much trouble with the football grounds as we had last year, when the lower ground was continually unfit for play.

This ground is to be drained before very long, whilst the upper ground, which was too rough last year to be of much use, has been considerably improved through the efforts of Cpl. Burgess and parties of recruits. Albuhera Squad (L./Sergt. Bedward) has just left to join the 2nd Battalion, while other squads which have proceeded to Colchester during the past quarter have been:—Alma (L./Sergt. Jenkins), on July 14th; Mysore (Sergt. Rogers), on August 12th, and Ladysmith (Sergt. Green), on September 11th.

The next senior squad (Badajos) will not leave until November.

The following have been the winners of Recruits' Competitions during this period:—

SILVER MEDAL FOR PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Alma Squad.—Pte. Blan.
Mysore Squad.—Pte. Dunne.
Ladysmith Squad.—Pte. Bennett.
Albuhera Squad.—Ptes. Page and Dee (equal).

SHOOTING PRIZES.

Empire Test and Table "A."
Ladysmith Squad.—Ptes. Ovenden and Eyles.
Albuhera Squad.—Ptes. Nash and Page.
Badajos Squad.—Pte. Thurston.

SQUAD BADGE WINNERS.

Mysore Squad.—16th week, Pte. Vince.
Alma Squad.—16th week, Ptes. Bettell and du Heaume (equal).
Ladysmith Squad.—12th and 16th weeks, Pte. Hobson.
Albuhera Squad.—12th and 16th weeks, Pte. Page.
Badajos Squad.—8th and 12th weeks, Pte. Irons.
Seringapatam Squad.—4th week, Pte. Compton.

The following have been awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education during the quarter:—

Depot Staff.—Dmr. Lawrence, Ptes. Taylor and Bridge.

Inkerman Squad.—Ptes. Cummins, Dunne, Hinch, Jarvis, Lloyd and Parry.

Alma Squad.—Ptes. Bettell, Blan, Moys, Murray and Rose.

Mysore Squad.—Ptes. Burchell, Dunne, Hastie, Jacob, Miriam and Price.

Albuhera Squad.—Ptes. Page, Rolls, Blacknell, Dee, Jennings, Jones, Nash, Norcutt, Sheffield and Staley.

Badajos Squad.—Ptes. Barrett, Bowker, Collman, Higgins, Irons, Knight, Perry, Thomas (54), Thomas (63) and Wood.

Seventy-two 3rd Class Certificates have been awarded during the quarter, and a total of 216 since the corresponding date last year.

The result of the Inter-Squad Relay Races, to which reference was made in the last Depot Athletic Notes, was as follows:—1st, Ladysmith, 103 points; 2nd, Badajos, 89 points; 3rd, Alma, 78 points; 4th, Mysore; 5th, Albuhera; 6th, Seringapatam.

The following recruits have been awarded special silver medals for breaking existing recruits' athletic records:—

Pte. Page: High Jump, 5 ft. 2 in.
Pte. Dunne: Pole Vault, 8 ft. 2½ in.

The names of records accomplished by recruits, and of those who made them, are now inscribed on a board in the Gymnasium.

These names, other than those already mentioned, and the events, etc., are at present as follows:—

Pte. Lowton: 100 Yards, 11 1-5 sec.; July, 1932.

Pte. Kent: 220 Yards, 25 1-5 sec.; June, 1933.

Pte. Pilfold: 440 Yards, 58 4-5 sec.; June, 1933.

Pte. Hinch: 880 Yards, 2 min. 17 sec.; June, 1933.

Pte. Hinch: One Mile, 5 min. 7 2-5 sec.; June, 1933.

Pte. Berryman: Two Miles, 11 min. 10 sec.; June, 1932.

Pte. Berryman: Three Miles, 16 min. 48 sec.; August, 1932.

Pte. Lowton: Long Jump, 18 ft.; July, 1932.

Pte. Hockley: Discus, 79 ft. 1 in.; June, 1933.

Pte. Law: Javelin, 107 ft. 6 in.; June, 1933.

Pte. Law: Hammer, 78 ft. 4 in.; June, 1933.

Pte. Eyles: Putting the Shot, 30 ft. 4 in.; June, 1933.

Pte. Tye: Heaving the Shot, 29 ft. 3 in.; October, 1932.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

"The time has come," the Walrus said,
"To talk of many things—
Of ships—and shoes—and sealing wax—
Of cabbages—and kings."

SHIPS.

During the past quarter the members have participated in a goodly number of "ships."

The prize for the Annual Mess Rifle Shooting Championship was carried off by R.S.M. Davies, closely followed by Sergts. Rogers and Green. Sergt. Beaveridge, after a keenly contested struggle with C.Q.M.S. King, managed to win the spoon, but both these competitors were extremely fortunate. The holder, Skuli Khan, was, on the occasion of the shoot, enjoying his "annual" furlough. Had he been there the tale may have been somewhat different, for it is certain he would have given both a ticklish score to beat.

Without doubt the prowess of the members, displayed in the Inter-Mess Shooting Championship, was in no small measure due to the tuition and coaching of our Master-at-Arms (since promoted Bargemaster), and the final placings were Sergeants, Officers, Corporals, and Privates. The Mess representatives were R.Q.M.S. Pilley, C.S.M. Hart, Sergts. Rogers and Green.

Early in September we were entertained by the officers to a Tennis "At Home," and, strange though it may seem, history repeated itself, the ultimate result being a draw. Some days later we returned the compliment after a hard-fought cricket match, wherein we snatched the victory by a mere nine runs. Both events were voted complete social successes, but we regret that the latter was somewhat marred by an unfortunate accident on the field which involved both Mr. Clowes and Mr. Clayden. We trust that by now both are fully recovered.

The Annual Mess Tennis Championship is now well under way, but, the summer

having passed, the court is well under water, and in the succeeding rounds it would appear that waders and waterwings will be the order of the day.

The football season has commenced, but for the results of our matches your attention is invited to other pages of this Journal. "Be modest in victory and generous . . ."

SHOES.

(See below under Cabbages.)

SEALING WAX.

Apart from its purely primary usefulness as an article of office routine, in the hands of our ratcatcher this commodity may possibly prove an excellent expedient for the limiting of the exits and entrances of our rodent friends. We understand, however, a new method of destruction has been devised. Our worthy Lothario, who lately tuned the lyre, was so struck by a group portraying "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" during his numerous visits to Madame Tussaud's that he is now giving lessons on the flageolet, hautboy and serpent to the steward and his staff. (A stock of music often seen behind the bar may be taken by those not in the know as conclusive proof, but authoritative sources inform us that the "maestro," using the Railway Line Stave Notation, scores his own compositions in the blank Stop Press Columns of the 5.30 *Star* and *News*.)

CHOUX.

(See above—French for Cabbage.)

Cabbages, carpets, Cairo, Colchester, corporals, condolences, congratulations, commiserations, or certificates. Which shall we choose and where shall we commence?

Let us first congratulate Sergt. Paterson and L./Sergt. Moore on their promotion, and welcome the latter to our fold.

L./Sergts. Allchorne, Bedward and Cooper have left us for Colchester. Our best wishes go with them, and we extend a hearty welcome to L./Sergt. Ramsden.

Our sympathies are offered to O.R.Q.M.S. Baldwin, who is at the moment in Millbank enjoying a diet of fresh air, lactic juice, calcium and bismuth. Let us hope his recovery will be speedy and permanent.

By the time these notes appear in print a fair number of the members will have

wrestled more or less successfully with the "First." We wish them luck with the certificate, and the chance of Colour-Sergeant which goes with it.

KINGS.

Adverting to our notes of last quarter, we offer our heartiest greeting to another potential Mess member, and congratulate C.Q.M.S. King and his wife on the happy event.

ENVOI.

The early bird standing a reasonable chance of obtaining grain and not dry husks, we take this opportunity of wishing our comrades at Cairo and Colchester, and also our readers, a very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

P. R. C.

CORPORALS' ROOM.

With the exception of the last month of the quarter, there have been very few items of interest on which to write.

However, with the football season in front of us, we are looking ahead to some really good times.

We opened the season by meeting and defeating the Sergeants 4—3. The game, on the whole, was very good, and we rather looked on the result as a foregone conclusion. (Sub-Editor: "Modest in victory, generous in defeat.")

The only great mistake was made by "Dodger," who insists on going to the "Dogs" instead of investing his capital in gilt-edged securities.

A Dance was held during the first week in September, and was, as usual, a great success. Of the Billiard Tournament the least said sooner mended, and we congratulate the Staff on their performance.

Before closing, we congratulate "Pony" on his entrance to the higher Mess, and L./Cpl. Ellwood on his appointment. We also extend a hearty welcome to Cpl. Dujardin and L./Cpl. Grant on joining the Depot for a tour of duty. Both are Educational Instructors, so while we gain in brawn we also gain in brains. More congratulations! Harry has presented the Depot with a budding nursemaid.

By the time these notes are in print, L./Cpls. Ayles and Harris will have left us for a course at the Vocational Training Centre as "Handymen," and we wish them the best of luck.

CRICKET.

Looking back on the summer, the Depot have had an excellent cricket season. We started the season on a very high note, but owing to various members of the regular team being away on duty, and the loss of two or three stalwarts on return to the home Battalion, a few matches were lost towards the end of August.

It has been suggested that in subsequent years the more important matches, such as those against Hampstead C.C. and The Romany C.C., should be taken over by the Officers' Club. The Depot itself could not possibly produce a team strong enough to take on these large clubs, and rather than lose these old-standing fixtures it is hoped that the Officers' Club will carry them on. Most of these matches date back from the time when there were four Regular Battalions in the Regiment, when, of course, the Depot had a much larger establishment.

A short *résumé* of the matches played is appended:—

- v. The Guards Depot.—Lost by 4 wickets.
- v. The London Fire Brigade.—Lost by 55 runs (Pte. Page 26).
- v. The Golder's Green Police.—Drawn: Depot, 176 (Sergt. Kennett 46); Police, 78 for 8.
- v. Hampstead C.C.—Lost by 78 runs (Sergt. Kennett 35, and 6 for 31).
- v. Depot The Royal Fusiliers.—Won by 7 wickets.
- v. The R.A.S.C., Kensington.—Won by 136 runs (Pte. Whitehead 48 not out).
- v. Finchley M.C.C.—Lost by 95 runs.
- v. The Romany C.C.—Won by 54 runs.
- v. The R.A.F., Stanmore.—Lost by 68 runs (R.Q.M.S. Pilley 37).
- v. Col. MacGregor Greer's XI.—Won by 2 runs (Sergt. Cooper 40, Capt. Worton 35).
- v. Depot The East Surrey Regiment.—Lost by 50 runs (L./Cpl. Cordell 78, Sergt. Kennett 37).

v. Depot The Royal Fusiliers.—Won by 70 runs (Pte. Hall 36).

A Recruits' Inter-Squad League was run during the latter part of the season. Albuhera came through the league without suffering a single defeat. Ptes. Page and Norcutt were their stars, not only making runs but also as bowlers.

WORK FOR DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

DURING the three months ending June 30th last, 668 soldiers completed courses of instruction at the Army Vocational Training Centres. Of these, immediate employment was found for 493, and 74 students who had left in previous months were also placed in employment.

These courses, at which soldiers about to leave the Army receive training in civil trades, include building construction, bricklaying, carpentry, cabinet making, french polishing, wood machinists, concrete work, handyman, painting and decorating, coach painting, plumbing (general), plastering and tiling, acetylene welding, electrical wiring, fitting and turning, motor mechanism, boot repairing, upholstery, private service, general farming, dairy farming, pig farming, poultry farming, market gardening, gardener-chauffeur, groundsman.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

WOODWORKING MACHINIST.

THE present-day demand for speedier production has resulted in the development of high-class woodworking machinery. This has in turn increased the demand for men to work the machines.

The trade of woodworking machinist offers at once a well-paid and very interesting means of employment, and to the man with mechanical interests there is no better trade. The work is clean, absorbing and moderately easy to learn.

The woodworking machinist enjoys a unique position inasmuch as he is in demand in practically every section of the

timber trade. Many other trades not directly connected with the timber industry employ woodworking machinists, i.e., pattern makers, coach builders, aircraft manufacturers, shipbuilders, car-body builders, to mention only a few.

The woodworking machinist is well paid; his wages are at least equal to those of other skilled tradesmen, and in many instances he can specialize on one machine such as the spindle moulder or four cutter, when his wages are considerably more.

The demonstrators, erectors and salesmen of woodworking machinery manufacturers are recruited usually from exceptionally keen men who have worked the machines. Other well-paid positions to which the wood machinist may rise are those of mill foreman and saw doctor.

In keeping with modern practice, the machinery installed at the Army Vocational Training Centre, Aldershot, is of the latest motorized type, comprising circular saws, planing machines, band saws, spindle moulders, tenoning machines, mortising machines, wood-turning lathes, etc., the Centre being completely equipped to carry out any normal machine work.

The student when beginning his course is first placed with the older and more experienced students until he becomes accustomed to his surroundings, the sounds of the different machines, and the general methods and behaviour of those in the mill. He is then given instruction in the uses of the various machines, starting, stopping and the safety precautions necessary when the machines are being worked.

As he becomes proficient he is given elementary jobs on the saw and planing machines; from this he goes on to the more intricate work on the mortiser, tenoner, band saw and spindle moulder.

Whilst using the different machines the student is taught to make, grind and sharpen the various cutters he requires, to sharpen and set saws, to braze band saws and general machine maintenance.

As the training is coupled with extensive production, the student is working the whole time in an environment similar to that of a civilian factory or saw-mill, and after his initial training he is doing the same work in identically the same way as any civilian wood machinist.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

ANNUAL Camp, the chief event of the Territorial year, has come and gone. It was a pleasant time, and the glorious weather which we enjoyed will make it a happy memory to all those who were able to attend. We were at Crowlink, which is a gentle slope of downland near Eastbourne; and we trained on the rolling stretches convenient to the camp. Old Sussex-by-the-Sea was at its best. Almost every day the sun beat down from a cloudless sky, and dairymaid complexions changed to bronze, while darker types took on an even deeper shade. The bathing facilities were excellent, and we shall long remember the Birling Gap, that welcome opening from the downland to the surf.

Companies, sections, teams and individuals find their level of efficiency in many forms of training and sport at camp. This year A Company won the Warner Drill Cup and the Inter-Platoon Tactical Competition. D Company scored highest in the Athletic Sports, and afterwards won the Inter-Company Football Competition with apparent ease. Our Transport Section maintained their splendid record, holding pride of place in the Brigade Competition on August 11th.

The Brigade ceremonial parade, on the 12th, was a brilliant and impressive function, and earned the compliments of the Divisional Commander. This was followed by the usual presentation of trophies by the Chairman of the County Association.

As the period of camp is dealt with more fully in company notes, we need make no further reference here.

The Band and Drums took part in the annual contest at Ealing on July 1st, and, although we were not successful in winning either of the events, we were by no means disgraced; in fact, both the Band and Drums are to be congratulated on their performance, and we can look forward next year to greater achievements.

On September 20th we were privileged to furnish a guard of honour on a memorable occasion. It was when the Lord Mayor of London presented the Urban District of Wood Green with its Charter which transformed it into a Municipal Borough. Capt. S. A. W. Brown was

in command, and Lieut. I. B. Addis carried the Regimental Colour. The bearing, turn-out and drill were in every respect excellent, and earned the congratulations of the Lord Mayor. In fact, from the point of view of an old soldier (?) who has seen many such guards furnished by Territorials, it was the best. All those who took part deserve our hearty congratulations on their excellent showing. We are due to furnish another guard on a similar occasion on Thursday, October 5th, when Finchley receives its Charter of Incorporation, and we feel confident that on this occasion the guard will do equally well.

A physical training class, under an expert instructor, has been formed at Headquarters, for the purpose of bringing out Battalion instructors in this branch. This form of training always appeals to the athletic turn of mind, so by selecting the right material we look forward to good results.

Our notes would not be complete if we did not mention the successes we gained at the Brigade Rifle Meeting. Although this year we lost the Middlesex Justices' Shield for rifle shooting, we counter-balanced this by winning the Ross Challenge Cup, which is allotted to the best all-round shooting battalion in the Brigade. In addition, we won the Middlesex Justices' Shield for Lewis-gun shooting, and the Young Soldiers' Competition. Considering the conditions on the day on which we had to shoot, we should feel more than satisfied with the results, and it is particularly gratifying to find the Young Soldiers still competing with enthusiasm in the Brigade Competition. We offer our congratulations to all those who took part, thereby enabling the Battalion to do so well.

Whilst on the subject of shooting, we have to record one further event which has now become an annual fixture. This event is the match against the Hertfordshire Regiment, which this year took place at Panshanger Range on Sunday, September 3rd. The Hertfordshire Regiment were again too good for us, and, although beaten by a considerable margin, all those who took part spent a thoroughly enjoyable time, and will no doubt look forward to the event next year.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Battalion Athletic Sports Meeting was held on August Bank Holiday. This year it was run under the same conditions as for the Army Team Championships, and aroused considerable enthusiasm. There can be no doubt that this method of running athletic sports is most popular, and it is hoped to organize them on similar lines in future years.

The results of the meeting were as follows:—

1. D Company	52 points
2. A Company	41 "
3. B (S.) Company	39 "
4. C Company	28 "
5. H.Q. Wing	2 "

WARNER DRILL CUP.

In accordance with the usual custom, the competition for the Warner Drill Cup took place on August Bank Holiday, and was very keenly contested, as will be seen by the results below:—

1. A Company	68½ points
2. D Company	65½ "
3. C Company	63½ "
4. B (S.) Company	38 "

INTER-PLATOON TACTICAL COMPETITION.

This competition was held in camp at the end of the first week's training, and took the form of a platoon in defence.

The results were as follows:—

1. A Company	67½ points
2. D Company	64½ "
3. B (S.) Company	50½ "
4. C Company	46½ "

H.Q. WING.

The outstanding event in the period under review is, of course, camp at Crowlink, which possibly other contributors will have noticed.

Since camp, Drill Halls have been closed and training suspended, but for certain sections of H.Q. that means that work goes on as usual—only more so!

Since last we wrote, we have received an important addition to the Wing in the person of C.S.M. Bryan, who has been posted to us from C Company. We congratulate him upon his promotion, and offer him a hearty welcome to our family. We feel sure that he will soon correct the popular impression that "C.S.M. of H.Q.

Wing" is another name for "permanently unemployed."

BAND.

On July 1st the Band visited Ealing for the Annual Band Contest organized by the Ealing Hospital Committee. It was a most enjoyable outing, and the only disappointment was in not winning the competition. However, we can console ourselves with the knowledge that we were only a few points behind the winners.

Camp was thoroughly enjoyed by all the Band, and we flatter ourselves by thinking that our efforts (musical) were



The Drums beating "Retreat."
Crowlink, 1933.

appreciated by the Battalion, and our efforts (non-musical) by the Brigade Canteen. At times it was difficult to know whether to go on parade or to the Canteen—we did so well either way.

Since camp we have fulfilled two engagements and are looking forward to our next, on Finchley's Charter Day.

DRUMS.

We paid our annual visit to Ealing on July 1st, but did not do so well as we hoped. Better luck next time.

At camp we were badly handicapped by small numbers for the first week, but in the second week things brightened up a bit. We should like to record our appreciation of the spirit of the drummer who, not having permission to attend camp, cycled all the way from London to attend church parade, went on parade on Monday and volunteered for guard. We could do with some more lads like that.

SIGNALS.

The attendance of the Signal Section at camp was very disappointing. We cannot help feeling that with a little more effort more members of the Section could get leave to attend camp.

Those of us who were there trained under Brigade arrangements and learned a great deal. In every way it was a camp we would not have missed for anything.



[Panoramic Photo Company, Eastbourne.

A COMPANY, "WARNER" DRILL CUP TEAM—WINNERS, 1933.

TRANSPORT.

As usual, the life of the Transport at camp was strenuous but enjoyable. There being no officers' riding class this year, the Transport Officer organized a liverousing parade for the Section. Every morning, when the others in camp were leisurely rising, off went our cavalcade to the wide open spaces.

We should like to contradict the rumour that we always went to the caravan area. For one thing, caravan dwellers do not rise so early, and,

secondly, the Transport Officer is very sensitive about meeting people when he is wearing the night's growth of beard!

The Brigade Transport Competition repaid us for the hard work we had put in. We were fortunate enough to secure the first and second prizes in the Officers' Charger Class, first in the G.S. Wagon, and second in the Limbered Wagon Class.

We are now busily preparing for the Albuhara Cup Competition, in which we hope to do equally well.

A COMPANY.

Unlike our usual excuse for not writing notes, namely, that "there is very little to report since the last issue," we are now *embarras de richesse* and as, unfortunately, the Editor of this important publication refuses to have it printed in book form, we shall have to confine our-

selves to a modicum. But Annual Training was "a bit rich" this year. As requested, we had four days' hard grind and then concentrated on the withdrawal. We are now much better, thank you, but not a little tired. Annual Training ought to last for a month, but no man (or horse, as the Transport Officer will confirm) could stand the pace for that time. The Clerk of the Weather appears to have been very kind recently. For many years now he has thought, while making out his training programme on St. Swithin's Day, "Oh, Lor! I mustn't forget that the 132nd Brigade are to be attached to Jupiter Pluvius for rations at the beginning of August." But this year he let old J.P. down with the obvious results that mess waiters, etc., complained that they did not come down to camp to have their legs worn down to their knees fetching — drinks for thirsty — troops.

Everything went wrong at camp. We won two cups. We have been so used to coming second that when it was announced that the West Middlesex Cup (Inter-Platoon Tactical Competition) was ours for a year you could have knocked us down with a meat axe. Then we went and won the Warner Drill Cup. This was an unfortunate move, as this trophy holds two and a half gallons, and people insist on its being filled. On that afternoon we nearly lapsed again and won the Sports Cup, but why we did not is another story. Congratulations to D Company on winning this cup and the Tug-of-War Shield.

We went to camp nearly sixty strong and returned nearly sixty weak. Our change-over at the end of the first week was only three, so that we had the satisfaction of having the same men for the whole period. The number at camp was greater than we have had for some considerable time, and all ranks are to be congratulated on their efforts. Whilst on the subject, we must thank local employers for allowing their men leave to attend. Their replies to our requests greatly facilitated the work of the Company Office. The teams in all competitions worked very well, and the use of the Training Cadre at Headquarters prior to camp was very evident by the good work of the N.C.Os.

Since we have returned from camp we

have been presented with a tankard by an old member of the Highgate Detachment. It was won by him in 1877 for drill and will be allotted for a Company competition in the winter. Many thanks, Mr. Boorman.

Congratulations are extended to L./Cpls. Dickinson and W. Law on their appointments. We had the pleasure of seeing in camp an old member of the Company in C.Q.M.S. Badham, but as he is now in C Company as a "quarter-bloke" the pleasure is only there if he is at a distance. We have lost things like that before.

P.S.—We are told that one of the earliest forms of locomotion was to be seen at Eastbourne—"Stevenson" and his rocket.

B (S.) COMPANY.

We hope everyone will take due notice of our new title. It seems only a few months ago that we changed from just B Company to B (M.G.) Company, and now it is ordained that we shall try again. In view of the fact that a "little stranger" (known by some as "the mortar," but by the greater majority as "that thing") has arrived in our midst, the "very seniors" of the "Strategy Hutch" have decided that in future the Machine Gun Company shall be known as the Support Company. From now on we become B (S.) Company. This, of course, will not upset the growing tendency of the members to call themselves "the Gunners."

This copy of the Magazine is always full of repetition about Annual Training. The Regimental Notes say how nice (or otherwise) it has been, the Battalion Notes say the same, and each company says ditto. For this reason we will confine ourselves to our own activities. Thanks to the keenness of the members, some excellent work was put in at Crowlink. Those members who joined the Company when it was armed with battle-axes and catapults say it was the best fortnight they remember, and they should know.

We reached the final of the Soccer Cup through real team work by the eleven, being beaten by our old rivals, Don, to whom we offer congratulations. We did passably well in the West Middlesex Cup, but shockingly in the Warner Drill Cup.

Here we must offer our most sincere congratulations to Capt. Bartram and his Company on their very brilliant performances.

A Company seem to have at last—to use a Speedway term—got well mounted. Keep the revs. going, A. After a poor start we did quite well in the Sports.

We were all very pleased to see the popular Capt. Sam Pratt with us once more this year. He tells us he took a very rare view of the whole period, including the days before and after camp that he remained in London.

We congratulate C.S.M. Thomas on the confirmation of his rank, as also several other N.C.Os. on their recent promotion. We know they will strive even harder than before to keep B (S.) Company to the fore.

Since we returned from camp only one day's work has been done. On September 3rd the Company, or part thereof, proceeded to Purfleet with the laudable object of carrying out field firing. In more senses than one this turned out to be a correct description of the day's work. Only a few rounds had been fired when one of the "tracers" set the range ablaze. The members worked like niggers and the blaze was got under control in about a quarter of an hour. We seem fated to get our field firing spoilt. For the past four years rain and mist have upset the arrangements. This time the abnormally hot weather was the cause of its premature end.

Long before these notes appear in print we shall have started our winter programme. This will include special "jerks" classes, boxing, miniature-range shooting and badminton classes. It is hoped that the attendances will be high, as we hear that an Inter-Company Badminton League is to be formed and, of course, the hardy annual King Cup will be shot for.

D COMPANY.

In the first place we would like heartily to congratulate our Lewis-gun and Young Soldiers' team on their success in the Brigade competitions this year. Considering the wretched weather conditions which existed on the day the Battalion fired, a minor cloudburst occurring when

our Lewis gunners were firing, their showing was all the more noteworthy. Our Young Soldiers have obtained top score in the Brigade for the past four years, and we believe that this year they put up a record score. The High Sheriff's Shield (Lewis gun) has also been won by D Company for the past two years, and we hope that our future teams will maintain the present standard. Congratulations to Cpl. Bundy on registering the highest Lewis-gun score in the Brigade.

Camp this year was favoured by the most wonderful weather we have had for a long time, even though the theme-song was "Stormy Weather"! We mustered ninety-six during the first week, and 100 in the second. Eastbourne was within easy reach, and many men of the Company were to be seen in the evening "covering the water front, in search of ———". Another boon was the bathing at Birling Gap, which was first class, although it was rather rocky in shallow water.

We lost the Warner Drill Cup and the Platoon Tactical Competition by the narrowest of margins to A Company, whom we heartily congratulate on their success. Had our turn-out been up to previous standards we would no doubt have won the first-named competition, as the sternest critic could have found little to complain of in our drill. To make up for these disappointments we proceeded to pull off the Magheramorn Shield (Inter-Company Tug-of-War), the Sports Cup and the Battalion Football Competition. We little thought that we could beat H.Q. Wing in the first round of the Tug-of-War, but the first pull, which lasted fully four minutes, took the wind out of the veterans of the opposition. We disposed of B (S.) and C Companies in the semi-final and final fairly easily. At the Sports, although we were only represented by a few stalwarts, we managed to come in first or second in every relay, and thus belied our bad reputation in this direction (usually last). Quite a lot of amusement was derived by the members in seeing two officers of D Company sweating round the track lap after lap. We also understood that quite a lot of lapping of a different nature went on outside the Sergeants' Mess after the Sports! At soccer our team

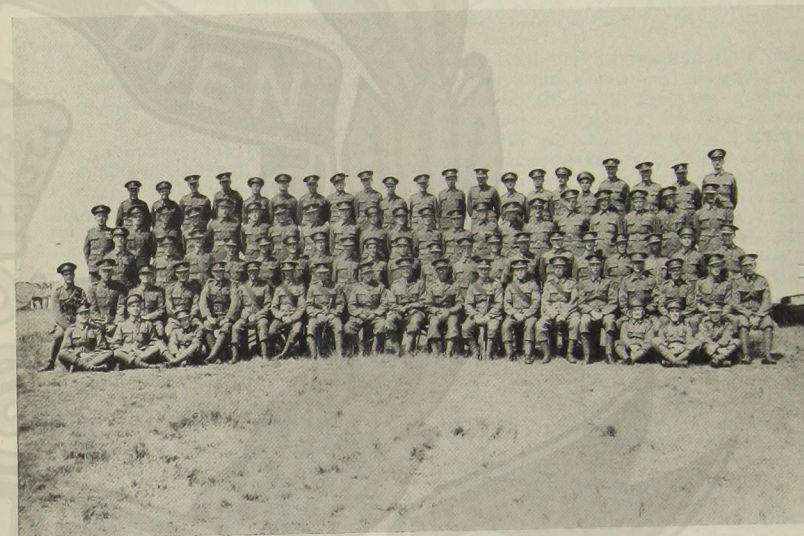
beat C Company (5—2), and B (S.) Company (5—0) in the final—a goal average which would make our neighbours, the Spurs, turn green with envy.

By the time these notes appear we will be thinking of next year's camp. Rumour has it—and we hope that it will come true—that we are going to A———.

Another change in command took place at the beginning of July when Mr. Scott Lowe took over the Company. He

and those who are short of these table utensils should attend and win one. These competitions are excellent practice for the miniature-range matches which are being arranged for the winter season. Since December, 1932, we have had nine matches, winning seven and losing the other two by the narrow margins of two and five points respectively.

Mr. Scott Lowe, Sergt. Lenney, L./Cpl. Tassell and Pte. Coomber fired



[Panoramic Photo Company, Eastbourne.]

D COMPANY, CROWLINK, 1933.

is no stranger to Tottenham, having been posted to this Company in June, 1929, and we are looking to him to maintain our old traditions. We also welcome Mr. Addis, who was posted to us before camp, and we hope that his stay with us will be a long and happy one.

Congratulations to the following on their respective promotions: Sergt. Lenney, and Cpls. Stokes, A. Desborough and W. Tucker.

May we remind members that spoon shoots are held every Sunday morning,

for the Battalion in that very pleasant match *v.* the Hertfordshire Regiment on Sunday, September 3rd. Pte. Coomber fired very well, and is one of our most promising shots, and, although a member of this year's Young Soldiers' team, has already represented the Battalion both on the open and miniature ranges.

Finally we would like to mention our Canteen. By the time these jottings appear we hope that the long-awaited redecorations will have been carried out. Two new dart-boards and a wireless have

been installed, and all that now remains is for the Company to show its appreciation by spending its odd change at the bar. If you must eat chocolate and smoke gaspers, well, buy them at our Canteen. Some say the "wallop" is very good and cheap; we know we are well known for our sober habits, but that should not stop the sinking of a nimble noggin once (or twice) on a drill night.

HOTSPUR.

8th BATTALION NOTES.

THE Battalion carried out its Annual Training at Crowlink Camp, Sussex. The camp site was ideal, the weather glorious, and in consequence a most enjoyable holiday was spent by all. The beach at Birling Gap was popular, sea and sun-bathing being indulged in by the majority of those under canvas.

The Y.M.C.A. are to be congratulated on the excellency of their arrangements for entertaining the troops; concerts were held nightly and the good attendance showed that they were appreciated. We should like to thank the Y.M.C.A. for their kindness to the sons of the men of the Battalion. Games and amusements were arranged for the boys, and they all thoroughly enjoyed their holiday.

The usual Battalion competitions were carried out during camp.

The Isleworth Cup Competition for Guard Mounting, Drill and Tactics was held on Saturday, August 5th, and the Battalion Athletic Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 8th. Detailed results are published below.

On Sunday, August 6th, the Commanding Officer presented medals to the following:—

C.S.M. B. Reed, Drum-Major A. C. Furse, Sergt. L. Merrin, Cpl. T. Gill, Bdsn. J. Greeney and Pte. W. Dunham: Territorial Efficiency Medal.

C.Q.M.S. A. Manester and Sergt. C. A. West: Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

A similar presentation was held after a church parade at Staines on Sunday, April 23rd last, when the following were the recipients:—

C.Q.M.S. H. W. Johnson, Sergts. C. Browning and F. G. Johnson, Bdsn.

R. A. Frost and W. Meads, and Pte. E. Bavin: Territorial Efficiency Medal.

The Brigade Transport Competition aroused intense enthusiasm throughout the whole Battalion. The Transport Section had worked particularly hard over a long period: for their efforts they were awarded the following prize:—

Limber Section, first prize.

The Signallers have again won the Kittoe Cup. The Battalion classified twice as many Signallers as any other battalion in the Brigade. Well done, the Signal Section.

The Perring Machine Gun Trophy has again been won by the Machine Gun Company; it was a well-deserved win and we are proud of the achievement.

Heartiest congratulations to Capt. Mayer on his recent promotion. We wish him success in his command of A Company.

We extend a hearty welcome to 2/Lieuts. Davey, Summers and Walford on passing Certificate A, Part I.

Capt. R. E. Warlow and Lieut. D. R. Pattison have recently transferred to the T.A. Reserve of Officers. When business improves and conditions become more settled we sincerely trust they will return to the Active List.

ISLEWORTH CUP COMPETITION.

Results:—

1. B Company	24 points
2. H.Q. Wing	20½ "
A Company	20½ "
D Company	20½ "
5. C Company	18½ "

BATTALION ATHLETIC MEETING.

Results:—

880 Yards Relay.—1, D Company; 2, C Company; 3, H.Q. Wing.
110 Yards Relay.—1, B Company; 2, A Company; 3, H.Q. Wing.
220 Yards Relay.—1, B Company; 2, C Company; 3, A Company.
440 Yards Relay.—1, H.Q. Wing; 2, D Company; 3, B Company.
One Mile Race.—1, L./Cpl. Kendall, H.Q. Wing; 2, Pte. Curtis, H.Q. Wing; 3, Cpl. Wilkinson, D Company.
Putting the Shot (Teams).—1, A Company; 2, D Company; 3, B Company; 4, C Company; 5, H.Q. Wing. Indi-

vidual winners: 1, C.S.M. Barber, 27 ft. 8 in.; 2, Sergt. Handman, 26 ft. 6 in.

Sack Race.—1, Pte. Gibson, H.Q. Wing; 2, Pte. Bond, B Company; 3, Pte. Newell, B Company.

Veterans' Race.—1, Sergt. Browning, C Company; 2, C.Q.M.S. Lovett, A Company; 3, Dmr. Ettridge, H.Q. Wing.

Band Race.—Sergt. Ulph.

Tug-of-War.—Heats: D Company beat H.Q. Wing; A Company beat B Company; D Company beat C Company. Final: A Company beat D Company by two straight pulls.

Children's Races.—Boys under 8 years: 1, Bobby Wade; 2, John Raffle. Boys over 8 years: 1, David Ellis; 2, P. Dunham. Girls under 8 years: 1, Beryl Lovett; 2, Sue Seymour. Girls over 8 years: 1, Annie Ellis; 2, Eileen Lovett.

The Champion Company was B Company with 21 points, followed by H.Q. Wing 19 points, C Company 17 points, D Company 15 points, and A Company 13 points.

Gamages Football Cup.—1, H.Q. Wing; 2, C Company; 3, D Company; 4, B Company; 5, A Company.

H.Q. WING.

Another camp has come and gone and with it eager expectation has changed to regrets, for we were all sorry when the time came for our departure from Crowlink, and the thought that it was our Adjutant's last camp with us was most disturbing. The weather was ideal, the food excellent, and the training interesting. What more could a Terrier wish for? We must express our appreciation of the hard work our Quartermaster, Lieut. Cox, and his advance party put in in order to have things ready for us. Tent-pitching in a gale is no easy matter—in fact, it is difficult enough to some even in a competition with a supply of four mallets!

Our attendance this year was 83.69 per cent., at which figure we easily win the Herbert Cup.

Our rifle platoon were attached to A Company for training and gave a good account of themselves. We hope they were not homesick.

The Band and Drums were, as usual, very popular and worked hard, both in and out of camp. The Drums played for the Officers' Mess one evening for the first time for many years, and we hope it will now be an annual engagement.

Congratulations to Drum-Major Furze on his award of the Territorial Efficiency Medal, and also to Sergt. Henson on being presented with his second bar; also to Dmr. Mobley on winning for the Battalion again the Brigade Bugle Competition, and to Dmr. Ratcliffe on being second (this sounds to us like B.B.C. "birthdays").

Our football team secured the Gamage Cup without any difficulty, and we missed the Battalion Sports Cup by only two points. Congratulations to B Company, the winners. We hope the high and long jumps will be included next year so that we can then receive B Company's congratulations!

The Transport Section, under 2/Lieut. M. C. D. King, whom we welcome from C Company, very soon settled down once they arrived in camp with their "armoured" car escort. If you want to know how a horse-board can make a man bored, ask the Transport.

Dvrs. Hazell and Newman are to be congratulated on their limber turn-out, which secured first prize in the Brigade Transport Competition.

The Signallers, we hope, have retained the Kittoe Cup, but the number of classifications in camp this year were rather disappointing for everybody it seems. Some useful work with the heliograph was carried out by the Signal Officer in the vicinity of Beachy Head.

We entered teams for the Isleworth Cup Competition and congratulate those taking part on a very good show against more experienced competitors from the rifle companies. In the Guard Mounting we were placed fifth, in Squad Drill fourth, and second in the Lewis Gun Competition, and in the final placing we tied for second place. Things are now moving again at the Drill Hall, and bayonet fighting is in progress, which reminds us of old times, but do not be alarmed, readers; there ain't a-going to be no war, no war, but merely an assault-at-arms, of which you will hear more anon.

A COMPANY.

Well, now that our camp is over
We've settled down again;
After an excellent fortnight,
Good training and no rain.

Two score and five the other ranks
Led by officers three,
Captured impregnable outposts
From a blind enemy.

Our Sergt. Handman put the shot
During the Annual Sports;
He sent it wheeling through the sky,
And when it on the ground did lie,
'Twas plain to all his victory,
As are a wart-hog's warts.

But hearken to this deed of strength,
Wrought in the Tug-of-War;
We took the strain with muscles bare,
Coached by our gallant Capt. Mayer,
And defeated all who stood there
By our *esprit de corps*.

We feel, in some not-distant year,
When the judges wake up,
We shall take from C Company
The Efficiency Cup.

Now we are back in our Drill Hall,
Practising night and day
Rifle movements not in I.T.,
Ordered from us by the Mighty,
Whom we try to obey.

And thanks to the P.S.I.'s wife,
Who plays the gram. for us,
We rehearse our assault-at-arms
Like a revue chorus.

After a fine cricket season
This year's stumps have been drawn:
We now look forward to football
To develop our brawn.

We congratulate Capt. Mayer
On getting his third pip;
We welcome Mr. McFarlane
As fish welcomes a chip.

BORSTAL.

B (S.) COMPANY.

We are very glad to be able to commence these notes with the announcement that we have won the Perring M.G. Trophy again, having lost it last year.

The margin was extremely small, as we only beat the 5th Bn. The Royal West Kent Regiment by decimals, but it is none the less a praiseworthy effort on the part of the team, considering they were last in the first part of the competition. Again we are indebted to C.S.M. Nash for the amount of work he put in, getting the team into form.

Well, Annual Training is over once more and all of us are extremely sorry, as we were blessed with good weather for once, and the appearance of all of us on leaving was a fine example of what benefits a camp such as this bestows. As far as B Company themselves are concerned they had a very good record during camp, winning the Isleworth Cup (for Guard Mounting, Squad Drill, and getting a section into action), and the Sports Cup. The latter was won without doubt by the keenness and sportsmanship of the entire Company, and especially by those who entered, knowing they were perhaps not in the class of others. The tactical training without any doubt improved out of all knowledge, especially considering the fact that we had no field training last year to speak of. We are also indebted to Sergt. R. Parsler, who came from the 2nd Battalion to help our training, for the spot of really hard work he put in.

The Range-takers performed very well—two qualified. We congratulate Pres. Cromey and Mills on being the two to get 1st Class passes.

On October 1st there is to be field firing at Ash Ranges, and the interest in this part of our training is very keen. We should get great benefit from it if the said keenness goes for anything. We are also practising hard for the assault-at-arms which is being held at Hounslow on November 30th. In this we are to give a demonstration of a section getting into action, night firing, etc. We have constructed a toy limber, and are becoming very efficient at man-handling same!

We are very glad to be able to welcome 2/Lieut. Blair back to the Company after his stay at D Company. He celebrated his return by winning the Mill Hill Stakes Tennis Singles, which is a new event for those who were unlucky in the first round of the Singles Championship proper, which was again won by Lieut. Miskin, who beat Lieut. Hudson, of the

1st Battalion, in the final. Lieut. Miskin and 2/Lieut. Blair were beaten in the Doubles by the ultimate winners, Major Newnham and Lieut. Hudson.

Congratulations to 2/Lieut. Davey on passing Certificate A, Part I, while at camp.

Cricket in the Company has gone quite well, and we managed to be about level as regards wins and losses.

We are extremely pleased at the results of the first dance of the season, held on September 9th. If they all are as successful we are in for a prosperous series of dances. We need everyone's support, however.

Turning to winter sport, this year we are not entering a football league, but we hope to get a good number of games with the other companies, and have already a few outside matches arranged.

C COMPANY.

As no doubt you will find practically everything of interest regarding camp at Eastbourne, 1933, elsewhere in this issue, I propose only to draw your kind attention to our personal efforts.

We feel we must pat ourselves on the back for winning the Efficiency Cup, and also for being runners-up in the Gamage and Herbert Cups. Many thanks are due to our very popular Company Sergeant-Major, C.S.M. Reed, and also to our senior N.C.O.s., who, although being tented very close to the Sergeants' Mess, always put duty before "head backward bend."

Our luck was not in for the Gamage Cup, although we tried our utmost. We all agree that the best team won, but look out in 1934. The Herbert Cup (attendance at camp) was also very gratifying, considering the strength of the winners.

Altogether the results are very favourable for the Staines Company, and I will conclude this paragraph by saying that all ranks of C Company thoroughly enjoyed the camp of 1933, although we were all dying for a gasper on the conclusion of the final night ops. (?)

We are now in the throes of preparing for the Assault-at-Arms. C Company has been selected to furnish a P.T. display, and we hope to provide an interesting ten minutes.

The first dance of the season was held on September 2nd. It proved a success and showed a substantial bank balance.

We welcome 2/Lieut. S. H. D. Walford to the Company and feel sure that his strong personality will put even more "pep" into C.

The Old Comrades (Staines Branch) held their first General Meeting on September 23rd, and we are looking forward to seeing our club-room chock-a-block this winter.

In conclusion, may we congratulate the Adjutant on his presentation of a new and trusty sword during the period at camp.

C.

D COMPANY.

(UXBRIDGE.)

Many waters have flowed under the bridge since last we wrote within these columns.

Camp, the Mecca of a Territorial soldier's life, has come—and gone.

Considering our present size, we appeared in very reasonable strength at camp, mustering a full platoon, excluding Employed men, on every occasion.

As regards material results we would hardly say that we found our period at camp as successful as of yore, but we would, and do, say that the training received and the knowledge assimilated were respectively more thorough and far greater than ever before.

We did quite well in the Battalion Sports, received good reports on our tactical exercises, obediently sank into ditches and took cover behind sundry available blades of grass, could always turn out spick and span at any chosen moment and generally kept our tail up and the old flag flying. Especially were we proud of our guard, guard mounting and our guardsman if it comes to that, for he was, without doubt, responsible for our success in this direction.

It was most unfortunate that C.S.M. Sparkes, walking to his tent (we were absent-mindedly going to put "rolling to his tent," but understand that this is absolutely unfounded) one dark and stormy night, collided with a guy-rope, a peg rose up and smote him, and he retired to the sick lines with a very nasty

eye for the greater part of camp. He had our deepest sympathies.

However, camp is now a thing of the past, and we are settling down once again to the old life, from which we departed for far too short a span.

November is the month scheduled for the Battalion Assault-at-Arms, in which D Company is taking no small part. We are providing (God willing) an exhibition of guard mounting, and a bevy of stalwarts for a pretty exhibition of fighting with bayonet, sword and épée. This must sound rather confusing, but the details are not quite clear in our minds, and we are not sure, up to the moment of going to press (a nice touch that) whether one fights with these weapons separately or makes a sort of combined effort. Anyhow, C.S.M. Barber must know, as he is in charge of this department, being, as a matter of fact, now on a course of this particular method of felling your opponent.

C.S.M. Sparkes is in charge of the squad that is giving a P.T. display. The local young ladies' gymnastic class practise within our portals every Tuesday night. We believe C.S.M. Sparkes is on a course too.

We shall be able to give a fuller account of our part in the Assault-at-Arms in the next issue.

9th BATTALION NOTES.

WE have always cherished a reputation for being rather a solid unexcitable battalion. Recent events, however, prove that there is an atmosphere of intense activity throughout all ranks. Recruits arrive in spate, and the old soldiers seem loath to terminate their engagements. With the increase in numbers there is also a noticeable increase in enthusiasm, and when there is anything to be done for the good of the Battalion there is never a lack of willing volunteers.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting took place in July with results that were certainly a great improvement on last year. Companies are already preparing for the next competition, and as the practices are now taken very seriously indeed, it should lead to an all-round improvement in musketry.

The Band again carried off the Territorial Army Band Trophy, as indeed they

have each year since its inception. We are naturally very proud of this performance, although, knowing our Band, we were never in doubt as to the result.

The Drums, in spite of being handicapped by the absence of the key men, who could not get away from their employment, gained third place in their section of the competition, being the smallest corps of drums on parade. A very creditable effort.

Camp, which took place this year at Crowlink, near Eastbourne, surpassed all expectations, being far better even than it is depicted on T.A. recruiting posters, which are hopelessly out of date. The activities of our lads at Birling Gap and elsewhere would, if shown on a film, provide a rush of recruits that the authorities would be quite unable to cope with.

It was, in fact, the unanimous opinion of all ranks that this was the best camp in living memory. The weather was perfect, so were the camp site, the food, the bathing and the beer.

Training was interesting and useful without being unduly strenuous. Night ops. gave junior commanders some scope to exercise their enthusiasm and imagination, providing (for some people) all the excitement of an Edgar Wallace thriller. An American tourist whose car was held up during the battle and searched by a vigilant patrol said, among other things, that it reminded him of a quiet night in Chicago.

We ran our own bus service into Eastbourne. This was well patronized by those with sporting and romantic tendencies. Others, preferring beer, seldom strayed from the camp area. There was also a third category—those who had their wives in the vicinity. One W.O. in particular was noticeably very subdued during the whole fortnight, and was observed to spend most of his spare time counting the "pots, mustard," in the Company mess-box.

This was Lieut.-Col. Tupper's last camp, and these notes would not be complete without some reference to his service in the Battalion.

He was gazetted on April 1st, 1909, was promoted Captain in July, 1912, and accompanied the Battalion to India in 1914. He was employed at Headquarters, 2nd (Rawalpindi) Division at Murree in May, 1916, as G.S.O.II, and was

appointed Brigade Major of the 1st Infantry Brigade at Quetta in September. He was Acting Major from October, 1918, to January, 1919, and promoted Major in January, 1921. In 1929 he succeeded Col. Beach in command of the Battalion, and has commanded it with conspicuous success during one of the most trying periods the Territorial Army has ever undergone. On the completion of his tenure of command he was promoted Colonel, an honour on which all ranks heartily congratulate him.

triumphant tour through Willesden, and were entertained to luncheon afterwards.

Preparations are now in full swing for W.T.C. courses, promotion courses, etc., and the winter activity has already started.

We have to congratulate Capt. D. B. Somervell on his honours in being appointed Solicitor-General and being knighted. Capt. Somervell was Adjutant of the Battalion from the time of its departure for India in 1914 to 1917.



LIEUT.-COLONEL G. W. H. TUPPER, T.D.

On September 7th the Battalion furnished a guard of honour at King Edward VII Park, Willesden, on the occasion of the Presentation of the Charter by the Lord Mayor of London. The guard was commanded by Capt. H. K. Hardcastle, the Regimental Colour being carried by Lieut. H. Heffer, and was very favourably commented on. The Band took a large part in the proceedings, first accompanying the children's choir of over 2,000, and then playing during the luncheon. The Commanding Officer and Adjutant also accompanied the Lord Mayor on his

A COMPANY.

The outstanding event of the past quarter was naturally Annual Training. Everybody voted it the best camp that has been known for a long time.

One can sum it up by saying we had lots of sun and very few raspberries.

A "fragrant" memory of 1933 camp will be the Battalion bus. We understand that one of A Company's popular N.C.Os. who clicked for a high-up place in the management of this vehicle, found out quite a lot about aviaries and bird-life in the course of his activities. 'Nuff sed!

Questions our N.C.Os. want to know the answer to: (1) Why are W.Os. (and some others) like railway engines? Answer: Because they've got a tender behind which gets so burnt that they can't carry a pack. (Laugh.)

(2) Why don't some officers have spikes in their boots and also iron toe-caps when playing the Sergeants at football? Prize for best answer: one pink lemon with knobs on.

Of course, night ops. afforded great scope for the exercise of A Company's well-known skill in military operations, especially the pursuit and capture of comestibles, food, grub, and other forms of liquid refreshment. (Shur up!)

Capt. Hogg, who was the Director of Proceedings on this occasion, kindly put us in a strategical position where we got a lot of experience intercepting civilians going home from the Crowlink Crooning Club—that is where the aviary was.

One crooner got a No. 1 stoppage, and we—(that is quite enough of that).

Space prohibits the chronicling of more of the happenings at camp, but we must not close without a reference to the loss we sustain by our Company Commander leaving us. Capt. Hogg is going. We have enjoyed being under his command, and we think B Company are lucky to get him.

P.S. and N.B.—Look out for A Company Dinner and Dance about Christmas, if not sooner. Also come and shoot at Pound Lane each Sunday at 10.30 and win a bag of nuts.

B (S.) COMPANY.

The past quarter is to many of us *the* quarter of the year. This year it was indeed a glorious one, and we defy even the most facile grumbler to find fault with the 1933 Annual Training: an ideal camp site, plenty of sun, plenty of food, and not too much work. The big event in the first week was night operations, when we, for the first time for ages, were allowed to be the vicious enemy. The outstanding features of that night were the terror we struck into the hearts of the local inhabitants who overheard our threats to sunburn our recalcitrant prisoners in places where they had no desire to be brown if they would persist in attempting to escape; the speed with

which the Adjutant pinched the beer offered to our Company Commander by a friendly inhabitant of Alfriston (who ever heard of an umpire being entitled to beer?); our long trek round the right of the enemy's position, culminating in a crawl across a marshy field and the climbing over a lock by forty men in bright moonlight, yet unseen by the enemy; yes, we repeat, unseen by the enemy; that round they let off was to wake up the Platoon Commander! Of course, we did arrive after hostilities were supposed to have ceased, but who ever heard of one side finishing a war before the other side were ready to attack them?

The next week brought us the Football Cup—a cup we have tried for for many years. Our team played up well and were very ably assisted by Sergt.-Major Boen, who has proved a first-class acquisition to the Company, not only on the football field, but in other spheres as well.

We were sorry that Mr. Gray and other members of the Company were unable to attend a very happy camp. We had one serious casualty, Atkinson being taken to the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, with rheumatic fever; every member of the Company will be glad to hear that he is making good progress and will probably be quite fit again by the time these notes appear.

Further promotions have come our way—first and foremost our Second-in-Command has at last got his promotion; twelve years as a subaltern is a very long time in the Territorial Army, and we all most heartily congratulate Capt. Wright. We also congratulate Cpls. Brown and Wolsey and L./Cpls. Cassam and Strachan on their promotion.

Of late many changes have taken place in the Battalion. Col. Tupper has retired and Col. Lamont has taken command. We congratulate the former on his brevet colonelcy, and we welcome the latter on his taking command and wish him every success. Consequent on the promotions and changes arising on Col. Tupper's retirement, a change in Company Commanders has taken place. We welcome Capt. Hogg, who is taking command, and hope that he will enjoy his period of command. Our most earnest wish is that he may change our luck in the Perrin Trophy Competition, and that

1934 may see a return to us of the cup we won when it was first presented.

C COMPANY.

We would like to commence our notes by offering congratulations in the first place to Lieut.-Col. Lamont, M.C., T.D., on taking over command of the Battalion, and trust that his four years will be happy and successful ones, and, secondly, to our late C.O. on his promotion to Brevet Colonel. He deserves a well-earned rest after four years of command during a difficult period. Another promotion of importance is that of our own Company Commander to field rank, and we are glad to know that it does not mean his disappearance from C Company, which he has commanded continuously for seven years.

Referring to the Brigade Rifle Meeting (which will no doubt be fully recorded elsewhere), we congratulate Lieut. Gunston on winning the Steers Cup, and the Battalion team on winning the Middlesex Justices' Shield.

We were sorry to see that C.S.M. A. Todman just missed winning the Cheylesmore Cup by three points, but we are glad to be able to congratulate him on having the highest score in the Battalion, and tie-ing for second place in the Brigade with Bandmaster Laing of the 7th Battalion. We cannot help mentioning the very bad luck experienced by our Young Soldiers' team, who were second, losing to the 7th Battalion by two points. The only man to let our team down was the man who did not turn up to practise, and had we entered our reserve in his place we would have won with about twelve points to spare. Still, better luck next time, C.

We congratulate Pte. Hunt on getting the highest aggregate in the Brigade, and that after putting a bull on the next man's target, and Pte. Dandridge on making the highest individual score.

These notes about shooting would be far from complete without mentioning the efficiency of the markers. As in 1932, the Old Comrades did the marking for the Battalion under the supervision of officers of the 7th Battalion, and we must say the "old sweats" did the marking as well as they do their gargling—and that is saying a whole lot.

We are very sorry to report that there was one scrounger. Still, you always get one in any party of men. Oh, no, we will not mention any names, Frank; we have since heard he was making sure the others did their job.

We must now get on with the notes about camp.

From every point of view the camp was a great success, except for the fact that about three days before camp finished our Company Commander was taken ill and had to be admitted to hospital, thereby missing the best part (socially) of the camp, and, as Lieut. Bedwell has just returned to his labours in town, the Company was taken over by Capt. Holt for the last three days.

Some unkind person suggested that our Company Commander was trying to dodge his promotion round, but he has made up for it since.

We congratulate Lieut. Bedwell and his platoon on winning the Platoon Competition, also our two sections on getting third and fourth places in the Section Competition.

We would like to congratulate H.Q. Wing on getting second place in the Guard Mounting Competition, won by D Company, and the Drum-Major, of course; it is lucky for companies that they do not have to compete against them with their weapons.

As regards numbers at camp, 78 per cent. of the Company attended (a record) and they all enjoyed it (who wouldn't?). The weather could not have been better, neither could the food; the only thing some men objected to was having only a fortnight there; but, still, you cannot carry on these holidays indefinitely.

As usual, the Old Comrades visited us during camp on the first Sunday, less "Fini," who was very busy diving for his false teeth at Margate. Having retrieved his molars, he came down on his own on the following Friday for three hours. We are now looking forward to a good winter programme of hard work, for the Boxing and Sherwood Shield must be retained in this Company, their natural home. SEE.

D COMPANY.

When considering last quarter's activities, Annual Training is the first thing we think of, and we hope all agree that it

was one of the most enjoyable camps we have had.

We did not win our usual amount of cups this time, but still we won the Section Leading and the Guard Mounting Competitions, so that is not too bad.

The weather was very kind to us, and we were able to put in a lot of useful work in the field, which we were all in need of owing to having no camp last year.

The numbers attending this year's training were 3 officers and 61 other ranks, which is not so good as it might be. Our thanks are due to Drum-Major Bray and his Drums for marching us right back to Hendon, and we hope they enjoyed the beer afterwards.

A Rifle Club has been formed under the able Secretaryship of Sergt. Patterson, and it has had a number of very successful shoots. We would like to get up some shoots with other companies; losers to buy the beer.

The dances have also started, and we are looking forward to a very successful season. We shall be very pleased to welcome members of other companies to these shows.

By the time these notes are being read we shall be thinking about the Brigade Winter Training Competition, and it is about time that we won this cup back. It is two years now since our name was last on this cup, and we believe we are right in saying that it is the first time in the history of this competition that our name has been missing for two years in succession, so we have to see that it does not go three years.

We are pleased to welcome our new P.S.I., C.S.M. Simmonds, and would also like to congratulate him on his recent marriage. We hope that he and Mrs. Simmonds will be at Hendon with us for a good number of years.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we have to say good-bye to our Company Commander, Major G. L. Fox, who leaves us to take over Second-in-Command. Major Fox has been in command of the Company for ten years, and during that time we have always been one of the leading companies of the Battalion. This has undoubtedly been due to his wise leadership.

We are very glad to have posted to us as our new Company Commander Capt.

H. K. Hardcastle, and we are going to do our best to see that he has a very successful time with us.

D. D.

H.Q. WING.

GUARD.

The writer is prompted to put on record this history of H.Q. Wing guard so that future generations of the Regiment may have something to think about, for it was no ordinary guard, but was composed of bandmen.

For that matter they were not ordinary bandmen, and for the benefit of those readers who know little of our Band, and of those future generations who would otherwise know nothing of it, I must explain that it is recruited from time-expired Regular soldiers, and I should not imagine that there has ever been another band like it in the history of the British Army, or ever will be for that matter.

They are a law unto themselves, and even the O.C. Records, who is by nature a stern man, closes one eye when a new bandman is enlisted. However, I doubt whether even the O.C. Records could trace the service of any but a small percentage of them. It is said that he tried on one occasion, but after a fruitless search lasting many weeks at the Royal United Service Institution, the officials there referred him to the British Museum, where access may be had to the Domesday Book.

There are in all forty musicians, each man being an artist and a star performer on several instruments, and they aggregate between them 2,150 years of service, and a few months that do not matter.

None of them, however, looks as old as you would imagine, for they have mastered the secret of eternal youth, which is, so they say, beer, Crown and Anchor, Pontoon, and more beer, although they do complain that it is difficult for a bandman to keep young when the standard of living has gone up to sevenpence a pint.

These forty men can claim between them a total of thirty-eight "rooti" gongs, otherwise known as Long Service and Good Conduct Medals, and the gaining of these for eighteen years of undetected crime is an art in itself, which

requires patience, skill, a knowledge of lead-swinging, column-dodging, skrimshanking and other kindred accomplishments, not to mention brains and a good deal of luck.

You may ask why the other two have not got one, but that, in each case, is another story, which may be told at a later date, or may not.

Many regiments have they served in, and every branch of the Army is represented among them, including the only surviving veteran of Balaclava. Another, an ex-bandman of the Royal Marines, is quite convinced that he was at one time batman to the late Lord Nelson. He, as an eye-witness, is in a position to remove all doubt in the controversy regarding the last words of the famous admiral as he lay mortally wounded on the deck of H.M.S. *Victory*.

"Sergeant-Majors," said Nelson, "are a lot of —" Here the great man's voice grew so weak as to make the last word inaudible, but the ex-Marine is willing to suggest several that would fit the context approximately.

They are good men, and very kind-hearted, as is borne out by the fact that one of them has, each Christmas since the Armistice, given his bounty to his grandson, who is a pensioner at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

However, "Reyenons à nos moutons," as we say in Willesden. We had to get another guard from H.Q. Wing. We were not allowed to enter the Signallers' guard twice in this competition; therefore we looked round the Wing. We looked at the Cooks and decided to let them off. We looked at the Pioneers, but, although expert with lamps, spades and buckets, they lacked that air of *savoir faire* which is necessary for good ceremonial.

At last we approached the Band. The Bandmaster called for volunteers to go on guard mounting. Every man stood up and gave the Hitler salute. We chose the four youngest, but not one of them had touched a rifle since 1894. The guard had to be mounted at 6 p.m., and the Band were playing in Eastbourne until 5.30 p.m. Unfortunately, their bus did not arrive and they had to run all the way to camp, change, clean up and get on parade in thirty minutes. Did they do it? Yes, sir, and moreover they beat

three duty companies, only losing to D Company by three points. Well done, the Band.

IN VINO VERITAS.

PIONEERS.

The Pioneers had a very nice camp this year. The M.O. made things very much easier for us, although other people may have found it rather more difficult. Also we were much more comfortable in the soft "gor-blimey" caps that the Q.M. very kindly issued to us, and which enabled a bucket to be carried on the crown of the head with the greatest of ease.

We would like to congratulate Sergt. Smith on his new medal, and hope that he will soon have some more bars to it.

We are now so busy at Headquarters that we do not have much time for serious study, but we are eagerly awaiting the new edition of the Manual of Sanitation which should reach us shortly.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

OBITUARY.

CAPT. EDWARD SCOTT.

We regret to announce the death of Capt. Edward Scott at the age of 46 at the Nayland Sanatorium, near Colchester.

Before the war he was serving in the ranks of the London Scottish Regiment, and proceeded to France with his battalion in 1914. In the early part of 1915 he was granted a commission and returned from France to join the Depot of the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment at Willesden.

After serving with the 3rd/9th Battalion at Purfleet and Cambridge, he proceeded with the first draft sent out from home to the 1st/9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, then commanded by Lieut.-Col. J. L. Blumfeld, T.D., and stationed in the Murree Hills in India.

The draft with which Lieut. Scott arrived in India was in the notorious Karachi troop train which crossed the Sind Desert in June, 1916.

In 1917, when the 1st/9th Battalion was mobilized for service in Mesopotamia, he was appointed Adjutant and granted the acting rank of Captain.

For the remainder of the war Capt. Scott held his appointment as Adjutant

of the Battalion, being mentioned in despatches at the Battle of Shargat.

He finally returned with the cadre of the Battalion to England in 1919, and handed over to Capt. H. Heffer, the first Regular Adjutant appointed to the Battalion after the war.

He was a most keen and efficient Adjutant and a most popular officer in his Battalion, and we would offer to his relatives our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.



[Photo: "West Middlesex Gazette,"

Reprinted from the "West Middlesex Gazette," Saturday, July 8th, 1933.

MILITARY BAND CONTESTS.

CHALLENGE CUP AND SHIELD WON OUTRIGHT.

SECOND only in general interest to the enthronement of "Miss Ealing" the military band contests proved to be a

great attraction of the afternoon and early evening.

In the contest for military bands the 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions Middlesex Regiment took part, and the five entrants by drum and fife bands were the 7th, 8th and 9th Middlesex, the 3rd City of London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers) and the 13th London (Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment).

The competition actually started before

the bands reached the park. They were required to form up in the vicinity of the Broadway and to play *en route* to the park, judges being stationed at various points and marks given for alignment, marching, and so on.

Inside the arena each band played two pieces. The overture, "Ruy Blas" (Mendelssohn), was the test for the military bands, and "El Abanico" for the drum and fife bands, and, in addition, each played a march of its own choice.

The awards of the judges were as follows:—

Military Bands.—1st prizes for test and march of own choice, 9th Middlesex; 2nd prizes, 7th Middlesex.

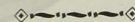
Drum and fife bands.—1st, 3rd Royal Fusiliers; 2nd, 13th City of London; 3rd, 9th Middlesex; 4th, 7th and 8th Middlesex tied.

Having thus won the competition for the third year in succession, the 9th Middlesex become the possessors of the shield presented by Messrs. Boosey & Hawkes, Ltd., while the 3rd Royal Fusiliers, who tied last year with the 9th Middlesex, retain possession of the silver cup presented by Mr. Walter Davies, J.P.

The contest was ably organized by Col. R. R. Kimmitt, O.B.E., T.D., and the judges were Capt. L. W. Litkie (London Irish Rifles), Capt. H. S. Lewis Barclay (Royal Corps of Signals), Lieut. W. J. Gibson, *p.s.m.* (late Director of Music, H.M. Life Guards), and Drum-Major J. Watts, 1st Bn. Scots Guards (by permission of Col. E. C. T. Warner, D.S.O., M.C., Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding Scots Guards).

In the evening some thousands of people lined the enclosure in which the massed bands assembled while buglers sounded "Retreat." The Mayor and Mayoress, Col. Kimmitt, Councillor Willoughby Garner, Mr. R. A. Mickelwright, and Mr. F. J. Forty occupied seats on the platform as the drum and fife bands played "El Abanico" and as each in turn marched past. The final item was the rhythmic marching and playing of the winning band, a performance which aroused great enthusiasm.

The shield and cup were presented by the Mayoress.



NOTICE.

BALANCE OF DECEASED SOLDIER UNDISPOSED OF.

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Pte., Middlesex Regiment ...	61	14	9

THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX CADET ASSOCIATION NOTES.

I. ANNUAL CAMPS, 1933.

(a) Public Secondary Schools Cadet Camp, Cirencester.

Six officers and 101 Cadets from the 1st Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment, and 4 officers and 35 Cadets from the 2nd Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment, attended the camp, out of a total attendance of 1,000 Officers and Cadets from thirty-four schools in different parts of England.

Excellent weather prevailed during the period of the camp, *i.e.*, July 29th to August 12th, which enabled the full training and recreational programme to be carried out without interruption.

An examination was held in camp for Part I, "Certificate A" (Practical). Fifteen candidates entered from the 1st Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment, and all passed.

On August 1st H.R.H. Prince George paid a visit to the camp, and spent the afternoon with the Cadets, seeing them on parade and inspecting the camp thoroughly afterwards.

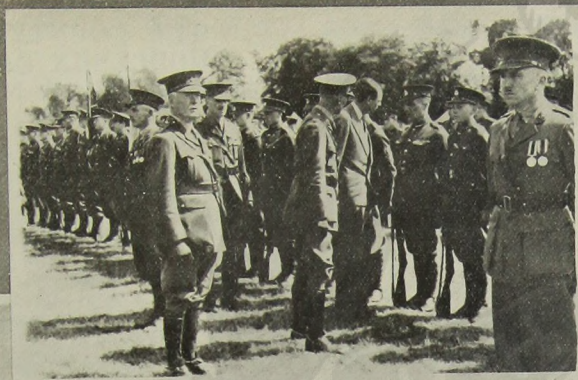
The chief of the Imperial General Staff, General Sir A. A. Montgomery-Massingberd, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., also visited the camp, which was a great success.

(b) Non-Schools Cadet Camp, Colchester.

Through the kindness of Lieut.-Col. M. Browne, M.C., Commanding 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, a contingent of approximately 100 Officers and Cadets from the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Cadet Bns. Middlesex Regiment, were attached to the 2nd Bn. Middlesex Regiment for Annual Camp, from August 5th to 12th, at Hyderabad Barracks, Colchester.

The scheme was in the nature of an experiment, and Col. G. Beach, the Colonel-Commandant of the Middlesex Cadet Brigade, who was present during the period of the attachment, has reported most favourably on the attachment.

The arrangements made by the 2nd Bn. Middlesex Regiment for the comfort and well-being of the contingent were excellent, and at the Association Meeting held on Wednesday, October 4th, a resolution



[Photos: T. Hayter, Cheltenham.]

2. ANNUAL INSPECTIONS.

(a) Annual Inspection of the 1st Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment was carried out at the Depot, Mill Hill, by kind permission of the Officer Commanding the Depot.

The Inspecting Officer was Col. G. H. Harrison, D.S.O., the Commander, 132nd Infantry Brigade, who was much impressed by the efficiency and smartness of these Cadets.

(b) Annual Inspection of the Priory School Co., 2nd Cadet Battalion, and the 3rd Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment was carried out by Col. G. Beach, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., who again expresses his satisfaction at the efficiency and smartness of these units.

(c) Arrangements are being made for the Annual Inspection of the 4th Cadet Battalion and the Non-School Companies of the 2nd Cadet Battalion in the course of the next few days.

3. COMPETITIONS.

(a) *Lucas Tooth Competition.*

Capt. G. J. Leatham, M.B.E., M.C., again kindly carried out the judging of this Competition, and reported that the standard was higher than in previous years, which reflects great credit on the units concerned.

The result is as follows:—

Winners of the Competition and the Lucas Tooth Shield, Lower School of John Lyon Cadet Company, 1st Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment, Harrow.

Winners in the Non-School Category and the Middlesex Cadet Association. Silver Challenge Cup, A Company, 3rd Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment, South Harringay.

(b) *Lady West Memorial Shield Competition.*

The regulations governing the above Competition have been circulated to Officers Commanding, and entries are awaited.

4. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND RESIGNATIONS.

The following have been approved:—

(a) *Appointments.*

Lieut. H. D. Wynne-Bennett to be c./Captain and Ambulance Officer, 1st Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment, to date 1/11/33.

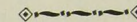
Mr. W. A. T. Perkins to be Lieutenant, 1st Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment, to date 1/11/33.

(b) *Promotions.*

Capt. M. I. Hemstead to be Major, 1st Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment, to date 1/11/33.

(c) *Resignations.*

Major F. M. Vipan, Lieut. A. J. R. Ridley and Lieut. A. L. Mathers, 1st Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment, to date 1/11/33.



CORRESPONDENCE.

GORMANSTON CASTLE,
CO. MEATH.

October 9th, 1933.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

Viscountess Gormanston returns heartfelt thanks for the most kind message sent her from all ranks of the Middlesex Regiment on the death of her mother, Lady Butler.

11, SOUTH EATON PLACE,
LONDON, W.

September 25th, 1933.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR EDITOR,

I have in my possession a book called "Historical Record of Medals and Honorary Distinctions Conferred on the British Navy, Army and Auxiliary Forces," by George Tancred, dated 1891.

The following items of interest appear concerning the 57th and 77th Regiments:—

57th Regiment.

A social medal. Obverse within a shield 57th Regiment, three swords and a crown, the word "Friendship" above. Reverse inscribed "Trinidad, May 1st, 1798." The medal was in the Greg collection; has an engraved border and is of silver.

77th Regiment.

The following letter, sanctioning the distribution of a Regimental medal, by H.R.H. the Prince Regent, was received by Sir C. Cooke, Colonel of the 77th Regiment:—

HORSE GUARDS.
January 4th, 1818.

SIR,

I have had the honour to receive and submit to the C-in-C. your application from the Officer Commanding the 77th Regiment, for permission to issue Medals to be worn by the men of the Corps who served at certain places mentioned, and in reply I have it in command to signify to you, that although the C-in-C. is not aware of the expedience of individual distinctions of the above nature being granted; the Prince Regent having already sanctioned the honours due to the Regiment collectively, yet his Royal Highness will not offer any objection to the measure recommended. I have his command at the same time to observe that it is presumed that the Medals which are proposed to be given will only be granted to individuals having claims from merit and particular good conduct.

(Signed) HENRY CALVERT,
A.G.

To Major-Gen. Sir C. Cooke, K.C.B.,
Colonel 77th Regt.

Regimental medals were issued to the N.C.Os. and privates who had served at El Boden, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, and also to a few survivors still serving in the Regiment who were present at Seringapatam.

(There are specimens of these medals in the Officers' Mess of the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.)

Yours truly,
H. W. M. STEWART,
Major.

123, DRUMMOND STREET,
CARLTON, N. 3, VICTORIA,
AUSTRALIA.

August 28th, 1933.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

I am forwarding you by same mail a marked copy of this day's *Argus* (Melbourne), which contains the obituary of

Sir Nicholas Colston Lockyer, whose death took place on Saturday last, the 26th inst.

This should be of some interest to your readers seeing that Sir Nicholas was the son of Major Edmund Lockyer, of the 57th, who came to this country in the early "Twenties" of the last century as an officer in the old Corps.

The father's career has already been published in your columns, and it may be that an account of the brilliant career of the son will be found worthy of reproducing.

Yours faithfully,
J. CLEMENT COUGHLAN.

The following is an extract from the Melbourne *Argus* of August 28th, which is referred to above:—

SIR NICHOLAS LOCKYER DEAD.

LINK WITH EARLY HISTORY.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred on August 26th at his residence in Bruce Street, Toorak, after an illness of five months, of Sir Nicholas Colston Lockyer, formerly Comptroller-General of Customs. He was in his 77th year.

The lives of Sir Nicholas Lockyer and his father, the late Major Edmund Lockyer, covered a period of 108 years of Australian history. Major Lockyer, of His Majesty's 57th Regiment, came to Australia in the *Royal Charlotte* in 1825 and landed at Port Jackson. Under instructions from Sir Thomas Brisbane he explored the Brisbane River and navigated it for 121 miles. In 1826 the British Government, fearing the formation of a French settlement on the western coast of Australia, ordered an expedition to go there from Sydney. Of this expedition Major Lockyer was in command, and on January 21st, 1827, he hoisted the British flag for the first time in Western Australia and founded the settlement of Albany on King George's Sound.

440, STRAND,
LONDON, W.C.2.

August 10th, 1933.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

Turkish action at the Battle of the Beaches, Gallipoli, 1915.

56, STATION ROAD,
FINCHLEY, N.3.
September 7th, 1933.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

I was very interested in the article published in the last issue of THE DIE-HARDS re Civil Employment, and the necessity for preparing one's self for it long before the time of discharge arrives.

During the time of service it is very hard to realize how great the evil of unemployment is. One is apt to regard the unemployment question as so much paper talk; then the time comes for you to be discharged, and you suddenly realize you are "up against it."

Next comes the daily "signing on," the incessant round of "job seeking," and you find yourself following the trail of thousands before you. You try for the post office, buses, trams and underground service—all stereotyped jobs—all full up and with waiting lists miles long.

What is one to do? I asked myself that question only as recently as 1928. To get a job, it became obvious that I must get out of the ordinary run of things.

To any man in possession of a 2nd Class Certificate of Education at least, who is not afraid of hard work and likes an open air life (and who does not after serving in H.M. Forces?), I recommend the business of life assurance.

Contrary to the general belief, one does not need to be a "good talker"—a good listener turns over better figures.

You are practically your own master. No "clocking on" every morning; just a weekly call at your local office for the purpose of paying in.

The business is variable, congenial, clean and honest. You are engaged in selling a commodity which the public need and ask for. Much different to trying to sell brushes, etc., from door to door.

The pay is good and the commissions generous.

Perhaps, Mr. Editor, you will find space in your next issue for the publication of this letter, and if it should be read by anyone almost "time ex," and they would like more detailed particulars, I shall be only too happy to advise them.

I am, sir,

Yours faithfully,
F. H. BLACKMAN,
late 1st Battalion.

I was interested in the letter under the above heading which appeared in the August number of the JOURNAL, because I had noticed in General Liman von Sanders' book, "Five Years with the Turkish Army," the coincidence to which your correspondent refers, namely, that the Turkish 57th and 77th Regiments were jointly concerned in the saving of the Turkish situation at Anzac on April 25th, 1915, in very much the same manner as the British 57th and 77th Regiments combined at Inkerman.

Another coincidence occurs to me which may be of interest. The 2nd/10th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment was, as part of the 53rd British Division, opposed at Suvla, Gallipoli, by the 53rd Turkish Division, and two years later the same two 53rd Divisions were face to face at Gaza in Palestine.

Yours truly,
C. JARRETT,
Major
(late 2nd/10th Battalion).

19, COBBITT ROAD,
ELTHAM, S.E.9.
August 31st, 1933.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

I enclose ninepence in stamps to pay for next issue of THE DIE-HARDS JOURNAL. Will you be good enough to send it on when it comes out? I intend having one every quarterly issue.

If you do not know, I would like to inform you I took a trip to Mill Hill on June 30th last on the occasion of the Old Comrades' gathering. I did not know of the sports until I got there, and right well I enjoyed myself.

After leaving the Regiment in 1880 it did seem good to be among the boys again and to hear the band, and seeing the red coat of my own Regiment made me thrill, and the cordiality with which I was treated was gratifying. I enjoyed the intense fun of the sports, too. I returned home a happier man, but just a little bit disappointed at not meeting a comrade I knew personally. I intend, if possible, to be present at more functions in the future. Thanks for copy of the February Journal sent me since I came up. Best wishes.

Yours faithfully,
F. W. ASHBY.

(Continued on page 662.)

SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.Os.
NOVEMBER, 1933.

1st BATTALION.

Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
*R.S.M. P. Newman ...	13/8/31	Cpl. F. Payne ...	11/4/30
*Bdmr. A. Judge ...	12/4/31	L./Sgt. J. Smith ...	24/7/33
*R.Q.M.S. E. Crouch ...	28/4/29	(Cpl. 28/4/30)	
Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) A. Finch ...	13/6/28	Cpl. E. Zetter ...	14/5/30
*C.S.M. G. Anderson ...	20/10/30	Cpl. C. Ives ...	16/8/30
*C.S.M. A. Russell ...	1/4/31	Cpl. H. Padgett ...	1/1/31
*C.S.M. E. Burt ...	13/8/31	Cpl. R. Simmons ...	3/1/31
*C.S.M. B. Brockman ...	10/12/31	*L./Sgt. (Unpaid) W. Snell ...	27/4/33
*C.S.M. E. Fleming ...	10/12/31	(Cpl. 10/1/31)	
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) S. Steadman ...	23/7/23	*Cpl. C. May ...	16/1/31
Sgt. W. Christie (Transport Sergeant)	1/5/20	L./Sgt. (Unpaid) S. Bullock...	27/4/33
Sgt. V. Osterholm (Pioneer Sergeant)	18/10/23	(Cpl. 23/1/31)	
Sgt. J. Griffin ...	11/6/24	L./Sgt. (Unpaid) E. Moir ...	27/4/33
*C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Raindle ...	10/12/31	(Cpl. 20/2/31)	
Sgt. E. Hazledene ...	5/4/26	Cpl. E. Wilson ...	9/7/31
Sgt. W. Bennett ...	19/6/26	L./Sgt. (Unpaid) G. Herbert ...	27/4/33
*C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) E. Robbins ...	10/12/31	(Cpl. 20/7/31)	
*Sgt. R. Challis (Signal Sergeant)	30/10/27	Cpl. L. Sheffield ...	24/7/31
*C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. Misso ...	19/1/32	Cpl. J. O'Neill ...	13/8/31
*C. Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) H. Thomas ...	22/6/33	Cpl. A. Stone ...	2/9/31
Sgt. T. Tiller ...	29/5/28	Cpl. S. Phelan ...	15/9/31
*Sgt. A. Stenning (Band Sergeant)	23/2/29	Cpl. A. Nicholls ...	18/9/31
Sgt. J. West ...	15/1/30	Cpl. F. Connert ...	30/9/31
Sgt. W. Northcott, M.M. ...	25/2/30	Cpl. C. Bolton ...	10/12/31
*Sgt. C. Soper ...	17/12/30	Cpl. J. Thirkettle ...	10/12/31
*Sgt. G. Blake (Cook Sergeant)	10/1/31	Cpl. C. Pantling ...	19/1/32
*Sgt. L. Honeybun ...	13/8/31	*Cpl. G. Bayford ...	21/1/32
**Sgt. L. Priddy ...	18/9/31	Cpl. A. Cladd ...	28/1/32
Sgt. S. Thompson ...	30/9/31	Cpl. J. Donegar ...	4/2/32
Sgt. R. Bayles (S.I.M.) ...	10/12/31	Cpl. T. Castle ...	23/6/32
*Sgt. L. West ...	10/12/31	Cpl. R. Blackman ...	20/7/32
*Sgt. C. Painter ...	19/1/32	Cpl. E. Wadsworth ...	15/11/32
*Drum-Major D. Drew ...	22/1/32	Cpl. E. Whicello ...	22/2/33
Sgt. F. Donovan ...	4/2/32	Cpl. G. Enderby ...	2/6/33
*Sgt. E. Paterson ...	18/2/32	Cpl. C. Clark ...	20/6/33
Sgt. H. Kruck ...	24/8/32	Cpl. H. Chillery ...	22/6/33
Sgt. H. Hull, M.M. ...	22/2/33	L./Cpl. E. Rochester ...	26/8/27
Sgt. A. Mason ...	22/6/33	L./Cpl. A. Allison ...	14/9/28
L./Sgt. R. Glover ...	1/8/28	L./Cpl. G. Jeffree ...	5/6/30
(Cpl. 11/2/27)		L./Cpl. W. Belcher ...	30/6/30
*L./Sgt. (Unpaid) (O.R.C.) P. Hale ...	31/10/29	*L./Cpl. P. Ward ...	20/10/30
(Cpl. 8/3/28)		L./Cpl. F. Gardiner ...	29/11/30
L./Sgt. J. Little ...	26/11/31	L./Cpl. L. Jerman ...	11/12/30
(Cpl. 14/3/28)		L./Cpl. A. Moore ...	3/1/31
L./Sgt. F. Chasney ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. A. Lane ...	21/1/31
(Cpl. 22/6/28)		L./Cpl. A. Windows ...	2/2/31
L./Sgt. L. Williams ...	3/10/32	L./Cpl. W. Watts ...	18/2/31
(Cpl. 8/8/28)		L./Cpl. M. Duddy ...	22/3/31
Cpl. A. Lawrence ...	26/9/28	*L./Cpl. C. Jacob ...	23/3/31
L./Sgt. J. Ayres ...	18/9/31	L./Cpl. L. Roseblade ...	24/4/31
(Cpl. 1/11/28)		L./Cpl. F. Britton ...	29/4/31
Cpl. R. Dyson ...	20/2/29	L./Cpl. F. Thorn ...	11/6/31
L./Sgt. P. Edwards ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. L. Mallard ...	16/6/31
(Cpl. 23/2/29)		L./Cpl. H. Game ...	14/7/31
*L./Sgt. R. Chaplin ...	19/1/32	*L./Cpl. P. Hopwood ...	13/8/31
(Cpl. 17/6/29)		L./Cpl. W. Gadsden ...	29/8/31
L./Sgt. E. Edmonds ...	4/2/32	L./Cpl. F. Dell ...	2/9/31
(Cpl. 10/10/29)		L./Cpl. A. Willis ...	15/9/31
L./Sgt. J. Chillery ...	22/2/33	L./Cpl. G. Sach ...	30/9/31
(Cpl. 20/3/30)		L./Cpl. W. Lambert ...	2/1/32
Cpl. I. Beck ...	9/4/30	L./Cpl. L. McDowell ...	2/1/32

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Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
L./Cpl. G. Wordley ...	2/1/32	L./Cpl. H. Holloway ...	17/11/32
L./Cpl. J. Howie ...	2/1/32	L./Cpl. J. McGrady ...	17/11/32
L./Cpl. A. Cokeley ...	2/1/32	L./Cpl. J. Sheen ...	23/12/32
*L./Cpl. J. Painter ...	21/1/32	L./Cpl. S. Dyer ...	2/1/33
L./Cpl. J. Groves ...	28/1/32	L./Cpl. W. Ransom ...	24/1/33
L./Cpl. W. Sampford ...	4/2/32	L./Cpl. F. Carter ...	6/2/33
L./Cpl. L. Image ...	6/6/32	L./Cpl. R. Dehnel ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. A. Brown ...	16/6/32	L./Cpl. E. Nye ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. E. Staley ...	26/7/32	L./Cpl. G. Chandler ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. F. Mills ...	30/9/32	L./Cpl. E. Rogers ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. J. Robinson ...	1/11/32	L./Cpl. W. Sargent ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. C. Adams ...	2/11/32	L./Cpl. W. Nihill ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. J. Stickley ...	15/11/32	L./Cpl. H. Jolley ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. H. Burrows ...	5/1/33	L./Cpl. F. Scott ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. F. Munday ...	22/2/33	L./Cpl. F. Broughton ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. A. Smith ...	2/6/33	L./Cpl. R. Moth ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. C. Payne ...	10/6/33	L./Cpl. F. Shaw ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. V. Thomas ...	20/6/33	L./Cpl. P. Crowley ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. H. Nayler ...	22/6/33	L./Cpl. V. Whippis ...	19/5/33
**L./Cpl. F. Stock ...	13/7/33	L./Cpl. S. Clark ...	19/5/33
L./Cpl. C. Hawkesworth ...	3/8/33	*L./Cpl. K. Simpson ...	10/6/33
L./Cpl. H. Ormes ...	17/8/33	L./Cpl. G. Soper ...	12/6/33
Unpaid:—		L./Cpl. S. Hoskins ...	12/6/33
L./Cpl. T. Bayly ...	16/8/32	L./Cpl. W. Tatt ...	17/6/33
L./Cpl. G. Parker ...	25/8/32	L./Cpl. F. Hammond ...	29/6/33
*L./Cpl. W. O'Connor ...	25/8/32	L./Cpl. P. Coleman ...	3/7/33
L./Cpl. W. Harewell ...	25/8/32	L./Cpl. E. Webber ...	22/7/33
L./Cpl. J. McLeod ...	25/8/32	L./Cpl. W. Hayward ...	3/8/33
L./Cpl. H. Hughes ...	25/8/32	L./Cpl. F. Penman ...	2/9/33
L./Cpl. F. Markham ...	25/8/32	L./Cpl. J. Emery ...	2/9/33
L./Cpl. C. Keefe ...	25/8/32		

2nd BATTALION (Home Establishment).

NOTICE.

Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. are, in their own interests, requested to write direct to the Adjutant, 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), Colchester, Essex, should they observe any omissions or errors in the Seniority Roll of the Home Establishment.

Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
*R.S.M. C. Davis ...	Depot	13/4/29	*Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) E. Jones	2nd	15/11/32
*R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M. ...	2nd	18/3/31		(Sgt. 1/3/25)	
*Bdmr. C. Dennis, A.R.C.M. ...	2nd	25/3/31	*Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) F. Franklin	2nd	8/9/33
*R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley ...	Depot	7/3/26		(Sgt. 20/3/28)	
*R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher ...	2nd	31/3/30	Sgt. H. Glover ...	...	1/5/20
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) B. Baldwin	Depot	2/7/30	Sgt. H. Tisdale ...	7th London	22/1/22
*C.S.M. G. Goodall ...	9th	4/6/25	Sgt. E. Shaw ...	...	19/1/24
*C.S.M. J. Hart ...	Depot	20/1/26	Sgt. H. Campbell ...	...	16/2/24
*C.S.M. C. Cook, D.C.M. ...	8th	15/8/26	Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	...	28/1/25
*C.S.M. T. Smith ...	19th London	28/2/28	Sgt. H. Rogers ...	...	20/5/25
*C.S.M. F. Peck ...	2nd	18/2/29	*Sgt. S. Mason ...	2nd	2/2/26
*C.S.M. R. Colbourne ...	2nd	13/4/29	Sgt. A. Wright ...	2nd	10/2/27
*C.S.M. C. Goodall ...	8th	28/4/29	Sgt. W. Harwood ...	2nd	17/8/27
*C.S.M. F. Stevenson ...	7th	4/1/30	Sgt. S. Bishop ...	2nd	24/11/27
*C.S.M. H. Hewett ...	2nd	19/4/32	Sgt. H. Sneath ...	2nd	15/12/27
*C.S.M. L. Simmonds ...	9th	3/9/32	Sgt. A. Webb ...	19th London	15/5/28
*C.S.M. L. Clarke ...	2nd	15/11/32	Drum-Major H. Poulter	...	13/10/28
*Sgt. R. Mewett ...	2nd	12/12/23	*Sgt. C. Champion ...	2nd	1/1/29
Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. King	Depot	26/5/25	*Sgt. A. Jones ...	7th	18/2/29
	(Sgt. 2/8/17)		*Sgt. H. Short ...	2nd	21/2/29
Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) L. Hills	2nd	2/11/26	Sgt. A. Jones ...	2nd	8/4/29
	(Sgt. 5/4/19)		Sgt. A. Boen ...	9th	13/4/29
Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. West	2nd	22/2/28	*Sgt. C. Donaldson	2nd	24/5/29
	(Sgt. 12/3/19)		Sgt. R. King ...	Supnmy., Fire Bde., Bordon	5/7/29
*Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) F. Stacey	2nd	3/9/32	Sgt. G. Sherriff ...	2nd	9/12/29
	(Sgt. 22/2/28)				

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Sgt. F. Nash ...	8th	11/12/29	Cpl. W. Murcott ...	2nd	25/9/32
*Sgt. A. Russell ...	2nd	16/2/30	Cpl. H. Buckland ...	2nd	13/10/32
*Sgt. W. Tibble ...	7th	17/10/30	Cpl. E. Mead ...	2nd	1/11/32
*Sgt. W. Green ...	Depot	27/12/30	Cpl. H. Elcome ...	2nd	16/11/32
Sgt. C. Kennett ...	Depot	16/1/30	Cpl. P. Oliver ...	2nd	15/12/32
*Sgt. J. Quick ...	2nd	23/4/31	*Cpl. H. Marshall ...	2nd	14/1/33
*Sgt. W. Kemp ...	2nd	19/1/32	Cpl. F. Knights ...	2nd	1/2/33
*Sgt. R. Parsler ...	2nd	1/4/32	Cpl. J. Burgess ...	Depot	3/2/33
Sgt. J. Harper ...	Depot	19/4/32	Cpl. A. Smith ...	2nd	19/3/33
Sgt. (O.R.S.) F. Deane	2nd	10/6/32	Cpl. F. Knights ...	Depot	15/3/33
Sgt. C. Trestain ...	2nd	14/6/32	Cpl. W. Evans ...	2nd	15/3/33
Sgt. J. Ramsey ...	2nd	23/6/32	Cpl. W. McEnery ...	2nd	15/3/33
Sgt. S. Smith ...	2nd	30/7/32	Cpl. J. Bromley ...	2nd	15/3/33
Sgt. R. Smith ...	Depot	2/9/32	Cpl. A. Wray ...	2nd	23/3/33
Sgt. J. Scott ...	2nd	3/9/32	Cpl. E. Buck ...	2nd	13/4/33
Sgt. L. Johnson ...	2nd	15/11/32	Cpl. E. Soden ...	2nd	3/5/33
Sgt. W. Bean ...	2nd	23/3/33	Cpl. A. Gigg ...	Depot	2/6/33
Sgt. (S.M.C.) F. Housden	2nd	3/5/33	Cpl. H. Sayer ...	2nd	8/7/33
Sgt. R. Wilson ...	2nd	8/7/33	*Cpl. D. Chapman ...	2nd	15/8/33
Sgt. E. Patterson ...	Depot	8/9/33	Cpl. J. Johnson ...	2nd	2/9/33
*L./Sgt. H. Ison ...	2nd	27/12/29	Cpl. E. Fuller ...	2nd	8/9/33
	(Cpl. 9/2/28)		L./Cpl. G. Frost ...	2nd	14/5/31
L./Sgt. A. Brett ...	2nd	1/4/32	L./Cpl. J. Harris ...	Depot	10/7/31
	(Cpl. 28/1/30)		L./Cpl. A. Baxter ...	2nd	24/7/31
L./Sgt. G. Newstead ...	2nd	14/6/32	L./Cpl. A. Bird ...	Depot	28/12/31
	(Cpl. 20/4/30)		L./Cpl. W. Ayles ...	Depot	19/1/32
*L./Sgt. V. Cooper ...	2nd	23/6/32	L./Cpl. C. Holmes ...	2nd	17/5/32
	(Cpl. 1/5/30)		L./Cpl. R. Harman ...	2nd	1/6/32
*L./Sgt. A. Allchorne ...	2nd	19/4/32	L./Cpl. B. Armstrong ...	Depot	13/6/32
	(Cpl. 15/5/30)		L./Cpl. J. Walker ...	2nd	26/6/32
L./Sgt. A. Hows ...	2nd	27/3/32	L./Cpl. J. O'Neill ...	2nd	5/8/32
	(Cpl. 25/10/30)		L./Cpl. G. Grant ...	Depot	25/9/32
L./Sgt. A. Whitcombe ...	Depot	30/7/32	L./Cpl. W. Patterson ...	2nd	13/10/32
	(Cpl. 31/10/30)		L./Cpl. C. Carpenter ...	2nd	21/10/32
L./Sgt. E. Bedward ...	2nd	24/8/32	L./Cpl. A. Drake ...	2nd	1/11/32
	(Cpl. 19/11/30)		L./Cpl. T. Sargent ...	2nd	11/11/32
L./Sgt. F. Livens ...	2nd	2/9/32	L./Cpl. E. Tydeman ...	2nd	12/11/32
	(Cpl. 20/1/31)		L./Cpl. W. Smith ...	2nd	16/11/32
L./Sgt. R. Jenkins ...	Depot	3/9/32	L./Cpl. J. Eldridge ...	2nd	23/11/32
	(Cpl. 17/2/31)		L./Cpl. R. Doolan ...	2nd	23/11/32
L./Sgt. H. Ramsden ...	Depot	8/7/33	L./Cpl. R. Weaver ...	2nd	23/11/32
	(Cpl. 1/4/31)		L./Cpl. A. Eldrett ...	2nd	23/11/32
L./Sgt. J. Swadling ...	2nd	3/10/31	L./Cpl. W. Powell ...	2nd	23/11/32
	(Cpl. 2/10/31)		L./Cpl. C. Armitage ...	2nd	3/1/33
L./Sgt. (Bd. Cpl.) E. Jennings	2nd	3/5/33	L./Cpl. J. Hayes ...	2nd	14/1/33
	(Cpl. 28/12/31)		L./Cpl. R. Stretton ...	2nd	31/1/33
L./Sgt. S. Moore ...	Depot	8/9/33	L./Cpl. L. Rayner ...	2nd	1/2/33
	(Cpl. 28/12/31)		L./Cpl. F. Jaques ...	Depot	3/2/33
Cpl. F. Gribble ...	2nd	19/1/32	L./Cpl. T. Cordell ...	Depot	23/2/33
Cpl. H. Frewin ...	Depot	18/2/32	L./Cpl. H. Tye ...	2nd	10/3/33
*Cpl. H. Dujardin ...	Depot	27/3/32	*L./Cpl. P. Davidson ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. E. Bennett ...	Depot	1/4/32	L./Cpl. S. Day ...	2nd	15/3/33
*Cpl. B. White ...	2nd	17/5/32	L./Cpl. F. Payne ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. P. Maloney ...	2nd	1/6/32	L./Cpl. R. Wigg ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. (O.R.C.) J. Wright	2nd	13/6/32	L./Cpl. B. Bruniges ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. H. Walker ...	2nd	13/6/32	L./Cpl. W. Broadbridge ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. R. Overy ...	2nd	14/6/32	L./Cpl. C. Dowsett ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. R. Smallridge ...	2nd	14/6/32	L./Cpl. H. Eastland ...	2nd	23/3/33
Cpl. W. Brown ...	2nd	23/6/32	L./Cpl. F. Hiscocks ...	2nd	9/4/33
Cpl. F. Hawkins ...	2nd	28/6/32	L./Cpl. B. Baldwin ...	2nd	4/5/33
*Cpl. J. Bond ...	2nd	29/6/32	L./Cpl. A. Ball ...	2nd	7/5/33
Cpl. W. Day ...	2nd	5/8/32	L./Cpl. R. Green ...	2nd	1/6/33
Cpl. C. Gatehouse ...	2nd	6/8/32	L./Cpl. S. Copelin ...	2nd	2/6/33
*Cpl. H. Parnell ...	2nd	17/8/32	L./Cpl. A. Ellwood ...	Depot	23/6/33
Cpl. W. Makewell ...	2nd	17/8/32	L./Cpl. A. Blackman ...	2nd	5/7/33
Cpl. J. Riches ...	Depot	19/8/32	L./Cpl. J. Lawrence ...	2nd	8/7/33
Cpl. A. Thorne ...	2nd	24/8/32	L./Cpl. A. Read ...	2nd	11/7/33
Cpl. H. Clarke ...	Depot	2/9/32	L./Cpl. H. Griffiths ...	2nd	28/7/33
Cpl. W. Poulter ...	2nd	3/9/32	L./Cpl. A. Morris ...	2nd	29/7/33

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L./Cpl. S. Pinner 2nd	26/8/33	L./Cpl. A. Drane 2nd	20/9/33
L./Cpl. F. Gilbert 2nd	2/9/33	L./Cpl. L. Mann 2nd	20/9/33
L./Cpl. F. Lavalette ...	... 2nd	8/9/33	L./Cpl. V. Bint ...	... 2nd	20/9/33
Unpaid :—			L./Cpl. J. West ...	... 2nd	20/9/33
L./Cpl. J. Collison ...	... 2nd	21/7/33	L./Cpl. C. Johl ...	... 2nd	20/9/33
L./Cpl. L. O'Doherty ...	... 2nd	24/7/33	L./Cpl. C. Kenny ...	... 2nd	20/9/33
L./Cpl. W. Lovell ...	... 2nd	14/8/33	L./Cpl. J. Hinch ...	... 2nd	20/9/33
*L./Cpl. R. Lomax ...	... 2nd	16/8/33	L./Cpl. S. Parry ...	... 2nd	20/9/33
L./Cpl. C. Hayes ...	... 2nd	24/8/33	L./Cpl. R. Cummings ...	... 2nd	20/9/33
L./Cpl. R. Parker ...	... 2nd	25/8/33	L./Cpl. A. Lowe ...	... 2nd	22/9/33
L./Cpl. G. Clarke 2nd	29/8/33	L./Cpl. L. Du-Heaume 2nd	22/9/33
L./Cpl. M. Head 2nd	29/8/33	L./Cpl. L. Harris 2nd	27/9/33
			L./Cpl. L. Walker 2nd	27/9/33

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CORRESPONDENCE—(Continued from page 657).

JOHANNESBURG.

September 20th, 1933.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

Thanks for copies of Journal, which reached me safely. On one occasion it was reposted to Northern Rhodesia, but I got it all right.

In issue for August I noticed a letter from Mrs. Steed in connection with her husband's death.

It brought back such a host of memories to me, who knew him so well, and can "even now" follow his various appointments from 1884, he was then a Lance-Corporal in C Company, 57th Regiment, and he and I were in constant association up to the time of his promotion as Colour-Sergeant, B Company. He was always a keen soldier, and very well liked by all ranks.

I am writing to her by this mail to address as found in the Journal in the hope that it may reach her.

I have been representing the 57th out here for quite a time, but very seldom meet any of the old Corps, so any that are here must be going on all right, or perhaps I would hear of them.

The last I had anything to do with was Buck Ferriss. He had lost both his legs during the Boer War. I was not successful in arranging a pension, there being difficulty in the papers he had for

reference; the greatest in change of name when he was serving with some regiment of Volunteers at the Cape.

He made a fair living by use of a gramophone in Johannesburg, and I made it my business to see him very often. He suffered much with his eyes, and finally died "almost in my arms," and I saw everything fixed up. He also had considerable difficulty in his domestic life. That, of course, I could not interfere with, and since his death have not seen anything of the family.

I must apologise for length of letter, but it is just an attack of old times.

Am attaching renewal order for Journal and Diary.

Would it be possible for you to send out a badge "as published on front page of Journal"?

I wear a sports jacket on many occasions, and would dearly like to have it on the pocket.

It would cause a lot of inquiries, which I would answer in many ways.

I have also five medals to wear for this country, and have never paraded them yet.

With the best of luck to all of you. Cheerio!

OZARD.

[Buck Ferriss served all his time as a drummer, and was discharged at the Cape about 1900. His father was also an old 57th soldier.—R.]