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Home Counties Area.

The Plume of the Prince of Wales. In each of the four corners the late Duke of Cambridge's Cypher and Coronet.
 "Mysore," "Seringapatam," "Alubera," "Ciudad Rodrigo," "Vittoria," "Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Nive," "Peninsula,"
 "Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "New Zealand," "South Africa, 1899," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1900-02,"
 "Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Ypres, 1915," "Suvla," "Jerusalem," "Mesopotamia, 1917-18."

"Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "Aisne, 1914," "La Bassée, 1914," "Messines, 1914," "Armentières, 1914,"
 "Neuve Chapelle," "Gravenstafel," "St. Julien," "Frezenberg," "Bellewaarde," "Aubers," "Hooge, 1915," "Loos," "Somme,"
 "1916," "18," "Delville Wood," "Pozières," "Ginchy," "Fiers-Courcellette," "Morval," "Thiepval," "Ancre Heights,"
 "Ancre, 1916," "18," "Bapaume, 1917," "Arras, 1917," "18," "Vimy, 1917," "Scarpe, 1917," "18," "Arleux," "Plickem,"
 "Langemarck, 1917," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Broodseinde," "Poelcappelle," "Passchendaele," "St. Quentin,"
 "Rosieres," "Avre," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazebrouck," "Baileul," "Kemmel," "Schierpenberg," "Canal
 du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Valenciennes," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Italy,"
 "1917-18," "Struma," "Doiran, 1918," "Macedonia, 1915-18," "Landing at Suvla," "Scimitar Hill," "Gallipoli, 1915," "Rumani,"
 "Egypt, 1915-17," "Gaza," "El Muehar," "Jericho," "Jordan," "Tell Asur," "Palestine, 1917-18,"
 "Murman, 1919," "Dukhovskaya," "Siberia, 1918-19."

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 1st Bn. (57th Foot) ... Egypt.
 2nd Bn. (77th Foot) ... Colchester.
 5th Bn. (R. Elthorne Mil.) ... Mill Hill.
 6th Bn. (R. East Middlesex Mil.) ... Mill Hill.
 Depot—Mill Hill. Record and Pay Office—Hounslow.

Territorial Army Battalions.

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

Affiliated Territorial Army Battalions.

7th City of London Regiment ... 24, Sun Street, Finsbury
 (Post Office Rifles) Square, E.C.2.
 19th London Regiment (St. Pancras) ... 76, High Street, Camden
 Town, N.W.1.

Allied Regiments of Canadian Militia.

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

Allied Battalion of Australian Infantry.

57th Battalion ... Preston, Victoria.

Allied Regiment of Dominion of New Zealand.

The Taranaki Regiment ... New Plymouth.

Colonel-in-Chief:

Lieut.-General H.R.H. The Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall,
 K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O.,
 G.B.E., M.C., Colonel W. Gds., Colonel-in-Chief 12th L.,
 R. S. Fus., S. Wales Bord., D.C.L.I., P.W. Vols., Seaforth, and
 R. Wilts Yeo., Personal A.D.C. to The King.

Colonel:

Brig.-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Officer Commanding Depot:

Major T. S. Wollock, M.C.

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EDITORIAL



WE take this opportunity of wishing all our readers a Happy New Year.

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It may not be generally known that a headstone is to be erected to the memory of the late Lieut.-Col. F. S. Steed, and that subscriptions have already been received by the Hon. Secretary of the Officers' Club from past and present officers. As announced by the Colonel of the Regiment at the Old Comrades' Dinner in November last, subscriptions will also be gratefully received from past and present "other

ranks." Such subscriptions should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Regimental Association, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

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The attention of all those interested is invited to the Officers' Club Notes in this issue, which contain a notice regarding a Golf Competition between past and present officers.

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We congratulate Capt. N. P. Procter, M.C., on his Brevet-Majority, which has been announced since the receipt of the 2nd Battalion Notes.

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The whole of the 1934 Regimental Diaries have been disposed of. We fear that a few readers may have been disappointed, but it is necessary to order these popular books early as only a limited number of spare copies can be provided over and above those actually ordered by subscribers.

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We shall be grateful for any information regarding the 25th (Service) Battalion, i.e., the dates of its formation and proceeding overseas, theatres of war in which it served, etc. The War Diary of this Battalion cannot be traced, but doubtless some officer, or officers, who served with it can furnish particulars of its history.

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We are indebted to Mr. J. C. Coughlan, of Melbourne, for copies of the Christmas numbers of *The Auckland Star* (Brett's Christmas Number) and *The Auckland Weekly News*. These splendidly illustrated publications have been placed in the Depot Library, where we are sure they will be read with great interest.

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REGIMENTAL FIXTURES.

April 5th and 6th.—Golf at Hendon.

June 24th to 30th.—Cricket Week at Mill Hill.

Sunday, June 24th.—v. Hampstead Heathens.

Monday, June 25th.—v. Cryptics.

Tuesday, June 26th.—v. Colonel Airey's XI.

Wednesday, June 27th.—v. Free Foresters.

Wednesday, June 27th.—Officers' Club "At Home."

Thursday, June 28th.—v. I Zingari.

Thursday, June 28th.—Officers' Club Annual Dinner at J.U.S. Club.

Friday, June 29th.—Depot Sports.

Saturday, June 30th.—v. Hampstead.

Saturday, June 30th.—Old Comrades' Summer Gathering.

November 3rd.—Old Comrades' Annual Dinner (place to be notified later).

November 11th.—Armistice Day Service at the Regimental War Memorial.

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

THE Regimental Golf Meeting will take place on Thursday and Friday, April 5th and 6th, 1934, at Hendon Golf Club.

The Committee of this Club has very kindly agreed to these two dates. The first date is for a match between retired and serving officers, and it is hoped to raise two teams of eight for this purpose.

Retired officers wishing to play are requested to write to Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, The Junior United Service Club, Charles Street, London, S.W.1, by the 12th March, 1934, stating their handicap and the Club they play at.

Col. Samuel has very kindly agreed to lead the "retired" team, and hopes that there will be a good response to this notice. The leadership of the "serving" side will be decided later.

The match will take the usual form—Singles in the morning, starting at 10.15 a.m., and Foursomes in the afternoon. The success of this day's play will largely depend on the support given to Col. Samuel.

The following day will be devoted to the usual Annual Meeting which starts at 10 a.m. As in previous years, Singles in the morning and Foursomes in the afternoon. There will be no entrance or green fee for this day's play, and the "sweep" will be optional. Please forward entries to the Hon. Secretary, Officers' Club, Mill Hill Barracks, stating handicap, meals wanted, and if a caddie is required

—also if a partner is required for the Foursomes in the afternoon. Please give your partner for the Foursomes. Entries are required by April 1st, 1934.

Any further information required can be obtained by writing to the Hon. Secretary, Officers' Club.

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REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

THE following additions have been made during the past quarter:—

Old Print. "General Picton at the Storming of Badajoz" (Purchased). This has been framed.



Captain Patrick Logan, of the 57th Foot, built these, the first Military Barracks in Brisbane, in the year 1826.

Photographs. 2nd and 3rd Battalions, from Capt. E. P. Manson, M.C.

Framed Photograph. "Presentation of drum of 11th Battalion to St. Mary's Church, Staines." From Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C.

Old aquatint in colours. "General Picton storming the Moorish Castle at Badajoz" (Purchased). This has been framed.

Two sets of Colours have been presented to the 1st Battalion by Admiral Sir A. Fanshawe, G.C.B., and are at present at the Depot. It is understood that they are to be on loan to the Museum whilst the 1st Battalion is abroad. These Colours were carried respectively by the 57th Foot from 1813 to 1818, including the battles of the Pyrenees, Nive and

Nivelle, and by the 2nd Battalion of the 57th Foot, which was formed in 1803 and disbanded in 1815. The Colours were originally in the possession of Sir Hew Dalrymple, who was at that time Colonel of the 57th Foot, and of whom Admiral Fanshawe is a descendant.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR
QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31ST,
1933.

Amount of grants and loans made: £175.

Grants and loans specially sanctioned by Committee: £5 17s.

Number of cases dealt with: 235.

Number of cases assisted: 146.

Number of men registered for employment: 20.

Number of men found permanent employment:—

(1) Association: Nil.

(2) Acton Branch, National Association: 8.

(3) Other Branches, National Association: 10.

Number of men found temporary employment:—

(1) Association: Nil.

(2) Acton Branch, National Association: 7.

(3) Other Branches, National Association: 12.

Number of men found employment by connected Labour Exchange: 17.

Number of men who took up employment: 54.

Number of parcels sent out by Ladies' Guild: 15.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, on October 25th, 1933.

Present.—Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the Chair); Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; Col. S. C. M. Smith, T.D. (by request); Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel; Majors N. H. B. Lyon (2nd Battalion), R. A. Slee and T. S. Wollocombe,

M.C. (Hon. Secretary); Capt. H. E. Foster, G. W. Kempster and A. N. Overell; R.S.M. C. Davis; R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley; C.Q.M.S. C. King; Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M.; Mr. F. E. Holmes and Major E. H. Amor (Assistant Secretary in attendance).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Lieut.-Cols. M. Browne, M.C., and J. N. Lamont, M.C., T.D., and Mr. E. Morris.

Col. S. C. M. Smith presented his suggestions concerning the Honorary Treasurership, and a Sub-Committee, of which Major Wollocombe was appointed chairman and Lieut.-Col. Samuel and Capt. Foster members, was convened to consider the report upon the matter and, where necessary, to redraft the Rules.

It was directed that further inquiries should be made in a loan case, and also in the matter of the Ex-Services Association of India and Burma.

The question of subscriptions from other ranks of the Regular Battalions was discussed, and it was agreed that the O.Cs. should be asked to consider the matter as regards uniformity of rates subscribed, and also to furnish the Association with lists of non-subscribers.

A discussion also took place on the subject of attendance of Battalion representatives at Committee meetings, and it was agreed that the R.S.M. of the Home Battalion might be detailed to attend the quarterly meetings if the C.O. thought fit.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Regimental Association was held at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, on November 4th, 1933, when the Chair was taken by Brig.-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., who presented the Annual Report for 1932, which was adopted.

OLD COMRADES' ANNUAL DINNER.

This function was held at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, on November 4th, 1933. Two hundred and twelve tickets had been issued, but unfortunately some were prevented by illness from being present, including Col. A. M. O.

Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L., the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Brig.-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., the Colonel of the Regiment, presided. The numbers present included forty-four past and present officers, but it is felt that many more retired officers might have been at the Dinner. It is hoped that they will make an effort to attend the next one.

The guests of the evening were Dr. J. S. Crone (High Sheriff of Middlesex), Mr. H. S. Button (Chairman of the Middlesex County Council), and Mr. E. S. W. Hart, M.B.E. (Clerk to the County Council).

The Band of the 2nd Battalion was present and played whilst an excellent dinner was served, after which the President gave the usual loyal toasts which were enthusiastically received. The toasts of "The Regiment" and "The Visitors" followed, and the latter was responded to by Mr. Button, who, in the course of a very interesting speech, referred to the interest taken by the County authorities in the Regiment, and to the fact that the old Colours of various Battalions were in the Middlesex Guildhall.

Telegrams had been dispatched to H.M. The King, The Prince of Wales, and to the Royal Fusiliers and East Surrey Regiment. The following replies were received during the evening:—

"The King commands me to ask you to convey his thanks to the Old Comrades Middlesex Regiment for their loyal message.—Equerry."

"My sincere thanks to Old Comrades Middlesex Regiment for their good wishes. I hope they will have a very enjoyable dinner.—Edward P., Colonel-in-Chief."

"Comrades Royal Fusiliers send sincere and hearty greetings."

"Old Comrades East Surrey Regiment send hearty greetings to Old Comrades Middlesex Regiment."

The members of the Sergeants' Messes of The Buffs, Shorncliffe, and 2nd Bn. The East Surrey Regiment at the same station, also sent good wishes.

Among those present were: Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley; Cols. G. Beach, and J. L. Blumfeld; Lieut.-Cols. H. A. Bethune, J. English, J. N. Lamont and W. H. Samuel; Majors E. H. Amor, G. B. Anderson, G. C. Bucknall, G. L.

Fox, N. H. B. Lyon, E. L. Mills, H. W. M. Stewart, J. R. Thorp and T. S. Wollocombe; Capt. H. E. Foster, E. J. L. Garstin, G. Johnson, G. W. Kempster, N. P. Procter, W. R. Rosam, R. Stephens and J. R. B. Worton; Lieuts. S. J. Clark, R. T. Douthet, R. T. Guscott, E. L. Heywood, E. V. H. Hudson, J. R. Hunt, E. F. James, O. G. Johnson, D. McDonald, A. M. Man, W. O'Donoghue, J. W. A. Stephenson, G. S. Sutherland, P. E. C. Tuckey, W. T. Wheeler and E. M. G. Wray; 2/Lieuts. P. A. Fishbourne, G. O. Porter, E. J. Unwin and J. E. F. Willoughby.

Messrs. H. Anderson, E. Ash, A. Avant, C. Baldwin (Lance-Corporal), R. G. Bates, W. Bennett, W. Beazley, Sergt. Been, W. Blackwood, A. Blinco, H. F. Bonner, J. Boothby, J. F. Boothby, S. Brady, W. Brokis-Warren, J. H. Brooks, H. Brown, F. Burns, T. A. Capel, S. Carr, Sergt. Carter, G. C. Champion, A. C. Chidley, T. Christman, Cpl. H. Clarke, W. Clarke, H. A. Clelland, J. Clift C.S.M. Coldbourne, A. B. Coldicott, D. Connor, G. Crow, R.S.M. C. Davis, W. J. Dally, H. H. Degnin, J. H. Dennis, H. G. Duncan, A. E. Dunkley, J. Eastland, J. Edwards, V.C., F. E. Endicott, R. E. Evans, F. Fenemore, H. Fidler, G. Fowler, W. Foxwell, E. R. Furniss, A. C. Furse, H. Garrett, C. Gibson, R.S.M. Goodall, J. W. Goodall, L./Cpl. G. Grant and W. Gould; Messrs. G. Hales, G. Hanks, E. J. Hardy, T. Harrison, H. Hart, C.S.M. J. Hart, J. Hart, S. Heath, W. Heath, C.S.M. H. Hewitt, T. A. J. Hicks, C.Q.M.S. Hills, J. Hobson, F. E. Holmes, H. Holmes, — Hollingsworth, Sergts. Hows and Ison, C.Q.M.S. Jones, G. Joyce, W. J. Kennedy, C. J. Kent, G. W. Kerswill, G. Kew, C.Q.M.S. C. King, W. H. King, J. Lavender, L./Sergt. F. Livens, W. McCarthy, T. Maskell, W. A. Meachen, H. E. Meadley, A. G. Meayers, A. D. Miller, L./Sergt. S. Moore, E. Morris, W. H. Morrison, J. Mulcahy, J. J. Nash, C.S.M. Newell, F. New, H. J. Ormiston, G. Palmer, Sergt. E. Paterson, W. R. Percy, C.S.M. Perk, T. Peters, R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley, Sergt. Quick, H. Reeve, Sergt. W. Rogers, W. Robinson, W. Rouse, A. Russell, Sergt. H. Russell, and R. E. Ryder, V.C.; Messrs. D. B. Sanders, A. B. Scudamore, Sergt. E. Shaw, G. Shaw, E.

Smith, H. W. Smith, Sergt. R. Smith, W. A. Smith, A. Sparkes, Sergt. Spiry, G. Stannard, A. E. Steel, A. Stephens, C. Stevens, A. Tarling, A. Toolman, H. E. Tree, E. G. Tulley, S. F. Turner, P. Tutt, E. C. Tyler (P.T. Staff), —, Wadde-
love, A. Webb, C.Q.M.S. Webb, A. Weston, H. Wheatley, A. Whitbourne, A. White, J. Wilcockson, W. Wilkins, A. J. Wilson, G. Wilson and Sergt. A. Wright.

The toast of the "Officers of the Regiment" was proposed by Mr. A. Stephens, a veteran of the South African War, 1879.

ARMISTICE DAY.

The Annual Service of Remembrance was held at the Regimental Memorial in Mill Hill Barracks on Armistice Day, 1933, and was conducted by the Rev. F. R. Sheehan, Vicar of Mill Hill, and Officiating Chaplain to the Depot. Colour Parties were present from the 7th Battalion and the 19th London Regiment, and from the Hendon Branch, Old Contemptibles' Association.

During the service the following wreaths were laid at the base of the Memorial:—

Depot: By Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C.

Territorial Association: By Mr. de Salis.

Regimental Association: By Major E. H. Amor.

1st Battalion: By Capt. A. N. Overell.

2nd Battalion: By Capt. G. W. Kempster.

5th Battalion: By Major E. H. Amor.

6th Battalion: By Mr. W. Clarke.

7th Battalion: By Capt. F. Walden.

8th Battalion: By Major R. B. Hirst.

9th Battalion: By Capt. J. R. B. Worton.

11th Battalion: By Mr. A. Walker.

7th City of London Regiment: By a Sergeant-Instructor.

19th London Regiment: By 2/Lieut. H. West.

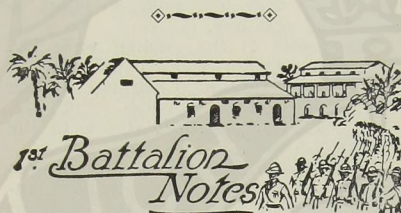
Hendon Old Contemptibles' Association.

Numerous private wreaths were also laid.

Certain modifications were made in the form of service on this occasion, which had the effect of shortening the service;

and a different hymn was sung during the laying of the wreaths, no choir being available this year. Printed forms of service are being compiled for future years and will be issued to all those attending.

In the evening a party of Old Comrades of the 12th Battalion attended a short service at the Memorial and laid a wreath.



THE Battalion, during the past three months has been split up into various detachments owing to the lack of suitable training grounds around the Citadel. The main training camp has been on the edge of the desert at Maadi, a garden suburb about six miles from Cairo. B, D and C Companies spent a month at a time there accompanied by a M.G. Platoon each. Everybody leaves the camp with regrets, and all seem to have benefited by the change.

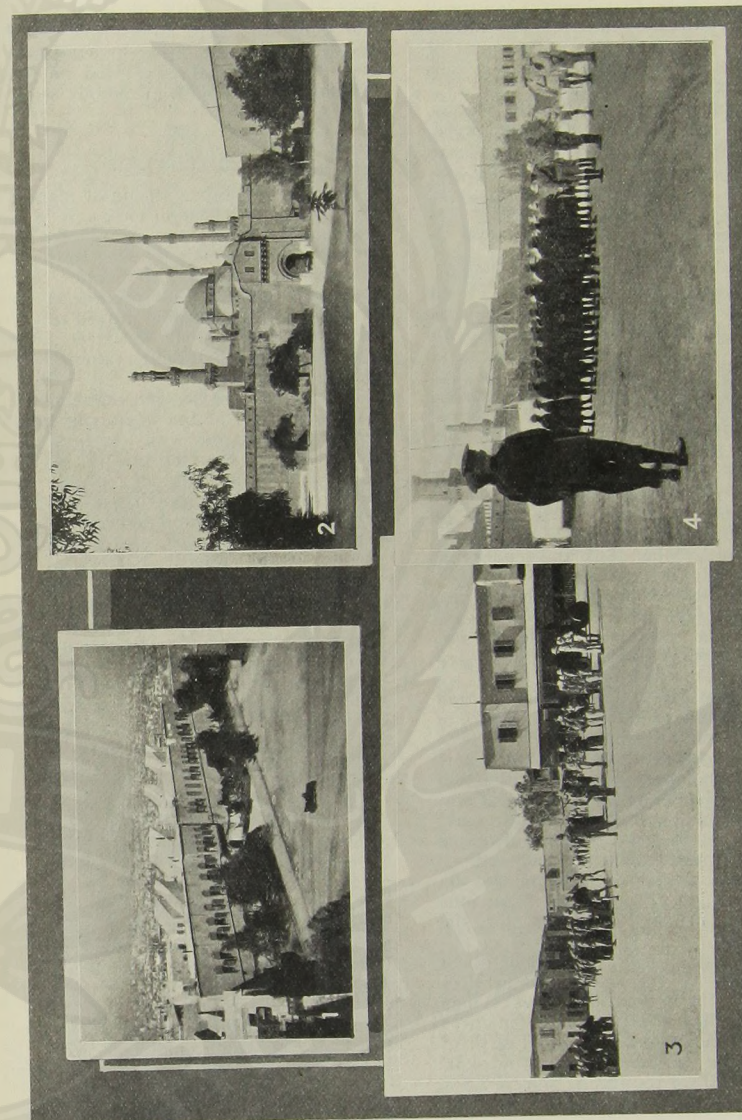
Maadi Sporting Club made all the officers honorary members, and they also allowed the men to use the open-air swimming bath twice a week, which was greatly appreciated.

The Signals are deep in concentration at Polygon, Abbassia, with Lieut. Musselwhite, owing to the absence of Lieut. Cubitt, still on sick leave, and Lieut. Bellers who is finishing off his Signal Course at Catterick.

A (S.) Company—now the Support Company and not Machine Gun Company, is in camp for the Annual Concentration at Beni Yusef, with Capt. Lyons as B.M.G.O.

The leave season is over and the establishment of officers is once again becoming normal. Major Jefford and Capt. Lyons returned in September, Capt. Rackham and Capt. Parker in October, and Lieut. Chattey in November.

We welcome Lieuts. Ayscough, Powell, Whiting and Peal, and the draft from the 2nd Battalion who arrived on November 26th, and we are glad to see Lieut.



1.—Officers' Mess, The Citadel.
2.—View from the Officers' Mess, The Citadel.
3.—The December Draft at the Citadel.
4.—The C.O. welcomes the Draft to the 1st Battalion.

Powell completely recovered and fit once again. We hope that Lieut. Cubitt will rejoin the Battalion shortly after his long absence. We take this opportunity of congratulating Lieut. Cubitt on his engagement.

We hope also to see Capt. Dobbs, Hedgecoe and Overell in the near future.

Lieut. Marsh left in November for leave and a Cadre Course at Hythe, with Capt. Horrocks, on the *Nevasa*, and we were very sorry to say good-bye to the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards who left by the same boat.

Major Sloane-Stanley, Capt. Phillips, Mirams, and Weller, and Lieuts. Sword and Marsh attended a battlefield tour and T.E.W.T. in Palestine from October 9th to 14th.

Major Jefferd was attached to the R.A.F. Heliopolis for four days during November on a Senior Officers' Course.

The Battalion entered teams in the Command Rifle Meeting, held at Abbassia during September, but their final placing was not as good as we hoped it would be.

We regret to announce the death of No. 6189694 Sergt. Bennett in the Citadel Hospital on October 18th, and tender our sympathies to his relatives.

With the cooler weather coming in, sporting activities have taken a new lease of life. The Battalion football team, under 2/Lieut. Whiting, is settling down to play really good football.

We congratulate 2/Lieut. Beadnell and the Regimental team on their success in the Army Golf Meeting.

The boxing enthusiasts have had a surfeit of entertainment during the past two months. C Company won the Inter-Company Individual and Team Boxing, and our successes in the Command Novices and Open Individuals were outstanding. Pte. Evans and Pte. Wildin are the Heavy and Feather-weight champions respectively of the Command for the current year.

A special word of praise must be given to the Boys for the splendid show they put up in the Command Boys' Open Meeting. They have champions in three weights in the Command, and all of them fought with pluck, determination and skill. It augers well for the future to have Boys of this type who will take their place in the Regimental team a few years on from now.

By the time these notes appear Christmas will have been left far behind, so we can only hope that all members of the 2nd Battalion and other Battalions will have had the usual very good time, but in conclusion we wish everybody a happy New Year.

FOOTBALL.

During the football season of 1931-32 at Colchester the Battalion took part in very few matches, since the majority were away on leave. In Palestine, owing to the lack of available fixtures with Service teams, Company football took precedence, and by the time the Battalion moved to Cairo all competitive football was over and we were swept into Battalion Training before playing a match.

It can therefore be seen that the selection committee, at the beginning of this season, was faced with the extremely difficult task of combing through the Battalion and producing an entirely new Battalion team—a team that was to compete against Units who had been stationed here for many seasons, and a team that was to be the foundation stone of Battalion football during the years abroad.

Whether the committee's efforts have been successful it is too early yet to judge. We have won many matches and lost many. At the time of going to press we seem to be definitely improving as a team and can only hope that the recent addition of Lieut. Whiting with his experience and coaching abilities, that have been so badly needed all through the season, will confirm this.

The football season in Cairo starts half-way through September with the Cairo Military League. The Battalion team competed in this more with the idea of gaining knowledge of competitive football than of walking off with the cup. This knowledge has undoubtedly been abundant, and after trying a different combination for nearly every match we have now got the right people in the right position.

In the Robert Hughes Cup we were unfortunate in being matched with the K.O.Rs., at that time the best Unit in Egypt—unfortunate in some ways, yet, in spite of the critics, fortunate in others. The lessons learned in that one match (7-3 against us) have proved invaluable,

and it can definitely be said that the improvement in the team's football started from that match.

The next big event was the Command Cup, the result of which, by the time these notes are published, will be known. At the moment we can only train hard and hope for the best.

It is difficult to pick out individual members since, without exception, they have given of their best. However, a word of thanks is due to Pte. Smith ('68), whose efforts to improve the football of the Battalion, both off the ground and on, have been tremendous. He has captained the team during the greater part of a very difficult season and has always been an inspiration to the side. He is to be congratulated on being deservedly the first to regain his colours.

The results of the league matches are as follow:—

- v. R.A.M.C. (Citadel), lost 2-1 (Ryder).
- v. Royal Tank Corps, won 5-0 (L./Cpl. Dyer, Watson (2), Dean).
- v. "H.Q." R.A.F. (M.E.), won 1-0 (L./Cpl. Dyer).
- v. 45 Squadron R.A.F., lost 2-4.
- v. Coldstream Guards, draw 1-1 (Pte. Hatchett).
- v. R.A.M.C., lost 0-1.
- v. Royal Tank Corps, won 5-2 (Watts (2), L./Cpl. Carter (2), Ryder).
- v. "H.Q." R.A.F. (M.E.), won 6-1 (Armitage (4), Ryder, Watson).
- v. R.A.F. Heliopolis, won 5-0 (L./Cpl. Watts (3), Lieut. Whiting, Ryder).

The standard of Company football has improved enormously during the season. Teams are playing as such instead of as a collection of separate individuals. The ball is kept far more on the ground, and the habit of passing the ball direct to an opponent is fast dying out. The Company League is only half-way through at the moment so a comment on the result will appear in the next number of the Journal. In the Small Units Cup, a Knock-out Competition, open to all Units of the approximate strength of a Company, both C and A distinguished themselves by getting into the semi-final; the former were then put out by 45 Bomber Squadron, but the latter, by defeating the R.A.M.C. are through to the final of the Cairo Section.

BOXING.

We held our Battalion Individual Championships early in October. The actual system under which they were run differed somewhat from previous years. As well as being Individual Championships they were also Inter-Company Championships, two points being allotted for a win and one for a loss. The draw was seeded, so that two men from one company could not meet in the early rounds. The boxing was a very good show and of really quite a high standard. We congratulate C Company on winning after a very close struggle with D Company. They only won by one point. The final order was C, D, B, H.Q. and A. We were very sorry that A (S.) Company had all their best boxers away on courses, and unfit, because it is likely that they would have obtained a very much higher place. The following were the winners and runners-up.

- Heavy-weights.* — Pte. Evans (D); L./Cpl. Gudoller (H.Q.) runner-up.
- Light Heavy-weights.* — Cpl. Chillery (D); L./Cpl. Webber (H.Q.) runner-up.
- Middle-weights.* — L./Cpl. Roebuck (D); Pte. Arney (C) runner-up.
- Welter-weights.* — L./Cpl. Simmons (C); Pte. Ellis (C) runner-up.
- Light-weights.* — Pte. Francis (B); L./Cpl. Martcham (C) runner-up.
- Feather-weights.* — Pte. Almond (B); Pte. Wildin (H.Q.) runner-up.
- Bantam-weights.* — Pte. Litchfield (B); Dmr. Bolt (H.Q.) runner-up.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Ptes. Evans and Litchfield on being selected to represent the Army v. The Navy. It was unfortunate that no opponents could be found for them. We also congratulate the above, and Pte. Francis for winning various special contests.

On November 16th we boxed a friendly match against the 12th Royal Lancers, and won by nine fights to six after an excellent evening's entertainment.

In the Command Novices' Individual Championship we did extraordinarily well, winning three weights and being runner-up in one. Everybody put up an extremely good show, and we should like to congratulate especially L./Cpl. Webber for winning the heavy-weights, Pte. Price the welters, and Pte. Le Dain the lights.

We also congratulate Pte. Smith for being runner-up in the fly-weights.

There is now left the Open Command Individuals and the Team Championships. We wish every success to our open individuals, and are really hoping to make a good show of ourselves in the Team Championships.

RUGBY.

Unfortunately the Battalion has not been able to distinguish themselves as a team this season, but we are all hoping that we will be allowed to play at Moascar and enter a team for the Command Cup next year.

The semi-finals of the Command Rugby Cup have just been played and Battalion rugger enthusiasts feel that the Battalion team are well up to the standard of the form shown. In order to keep themselves in touch with the game, no less than five subalterns (Lieuts. Herapath, Chattey, Marsh, Beadnell, and Peal) have become members of the Cairo Rugby Club, three playing regularly for the 1st XV (who have not yet been beaten this season), and two for the 2nd XV.

It is to be hoped that, as we are not playing as a unit, our chances of having representatives selected for the Army team this year will not be diminished, as, individually, we have collected several words of praise in the local papers.

Rugby in this country is not dangerous, as some people may be led to believe. The C.R.C. have now played for two and a half months this season, and have not suffered a single injury. Its popularity is clearly shown by the number of people who turn up every week to support it.

ENTHUSIAST.

HOCKEY.

In order to be good at any game one must have constant practice, and in order to have constant practice one must have a ground of one's own. Here at the Citadel we have not got a ground of our own.

At the beginning of the year we managed to play a few Company and Platoon games on the "square," but during the summer the "square" was tarred and thus rendered too dangerous to play hockey on. Consequently, whenever we

want a game of hockey we have to go all the way down to the Kasr-el-Nil ground (about three miles distant) which we are allotted twice a week.

This, as well as being very inconvenient, involves considerable expense to the various sports accounts.

Further, five companies want an allotment of that ground, and therefore it has been necessary to allot it to two companies on one day.

By this means each Company should get the ground once every ten days but, on top of this, the Battalion wants the ground for Battalion trials and home matches. It has been found necessary, therefore, to cut down Battalion home matches to a minimum, to leave the Inter-Platoon Knock-out until we get to Moascar, and to try to get the Inter-Company League played off here. This is just about to start, though the majority of games will be played between Battalion and Brigade Training, in January and February.

However, these difficulties considered, and the fact that companies have been away in relays at Maadi for the past two months, the Battalion have really done very well. Of eight matches played to date four have been won, three lost and one drawn. Goals for, 17; goals against, 15.

We were rather unlucky to draw the 6th Battalion Royal Tank Corps in the first round of the Command Cup. They were the runners-up last year and won the "Shell" Cup. However, we gave them a very good game and were only beaten 2-4, their last goal being scored in the last second. At the time of writing the Tanks have reached the semi-finals of the Command Cup, and we hope that they will go on to win it.

In the first round of the "Shell" Cup we drew the Royal Signals and lost 0-2 to them.

The following are the results to date:

- Oct. 3rd.—v. R.A.S.C. Cairo District (away), drew 1-1.
- Oct. 24th.—v. 2nd Light Brigade R.A. (away), lost 2-3.
- Oct. 29th.—v. 6th Battalion R.T.C. (away), 1st Round Command Cup, lost, 2-4.
- Oct. 30th.—v. R.A.S.C. Cairo District (home), won 3-2.

Nov. 14th.—v. Royal Signals (neutral ground), 1st Round "Shell" Cup, lost, 0-2.

Nov. 23rd.—v. 2nd Light Brigade R.A. (home), won 3-1.

Nov. 30th.—v. 31st Company R.A.S.C. (home), won 2-0.

Dec. 1st.—v. Headquarters R.A.F. Middle East (away), won 4-2.

Finally, we are very sorry to have lost Cpl. Chillery (to Vocational Course) from the Battalion team. He was a tower of strength and will be greatly missed.

CROSS-COUNTRY.

We have only had one more Inter-Company Cross-Country run since our last notes, and with the third run yet to take place the placing of the Companies is as follows: C, D, A, B, and H.Q.

The Command Cross-Country run takes place on the 21st of this month, and the training of the Battalion team is now in full swing. We wish them the best of luck and hope we will be able to report their success in our next Journal notes. A triangular match was held at the Citadel on December 2nd between 1st King's Own Royal Regiment and R.A.M.C. The course was six miles, and we came second, the 1st King's Own Royal Regiment being first. L./Cpl. Shaw was the first man in for the Battalion, followed by Pte. Cooper and Pte. Perry.

GOLF.

The Battalion met with great success in the Army Golf Meeting held at Gezeira Sporting Club this year, taking in their stride all the principal awards.

In the Individual Championship held on November 21st and 22nd 2/Lieut. Beadnell won the event with 81 and 82, a total of 163.

Lieut. Crawford won the Handicap Event, playing from a handicap of 12 with rounds of 85 and 84, a total of 145.

In the first round of the Team Event held on November 23rd the Battalion met the R.A.M.C. and won by 18 holes to 5. Capt. Phillips, 3 up; 2/Lieut. Beadnell, 5 down; Lieut.-Col. Brown, 11 up; Lieut. Crawford, 5 up.

In the second round we had a walk-over, as the R.A.S.C. scratched.

In the final against the Royal Corps of Signals on November 24th the team won by 14 holes to one. Capt. Phillips, 1 up; 2/Lieut. Beadnell, 7 up; Lieut.-Col. Brown, 5 up; Lieut. Crawford, 1 up.

A (S.) COMPANY.

As can be seen, we are no longer the Machine Gun Company, but have adopted a new rôle, *i.e.*, Support Company, owing to the introduction of the mortar. We were hoping that Lieut. Hall would return from Netheravon brimming with knowledge about this new weapon (new to us but an old friend of our Company Commander's) but the Platoon Commanders' courses have not started yet.

However, we welcome Lieuts. Ayscough and Hall to the Company and feel sure that all will benefit by their knowledge recently acquired at the M.G. School. Lieut. Newton has left us for a tour of duty at the Depot and takes our good wishes with him. He has been in the Company for several years, in fact he was with A Company when it originated as a M.G. Company.

The Company has been split up lately owing to Platoons carrying out their training at Maadi with the Rifle Companies. Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons, accompanied B Company and Nos. 3 and 4 Platoons with D and C Companies. The Camp was great fun and all seemed sorry to leave and return to the Citadel. Within a few days, however, we were on the move again—this time for Beni-Yusef for Machine Gun Concentration. The Company went as far as Mena by tram and marched the remaining eight miles into camp.

Camp life seems to suit us very well, and the men look typical "nomads"—bronzed and very healthy.

The Concentration with our Company Commander, Capt. Lyons, as B.M.G.O. has so far been very interesting, and Section Commanders and rangetakers especially distinguished themselves.

We congratulate L./Sergt. Snell on his marriage and also on his "Q1" at Netheravon. We hope he will be rejoining us soon. L./Cpl. Thomas, who left us months ago, has disappeared into the vortex of Netheravon, and we hope he will return some time during 1934. L./Cpl. Payne obtained a "Q1" on his

Gas Course at Alexandria, and Cpl. Clark a "Q.I." on his P.T. Course.

The results of the last First-Class Certificates of Education have appeared in Orders, and we are glad that L./Cpl. McDowell (Distinguished in Mathematics) and Pte. Yetton have gained their certificates. Sergt. Hazeldine, L./Cpl. Sach and Ptes. Martin and Cox (97) made a further advance in subjects passed and we hope they will clear the last obstacles at the next attempt. We trust that their example will be followed by others in the Company in the near future.

We wish L./Cpl. Dillon every success in his new rank.

Two cross-country runs have taken place. In the first run we finished fourth in the Battalion. In the second run, even with the first twenty of the Company eliminated and several of our best runners absent, we finished a good first. The final run is to take place later in the month, and we hope for a good result that will enable us to retain the Cross-Country Shield.

In the Inter-Company Boxing, owing to injuries and absence, we were only able to furnish nine entries. These nine, however, upheld the Company's tradition and did their very best. We appreciate their efforts and hope that they will meet with more success next time. Cpls. Whichello, Clark and L./Cpl. Smith were in the Battalion Boxing Team in a friendly against the 12th Lancers, and all won their weights.

Cpl. Blackman (who is still unfortunately in hospital), L./Cpl. Hosking, Ptes. Marling and Saddington, obtained their Battalion swimming colours, but in spite of all their efforts we lost the Swimming Shield this year. No. 4 Platoon reached the semi-final of the Inter-Platoon Water-Polo Knock-out, but fell after a great fight to No. 18 Platoon, who eventually went on to win the final.

And so to football, which is our favourite theme at this time of the year. "Herbert Chapman & Co." are once more doing their best to produce results, which, although a little disappointing at first, are gradually bearing fruit. L./Cpl. Dyer is again leading the team, with the help of some of the turnover, and are settling down to good football. The results to date are: C Company, lost

1-2; B Company, drew 1-1; drew with H.Q., 1-1.

The Company has now reached the final of the Small Units Cup (Cairo Section) after some excellent games. In turn they have beaten a company of the Coldstream Guards, 4-1; H.Q. Middle East, 6-2; and in the semi-final the R.A.M.C., 4-1. As the two latter teams are members of the Cairo League, one must admit that these victories have been exceptionally fine performances. We are now due to meet the R.A.F. team 45 B Squadron in the final, who beat C Company in the semi-final 7-0. As this Squadron is at the head of the Cairo League we are looking forward to a good game and hope that in the next issue to report a victory. Lastly, we hope that all members of the Battalion had a happy Christmas, and we look forward with bright prospects to a good New Year.

"A" SUPPORTER.

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STOP PRESS NEWS.

The Company has now reached the final of the Cairo Section of the Small Units Cup, beating 45 Squadron R.A.F. by two goals to nil.

The game, one of the best on the Kas-el-Nil ground this season, was exceedingly fast and open, the ball control being remarkable.

This is the first defeat of the R.A.F. men this season. We congratulate our team of "Giant Killers."

[It is not clear how many finals there are in this competition. Perhaps next issue will enlighten us.—Ed.]

B COMPANY.

*"And the weary soldier homewards
plods his weary way."*

As we have just completed the Company Training period the heading might appear at first sight to be very apt, but as matters turned out it was one of the most enjoyable times the Company has had, and everybody was sorry when the time came to return to the Citadel once more.

Any idle or monotonous moments were relieved by little things arranged by our Company Commander. Perhaps the most popular feature was the Tombola run under the supervision of our C.S.M.



[Photos 1, 2, 5 and 6: S. Sarkis, Cairo.]

- 2.—A Company Tug-of-War Team.
- 4.—B Coy. "Ship of the Desert" Coy. Training, Maadi.
- 6.—"A Happy Band of Warriors," B Coy., The Citadel.

- 1.—A Company Athletic Team.
- 3.—The Transport Section of B Coy. three days' march, Maadi.
- 5.—B Coy. Team Boxing Champions, 1932.

Numbers spoke for themselves, and as a result we were able to enjoy some very enjoyable suppress.

The next item on the programme was the concert party. Every member must be congratulated on the hard work he put into the show. Undoubtedly the first show was the best. Conspicuous amongst the members of the concert party is L./Cpl. Rogers; he was at all times the life of the party, and his appearance alone raised a laugh. We only hope that if you do not like the "Toad in the Hole" then "You maul them." The second show was supported by friends from Maadi, and we hear they enjoyed themselves very much.

Several changes have occurred in the Company, and foremost amongst them is the loss of the late Sergt. Bennett. He will be missed very much as he was popular not only amongst his fellow N.C.Os. but with the privates as well, and the whole Company tender their sympathies to his relations and friends.

As these notes go to press our late Company Commander will be on his way home, and we welcome in his place Capt. Weller and feel sure that he will carry on with the good work. Capt. Weller has always taken a great interest in the Company, especially in the sport line, and he can always be seen on the El Guisha ground supporting B Company.

We also welcome to the Company 2/Lieut. Whiting from the 2nd Battalion, and have already felt his presence in the football world, and now he has the team in hand we feel sure that we shall do better.

We tender our heartfelt sympathies to C. B. Cochran, Junr., who was to have returned to the "Land of his birth" but at the last moment missed the boat. Who knows? he may miss a few more yet.

Another unfortunate individual is Charmaine, who was looking forward to going home, but he might not be so sorry as he appears. Never mind, "Willie," you have still got the "Gaff."

We are now looking forward to the Christmas activities, and our decorations have been inspected and greatly admired by all and sundry, and congratulations are due to Ptes. Clapton and Judd for the hard work they have put into the decorations.

One thing is fairly certain, and that is

that we shall once more win the prize for the best dining hall.

This period can well be named the "Hospital Period," as we have had so many casualties, but happily they are all getting better and are nearing the convalescent period.

The new draft arrived amongst much pomp and ceremony but unfortunately had to go into isolation owing to there having been diphtheria on the boat. Still they will be back with the Company in time for the Christmas festivities.

We have been unfortunate in the Company league matches to date. We lost to D Company 2-0, and could only draw 1-1 with A (S.) Company.

"OFFICE."

C COMPANY.

Since our last issue the Company has gone into canvas at Maadi, a most delightful place and really the beauty spot of Cairo. We have carried out our Section Training and are now completing Platoon Training. We have thrown kapok bridges across the desert, dug the desert and wired the desert, and really feel that now we know something about field engineering in the desert.

We should like to take this opportunity of welcoming our Company Commander, Major Savile, back from leave to the U.K., Lieut. Powell from sick leave to the U.K., and 2/Lieut. Peal on joining from the 2nd Battalion. We are all extremely glad to see Lieut. Powell looking his usual fit self again.

We wish Cpl. Zetter and Pte. Barnett, two of our best athletes, the best of luck in civilian life. On the other hand we welcome the new draft to the Company, most of whom we at Maadi have not yet seen.

In the world of games we are having a great struggle with D in the Albuhera Shield. They are just ahead of us at present, but we hope to rectify that soon. We congratulate all our boxing team for winning the Company Boxing, especial praise being due to Pte. Ellis for winning the welter-weights, Pte. Arney for being runner-up in the middle-weights, and L./Cpls. Simmons and Martcham for being runners-up in the welter-weights and light-weights respectively.

D COMPANY.

Esprit de "Company" runs high. It continues to be the cause of considerable success in all the forms of sport carried on since our last notes were handed in.

Our swimming team, trained by Sergt. Thompson, went all out to win the Inter-Company Championship in October, and succeeded. It was a good effort and the whole team and their trainer are congratulated.

In the team boxing, which closely followed the Company boxing team, efficiently trained and seconded by Cpl. Chillery and Pte. Evans, we did extremely well by gaining second place to C Company, the difference being only one point. They all did their best and the Battalion witnessed some fine boxing and excellent sportsmanship at their hands—with gloves on, of course!

Two of the three runs to decide the Cross-Country Championship have already taken place and, so far, the points give a strong lead in our favour. The forty men responsible undoubtedly put their backs into the job. We hope that the next twenty which count will also

In the football we beat H.Q. 5-0 and A (S.) 3-2. We hope our team will carry on with their present fine form. Unfortunately we were beaten in the semi-final of the Cairo group of small units by 45 B Squadron R.A.F. by seven goals to nil. We were sorry that Pte. Bland's leg let him down at the last minute. We are now leading by a small margin in the first two cross-country runs and hope to maintain our position.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Ptes. Smith, Collier and Lawlor for their consistent displays in the Battalion football team, and Ptes. Bland, Neal and L./Cpl. Watts for also having played. We also congratulate Pte. Price on winning the welter-weight in the Command Individual Novices' Boxing Competition.

We are all looking forward to our move to Moascar, and hope to write our next notes in that place.

Whilst the Battalion have been stationed in Cairo it has been brought to notice that the "Muquattam Heights" have been frequently used for route marches. Not that we mind much but we fear that another year at the Station may prove fatal, viz.:

① IN 1914 OUR FATHERS SUFFERED FROM TRENCH FEET THROUGH CONSTANTLY STANDING IN THE MUD AND SLOSH



③ NOW THIS WAS THE SHAPE OF A GOOD OLD TRENCH FOOT IN '14.



BUT ④ WOULD THIS BE THE SHAPE OF OUR FEET '34



② WHILST 19 YEARS LATER SAW US IN CAIRO, CLIMBING "THE HEIGHTS."



⑤ AND WOULD THE EXTRA MESSING GO TOWARDS STUFF LIKE THIS



IF SO, ROLL ON

manifest as much energy and assist the Company to a leading final position.

The Company football team works very well. Here again the spirit is excellent. In the present Inter-Company League we have played two games and won both. This is a good show indeed, and the company hopes for a successful season as a result.

At Hockey only one Company league game has been played by our team. This was against H.Q. Wing. It was a keen game, which we won by three goals to nil. Two friendlies were played against companies of the Coldstream Guards in October, which resulted in victories for us after some keen and fast play.

The Company spent the month of November at Maadi Camp for training, concluding with a three-days' march which ended fairly near to the Citadel. It was an interesting month's training—indeed it was often most entertaining, especially when the use of the compass at night was practised. The cocoa issue in the field was another bright spot. (That field is so big!)

As for camp life, it also was most entertaining, that is, leaving out the questions of line inspections and cooker cleaning. The Sergeant-Major started a "Rounder" League which was most popular, No. 13 winning the Inter-Platoon Competition. In addition to playing a hefty bat at this it was noticed that his activities in other sports, such as "hot rice," were very enthusiastically appreciated.

The Company wishes a hearty good-bye to Cpl. Chillery and Pte. Williams (time expired) who went home at the end of November. Good luck to both.

All ranks regret deeply the death of Sergt. W. Bennett in October.

H.Q. WING. BAND.

*"And so they with their chattels, upon
Camels, went far across the desert
waste."*

No! readers. The above is not the biblical quotation but serves again to introduce our notes and to give you some

idea of what a Bandsman of a Modern Army is expected to do during the training period out East. Now I will let you into the reason of the above quotation.

Our Intelligence Section have just completed a course of camel riding, and although I believe it was surprisingly popular (I mean the riding part) Clothing Allowance Regulations make no allowance for "seats," etc., or disinfectant for after effects. Well, we will leave the camels with a remark from a wag: "What a number of bow-legged Bandsmen we've got."

The remainder of us have been performing the roll of "Duty-chaps" (not "blokes" mark you) for quite a spell, Guards, Fatigues, etc. Well, our "youngsters" became "oldsters" quite quickly, so at least we have learnt something and filled a breach. Who said the Band cannot do Guards.

We managed wonderfully well without Jock, our Scots pet.

Congratulations to Spike, Flip and Lister on their swimming efforts, also L./Cpl. Hawkesworth, Bdsn. Hymas and Boys Schroder and Haigh. Lister's great plunge surprised many of his numerous critics, who were loudest in their applause.

Our paste artists has been requested to repair "Rems. of England" to remind us of old times.

Just as we were getting on our last legs for Boys, a draft of eight came to us from the 2nd Battalion. We welcome them and hope they will soon settle down to their new surroundings. We expect great things from them.

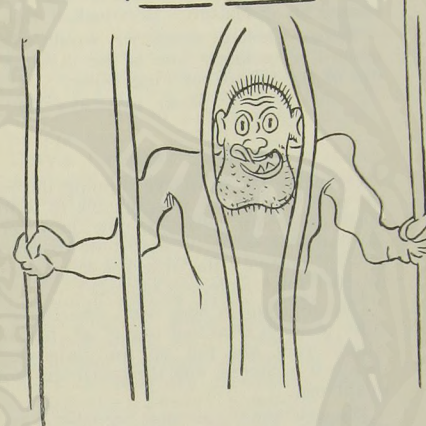
We hope that our invalids will be back to the fold before these notes appear, and wish "Hooky" good luck on his departure for "Civvy" life, trusting at the same time he was not train sick *this* end of the journey.

We congratulate Cpl. Jeffree and L./Cpl. Gill on their promotion, and hope they will progress successfully.

We are hearing the usual rumours about the next station after Moascar, and the general one is apparently China!

The older members of the Band are not losing this opportunity of referring to such things as "Fan Ling washing,"

MILITARY PRISON



HI! LET ME OUT
OF HERE. — —
THE C.O. SAID
TWENTY ONE DAYS
— HE DIDN'T
SAY NOTHING
ABOUT NIGHTS
AS WELL — —
ITS GONE TEN
O'CLOCK NOW?

"Chinese wedding cake," and sundry other (to the younger members) mysterious things.

"Lubbly Lulu" has managed to obtain the elusive second; also Grogan, Dench, Carpenter and Haigh, and we hope our newcomers won't let us down in this direction.

We must not forget "Buller," who is determined to make a name for himself at boxing, and I am sure we all wish him great success.

The Contract Bridge students are now devoting their energies to "Rummy" and "Solo," at which they are too skilled; but brother Tom is still unbeaten.

T. W. C. (time-expired) is still waiting for his boat which left England in July, and we hope he won't have to wait much longer, as Lister is anxious to jump into his shoes.

In conclusion, I hope the dark, handsome sheikh enjoys his Camel Course as much as we did.

I have been asked to send a photograph of our dance band for publication, with the full permission of the photographer.

"CHESTY."



[Photo: S. Sarkis, Cairo.]

Dance Band, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.,
The Citadel, Cairo, 1933.

Back Row.—Cpl. Stone, Bdsn. Clargo and Bdsn. Lefevre.
Front Row.—Bdsn. Gill, Bdsn. Walker, L./Cpl. Jeffree and
Sergt. Stenning.

DRUMS.

"Time and tide wait for no man," so once again we take up the pen to subscribe to the Journal events of the past quarter.

We have cast aside our instruments for the rifle and bayonet, owing to the shortage of men prevailing, the Company's being at Maadi.

The novelty of two on and four off will be worn off very soon, and we shall be glad to get back to our usual routine.

At the present, "Intelligence Ted" and Towney are endeavouring to wear the humps off camels, being at Maadi on a Camel Riding Course. It is learned that their old friends the "Donks" are not good enough for these two "Sheikhs."

We were most unfortunate in losing in the semi-final of the Platoon Water-Polo Knock-out to No. 5 Platoon, 3-1. Towney very ably assisted the opposing side by unfortunately being misunderstood by Watson.

All football games have been friendlies, in which we have held our own, but we have great hopes of doing better in the Platoon Knock-out.

The Battalion have claimed the services of L./Cpl. Stickley and Dmrs. Stickley and Crawshaw for hockey, much to our regret, for we will be unable to claim their services for the "Corps" in the Knock-out.

Boxing has been to the fore during the past quarter, our entries in the Battalion Opens being L./Cpl. Webber, who emerged runner-up in the light heavy-weight; Dmr. Belt, who was unlucky to lose in the semi-final on points after a very hard and even fight in the bantam-weight; and L./Cpl. Butt and Pte. Holdford being unlucky to lose their first fights.

In the Command Novices, L./Cpl. Webber emerged winner of the heavy-weight. Once again bad luck pursued Dmr. Belt, for, after three hard fights, he lost on points in the semi-final. We wish him better luck next time and congratulate all on their respective fights, also Dmr. Elms who was unlucky after a good fight when representing the Battalion against the 12th Lancers in a friendly meeting.

L./Cpls. Stockley and Windows, and Dmrs. Fellows and Campbell are still abiding their time for the "Boat," but

fully expect to be in U.K. before these notes appear in print. Our good wishes will go with them, also to Drum-Major Drew who has left us for a six-months' vacation in U.K. Our best wishes also are extended to Dmr. Blackley, who has returned to "civvy" life, having purchased his discharge. Best luck, "Bill."

Before closing down we would very much like to know who is the "Champ" out of the "Trio" at Ping Pong?

SNAKE CHARMER III.

SIGNAL NOTES.

Owing to the extensive training during the past quarter we were unable to write much about our activities, now, however, we find that we have more time to spare ("we," meaning the orderlies left behind to work the telephone exchange).

Classification is now over, and the results were 39 classified out of 48, five of whom were not put up for classifying owing to sickness, and the remainder not qualifying.

We welcome the six new Signallers, and hope that their stay with us will be a long and pleasant one (good old "Jacko").

The group has taken much interest in all sports of late, and, as usual, a few of them have excelled. Firstly, the Water-Polo Inter-Platoon Knock-out team swam out winners by beating No. 5 Platoon B Company by three clear goals. Well done, Sigs.

Then came the Battalion Open Boxing Contest. We had our share there, and the credit is due to L./Cpl. Gadsden and Pte. Wildin in being runners-up in their respective weights. And last but not least we must congratulate Pte. Cook, who gave one of the best performances of the night by boxing three very clean rounds, with a title-holder. Well done, "Alby."

Wildin at present is in training with the Battalion Team. We wish him the best of luck and hope that he will do as well for the Battalion as he did for the Group.

Football is the chief sport of the Signals and L./Cpl. Carter and Pte. Woods have been selected to represent the Battalion this season. The Section is at present

on concentration at Polygon Camp, and are doing quite well by beating all comers.

Buck, Hissy, Mac, Long and our own Jimmy had to be returned to duty, and we wish them the best of luck with their new Companies. Buck, however, found that duty was a little too hard for him, so he immediately returned to H.Q. and took up a position in the Battalion Orderly Room, after exactly one day at duty (scrounger); but still some of us are pleased to hear the news, as he can still manage to put in a few hours in the telephone box.

During the past few months a rather strange and awe-inspiring catastrophe has happened to a very bright and enthusiastic member of the Group. Nothing more and nothing less than this member, after praying to the gods for hours on end, suddenly accumulated quite a number of those wonderful and playful things called "Lewis Guns." After picking a team of sharpshooters, with "Pansy" as the hero, he and the team worked like good soldiers to enlighten themselves as to what and why a Lewis Gun was for. For hours our gallant warriors muttered "Presses?" "Release?" "Observe Relay," until "Pansy" nearly had to go sick owing to a sudden attack of brain fever. Suddenly light dawned on the trio, and the intricacies of the L.G. were perfectly understood. With smiles on their faces, chests thrown forward, the final results of their magnificent achievement were anticipated. Then came the day, with trembling limbs and heavy hearts, the pride of the Section with bated breath awaited their turn to show the other competitors what shooting really was. Then came the fateful moment. With cheers ringing in their ears they advanced to their respective places on the firing point and commenced to fire. Oh, what masterly shooting! With No. 2 muttering over and over again, "You're on, you're on," and suddenly all was quiet, and the result was eagerly awaited. Standing there, with shining eyes, and breath whistling through their teeth, they prayed that they had kept the reputation of the Section clean. At last the score arrived: Signals 11th with a grand score of two points. What a marvellous reception awaited our gallant defenders on their return to barracks, with flags flying and the band softly playing "Colonel Bogey" they crawled

into their quarters, and silence reigned supreme.

Now that we have had too much to say, I think that we will conclude these notes by hoping to have Lieut. Bellers back with us again soon, and hope that his stay in England was a pleasant one.

The Group would like to take the opportunity of thanking L./Cpl. Hopwood on his splendid achievement in training the Wing swimming team. We will not broach the subject of their losing the championship, but many brows were clouded and dark looks thrown about; but in this case we will leave it to D Company to explain how they managed to gain the honour.

EX FOUR.
STOP PAUL.

DETAILS.

During the past quarter the main item of note has been football. Up to date our first eleven have produced some very good results on the field of play, the most notable of these being a defeat. This result is most notable in so far as our opponents' team consisted of eight men who have worn or are wearing the Company Colours; also that their victory was no runaway one. The final score was 6-2, but we took our defeat with honours, our team being a platoon team under the new rules, i.e., no Company or Regimental players were representatives.

To date this team has lost only one other match, this also being against a platoon team consisting of some Company players. This match we lost, 4-1.

It is very much regretted that lack of space does not permit of our "bouncing" by giving detailed scores of the games, but we will say that if our present form is maintained, and providing that the other groups of the Wing perform in future as they did against us, the Mons Shield will find its first resting-place (under the new rules) in the Wing.

At present the Wing are three points ahead of its nearest rivals, and with only the football and hockey knock-outs to be completed the outlook is very bright.

The group have also run a second team at football, but they are unable to produce good form and so have suffered quite a few reverses. The least said . . .

Some members of the hockey team have already commenced training, mainly through the Company team. C.S.M. Russell, Sergts. Bayles and Blake, and Ptes. Crannage, Tyler, Brown, Knowles and Testevin have had trials, and the results speak well for our platoon team.

The Wing have been doing fairly well, but being unable to register goals at both football and hockey cannot point to many wins or draws. This tune we hope to have altered by the time our next notes are due.

Congratulations are due to Sergts. Hale and Little on their promotion to the "dizzy" rank, also to Cpl. Smith, late 2nd Battalion, on being posted to our esteemed group. We welcome him and hope he has some sporting abilities.

We welcome also "Boozer" Bush, who has lately been posted to the group in place of Ted Farey, who has left us for D Company. Our late laughter-maker will no doubt cause many aching sides in his new sphere when he gets cracking. He certainly had the laugh on us when his new Company beat the Wing 3-0 at hockey. He also let our C.S.M. know this.

Bill (time-expired) and Reggie (Mucko) have managed to get their boats to U.K. but poor old Bob is still waiting and pinning his faith in the next boat. When he does go he will be missed by us very much.

Congratulations are also due to Sergt. Hale for the fine show he put up in the Command Individual Shooting Championship. He came ninth, which is a very good result for a "desk" merchant when one considers that he only holds a rifle at very rare intervals.

These notes are not the correct place to insert advertisements, but this entry cannot be held over. If any person can oblige our Company Clerk and inform him how to make his job a paying proposition after the Regimental Cinema closes down, such information may be well rewarded. No prizes are offered but rebate may be given.

We would also like to know who the "Stage Manager" is. Some say it is "Chinatown Charlie," alias "Banjo Joe," but up to the present no proof has been received that this is so. Once again we offer no prizes.

The latest craze of two persons of the Wing is to salute each other as they meet. If the originators can enlighten us as to the meaning of this drill movement, also to the name of the salute (which until then will be called the "pen" salute), we will be very much obliged.

An old member of the Battalion, now stationed at Penang, hearing that knitting has become a pastime of the Battalion since their tour of duty abroad commenced, forwards the following aids:—

WHY KNIT? WHY KNOT?

Part I.—Practical.

The science of knitting has been built up on two primary strokes, the Purl (abbrev. P.) and the Plain (abbrev. P.). Other abbreviations to be found in all Practical Knitting Recipes are: K. 1 (Knit one stitch), U.K. 1 (Unknit one stitch), Ch. (Chain stitch), S.K. (Start knitting or stop knitting), G.K. (Go on knitting), W.K. (Well knit), D. (Darn-knit), etc. etc.

Any simple exercise will illustrate the use of these, e.g.:—

Exercise I.

To knit (K.) a Gent's White Endless Comforter: S.K.; K. 1; U.K. 1; P. 100; P. 200; D.; K. 2; tog.; P. 2,000; (W.K.); S.K.; G.K.; P. to K. 4; Kt. to B. 3; B. to B. 4; Ch.; D.; (both castles on). B. takes P.; P. takes 2; D.D. (both castles off). K. takes K.; White to mate in 3 moves. (N.B.—If mate objects, huff him.)

Advanced Exercise.

To knit a ten-feet sock.

N.B.—A certain amount of danger attends the knitting of advanced socks. We have therefore found it advisable in this instance to write out the directions in full.

1. Start knitting.
2. Knit 2 and 2 together.
3. Drop one—there are now 3 left, therefore:—
4. Slip one, slop one, knit to and fro.
5. Heel and toe, 1, 2, 3. Hop before and behind hop, Weel may the Keel row.
6. Knit one, not two, forget one, knot two, pick up one. Drop it, undrop it, darn it, wherethehellisit.

7. To turn the heel: Cast off 2 plain. Cast them on again. Now is the critical moment. Look carefully about you. It is no good casting purl off before swine. If all is well, cast off one purl. Look again. Cast off purl rapidly in all directions.
8. Breathe again.
9. After this it is all plain knitting, therefore: Drop one, drop two, drop the sock. The sock is now grey, therefore continue knitting grey socks for 18 more rounds.
10. Finish off with buttons at toe and heel; add button-holes to correspond (if possible).

N.B.—There should be holes at the top or elsewhere for inserting ribbons, feet, etc. If there are not, it is not a sock at all, but a ten-feet cold comforter (bad luck).

If after all this the knitter finds that he himself is becoming teased, twilled, tousled, and in fact practically worsted, he should, if a Christian, turn the other heel and knit on, Knotwithstanding.

Articles to knit for practice—

1. Dust-sheet for a sandwich.
2. Body-belt for a cobra.
3. Pullover for a dromedary.
4. Pass-over for a rabbi.
5. Shawl-coatee for a winter turnip.

TRANSPORT.

It is regretted that notes from this Section have been sadly lacking of late owing to the fact that our Editor has graduated as a wireless fan, and, as we suspect, he is even now training his speech in order to secure one of those coveted jobs in the B.B.C. as an announcer.

During the summer months we sent seventeen drivers on a riding course with the R.H.A., and although they did not obtain permission to wear the Rough Rider's Badge they all obtained a satisfactory report, much to the relief of the Transport Sergeant, who was thinking of having the telegraph poles on the Libian Desert removed for safety purposes.

The mule drivers have just finished two months' camp at Maadi with B and D Companies, and are now looking forward to taking their long-eared pals to Beni-Yusef with A (S.) Company for nine days.

The fact that they may have to do some pack work does not deter them in the least. They are fed up with trying to use the right rein and leg, because as driver "Puffer" was heard to remark: "His donkeys have only two speeds, dead slow and stop"; but never mind, "Puffer," you have the consolation of knowing you have the best pack mules in the stable.

Our football team has been showing great promise, and their present record shows them as played five, won four, and drawn one. We are looking forward to our next station, where we may be able to play more matches than we do at present.

We take this, the first opportunity, of welcoming Lieut. Gwyn into the Section as T.O., and hope he enjoys himself in his new rôle.

"Billy" has left us for "civvy" life, and Reggie will leave us on December 16th. We wish them every success in their new venture.

In conclusion we hope all friends of the Middlesex Transports enjoyed a Merry Christmas.

"RUSTY LEG IRON."

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

Three more months have passed over the Citadel walls, leaving only a short stay before we "Pack up our troubles" and take them to Moascar. But as I pen these notes I wonder how many members of our club, after spending a few months there, will wish, in their own minds, they were again in Cairo.

It is all very well to say the next station is sure to be better than this one, but having had previous experience of the place, and having seen the Corporals' Club, I see that, as far as the club members are concerned, we shall be disappointed. At present we have three separate rooms, one reading, one billiards, and one large ante-room, the latter being so situated that it makes an ideal place for the weekly whist drives and Sunday socials which are extremely popular. However, be that as it may, I am sure that our committee will do their utmost for our comfort and amusement.

On October 13th the gymnasium was converted, by skilful decorating, into a very nice dance hall, on which date the club held its best function since being

abroad, and all thanks are due to the committee for providing a good night's entertainment to the two hundred who attended. The bar, as previously, was run by the Sergeants, who gave the profits made to our funds. This, of course, is an asset far greater than most of our members realize.

Whilst on the subject, we are holding our Farewell Dance on December 22nd. It is unfortunate in a way it could not be held later, but when one considers the time Battalion and Brigade Training takes, followed by the thankless task of getting ready for the move, it would not give the committee a chance to make it a success.

Sunday evening, November 26th, was set apart as a special time to bid farewell to Cpls. Beck, Chillery and Lester and L./Cpls. Lane and Scott, and in spite of having to pay a bill of Ps.36 for broken glasses it was considered to take second place to the dance. However, there is no element of doubt but that the five members named will remember that night for years to come, and they can rest assured that although they are not with us in person, their names will always remain a pleasant memory to those they left behind.

Having completed Company Training at Maadi we have two things to contend with prior to Battalion Training which commences on January 3rd, 1934. First of all, the doctor deems it necessary to remove the use of one of our arms for a period of forty-eight hours; secondly, the Christmas festivities may put the other out of action for a further twenty-four. We shall, however, have a few days to recuperate before starting on the twenty miles' tramp to "Helwan" for Battalion Training, followed by Brigade Training three weeks afterwards.

Before concluding, we would like to extend our congratulations to Cpl. Wilson who was married at Alexandria recently, and trust that good luck will be with him and Mrs. Wilson.

We also welcome to our midst Cpl. Smith and L./Cpl. Randall, who joined with the draft, also to L./Cpl. Simmons who has recently been appointed to that rank.

C. C.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Owing to the constant change-over of Companies to and from Maadi, where Company Training has been holding sway, we have been unable to add to our programme of sporting fixtures, but we hope to improve on this before our next notes appear in print.

FUNCTIONS.

Our usual fortnightly whist drive is still going strong, and we are very pleased to add that the attendance has improved of late. It is proposed to run a whist drive and dance in the Mess on New Year's Eve, and we sincerely hope that those members who wish to see the old year out and the new one in will maintain their faculties sufficiently to enable them to carry out their ambition. It would be most disconcerting to see two years come in and find we have missed 1934.

As we are due to leave this healthy (?) spot in March we are giving our Farewell Dance on the last Friday in January. Battalion and Brigade Training, together with the thankless task of packing, do not allow any other alternative to this rather premature date.

TENNIS AND BILLIARDS.

In October we entertained the Medicals to a tennis "at home" followed by a billiards tournament, the results of which are given below. This turned out to be a very successful and enjoyable day's entertainment, and we look forward to many more diversions of this description.

The results were:—

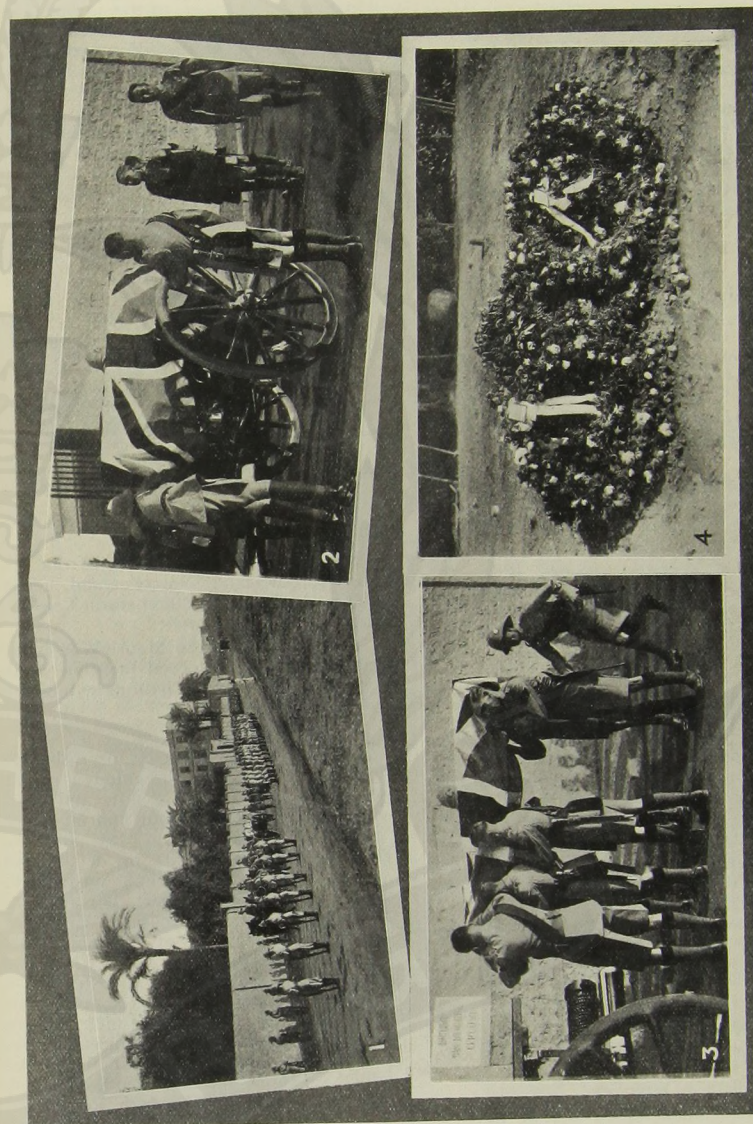
Tennis.—Won, 14—4.

Billiards.—Won, 388—245.

Snooker.—Lost, 64—105.

CASUALTIES.

Charlie Soper and George Herbert are at present in hospital, the former with enteric fever, and George with acute appendicitis. We wish them both a speedy recovery and a pleasant voyage to England, whither they are both being invalided. Sergts. Stenning and Edwards are also among the casualties but will shortly be back with us again. We hope so, anyway.



SERGEANT BENNETT'S FUNERAL—OCTOBER 18TH, 1933.

1.—Arrival at the British War Memorial Cemetery.
3.—Sergeants' Party carrying the coffin.

2.—Outside the Cemetery gates.
4.—The grave with wreaths on it.

ARRIVALS.

We have no new arrivals to the Mess during the past quarter, but as one of our old friends, C.S.M. Goodall, will be joining us very shortly, we take this opportunity of wishing him a hearty welcome, together with Serpts. Paterson and Champion. We also welcome our new friends the Grenadier Guards to the Station and hope to have the pleasure of meeting them on the playing fields and on other social occasions.

DEPARTURES.

C.S.M. Anderson has not yet left us, but we shall be losing him in the near future, as he is posted together with Jack Griffin to the Depot. Charlie Painter has already left us for the Depot, and Jack Ayres has embarked upon a Vocational Training Course. We wish all these members *bon voyage* and success in their new homes.

SPOON SHOOT.

The monthly spoon shoot has proved to be a very successful form of entertainment, and the winners, together with their scores are as follows:—

October.—Winner, C.S.M. Burt, 59. Wooden Spoon, L./Sergt. Chasney, 16.
November.—Winner, Sergt. Bayles, 56. Wooden Spoon, Drum-Major Drew, 13.

GENERAL.

Whilst on the subject of spoons I think it would be an excellent idea if other competitions could be arranged in which silver spoons could be given as prizes. A few suggestions together with the winners might be a useful guide to would-be entrants:—

First-Class Certificate of Education (by easy stages).—Sergt. Hazeldine.
The Times Crossword (dead-heat).—Serpts. Priddy and West.

Weight-lifting (every time he gets out of bed).—Sergt. Hull.

And many others too numerous to mention.

We hear with great joy of the steady improvement of Bunkle at the noble game of dominoes. He now wins at least one game in ten.

OBITUARY.

It is with much regret that we have to announce the death of Sergt. William

Bennett. He died in the Cairo Military Hospital, in October, at the age of thirty-eight. He will always be remembered as a true example of the old-school type of soldier, and he was respected and liked by all. As well as being one of the most popular members of the Mess he was also one of the oldest, and his death has left a great gap in our ranks—one that we shall find it difficult to fill.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion we should like to take this rather belated opportunity of wishing all members of the British Army a very happy and prosperous New Year.

In the words of Henry Hall: "Good-bye," and "Here's to the next time."

L. C. W.

THE MAORI WAR.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

December 24th, 1933.

DEAR SIR,

My family has just received from relations in Auckland, New Zealand, a copy of the Anniversary Number of *The New Zealand Herald*.

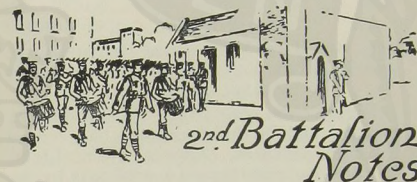
In an article on the Maori War I have just come across special mention of the 57th Regiment which I thought might be of interest to readers.

I enclose the extract:—

"Turn now to the city, or rather the town, of those days, the colony's capital, the fortress base for a slow and costly campaign. Military colour and movement dominated Auckland in '63 and '64. Newly-landed regiments or detachments of regiments came marching up from the water-front to the Albert Barracks and Fort Britomart, and marched out again to the front by way of Otahuhu, bands playing them along the way. Of one of the splendid regiments of British veterans in New Zealand it was written at the time, that 'the aspect of the 57th men, bronzed and warlike, with faces hard as the steel of their bayonets, was distinctly formidable.' Of those that served in the Waikato campaign, perhaps the 65th Regiment—the 'Hiketi-piwhete' of the Taranaki Maoris—was the finest. They were

mostly Irishmen; big, handsome, whiskered, keen-eyed athletes, seasoned colonials, for they had been in New Zealand far longer than any of the other Imperial Regiments. There were the 14th and the 18th (the Royal Irish), the 40th, the 50th, the Mounted Artillery, whose men did duty as cavalry, armed with swords and revolvers."—Extract from "*The New Zealand Herald*," 70th Anniversary, November, 11th, 1933.

H. MARSH, Lieutenant.
(1st Middlesex Regiment.)



ON the eve of the New Year the majority of the Battalion is still enjoying annual furlough, and, we hope, recovering from the effects of Christmas fare. On Christmas Day a comparatively small party of fifty sat down to dinner in barracks and—if we judge by the amount of good things they disposed of—they enjoyed themselves. In a few days, however, leave and Christmas will be things of the past and, with the return of those at present on furlough, Individual Training starts again.

We need not mention at great length here our sports activities during the past quarter. They are fully reported later under their separate headings. Two branches, however, might be mentioned. In rugby this season we have really made great strides. A year ago it seemed doubtful if it was really worth while trying to concentrate on rugby while both soccer and hockey were in full swing. The answer may surely be judged from the season's results so far. We think it would be a calamity now to abandon a game in which such good progress has been made. In boxing, too, our stock has risen. The Novices' team in particular has done well. What is now needed is a number of outside fixtures in which to

gain experience for next year's Open Team events.

Among the officers there have been a number of changes recently. Lieut. Ayscough and 2/Lieuts. Peal and Whiting have left us to join the 1st Battalion. Our good wishes go with them. Capt. Hedgecoe is also under orders to join them in the New Year, and his loss will be a severe blow to the Battalion. Capt. Manson has joined us from sick leave, and Lieut. Hudson from the P.T. Staff.

RUGBY.

Results:—

- v. 2nd Bn. The Black Watch, won 10—6.
- v. Chelmsford, lost 8—29.
- v. H.M.S. *Ganges*, lost 5—12.
- v. Sudbury, won 15—3.
- v. Colchester, won 23—0.
- v. Clacton, won 9—0.
- v. Trinity Hall, lost 3—17.
- v. 2nd Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers, won 8—3.
- v. 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, won 10—3.

ARMY CUP.

1st Round.—v. 2nd Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry, won 9—3.

2nd Round.—v. 2nd Training Brigade, R.A., won 17—3.

3rd Round.—v. 1st Bn. Welsh Guards, lost 0—15.

The optimism born of our success last year in the Eastern Counties Seven-a-Side Competition has been fully realized. Last year only one victory was secured in 1st XV matches; this year the Battalion has reached the third round of the Army Cup, and up to the present time (Christmas) has an excellent record in its ordinary fixture list. Our improvement can best be gauged by comparing some of this year's results with the results of the same matches last year. Thus we lost to Clacton and Sudbury last year by 13—27 and 3—17 respectively; this year we won both matches by 15—3 and 9—0. Last year H.M.S. *Ganges* beat us 33—10; this year we lost by a dropped goal and a penalty goal to a goal each (5—12).

Throughout the season our three-quarters have been outstanding, but there is one disquieting feature. We have had no capable reserves, especially amongst the other ranks. It is realized that it

takes more than one season to make a successful three-quarter, but it is absolutely essential that we concentrate on the available material amongst the other ranks, as courses and leave often deprive us of our officers in all but the most important games. Forward it is another story—we can turn out two packs with little to choose between them. The final choice for Army Cup matches has always been difficult, and many players can count themselves unfortunate in getting so few chances in the 1st XV.

We justly regard ourselves as unlucky in meeting the Welsh Guards so early in the Army Cup Competition, as we had hopes of being able to get through another round or two. We were beaten fairly and squarely by a better side on the day's play, but we should enjoy a chance of obtaining our revenge on a normal ground and with a dry ball. We were up against probably the best pack in the competition—containing no fewer than four of the Army final trial XV—and the ground was a quagmire, that made any constructive back play an impossibility. In the circumstances, therefore, we were unable to exploit our undoubted superiority and pace behind the scrum, but it is hoped that our forwards profited by the example of intensive backing-up in forward rushes which our opponents showed us.

In addition we have played a large number of "A" and 2nd XV matches with a good deal of success. We hope that the members of these reserve sides will concentrate all their efforts on studying the game, because they are the material of our Army Cup sides in the future.

Turning from the general to the individual, we have greatly missed Lieuts. Baldwin and Gilbert, and we hope that they will arrange their leave from "No Man's Land" so as to assist us in the future rugger seasons. We were lucky to get the assistance of Lieuts. Powell and Chattey from the 1st Battalion, and we must thank Lieuts. Batten and Hudson for the very long journeys which they have made to play for us—we have still to see the latter make his first mistake at back. Cpl. Marshall, Bdsn. Hogg and Sergt. Jenkins have been the pick of the forwards for consistency and really hard work so far, while Ptes. Kent, Williams,

Rawlinson and Eyles are the most promising amongst the younger players. Among the outsiders Ptes. Garwood, Hills, Rimmer and Pearson have all played well. Lieut. Stephenson and 2/Lieut. Unwin have, of course, been our main scoring source, and only the forwards can appreciate how much the clever touch-finding of the former has saved their wind and legs.

We are looking forward to the Garrison Knock-out and the Eastern Counties "Sevens," and shall be most disappointed if we do not reach the final of at least one of them.

A short account of the Army Rugby games follow:—

1ST ROUND.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, 9;
2ND BN. THE KING'S SHROPSHIRE LIGHT
INFANTRY, 3.

Right from the start the Middlesex pressed and in three minutes had scored through 2/Lieut. Unwin after Lieut. Weston had intercepted a wild pass by the Shropshire scrum-half and passed to Lieut. Stephenson on being tackled. The kick failed, and, though the Middlesex had slightly the better of the game to half-time, there was no further scoring. In the second half the scrum obtained a complete mastery in the tight and only good defensive play by the K.S.L.I. kept the Middlesex score down to two tries by Lieut. Stephenson and 2/Lieut. Unwin. Lieut. James kicked a penalty goal for the Shropshires.

Team:—

Lieut. Hudson; Lieut. Gilbert, 2/Lieut. Unwin, Lieut. Powell and Pte. Garwood; Lieut. Stephenson and Pte. Pearson; Pte. Kent, Cpl. Marshall, Sergt. Johnson, Bdsn. Hogg, Lieut. Else, Cpl. White, 2/Lieut. Willoughby and 2/Lieut. Weston (capt.).

2ND ROUND.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, 17;
2ND TRAINING BRIGADE, R.A., 3.

As in the first round the Middlesex scored almost at once, Lieut. Stephenson dropping a clever goal from a mark. A few minutes later Lieut. Batten scored an excellent try in the corner which 2/Lieut. Unwin converted with a good kick. Before half-time Cpl. Marshall scored an

unconverted try following a cut-through by Lieut. Stephenson. In the second half the Gunners improved and scored an unconverted try three minutes from time. This served as a tonic to the Middlesex, who kept the remainder of the play in the Gunners' "25," and after Lieut. Stephenson had narrowly missed with a drop at goal 2/Lieut. Unwin scored twice following two clever individual runs; neither try was converted.

Team:—

Lieut. Hudson; Lieut. Batten, Pte. Rimmer, 2/Lieut. Unwin and Pte. Garwood; Lieut. Stephenson and Pte. Pearson; Pte. Kent, Cpl. Marshall, Sergt. Jenkins, Pte. Rawlinson, Bdsn. Hogg, Cpl. White, Sergt. Johnson and 2/Lieut. Weston (capt.).

3RD ROUND.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, 0;
1ST BN. WELSH GUARDS, 15.

This match was played at Regent's Park, on a ground with a six-inch coating of slush, and resulted in a win for the Welsh Guards by a goal, two tries and a dropped goal to nil. The conditions were so bad that not one three-quarter movement worthy of the name was seen throughout the game, which was confined to a brawl between the two packs of forwards. The Middlesex had the best of the first half, but the Welsh Guards scored an unconverted try near the corner flag as a result of one of our centres dropping the greasy ball. In the second half the weight of the Guards' pack told heavily and the Middlesex were on the defensive almost throughout.

The Guards' fly-half dropped a clever goal early in the second half; then, however, a bit of ill-feeling entered the game and it became rather rough for a time. The Middlesex, however, aided by the magnificent defence of the forwards and seventeen free kicks, kept the Guards out until three minutes from time, when they scored twice from forward rushes. It is unfortunate that what had promised to be an excellent game was ruined by the state of the ground. The better side won and the match should prove a valuable lesson to our forwards.

Team:—

Lieut. Hudson; Pte. Garwood, 2/Lieut. Unwin, Pte. Rimmer and Lieut. Batten; Lieut. Stephenson and Bdsn. Hills; Sergt. Jenkins, Cpl. Marshall, Pte. Kent, Bdsn.

Hogg, Pte. Rawlinson, Pte. Williams, Lieut. Willoughby and 2/Lieut. Weston (capt.).

FOOTBALL.

The close of the first full season we have had since our arrival home found us placed fourth from the top in the Essex and Suffolk Border League, Division 1.

This season we are playing in the Premier Division of the same league, and so far have played 10 games, of which we have won 3, drawn 2 and lost 5. Taking into account the fact that at the present time we are rebuilding the team after losses caused by players being discharged this is not at all a bad show. Our first game resulted in a draw with Colchester Town, the score being 4—4. Competitions entered at the beginning of the season were the Army Cup, Essex Senior Cup, Essex Junior Cup, Pearson Charity Cup, Newspaper Press Charity Cup, Colchester and District Junior Cup, and the Colchester and District Mid-Week Hospital Cup. In the Army Cup we were beaten by the 2nd Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry by 5 goals to 1 in the first round.

In the Essex Senior Cup we have so far done much better. In the first round we defeated the 4th Divisional Signals 3—2. L./Cpl. Tye at outside left scored twice and L./Cpl. Delaney once. In the second round we met our old friends, Clacton Town, at Clacton, and returned to Colchester as "conquering heroes." In both cases we avenged former defeats in friendly and league games. The draw for the next round of this competition has not yet been announced. We may have the luck to be drawn against Barking or even Walthamstow Avenue. Who knows?

In the Colchester and District Junior Cup the 2nd XI beat Great Bentley by 3 goals to 2. The draw for the next round of this competition has also not yet been decided.

Without detracting from the merits of the other players, the outstanding members of the first team so far this season have been the goalkeeper, Bandmaster Dennis and L./Cpl. Delaney, the centre-forward. Both of them have played some very fine games indeed, especially the former.

We hope to announce in the next issue of the Journal further successes both in league and cup matches.

It would hardly be fair to leave the Boys out of this branch of sport this quarter. In the Boys' Army Cup, first round, they were drawn against the Boys of the 3rd Bn. Coldstream Guards. The game was played at Colchester, and after a very good game our Boys were the winners by 1 goal to 0. In the next round they were drawn against the Boys of the Irish Guards, who defeated them by two goals after a good game in which our Boys played very hard against a much bigger team. Better luck next time.

BOXING.

A much keener interest has been shown in boxing this season than has been the case for a long time past. For the Battalion Novices' Meeting 98 entries were made, and some very keen boxing was seen. Although skill was to a certain extent lacking, this was more than made up for by clean and straight hard hitting and unlimited pluck. If we judge by the Novices' Meeting we have the beginnings of a very sound team for future seasons. A great deal is not expected this season, as most of those in the team are inexperienced, but they will all do very much better before the season is over.

In the Battalion Open Meeting some very good fights were seen, especially in the final of the welter-weight between L./Sergt. Livens and Pte. Bennett. Since joining us from the Depot, Bennett has shown great improvement and should do very well before long. L./Cpl. Lowe, who is a natural fly-weight, has been boxing very well this season, and has been chosen to box for the Army three times, versus Wales, Southern Command, and the Danish amateur team. In the Battalion Open Competition he went up into the feather-weight, and won fairly comfortably. Two belts were awarded at this meeting; L./Sergt. Livens won the welter-weight and L./Cpl. Lowe won the feather-weight.

In the Garrison Inter-Unit Novices' Team Meetings we reached the final by beating the 4th Q.O. Hussars, a much-fancied team, and lost to the Royal Fusiliers after some very hard fighting.

In the Garrison Inter-Unit Open Team Meeting we were not so fortunate, as we

relied on almost the same team that got us into the final of the Novices', and after getting a bye in the first round we lost to the Lancashire Fusiliers in the semi-final. They were a much more experienced and bigger team all round than our men, but in spite of this handicap some good hard fights were seen. Those that most took the eye were put up by L./Cpl. Lowe, who, though suffering from a bad cold, insisted on boxing, Pte. Bennett and L./Sergt. Livens. Everyone in the team fought very well and, though defeated, were by no means disgraced.

With this material to work on the Novices' and Open teams should do very much better towards the end of this season and during next season when they will have obtained more experience.

NOVICES' TEAM.

Bantam.—Pte. Robins.
Feather.—Ptes. Hudson and Murray.
Light.—Pte. Bennett, L./Sergt. Allchorne and L./Cpl. Head.
Welter.—L./Cpl. Collison, Pte. Marsh, Pte. Hobson and Pte. Phillips.
Middle.—Ptes. Kent, Williams and Edwards.
Light Heavy.—Pte. Bellchamber.
Heavy.—Pte. Eyles.

OPEN TEAM.

Bantam.—L./Cpl. Lowe.
Feather.—Ptes. Hudson and Murray.
Light.—L./Cpl. Frost, Cpl. Wray and L./Cpl. Head.
Welter.—L./Sergt. Livens, Pte. Bennett, L./Cpl. Collison and L./Cpl. Delaney.
Middle.—Cpl. Overy, Cpl. Marshall and Dmr. Mew.
Light Heavy.—Pte. Kent.
Heavy.—Pte. Eyles.

FINALISTS OF THE BATTALION OPEN MEETING.

Bantam.—No entries.
Feather.—L./Cpl. Lowe; runner-up, Pte. Murray.
Light.—L./Cpl. Frost; runner-up, Pte. Adams.
Welter.—L./Sergt. Livens; runner-up, Pte. Bennett.
Middle.—Dmr. Mew; runner-up, L./Cpl. Johl.

Light Heavy.—L./Cpl. Stanton; runner-up, L./Sergt. Cooper.
Heavy.—Pte. Bellchamber; runner-up, L./Cpl. Drane.

HOCKEY.

In October leave and duties prevented the appearance of a representative side in the hockey field, so it is much to our credit that only one defeat was suffered. Several trial games, both Garrison and Regimental, took place, however, providing practice and serving to indicate individual ability. To turn these individuals so found into two teams became the first duty throughout November.

The Battalion at the moment possesses a large number of players of 2nd XI standard; in fact, a 3rd XI could easily be produced, other games permitting, yet it has not been easy to fill gaps in the 1st XI.

Pte. Mileham, the goalkeeper, has not been seriously tried during the short time he has been available, but he has shown himself to be well up to his previous years' standard. The backs, Lieut. Man and Pte. Hunter, get together better each time they play, and their understanding with the wing halves is much improved. The halves have proved a difficult proposition now that Pte. 29 Robinson has had to give up playing owing to an injury to his knee, and Capt. Procter has resigned to make way for younger blood. There are two players—L./Cpl. Etheridge and Pte. Gorman—up to the standard. Major Newnham, however, accepted an invitation to play for us in the centre, and he has already done much to keep the side together.

The forwards started poorly. They were seldom able, owing to the calls of rugby and soccer, to play together for any one match, and substitutes usually had to be found. Bad passing and weak play in the opposing circle are less seen now, though just recently there have been some off-days. Their play against Needham Market was particularly good.

Cpl. Buckland and Lieut. Heywood combine well, and show plenty of dash. Sergt. Deane in the centre can play a good game, and Lieut. Stephenson and Dmr. Thompson are quite good individually, but require practice in making openings for each other.

Our best performance was undoubtedly against the 2nd Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry, winners of the Army Cup in 1932, in the Garrison Knock-out Competition. We were beaten by 3 goals to 1 only, and can congratulate ourselves on a good display of team work.

We meet the 4th Divisional Signals in the Army Cup, second round, and hope to win, as we have already defeated them in a friendly game. The result will appear at the end of these notes.

There are some good players in the 2nd XI who spoil their chances of promotion by one-handed play and other such silly habits, but it is hoped to be able to devote more time to them when the Army Cup matches are over.

Bdsn. Chatfield, Pte. Baker and Cpl. Wray have all played in goal, and Sergt. Bishop and L./Cpl. Blackman have put up a strong defence at back. The latter must get back quicker though when he is beaten. Cpls. Elcome and Wright, L./Cpl. Pinner, and Ptes. MacDonald and 68 Jones are all halves—good company players, but have yet to learn to pass and not hit blindly. The forwards have had little chance of getting together and are the weakest part of the team. We hope to see more dash and combined movements in the New Year. Lieut. Jacob, 2/Lieut. Chattey, Sergt. Ramsey and L./Cpl. Gilbert on the wings, Sergt. Kemp, who more often substitutes in the 1st XI, L./Sergt. Livens, L./Cpl. Copekin and L./Sergt. Trestain in the centre have all played in different matches.

Before closing, a word of thanks to Capt. Procter, whose keen support and coaching are certainly bearing fruit, and to our umpires, including C.S.M.I. Butcher, A.P.T.S., who have always been available when required.

STOP PRESS.

We have just played the 4th Divisional Signals in the Army Cup, and lost 1—2 after extra time. It was a very good game and the result was uncertain till the final whistle. The team did not combine well, though all played well individually. Poor passing and inability to take advantage of openings offered by the opposing defence were the chief cause of our defeat.

The Signals were the first to score with a good shot which gave Mileham no

chance. The game then went on at a very fast pace, both sides having an equal share of the game. It was not until the second half that we were able to equalize, and having done so it seemed certain on several occasions that we should add to the score. However, the opportunities were missed and the score was 1—1 when the whistle blew for time.

Extra time was played in rapidly failing light at a very fast pace with little to choose between the two sides. Unfortunately a short corner was awarded against us, of which advantage was taken with a good shot that glanced off Buckland's knee and over Mileham's head. Short corners were awarded to us, too, but we were unable to make use of them.

Where all worked so hard it is perhaps invidious to remark on anyone in particular, but one or two players do seem to merit special mention. Firstly, Lieut. Man, who played a particularly fine game at back; secondly, L./Cpl. Etheridge, who worked like a Trojan. In defence the latter is excellent, but he needs more experience in assisting the attack. Dmr. Thompson was a disappointment. If he is to improve he must learn to listen to those who can advise him and practise what he is told.

The team was:—

Pte. Mileham; Lieut. Man and Pte. Hunter; L./Cpl. Etheridge, Major Newnham and Pte. German; Lieut. Heywood, Cpl. Buckland, Lieut. Stephenson, Sergt. Deane and Dmr. Thompson.

Results of matches to the end of November:—

1st XI.—Played, 14; won, 5; drawn, 4; lost, 5.

2nd XI.—Played, 7; won, 2; drawn 3; lost, 2.

ATHLETICS.

It is not usual for Athletics to get into the Journal in December, but in future we hope that every number will find us with something to tell. The reason for this is that as a result of our experiences since we have been home we have decided that field events have got to receive our constant attention if we are to do any good in the Army Team Championships. For this purpose it was agreed by the Central Sports Committee that two field

event meetings should be held during the winter and that the results should count towards the Inter-Company Athletic Shield.

The first meeting has just been concluded, having unfortunately, for various reasons, had to be postponed. Four representatives per company competed in each event, the winners being the team with the highest aggregate. The weather was not pleasant and one could not expect any outstanding performances, but there was seen to have been a certain amount of interest caused and there is promise of more interest and preparation for the next one. If the promise is fulfilled we should see distinct strides and even from this present meeting we have been able to gather useful data.

In the High Jump five competitors did 4 ft. 11 in. and more, and in the Pole Jump nine did 8 ft. or better. Only five beat 18 ft. in the Long Jump, the best being L./Cpl. Hiscocks with 19 ft. 3 in. In the Hammer, Pte. Mew was in a class by himself, but we see Pte. Kent out practising and he and three or four more should soon be getting to the 90 mark.

The Weight is still poor and needs much attention, whilst the Discus results should improve a great deal with more work. The Javelin is promising, twelve competitors beating 100 ft., and that with a practice javelin. There should be keen competition in this event for the Battalion team this year.

The results were:—

High Jump.—1, D; 2, C (S.); equal 3, A and B; 5, Q; 6, G.

Pole Vault.—1, C (S.); 2, A; 3, G; 4, D; 5, Q; 6, B.

Long Jump.—1, C (S.); 2, D; 3, G; 4, A; 5, Q; 6, B.

Hammer.—1, G; 2, C (S.); 3, A; 4, Q; 5, B; 6, D.

Weight.—1, C (S.); 2, B; 3, D; 4, G; 5, A; 6, Q.

Discus.—1, C (S.); 2, G; 3, A; 4, D; 5, Q; 6, B.

Javelin.—1, B; 2, D; 3, G; 4, C (S.); 5, A; 6, Q.

Final Placings.—1, C (S.); equal 2, G and D; 4, A; 5, B; 6, Q.

C (S.) Company thoroughly deserved their success, as they had taken far more trouble than any other company. They have plenty of good young material and

if they keep at it should produce very good results ere long.

The next meeting will be held in February or early March.

A COMPANY.

We had hopes of reporting our deeds at great length for this issue, but once again we are a sadly depleted Company, having lost a number of promising sportsmen to C (S.) Company as machine gunners, and to H.Q. Wing as signallers. In addition these notes are necessarily written early owing to annual furlough starting in December. As a consequence there is not a great deal to record.

In the Inter-Company Football League we lost to G by 2 goals to 3. It was the first time we had played together as a team, but the result was quite satisfactory and we have high hopes of winning our remaining matches.

The Company played a Wing team at hockey and won by 3 goals to 2. With such stalwarts as Lieut. Jacob, L./Cpl. Blackman, and Ptes. Gorman, MacDonald and Mileham—not forgetting "Tishy"—we hope to have a very successful season in this game.

The Inter-Company Cross-Country Run was held recently, and, although we had six men home in the first thirteen—including Pte. Thundow, a recent acquisition from the Signals, who finished fourth—we finished last. We are certain that we shall be recording great things in this direction in the future, however, as we have the makings of a good team if only they can get down to proper training.

Before completing our sports notes we feel we must congratulate the Company dart team who wrested this championship and Silver Dart from B Company. We feel that B—we have read their last notes—shed no tears at the loss!

L./Cpl. Lomax is at present enthusing the "dogs and sheep" at the School of Education, Shorncliffe, with his knowledge and method. We wish him every success, which means a "D."

We hope all our friends in the 1st Battalion had as merry a Christmas as was our wont during our "Ram-Sami" days, and though by the time these notes appear in print our wishes will be overlate we wish them a happy and prosperous New Year, the latter months of which will be spent at Moascar.

B COMPANY.

The Company's strength has increased since the last Journal notes by two drafts from the Depot. We welcome these men to B Company, and hope they will carry on the good spirit of comradeship that the Company has always had. L./Sergt. Bedward has also joined the Company from the Depot.

We have sent a number of men to the signallers, machine gunners and transport. We wish them the best of luck in their new work. We also hope that the men who left us for the 1st Battalion are enjoying their new surroundings.

Inter-Company football and hockey matches have started and up to date we have played C (S.) Company at football, when we lost 3—4, and C Company of the Lancashire Fusiliers at hockey, when the result was another loss for us (1—4). We have also taken part in the Inter-Company "Potted" Sports (field events), and we stand a very good chance of winning the javelin. We lost the dart championship to A Company.

Our one big success was the winning of the Inter-Company Cross-Country Run. This was a most creditable performance, as most of the team are comparatively new. Our points were 505 and the next-best 564. Taking all sports and games into consideration we are not doing badly, but if we are to get to the top of the tree every man must put every ounce of energy into whatever part he is taking.

We congratulate C.Q.M.S. West on being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. C.Q.M.S. West is a B Company institution. He joined the Company when the Battalion was reformed at Colchester in 1919. In 1922 he was transferred to the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, but after a year he was back again in B. Since then, except for a tour at the Depot, he has been in the Company. Long may he remain so.

The training side of our activities can be summed up in the following rhyme:—
Company Sergeant-Major, have you any men?

Yes, sir, yes, sir, five score and ten;
Umpteen used by Garrison and as many
by Brigade,
That leaves me one, sir—well, he'll be for
parade!

C (SUPPORT) COMPANY.

The usual "working-party period" that follows Brigade Training having finished we have started Individual Training and settled down to machine gunnery once again. All our men have come back from various employments and, together with twenty-nine new gunners from the rifle companies, have put in some hard work during the past month.

There have been several changes in the Company. Our draft to the 1st Battalion has left and our Second-in-Command, Lieut. Reid, has gone to the Territorial Army. We wish him luck. We are getting Lieut. Else back to the Company. He is an old machine gunner and has been away to H.Q. Wing for about twelve months.

Although we are not as strong as other companies we managed to do very well in "potted" sports. This is an innovation and we trust it will lead to better things on the athletic field. The efforts of some old stalwarts, helped by some fresh talent from the new gunners, managed to get first place for the Company. Points gained count towards the Athletic Shield, so we have a good start.

The Company football team is going very strong and we hope to do great things in the Inter-Company League. We must congratulate those members of the Company who have gained their places in the Battalion first team, and we have a good many more trying to get places.

N.C.Os. and men of the Company put up a good show in the Battalion Novices' and Open Boxing Meeting. Three members of the Company—Cpl. Marshall and L./Cpls. Delaney and Frost—were selected to represent the Battalion against the Lancashire Fusiliers in the Army and Garrison Inter-Unit Boxing Tournament. They are to be congratulated on putting up such a good show, especially the first-named, who has not fought for over two years.

Sergt. Johnson, Cpl. Marshall and Pte. Garwood represented the Battalion in the Army Rugby Cup, and L./Cpl. Day and Ptes. Berryman and Bignall have been selected to represent the Battalion at cross-country running. These are to be congratulated; we would like to see more of the Company selected. Places can

only be gained by hard training. Young soldiers, please note.

We must congratulate our C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. on being awarded their Long Service and Good Conduct Medals. There were men who were heard to say that they wished the C.Q.M.S. could have a medal every week.

In closing we take the opportunity to wish all readers a happy and prosperous New Year. Christmas will have passed before this is read, so we can only wish that they enjoyed themselves as well as we did.

D COMPANY.

During the past quarter the Company has been in the throes of Individual Training. Most of the Company are fairly recent arrivals from the Depot with recruits' training still fresh in their minds, and this enabled the training to be got through with more ease than is usually experienced except for our old friends the Employed men. Two very interesting periods were spent in Castle Park, kapok bridging, at which the Company has become expert in a very short time.

We send our regards to those of the Company who left us last quarter for the 1st Battalion, and wish them good luck in their new surroundings.

At football we have not done so well lately. We have played 3, lost 2 and won 1. Fresh talent is very hard to find and grounds and games even harder, but we have hopes of doing much better next season.

In boxing we have been well represented both in the Novices' team and the Open events. There has been much promising material in the Company, and we are looking for great things from some of them in the near future. Those who show the greatest promise are Pte. Bennett and L./Cpl. Collison.

We have lost C.S.M. Hewett to the 8th Battalion and wish him luck in his new sphere. Lieut. Hudson has been posted to the Battalion and we welcome him to D Company. We have been very short of officers lately and he is doubly welcome for his sporting abilities.

A new event has been brought into the Company Championships, namely, "potted sports." Points can be obtained towards the Company Shield, and

it is a very good method of finding future athletes for the Battalion teams.

In conclusion we congratulate C.Q.M.S. Jones on obtaining the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

H.Q. WING.

Owing to an oversight and bad management the Wing's contributions for the last Journal were confined to Group notes only. Our trusty Wing clerk, L./Cpl. Griffiths, has tried to make us repeat the omission by retiring to hospital with a rash, which we can only attribute to blood pressure caused by having to type the Signal notes. However, we will show him that he is not the only one who can hit a typewriter.

Firstly, we must join with everyone else in expressing our sympathy with the Commanding Officer in his illness, and we are glad to be able to add our pleasure that he is escaping from the clutches of the hospital authorities in the very near future.

As usual this has been a busy quarter. After the comparative peace of company, battalion and brigade battles the real war always breaks out in October. The warring parties are the Adjutant, the R.S.M., the Messing Officer, the Transport Officer, the Education Officer, the cadre instructors, the R.Q.M.S. (where's your coal fatigue?), the officers i/c football, boxing, hockey, Rugby, cross-country and athletics, with Os.C. Companies intervening. And the cause of the battle is the mind and/or body of 619 L./Cpl., or Pte. D. I. Hard.

Fortunately the war is not carried out in the open, but by shooting paper from one office to another, Orderly Sergeants, etc., performing the duties of the gas behind the bullet. In consequence no blood is actually shed, but a vast amount of boot-leather is used. Of course each of the contestants gains some partial successes, but the real knock-out blows can only be delivered by the Adjutant with his big gun, B.Os. The latter, having recently blasted the Signal Section to the four winds, has with another round of his big gun discharged a fresh crop of would-be signallers into our midst. We welcome these to the depleted ranks of Q Company and expect to see that Company come to the fore with their assistance.

The mention of Q Company reminds us that the division of H.Q. Wing has recently been changed to the more logical arrangement of G Company, Band and Drums, Q Company, Signals and Employed.

An aftermath of the cricket season took place on October 26th when the Wing team visited the Buck Horns for the distribution of prizes to the winners of the various divisions of the Colchester and District Cricket League. The Wing having tied with St. Stephens as winners of Division 1, it was decided that each team should retain the cup for half the year, and the cup went to St. Stephens for the first half. The members of both teams were presented with miniature cups as mementoes.

Boxing has been much to the fore and we are particularly pleased to congratulate L./Cpl. Lowe on being selected to represent the Army three times already, against the Southern Command, Wales and Denmark. The experience he is gaining should be of great value to him and to others. The Wing have been well represented in the Battalion Novices' and Open Competitions, and we congratulate all those who have been successful and those who have represented the Battalion in the Garrison Novices' and Open Team Competitions. As last year, so again this year, each appearance in the Wing counts towards the boxers' group, and up to date the points are: Drums, 45; Signals and Employed, 36 each; Band, 23. It will be interesting to see what happens in the second half of the season.

At football both G and Q can produce very useful sides and we hope to see the Wing go a long way in the Garrison and Battalion Inter-Company Competitions. The Drums are to be congratulated on their enterprise in arranging a number of fixtures outside and thus gaining experience. Already they have had a very successful season.

At hockey the Wing is very well off, having most of the Battalion 1st and 2nd XIs in one group or another, and it will be a difficult job to select the team to represent us against the Lancashire Fusiliers in the Inter-Company matches.

The Inter-Group Football and Hockey Leagues are progressing, but have to start late owing to the reorganization of the Signals. Naturally this group is at a

big disadvantage at present, but it will not surprise us if before long they settle down and hold their own with the older and more experienced teams.

In the Battalion Cross-Country Run, G Company came second, but Q were unable to find a team, as they had no signallers to assist them. This was a pity, as Jacques, running as an individual, came in first in very good time. We shall expect to see them well up next time.

The 1st Battalion boys have left us for Egypt and we hope they have had a good voyage and have settled down in their new surroundings. The new arrivals in the Wing are too numerous to mention by name, but we welcome them collectively and rely on them to keep the Wing on top.

The following have recently made proposals, been accepted and become husbands: Sergt. Housdon, Cpls. Buckland and McEnery, L./Cpl. Gilbert, and Ptes. Hunter and Bennett, to all of whom we tender our congratulations and best wishes for the future. Each month sees a few more slipping away to the Vocational Training Centre, and later into civil life. L./Cpl. Walker and Ptes. Bartlett, Thomas and Ruffles are the latest, and L./Cpl. Tydeman and Ptes. May, Pusey and Williams join them in the near future. Good luck to them all. At the same time we are very glad to find that when the time comes a very large percentage of the Wing decide to continue, and we hear that actually the numbers are exceeding the vacancies. We sincerely hope, however, that in some way or another room can be found for them. A certain number of the Wing have taken up squash and we hope that in the near future it will be possible to run a competition for them.

And now, as everyone is straining at the leash to depart on furlough and to enjoy the usual ill effects of Christmas, we must pack up the typewriter, stopping only to add a prosperous New Year to all.

BAND.

Practice is now in full swing, between fatigues or course, and so we are liable to forget the horrors of war which were a feature of our last contribution.

We have now commenced the football season, and in no uncertain manner. Our

eleven is quite a formidable combination, as the following results will show. Actually we have played four Group matches. Against C (S.) Company we were winners by 7-3, and against A Company a close game resulted in a draw of 2-2. We suffered rather a heavy reverse against our old rivals the Drums, who beat us 5-0, although we were without several of our stalwarts. Last but not least a 7-2 win over the Signals.

A rather important change has taken place. Both Band and Drums have been amalgamated as a new G Company, only for sports, of course. So far we have played one match against A Company (a Company League game) and defeated them 3-2. So much for football.

L./Cpl. Lowe has been boxing consistently well in all competitions and has been selected to box for the Army three times lately, but this branch of sport is not so popular as far as the rest of the Band are concerned.

The Band itself is working hard under the direction of our new Bandmaster. It is surprising that to all and sundry he is still "the new B.M." The Dance Band continues to thrive, but practice makes perfect, and this applies particularly to band work. A scheme for producing a male-voice choir is now being put into effect, and results are not so bad as they might seem at first sight—or should it be hearing?

At the last 1st Class examination L./Sergt. Jennings passed in mathematics. We hope the other three subjects will soon be his.

In conclusion may we wish all other bands of the Regiment every success and a prosperous New Year?

DRUMS.

We have just returned from a pleasant six days at the Depot. During our stay there we played the Depot Staff team at soccer, which resulted in a win for the Depot by 7-1. Unfortunately we were without Thompson, Mew and Jones, who were detained at Colchester to play for the Battalion. Our other performance consisted of playing a programme at the dry canteen, beating Retreat, Tattoo and Reveille. Church parade on Sunday attracted quite a large crowd, almost as large as we see at Colchester. Our "fan

mail" has increased a hundred per cent. since our return, so we must assume that our stay at the Depot and the colour of our tunics must have made the girls lose their heads. Many old friendships were renewed and fresh ones formed. We sincerely hope that this visit will not be our last.

At present soccer is going strong. In the Platoon League we have played two matches, winning one and drawing one. In the Company League G Company beat A Company 3-2 and D Company 7-1. At hockey we have played only one match, losing to our friends the Band by 1-4.

We are now on the point of proceeding on annual furlough. One of our number, Dmr. Woolcott, will not return, as his time expires during this period. We wish him the best of luck and hope that he will get rid of his "roll on feeling" before long.

We hear that Drum-Major Drew is on furlough for the winter season, and hope that he will give us the "once over" before his return to Cairo.

In conclusion we wish all Drummers of the Regiment a happy and prosperous New Year.

SIGNALS.

Since our last notes great changes have taken place in the Section. The calls of Egypt and duty have been the cause of our losing nine old signallers, and Individual Training has brought us twenty-six new men. The class is now in full swing and is showing great aptitude and keenness. We hope that they will continue to do so. They are becoming imbued with the keen competitive spirit of the Wing and have worked wonders with the rooms.

Mainly through the efforts of the new class we are runners-up at present in the Inter-Group Boxing Tournament. We are forming also football and hockey teams which, we hope, will become with practice the equal of the other more experienced teams of the Wing. We played the Employed at hockey and were very unlucky to lose 2-3, but when our team has been blended together we hope for a better result. Our football match against the Band ended in rather a disastrous manner, the Section losing 2-7. But, again, it was our first game as a team,

and who knows what may happen when we get our team together better? There is also a story of a certain clock which used to adorn the Signallers' walls. We want it back!

With Christmas in the offing at the time of writing, the Section is looking forward to leave and festive boards and then a period of hard work for classification in May, when we hope to see twenty-six new pairs of flags going around.

We congratulate Cpl. Buckland on his marriage and wish him the best of luck in the future, also L./Cpl. O'Doherty on his promotion. May we hope to have a few 1st Class Certificates in the Section this year? Some signallers, old and new, have an idea that there will be, so we wish them good swotting.

Here's wishing all signallers at home and abroad a very happy and prosperous New Year.

EMPLOYED GROUP.

Once again we appear to give what little news there is. We are still holding together and the following have decided to remain in the Group by signing on: Cpl. Smallridge and Ptes. Hunter and Frost. There are several others who are seriously thinking of following this example. The Group appears to be getting to its normal strength, and the new Employed are coming up to scratch in healing up the holes left by those who have gone to civilian life.

We were more fortunate in the last Dart Competition by getting into the semi-final, but we were beaten by a much better team—A Company. Pte. McAndrew failed to get the required number of 60's, and Pte. 68 Jones could not get rid of that worried look wondering where "Doughy" Baker had gone.

With regard to sport, we beat the Signals 3-2 at hockey, and we must congratulate the young signallers on putting up such a good fight.

It is rumoured that Capt. Procter is leaving us for the Depot, but we sincerely hope that this is not true.

The Battalion will proceed on leave on December 2nd, but only about half the Group will go; the others will follow later on.

We congratulate Pte. Hill on being awarded his Long Service Medal. By

the time these notes are published Pte. Bennett will be married. We wish him the best, and may all his troubles, etc.

Although a bit late, we wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

BOYS.

"Guards"?—the word makes me shiver—seem to be our Nemesis. After reaching the third round of the Cup last season we lost further interest in it. Reason? The Welsh Guards and a little matter of an odd goal. This season, in the first round we accounted for the Coldstream Guards Boys by a 1—0 win. It was a very good game, new blood showing itself with distinction. Name of Brown. So far so good. Who should we meet in the next round but the Irish Guards—runners-up of last competition—and, though we say it ourselves, probable winners of this. Mind you, the team played well against long odds—about 5 ft. 10 in., as a matter of fact—but to no good purpose, as our opponents trotted off victorious by 2—0.

New boys? Yes, four of 'em, their names being Brown, Taylor, Platt and Bolam. It is the same Brown of football fame, and Platt also found his way into the football team. Bolam, a huge barrell-chested brute of 4 ft. 6 in., has not shown the same promise, but we live in hopes.

Passing on, we wish the boys of the last draft all the best, and perhaps the fact that their faces were featured in the middle page of the *Evening Standard* will console them for their trip across the Bay (perhaps!).

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Since the last issue of the Journal two of our members have settled their fate at the altar and joined the happy band of married pilgrims. Sergt. Ramsey was married on October 8th, and Sergt. Housdon, the Master Cook, on November 18th. We wish them both the best of happiness.

Our congratulations to Sergt. Bishop on the birth of a son. We extend a welcome to the Mess to L./Sergts. Bedward and Jenkins, who have joined us from the Depot, and wish the best of luck to L./Sergt. Ramsden, who has proceeded there.

C.S.M. Hewett has left us after many years in the Mess to take up the appointment of R.S.M. of the 8th Battalion. We hope he will be very happy in his new job. His chief worry before he left us appeared to be the problem of furnishing his new quarters and "house-keeping" himself, and we should not be surprised to learn shortly that he has delegated these responsibilities to a member of the fair sex. After all, it is their prerogative.

According to Army Orders recently received we appear to have quite a sprinkling of ancient mariners in the Mess, as the undernamed have been granted their Long Service and Good Conduct Medals:

C.S.Ms. Peck and Mewett, C.Q.M.Ss. West, Hills and Jones, and A./S./Sergt. Stally, R.A.O.C. (our Armourer).

Needless to say we congratulate them heartily.

The Mess sent quite a large contingent, headed by the R.S.M., to the Old Comrades' Dinner on November 4th, where they met many old friends and spent a pleasant evening. The party took the opportunity, whilst in London, of seeing the Battalion Rugby team play the 2nd Training Brigade, R.A., in the second round of the Army Cup at Woolwich.

The coming of the winter season saw the recommencement of our monthly whist drives and dances. We have had two to date, one in October and one in November. The Mess has been full on both occasions, both for the drives and the dances, and we hope for quite a few more before the light evenings come again.

We shall not be able to have one in December, as the dearth of members will make it impracticable.

We must not let mention of the dances go by without congratulating our Bandmaster, Mr. Dennis, on his really tip-top little dance band, which he seems to have conjured up from nowhere. At both the dances they have been really splendid and have earned the praise of all present. He has even found a Battalion "Les Allen," who, when he has conquered his shyness, will make an admirable "crooner."

We do not appear to have any more to say this time, except to mention the fact that, with the furlough season so close at hand, there is a "holiday atmosphere" in the air, and the Mess will be practically

closed from December 2nd to January 3rd, when the majority of the members will be enjoying themselves elsewhere in civvies.

DON'T BE A DAMNED FOOL

By L. DOUGLAS.

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EVERYONE is talking about unemployment. There are two million men out of work. On the other hand, contractors tell me they can't get enough good tradesmen.

One Sergeant of mine started with a firm and has been in employment with them steadily through the slump. They send him wherever they have a job. As the normal method is to take on local men rather than pay fares, and since I knew Sergeant L. was a slow worker, I asked why. The answer was: "We can rely on L., he is a good tradesman."

BE RELIABLE.

This was interesting, and so I pursued the inquiry, and the answer is quite certain. There are *not* enough good tradesmen, and any man who is a good tradesman soon gets a job, makes a good name, and is well on the way to regular employment.

Now, what is a "good tradesman"? First, he is a man who knows how to use his tools. That, of course, is essential and merely the A B C of the business. Next, he is a man who can be relied upon *never* to do bad or careless work. I don't mean that he will need to know everything, he won't! If he doesn't, he can ask. Next, once he is on a job no one need be watching to see that he is working and that his work is being done properly. Therefore the employer and foreman are saved any amount of worry on the job and possibly are saved scrapping and redoing work which was badly done.

LOOK AHEAD.

Next, our "good tradesman" works at a good pace. It may not be a very

fast one, but it is certain, *and* the standard of work never varies. Even if the drawings or instructions are wrong or careless, the "good tradesman" uses his head. He will not do a bad or careless job. He will observe when his instructions or drawings will produce a bad result, will point this out at once and probably suggest a better way. This doesn't mean that he is always querying instructions—such a man is a nuisance. But he does raise a query if he can see that the result will not come up to his standard of "a good job."

What is this standard? What is "a good job?" A good job is one which has no shoddy work in it, has no glaring faults in design, is not ugly and unfinished in appearance, and has no obvious stupidity incorporated in it.

To achieve this standard is no miracle. It simply means that you must be your own foreman. In fact, you must be far more critical of your work than your employer or foreman, and you must see *and correct* every fault before it is pointed out. You must develop a pride in your job and a critical eye so that your standard is always improving. Look at good work and compare it with your own.

BE A GOOD FINISHER.

Finally, *finish* your work properly. Don't leave one possible loophole for criticism—most men produce a good piece of work up to within sight of the end, and then finish the little details badly and spoil it.

A big contractor told me that a foreman who could "finish" would be worth £1,000 a year to him, and that a workman who could "finish" would be worth double wages. This was no exaggeration. Good finishers are scarce.

As a serving soldier you have a chance to learn your trade under first-class instructors in the A.V.T.C.—You won't get the chance again. If you don't learn a trade, you are a fool. If when learning it you allow yourself to become anything but a good tradesman, you are a damned fool.

DEPOT NOTES.

THERE have been several changes amongst the officers of the Depot recently, and we offer a hearty welcome to Capt. Mirams and Lieut. Newton from the 1st Battalion, and to Lieut. Ferguson from the 2nd Battalion, and we are looking forward to Capt. Procter arriving shortly from Colchester. Lieut. Ferguson qualified "O.1" at the Army School of Physical Training, immediately before coming to the Depot in the middle of October. He relieved Lieut. Gilbert, who is now in the 1st Bn. The Nigeria Regiment, at Kaduna, and who we hear is flourishing.

Capt. Overell sailed on December 7th from Southampton, and we wish him the best of luck in Egypt, which will be a very familiar country to him.

The impending departure of Q.M.S.I. Hill, A.P.T.S., from the Depot, is very much regretted. This Warrant Officer, who is leaving for civil life, has achieved excellent results in the improvement of the standard of recruits' physical training during his time here, and has also been of the greatest assistance in the training of athletic and boxing teams, both in the 2nd Battalion and at the Depot. He is succeeded by Sergt. Day, A.P.T.S., who comes to us from the Depot of the Gloucestershire Regiment.

There are at present four complete squads of recruits at the Depot, and one squad (El Bodon) not yet filled. This squad has unfortunately been forming for some time, but owing to a shortage of recruits, which usually occurs at this time of year, it has not yet been found possible to complete it. Seringapatam Squad (Sergt. Harper) will proceed to Colchester on January 6th, and Sevastopol Squad (Sergt. Rogers) during February.

We were extremely pleased to see the Corps of Drums of the 2nd Battalion at the Depot for a week, and hope that it may be possible for them to come again in 1934. During the week they marched the Depot personnel to church, on which occasion they wore full-dress uniform and created much interest in the neighbourhood, gave a recital in the canteen, beat Retreat on the square, and played football against a Depot team, in addition to other minor activities. We were very sorry when they left the Depot.

Three education examinations have been held at the Depot during the quarter, and at these thirty-six recruits and twenty-seven recruits—the total number of candidates entered—obtained 3rd Class Certificates, and sixteen recruits obtained 2nd Class Certificates.

Ptes. Tarling and Hobson are to be congratulated on being awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medals. The Commanding Officer, when presenting the medals, described the main features of the recipients' service and mentioned as an interesting point that Pte. Hobson had formerly served in the Flying Corps (balloon section).

The following have been the winners of recruits' competitions during the quarter:

SILVER MEDAL FOR PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Badajos Squad.—Pte. Trotobas.

Seringapatam Squad.—Pte. Smith.

SHOOTING PRIZES, EMPIRE TEST AND TABLE "A," PART 3.

Badajos Squad.—Pte. Trotobas.

Seringapatam Squad.—Ptes. Smith, Cox and Thorley.

Sevastopol Squad.—Pte. McKeown.

SQUAD BADGE WINNERS.

Seringapatam Squad.—8th and 12th Week Tests, Pte. Smith.

Sevastopol Squad.—4th Week Test, Pte. Hutton; 8th Week Test, Pte. McKeown; 12th Week Test, Pte. Pace.

Mons Squad.—4th Week Test, Pte. Clay.

Alma Squad.—4th Week Test, Pte. Stapleton.

Ptes. Trotobas and Lances of Badajos Squad were awarded special silver medals for breaking the existing recruits' records in the Discus and Hammer respectively, the distances being 87 ft. 6½ in. and 73 ft. 4-3-5 in.; the latter was with a 16-lb. hammer, the previous record having been made with one of 12 lb.

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

Seringapatam Squad.—Ptes. Larner, Smith, Grogan, Compton, Culpeck, Griffiths, Joslin, Morley and Rawling.

Sevastopol Squad.—Ptes. Crittenden, Fenn, Linton, McKeown, Thompson, Waldron and Wilson.

FOOTBALL.

An interesting season is now in progress at the Depot. In addition to the usual leagues a large number of outside matches has been played against a variety of teams, military and civilian. The results have on the whole been successful and a certain amount of talent has been unearthed amongst the recruits, though some of those who promised well at the beginning of the season have not perhaps come on quite as much as had been expected; however, they have plenty of time in which to improve. The Depot first team has not been as strong as last year, owing partly to a shortage of good footballers among the N.C.Os. and Depot Staff and partly to injuries; consequently it has largely been filled up with recruits—which is really the best policy at a Depot—and has met teams usually composed of older and stronger players, but it has on the whole managed to hold its own.

The "A" team has won all its matches, with the exception of the first at Aldenham, where we encountered a good team on a ground much faster than that at Mill Hill; the game, however, was an enjoyable one and more evenly contested than the score suggests. The match at Vincent Square was disappointing, but the score was not uneven until about twenty minutes from time. Two new fixtures have been undertaken against St. Thomas's Hospital and the 1st Bn. Scots Guards (junior team). The former we defeated very easily on their ground, but they brought a much stronger team to Mill Hill and one of the best games of the season resulted; another fixture has been arranged for January, in which month we will also play the Guards Depot, Caterham, for the first time. We were rather lucky to win against the Scots Guards, who had more of the game but whose finishing was poor, and was met by some rather unorthodox goalkeeping by L./Sergt. Whitcombe. The unusual score in the match against the R.A.F. was partly due to the game being played on a small ground.

In addition to the matches detailed below we have met two local Finchley teams on several occasions, winning in every case, and three matches were played against the Mill Hill masters' eleven; these were lost, a probable indi-

vidual superiority being discounted by weakness in front of goal, when faced by a resolute defence; a general fault of our forwards is an apparent fear of shooting (perhaps they are followers of Chelsea). Exceptions to this rule are L./Sergt. Moore, Pte. Marable and sometimes Pte. Pearson, who can shoot very well when he remembers to do so.

In the Depot team Sergt. Beaveridge and Pte. Weller have played well in recent games, while Cpl. Clarke has given good displays in goal. L./Sergt. Whitcombe is also useful in that position, but is somewhat trying to the nerves of spectators. In addition to the recruits



Recruits' Football Team, 1933-34.

Standing.—Ptes. Coomer, Curtis, Pearson, Sugg, Pace, Courtney, Jennings and Marable.
Sitting.—Ptes. Waldron and Grogan, Lieut. P. E. C. Tuckey, Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., Ptes. Compton (capt.) and Haynes.

already mentioned, Ptes. Compton, Waldron and Haynes, in defence, and Ptes. Curtis, Coomer, Grogan and Jennings, in the forward line, show promise. Of recently joined recruits, Pte. Courtney showed really promising form until he was unfortunately injured, whilst Pte. Brown, who has played for the 9th Battalion, should be useful.

The All Ranks' League has been played throughout the season, and at present Sevastopol Squad is leading, with the W.Os. and Sergeants second, and Seringapatam Squad third. A feature this season has been the better results obtained by squad teams against more experienced sides.

The lower ground has been far more satisfactory this year and has only been

unplayable at the most on two occasions. This is, of course, largely due to the dryness of the autumn, but partly also to the building of the new pavilion, which has opened up old drains. The top ground is also much improved, chiefly owing to the efforts of Cpl. Burgess.

Interest in refereeing has been maintained and the following have qualified as Class 3 Army Referees: Sergt. Beaveridge, L./Cpl. Grant, Ptes. Kidby and Mardell, and Pte. Wood, who is now in the 2nd Battalion. C.S.M. Hart has been promoted to be a Referee, Class 2. He will be very much missed in the soccer world of the Depot, as he has been of the greatest assistance in organizing and refereeing games and in ensuring that recruits play football in the right spirit.

The following are the results of matches played to date:—

DEPOT TEAM.

- v. R.A.F., Stanmore (away), lost 5—8.
- v. "F" Battery, R.H.A. (away), lost 2—6.
- v. Depot The East Surrey Regiment (away), won 3—2.
- v. Depot The Royal Fusiliers (away), drew 2—2.
- v. "F" Battery, R.H.A. (home), lost 0—2.
- v. St. Thomas's Hospital "A" (home), won 2—1.

"A" TEAM.

- v. Aldenham School "A" (away), lost 0—6.
- v. St. Thomas's Hospital 2nd XI (away), won 10—1.
- v. Highgate School 2nd XI (away), won 5—2.
- v. Westminster School 2nd XI (away), won 11—2.
- v. 1st Bn. Scots Guards Junior Team (home), won 3—1.

RECRUITS' TEAM.

- v. Recruits, Depot The East Surrey Regiment (home), won 4—3.

INTER-SQUAD BOXING.

A boxing meeting was held at Mill Hill on November 6th and 7th to find out the boxing talent amongst the recruits. The majority boxed and every effort was made to arrange bouts of an even nature. Men only fought once.

The result was a good one and there was very little in it between the squads, three, in fact, tying for first place.

The meeting demonstrated that very few were incapable of putting up a good show with the gloves.

The results were as follows:—

- Pte. Bowker (Badajos) beat Pte. Hall (Seringapatam) in the second round.
- Pte. Waters (Mons) beat Pte. Squires (Sevastopol) on points.
- Pte. Farrant (Alma) beat Pte. Whitney (Mons) on points.
- Pte. Brazil (Alma) beat Pte. Collman (Badajos) on points.
- Pte. Griffiths (Seringapatam) beat Pte. Potter (Mons) on points.
- Pte. 09 Marshall (Sevastopol) beat Pte. Miles (Alma) on points.
- Pte. Walker (Badajos) beat Pte. Haynes (Mons) in the second round.
- Pte. Ward (Alma) beat Pte. Hickman (Seringapatam) on points.
- Pte. Thorley (Seringapatam) beat Pte. Beresford (Badajos) on points.
- Pte. Barber (Seringapatam) beat Pte. Klimcke (Sevastopol) in the second round.
- Pte. Pace (Sevastopol) beat Pte. Wright (Mons) on a knock-out in the first round.
- Pte. Coomer (Mons) beat Pte. Miller (Alma) in the first round.
- Pte. Tarr (Badajos) beat Pte. McCarthy (Alma) in the third round.
- Pte. 96 Taylor (Seringapatam) beat Pte. Stone (Mons) on points.
- Pte. 85 Murphy (Alma) beat Pte. Adams (Sevastopol) on points.
- Pte. Jones (Mons) beat Pte. 63 Thomas (Badajos) in the second round.
- Pte. Morley (Seringapatam) beat Pte. 56 Sharp (Alma) on points.
- Pte. Culpeck (Seringapatam) beat Pte. Papworth (Badajos) in the first round.
- Pte. Stapleton (Alma) beat Pte. Murphy (Badajos) on points.
- Pte. Curtis (Sevastopol) beat Pte. Smith (Seringapatam) on points.
- Pte. Cutts (Badajos) beat Pte. Kidby (Sevastopol) on points.
- Pte. Thurston (Badajos) knocked out Pte. 88 Jennings (Sevastopol) in the third round.
- Pte. Bird (Alma) beat Pte. Compton (Seringapatam) in the second round.
- Pte. Summerfield (Badajos) beat Pte. Burke (Mons).
- Pte. Godden (Alma) beat Pte. Chaplin (Sevastopol) in the first round.
- Pte. Weaver (Seringapatam) knocked out Pte. Page (Mons) in the first round.
- Pte. Wilson (Sevastopol) knocked out Pte. Irons (Badajos) in the third round.
- Pte. Marable (Sevastopol) beat Pte. Joslin (Seringapatam) on points.
- Pte. Fenn (Sevastopol) beat Pte. Butterworth (Mons) on points.
- Pte. 56 Taylor (Mons) beat Pte. Webber (Alma) on points.
- Pte. Grogan (Seringapatam) beat Pte. Cullip (Mons) on points.
- Pte. Comley (Alma) beat Pte. Evans (Sevastopol) on points.

- Pte. Higgins (Seringapatam) beat Pte. Courtney (Alma) on points.
- Pte. O'Neil (Alma) knocked out Pte. Trotobas (Badajos) in the first round.
- Pte. Reeves (Badajos) knocked out Pte. 97 Taylor (Seringapatam) in the third round.
- Pte. Pearson (Sevastopol) beat Pte. Whitehouse (Seringapatam) on points.
- Pte. Weston (Mons) beat Pte. Nelms (Sevastopol) in the first round.
- Pte. Bindon (Mons) beat Pte. 77 Sharp (Alma) in the third round.

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SERGEANTS' MESS.

And it came to pass on a certain day that the Aressem and the Mesprez did say unto the scribe: "Ho, scribbler, sit you down and write in the Rej-jurn the doings of the Dubbelyuohs and the Enseeohs since the time that the gentle moon has thrice waxed and waned again." And the scribe did put wood ashes on his head and did rend his apparel and wail, saying: "What doings have been done in the Dep Poh at the Hill of Mil that I may set them down on my tablets?"

And he sat him down pondering that he had one column of the Rej-jurn to fill so that those in the land of Pharaoh and those on the banks of the Col and those of the Tee Ay and all and sundry might hear tidings of the House of the Enseeohs in the County of Mid.

And he thought of the eleventh day of the eleventh month and the gathering of the Old Koms with the Enseeohs in the morning and the Twelfbatt who came, like the wise virgins with their lamps trimmed and burning, in the evening, and how they talked, and drank, and talked and sang, and his heart was filled with joy and gladness.

And then he thought of the dances and revels in the house of the muscle builders and the chariot that fell in the Slough of Despond, and the cruel winds which beat against the Hill of Mil and the feet that were frozen in the sandals as the wine was frozen in the goblets and his soul was sad and sank within him.

And thought of Huki the Hunter and the Keeper of the Book and how his "friends of the attic" had deserted him now that the winter was at hand and had

left his granary to seek one fuller and warmer.

And he thought himself of the chief scribe Bal Dwin, him that was sick of the Tummy, but is now healed, and living in the wilderness feeding on herbs and the milk of goats, raising his voice in lamentation saying, "Wine is a mocker, and brown ale is gastric."

And he thought of Patt the younger who goes to meet his elder brother in the Furstbatt on the banks of the Nile and again he grieved knowing how a ball that is bounced will not bounce in sand.

And he thought of Jen Kins who has gone to Col and of Rams Den, the Keeper of the King's Peace, who has taken his place; and of the muscle builder who has changed his sword and shield for the toga and of Esseye Day who has dawned upon the Dep Poh in his stead. And he thought of Pain Ter who came in the trirème from Africa and told wondrous tales of the mystic east and to all that had gone he wished godspeed and good luck and to those that had come in their place welcome.

And he thought and thought and thought, but his mind became as the well that is dried up in the desert and he reasoned with himself saying, "I cannot surely fill the book that is opened; perchance may I fare better with the Book that is shut."

And he hid himself sadly to the Hole of Glory and a voice came from the darkness saying, "Knock and it shall be opened unto you"—and he did—and it was. Selah.

CORPORALS' MESS.

By the time these notes are published everyone will have enjoyed his Christmas furlough and also got over his headache.

English and Scottish football results:— Sergeants, 2; Corporals, 1.

We will publish our excuses in the next Journal.

Cpl. Clarke and L./Cpl. Green have turned over a new leaf. The former has left the pretty girls alone and left L./Cpl. Grant with a clear field. The latter has not left the "dogs" alone, but the "dogs" have left him (broke). Cpl. Bennett has helped to increase the country's unemployment, i.e., son. We were not surprised, as a member of the Mess saw him buying five yards of calico.

We have held two whist drives and dances since the last quarter and they were both very successful. At the first we had the honour of playing the Corporals of the 2nd Battalion at football, the result being 2-1 in our favour. Sergeants, please note there is life in the old firm yet.

L./Cpl. Jaques is in a state of collapse; he has suffered a terrible blow. Four members of his quadruped friends have departed to the place where all pigs should go (stewpot).

We extend a hearty welcome to L./Cpl. Novelty (Ball) and L./Cpl. Four by Two (Lavalette) and hope they will enjoy their stay with us at the Depot.

TWO BLACKS.

DEPOT STAFF MEN.

This is the first time that notes recording the doings of the men on the Depot Staff have ever come to light, and may probably be the last, but if the Editor is in a kindly spirit I may get away with it.

As several of the men on the Staff have wondered why notes concerning them and their work have never been published before, I agreed to do so, the enormous sums of money offered to me having nothing whatever to do with it.

The first thing we all do is to congratulate Ptes. Tarling and Hobson on staying the full course for their Long Service and Good Conduct Medals. Many old friends of both serving Battalions will congratulate "Darcy" and "Johnny" in spirit, and may also wonder how it is done.

The Depot Staff men met and played the Corps of Drums of the 2nd Battalion at billiards which we won by 5 games to 1, although there was not much difference in the total combined scores. As we have beaten the Depot Corporals on our own table, we have only to play and beat the Sergeants to remain Depot "champs." I have been authorized to challenge the Sergeants to six games of 150 up on our table.

Football is still going strong and we hold fourth place in the Depot League and may possibly reach the top before the season is ended provided the teams above us are stricken with 'flu or "leaveitis."

Cooks may come and cooks may go, but "Bash" Hankins has gone for ever.

We hope he is doing well in making those mysteries for the 2nd Battalion.

Pte. Hazell is also leaving us for civilian life, having suddenly thought that he would like to do some work for a change. Anyway, we hope he does well. Stout fella, Nutty!

Several of the Staff men have re-engaged or extended. Some people will go to any lengths to avoid having to work for a living. I would, anyway.

The cigarette-card trade is doing well, many rare specimens of a picture of a fish being swapped for the ace of spades to complete a pack to scale.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

SINCE we wrote our last notes we have passed through the most uneventful period of the year, and, not discouraged by our progress during the past twelve months we enter the New Year with high intentions and vivid hope, determined to excel our Territorial efforts of the year that has sped its course.

We have furnished yet another Guard of Honour on an important municipal occasion. This was on October 5th, when the Earl of Athlone presented the new Borough of Finchley with its Charter. All members of the guard are to be complimented on their fine turn-out and bearing, which were commented on by the Earl of Athlone.

The deficiency in numbers at our Annual Armistice Church Parade and Service makes us painfully conscious of the indifference of too many members of the Battalion to what is really one of their most serious—if not solemn—obligations. It is the simple and shameful truth that by their absence they dishonour the fallen and "diminish the name and fame of the Battalion which has been handed on to them as a sacred trust."

A detachment, commanded by Capt. Bartram, represented the Battalion at the time-honoured Mayor's Service at Hornsey Parish Church on November 12th.

The averages in the Battalion shooting during the past year have been very satisfactory, and, as we have just said, we mean to excel those efforts during the coming year. Good shooting has ever

been regarded with satisfaction, for we have just been reading a dusty old record which states that the Battalion of our first generation—The Loyal Hampstead Volunteers—"fired with great dexterity on the heath" one holiday late in 1803.

Whilst on the matter of shooting, we should like to congratulate our recruits on their performance in the Byrne Challenge Cup. Each year they show consistent improvement, and on this occasion they were only five points behind the winners. We have great hopes that next year they will succeed in winning the trophy. Good luck to them!

The Battalion Individual Boxing Championships were held at Headquarters on Thursday, December 7th. The meeting was well attended, and a great success, except from a financial point of view. The standard of boxing appears, on the whole, to have improved since last year, and we look forward, not without hope, to some successes at the Brigade Championships. We should like to congratulate all those who took part. Everyone fought well, which was most encouraging, and we hope the same amount of grit will be displayed when our team takes part in the Brigade Championships in February. Space does not permit of our giving a too-detailed account of the tournament in this Journal, but any of the heroes who took part, and who would like to read about their battles, cannot do better than buy the *Hornsey Journal* for the week ending December 16th.

The fine old cedar tree which stood in the centre of our forecourt, to which we referred in a previous number of the Journal, has been removed, and its end was unworthy of a forest survivor, because it did not fall to the tune of the axe, to be drawn away with yule-log ceremony, but it was taken down with hardly a sound, and hurried away in a motor lorry, without a single touch of romance.

A disused and forgotten letterbox which was fixed beside our entrance gate was lately knocked to pieces with feelings not far removed from vengeance when it was found that a new and junior postman had eased our clerical labours by placing nearly two days' letters there in error.

BOXING.

The following are the results of the Battalion Individual Boxing Championships, held at Headquarters on Thursday, December 7th:—

Fly-weight.—Champion, Dmr. Sills, H.Q. Wing; runner-up, Pte. Smith, C Company.

Bantam-weight.—Champion, Pte. Dymond, C Company; runner-up, Pte. Meehan, A Company.

Feather-weight.—Champion, Pte. Nicholls, C Company (walk-over).

Light-weight.—Champion, Pte. Simmons, D Company; runner-up, Pte. Hunt, C Company.

Welter-weight.—Champion, Pte. Watts, D Company; runner-up, Pte. Webb, D Company.

Middle-weight.—Champion, L./Cpl. Desborough, D Company; runner-up, Pte. Nelson, D Company.

Light Heavy-weight.—Champion, Cpl. Tucker, D Company; runner-up, Pte. Bennett, C Company.

Heavy-weight.—Champion, L./Cpl. Cooper, D Company (walk-over).

The following novice weights were also decided:—

Feather-weight.—Winner, Pte. Avent, C Company; runner-up, Pte. Hartwell, B (S.) Company.

Light-weight.—Winner, Pte. Spedding, D Company; runner-up, Pte. Barratt, H.Q. Wing.

Welter-weight.—Winner, Pte. Hughes, B (S.) Company; runner-up, Pte. Bonner, C Company.

SHOOTING.

The annual competition for the Byrne Challenge Cup took place at Hornsey on Tuesday, November 28th, and resulted in a narrow win for the 1st Cadet Battalion by 5 points. The shooting was of a higher all-round standard than last year, and great keenness was displayed throughout the competition.

There was little to choose between our recruits. All were consistent, and the two top scorers—Ptes. Bare, A Company (37) and Thompson, D Company (37)—show, perhaps, the most promise for the future, although in practice Pte. Jones, B (S.) Company, (36) shot remarkably well.

It is pleasing to see the young material take to shooting with such keenness, and we shall have little to fear in the future if the same amount of enthusiasm is displayed.

The scores obtained were as follows:—
1st Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
—213 points.
Recruits, 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.—208 points.
3rd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
—183 points.

A COMPANY.

Once more another year faces us, and to give weight to this momentous thought a brief survey of our activities of the past three months is necessary.

Armistice Day and its attendant services have gone, and we can look back with a certain degree of pleasure to the numbers this Company found for the parades. The Battalion Church Parade was held on the Sunday prior to Armistice Day, and, while we could have had more on parade, we can congratulate ourselves on obtaining the highest percentage. We were pleased to see so many Old Comrades of A Company there, commanded by Col. Smith, though there were not as many as last year. Is it possible that the old adage "Old soldiers, etc.," is not quite true? On Armistice Day we were able to send some men to form part of a detachment sent to the Depot for the service at the Regimental War Memorial, while Capt. Bartram and 2/Lieut. Jefferson also attended. On the day after, Capt. Bartram commanded a detachment from the Battalion which was present at a service at Hornsey Parish Church, and which the Mayor of Hornsey inspected, expressing his pleasure at seeing so many men on parade.

On October 5th Capt. Bartram and several members of this Company had the honour of forming part of a Guard of Honour to the Earl and Countess of Athlone on the occasion of the presentation of a Charter to the Borough of Finchley. Subsequently the Adjutant, Capt. Bartram, the officers of the guard and the guard itself were entertained to lunch by the Council. Unfortunately the Quartermaster and our new R.S.M., whom we take this opportunity of welcoming, owing to the crowd, got wedged

in the saloon bar of the "Queen's Head" and were not able to get out until about three o'clock.

Recreation has taken up much of our time during this period, and this should be dealt with first. Badminton has been our forte, and we shudder to think of the number of "birds" which have been winged, and the rackets that have "Please, sir, broke in me hand, sir." With a view to being the first holders of the Battalion Badminton Championship, we held a Novices' Tournament in which Pte. Batchelor beat Pte. J. Crisford in the final. In the final of the Open Doubles 2/Lieut. Jefferson and Pte. Chamberlain beat C.S.M. Stevenson and Pte. Langley. We met B (S.) Company in the semi-final of the Battalion Championships, and won comfortably by three matches to nil, and are now looking forward to meeting D Company (though without a match—lucky devils) in the final some time in the New Year.

At boxing we are not so good. Our entries were very poor, and while congratulating our team (both of them), especially Pte. Meehan, who unluckily lost in the final of his weight, we cannot be proud of ourselves.

Despite the length of time allotted to it, we find musketry and weapon training creeping into recreational training as usual. In the King Cup we lost by a small margin to D Company, who have probably by this time won the pot, and therefore congratulations to them; but we gave "Scally" an uncomfortable few minutes in the application when we were only a few points behind at one period. We beat B (S.) Company, and if we can manage to beat C and H.Q. Companies we should get second place. In outside matches we had an enjoyable shooting and drinking match against the Highgate Police. We lost the shoot by 56 points, but won the drinking by about the same number of pints. Pte. Bare is to be congratulated on obtaining the equal highest score in the Byrne Cup against the Cadets.

Since our last notes our canteen has been taken over by the P.R.I., and with L./Cpl. Dickinson in charge, "full of strange oaths," the whole thing seems to be going with a swing.

2/Lieut. Jefferson, C.S.M. Knight and L./Cpl. Dickinson attended a P.T.

Course at Battalion Headquarters, and Cpl. ("Carnera") Hicks has just finished an L.G. Course at the L.D.S.I.

Finally two things: firstly, our thanks to Capt. J. M. Holt for the gift of glass sides to our sand-table; and, secondly, a prosperous New Year to everyone. It may be belated, but it is nevertheless sincere.

D COMPANY.

Once again the quiet quarter of the year has passed by, and before long we shall be thinking of W.W.T. competitions and Easter Musketry Camp. Apart from the rifle team and the Company Boxing, very little serious activity was to be seen in the Drill Hall up to Christmas.

In the miniature range we have done very well, winning all six matches fired. The following were the results, the highest possible individual score being 60:—

D Company, 424 (Lieut. Scott Lowe, 60; Pte. Binhammer, 60); University College School O.T.C., 409.

D Company, 437 (L./Cpl. Tassell, 60; Pte. Payne, 60); No. 4 Company, H.A.C., 384.

*D Company, 413 (Cpl. Allinson, 59); B Company, 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 366.

*D Company, 454 (Cpl. Allinson, 60); A Company, 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 421.

*D Company, 477 (Pte. Gibbins, 60); H.Q. Wing, 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 425.

*D Company, 399 (Pte. Coomber, 55); C Company, 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 306.

A very high standard was reached in some of these matches. In the one v. No. 4 Company, H.A.C., the team averaged 55, whilst in the King Cup shoot v. H.Q. Wing, the Battalion record score was raised by no less than 10 points, no mean achievement when one considers that two recruits have to be included in the team. Cpl. Allinson in particular is to be congratulated on his consistent shooting, whilst the rest of the team

* King Cup matches; team of nine.

played their part well in helping the Company to retain the King Cup.

Quite an amount of enthusiasm was evident in the boxing team, and no less than fourteen members disported themselves in the ring at the Battalion Individual Championships at Hornsey on December 7th. The following won their respective weights:—

L./Cpl. Cooper (heavy).
Cpl. Tucker (light heavy).
L./Cpl. Desborough (middle).
Pte. Watts (welter).
Pte. Simmons (light).
Pte. Spedding (novices' light).

Ptes. Nelson and Webb were runners-up in the middle-weight and welter-weight competitions. All the others who entered put up game fights, and the team as a whole are to be congratulated on their very successful showing. Pte. Simmons did particularly well, winning his first fight by a technical knock-out, and flooring his two other opponents for the count.

We turned out fifty strong at the Armistice Church Parade, a number slightly in excess of previous years, but a poor attendance for so large a Company. Members must make a strenuous effort to attend this parade in future. It is the only Battalion parade in the year (apart from Annual Training), and it is not too much to expect a Company turn-out of at least 100 in view of the occasion. We should like to compliment the Drums on their fine turn-out and playing on the line of march, although we heard but little at the tail-end of the column.

We did not supply our usual quota of men for the Battalion recruits' team for the Byrne Cup Competition, and whereas six of the VIII hailed from Tottenham last year the best we could manage this year was three and a reserve. Pte. Thompson is to be congratulated on obtaining top score, for which he was presented with a silver spoon.

Turning to the social side, we held two dances before the end of the year, each of which went off very well. We are holding these shows about once a month, but members of the Company must remember that in order to make the evening go with a swing they must turn up in large numbers, and bring their friends and relations with them (excluding maiden aunts and dogs).

8th BATTALION NOTES.

THE past quarter has been marked by intense activity at all Drill Halls in preparation for the "Assault-at-Arms" which was staged at our Prize Distribution on November 28th, when Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, D.S.O., Financial Secretary to the War Office, presented the prizes to the following:—

Col. Garner's Efficiency Cup.—C Company.

Col. Bott's Cup.—Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. S. A. Cox.

Ladies' Cup.—D Company.

The Herbert Cup.—H.Q. Wing.

Cross-Country Cup.—D Company.

Major Lawe's Challenge Cup.—H.Q. Wing.

Battalion Challenge Cup.—H.Q. Wing.

Col. Baker's Signalling Cup.—H.Q. Wing.

Col. Dam's Weapon Training Cup.—D Company.

Ladies of Whitton Challenge Cup.—H.Q. Wing.

Battalion Sports Cup.—B (S.) Company.

Montgomery Memorial Cup.—H.Q. Wing.

Col. Bott's Cup.—C Company.

Miniature Range Shield.—B (S.) Company.

Fenton Boxing Cup.—H.Q. Wing.

Isleworth Cup.—B (S.) Company.

Battalion Bugle Competition.—Dmr. H. Mobley.

Gamage's Football Cup.—H.Q. Wing.

Transport.—Best Limber or Wagon: Pte. Hazell. Best Groom: Pte. Eyles.

The Assault was arranged and produced by Capt. J. E. Dobbs, M.C., and those who took active part know the tremendous amount of work he put in to make it the success it was.

On Armistice Day we held our usual memorial service at Hounslow Drill Hall, which was well attended. Major H. C. Ellis, O.B.E., as the Battalion representative, attended the service at the Depot and laid a wreath on the Regimental Memorial.

The Officers' Reunion Dinner was held at Hounslow Drill Hall on October 11th, 1933, and many old friends attended, resulting in a very cheery evening, but we

fear that Sergt. Reeve was late home to breakfast.

A detachment and a party of Old Comrades were in attendance at the unveiling on October 22nd, by Major Wollocombe, of one of the six drums carried by the 11th Battalion in the Great War, which has now been hung in Staines Parish Church, the gift of Capt. W. R. Lowe, D.S.O., M.C.

Capt. Dobbs has left us on completion of his tour as Adjutant, and he and Mrs. Dobbs take with them to Egypt our very best wishes for their future happiness. We shall miss them greatly.

In his stead we welcome Capt. Reid and hope he will enjoy his stay with the 8th Battalion.

R.S.M. Goodall has gone back to the 1st Battalion, and C.S.M. C. W. Cook, D.C.M., has been appointed in his place. To them both we extend our best wishes, and to the latter our congratulations on his appointment.

All companies are now working hard on Individual and Section Training in preparation for next year's Camp, keeping something more than half an eye on the Brigade Trophies.

By the way, a new and very handsome trophy is to be awarded in future. Presented by Mr. De Salis, the Chairman of the County Association, it is, we understand, though the conditions have not yet been issued, to be given annually to the Unit having the best-kept Drill Hall administered by the Association. We look forward to seeing our name on this.

HEADQUARTER WING.

The chief item of interest to submit to our readers this quarter is a brief account of the very successful Battalion prize-giving. Full details of this will doubtless be found in the Battalion notes, from which it will be seen that of the dozen or so cups and trophies presented we were the proud recipients of seven. Our success must chiefly be attributed to the energies of our P.S.I., Sergt.-Major Goodall, backed up by keen N.C.Os. and men with the will to win, and we congratulate all ranks on the successes achieved. Sergt.-Major Goodall has now unfortunately left us to join the 1st Battalion, and our good

wishes go with him. In his place we welcome Sergt.-Major Hewett of the 2nd Battalion.

The Assault-at-Arms which followed the prize giving was full of interest, and a first venture which everyone voted a very successful enterprise and reflecting great credit on all Companies taking part. Our Signal Section took part in the "Battle of Hanworth" and very quickly opened their Station with field telephone, flag and lamp in operation, and hardly had time to get clear before B (S.) Company had their machine guns in action. The Band, under the baton of Bandmaster Groves, ably rendered the musical accompaniment to the various items, and the Drums had the arena to themselves for their stirring performance. Drum-Major Furze wielded his staff with confidence and we hope before long to see him give it a toss!

It was with deep regret we had to say good-bye to our Adjutant, Capt. Dobbs, who always showed a keen interest in our welfare. An N.C.Os' Social was held in the club rooms to give him a hearty send off, and during the musical items light refreshments were served. The Commanding Officer and Company Officers were in attendance, and a very jolly evening was spent.

The Battalion Boxing Competitions are to be held shortly, and our team are in strict training to retain, we hope, the Fenton Cup. Our new punch-ball is providing very useful practice. Ptes. Sharpe, Charles and Baker fought at a meeting organized by the A.A. Searchlight Section at Southall, and we congratulate Pte. Charles on entering the finals, to be fought on January 9th.

Our football team are doing better this season and have so far only lost two league matches.

Shooting is still proving a popular attraction and we recently had a small bore match with the 44th (H.C.) Div. R.A.S.C. Our team put up the excellent score of 640, to which Lieut. Cox contributed the H.P. score in all three practices. Our opponents scored 435.

When the Drill Hall opens again after Christmas we shall soon be busy with training, and the N.C.Os. are having special classes.

Our new Adjutant, Capt. Reid, has now joined us and we accord him and Mrs. Reid a very hearty welcome.

Congratulations to the Transport Section on so nearly winning the Albuhera Cup which, by only a few points, went to the 9th Battalion.

We close our contribution by wishing all our readers a bright and happy New Year.

A COMPANY.

We take the first opportunity of welcoming to the Battalion Capt. Reid, who has taken over the duties of Adjutant, and we wish him a happy stay with us. Also we wish Capt. Dobbs, who has now left us, the best of luck.

During this quarter we have had a welcome increase in the officers, and we welcome to our fold Lieut. Miskin, who is no stranger to the Company, also 2/Lieut. Day, and hope they will enjoy their stay with us.

As regards training, during the past quarter there was not much done seriously owing to the Assault-at-Arms; but the N.C.Os. and men who took part are to be congratulated on putting up such a splendid performance in public, which should help considerably in recruiting for the Battalion.

We are now busily engaged with the N.C.Os' classes in preparation for Individual Training, which starts in the middle of January.

We have had some very interesting tournaments during October. Firstly, we had a shoot and billiard tournament with a civilian club, in which we won both events. Next we entertained C Company to a shoot and dart match, which we also won; but in the return match at Staines C Company beat us at shooting though we still showed our skill at darts. We are looking forward to more of these miniature range shoots and dart matches, so what about it, B and D Companies?

We are not playing much football at present, but one game that should be mentioned was that against the officers, played on our ground in October. This was a closely contested game in which we just proved the victors by three goals to one.

B (S.) COMPANY.

Our notes this quarter open with a mention of the Field Firing practice which was held this year at Ash Ranges on October 1st. A very fair proportion of N.C.Os. and men attended to take part in a tactical exercise involving three phases of a battle, and considerable value was obtained from the fire direction problems which arose. We can mention with pride that we actually registered some very good groups in the Indirect part of the Shoot.

The next item of interest was the task allotted to us in the Assault-at-Arms. The Company provided a Section of Guns which, upon entering the hall, received orders by means of a motor cyclist orderly, and came into action firing blank ammunition, and engaged an enemy as indicated by the Section Commander on a landscape target.

The difficulties of carrying this out successfully in a confined space are very real, and C.S.M. Nash is to be congratulated on the excellent work of his team, and, incidentally, on the life-like limber which he made. We must express our appreciation of the hard work of Sergt. Bartlett and his Section.

Our thoughts are now turning to the forthcoming N.C.Os'. Classes, and the commencement of Individual Training. The motto for every man from now on should be "One parade a week regularly without fail."

Turning to the social side, we are pleased to note the advent of a few more comfortable chairs in the club rooms, and hope that more members of the Company will turn up to use them.

As usual we have more movements among the officers to record. Lieut. E. Miskin has been transferred to A Company and his absence will be sorely felt. We welcome to the Company Lieuts. J. Cloutte and E. C. K. Sadler, and hope that their stay will be longer than some of those we have experienced recently.

We have to say farewell to our Adjutant Capt. J. E. Dobbs, M.C., who left us to rejoin the 1st Battalion, and on December 1st we were privileged to organize a farewell dance to him and Mrs. Dobbs to which every Company in the Battalion sent representatives. We believe that they will long remember "Auld Lang

Syne," and we wish them good fortune and *bon voyage* when they leave the shores of England. To his successor, Capt. J. Reid, and Mrs. Reid, we extend a very hearty welcome and hope that he may enjoy his tour of duty with us.

C COMPANY.

Our Company Commander (Major R. B. Hirst) has left us to take up the duties of Second-in-Command of the Battalion. We are very sorry to lose him, and wish him the best of luck in his new command.

We welcome Lieut. T. L. Marks as our new C.C.

On October 25th we journeyed to Hampton to meet our Sister Company at a darts and shooting match, but unfortunately we lost by a small margin, although we spent a very pleasant evening. The return match took place at Staines on November 3rd when we had our revenge. We all thoroughly enjoyed both evenings and are looking forward to the rubber.

The 10th of November was set aside for a social for the Staines Branch Old Comrades when a most enjoyable evening was spent. The strength of our Old Comrades goes up by leaps and bounds; they now number over 35.

The Assault-at-Arms held on November 28th was a great success (see notes elsewhere) and we must congratulate the members of C Company for presenting a really good display. We should like to remark that we are all sorry that Capt. J. E. Dobbs (our late Adjutant) has left us, and we wish him and Mrs. Dobbs the best of good fortune.

We also welcome Capt. J. G. E. Reid as our new Adjutant, and may his tour with us be a happy one.

We welcome 2/Lieut. E. A. Day to the Company.

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D COMPANY.

The time of strenuous preparation for the Assault-at-Arms has left us all a little breathless. Night after night a guard of a picked N.C.O. and men was paraded under the P.S.I. who strove to make them the best guard the Battalion has ever produced, and although we say it ourselves

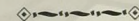
we succeeded. After the Guard came the bayonet fencers. They were new to the game but very keen, and here again C.S.M. Barber succeeded, not only imparting his knowledge of the art but also some of his skill.

The Battalion Prize-giving and Assault-at-Arms was held on November 28th, 1933. The first event was Guard Mounting by D Company, and it was obvious to all that in smartness and efficiency our Guard would require some beating. It was commanded by Cpl. G. Jones and was mounted by Lieut. E. C. K. Sadler, in the absence of 2/Lieut. K. E. Turner. The Bayonet came on later in the programme, and the contestants gave a good account of themselves. We are indebted to C.S.M. Barber for the hard work which he put in and which, in the end, assisted in making the Assault-at-Arms the great success it undoubtedly was.

N.C.Os'. Training is now in full swing, and it is hoped that the results will manifest themselves in the work of the coming year. Following that comes Winter Weapon Training, and we are determined to carry the trophies which are offered back to Uxbridge, their natural home.

We congratulate C.S.M. and Mrs. Barber on an addition to their family. We welcome 2/Lieut. Turner back to the Company after a short stay with the 7th Battalion.

Since the last issue of the Journal we have lost a familiar figure in the Drill Hall, an old friend of the Company, Mr. B. Masterson. He was an ex-Colour-Sergeant of the Regiment with many years' service. He died on November 9th, 1933. The bearers were N.C.Os. of the Company. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Masterson and the family in their loss.



9th BATTALION NOTES.

It is once again a pleasure to be able to record the progress of the 9th Battalion in a spirit of justifiable optimism. We know that we are going forward and, like the snowball, gaining impetus and weight on the way, as one successful event is hardly finished before we are preparing for those that follow. The enthusiasm

which makes all these things possible is due to the new and revived *esprit de corps* which permeates all ranks. Many old soldiers would indeed be surprised could they see our N.C.Os., young and old, fat and thin, single or married, practising rapid loading in every available spare corner. There are some who declare that this new cult owes its popularity to the wonderful thirst acquired in its practice, but we do not heed them, as their bitterness is born of envy. Fortnightly lectures have been held at Pound Lane with great success. The majority of these have been given by the Commanding Officer who, by making instruction exceedingly interesting, has given a new and inspired atmosphere to the study of tactics. We are also grateful to Major Wollocombe, whose very instructive lecture on "Mons, 1914" was appreciated by all ranks, and to Flight-Lieut. Burns of the R.A.F., whose lecture on the Royal Air Force cleared up many points of interest for all of us.

A Tactical Exercise was held at Forest Row on October 21st and 22nd. This was noteworthy for many reasons. The writer, as the only lay member of an otherwise purely legal syndicate, found that cross-examination, when prolonged over a period of about twenty-four hours, is most exhausting. The controversy concerning the twenty enemy lorries, and the blankets contained therein, was worthy of a more fitting arena for debate. If there is any appeal against the verdict we hope that we may be present at the hearing.

The Annual Prize Distribution was held on Saturday, December 9th. Colonel Blumfeld very kindly presented the prizes and the evening was a great success. The film of the Willesden Charter Day Celebrations was shown afterwards. We feel that it was fortunate that this was a silent picture, nevertheless those of us whose charms were shown to advantage are expecting daily the call to Hollywood with the consequent lure of fabulous salaries and the knowledge that henceforth our Mess bills will be paid by return or on the first of the month, or perhaps even in advance. We are not fully acquainted with the technical phraseology of film making, but knowing enough to be able to state without fear of contradiction that

the worthy producers of the Willesden film made the best use of what is known professionally as the "fade out."

The Battalion Rifle Club continues to progress very rapidly. More than fifty members are seen on the miniature range every Sunday morning. Thanks are due to Sergt. Jones who has devoted prodigious energy to the organization of the club, and to C.S.M. Boen who has given every possible assistance.

With such enthusiasm there can be no doubt the 9th Battalion is a live show.

A COMPANY.

The quarter has been a quiet one. Owing to the cut in the grant for fares there have been no regular parades except for N.C.Os. and recruits. The rest of the Company have, however, been able to shoot on the miniature range on Sunday mornings, and to do physical training and boxing under C.S.M. Sewell on Tuesday evenings, and under L./Cpl. Treeves on Sunday mornings.

For the N.C.Os. there was a very successful Tactical Exercise on Sunday, October 15th, on Stanmore Common, where fourteen N.C.Os. and officers of A Company practised a "fighting patrol in close country." The proceedings included some nice games of bears and Red Indians. We also got a bit of practice at disguising ourselves as blades of grass, and proved the truth of Napoleon's saying that "an army marches on its stomach." (But not for long, O Lord.)

At the Promotion Examination on December 12th L./Cpl. Treeves, L./Cpl. Hylton and Pte. Perrett all passed. Treeves gained first place out of twelve candidates, with over 80 per cent. of full marks, and Perrett gained third place. In view of this success, and of excellent work for the Company in other respects, the C.O. has promoted Treeves to full Corporal and Perrett to Lance-Corporal. Well done both!

On December 14th we had our first Company Dinner for thirty-three years, if not the first in the history of the Company. It was a very cheery show, and we hope to have one every year in future.

B (S.) COMPANY.

Time brings changes: Capt. Hardcastle to D.

Looking back, what memories that name will conjure up in our minds! The change over from a rifle Company to Machine Gunners—Chipperfield! Colchester!! Flamstead!!!

We remember when he first commanded B as a typical Boy Officer, at Annual Camp—later to B again as Company Commander. Who will forget that tense scene at Purfleet as we awaited the scores, and the excitement when we knew we were the first Company to win the Perrin Trophy.

May good luck attend him, and may he bring D to the state of efficiency for which the old D of war-time memory was so justly celebrated.

To Capt. Hogg—a hearty welcome. He will find his N.C.Os. in B just one happy family, who will do all that lies in their power to help him with the Company.

Our congratulations to: C.S.M. Boen on the progress the recruits have shown and also on his work with the N.C.O. Classes; L./Sergt. Jones on winning the Individual Cup as best N.C.O. in the Battalion (good, Reg!); Cpl. Yelland on winning the British Legion Cup, its best Machine Gunner of the year (good lad!); Pte. Atkinson on his discharge from Hospital (where he was taken from Camp) in time to spend Christmas at home; Cpl. Brown on his discharge to the Regular Army—to Depot, Mill Hill, in fact.

Now, this last item is not really sincere. We feel very sore at heart on the number of good lads that leave B for the Regular Army. Surely B must hold the record in this direction. We heartily endorse what a certain senior Other Rank in B said: "How the h—l can we win anything when men like young Phil (Brown) are hopping off every five minutes to join the ——— Regulars." Still, good luck, Phil boy, and we feel that you are on the right track in making the Army your profession, and more than glad that you elected to remain a Die-Hard.

Last but not least, our hearty congratulations to Capt. L. C. Wright on his promotion.

C COMPANY.

As it is going to be impossible to write these notes in full without filling the Journal (and there are others who want to say something) they will have to be done in precis form.

On Friday, October 6th, we had a shoot *v.* Hamiltons Brush Factory (the crack shots of the district) with the following results:—

C Company and Old Comrades.—Major H. Sherwood, T.D., 97; C.S.M. Todman, 95; C.S.M. Allen, 90; L./Cpl. Mascal, 86; Mr. Elphick, 97; Mr. Bates, 92; Mr. Foskett, 94; Mr. Fennemore, 91; total, 566.

Hamilton Brush R.C.—J. Ward, 100; L. Hide, 93; H. Byfield, 88; H. Miller, 88; A. Hurley, 93; J. Easy, 92; H. Leper, 90; J. Fearson, 91; total, 559.

(Best six to count.)

We held our Armistice Service on November 5th, the strength of the Company being 44, and the Old Comrades about 80. We were honoured by the presence of Col. Beach, the Commanding Officer, and the Adjutant. Drum-Major Bray sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille" for the service, and the Band was in attendance. As in previous years, Major Sherwood supplied tea for everybody, and Mrs. Sherwood, with the friends she had recruited, went round with the tea and plates of cakes, etc.

Our boxers are in good training for the Battalion Boxing Tournament (we must retain that cup), and to gain extra experience for them Major Sherwood arranged a series of contests with the R.A.F. at Northolt. This was an enjoyable evening and we hope to have a return match with them in the near future. In addition to our Battalion representatives the numbers of the Company who fought were Ptes. Catchpole, Gravestock, Prowse, North and Muncer. The latter was fixed up with a fight at the last moment as he asked on the way down if he could fight, otherwise he started out as a spectator.

We would like to congratulate the members of the Company who went in for the promotion examination, on the results of their special efforts, Pte. Powell in particular in coming out top for promotion to Corporal.

On the night of our Company Dinner, held on December 2nd, we were very unfortunate not to have our Company Commander, Major H. Sherwood, T.D., with us. He was ill in bed with the 'flu, and narrowly missed having pneumonia. He is still ill now. We hope he will soon be fit and about again. Numbers this year were not so good as in previous years, only 87 attending, but all those that did attend enjoyed it (and the free round of beer sent by Major Sherwood).

The following Saturday saw us at Battalion Headquarters for the Battalion Prize-giving, when we were lucky enough to receive thirteen prizes, quite an achievement some people say. Anyway, we won't boast about it although we are very pleased to have done so well, and we hope to do as well in 1934.

We are now looking forward to the New Year to get down to serious training, ready for the Boxing Cup and Sherwood Shield.

SEA.

D COMPANY.

There is but little to record for the past quarter, owing to the fact that the three months have been devoted to N.C.Os' training, and in this connection we are pleased to say that Cpl. Large found time to attend the Weapon Training Course at the London District School of Instruction, and Cpl. Meek and L./Cpl. Heath attended the N.C.Os' Course at Pound Lane. Good reports were received about all three N.C.Os., and the next three months will prove the value of the instruction they received.

On the social side there has been considerable activity. There are dances in the Drill Hall every Saturday night. These are very well attended, and very well run, and any members of the Regiment attending in uniform will not only receive a hearty welcome but will also be admitted at half price.

So far as boxing is concerned, again there has been considerable activity, which terminated in a very enjoyable evening when the Polytechnic Club sent a team to fight against the Hendon Boxing Club. The Hendon Boxing Club was somewhat outclassed, but the fighting was good, and the large crowd, by their hearty applause,

signified their approval of the contests. We hope that the meeting will be repeated in the near future.

Just before Christmas we had the usual Christmas Shoot, which was a most successful function as the result of the energy of the Committee responsible for obtaining the prizes.

H.Q. WING.

The Wing continues to be the nerve centre of the Battalion. Even the duty companies admit that we have plenty of nerve and we must live up to our reputation. The best parade so far took place on Bounty night, when a number of strange faces, and in some cases unduly hopeful faces, appeared at Headquarters. Chief interest is now centred in the Wing dinner which is to be held in January, and our C.S.M. is getting in training for it. The Signallers are practising hard with dots and dashes, being fully determined to do big things again next year, and the Transport Section have won the Albuhera Cup. The Drums have not yet learned the truth of the axiom "Silence is Golden," and weird noises may still be heard coming from the most unlikely places. Mustard pots continue to occupy the time of a certain person who is preparing a thesis on the subject entitled "Across the Lesser Zab with a Mustard Pot," by ex-Drummer Y.X.

IN VINO VERITAS.

COOK HOUSE CHRONICLES.

We have been very busy in the cook-house lately. Several competitions have been won and lost, including that run by the Quartermaster, who promised a prize of twenty Woodbines for the best suggested name for a stew. He has now got sufficient names to give the troops a different kind every day during Camp. Of course we shall devote one day to roast beef, baked potatoes, beans, and currant roll—the boys love that.

There have been many rumours in circulation regarding the mysterious blonde beauty that was seen hovering in the vicinity of our Cookhouse last camp. It is believed that she was anxious to steal the secret of our Sergt. Brooks's suet roll for a foreign power, and speculation has been rife. Cpl. Barnett trailed her

for some miles without success. It is also thought that when she was caught searching one of our cooks while he was sleeping, that she was after the plans of the Aldershot Oven—at least so the cook in question told his wife, who had come into the lines unexpectedly. The provost sergeant swears that if she comes near our lines again he will put her in the guard room.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

The Annual General Mess Meeting was held on Sunday, November 19th. The principal item of interest was the election of officers for the ensuing year, C.S.M. Prowse, M.M., becoming Mess President in the place of C.Q.M.S. J. Shand.

We congratulate "Jimmy" on the healthy financial state of the Mess, and look forward to a successful year, more especially so, as we are so fortunate to have "Lou" Morris once again as caterer.

Our "Ladies' Night" took place on Friday, December 8th, when members and friends enjoyed one of the happiest evenings imaginable, with a whist drive (and prizes), dances (Paul Jones), music and song. We were pleased that those with children brought them, as they were easily accommodated and amused in the Main Hall with games. So now, you ladies with little ones, don't make them your excuse for not attending our next Ladies' Night on the last Thursday in January, and bring your music, and your musical friends, along with you.

Saturday nights are busy ones with us, and December 9th was no exception, being Annual Prize Distribution. Among the many visitors that evening to our Mess we were gratified to have the honour of entertaining Alderman Hiscocks, Willesden's first Mayor. We hope he repeats his visit often.

Another gratifying feature is the increasing number of members attending on Saturday nights in uniform.

Lastly, our best wishes to our new C.O., Lieut.-Col. J. N. Lamont, M.C., T.D., and we feel that with his guidance and our hearty co-operation, the Battalion has not only a great past but a greater future.

11th BATTALION NOTES.

AS a memorial to the Battalion, by whom it was carried during the war, a drum, supported by a massive mural tablet, was unveiled at St. Mary's Church, Staines, on Sunday, October 22nd.

The drum itself was presented to the church some twelve years ago, and recently experts have effected necessary restorations without sacrificing any of its honoured blemishes. The tablet on which it is hung—embodying the Regimental Crest in splendid colour effect—was designed by Mr. Ralph Low, of Staines, through whose offices the restoration of the drum was effected.

The cost of the slab has been borne by a well-known resident of Staines who wishes to remain anonymous.

A framed reference hangs near by the memorial, the first sentence of which is inscribed on the tablet. This reference reads as follows:—

"The drum above this tablet is one of six carried by the 11th Battalion Middlesex Regiment during the Great War. It was at Loos, on the Somme, at Arras and Cambrai. In February, 1918, the 11th Battalion was disbanded and the drums were handed over to the 2nd Battalion. This Battalion carried them through the hard fighting in March, when they nearly fell into the hands of the enemy, but they were carried in the final advance and in triumph to Douai.

"This drum was presented to the O.C. 2nd Battalion, who promised it should be preserved as a memorial of the gallant 11th Battalion, and was presented to the church by the Middlesex Regiment, March 21st, 1921."

A guard of honour was furnished by C Company of the 8th Battalion and the 11th Battalion was represented by its last Commanding Officer and Adjutant, one Company Commander and several other ranks. In addition the local branches of the Old Contemptibles, Boy Scouts and Cubs were all well represented, and there was a large congregation in the church for the unveiling ceremony.

NOTICES.

LEGACIES.

WE have recently been struck by the notices which have appeared in the Press concerning sums of money left in their wills by ex-members of the Fighting Services to be used for the benefit of ex other ranks in their former regiments, corps, etc.

Such bequests enable officers and other ranks deeply interested in the welfare of their units to ensure that the help they have given whilst alive will continue after they have gone.

The need for such financial aid never grows less, and it is hoped that, following the example given, members of this Regiment will make provision in their wills for such sums as can be spared for this purpose to be left to the Old Comrades' Association.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary,
Middlesex Regimental Association.

November 6th, 1933.

My DEAR SIR,

Many thanks for the excellent entertainment you gave us on Saturday evening, which I greatly enjoyed.

Please accept the enclosed as a small donation to your Association's Fund, to which I wish all success.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,
J. S. CRONE.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

London, S.W.1.

January 16th, 1934.

DEAR SIR,

I have just completed reading "With the Guards We Shall Go," by Mabel Countess of Airlie, published by Hodder and Stoughton. The book consists of a collection of letters written by Lieut.-Col. Strange of the Scots Fusilier Guards (now The Scots Guards) whilst with his regiment in the Crimea, 1854-55. There are several references to the 57th and 77th Regiments which are very pleasing to read. Lieut.-Col. Straton, who

succeeded Lieut.-Col. Egerton, 77th, was a great personal friend of Col. Strange.

It is obvious that both the 57th and 77th were held in high esteem by the Brigade of Guards at that time, and history repeated itself in 1923-26 at Aldershot when, on the occasion of the 1st Middlesex leaving the 1st (Guards) Brigade, the officers presented the battalion with a magnificent silver statuette of a guardsman which is a treasured possession of the Officers' Mess.

Below are some of the more interesting references:—

Pages 224-225.

Col. Strange had been sent to visit his guardsmen in hospital at Scutari and Smyrna and had written home in glowing terms of the arrangements that had been made at the latter place.

To quote his own words: "Over all reigned a military Commandant, an arrangement which worked admirably under the tact and ability of Col. Powell of the 57th Regiment. . . ."

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Writing on the 27th April, 1855 about the capture of the Russian rifle pits which were carried by the 77th Regiment he says:—

"The Russian rifle pits were seized by the French on the night of 13th April, but the Russians fought grimly again for them on the 23rd and 24th, and remained their masters.

"It was on a lodgment such as these, but more distant, that the English made a successful attack on the 19th April, when the impetuous and intrepid Colonel Egerton lost his life. Its importance to the Russians was manifested when the whole strength of the famous Vladimir Regiment, reinforced by volunteers from other regiments, was seen advancing to drive out our soldiers from the 'lodgment.' The resolution of our force again defeated this imposing display of strength, and the lodgment remained ours, though its brilliant capture had cost the life of one of England's most gallant soldiers.

"27th April.

"The 77th, now Straton's regiment, did a gallant thing the other night: carried the Russian Rifle Pits at the point of the

Bayonet, without firing a shot; but, unluckily, they lost their brave Colonel, poor Egerton: a very nice fellow, and good soldier and a friend of mine. So that Straton now commands the regiment."

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Writing home to his father describing the attack on the Redan on 18th June, 1855, he says:—

"Among the storming party were the gallant 57th to whom their commander addressed at Albuera the apostrophe '57th Die Hard!' They never obeyed that famous commander to greater purpose than on the day in the Crimea, when they 'climbed over from Life to Death' at the Redan, on the anniversary of Waterloo."

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In another letter he tells of his friendship with Lieut.-Col. Straton:—

"I long for R. Straton to come back, as I am very fond of him and he makes me laugh always. He has such a melancholy way of talking about everything. He will make a first-rate commanding officer and I am glad he has got it for nothing." (Lieut.-Col. Straton did not have to purchase his Lieutenant-Colonelcy which at that time could be as much as £4,440, according to Fox Maules estimate in 1849.)

Yours truly,

H. W. M. STEWART,

Major.

THE WENTWORTH (FORMERLY 77TH) REGIMENT CANADIAN MILITIA.

DUNDAS, ONTARIO,
CANADA.

January 6th, 1934.

To the Editor, "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

It is my privilege, on behalf of the Wentworth Regiment, to convey their greetings to The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own).

By the time this article reaches you, Lieut.-Col. Armand Smith, M.C., our Commanding Officer, will be on his way to pay a visit to your Regiment at Mill

Hill. We feel that in the past there has been too little communication between us—not that we are unmindful or intentionally remiss in this respect, as scarcely a Mess meeting passes without some mention of our Allied Regiment, and there is a growing feeling that the tie which binds us should be drawn somewhat closer. Accordingly, I enclose a brief account of recent activities, using the privilege of what I may term a sort of patriarchal association by reason of having been, prior to my connection with the Wentworth Regiment, a wandering mercenary whose itinerary has stretched, in space over three continents and, in time, nigh on half a century and under three British Sovereigns. Unrestrained, then, by the modesty felt by Col. Smith and his officers in regard to their recent excellent military performances, I offer this faithful and unbiassed account—

First, a word as to our Commanding Officer. Col. Smith joined the 77th Regiment as a subaltern early in the year 1909 while yet a stripling scarcely eighteen years old. The son of a Senator and a descendant of those pioneers of Greater Britain who preferred exile rather than foreswear fealty to their lawful Sovereign he, by the same token of loyalty, girded on the sword while the Great War was yet in its early stages, and in the many engagements in which he took part commanded successively a company and a battalion; for gallantry at Amiens he was awarded the Military Cross. The war over, Major Smith went to the Reserve, the while he set himself to the burden of managing the estate of E. D. Smith & Sons, at Winona, in the Niagara Peninsula, from which fair paradise the attar of their famous roses perfumes many a Canadian home and the product of their luscious fruits are famed throughout Canada and in the lands beyond the seas. He was not however to remain inactive from military work and in January, 1931, by the unanimous wish of the officers of the Regiment, was recalled and given command with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. How well their faith in him was grounded is shown in the fact that his resourcefulness, his enthusiasm, his ceaseless and untiring energy have permeated all ranks with an *esprit de corps* that has become the animating spirit of the Regiment, and not a meaningless jargon of words.

The efficiency of the Militia Regiments in Canada is gauged, to a great extent, by a scheme produced through the efforts of the Infantry Association, and which awards marks for the various phases of training and for administration. For the year 1932 the Regiment stood seventh in the order of merit; it stood at the head of all the rural units in this, the largest military district in Canada, and higher than many city units whose centralized location and greater recruiting facilities give them an advantage in which the Wentworth Regiment does not share. As for the year 1933, results have not reached us, but I take full responsibility for the prophesy that the Regiment will be at, or very close to, the top of the list.

Figures of merit, however, will convey but little information to your readers; rather let me try to show how much can be done by intensive training in circumstances which admit of holding but one drill a week, and that one drill restricted to a short period each year. The work of the Canadian Expeditionary Force bears eloquent testimony as to how much can be made of raw material, and as I stood on parade just a month ago, when the District Commander made his annual inspection, I marvelled at the assembly of what, a couple of hours previous, had been a part of the civilian population—the mechanic at his trade, the clerk at his desk, the fruit farmer, the truck driver, the labourer, the younger fellows at school. But now, look! Here they are transformed, uniformed, straightened, alert, their brasses and steel glittering in the over-hanging lights*. Col. Smith takes command of the parade, and a brief moment precedes the first command. Was that pause a test to ascertain if these citizen soldiers could stand? If so it told! Not a move—a silence almost deathlike! "March on the Colours." As these symbols of majesty and tradition moved slowly to their allotted position to appropriate music, they were received in a manner befitting the occasion; the Brigade Commander and his staff take post. And now approaches the General, a tall and dominant figure who bears upon his body not only the honours, but

* Excepting when the troops are encamped for training, parades are held in the evening and generally under cover in the Armouries.

also the scars of the battlefield—his staff follow. And then the March Past. But here let me take the privilege of an old soldier to sound the trumpet of the past. I have seen many parades and other military spectacles; I have marched with the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) when brigaded with the Middlesex Regiment in 1885-6, when side by side the two Regiments marched to the Long Valley in Aldershot for inspection by the Duke of Cambridge (I wonder how many are living who took part in that long day in marching order?); I saw the spectacle at the Diamond Jubilee of H.M. Queen Victoria (again in Aldershot) in 1897; I have trodden the sandy wastes of the Sudan and the open veldt in South Africa; I have seen nearly all that is possible for a soldier to see in peace and war; and I have thought myself inured, too hard to be affected by any "pomp and circumstance." And yet, scarcely had the big drum beaten twice, three times, as we swung into position for the March Past, when two score years seemed to fall from my shoulders, the blood in my veins quickened and once more in fancy I was a young soldier marching with the same rhythm, in my Regiment, in the dim past! My apologies for this, perhaps, foolish digression, and I made it only for the purpose of vainly trying to describe the "atmosphere" on this occasion. Have you felt it, dear reader? It might have been easier if I had called it the outward and material manifestation of an inward and spiritual quality—of *esprit de corps*! So much for sentiment, but let me get back on parade. The inspection proceeds and various exercises are carried out to the satisfaction of the General and the many interested spectators. Throughout the inspection was a decided success, and had any members of our Allied Regiment been present I hazard the opinion they would have said with me, "Well done, The Wentworths;" and I may add they probably would have admitted that the performance would have done credit to a battalion of regular troops. Tonight these men are soldiers, but tomorrow each will resume his role and merge once more into the civil population.

I have yet much to say, but I fear my pen has carried me away and that your patience will be exhausted, and so

I will leave further matters for another day. But I hope, should this contribution be acceptable, to give further news of the Wentworth Regiment, and particularly of their success in the field of sport.

Very truly yours,
ITINERANT SOLDIER.

3, Frampton Road,
Hounslow.

November 23rd, 1933.

SIR,

Will you please thank one and all for the honour you paid my late husband. I shall always look upon it as a tribute of sympathy and respect. Also for the beautiful wreath sent. Words cannot express my gratitude, so you must take my heartfelt thanks.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
R. SHEPHERD.

120, Waterloo Road,
Uxbridge.

November 20th, 1933.

DEAR SIR,

Please will you accept my sincere thanks for the beautiful wreath so kindly sent, and for the honour of having a representative of the dear old Regiment for my husband's funeral. We were able, by the kindly help of Capt. Hartley, to carry on with everything just as my husband would have wished, for his heart was always with you all.

Yours sincerely,
MRS. F. E. MASTERSON.

OBITUARY.

MAJOR HUGH GILMORE MONEY.

We regret to announce the death of Major Hugh Gilmore Money at the age of 44, on November 17th, at Wimborne, after a long and painful illness, which he bore most gallantly.

He was educated at Bedford School and R.M.A. Woolwich (Infantry Company). He was gazetted to The Middlesex Regiment in 1909, joining the 3rd

Ex-COLOUR-SERGEANT ROBERT MASTERSON.

We regret to announce the death of Pensioner Clr.-Sergt. Masterson which occurred suddenly at the age of 54 on November 10th. The funeral took place at Uxbridge Cemetery on November 14th, when a bearer-party was furnished by the 8th Battalion. The principal mourners were Mrs. Masterson (widow) and Mr. Masterton (brother). Among others present were Lieut.-Col. English, Mr. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Buckingham, Mr. West, C.S.M. Barber (Grenadier Guards) and Sergt. R. Smith (Depot). There were many wreaths, including one from the Regimental Association.

This Old Comrade joined in 1898 and served with the 2nd Battalion in the South African War. He afterwards served with the 3rd Battalion in South Africa, Hong Kong and Singapore, and also in France with that Battalion. He was discharged to pension in 1919. He leaves a widow and two young children, to whom we tender our sympathy in their bereavement.

Ex-SERGEANT RICHARD DONALD SHEPHERD.

We also regret to record the death, on November 13th last, of this Old Comrade in the West Middlesex Hospital, aged 48 years. He enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment in 1902 and went to the Army Reserve in 1909, being mobilized in 1914, when he served with the 2nd Battalion in France, and subsequently in Egypt, being discharged in October, 1922, in the rank of Corporal. The funeral took place at Heston Cemetery on November 20th, when a Corporal and Bugler attended from the Depot, and a wreath was sent from the Regimental Association. He leaves a widow and seven children, to whom our sympathy is extended.

WILLIAM GREEN.

The death occurred at Hounslow of the above-mentioned veteran of the 57th Regiment, and the funeral took place on November 23rd at Hanworth Road Cemetery, when R.S.M. Goodall and a Bugler of the 8th Battalion were present, and Cpl. Frewin attended from the Depot with

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Battalion at Singapore. Early in 1914 he was posted for attachment to the Royal Army Pay Corps. Immediately on the outbreak of the Great War he reported at the Depot and was posted to the 11th Battalion, with which unit he proceeded to France, commanding B Company, and was present at the operations around Loos, where he was slightly wounded, and although he rejoined a few days later he had to go back to hospital for some months as his back was injured.

The whole time he was in France he set a fine example of cheerfulness and courage to his men. In 1917 he served as a Third-Grade Staff Officer, and subsequently as a Second-Grade Staff Officer at the War Office.

He was a member of the Military Mission at the Versailles Peace Conference in 1919 and 1920. Subsequently he was posted to the Depot, being stationed there until his retirement in 1921.

In May, 1922, he was recalled to be appointed Assistant Director of Operations to the Military Mission under Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, until December, when the Commission dispersed.

He was awarded a Brevet Majority for his services in the Great War, and was awarded a Croix-de-Guerre with palms as well as the 1915 and General Service Medals. He was a very keen Freemason and was initiated in 1924 in the Elthorne and Middlesex Lodge No. 2094. He became Worshipful Master of the Lodge in December, 1930, and at the time of his death he was Director of Ceremonies.

He was always most popular with all ranks and will be sadly missed. He was a keen soldier and good friend. He had a great devotion to the Regiment, and always did everything he could since his retirement to keep in touch, frequently playing cricket at the Depot.

A funeral service was held at St. Margaret's Chapel, Wimborne. The following past and present officers attended: Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon, representing the 2nd Battalion; Lieut.-Col. C. D. Drew and Capt. E. M. Hodding, the late 3rd Battalion; Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel and Capt. C. T. Whinney, late 11th Battalion.

We offer to his relatives our deep sympathy in the great loss they have sustained.

SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.Os.
FEBRUARY, 1934.

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* In possession of First Class Certificate of Education.
** In possession of Army Special Certificate of Education.

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

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

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

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L./Cpl. V. Bint 2nd	20/9/33	L./Cpl. L. Du-Heaume 2nd	22/9/33
L./Cpl. J. West 2nd	20/9/33	L./Cpl. L. Harris 2nd	27/9/33
L./Cpl. C. Johl 2nd	20/9/33	L./Cpl. J. Walker 2nd	27/9/33
L./Cpl. C. Kenney 2nd	20/9/33	L./Cpl. W. Claxton 2nd	21/10/33
L./Cpl. J. Hinch 2nd	20/9/33	L./Cpl. C. Marsh 2nd	11/11/33
L./Cpl. S. Parry 2nd	20/9/33			

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a wreath from the Regimental Association. Green served in the Zulu War of 1879, and was discharged at Dublin on February 28th, 1880.

JAMES EDWARD STUBBS.

We regret to announce that the above-named ex-Corporal was instantly killed by a motor-coach when cycling near his home at Bow, on November 9th. The funeral took place on November 18th at Tower Hamlets Cemetery, a gun carriage and bearer-party being provided by the 1st Training Brigade R.F.A., Woolwich. A Corporal and Bugler attended from the Depot, and a wreath was sent from the Regimental Association. He leaves a widow and four children, to whom we tender our sympathy in their sudden bereavement. The Rev. J. W. Fitkin, of All Hallows Rectory, Devons Road, Bromley-by-Bow, writes as follows:—

“The funeral, with military honours, took place on Saturday last. The service in this Church, which I conducted, was followed by the interment at the City of London and Tower Hamlets Cemetery, Bow. A large congregation assembled to bear tribute of respect to the deceased, and in the course of a short address I remarked upon the high character which he had borne among his friends and neighbours as well as among

his workmates at Bryant & Mays, many of whom were present.

“I find that Stubbs served in the latter part of the Boer War in the 3rd Middlesex Regiment, and that he held a testimonial signed by E. W. S. Stephenson, Major, 3rd Middlesex Regiment, and dated March 14th, 1903, at Middleburgh, Transvaal. His services in the Great War will be known to you. In connection with this he was presented with a gold watch bearing the following inscription:

No. 9498

Private J. E. Stubbs.

1st Batt. Middlesex Regt.

In Memory of the Morning of
12th Dec. 1914.

at Houplines

When He Was Wounded

While Gallantly Rescuing

Lieut. F. A. L. Lawrence

From Under Heavy Fire.

“The widow tells me that she was informed by one of Stubbs’ comrades whom she met while visiting him in hospital at Oxford, that Stubbs would have been recommended for the V.C. but for the fact that Field Headquarters were shattered and the records destroyed. As to this I have no information beyond the widow’s statement.”