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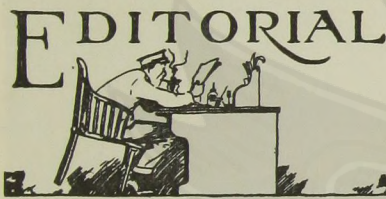
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WE tender our sincere congratulations to Col. G. W. H. Tupper, T.D., on his promotion on relinquishing command of the 9th Battalion, and also to Lieut.-Col. J. N. Lamont, M.C., T.D., on his succession. It is regretted that this was omitted in our last issue.

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It is regretted that in the list of those present at the Old Comrades' Dinner, in November, R.S.M. J. H. Edwards, M.C., was shown as V.C. This was incorrect. An invitation was sent to Mr. Edwards, V.C., but he was unable to attend.

We very much regret to hear of the death of Mr. Michael Gill, at the age of 96 years, one of the few remaining New Zealand veterans of the 57th Regiment. The extract from a New Zealand paper, and letters from the South African Veterans Association (Gismore Branch) and Mr. E. Bezar appear in our obituary column. Mr. Bezar is now in his 97th year, and still keeps up his old interest in the Regiment.

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We are glad to be able to announce that arrangements have been completed for this year's Old Comrades' Dinner.

This will be held at the Drill Hall of the 1st City of London Regiment, Handel Street, Bloomsbury, W.C.1, on Saturday, 3rd November, at 7.30 p.m., preceded by the Annual General Meeting of the Regimental Association.

A most gratifying feature of this year's Dinner will be that a fifty per cent. reduction in the price of the tickets will be achieved. The tickets will be sold at three shillings each.

It is hoped that there will be a record attendance.

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REGIMENTAL FIXTURES.

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

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

Monday, June 25th.—v. Cryptics.

Tuesday, June 26th.—v. Col. 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, Headquarters, 1st City of London Regiment, Handel Street, Bloomsbury, W.C. 7.30 p.m.

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

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

REGIMENTAL GOLF MEETING.

THE Annual Golf Meeting was held at Hendon Golf Club on 5th and 6th April.

An innovation this year was made by extending the meeting a day and arranging a match, Past v. Present Officers, on the first day. Lieut.-Col. Samuel, who was one of the prime movers of the innovation, also undertook the task of unearthing the retired officers, and succeeded with rather overwhelming results, as the details below will show. In spite of the "cricket score" which the Past amassed at the expense of the Present, a most enjoyable day was spent, and we anticipate that next year there will be a waiting list for Col. Samuel's team.

It would have been hard to chance upon a better day than 5th April—warm and sunny with a slight breeze—in fact, a perfect golfing day. Perhaps this may have affected the younger and more impressionable serving officers and prevented them from applying the necessary concentration to the job in hand. Anyhow, it was very noticeable that they were frequently far away in the country, whilst their more staid opponents went correctly down the centre of the course with gait and bearing which gained slightly in elasticity—hole by hole—as they "showed the younger blighters how to do it."

The only blood extracted by the Present Officers was at the expense of Capt. Whinney, whose putter seemed to have been possessed of devils and, consequently, allowed an early lead to fade away in the second half whilst his opponent rudely rubbed it in by hitting the flag and generally indulging in a spasm of unwonted accuracy. Tragedy overwhelmed the second match, in which Stephenson scored 6s when singles were wanted, and his opponent, Major Arnold, as usual, produced golf of the order which gives no quarter.

The game between MacIlwaine and Hogg might have had a very different result had the latter recovered his confidence with his short game. Major Heape and Bucknall had a splendid

struggle, as did Col. Samuel and Capt. Worton, but in the last two matches the Past carried too many guns, and Capt. Kempster failed to find the form which made him the terror of Hendon for the past two years.

The foursomes were a repetition of the singles, and yet, even in their distress, we are glad to be able to report that the Present Officers could raise a laugh, and when all was over had still enough self-confidence to back their chances the next day.

Friday was a complete contrast to Thursday, as it was cold, and got colder all day, and which may have accounted for a good many shots which went astray.

The results were closer this year, and the apparently never-ending runs of wins by Capt. Whinney and Worton had some interruption.

Before the start reports were received of outstanding performances in training by two of the more generously handicapped players, and these two, Sutcliffe and Guscott, started hot favourites. Misfortune galore, however, overcame them, and Worton, too, failed narrowly from producing his usual score. The cup, in consequence, passed into the worthy hands of Major G. B. Anderson with 90—16—74. Newton and Whinney tied for second place, which the former won, having the best first nine holes.

The Scratch Cup produced a tie between Whinney and Procter, both of whom had hung millstones in the way of 7s round their necks as they had also tied on the first nine holes, the issue being decided on the best short holes, which was in Procter's favour.

The afternoon foursomes were bitterly cold. In spite of this, Kempster and Stephenson started off in a blaze of glory, and looked like walking off with the event easily. However, they began to fade away, and Whinney and Worton kept steadily on whilst Heape and Procter kept creeping up, only to fall off again when their chances were reasonable. Meanwhile, Green and Weston were nearly holding their own with bogey, and eventually tied with Whinney and Worton, the latter winning on the result of the first nine holes.

Kempster and Stephenson were unlucky, as actually they should have won, but, owing to a mistake on a local rule, they lost a hole which they would otherwise have halved.

And so ended two very enjoyable days, for which we have to thank the Secretary and members of Hendon Golf Club. Our thanks are also due to Capt. Dobbs, who kindly undertook the dull job of sitting at the receipt of customs all day.

RESULTS.

SCRATCH CUP.

Procter and Whinney	...	...	...	81
Stephenson	...	...	...	86

HANDICAP.

Anderson	...	74	Sutcliffe	...	79
Newton	...	75	Heath	...	80
Whinney	...	75	Wollocombe	...	82
Procter	...	76	Else	...	82
Heywood	...	76	Unwin	...	83
Weston	...	76	Heape	...	84
Green	...	76	Hogg	...	84
Worton	...	77	Scott	...	87
Kempster	...	77	Guscott	...	89
South	...	77	Clarke	...	92
Horrocks	...	78	Bucknall	...	} not very good.
Samuel	...	78	Steward	...	
Stephenson	...	78	Fox	...	

FOURSOMES.

Whinney and Worton	...	...	2 down.
Green and Weston	...	...	2 down.
Kempster and Stephenson	...	...	2 down.
Heape and Procter	...	...	4 down.
Bucknall and Stewart	...	...	4 down.
Samuel and Anderson	...	...	6 down.
Hogg and Horrocks	...	...	7 down.
Fox and Sutcliffe	...	...	8 down.
Clarke and Heywood	...	...	8 down.
Unwin and Guscott	...	...	8 down.
Wollocombe and Newton	...	...	9 down.
Beath and Else	...	...	10 down.
South and Scott	...	...	12 down.

PAST V. PRESENT.

Singles.		Past.		Present.	
Captain Whinney	...	0	Major Procter	...	3
Captain Arnold	...	10	Lieutenant Stephenson	...	0
Captain MacIlwaine	...	5	Captain Hogg	...	0
Major Heape	...	1	Major Bucknall	...	0
Major South	...	6	Captain Kempster	...	0
Colonel Samuel	...	2	Captain Worton	...	0
Colonel Maitland	...	5	Major Scott	...	0
Major Anderson	...	7	Lieutenant Newton	...	0
		36			3
Foursomes.		Past.		Present.	
Whinney and MacIlwaine	...	4	Procter and Hogg	...	0
Heape and South	...	4	Stephenson and Kempster	...	0
Maitland and Arnold	...	6	Bucknall and Worton	...	0
Samuel and Anderson	...	5	Scott and Newton	...	0
		19			0
Total	...	55	Total	...	3

REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

THE following additions have been made to the Museum during the quarter ending 31st March, 1934:—

Colours. Two sets of Colours of 57th Foot, 1813-1818. On loan from 1st Battalion.

Photographs. The Great War. Presented by Mr. L. R. Bradley (The Imperial War Museum).

"Letters from Sebastopol, 1854-55," by Col. Campbell. Presented by Major H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C.

Photographs. 3rd Battalion, Constantinople. Presented by Mr. J. W. Elson.

Maps, Palestine and France. Presented by Major N. P. Procter, M.C.

Sets of Journals of the Army Historical Research Society have been presented by Lieut.-Col. G. A. Bridgman, who has very kindly promised to have these copies bound.

Officer's pre-war Helmet. Presented by Mrs. Stephens.

"Succession List, 57th Foot, 1758-1760." Presented by Officers, 1st Battalion.

Testimonials of Mr. James Mooney, 57th Foot.

Framed Photograph of 4th Battalion (mobilized), August, 1914. Presented by Capt. A. F. E. Robinson.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1934.

Amount of grants and loans made: £145 17s. 8d.

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

Number of cases dealt with: 199.

Number of cases assisted: 127.

Number of men registered for employment: 34.

Number of men found permanent employment:—

(1) By Regimental Association: 1.

(2) By Acton Branch, National Association: 6.

(3) By other Branches, National Association: 12.

Number of men found temporary employment:—

(1) By Regimental Association: nil.

(2) By Acton Branch, National Association: 2.

(3) By other Branches, National Association: 5.

Number of men found employment by connected Labour Exchange: 16.

Number of men who took up employment: 42.

Number of parcels sent out by Ladies' Guild: 4.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, on 31st January, 1934.

Present.—Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the Chair); Lieut.-Cols. M. Browne, M.C., C. P. Rooke, D.S.O. and W. H. Samuel; Majors W. E. Pringle, M.C. (7th Battalion), R. A. Slee and T. S. Wollocombe (Hon. Secretary); Capt. H. E. Foster and S. Mirams, M.C. (1st Battalion); R.S.M. C. Davis; R.S.M. W. Ward (2nd Battalion); R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley; C.Q.M.S. C. King; Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., Mr. F. E. Holmes, Mr. E. Morris and Major E. H. Amor (Secretary in attendance).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Brig.-Generals R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G., and F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

The Accounts for the year, 1933, were considered and passed, subject to the receipt of the Hon. Auditors' certificate.

The Report of the Sub-Committee on the subject of the Honorary Treasurer's and kindred matters were received and adopted.

The resignation, under Rule v. (b), of the following members of the Executive Committee was announced:—

Brig.-General Rowley and R.Q.M.S. Pilley.

And it was agreed that the undermentioned names be submitted to the *ex-officio* members for elevation to fill the existing vacancies:—

Lieut.-Col. Samuel, *vice* Brig.-General

Rowley; Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., *vice* Lieut.-Col. Steed.

R.S.M. W. Ward, *vice* R.Q.M.S. Pilley.

It was further agreed that Brig.-General Rowley shall be co-opted under Rule V.1 (c).

The following officers were elected, or re-elected, for the year ending March 31st, 1935:—

Chairman: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L.

Vice-Chairman: O.C., Depot.

Hon. Secretary: O.C., Depot.

Standing Sub-Committee.—Chairman: O.C., Depot. Members: R.S.M. Davis and C.Q.M.S. King.

Entertainment Sub-Committee.—Chairman: Mr. Holmes. Members: R.S.M. Davis and C.Q.M.S. King.

OLD COMRADES' CONCERT.

A concert was held at the "Goat and Compasses," 341, Euston Road, on Saturday, 3rd February, 1934, when, by arrangement with Madame Ghita Corri, "The Gay Garnets," a musical-comedy party, entertained a very appreciative audience. About seventy-five persons were present.

"WITH THE GUARDS WE SHALL GO."

COLLATORS,
Bow, Devon.
6th April, 1934.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—

I enclose an extract from Lady Arlie's delightful book "With the Guards we shall go," which you may like to publish in the next issue of THE DIE-HARDS Journal. The book gives the most interesting account of the Crimea that I have ever read, being taken from letters written by Capt. Jocelyn, Scots Fusilier Guards, to his father, Lord Roden. *The United Services' Journal*, on its review of this book, says: "It is a story which should be read by every young infantry officer," and I would say, and old officers too, as it is delightful reading.

I have also included another extract relating to the 57th Regiment during the attack on the Redan.

Yours truly,
G. W. W. SAVILE,
Colonel.

Extract from "With the Guards we shall go":—

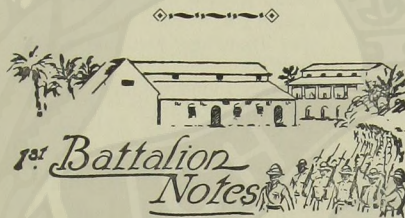
"On the 13th April, 1855, the French had seized some aggravated Rifle Pits, created by Todleben, and named by him 'lodgments,' but the Russians fought grimly again for them on the 23rd or 24th, and remained their masters. It was on a 'lodgment' such as these but more distant that the English made a successful attack on the 19th April, when the impetuous and intrepid Colonel Egerton, 77th Regiment, 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.

"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. They say we are to open fire again on Monday, but there are so many rumours it is impossible to know what are true or not; at all events, our Army are in good spirits and fit for anything. At present the future looks gloomy in the extreme; I see no chance of taking the place (Sevastopol). We cannot take the field yet, and in the meanwhile Russia is doing her utmost. But it is no use foreboding the worst. We are in His keeping, Who has done such wonders for us, and can again." . . .

Further extract from a letter written on 19th June, 1855, after the storming of the Redan, which we failed to take:—

"Among the storming party were the gallant 57th, to whom their Commanding

Officer addressed at Albuhera 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."—G. W. W. S.



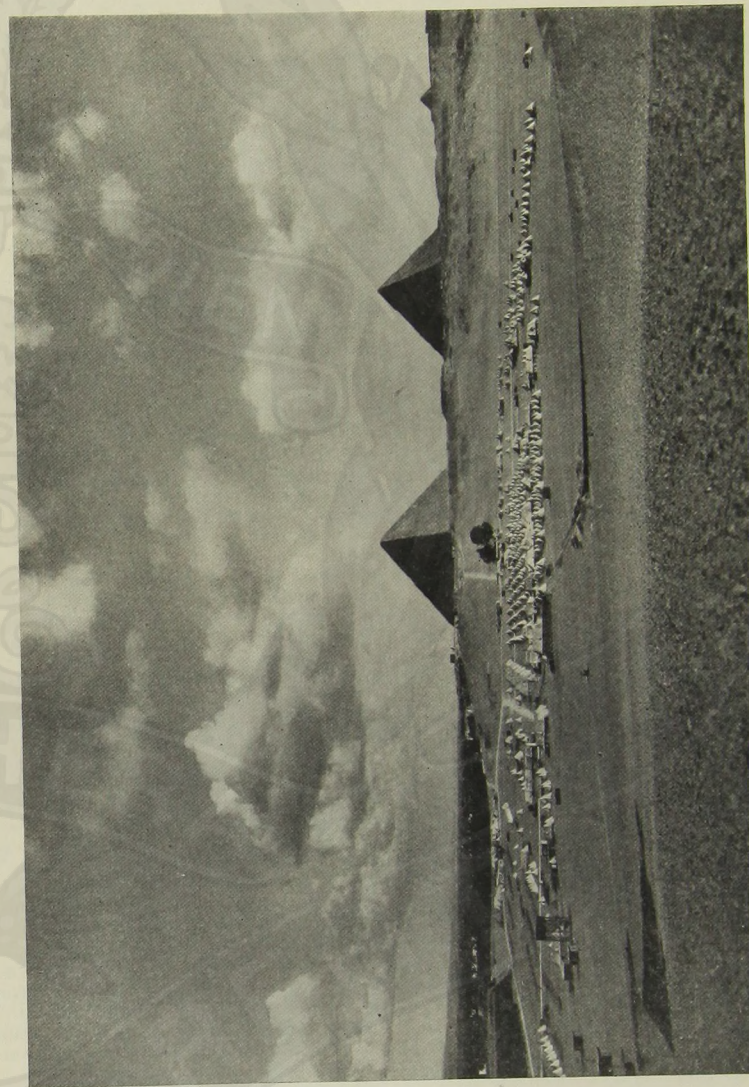
EDITORIAL.

"Variety is the spice of life."

THE Battalion has had several samples of this bitter-sweet spice during this quarter. Having given all the companies a taste of Maddi, the Machine Gunners and the Signals had a nibble of Beni Yusef and Polygon respectively.

On 3rd January the Battalion had a large bite of Helwan for Battalion Training under canvas. We marched there, leaving the Citadel at 7.30 a.m., and arriving at 3.30 p.m., a distance of 18 miles. This was a new training ground to us, and, so far, the best we have struck. The camp was near 45 Squadron, R.A.F., whose hospitality all ranks enjoyed. Jupiter Pluvius, seeing the Middlesex were in camp, gave us his usual blessing for the first two days. The Commanding Officer had prepared some very novel schemes, and we all followed the adventures of Hashish (the man with the black patch), the Holdites, Pinchites and Pouchites with great zest. The ground near the camp was excellent for games and, in addition to several Inter-Platoon matches, the Officers played the Sergeants at football, and there were several hockey and football fixtures with the R.A.F.

The next taste of the countryside was a march to Beni Yusef, from the Citadel, on 13th February, for Brigade Training, a distance of 22 miles. We return from Brigade Training on 21st February to the Citadel to start packing for Moascar, for



[Photo: S. Sarkis, Cairo.

CAIRO BRIGADE CAMP, MENA, 1933.

which we leave on 9th March. In between this period will come the Command Manœuvres, which are very secret this year, although it is only rumoured that two companies will be taking part in them.

All ranks and married families will appreciate the change from the "four walls of the Citadel" to the openness of Moascar and the Canal. There are boundless opportunities for sport and the training of teams for all events. The insect life in the Citadel, of which the men have made a close study during the past year, will be sadly missed.

On 20th January Major Savile and Capt. Overell attended a Tank Demonstration at Rebeique, and on the 25th Capt. Rackham, Capt. Weller and 2/Lieut. Beadnell, an R.A. Anti-Tank Practice Camp.

C Company, under Major Savile, took part in a unique emplaning scheme with the 12th Lancers. The Company, with one platoon of machine gunners, were conveyed in lorries to Heliopolis Aerodrome where they emplaned into eight Vickers Troop Carriers. They were then flown into the desert where they landed, carried out an attack, and then flew back. On 5th and 6th February, D Company, under Capt. del Court, took part in a Command Scheme with the 12th Lancers (who, of course, are mechanized).

We congratulate Lieuts. Gwyn and Bellers on their promotion, and welcome Capt. Overell and his wife from England. We hear that Capts. Hedgecoe and Dobbs are on their way. We also congratulate Lieut. Cubitt on his marriage, and hope that he will join us soon after his long absence.

Lieuts. Bellers and Hall have returned from their Signal and Machine Gun Courses in England, whilst Capt. Lyons, Lieuts. Musselwhite and Gwyn have left us to become B.M.G.O., Air Liaison Officer and Brigade Intelligence Officer. Lieut. Gwyn has just returned from a three days' trek to Fayum (in the desert), on camels, with the Brigade Intelligence Section. A full account of this trip will be found elsewhere.

On 30th January Brigadier H. M. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O., held his farewell inspection at the Citadel, when the Battalion marched past. The Battalion

took over the Residency and G.O.C.'s Guard on 23rd January, thus bringing our total number of Guards for the day to five—a problem that the R.S.M. has, at times, had a little difficulty in solving.

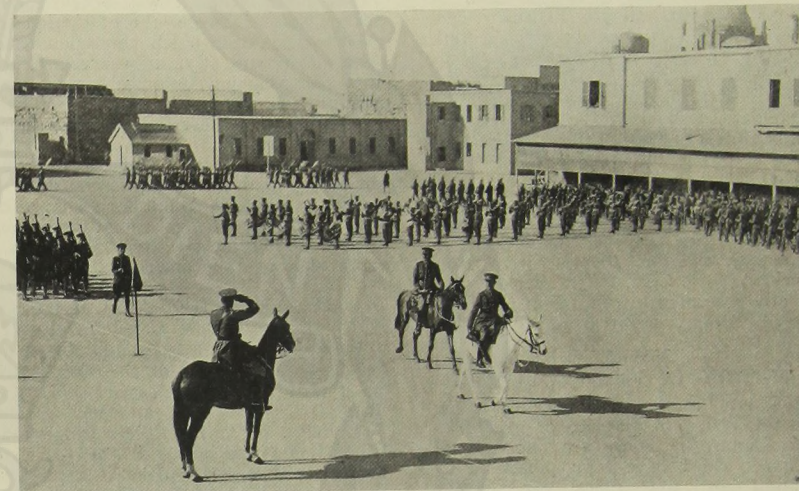
The Officers gave a farewell Cocktail Party to their friends in Cairo, at the Mess, on 2nd February, and on the same night the Sergeants held their Farewell Dance in the Slade Club, at Abbassia. On 21st December, under Bandmaster Judge, the "Merry Midds" gave an excellent Christmas Concert, while on Boxing Day we had the Annual Children's Christmas Tree, with 2/Lieut. Peal as Father Christmas. A. C. Astor's company of Non-Stop Variety gave an entertainment at the Citadel on 26th January, and the Regimental Cinema (with films such as "Jack's the Boy," "I was a Spy" and "Cavalcade") continues to entertain the men. We feel that the Regimental Cinema will be greatly missed at Moascar (especially by all the C.Q.M.Ss.).

In spite of the difficulties of the last two stations, we feel that the Battalion's sporting activities are definitely on the up-grade, and we hope that two years in Moascar will bring back memories of Aldershot days. The Battalion boxing team, under Lieut. Sword, reached the final of the Command Team Boxing Championship, only to be beaten by one point by last year's winners, The King's Own Royal Regiment. We congratulate all concerned, and hope to have the cup next year. A (S) Company's football team have definitely proved themselves "giant killers" by winning the Command Small Units Competition—a very fine effort. Although not winning the Battalion Football Shield this year, by such victims to their credit as the unbeaten 45 Squadron, R.A.F., B Company, King's Own Royal Regiment, and C Company, The West Yorkshire Regiment, they have proved themselves the best team in the Battalion for a long time past.

The third Battalion Cross-Country Run took place in December, which was won by C Company, thus giving them the shield, and the Battalion entered a team in the Command Cross-Country Championship, which came fifth.

We congratulate Lieut. Chattey and Pte. Ryder on playing for the Army at rugger and soccer respectively, also Cpl.

FAREWELL PARADE AND BRIGADIER'S INSPECTION OF THE BATTALION, THE CITADEL, 30TH JANUARY, 1934.



[Photo: S. Sarkis, Cairo.]

BRIGADIER H. M. WATSON, C.M.G., D.S.O., TAKING THE SALUTE.



[Photo: S. Sarkis, Cairo.]

C COMPANY (MAJOR H. SAVILE, M.C.) MARCH PAST.

Roseblade, Ptes. Evans, Wilding and Francis on being included in the Army Boxing Team versus the R.A.F.

The Officers played Gezira Club at Squash Racquets on 7th February, and the ladies of Gezira at hockey on 10th February, winning both matches.

The struggle for the Albuhera and Mons Shield still continues with only the Inter-Platoon Hockey, the Athletics and the Tug-of-War to be decided before 16th May.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting has been concluded, which resulted in C Company being the Champion Shooting Company, and Pte. Brown 64 the Battalion Shot.

Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Arthur Fanshawe, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., has recently presented the Battalion with two sets of Colours, dating from 1813.

HISTORY OF OLD COLOURS.

The 1st Battalion has recently come into possession of trophies of great historical interest. These are two sets of Colours, which have been presented by Admiral of the Fleet Sir Arthur Fanshawe, G.C.B., G.C.V.O.

These Colours were bequeathed to Admiral Fanshawe by his great grandfather, General H. Dalrymple, who was Colonel of the 57th Regiment from 1819 to 1830.

The first set of Colours, which are of the greater interest, were presented to the 1st Battalion of the 57th Regiment in 1813 to replace those which were so much damaged at Albuhera.

These Colours were carried at the battles of the Pyrenees, Nive and Nivelles, in North America, and with the Army of Occupation in France after the Napoleonic Wars.

The battle honours of Albuhera, Nive and Nivelles are inscribed on these Colours. They were replaced in 1818, when further battle honours were authorized to be placed, and for which there was no room.

The second set of Colours are those of the 2nd Bn. 57th Regiment. This Battalion was only in existence from 1804 until 1816, and their Colours do not appear to have been carried in action.

Both sets of Colours and the correspondence relating to them, together with a digest of the same, have been

placed in the Regimental Museum until the 1st Battalion returns from foreign service.

For many years it was believed that these Colours were those carried at Albuhera. After much correspondence, from 1828 until 1890, it was established that the Albuhera Colours were in possession of the family of Sir William Inglis, and that these Colours were those presented in 1813.

All members of the Regiment, past and present, will realize what a deep debt of gratitude is due to Admiral Fanshawe for his generosity in restoring these historical Colours to the Regiment after a lapse of over 100 years.

MENA TO THE FAIYUM BY CAMEL.

This year the Brigade and Battalion Intelligence Sections of the Cairo Brigade have been mounted on camels. The Brigade Section was attached to the K.O.R.s. for a fortnight's training at Mena Camp, and during this period were sent on a three days' patrol in the desert in order to gain the experience of trekking over large distances, unaccompanied by any native drivers and being entirely self-supporting.

Monday, 29th January, to Wednesday, the 31st, were the three days allotted for the patrol, during which time the Section (one officer, two N.C.O.s. and five men) had to make a reconnaissance of two small features some forty miles away with a view to occupying them as camel platoon posts for the imaginary protection of caravans journeying to the Faiyum.

The route was approximately laid down: Mena, Beni Yusef (eight miles south of Mena), over the desert to the outskirts of the Faiyum, and back along the motor track.



On Sunday (in a howling Khamseen) we collected our supplies—rations, water, a tent in case the sand storm continued, Primus stoves, dixies from the Quartermaster, and picketing ropes, pegs, and a pick and shovel from the Transport Sergeant. This done, we sat in our tents and prayed for the wind to drop, with ghastly visions in our minds of being buried in sand miles from human aid.

We had planned to leave camp at nine o'clock on Monday morning, get to the Beni Yusef at 10.30, Dashur Pyramids by 1.30, and by nightfall hoped to be only a few miles from our first objective (No. 3 Post). This, however, was not to be, since from "Reveille" onwards the fates seemed to be working against us. The first thing we learned was that if one wants a camel loaded up really badly let the camel-man do it. A camel loaded by a wallah is guaranteed to shed its kit within a hundred yards. Four camels had been ordered to carry the baggage. These, however, proved insufficient, so another one had to be taken, with disastrous results as it so happened.

It was not until ten o'clock that we were able to move off—tibbin on one camel, food on another, the tent on a third, water tanks on a fourth, and, finally, one camel carrying the stores, oil and dixies. Each baggage camel was led, with a man behind it, whipping it on and keeping an eye on the load. The first pack started slipping before we were outside the camp, a headpiece broke before we had reached the Mena Road, the dixies had fallen off before a mile had been covered, and so it went on, load after load jolted off with infuriating regularity; trotting became impossible, and at one time the column must have extended over two miles. Instead of getting to Beni Yusef at 10.30, we arrived in twos and threes from 12.30 onwards, which, lest our tongues should get the better of us, we filled our mouths with hunks of bread and cheese. The advance party of the Grenadier Guards were busy putting up tents on the camp site there, and from them we tried to get some more rope for the baggage but without success; so having fed the camels and readjusted the packs we set off again towards the great Sneferu Pyramids at Dashur.



Hitherto we had kept to the road along the Muhit-Drain. We now left this and the green cultivation, bearing west into the desert, up the Cow Run, over Pine Gulch, and across the flat, pebbly plain that lies between the Dashur and Saquara Pyramids. The supplies behaved better on this stage of the journey, and by 4.30 p.m. we had all collected under the shade of the huge stone pile, and from half-way up its side were able to take a compass bearing on to a range of hills some ten miles distant. Before starting off again an unpleasant discovery took place in the form of a bad leakage in the tin holding the paraffin. One of the falls had evidently proved too much for it, with the result that it was now giving the tibbin a liberal spraying each time the camel moved, and was now nearly half empty. Water bottles were therefore quickly sacrificed, and the hole in the tin stuffed with orange peel (chewing gum and corn plaster being unobtainable). By 6.30 it was quite dark, and, in spite of being some eight miles short of our proposed halting place, we decided to stop for the night and camp where we were. Cpl. Burton and Bdsn. Goddard at once dealt with the camels, picketing them down to a long rope with a buried sack of sand at either end, and giving them a feed of tibbin and beans. The remainder busied themselves with the tent and bivouacs, while the cooks (Dmr. Townsend and Blackman) fought gallantly with the Primus stoves and lanterns. Either the glamour of the desert or the smell of the camels had proved too much for the stoves, for two of them refused to show any life at all. In spite of this, however, a very excellent meal was ready at eight o'clock, for which, needless to say, we needed no second bidding.

In order to prevent a repetition of the

first day's disasters, it was decided to split up the section into two parties for the Tuesday's journey: four of us to go ahead, make a reconnaissance of the two features and meet the remainder, who were bringing on the pack camels, at a certain point near the Faiyum motor track. Breakfast over, we set off, following the compass-bearing on which we had travelled the previous night. After an hour's fast riding over flat, pebble-covered desert we saw, half a mile to our right, what appeared, at first, to be a small Bedouin encampment. On drawing closer, however, this turned out to be an aeroplane that had crashed to the ground and turned over. How long it had been there it was impossible to tell, but as the engine and some of the canvas of the wings were still intact, and there were signs of very recent landings all round, we presumed not longer than a few months.

After this slight diversion we trotted off in a south-westerly direction, thinking to pick up our original bearing to No. 3 Post, but after travelling for an hour and a half and seeing no signs of our objective we stopped, and endeavoured to fix our position on the small scale Arabic map, from which we were working. This, however, proved an impossible task, as we were out of sight of any familiar landmarks, and as far as the eye could see the desert stretched away in undulating hills, among which there shimmered small mirage lakes. Rather than go back from where we had gone wrong, we decided to chance it and continue in the same direction. It was worth the risk, for some three miles farther on the desert dropped steeply away in a series of sand terraces, and beyond, to our intense relief, we made out, through our glasses, a dark green belt of country, the beginning of the Faiyum cultivation.

From then on it was easy going. We were able to pin-point our position on the map, and following the escarpment to the west we found ourselves by midday on No. 3 Post (our first objective)—a long hill, with precipitous sides jutting southwards into the sandy plain. Here we ate our bread and "bully," giving our mounts some tufts of camel thorn growing close by.

Remembering our own difficulty in locating No. 3 Post from the east, it was

decided that only three of us should make the last stage of the journey, if possible, water camels, reconnoitre No. 4 Post, and return before dark to our present position. Cpl. Burton, meanwhile, was to remain on No. 3 Post to get all the data needed for the report, and at the same time keep a lookout for the rest of Section with the baggage.

Leaving the high ground, we dropped down into the flat stretch, some four miles broad, that borders the cultivation, and in a very short time struck the Faiyum—Cairo motor route, which led us to within a mile of our objective, a huge dark mound (rather like a pyramid in shape), standing quite alone in the yellow plain. Luckily, before reaching this we passed an old road-mender's hut, where we were able to water the camels, including Cpl. Burton's, which we had brought unsaddled with us. It was the most unpleasant-looking water imaginable, being drawn from an old barrel, but the animals seemed to enjoy it, for they each drank several bucketsful with great gusto. Before leaving, the old native offered some to us, but Goddard hastily showed him that our water bottles were full of paraffin. He must have thought us very "magnoun" appearing out of the blue like that and apparently living on benzine.

By 4.30 we had completed the reconnaissance of Qaret-el-Faras, as this particular looking mound was called, and were jogging gently back across the plain to No. 3 Post. It had been very hot all day, especially after leaving the heights, but now it was becoming refreshingly cool and peaceful, and by the time we got back the big hills to the west were assuming fantastic colours as they silhouetted themselves against the orange glow of the fast-setting sun. If any of us had imagined that we should be able quietly to watch the desert sunset and appreciate it in its true form, we were to be sadly disillusioned. "No sign of the others" were the words that greeted us. No food, water, or greatcoats, and half an hour before darkness. Frantically we erected a blanket screen on the highest point of the hill in the hope that this might attract their attention; while Cpl. Castle and Bdsn. Goddard rode off in opposite directions in case they had

temporarily lost their way as we had done in the morning.

These efforts proved fruitless, and just when we were giving up all hope of ever connecting with them again, and resigning ourselves to the idea of huddling against our camels for warmth, a white camel came into sight on the sky-line about three miles to the north. Like castaways on a desert island viewing a steamer, we frantically waved the blanket to and fro. At first it seemed as if he had seen us, for he appeared to be coming down the wadi towards us, but after trotting backwards and forwards for several minutes, he disappeared behind the hills, and was lost to view for good.



Five minutes later, as if someone had switched off the light, it was pitch dark. To stand and shiver on the top of the hill, hoping for the best, was obviously out of the question, so, resaddling, we pushed off as fast as we could into the gloom towards the north, keeping our eyes and ears skinned for any sign of life. After forty minutes vain searching, with one false alarm in the shape of the reflection of a car's headlights, miles away on the motor route, our efforts were rewarded—a twinkling light moving about on what appeared to be high ground. Urging our mounts on faster (perhaps a risky thing to do considering the unevenness of the ground we were traversing), we rode straight for the light. To our great relief we found Murphy swinging a lantern up and down, while the rest collected camel thorn bushes for a beacon.

Apparently the baggage camels had been troublesome again in the morning, and, like us, they had been led off their course by the sight of the aeroplane, with the result that they had arrived at their present position just before it got

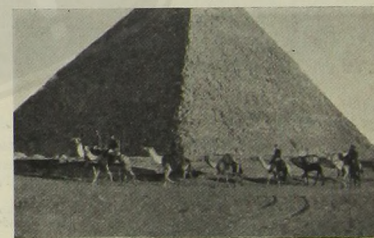
dark, and rather than risk missing us in the night decided to stop and pitch the tent where they were, trusting to the light of the beacon to attract our attention.

By this time the moon had risen round and full, and in front of a huge fire we put away an extremely good supper, though not before Blackman had performed a few juggling turns, which resulted in the potatoes disappearing into the flames.

It had been a tiring but very interesting day. We must have covered nearly forty miles since the morning, while the baggage party had done twenty-seven. Our camels had stood the distance remarkable well considering the pace we went. (The trotting camel's speed over long distances is six to seven miles an hour shuffle, though he is capable of fifteen miles per hour, and gallops at even greater speeds).

Our return journey on the following day was carried out successfully, but without much incident. Rising early, we redistributed the loads—now, of course, much lighter and less bulky—and took a long time in fastening them on securely. After two small mishaps within the first hours, the baggage never gave any more trouble, and we were able to trot the whole twenty-seven miles back along the motor track to Mena with only one stop—at the famous Stoney Patch—for a meal.

We passed beneath the great Pyramid at 4.15, and after being filmed passing the gates of Mena House Hotel ("Shrieks of the desert" or "Masheesh Smugglers I have known" will, no doubt, be the title of this epic of the silver screen) made a triumphant entry into camp, followed by swarms of anxious camel-men who had given us and their camels up as lost.



Quite an experience in its way, but as it had taken us two days to become acquainted with the secrets of camel-loading, we all wished the patrol could have lasted longer.

BOXING NOTES.

We have had an extremely successful season, and after doing well in the Command novices and open events we were just beaten on the post by the K.O.R.R. The first tournament was our own Battalion Open Competition. Some extremely good fights were seen, and after a ding-dong struggle with D Company, C Company just managed to win by one point, with B Company third, H.Q. fourth, and A Company fifth. Unfortunately for A Company, most of their best boxers were away or injured at the time. The following were the winners and runners-up:—

Heavy-weight.—Winner, Pte. Evans; runner-up, L./Cpl. Gadsdon.

Light Heavy-weight.—Winner, Cpl. Chillery; runner-up, L./Cpl. Webber.

Middle-weight.—Winner, Cpl. Roseblade; runner-up, Pte. Arney.

Welter-weight.—Winner, Pte. Ellis; runner-up, L./Cpl. Simmons.

Light-weight.—Winner, Pte. Francis; runner-up, L./Cpl. Markham.

Feather-weight.—Pte. Almond; runner-up, Pte. Wilding.

Bantam-weight.—Pte. Litchfield; runner-up, Pte. Sadler.

After this we commenced training our novices and open entries for the Command Tournaments. The novices came in November, and our boxers put up a splendid show. Ptes. Price and Ledain are to be congratulated on winning the Welter and Light-weights respectively, and L./Cpl. Webber and Dmr. Bolt on being runners-up in the Heavy and Bantam-weights.

In the Opens we did even better. Pte. Evans was a certain winner of the heavy-weight, which he carried off without any



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BOXING TEAM, 1ST BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Runners-up Egyptian Command Team Championships, 1933-34.

Back Row.—L./Cpl. Parker. L./Cpl. Markham. Pte. Benham.

Middle Row.—C.S.M. Fleming. Pte. Wildin. Pte. Burch. Pte. Ellis. Pte. Evans. L./Cpl. Tatt. Pte. Price. L./Cpl. Simmons. Pte. Ledain. Sergt. West.

Front Row.—L./Cpl. McGrady. Cpl. Whichello. Pte. Francis. Lieut. R. W. D. Sword. Lieut.-Col. G. L. Brown, D.S.O. Cpl. Clark. Pte. Hardaway. Cpl. Roseblade. L./Cpl. Smith.

On Ground.—Pte. Almond. Pte. Litchfield.

trouble. Pte. Wilding won the Feather-weight after some very hard fights. Cpl. Roseblade, Dmr. Bolt and Pte. Litchfield were all excellent runners-up. There was also a Boys' Competition, for which we had two winners, Boy Stemp (Middle-weight) and Boy Haigh (Fly-weight). Boy Carpenter was runner-up in the latter weight. Our boxers put up a very good show, and the boys, in particular, are to be congratulated.

In January, the Command Inter-Unit Team Championships commenced. All our team were very fit, and we felt that we had a good fighting chance of winning. We drew a bye in the first round, and came up against the R.A.S.C. in the second. We won this round very easily by fourteen fights to one. Cpl. Clark was our only loser, and he was up against what must have been their best boxer. It was an excellent fight, and was very close.

In the semi-final we were against the 12th Royal Lancers. This was very close indeed, and we just won deservedly by eight fights to seven.

In the final the K.O.R.R. were our opponents, and after an evening of first-class boxing they just defeated us by one point or eight fights to seven. It was extremely close, and we were a little unlucky not to pull it off. All our boxers are to be congratulated on putting up a very fine show, and we hope they will pull it off next year. The following represented us in this competition:—

Heavy-weight.—Pte. Evans.

Light Heavy-weight.—L./Cpl. Tatt.

Middle-weight.—Cpl. Roseblade, Cpl. Whichello, and L./Cpl. McGrady.

Welter-weight.—Pte. Ellis, Pte. Francis, L./Cpl. Simmons, Cpl. Clark, and Pte. Price.

Light-Weight.—L./Cpl. Smith, Pte. Ledain, L./Cpl. Parker, L./Cpl. Markham, Pte. Benham, Pte. Burch, and Pte. Hardaway.

Feather-weight.—Pte. Wilding and Pte. Almond.

Bantam-weight.—Pte. Litchfield.

At the end of this competition the following were selected to train for the Army v. R.A.F.—Ptes. Evans, Francis, Wilding, Ledain and Litchfield, and Cpl. Roseblade.

In the meeting itself, Ptes. Evans and Francis won their fights, and Cpl. Roseblade and Pte. Francis were narrowly defeated.

Ptes. Litchfield and Ledain were reserves.

Pte. Evans is now the Services' Heavy weight Champion of Egypt, and Pte. Wilding, the Feather-weight Champion.

SOCCER NOTES.

The outstanding event of the season has undoubtedly been the winning of the Small Units' Cup by A (S.) Company. As there were over fifty teams entered for this competition from Cairo, Alexandria, Abbassia and Moascar, it can be seen that this was no mean achievement, and in knocking out 45 Squadron, R.A.F. (the holders), in the final of the Cairo Division they defeated one of the best teams in all Egypt, a team that have twice beaten the Battalion team and this year's Cairo Military League winners. After this magnificent effort two matches were left, the first against B Company, K.O.R.R., which resulted in a narrow win (1-0) after a replay, and the final proper (Editor, please note) against C Company, of the West Yorks, from Moascar, when they proved themselves a very much superior team, and won by three goals to nil.

Very few matches were played after the last notes went to press. We finished third in the Military League (Cairo Division), the most crucial game of which was against 45 Squadron, R.A.F., reported in the papers as probably the best football the Citadel has seen or will see for many years.

The draws for both the big Knock-Out Competitions have been against us. After drawing the winners of the Robert Hughes Cup (K.O.R.R.) in the first round, we had the misfortune to do exactly the same thing in the Command Cup. In this case, it was the 2nd Light Brigade, R.A. In this match we lost by two goals to one after an extremely fast game, including extra time. A huge crowd turned up and witnessed what was certainly the most exciting game of the season.

The improvement in the team has been very noticeable, the main fault still being that the defence is so much stronger than

the attack. Williams deserves great praise on his consistently good form in goal; Lawlor has fought valiantly with Smith at back, while Collier, ably supported by L./Cpls. Dyer and Carter, has been very steady and hardworking at centre-half. Sickenger, Armitage, Watson, Dean, Ryder and Holloway have all had their brilliant spasms but lacked consistency, so that the goal-scoring machine still has room for improvement.

C Company may congratulate themselves on pulling off the double event in the form of the Company League and Platoon Knock-Out Competition (9 Platoon), with D Company running them a close second.

"LOOKER ON."

HOCKEY NOTES.

The hockey season has had to be curtailed as far as Battalion matches are concerned, the ground being required for Inter-Company League matches.

The following are the results of Battalion matches since the last notes:—

v. 45th (B.) Squadron, R.A.F. (away), won 1—0.

v. 6th Bn. Royal Tank Corps (away), lost 1—2.

v. 12th Royal Lancers (away), won 2—0.

v. 1st Brigade, R.H.A. (home), lost 0—1.

This makes the summary of matches for the season:—

Played, 12; won, 6; lost, 5; drawn, 1; goals for, 21; goals against, 18.

We congratulate the following on being awarded their Battalion Colours:—

Sergt. Chillery (B), Cpl. Chillery (D), Cpl. Ives (A), L./Cpl. Stickley (H.Q.), L./Cpl. Brown (C), Bdsn. Cousins (H.Q.), Dmr. Stickley (H.Q.), Pte. Frost (A) and Pte. Dudley (D).

The Inter-Company League matches are completed except for two which we hope to get off before we go to Moascar. At the time of writing, C Company look like winning and D Company runners-up.

As soon as we get to Moascar the Inter-Platoon Knock-out will take place.

CROSS-COUNTRY NOTES.

The Battalion entered a team in the Command Run, which was held on 23rd December at Abbassia, but had to be

content with fifth place. The course was between six and seven miles, and in places the sand was extremely soft and loose. As the team had only had the opportunity to practise over the Macquattam Heights, which is very hard going, the soft sand at Abbassia proved their undoing. The Battalion team consisted of:—

Cpl. Clark, L./Cpl. Roseblade, Pte. Henry, Pte. Ellis, Pte. Cooper, L./Cpl. Shaw, L./Cpl. McGrady, L./Cpl. Parker, Pte. Ledain, Dmr. Elms, L./Cpl. Keefe, Pte. Tarrant, Pte. Rothwell, Pte. 30 Smith and Pte. Lane.

This was also the order of finish.

Next year at Moascar, with more scope to train on ground similar to that at Abbassia, we hope to produce a team that will be at least in the first three.

The third cross-country run was held at the Citadel on 27th December, and was won by C Company, thus giving them the Cross-Country Shield for the year. Cpl. Clark, A (S.) Company, was again first man home by a comfortable margin (time, 20½ min.), being followed by L./Cpl. Parker, A (S.), Lieut. Bellers, H.Q., Lieut. Hall, A (S.), Pte. Bond, D, and Pte. Boggis, C. The C Company team packed very well, coming in 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24.

First Run.—Cpl. Roseblade (18½ min.).

Second Run.—Pte. Jessop (22 min.).

Third Run.—Cpl. Clark (20½ min.).

The final points and placings for the shield were:—

Coy.	1st Run.	2nd Run.	3rd Run.	Total.	Position.
A	1269	621	772	2662	2
B	875	1628	1574	4077	4
C	915	864	541	2323	1
D	808	991	1070	2969	3
H.Q.	1290	1352	2197	4839	5

A (S.) COMPANY.

As we review the events of the past quarter it is noticeable that, although we seem to have been busy all the time, we find very little to write about now that the time for writing has arrived.

Normal routine, of course, goes on all the time, but as that is a familiar subject to many of our readers we will not discuss it any further.

We took part in Battalion Training at Helwan, where we spent a very enjoyable time under canvas. The schemes were original and therefore interesting as well as being instructive. One in particular

deserves a special note. It consisted of a three-sided battle for a gold mine. It is not known whether the popularity of this scheme was due to the fact that those taking part were allowed to be as unscrupulous and treacherous as they could be, or to the shortage of money and the old saying "Hope dies hard."

In the world of sport we have managed to keep our end up. We contributed our quota to the Battalion boxing team. Cpls. Whichello and Clark, and L./Cpls. Parker and Smith were included in the team.

The game against B Company, King's Own Royal Regiment, at Kasr-el-Nil, was also well fought, the teams being so well matched that after extra time the first game ended in a draw 0—0. The replay, on the same ground and equally as good, resulted in a win for us by 1—0, and that from a penalty awarded in the first few minutes of the game.

The final on the Slade Ground, Abbassia, was a very exciting match from the spectators' point of view. The first goal was scored within a minute of the kick-



(Photo: S. Sarkis, Cairo.)

A (S.) COMPANY FOOTBALL TEAM.
Winners of the All-Egypt Small Units' Competition, 1933-34.

We have to thank them for the hard work they put in and the excellent exhibition they put up in the Command Boxing Tournament.

Our football team has won for us the Small Units' Cup, a much-coveted trophy for which no less than fifty-two teams were entered. There were three games worthy of special note. That against 45th Squadron, R.A.F., stationed at Helwan, was an excellent display of what football ought to be: fast, clean, hard play, and which we won by 2 goals to 0.

off, and a succession of breaks-away resulted in a score of 3—0. The cup was presented by Brigadier Watson, Commanding the Cairo Brigade.

Team:—

L./Cpl. Coleman; L./Cpls. Parker and Dyer; Pte. Hicks, Pte. Mizon, L./Sergt. Bullock; Pte. Frisby, Pte. Sickenger, Pte. Armitage, Pte. Brewer and Pte. Billson.

We take this opportunity to congratulate the team on their fine performance throughout the tournament.

The hockey situation is not yet clear, as we have to wait until we reach our new station to complete the league. To date, we have won 1 and lost 2, playing H.Q., C and D respectively. We hope to have more to report on this matter in the next issue.

The Christmas celebrations are the only social functions we have been involved in as a Company, and if we say that all thoroughly enjoyed themselves before, during and after we will have aptly described that best of good times. We hope all our readers had as good a time and we wish them all happiness in the New Year.

We welcome to the Company Capt. and Mrs. Overell, Lieut. and Mrs. Ayscough, Mrs. Snell and Mrs. Marshall from England, and L./Sergt. Snell and L./Cpl. Thomas, who have rejoined from courses in England. We hope these new members will enjoy their visit to the East, and may they stay long on the Company roll book.

L./Cpl. Nye has left us for civilian life and our very best wishes go with him. May he become as popular in his new sphere as he was with us.

There is only one thing left to record and that is the inspection by the Brigadier, which was held after our return from Helwan. As you can read all about it in the front of the Journal, we will leave it at that.

They say "Time and tide wait for no man" (neither does our Editor), so we leave this to be continued next quarter from our new station, Moascar.

ACK EMMA GEE.

B COMPANY.

On our return from Maadi we continued the Company Football League, and a draw 1-1 with Don Company and a victory over H.Q. Wing took us to third place in the league.

On the completion of this competition the Platoon Knock-out Competition was commenced, and No. 7 Platoon are to be congratulated on their performance of reaching the semi-final.

During this period, Christmas arrived, with its usual flow of gifts and splendour. The Company, thanks to the organizing powers of our C.S.M., thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas, although perhaps

it was not so jolly as at Jerusalem. The dining-hall, owing to Ptes. Clapton, Judd and Hatt, was judged (and deservedly so) the best dining-hall, and many thanks are due to these men for their hard work in making it so pleasant to look at.

Of course, we had the usual train of married quarters personnel and other ranks of the Battalion during the morning to congratulate us on the decorations and to wish us a happy Christmas.

Christmas festivities finished, we then prepared for Battalion Training at Helwan, and we left there early in January. Putting on one side the natural dislike for sand in any form, our experiences there were quite pleasant, and much amusement was derived from the donkeys we used for carrying the Lewis guns.

After a fortnight's training we returned to the Citadel, and then prepared once more for a sojourn on the sand, but this time at Beni Yusef, and the occasion was Brigade Training.

Half the Company journeyed there ten days before the Battalion, to act as enemy to the Grenadier Guards, and, except for a sandstorm, had a good time.

Congratulations to L./Cpl. McGrady and Ptes. Francis, Litchfield and Almond on their performances in the Command Boxing Championships.

Taken all round, our boxers have accomplished some very fine performances this season. The same four men were in the Battalion team which reached the final of the Inter-Unit Competition and then lost to the King's Own, after experiencing the hardest of luck. Better luck next year. We also congratulate Pte. Francis on getting his place in the Army team against the R.A.F.

In the near future we shall be in our new station, Moascar, and many of us are wondering if it will prove a diversion from the Citadel or just one d— station after another.

There is no truth in the rumour that "Little Willie" is lost. He has put in some good work, and as a result will be in Moascar to welcome us. Good luck, Willie; that boat will soon be here.

Before we wish our readers "au revoir" we must extend a hearty welcome to Sergt. Paterson who has just joined us from the 2nd Battalion, and hope he will soon be accustomed to the sand.

"OFFICE."

C COMPANY.

We began our last quarter's notes from Maadi Camp by saying that, having bridged, dug and wired the desert, we know something about field engineering in the desert. We were, however, blissfully ignorant of the joys of marching in the desert—but not for long. The Cairo Brigade Headquarters set the scheme for our Company March, and with the assistance of a troop of the 1st King's Dragoon Guards we were launched into the desert to play hide-and-seek with a company and an M.G. platoon of the 1st Bn. The King's Own Royal Regiment, assisted by the ubiquitous aeroplane. If Moses struck any going like the country we crossed on the second day, it is not surprising that it took him forty years to get from Egypt to Palestine. From before daylight we marched—Lord, how we marched! By noon the troop horses were foundered and capable of no more work. Luckily our enemy appeared to be in the same plight, so we left them where we found them, and went on marching. We emerged from the mountains just north-east of Helwan as they were about to send up aeroplanes to look for us. On the following day we returned to Cairo by train! It was an interesting if exhausting finish to an enjoyable month's training in Maadi Camp, a name which will always revive happy memories, especially that of the unofficial ceremony when we bade farewell to Capt. and Mrs. Mirams on their departure for the Depot.

After such experiences as these, Battalion Training was almost a rest-cure, and we naturally sparkled. We attribute the fact that the rest of the Battalion call us the "Gold Diggers of 1934" to mere jealousy.

A week after Battalion Training we spent a very pleasant and interesting day in the Faiyum district with a platoon of A (S.) Company acting in co-operation with the 12th Royal Lancers (Armoured Cars). For once we were treated like the "bloated plutocracy," being flown to the scene of operations in Vickers Victoria troop-carrying planes, and from thence to the battle in lorries.

In the sports world we have nothing but a gratifying record of successes to report. At football we have won both the Company and Platoon Knock-outs. In the first case, the Company had an un-

beaten record, and in the second we had all four platoons left out of six in the competition, which was eventually won by No. 9 Platoon.

The third run of the Battalion Cross-Country Running Shield proved most interesting; as a result of the first two runs we held a very narrow lead of A and D Companies, and, as under the new rules the best forty runners in each company were debarred from taking part, we had to rely on the unknown qualities of the body of the Company to uphold our reputation. The result showed that there was nothing wrong with the body, or rather the legs, of the Company, as they literally ran away with the shield.

At hockey we have won all three matches played to date, including a very narrow win over our old rivals D Company, after a very fast and exciting game.

The following have represented the Battalion in the Command Boxing Tournament: Cpl. Roseblade, L./Cpl. Simmons, Ptes. 42 Ellis, Benham, Price and Hardaway, and L./Cpl. Markham. They did extremely well, as the result will testify.

In musketry we are again the best shooting company this year, and take this opportunity of congratulating Pte. 64 Brown and Sergt. Paterson on being Battalion Shot and Best Shot of the Sergeants respectively. We also succeeded in carrying off the Company Team Shooting Shield.

We much regret the loss of C.S.M. Anderson, who has left us for a tour of duty at the Depot, and our very best wishes go with him. At the same time we welcome C.S.M. Goodall to our midst. Another newcomer to whom we also offer a hearty welcome is Cpl. Roseblade; he will undoubtedly be of great assistance in helping us to maintain our present rather dizzy position in the world of work and play.

D COMPANY.

Our stay in the Citadel is now rapidly drawing to a close, and Brigade Training alone separates us from the date of our departure to Moascar, a move that will be very welcome to everyone. We went to Helwan for Battalion Training and had a very pleasant fortnight, the training being far more interesting and rather less arduous than that at Mena last year. Let

us hope that Brigade Training proves to be the same.

We welcome Lieut. Chattey to the Company, and hope that he will enjoy his stay with us. He should certainly prove to be a great asset to us in sport. Lieut. Marsh is away in England on leave and on a course at Hythe, and will be rejoining us shortly after we get to Moascar. We are very sorry to lose Sergt. Priddy, who is now at Port Said taking over the job of C.Q.M.S. L./Cpl. Britton has now joined the staff of the Detention Barracks; we presume they must have considered desperate measures necessary after the escape of a prisoner.

In sport, we have been doing well, but the bad luck we met with in the beginning of the year with the Company cricket seems to have pursued us all the way through. In the cross-country, after doing well in the first two runs, we failed in the last, with the result that A Company came between us and C Company to give the latter a lead of two points. At football we drew with C Company (0-0) after having the best of the game, and lost the league on goal average.

The Hockey League is not yet quite over, but it looks as if C Company will win it with D Company runners-up, and the ultimate result of the Albuhera Shield now depends entirely on the athletics. In the Mons Shield we have not been very successful, and in the Platoon Football Knock-out No. 15 Platoon was the only platoon to get through a round. We heartily congratulate the team manager and the teams in all the sports concerned on the tremendous efforts they have made. The run of luck cannot always go against us, and we hope for better times.

We congratulate L./Cpl. Tatt and Ptes. Evans and Ledain on being representatives of the Battalion boxing team and on the fine performances they have all put up.

We are very sorry to lose Cpl. Roseblade and L./Cpl. Britton from the Company—two sterling sportsmen who have always played a leading part in D Company's activities on the field and in the ring. We wish them luck in their new companies.

COMPANY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

D Company, 4; H.Q. Wing, 2.
D Company, 2; A Company, 1.

D Company, 2; B Company, 0.
D Company, 0; C Company, 0.

COMPANY HOCKEY LEAGUE.

D Company, 3; H.Q. Wing, 0.
D Company, 1; B Company, 0.
D Company, 1; A Company, 0.
D Company, 1; C Company, 2.

CROSS-COUNTRY.

D Company, third.

H.Q. WING.

DRUMS.

Since our last notes appeared we have been busy training, Battalion Training taking us to Helwan, and Brigade Training to Beni Yusef, leaving us very little time to indulge in sport.

We were rather unfortunate to lose in the preliminary round of the Football Knock-out Competition to No. 9 Platoon, being beaten 4-0, but with no discredit to us, as the team played as well as we expected them to, and Dame Fortune failed to smile. Still, we have great hopes of sweeping all before us in the Platoon Hockey Knock-out.

The move to Ismailia will have taken place, and we hope to be settled down once again by the time these notes appear. There will be many regrets at leaving the so-called "London of the East," but we are all looking forward to some happy times at our new station and expect to find about eight sitting on the banks of the Suez Canal watching the ships with hope shining brightly in their "mince pies" (the forlorn hope).

We hope that L./Cpl. Windows and Dmrs. Campbell and Fellows are settled down in civilian life and have met with success in that foreign land called "Blighty."

Our best wishes go to L./Cpl. Stickley, who has left us for home establishment (make the most of it, "Gimpo"), but we expect him back again on reaching India.

We are patiently waiting for the last trooper, when we resume our course of Pelmanism, and the Arabic scholars no doubt receive full benefit of "Wahad and Itmien" (undergrad., please note).

SNAKE CHARMER III.

BAND.

Here we are again. Christmas and Battalion Training are over, but yet to come, more training, camel riding and, lastly, our move to Moascar.

We will leave the move to our next notes, for, after all, it may be worse than the Citadel. We hope not, however. Many will miss the "delights" of Cairo, but a change will no doubt do us good.

The Inter-Platoon Football has been our chief sport of late. Unfortunately we are no longer interested, having made our exit in the third round after a gallant fight by our youngsters, for five boys appeared on our side. This should give us encouragement for next year.

Our boys are coming greatly to the fore, and we all congratulate them on their displays in the Command Open Boxing Competition, and in the Cairo Boys' Football and Miniature Shooting Leagues. We hope to win the latter competition. Send up a few more like these, 2nd Battalion!

Before closing down we wish Tommy Cladd the best of luck in civilian life, and hope his patience in waiting for a boat has been rewarded.

FLAT PITCH.

BOYS.

Hello, everybody; this is the Boys of the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment making their debut in the Journal.

Although this is our first appearance, it is not going to be our last, and, although we have been shy in the past of recounting our deeds and misdeeds, 1934 is the beginning of a new era in notes written for THE DIE-HARDS Journal by Boys.

Up to our arrival in Cairo we hardly had any sports victory to our credit, but since reaching the Citadel we seem to have made up for lost time. Of course, we do not know whether it is Cairo's fascinating air or these dark-veiled women that are doing it, but anyhow we are certainly making a name for ourselves. A few months ago, a league for Boys in shooting and football was formed for the Cairo and Cavalry Brigades, and we do not blush when we say we are doing fine in both. Although we have never held rifles before, our team as yet are un-

beaten. Some of our victories have been very close, but that is by the way.

Up to the time of going to press we have beaten the King's Own Boys twice, King's Dragoon Guards once, 12th Lancers twice, and our friends the 3rd Bn. Grenadier Guards once, and have great hopes of beating the last-named again if we keep our present form in the Shooting League.

We owe several of our wins to the "dead eyes" of Boys Haigh, Whittington, Willson and Williams, who several times have made the splendid scores of 50 and over out of a possible 60, and should, in the future, prove useful in the Battalion teams.

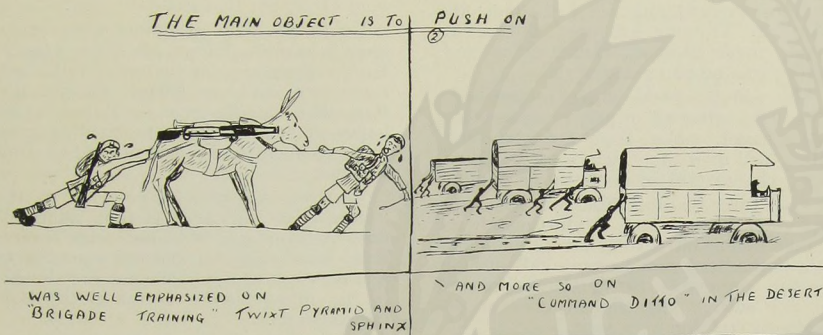
We now come to football, which on the whole is just as creditable to us as the shooting. Our first match of the season was against the 3rd Bn. Grenadier Guards (away), and only after a great struggle were we unfortunate to be a goal down. We then met them on our ground, and once again the battle royal started; this was the finest match we ever played, and we were all out from beginning to end. At half-time we were losing 1-3, but we managed to pull up equal about ten minutes from the end, thanks to boys Grogan and Williams, who scored two beautiful goals. The tragedy came about two minutes from the end. The Guards' centre-half, a West Ham schoolboy player, scored the winning goal, resulting in another very unlucky loss for us. Yes, we lost both games to the Guards by the odd goal each time, but look how we have beaten the other teams in the Brigade! The next three matches were easy for us: v. The King's Own Royal Regiment 6-0; v. King's Dragoon Guards, 5-1; and v. 12th Lancers, 4-1. Quite good, eh? The Battalion should keep their eyes on Boys Haigh, Williams, Schroder and Grogan, who have the makings of good footballers.

So long for now, until our next notes appear to tell you our adventures of the tail-end of our stay at Cairo, and the beginning of our tour at Moascar.

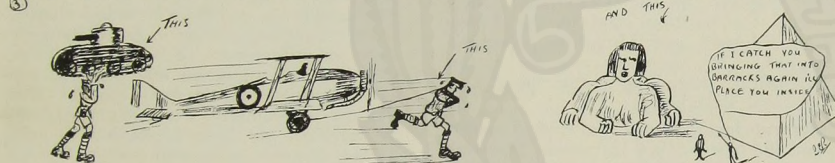
We wish the Boys of the 2nd Battalion the best of luck for 1934 season, and hope that they are enjoying that good old English winter.

Cheerio, everybody.

WALAD.



IF SOMEONE WERE TO SUGGEST "GRAND MANOEUVRES IN EGYPT, THIS MIGHT BE THE RESULT."



The following messages passed between Battalion and Brigade during the recent Battalion Training at Helwan:—

To 1/Mx.

From CAIRODIS.

Send recommendation immediate awards forthwith as follows AAA Offrs. D.S.O. one M.C. three Star in East six AAA O.Rs. D.C.M. one M.M. three Red Morocco six AAA Ends.

To CAIRODIS.

From 1/Mx.

Ref. your 024 dated 15 Jan.

D.S.O.

Major Hannibal Bonaparte Wellington Savile, M.C., for conspicuous gallantry on the night 12th Jan., whilst leading the Pinchites on the Chocolate Hill night attack.

M.Cs.

Major Walter William Jefferd, for conspicuous bravery in directing operations in the face of the enemy, whilst supervising the launching, from the banks of the River Nile, of the longest Kapok bridge ever constructed.

Capt. Arthur Vivian Weller, for gallantly emulating General Blucher.

2/Lieut. Fred Whiting, for outstanding initiative whilst leading a fighting patrol, in that he attacked and captured one of his own sections.

STAR OF THE EAST.

Capt. Basil Rackham, M.C., for outstanding treachery and guile while leading the Pluchites.

Capt. E. Fred Lyons, M.C., for exemplary innocent conduct in that he was prepared to form an alliance with the Pouchites.

Lieut. A. W. Clark, for successfully evading every night operation during Battalion Training.

Lieut. P. D. ff. Powell, for gallantly leading his platoon whilst asleep.

Lieut. More Herapath, for a successful galloping action (posthumous).

Lieut. R. A. Gwyn, for discovering Pt. 105 from the top of a camel.

D.C.M.

R.S.M. Percy Newman, for gallant conduct at the head of the Battalion in all operations.

M.Ms.

Pte. Nicholls, for conspicuous bravery in the face of the enemy.

Sergt. Blake, for outstanding ability in the preparation of cold tea.

C.Q.M.S. Misso, for exemplary conduct in that he refused wheeled transport whilst on the line of march from Cairo to Helwan.

RED MOROCCO STAR (6).

O.R.Q.M.S. Finch, R.Q.M.S. Crouch, Bandmaster Judge, L./Sergt. Glover, and Ptes. Sibley and Benham, for services rendered behind the line.

SIGNALLERS.

Once again the time has come round for us to contribute our quarterly share of the Journal notes, and as we have only just returned from camp and have only a short time to write these notes before going to press, we are afraid that the contribution will be rather small. Anyhow, let us get started.

The first thing we must write about is camp and manoeuvres. Battalion Training started on 3rd January, and the whole of the Battalion, less details left at the Citadel, marched to Helwan. Here we carried out intensive training. All went well until one of the companies discovered a gold mine on Chocolate Hill. Naturally the other companies wanted to have a share. After a lot of fighting the leaders came to an agreement. The question then was: To whom did the gold belong? We cannot answer that question here, as it was fought out by the leaders. A good many moans were heard and the men wanted to know what had happened to their share of the gold. We will leave them to find out for themselves.

We marched back from Helwan and had three weeks' very welcome rest; after this three weeks' scrounge the Battalion marched to Beni Yusef Camp to carry out Brigade Training. This time the Sigs. were lucky, as we were advance party for the Wing.

During training the Signals worked very well and showed that the time put in by the instructors during the past classification and Concentration at Polygon had not been in vain.

We will leave training alone for now and revert to things that happened during the interval between Battalion and Brigade Training.

Our hope of winning the Football Knock-out has definitely been smashed, as we were knocked out by No. 11 Platoon by the only goal scored. We consider we were the superior side, but our inability to score from the forward line lost us the match. We have every reason to believe that we shall go a long way in the Hockey Knock-out. In a friendly match with the Grenadier Guards we put up a good show, even though we lost by 1 goal to 2. Our international goalkeeper did not show his usual form that day.

Soon we will be at Moascar, and with the greater facilities for sport that we shall have there we hope to improve our present standard.

A new class has been formed, and perhaps we shall find some talent among them.

We welcome Lieut. Bellers on his return from the Signal School at Catterick to take over the duties of Signal Officer, and wish him a happy time during his period with us.

DOT DASH.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Originality is always the key-word to the writing of notes for the Journal, and I am afraid that I am not the possessor of such a virtue, as I can never think of anything new or startling with which to commence operations, so I suppose I must leave it at this and take it for granted that the Sergeants' Mess and I have been introduced to our dear patient readers.

THAT WEDNESDAY MORNING FEELING.

The first event of interest which took place shortly after our last notes were submitted for publication was the return of our last company, C, from training at Maadi.

The Company marched into the Citadel on Wednesday morning, the day which we always count as a holiday. The following incident occurred on the next day (Thursday):—

Scene.—A company office. Seated at the table is the O.C. Company. The door opens and the C.Q.M.S. enters in mufti.

C.Q.M.S.: "Good morning, sir."

O.C.: "Good morning. Where are you going—padding?"

C.Q.M.S. (looking at calendar): "Hm, sorry, sir, sorry. (To Company Clerk): Boy, go to my house and bring my khaki."

Never mind, Charlie. What is a mere matter of twenty-four hours among friends?

NEW FRIENDS.

The Coldstream Guards have left us and returned to dear old "Blighty," and we have new friends at Kasr-el-Nil in the Grenadier Guards, who have come from home to relieve them. We very soon made their acquaintance, as they had

hardly arrived before they issued a challenge to us to meet them at football. Unfortunately we could not call upon the services of Williams and Paterson, and the following team turned out and was soundly beaten by 8 goals to 4:—

Clr.-Sergt. Rindile; Sergt. Northcott, Serg. Tiller; C.S.M. Brockman, Sergt. Bayles, C.S.M. Russell; Sergt. Challis, Sergt. Bullock, Sergt. West, Armourer-S./Sergt. Baysting and Sergt. Blake.

Our goals were scored by West (2), Russell and Blake.

After the match we adjourned to the Mess, where a very enjoyable evening was spent and at which we were more successful than our afternoon performance.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas was spent in the usual cheery manner, and all the members were well catered for, the married members by their wives and the single members being very kindly invited to share the good fare provided by the occupants of married quarters. All the members found their own way of enjoying Christmas, some with very staggering results.

As is usual on this day, the members of the Mess served the dinner for the troops, and some of them were rather late in keeping their appointments for their own dinners. One member even risked his life in travelling to his dinner in a taxi driven by a fellow-member, much to the consternation of "George," the owner. Anyway, two hours to travel 300 yards and to procure some Angostura Bitters is not bad going for Christmas Day.

The single members had their Christmas dinner on Boxing Day, and after a very good dinner—on which we congratulate our able cook, Pte. Marsh—the married members and their wives were entertained and at the same time did their share of entertaining.

BATTALION CONCERT.

A very successful concert was given by the "Merry Mids" and several members of the Mess were instrumental in making the show the success that it was. Bandmaster A. E. Judge was the very able General Director, assisted by Sergt. L. West as his stage manager and member of the cast. Mrs. Thomas and Miss Crouch were both great successes, and

we hope to see them in our next concert. Unfortunately we are afraid that this is impossible in the case of Miss Crouch, as she is shortly to be married, and our wishes go to her and Rob for a successful and happy journey into the land of matrimony. One other member of the Mess must be mentioned for his aid in making the concert a success, and that is Sergt. Challis, who came to the rescue when the lights refused to function just prior to the interval. His efforts were brilliant (when the lights came on), and can only be termed as "shock tactics."

NEW YEAR'S EVE.

The advent of the changing of the years was celebrated in the Mess with a very enjoyable social evening, and the games and amusements organized by R.Q.M.S. Crouch and his Committee proved a great success.

BATTALION TRAINING.

On 3rd January we started on our trek to Helwan, where we arrived in due course and underwent a fortnight's hiking under the name of Battalion Training. On arrival at camp we soon discovered some very good friends in the Sergeants' Mess of the 45th Squadron, R.A.F. Many thanks are due to them for making our stay at Helwan much more pleasant than it would normally have been. Their hospitality and kindness are shown in the fact that they went to the effort of arranging a dance in our honour, which was unanimously agreed to be a great success by all who attended.

Training is always diverted from its more serious aspect by some very amusing incidents which always crop up at intervals and relieve situations which might otherwise have been tiring. Some of these incidents are well worth recording, the notable ones being appended. We should like to know the thoughts of a certain Sergeant, when, on his name being called by his C.S.M., a donkey ambled up. We have also to report another member who got in the way of a rifle butt in his valiant efforts to protect a gold mine. Our only remark is that that was one of the rewards of being a Pinchite. Another member scorned the idea of attending a conference, as he was not a platoon commander, while his juniors were, and much to his disgust his

juniors went home in cars while he wearily footlogged all the way.

Whilst on the subject of Battalion Training we should like to mention that we played football against the Officers, and our sadly depleted team could only just scrape a draw of 4 goals each. The following represented the Mess in this match:—

Sergt. Smith; Sergt. Tiller, C.S.M. Goodall; Sergts. Donovan, Bullock and Moir; Sergts. Challis, Hazeldine, West and Chillery, and A. N. Other. (This was a member of the King's Own Royal Regiment who was attached to us and kindly consented to give a helping foot.) Sergt. Bullock (3) and Mr. Peel (own goal) scored for us.



OFFICERS' TEAM.

Officers' v. Sergeants' Football Match, Battalion Camp, Helwan.



SERGEANTS' TEAM.

Officers' v. Sergeants' Football Match, Battalion Camp, Helwan.

CASUALTIES.

Sergts. Soper and Herbert are still in hospital, and we once again wish them a speedy recovery. Poor old George nearly sailed for England, but two days before he was due to sail his health again failed him and he returned to the hospital. Better luck next time, George.

FAREWELL DANCE.

On Friday, 2nd February, we held our farewell dance in the Slade Club. This event proved a great success, and was very well received and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks are due to our very able Committee and to Sergt. Stenning and his Regimental Jazz Band.

ARRIVALS.

We have already extended a hearty welcome to C.S.M. Goodall, who has since arrived and found a home in C Company.

Whilst on the subject of arrivals, we should like to congratulate Sergt. and Mrs. Paterson on the birth of a daughter.

DEPARTURES.

As already mentioned, we nearly wished L./Sergt. Herbert *bon voyage*, but in case he leaves before our next notes (George says he hopes he does), we now take this opportunity of wishing him success and return to good health when he reaches home.

Sergt. Priddy has left us for a staff job at Port Said, and in consequence *The Times* crossword will suffer considerably.

BRIGADE TRAINING.

Little can be said for this form of pastime, as we do not commence operations until after these notes have been submitted for publication. Anyway, we sail for Beni Yusef on Tuesday, 13th, and hope to be able to tell you more concerning this event in our next issue.

MOVE TO MOASCAR.

By the time these notes appear in print we shall have arrived at our new home in Moascar, where we shall renew our acquaintance with old friends, the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

So we bid good-bye to the Citadel and Cairo, but not with tears in our eyes or lumps in our throats.

Moascar may not be a good station, but we are living in hopes of—well, enough said!

SMALL UNITS' CUP.

We congratulate A (S.) Company on their brilliant performance of being winners of the Command Small Units' Cup.

BOXING.

We also congratulate Sergt. J. West and his merry band of boxers on being runners-up in the Command Team Boxing Championship.

L. C. W.

CORPORALS' MESS.

"A rolling stone gathers no moss," so wise men say, and I think that we are living up to that this month. By the time these notes appear we will just about be settling down in our new quarters in Moascar, and I am sure the stone will be kept rolling with plenty of socials, whist drives and dances. We only hope that our new Mess will be as cosy as the one in which we have spent so many pleasant evenings in the Citadel. I am sure all the Corporals will be able to look back on their short stay in Cairo and congratulate themselves on having such energetic Mess Presidents who have made things buzz.

Our last great success was a dance held in the Gymnasium on 22nd December. The King's Own Royal Regiment Corporals came in their regimental bus, and we had quite a number of ladies present, so, needless to say, everybody enjoyed themselves. Just before the last waltz those who were not liquid-tasting in the bar started diving into their pockets for the lucky swindle tickets, and what faces they pulled when the number they had specially picked did not turn out a winner!

We have been very well represented in all the Battalion sports, and all are agreed that the Mess could turn out a boxing team which would want some beating. By the result of a game of football that was played at Helwan Camp, in which we beat A Company of the King's Own Royal Regiment 5—2, it looks as if we

will more than hold our own in that game at Moascar.

At the time of writing, the Battalion is in the middle of its training period, and so we should all be nice and fit and ready to make ourselves prominent in Inter-Mess and Battalion sports in our new station.

We congratulate Cpls. Jeffries and Roseblade on their promotion, and L./Cpls. Gill, Price and Dillon on their appointments, and wish them every success in the future.

In conclusion, we wish Cpl. Simmonds, L./Cpl. Image and any other N.C.O. who is lucky enough to go home with them *bon voyage* and plenty of luck in England.

C. W. J.

SIXTY YEARS AGO.

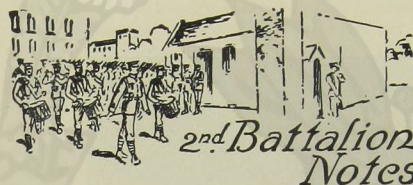
SIXTY YEARS AGO.

The following letter appeared in *The Times* of 23rd January, 1874:—

"SIR,

"Between one and two o'clock to-day was seen a small military detachment in uniform marching from Cannon Street to the Mansion House . . . taking to their final resting place in St. Paul's Cathedral the old colours of the 57th Regiment—the West Middlesex—the 'Diehards.' They were cordially received by the Lord Mayor, and with equal cordiality at the Cathedral, where, after a short, impressive ceremony, the colours were placed on its walls. They were the colours of the Crimea and especially of Inkerman. They were accompanied on this their last march by the condition that 'no expense was thereby to be entailed on the public.' As this detachment of honour passed from the Mansion House and along Cheapside, little did the rich and busy crowd think that the officers' private purses had saved to the country the railway fare from Woolwich, and thus added to our economical, if it had not been quite to our military, credit.

"W. J. CODRINGTON."



WITH the publication of these notes we come to the end of our second full period of winter games in this Garrison. The few winter months immediately after our arrival from Khartoum need hardly be considered because of furlough and the upheaval following our return from abroad.

Looking back on this second season, we can feel that we really are making that progress in team building which we recognized was so essential on our return to this country. Probably progress is more apparent in rugby and hockey than in soccer and boxing. Rugby especially is flourishing, particularly in view of the promise shown by other ranks in positions outside the scrum. In hockey we have several times given the King's Shropshire Light Infantry (the Garrison winners in the Army Cup Competition) a good game. Soccer and boxing are both progressing. In both these branches we are adding to our experience by arranging fixtures with other than Garrison clubs. The boxers have recently met the 7th London Regiment, T.A., and the Colchester Boxing Club. There can be no doubt that the knowledge we gain in this way will prove useful to us in future seasons.

The Battalion's strength is still gradually on the increase. Drafts arrive from the Depot at fairly regular intervals, and comparatively few older members of the Battalion are leaving the Colours at present. Quite a large number, however, are away from the unit attending courses in military subjects, as well as those undergoing Vocational Training, and we still consider ourselves a small unit when we think of our pre-Colchester days.

Company Training and the firing of the Annual Weapon Training Course have started. Apparently great things are expected of us at the end of this summer, when we are to leave Colchester for Divisional exercises near Cambridge. But more about that later.

Major Procter—whom we congratulate on his brevet promotion—has left us for a tour at the Depot in relief of Capt. Kempster, who now commands B Company. Two newly appointed officers have joined us from Sandhurst, 2/Lieuts. Anson and Beath, and we take this opportunity of welcoming them to the Regiment. The name of the former is not new to some of us, as his father was killed in action when Adjutant of the 8th Battalion in 1915.

RUGBY.

Results:—

v. Sudbury	Lost	0—6
v. 4th Division Signals	Won	5—0
v. 27th Field Brigade R.A.	Won	8—0
v. Shoburness Garrison	Won	12—3
v. Old Colcestrians	Won	11—0
v. R.A.F., Martlesham	Lost	5—12
v. Clacton	Won	13—0
v. H.M.S. Ganges	Won	23—3
A v. Old Colcestrians 1st XV	Lost	3—19

GARRISON CUP.

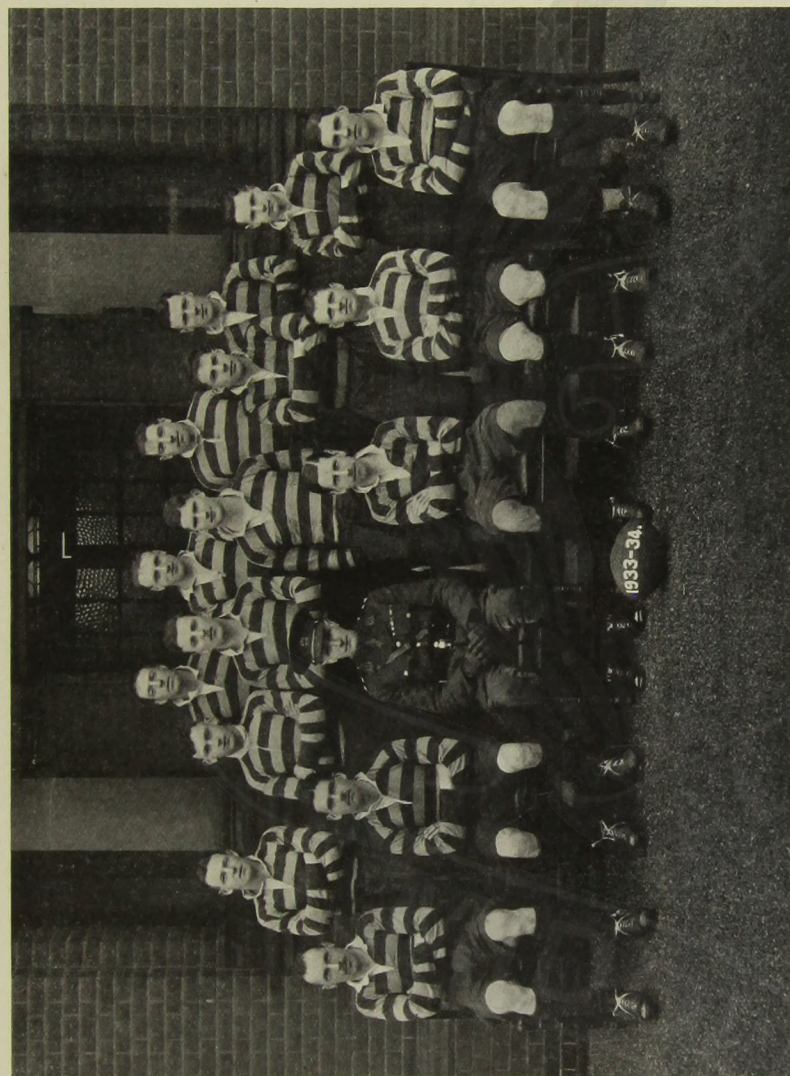
v. K.S.L.I.	Lost	0—8 (after extra time).
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RECORD FOR THE SEASON.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Points for.	Points against.
21	14	7	196	126

We must first congratulate 2/Lieut. Unwin on being selected to represent the Army against both the Navy and R.A.F., and also on being asked to be reserve for the South in the final international trial. We hope he will go one better next year and obtain a cap.

To our very great disappointment we were unable to repeat our Army Cup success over the King's Shropshire Light Infantry in the Garrison Cup, and lost a good match after extra time had been played. We do not wish to detract one bit from the Shropshires' success, which was thoroughly deserved on the run of the play, but we were unfortunate in being caught without 2/Lieut. Unwin and Pte. Rimmer, whose thrust outside would have been able to turn the work of the forwards to better account. However, we do not feel disgraced, as the Shropshires went on to win the cup very comfortably, and we also have had the satisfaction of seeing our victors in the Army Cup, the Welsh Guards, go on to win the competition. So we have been put out by the winners in both competitions.



[Photo: Bradley & Blowers, Colchester.]

2ND BATTALION RUGBY FOOTBALL XV. 1933-34.

Back Row.—Sergeant Johnson, Pte. Rawlinson, Cpl. White, Bdsen, Hogg.
 Middle Row.—Pte. Rimmer, L/Cpl. Williams, 2/Lieut. Willoughby, 2/Lieut. Beath, Sergeant Jenkins, Pte. Pearson,
 Front Row.—Lieut. Elze, Lieut. Stephenson, Lieut.-Col. M. Browne, M.C., Lieut. Weston, Cpl. Marshall, 2/Lieut. Unwin.

Turning to our ordinary fixtures, we have had some most enjoyable rugger since Christmas. Sudbury turned the tables on us in the return game, but we have recorded good wins against Shoe-burnyess Garrison, the Old Colcestrians, Clacton, and H.M.S. *Ganges*. We are particularly pleased with our decisive win by 23 points to 3 against the last-named team, as we have never been able to beat them before, and in this match the XV probably touched their best form of the season, some of the passing movements being really brilliantly executed.

In a number of our games since Christmas we have been able to give trials to people who did not get a chance in the first team before, and we hope that the experience gained by them will bear fruit next year, when we hope to run even more 2nd XV games than we have this year. One pleasing feature has been the improvement shown by other ranks outside the scrum, and it is clear that our early-season coaching is now reaping its reward, as experience comes in match play. The scrum has the makings of a first-class eight, and with some concentrated shoving practice early next year should be able to provide our three-quarters with more than their fair share of the ball.

We have unfortunately lost Lieut. Hudson, who has gone to the A.E.C. on probation, and we can only selfishly hope that his teaching ability will prove to be as bad as his rugger is good. Against this, however, we are fortunate in that 2/Lieut. C. M. Beath, a forward who captained Sandhurst, has just joined us. Finally, we should like to thank Lieut. Vaux, of the R.A.S.C., for the many good games he has played for us during his attachment.

We must now possess our souls in patience till next year and pray that the fickle god of the weather will allow us a dry ball for our Army Cup matches.

FOOTBALL.

The hopes that were expressed at the end of the last notes have not altogether been realized.

In the third round of the Essex Senior Cup we were drawn against Crittalls Football Club, and, although we lost this match by 2 goals to 4, the football played

by the team was the best that has been seen since the start of the season. We were highly complimented in the Press on our game, the results of the team playing as a team and not as individuals, as is too often the case at the present time. This defeat saw our exit from the competition.

The next competition match was the Pearson Charity Cup, in the first round of which we met our old friends the Signals and were knocked out, the result being 3 goals to nil against us. On the following Saturday we met the Signals again, in a league match, and they once more beat us, this time to the tune of 5 goals to nil.

In the first round of the Inter-Unit Garrison Knock-out Competition we met the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, and won by 4 goals to 1, and passed into the final, meeting once again the Signals, who beat us by 4 goals to 2. If we meet the Signals many more times we shall all be taking up tic-tacking at Newmarket.

In the Essex and Suffolk Border League we have up to date played 18, won 6, drawn 3 and lost 9.

On 21st March, Mr. A. Grimsdell, late of Tottenham Hotspur, came to Colchester and gave an instructive lecture on football, in which various points in connection with the game were brought out. The players of the Regimental and Company teams attended, and it is hoped that some if not all of the points brought up and illustrated by the lecturer have been borne in mind by players, and will bear fruit in future.

The day after the lecture the first team played a team composed of the Unemployed of Colchester on the Colchester Town football ground, Layer Road, and experiment was made with one or two moves suggested by Mr. Grimsdell. Although a certain amount of success rewarded our efforts and the fundamentals of the scheme were understood by the team, the carrying out of the moves was on the slow side, rather as if too much concentration was given as to what to do instead of doing it automatically as all good moves should be done after intensive practice. The result of this match was a win for us by 5 goals to 3. We must not forget to mention here that the Regimental Band attended and played

selections on the ground before the match and at half-time.

Several changes have taken place in the team of late, owing chiefly to injuries. First the goalkeeper, Bandmaster Dennis, hurt his hand very badly and up to date has not been able to play. Another member of the Band filled the breach, namely, Bdsn. Hoare. Curious the Band producing goalkeepers; centre-forwards should be more in their line: they have plenty of wind! Secondly, Pte. Mew, of the Drums, has come in at right back in place of L./Sergt. Cooper, and our stalwart left back, who was badly injured in the last match against the Lancashire Fusiliers, has had to stand down, which has necessitated moving Mew over to left back and bringing Cooper back to his old position.

Nothing much has been said this time about the second team, but owing chiefly to so much chopping and changing, the same team has hardly ever been fielded twice. Another reason for the omission is the fact that new players must be tried as they join from the Depot. It is hoped to commence next season with a full complement of eleven good players, and to enter a different league where better football is played, thus giving the members of this team a better opportunity of improving their game and supplementing the first team in the event of casualties. Let us hope that they go far.

BOXING.

Since the commencement of this year one Inter-Company Competition and two Battalion matches have taken place. The Inter-Company Competition held on 29th and 30th January and 1st February was organized on the individual system whereby companies entered as many boxers as possible in each weight and reckoned two points for each win towards their total scores.

The competition was open to everyone in the Battalion excepting members of the Battalion team and various men who were considered of too high a standard in ringcraft to be included. These latter were decided by a meeting of company representatives.

A large number of entries for the competition were received, and some very spirited fighting was seen. Probably the

most outstanding boxer was Pte. Gribble, of B Company, who made up for lack of skill by excellent spirit.

The winners of the Shabodeen Cup were B Company with a score of 42 points. C (S.) Company scored 30 points, H.Q. Wing scored 26 points, A Company 16 points and D Company 14 points.

The winners and runners-up were:—

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

Feather-weight.—Pte. Grogan, A; Pte. Lake, B.

Light-weight.—Pte. Chapman, H.Q.; Pte. Gribble, B.

Welter-weight.—Pte. Trotobas, B; Pte. Dillon, H.Q.

Middle-weight.—Pte. Cutts, B; L./Cpl. Parry, A.

Light Heavy-weight.—Sergt. Jenkins, C (S.); Pte. Longley, D.

Pte. Gribble was awarded a good loser's prize.

A Battalion match was fought against the 7th City of London Regiment (P.O.R.) at their drill hall at Finsbury Square on 28th February. This was a most enjoyable meeting, thanks to the energies of the Boxing Officer of the 7th City of London Regiment, Major Hunt.

The Battalion was represented by:—

Fly-weight.—L./Cpl. Lowe.

Bantam-weight.—Pte. Grogan and Bdsn. Murphy.

Feather-weight.—Pte. Murray.

Light-weight.—L./Cpl. Head, Cpl. Wray and Pte. Gribble.

Welter-weight.—L./Sergt. Livens, L./Cpl. Collison and Cpl. Marshall.

Middle-weight.—Ptes. Trotobas and Cutts.

Pte. Hutton and Dmr. Mew fought a special contest.

The Battalion won the match by 12 fights to 2. Our team showed promise and spirit, and proved themselves to be fit in spite of losing a week before the match their instructor, Sergt. Donaldson, who had left us to attend a course. However, Sergt.-Major Wright stepped into the breach and the success of the team was largely due to his hard work and energy.

Another match was held against the Colchester Amateur Boxing Club in the Garrison Gymnasium on 15th March.

Although we did not meet this club's best team, their heavy-weights and one of their middle-weights having special contests arranged, we beat their lighter weights. A good display of boxing was given by both teams, and the Battalion team won its fights by being fitter than its opponents and by a plentiful display of that quality commonly and familiarly known as "guts."

Our team won by 8 fights to 1. The results were as follows:—

Middle-weight.—Dmr. Mew beat P. C. Isom. Pte. Trotobas beat D. Pye.

Welter-weight.—Sergt. Livens beat R. Hocking. Pte. Bennett beat C. Calver. Cpl. Marshall lost to T. Bowyer.

Special Light Heavy-weight Contest.—Pte. Hutton lost to P. C. Newell.

Bantam-weight.—L./Cpl. Lowe beat J. Dowsett. Pte. Grogan beat B. Wright.

Of our team this season, L./Sergt. Livens and L./Cpl. Lowe entered for the Army Championships. The former lost in the eliminating rounds of the welter-weight, after a very close fight. The latter boxed fly-weight and lost also after a close fight.

L./Cpl. Lowe has also been boxing fly-weight for the Army during the past season with notable success.

Dmr. Mew, Pte. Hutton and L./Cpl. Stanton (who has been prevented from boxing most of the season owing to injuries to his hand) were selected to represent the Garrison against the Colchester Police on 22nd March. Both Mew and Stanton won their fights.

HOCKEY.

The hockey season is now almost at an end, and only two matches remain to be played. The team has played 28 matches, of which 14 have been won, 8 lost and 6 drawn. The result becomes very creditable when it is realized that four of the lost matches were against the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, the Army champions (2—4 and 1—4), and Bury St. Edmunds, whose international centre-forward is always capable of getting the extra goal to give his side the victory.

Major Procter has left us for the Depot since the beginning of this year, and taken with him our left back, Pte. Hunter, who is his servant. Both have been missed very much. Sergts. Bishop and

Smith have filled the vacant back positions satisfactorily, and with more practice in positioning themselves should be quite useful next year. Cpl. Day has returned to the team at outside left, and 2/Lieut. Chatty was just finding his form at inside left when Hythe called him away. He has plenty of dash in the circle, but must learn to tackle back more. The team has been getting together quite well recently, but is always slow at starting. If we can "get off the mark" more quickly next season there is no reason why better results may not be achieved in the earlier matches, including the Garrison and Army competitions.

The team at the end of the season was as follows:—

Pte. Mileham (goal); Lieut. Man and Sergt. Bishop (backs); L./Cpls. Etheridge and Pinner and Pte. Gorman (halves); Lieut. Heywood, Cpl. Buckland, Sergt. Kemp, 2/Lieut. Chatty and Cpl. Day (forwards).

Sergts. Deane and Smith, L./Cpls. Copelin and Gilbert, and Dmr. Thompson have also played.

The calls of soccer and rugby, to say nothing of duties, have prevented the second team from getting much practice. Hockey is not an easy game to learn quickly; considerable practice is required, and, unless this is possible, young players cannot expect to make great strides. We have tried throughout the season to refrain from calling upon players wanted for other games, with the natural result that the prospects for the future of hockey in the Battalion are not over-bright. Things are never so bad as they sometimes appear, however! Still, it is unfortunate that hockey should be one of the only two games the rudiments of which cannot be taught at the Depot. The other, of course, is rugby.

The Company Knock-out Competition provided some good games, particularly in the finals, in which Q eventually beat A Company after a replay (1—1, then 4—1). Both were very exciting matches. Far too many veterans were to be seen in all the sides!

Before closing, a word about our umpires who have done so much to make our season a happy one. Sergt. Kemp and Pte. Gromm have qualified as Army Umpires, 1st Class, and Sergts. Ramsay



[Photo: Bradley & Blowers, Colchester.]

Q COMPANY, H.Q. WING.**Winners, Inter-Company Hockey Knock-out Competition, 1933-34.**

Back Row.—Pte. A. Rivett. L./Cpl. S. Copelin. Pte. D. Baker. C.S.M. R. Colbourne. Sergt. S. Smith. Pte. W. Jones.
Front Row.—Cpl. H. Buckland. Sergt. W. Kemp. Lieut. A. M. Man. Cpl. J. Wright. Sergt. F. Deane.

and Russell and L./Sergt. Jennings as 2nd Class; whilst there are a number of others preparing for the written or practical tests to be held next season—a very satisfactory state of affairs.

Finally, all good luck to the King's Shropshire Light Infantry team in the Army Cup. We have met them several times this season in addition to the two recognized fixtures—in fact, whenever they wanted a little practice before a cup match. They have always beaten us, but not by much, one game being particularly close; but they have taught us many lessons, not the least of which is the value of team work.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

An Inter-Company Run was held in January and was won by B Company.

On the 19th of the same month the Battalion ran against the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and were successful in beating them by a fair margin. Pte. Jacques ran exceedingly well, as usual. Adams, Peasley, Day and Berryman also did very well.

Unfortunately the Battalion did not shine in either the Garrison Inter-Company or Inter-Unit Races. We were very unfortunate in not having Jacques, for the latter, owing to a leg injury, was unable to run. His absence made a big difference.

The prospects for next season should be quite fair; the majority of the Battalion runners are young and are rapidly improving, and there is every hope that the team will be more successful next year.

A COMPANY.

Our numbers have recently been strengthened by the addition of two drafts from the Depot. We welcome them to the Company and hope that they will prove a strong support to us in our various activities.

The Inter-Company Football League fixtures have been completed, and we are not in the position of honour, so we will not say too much about this. In the Hockey Competition the results were much more satisfactory, and we may go

into further details. In the first round we beat D Company by 4 goals to 1, and drew with H.Q. Wing in the final, sharing two goals. We were unsuccessful in the replay, however, losing by 1 goal to 4.

"Potted Sports" have not yet been completed, but we can already show an improvement over last year's results, and we hope to occupy a higher position than formerly. We were not able to hold the Silver Dart, but we give as our excuse that we were concentrating on sterner stuff, to wit, Weapon Training.

We congratulate Pte. Grogan on his prowess as a boxer. The Battalion team has also made use of the services of Cpls. Wray and Armstrong, L./Cpl. Parry and Ptes. Kent and Murray, who have done well at their respective weights. Among the newcomers we have several who show promise of doing well, notably Pte. Hutton, who has already upheld his reputation.

Major Thorpe has been absent from us while acting as Second-in-Command, but we take this opportunity of welcoming him back, and with him 2/Lieut. P. A. Anson, who has been posted to the Company. We very much regret losing 2/Lieut. E. J. Unwin, now posted to C (S.) Company. He was our strongest support in athletics when available. We congratulate Sergt. Wright on his promotion to Company Sergeant-Major, but regret the loss to the Company, especially in competition shooting. We welcome Sergt. Colbourne and Cpl. Armstrong, recently posted to the Company.

B COMPANY.

Capt. Kempster has now joined the Company from the Depot, and has taken over command from Capt. Wray, who is leaving to take up a Territorial adjutancy. We heartily welcome the former, and 2/Lieut. Beath from Sandhurst, but we shall miss our old Company Commander, particularly on the football field. We have also lost 2/Lieut. Willoughby, but he is not so far away, as the Machine Gunners have claimed him. While he was with us we were very pleased to see him fencing for the Army.

We are very proud of our boxers, who swept all before them in the Shabodeen Cup and won handsomely. Pte. Gribble particularly distinguished himself by dis-

posing of three opponents in one day. We shall never argue with him. We must, however, put on record how much we owe to Sergt. Bean for this success, for he spared no pains in training the team, and we feel sure it was very largely due to his enthusiasm that we won so comfortably. Ptes. Trotobas, Gribble and Cutts went on to distinguish themselves in the Battalion boxing team, the latter having to fight in the weight above his own against the 7th London Regiment.

In soccer we have been having a desperate battle with A Company for the Wooden Spoon, but just managed to pip them, thanks to a good goal by L./Cpl. Powell. Sergt. Scott has been our only representative in the higher class of football, this time for the 2nd XI.

At hockey we reached the semi-final, only to succumb rather heavily to a strong Q team. However, we beat the Support Company *en route*, after an excellent game, in which extra time was played. L./Cpl. Etheridge has been a tower of strength to us and the Battalion, and Sergt. Bishop has also appeared in the first team on several occasions.

Ptes. Zellely and Leahy, and L./Cpl. Stanton ran for the Battalion in the Garrison Cross-Country Run, and Cpl. White, and Ptes. Hudson, Roden and Trotobas have done well on the Rugby field.

And now for some really bad news. We are losing C.S.M. Clarke, who will shortly become R.S.M. of a Territorial battalion. Seldom has the well-worn expression "our loss is their gain" been truer than in this case. We wish him and his family the best of luck.

At the moment we have some lepers amongst us, as Pte. Keyse has been unfortunate enough to contract scarlet fever, and now 2/Lieut. Fishbourne and twelve others have been isolated, "just in case." We are pleased to hear that Pte. Hood has got a good job as work's clerk at the A.V.T.C. We hope all our other representatives are being as successful in civilian life.

C (S.) COMPANY.

Individual Training has been completed and we are now in the middle of Section Training, with newly joined gunners putting into practice what they have learnt on the square, and everyone is endeavouring to establish a high standard of effi-

ciency before going to Imber for the M.G. Concentration at the end of May.

We welcome to the Company 2/Lieuts. Willoughby and Unwin, and are expecting the personnel of the Mortar Platoon to join us shortly. We bid farewell to L./Cpl. Frost, who is going to the Reserve; to Cpl. Murcott, who is attending a Vocational Training course; and to Cpl. Brown, who will be leaving us soon. We wish them all good luck.

We congratulate L./Cpl. Davidson on a D, and L./Cpls. Tye and Day on Q.1 at Netheravon, and Pte. Ivers on his report from the School of Cookery.

In the Inter-Company Football League we have not done as well as we expected, and lost matches we ought to have won, and vice versa. But we hope to finish second. In the Inter-Company Hockey League we had an excellent game with B Company, who knocked us out in the first round, the score being 2-0 after extra time.

Having fought our way through to the final of the Dart Competition, we hope to see the Silver Dart sticking somewhere in C (S.) Company.

In the second "Potted Sports" we have not yet completed all the events, having been delayed by bad weather, but we hope to do as well as we did last time. Platoons will next begin training for the Company Sports, which will take place on 11th April.

D COMPANY.

In spite of what was said about our football team in the last issue of the Journal, we certainly started off very promisingly in the Inter-Company Football League by gaining a victory over C (S.) Company. Our team was greatly strengthened by the inclusion of Lieuts. Hudson and Stephenson, both of whom proved invaluable to the side in attack and defence. We were very unlucky in our last two matches, having to do without three of the best players. In the last game we were fairly and squarely beaten by A Company. We managed to get through the first two rounds of the Garrison Football Knock-out Competition and looked like going a long way farther, but in the third round we came up against a really first-class team in the 37th Bat-

tery, R.A., who beat us easily. In this last game we sadly missed the services of Cpl. Knights, our one and only Battalion player, who was unfortunately crocked at the time. While, however, we cannot record any spectacular successes, we do claim to have a team of triers, as witness the game against A Company, already mentioned, when we literally forced three goals against a superior side, thanks to the persistence of L./Cpls. Hiscocks, Clarke and Head, and the steady backing up of Sergt. Wilson.

We started off very well in the Inter-Company Hockey Knock-out Competition by obtaining an easy win over G Company in the first round. In the second round we came up against A Company, our victors in football, and again they proved too strong for us.

We are at present struggling to hold our second "Potted Sports" meeting. There is undoubtedly a fortune awaiting the man who can show how one person can be in two places at once!

In the various boxing competitions held during this winter we can claim that we have held our own. We had twenty-four entries for the Novices' Competition (for the Shabodeen Cup). L./Sergt. Livens and L./Cpls. Collison and Head ably assisted the Battalion to win twelve fights out of fourteen against the 7th City of London Regiment (T.A.), and L./Sergt. Livens and Pte. Bennett again won hard fights for the Battalion against the Colchester Amateur Boxing Club.

We congratulate C.S.M. Wright on his recent promotion, and welcome him to the Company from A Company. He has been attached to us for some time, acting in his present capacity.

H.Q. WING.

First and foremost we congratulate Major Procter on his well-earned brevet promotion—a rare distinction for a Regimental officer—and also wish him the best of everything during his tour of duty at the Depot. Capt. Manson is again commanding the Wing, and, although there are so many new faces, we can assure him that the same old spirit of Madras and Khartoum days continues to animate all ranks. We welcome C.S.M. Hart from the Depot, and wish success to Sergt. Colbourne in his new sphere.

Although the period covered by these notes includes the "festive season," we have not been idle. In the Inter-Company Hockey Knock-out Q Company won the final against A Company after a replay, the scores being 1-1 and 4-1. In the Garrison Inter-Company Hockey Competition we lost to H.Q. Wing, Lancashire Fusiliers in the second round after a somewhat rough game. As regards the Inter-Group Hockey, the Employed are in a strong position, but if the Band beat the Signals they will draw with the Employed for first place.

In cross-country running we won the Regimental Inter-Company Run and were fifth in the Garrison event. The Wing, having won the Inter-Company Hockey, are well on the way to winning the Inter-Company Football League, as G and Q each with one match to play are fighting for top place.

As regards cricket, we have again entered for the Colchester and District League and have every hope of repeating the success of last season. The Wing Sports take place on Monday, 23rd April, and all groups are getting in as much training for the various events as this busy life of ours allows.

BAND.

At present some enterprising members of the Band are indulging in that great and fascinating game of Mah-Jong, and if a few "pongs" and "chows" find their way into these notes you will excuse me remembering some like experiences.

In sport we are holding our own. We need to win one more game of hockey to make the shield ours. L./Cpl. Lowe and Bdsn. Murphy represented the Battalion in boxing against the 7th London Regiment, and both won their fights.

We are finding it very difficult to win those four home and two away! Do you know of any system?

We had a very pleasant visit from Mr. Clibbens, our late Bandmaster, recently, and to say he is looking fit would hardly do him justice. He is simply enormous, and members of the Band thought that he was a certain Mr. X of xylophone fame paying us a call. The Director from Kneller Hall also paid us a visit, and at present we are waiting for his report to arrive.

We must take this opportunity of congratulating Boy Caney on obtaining his 1st Class Certificate, and, by the way, our mighty midget attained the grand old age of 18 just recently.

Our Dance Band has made great strides and "Hookey" and "Smudger" paid a special visit to London to hear the great "Cab" perform. We wonder if they were looking for new talent? We have given our first dance and it proved a great success—in fact, preparations are in full swing for the next.

Well, 1st Battalion, when you are in "Blighty" come and hear our male-voice choir. It is great; although, when the Bandmaster formed it, he remarked that some of us would do well selling potatoes, and the Band Sergeant said it reminded him of a certain village in Ahmednagar. However, the Bandmaster has done a little weeding, and we are toned down greatly. Before closing we should like to take this opportunity of welcoming Capt. Manson to the Wing, and trust his stay will be a long one.

DRUMS.

Since our last notes we have had a fairly successful time as regards sport. In the Inter-Company Football Knock-out we beat our old rivals the Band by 8 goals to 1 (the Band have gone into strict training since this game). The Employed put up a game struggle, but went under in the true Die-Hard spirit, 5-1. Our next victims were the Signals, whom we beat 7-1, but they eventually got their own back at hockey, at which game they are to be considered lucky in having such an able leader as Lieut. Man. Although we were leading 4-1 at half-time, Mr. Man's rallying efforts stirred the Signals on to their victory. We are not so strong at hockey as we have been, and in consequence we lost all the games we played. The Employed beat us 4-0, and the Band 4-0.

Our success at football can, I suppose, be put down to the experience we are gaining in playing several civilian teams. Up to date we have played six outside games and came off easy victors in all of them. The Drums of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, our new neighbours, challenged us to football, and

we managed to put them away nicely 16-2. 'Nuff sed!

In the Group Championship we have gained first place in cross-country running and first place in boxing, and hope to get a similar position in group athletics, and once more be Champion Group.

We are at present getting our eye down to other training. The Intelligence Section under the leadership of the Drum-Major are burning the midnight oil (on their bikes) and appear to be making great strides in the mysteries of map-reading and compass bearings and so forth. Meanwhile the A.A. Section under their new leaders, L./Cpls. Carpenter and Hamlin, are beginning to recognize a Bristol Fighter from a Dragon Fly. The two N.C.Os. have just finished an A.A. Cadre course, so perhaps the R.A.F. may have to consider the possibilities of armour plating after all.

We welcome ex-Boy Cox to our happy family, and hope he enjoys life as a man and an intelligent member of the Intelligence Section. We have heard that during Brigade Training this year we may be required to march to Cambridge. Now we can understand why Dmr. Phillips has been practising his fancy steps. He will need them!

Dmrs. Sewell and Collis have left us for a tour at the Regimental Depot in relief of Dmrs. Brew and Dimsdale. We shall miss "Crooner" Collis, but perhaps we may say that Dmr. Brew and his "old Spanish customs" compensate us for this loss.

In conclusion, we congratulate L./Cpl. Carpenter on his forthcoming marriage. Another good man gone wrong!

SIGNALS.

Once more we are called upon to lay bare our souls to the public eye. The new class is nearly ripe and ready for classification. Everyone speaks the same jargon of phonetics. Is this a sign, or just another ailment?

Since our last notes, the ranks of our N.C.Os. have been strengthened by the appointment of L./Cpl. Peasley. We wish him every success in his new rank.

The Section is now blending into one, the only way in which to get results, and is looking forward to the time when it will

be called upon to act as a team during manoeuvres.

We congratulate the members of the Section who helped Q Company to bring the Hockey Shield to the Wing, and hope the Football Shield will follow also. The Section football team played and drew 2-2 with Albion Rovers, a Colchester team. Well done! But our best effort was when, with the great assistance of Lieut. Man, we defeated the Drums 5-4 at hockey. No, there was only one moon that night, and it was not blue!

At the end of April L./Cpl. Sergeant goes to Catterick on a course. We shall miss him and hope that the powers-that-be will see fit to give him a D.

EMPLOYED GROUP.

After the Easter period the Group will commence their A.W.T.C., and it is hoped that we shall make amends for last year. It is rumoured that Cpl. Wright is speculating on the use of "specs," but we sincerely hope that it is only a rumour.

Pte. Atkins has left us for a vocational training course at Aldershot, and we feel certain that he will be successful at plumbing. Pte. Hipson has left us for A Company, and we hope that "duty" will be comfortable for him.

We hope to win the Hockey Shield, having won two games and drawn one. The Band have one more match to play, and the Signals are no mean opponents. If they draw or lose, the shield is ours.

Cross-country running is not our strong point, owing to so many of us being over the age limit, so naturally we were very low in this event.

Our rivals, the Drums, have won the first half of the Football League, and we managed to get second place.

Before closing, we wish every success to our Regimental Dance Band.

BOYS.

As usual the old and venerable scribe takes unto himself his quill and makes a goodly effort to record the events that have come to pass since the moon has waxed and waned thrice. As we have ceased to have any interest in the Boys' Army Cup, we have turned our hands and a few sticks to a "new line"—nothing to do with the Caledonian Market—and

endeavoured to knock a hockey ball about in the correct manner. The game has caught on very well, but some of the injured expressions when the whistle goes for "sticks" are better than the Empire on a Friday night.

Before these notes go to press Boy Hailey will have sat for part of his First, and all our wishes for success go with him.

Although the Easter break, at the time of writing, is so near, it seems only yesterday that we returned from our annual furlough well browned, but not by the sun. Still, we will not take up any more valuable space in our Journal, but will close, wishing our friends of the 1st Battalion all the best.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

A number of changes have taken place since our last notes were written. C.S.M. Wright has gained his promotion to that rank and has been posted to D Company. We heartily congratulate him.

C.S.M. Hart joined us from the Regimental Depot on 26th February. He is an old friend who has been hibernating at the Depot during the past three years, and he has on joining the Battalion been posted to H.Q. Wing. We welcome him back to the Battalion.

C.S.M. Butcher, of the Army Physical Training Staff, who was attached to the Battalion, left us in January to proceed to the Aldershot Physical Training Staff, and his place has been taken by Sergt. Bennett.

We shall be sorry to lose C.S.M. Clarke, who is proceeding to the 19th London Regiment (T.A.) on 6th April to take over the duties of Regimental Sergeant-Major, and we take this opportunity of wishing him and his family the best of luck in their new sphere of life. Sergt. Champion and his family are due to proceed abroad to join the 1st Battalion on 14th April, and we extend to them our good wishes.

Sergt. Donaldson has joined the ranks of the married personnel. He was married on Christmas Day. We wish him every happiness, and extend a hearty welcome from the Mess to his wife.

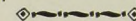
There is another increase in the married strength to record, viz., a baby girl to Sergt. Ramsey, born on 9th March.

Sergt. Ramsey also won the gramophone in the Sergeants' Mess raffle, and someone said he has plenty of music now with that and the baby.

We have continued the monthly Mess whist drives and dances, and they have been very enjoyable; but the outstanding successes of the quarter have been the Sunday evening socials which have taken place during the past two months. Members' wives are permitted to attend these, and they have afforded excellent opportunities of bringing members and their wives together in a social way. They are so successful and enjoyable that we have purchased a brand-new radio-gramophone to provide the necessary music.

We are looking forward to and making preparations for the Annual Albuhera Ball which is being held this year on 18th May, and we hope to see several friends from the Depot and other places present.

We have been distinguishing ourselves in the realm of sport, having beaten the Officers at hockey on 23rd March to the tune of 4-0.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING COMPARED WITH APPRENTICESHIP.

THE APPRENTICE LEARNS BY SEEING, BUT THE VOCATIONAL STUDENT LEARNS BY DOING.

WE all know that comparisons are odious, but as there is a tendency to compare Vocational Training with Apprenticeship, the opinion of R. W. Selvidge is well worth reading.

He has studied industrial training, and says that, except in those rare instances where apprenticeship schools are maintained in the industry, instruction for the apprentice in any real sense does not exist. Even in trades where the apprenticeship is well established, little thought is given to systematic training and advancement.

WHAT THE APPRENTICE LEARNS.

The apprentice is generally an irresponsible youth who acquires his knowledge of the trade by watching and waiting on a craftsman, with just an occasional word of instruction. Little instruction is given on the job, and

practically nothing is done to teach him how to use his tools or to perform the manipulative operations of the trade. The first thing he learns is to push trucks, and the second to make tea.

The only training he gets is one or two hours a week during the winter should he attend a Technical School.

Compare this with the definite training received by the students in a Vocational Training Centre. First, the use and manipulation of tools, followed by simple exercises and preliminary instruction, then gradually being taken on from the simple to the more difficult work, the student the whole time actually using the tools himself and working under the supervision of a skilled Instructor, who directs the work and checks it for faults. During the whole period of his training the vocational student is learning by "doing."

VOCATIONAL STUDENTS DO REAL JOBS.

We agree that the ability to perform in a skilled manner the normal operations of the trade is not of a sufficient basis for classifying a man as a skilled mechanic; he must have experience in the practice of his trade, and we know there is some talk of our students lacking experience. But do they? During the latter part of their training they carry out jobs without the aid of the Instructor, and in this way gain experience and confidence in tackling jobs under different circumstances. We realize that our students in six months cannot hope to gain the experience that some men gather in sixty years, but the experience of some of these is not worth twopence a ton. Many men only just manage to hold down their jobs by the skin of their teeth, and make a botch of many of the jobs they do. That is the kind of experience we prefer our students not to have.

A GREAT DIFFERENCE.

Go to the employer of apprentices and try to get from him some detail of the skill or knowledge of the trade which he expects the apprentices to have at the end of his term of apprenticeship; try to get from him a definite list of the things he expects to teach the apprentice during the first month or the first three months, and so on through the entire period of

apprenticeship. In only the most exceptional cases can the employer afford to study the particular things which should be taught, or have any organized plan for teaching them.

This is very different from the definite training given in a Vocational Training Centre with its progressive course of instruction.

Some say that a Vocational Centre cannot create work conditions similar to those in industry. This is a mistaken idea, the Centre can and does. The students spend most of their time training under conditions similar to those in which they will work in civil life.

Whilst it is not suggested that we consider Vocational Training to be perfect, we are convinced that, given normal brains, physical ability and commonsense, a vocationally-trained student compares very favourably with the apprentice.

ARE YOU PREPARED TO RE-ENTER CIVIL LIFE?

THE OPPORTUNITY.

Do you want a better job in civil life than you had before you enlisted?

The Army Vocational Training Centre offers you a chance to get it.

The vocationally-trained soldier stands the same chance in civilian life as a civilian-apprenticed tradesman.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A COURSE.

Every efficient soldier is eligible for a course except those who have received tradesmen's rate or trade training.

Apply on A.F. B.2517 at least nine months before you are due for discharge. This form can be obtained from your Orderly Room.

THE TRAINING.

Vocational students are trained by expert civilian Instructors, who act as foremen. The students check on and off to the sound of the hooter as they would do in a civilian works. Each student has his own set of tools, and each workshop is equipped with modern machines.

THE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

The question of securing employment for each student on leaving receives special attention. Applications are made

to firms for suitable vacancies, and students are sent direct with an introduction. Students are also instructed how to apply themselves.

TRADES FOR WHICH YOU CAN BE TRAINED.

Builders' clerk or surveyor; draughtsman; carpenter and joiner; wood machinist; cabinet maker; French polisher; plasterer and tiler; concrete caster; fibrous plasterer; bricklayer and slater; painter and decorator; signwriter; electrician; electric welder; panel beater; oxy-acetylene welder; motor fitter; sheet metal worker; plumber and gas fitter; heating and domestic engineer; shoemaker and repairer; upholsterer.

Inquiries regarding any training for civil life will be answered if you write to "Inquiries," Army Vocational Training Centre, Thornhill, Aldershot.

DEPOT NOTES.

WE welcome to the Depot Major N. P. Procter, M.C., who was posted at the beginning of February, and who has taken over the command of the Training Company. At the same time we regret very much the departure of Capt. G. W. Kempster, and wish him the best of luck at Colchester.

There is not very much news to record at the Depot for this quarter, the period having been a quiet one. The number of recruits here at present is 141, this number completing our allotment for the recruiting year ending on 31st March. The next squad to join the 2nd Battalion will be Mons, which is due to go on 7th April, and during the quarter two squads have left; these were Seringapatam (Sergt. Harper), on 6th January, and Sevastopol (Sergt. Rogers), on 24th February.

In the Eastern Command Inter-Depot Boxing Tournament we were beaten in a preliminary round by the Depot, Essex Regiment, by three fights to two. Our team was disappointing in comparison with that of last year, but bad luck had been experienced in respect of injuries shortly before the tournament.

During the fine and dry weather in January and February it was possible to

play a great deal of football. Subsequently the ground has been on the soft side, but it was possible for it to be mole-drained at the end of February, and the results have been beneficial.

Inter-Squad Cross-Country Runs have been held once a fortnight recently. They have proved very successful, and will no doubt become a permanent fixture during a large part of the year.

Capt. J. E. Dobbs, M.C., has been attached to the Depot for some time before embarking for Egypt. He is to be congratulated on qualifying "Distinguished" at a Mortar Course at Netheravon.

The recent departure of C.S.M. Hart was much regretted, especially in the football world. We welcome cordially C.S.M. Anderson, who comes to us as relief from the 1st Battalion.

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

COMMANDING OFFICER'S P.T. MEDAL.

Sevastopol.—Pte. Pace.

Mons.—Pte. Coomer.

SQUAD BADGES.

Seringapatam.—16th Week, Pte. Smith.

Sevastopol.—16th Week, Pte. Hutton.

Mons.—8th Week, Pte. Maynard; 12th Week, Pte. Butterworth; 16th Week, Pte. Jones.

Alma.—8th Week, Pte. Heath; 12th Week, Pte. O'Neil.

El Bodon.—4th and 8th Weeks, Pte. Hollands.

Ladysmith.—4th Week, Pte. Heather.

SHOOTING.

Winners of Empire Test and Table "A," Part 3:—

Sevastopol.—Pte. Jennings.

Mons.—Ptes. Haynes and Barnes.

Alma.—Pte. McCarthy.

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

Depot Staff.—L./Cpl. Jaques, Ptes. Hinton, Ellingworth and Nunn.

Sevastopol.—Ptes. Pearson, Price and Bryant.

Mons.—Ptes. Barnes, Clay and Page.

Alma.—Ptes. Bird, Jennings, Last, O'Neil and Pryor.

Ptes. Rimmer and O'Neil have been awarded silver medals for breaking the existing recruits' records in the Long Jump (18 ft. 6 in.) and Hundred Yards (11 sec.) respectively.

FOOTBALL.

A number of matches have been played during the past quarter, of which the results are given below. In some cases the teams which we opposed were rather too strong for us, but all the games proved enjoyable. The two best matches were those at Mill Hill against the Guards Depot and the Depot, Royal Fusiliers, both of which were most exciting, and of which the results were in doubt up to the final whistle.

Until the departure of Sevastopol Squad there were several recruits who were good enough to play for the Depot team, but the junior squads have not yet produced very much talent. There is also at present a dearth of good footballers amongst the N.C.Os. and Depot Staff. L./Sergt. Moore and Pte. Weller have played consistently well, and Sergt. Beaveridge has been most useful, though very unlucky as regards injuries. Pte. Williams, a newcomer to the Depot Staff, has shown promising form, and scored an excellent goal against the Royal Fusiliers.

The positions of the teams in the All-Ranks' League when Sevastopol Squad left the Depot were as follows:—1st, Sevastopol; 2nd, W.Os. and Sergeants; 3rd, Seringapatam; 4th, Depot Staff; 5th, Corporals; 6th, Mons; 7th, Alma.

The winners are to be congratulated on their success. They possessed a keen and well-balanced team, and were kept up to the mark by their Squad Commander. We hope to hear more of Ptes. Pearson, Curtis, Marable and Waldron, who formed the backbone of the team.

Every advantage was taken of the fine weather at the beginning of the year to play as much football as possible; the lower ground was drained towards the end of February. The results have already proved beneficial, and it is to be hoped that the ground will now be in good condition for the whole of next season.

The following have qualified as Army referees, Class 3, recently:—R.S.M.

Davis, Sergt.-Instr. Day, Sergt. Rogers, L./Sergt. Moore, Cpl. Bennett, L./Cpl. Berks, Ptes. Hinton and Bird. These good results have been directly attributable to the hard work and enthusiasm of C.S.M. Hart. Cpl. Clarke has been promoted to be a second-class referee.

The following have been the results of the principal matches played during the quarter:—

Depot—				
v. Depot Royal Fusiliers ...	Home	Won	4—3	
v. Guards Depot (Recruits) ...	Away	Lost	1—7	
v. Guards Depot (Recruits) ...	Home	Lost	3—4	
A Team—				
v. Colney Hatch Hospital				
2nd XI	Away	Lost	1—8	
v. Colney Hatch Hospital				
2nd XI	Away	Lost	2—3	
v. 1st Bn. Scots Guards				
Junior Team	Away	Lost	1—6	
v. Westminster School 2nd XI	Home	Won	3—1	
Recruits—				
v. Depot Royal Fusiliers ...	Away	Won	3—0	

BOXING.

The Inter-Squad Boxing Competition, held on 18th January, proved a great success. Each squad had to produce a team of eight, and they fought as a team and not as individuals. The winning team were presented with silver medals.

The placings of the squads were as follows:—1st, Alma Squad, 14 points; 2nd, Sevastopol Squad, 13 points; 3rd, El Bodon Squad, 11 points; 4th Mons Squad, 10 points.

The results were as follows:—

Pte. Coomer (Mons) beat Pte. Miller (Alma).
Pte. McNamara (El Bodon) beat Pte. Bindon (Mons).
Pte. Curtis (Sevastopol) beat Pte. Marshall (Mons).
Pte. Ward (Alma) beat Pte. Ward (El Bodon).
Pte. Pearson (Sevastopol) beat Pte. Butterworth (Mons).
Pte. Miles (Alma) beat Pte. Roberts (El Bodon).
Pte. Bishop (Mons) beat Pte. Thompson (Sevastopol).
Pte. Pryor (Alma) beat Pte. Nicholson (El Bodon).
Pte. Marable (Sevastopol) beat Pte. Clay (Mons).
Pte. Jennings (Sevastopol) beat Pte. Hollands (El Bodon).

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Lo, it came to pass that with the dawning of the New Year the Mesperez did say unto his satellites, Urn, the keeper of the King's Duff, and Skuli, the Seer: "Verily, verily, during the last three moons has there been much gloom over the Mez. Let there be light—or dark, or brown, or even burton for that matter. And then did they blow up balloons, hang festoons with the hooker, knock on nails (both of iron and the finger), array all and sundry in paper helmets and masks of grotesque appearance, did bid them wine and sup and then dance. Thus on the sixth day of the first moon did we herald the New Year with a swing, and oftimes a swerve.

"And it came about that ere the members were fully recovered from the effects of this celebration came from afar the glad tidings that there would be the usual monthly council, enlivened by gifts of ambrosial nectar from the vendors of wines and sweet juices. Alas! too early did the well run dry.

"And again in the moon of Febb. and on the feast day of St. Patt. were the vines of Bacchus crushed in the goblets and the toes of dainty damsels crushed on the floor in the ecstasies of the nautch.

"And after each monthly council was there held a *tourney melangée*, and in the first moon, by the careful insertion of a secret number, did Skuli the Seer share the honours of the golden ladle with Whit the Witty; in Febb., forsooth, did Hari the Clothes-Cobbler show unto the rest a clean pair of Heels (through practice on the treadle, perchance), and in the next Charlie the Artist did strive and win.

"And the young men did gird up their loins and hie them to the arena to 'foot' it with the Korprils, but, alas! the Korprils did display co-operation and tenacity against our confabulation and loquacity, and we did fail miserably, and though there is no trace of any records with us, verily are the results emblazoned for all time on the waxen tablets in the House of the Korps. Against the Rekruts, notwithstanding, have we striven manfully, and our enemies have on each occasion left the field hopelessly defeated.

"And it gladdened our hearts when the chief scribe, he who was sick of the belly, and again by ill-chance being smitten with

Pte. Parker (El Bodon) beat Pte. Haynes (Mons).

Pte. Evans (Sevastopol) beat Pte. Moody (El Bodon).

Pte. Courtney (El Bodon) beat Pte. Stapleton (Alma).

Pte. O'Neil (Alma) beat Pte. Pace (Sevastopol).

Pte. Jennings (Alma) beat Pte. Jones (Mons).

Pte. Brazil (Alma) beat Pte. Adams (Sevastopol).

Best loser: Pte. Jones (Mons).

On 1st February the following represented the Depot against the R.A.M.C. at Millbank:—L./Cpl. Armstrong, Pte. McNamara, Pte. Bindon, L./Cpl. Berks, Ptes. Wootley, Courtney, Matthews, Brazil, Roberts, Melody, Farrant, Jennings, and O'Neil.

The contest was a good one. We were unfortunate not to win, but the result, as under, was very satisfactory indeed:—

R.A.M.C., 20 points; Depot, 18 points.

The Eastern Command Inter-Depot Recruits' Competition was held at Warley on 16th February, 1934.

The following represented the Depot against the Depot, Essex Regiment:—Ptes. Miller, Miles, Krohn, Wootley and Courtney.

Again we were unlucky, the result being:—

Depot, Essex Regiment, 8 points; Depot, 7 points.

Ptes. Krohn and Courtney are to be congratulated on winning their fights.

On 23rd February the 19th London Regiment came here to fight for their cup, which we captured last year.

It was unfortunate that the 19th London Regiment could not produce a full team, as it did not give us a chance to show our skill to the fullest extent.

Result:—Depot, 13 points; 19th London Regiment, 8 points.

On 5th February, Ptes. O'Neil and Hutton went to Bermondsey to take part in the 22nd London Regiment Boxing Competition.

Pte. O'Neil was unfortunate in severely injuring his hand in the first contest, as we understand he was winning easily up to then.

Pte. Hutton fought three contests before losing on points.

the plague of the Tonsils, did recover and defeat all in the land of Mil on the green cloth with his wand and three balls. And the Korprils, bursting with pride at their victory with the ball of leather, did challenge us on the green cloth, but the battle went to us, and their hearts were heavy, and in the morn, we fear, their heads also.

"And Skuli the Seer did chasten the 'Euchre Kid' at the game which is played with the two and twenty balls, and the Kid did beat himself upon the head and weep and did set a pitfall of jellied and cow eels for the victor. But the seer seeing a policeman in the trap did pass by on the other side with a club.

"And there came also the tidings that Ginger and Dodger had both been blessed with an increase, and much joy was manifest when Red No. 3 and Red No. 4 were included on the rolls of the legion.

"And it came to pass that the centurion who played upon the harp and governed the games of the 'feet' did shake the dust from his sandals and join the legion at Col, and in his place came Centurion Anderson. To him greetings.

"And it came to pass that when there was a fighting match we did again meet our friend Dusty, who is now become a centurion. To him felicitations.

"And to all a happy Allhubera Day when it arrives, and may the gathering of the Oldkoms and the Nonkoms be vast and joyous; for the sports arena the weather to be dry; for elsewhere as wet as possible."

P. R. C.

CORPORALS' CLUB.

Since the publication of the last Journal very few items of importance have taken place.

On 15th March we held a Social, which proved a great success. The final of our Billiard Handicap was played on this night, the finalists being those two well-known champions, Cpls. Frewin and Dujardin. The former proved to be the best stayer, and so upheld the traditions of the old married men.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to "Wee Georgie" on his promotion, and we sincerely hope that he enjoyed his stay with us at the Depot. One of the old members has rejoined after a short stay with the Battalion.

Other new members are L./Cpl. Drane, posted for a tour of duty; L./Cpls. Smith and Sewell on appointment. To these we offer a hearty welcome, and may their football days never end. L./Cpl. Bird has left us for civilian life, and everyone hopes that this life will treat him kindly.

Again we must pass a few remarks about the conduct of two of our members. L./Cpl. Green: This N.C.O. has not paid attention to the words of advice given to him by Father Pancho, that means that he still attends the "dogs." The punishment Committee are now waiting for his sentence to be confirmed. Cpl. Clarke: This N.C.O. has been led astray by the powers of *love*, and is now taking a correspondence course to learn the art of playing that well-known game of Brag. His punishment is enough.

Our efforts at football are still as good as ever; in fact, we have challenged that wonderful team Chelsea; that is, on condition that they win the League. Here is our record up to the time of going to press:—

Played, 4; won, 3; lost, 1; goals for, 23; goals against, 6.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

IT is comforting to reflect on the varied and interesting succession of events in the Battalion since the beginning of the year. We have had a somewhat crowded programme of training, relieved by the ever-popular interludes of Company dances, and the energy and enthusiasm which marked the former were equalled by the success and enjoyment which featured the latter.

On 6th January there was a happy Bedlam in the Drill Hall when the younger children of the Battalion were entertained to a Christmas tree and party, followed by a Punch-and-Judy show, after which two Santa Clauses arrived in a motor-car loaded with gifts, which they distributed with Santa's usual silence, and now and then broken with good-natured grunts.

If there are some who regard this annual treat as a matter of course—part of the Battalion's usual programme—heedless of the devotion and unsparing

effort which lie behind it all, there are many who admire and appreciate the kindly thoughtfulness and self-sacrifice of Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Pringle, and the other ladies who contrive and work to make the youngsters happy.

For appearance and comfort the canteen and recreation room have long been a challenge to the cheerless look of the N.C.Os.' Club, but the latter has now been redecorated and furnished on a somewhat lavish scale. Along with this, the Club seems to wear a superior tone since the introduction of the new tumblers, which are neither brutal pints nor non-thirst-quenching glasses, but they are gentlemanly and suitable measures, more than half-way between these standards.

To revert to the sporting side of our activities, we should like to congratulate all those members of our boxing team who fought in the Group Championships. Whilst we did not gain much success, each competitor put up a spirited show. We heartily congratulate L./Cpl. Desborough not only on winning his weight in the Group Championships, but also on coming so near to victory in the Divisional Championships held at Chelsea Barracks.

As an innovation this year we ran an Inter-Company Knock-out Badminton Tournament, which apparently was very popular in some companies. It is hoped that this competition will be repeated next year, and that all companies will give their support to it. We congratulate A Company on winning the tournament this year.

Apart from our preliminary musketry training during the early months of the year, we have also been devoting a considerable amount of time to the Fire Direction and Winter Weapon Training Competitions. In both of these we congratulate D Company on winning. In the former they have already represented us in the Brigade Competition, and were only beaten out of first place by 1½ points. We hope that when they represent us in the latter competition they will take their revenge, and bring the Winter Weapon Training Cup back to the Battalion once more.

On 10th February the Band and Drums took part in a massed bands concert held at the Alexandra Palace, and, from all accounts, distinguished themselves very much. Naturally we are extremely

pleased at their performance, and we hope it will be an incentive to them to do even better in future.

This year, as everyone knows, we go to Falmer for our Annual Training. Falmer is not new to a large number of our members, as the Battalion was last encamped there in 1928. We all hope for as good weather this year as we had last, and a far better attendance for the full period.

H.Q. WING.

We have decided it is about time we did a little bit of writing again. Since we last appeared in print quite a lot of things have happened as far as the administration of the Company is concerned.

Firstly, we regret to announce that we have lost Major Pringle, who has left us to take over Second-in-Command of the Battalion. We are very sorry that he has gone, but the whole Company join in congratulating him on his well-deserved promotion.

Lieut. Gliksten has now taken over the Company, and we all wish him the very best of luck.

For the time being we have also lost 2/Lieut. Spooner, who, on account of business reasons, has been obliged to take a "spot of leave." We have heard that Mr. Spooner, who is now in Reading, is not very partial towards Berkshire beer; but we trust that as soon as he has become acclimatized he will get over this. Mr. Addis is our new Signal Officer. We understand that he was loath to leave the back streets of Tottenham, but now that he has come to Hornsey we trust that he will enjoy his stay with us.

We are also very glad to see Capt. Walden back again fit and well after his unfortunate illness. A "little bird" tells us that Mr. Denton is also pleased that the Adjutant has returned.

We are all looking forward to 7th April, when the Prize Distribution will take place at Headquarters. We might mention that we do not expect to be very much in the limelight on this occasion, but at the same time we would like it to be known that at a similar function next year we hope more will be seen of us.

THE BAND.

We have been informed that we have been doing great stuff since the beginning

of the year. On 10th February we performed at the Alexandra Palace, in the massed bands concert, and from what we hear we imagine we were appreciated. We have also played at three Company dances, and have done our bit at the Children's Party and Old Comrades' Dinner.

THE SIGNALLERS.

We are really hard at it now. This period of the year is a very important time for the Section. On Sunday, 25th February, we were supposed to go to Crews Hill for extra training, but as it turned out a wet day we did the next-best thing, and spent a most enjoyable day at Headquarters.

At the time of going to press we have four hard days' work ahead of us. On 25th March we go to Crews Hill, and for three days at Easter we are getting down to it in "the vicinity of Alexandra Park." In addition to doing a lot of hard work, we also hope to put up the canteen profits during the holidays.

In the near future we are changing one of our parade nights so as to fit in with the rest of the Company. Up to now, H.Q. have played on different nights, but we soon hope to get a real company feeling going when we all "muck in" together.

In concluding the Section Notes, we congratulate L./Cpl. Swannell on his recent promotion.

THE TRANSPORT.

We would like to mention, for the benefit of others, that we are still carrying on. People do not see us, as we are tucked away in a nice quiet little corner by ourselves; but, for all that, we are getting on with our work good and hearty. We had a very pleasant time on 25th February, when we did a little work in the shape of extra training at Headquarters.

Before we pack up we must congratulate Mr. Gliksten on getting command of the Company, and we hope that for all the extra work put on his shoulders he will still be able to look after us as he has done for a long time past.

THE DRUMS.

We still make a noise on Mondays and Wednesdays. There is nothing very much

to report, except that on 10th February we joined the Band in performing at the Alexandra Palace, and that we were told we put up a good show.

We are informed that the Signallers are going to parade with us on Mondays in future. In this connection we venture to say that we trust we will not disturb them.

A COMPANY.

In the spring a young soldier's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of spotting the Grand National winner and musketry—in that order of importance. Having, in some cases, successfully negotiated the former, he is now preparing for his efforts on the open range at Easter. Two inches of tarnish are being taken off buttons and brasses, Crowlink grass is being removed from haversacks, and equipment becomes the "sea-green incorruptible." And on Good Friday the soldier sets off with the avowed intention of getting "bulls," which frequently turn out to be sheep.

We are, thank heaven, going into camp for three days for Easter musketry, and those staying for the whole time are looking forward to it, at the same time laying in a good stock of blankets. As far as winter weapon training went in the Drill Hall, those who attended regularly put in a lot of work, but in the competition we fell down badly, and it only remains to congratulate D Company on their magnificent performance. Here's the best of luck in the Brigade Competition, D!

We said in our last notes that we had reached the final of the Battalion Badminton Tournament. This was held at Enfield on Friday, 2nd February, when we beat D Company, having won a match each, and the third going to us by default, one of our opponents' team not turning up.

Owing to an unfortunate oversight we omitted to congratulate our very efficient and keen P.S.I., C.S.M. Stevenson, on completing eighteen years of undetected crime, and getting a medal for it. Well done, Steve, and many apologies!

Now that we seem to have reached the one inevitable part of all Company notes—that is, congratulations and commiserations—here are a few.

Congratulations:—

To Major Holt (attached) on his elevation to the peerage, otherwise known as attaining his majority.

To Capt. Bartram on passing his Major's examination.

To L./Cpls. Batchelor, Baker and Sheppard on their appointments.

Commiserations:—

To D Company on losing the Brigade Fire Direction Competition to the 8th Battalion by one and a bit points.

To 2/Lieut. R. G. Catt on his sad loss (Finsbury Park papers, please copy).

To all officers and N.C.Os. of this Company on the heads they had on the morning of Sunday, 25th March.

Congratulations and/or commiserations to L./Cpl. Dickinson on the birth of a daughter.

The whole Company offer their sympathy to the Adjutant on his illness which prevented him from sitting for his Staff College examination. Bad luck!

B (S.) COMPANY.

The Company scribe being far too busy during the period prior to Christmas, the time when notes for the following February's issue of THE DIE-HARDS have to be at Headquarters, to compose any report on the Company in general, now has the task of covering the past four or five months in one effort. This is not so difficult as one might think, because, from the Company's point of view, this period is perhaps the most uninteresting of the T.A. year. The weather is usually too foul and the light too short to do any outdoor work, training which we of the Support Company need more of than the ordinary rifle companies. However, by the time this is in print we hope to have done quite a good deal of practical outdoor training, both for the range-takers and the rest.

Before Christmas we trained for the Boxing and King Cup Competitions. The former was quite successful, but the shooting in the King Cup was not up to standard, probably owing to the fact that all our rifles fire round corners much more accurately than they do down the straight. Still, with a bit of luck, we shall get some new ones before next season's shoot.

In the Inter-Company Fire Direction Competition we did not show our normal form, chiefly due to lack of interest by one or two members of the Company. However, we shall endeavour to do better by next year.

We imported a new toy for the range-takers not long ago—an indoor range-finder. Although this is extremely useful in some ways, it is a very trying instrument to use, and an awful strain on the eyes. Our old friend the mortar has come out of the ice-box again for an airing, and is apparently to be taken seriously—somewhat difficult when no one has ever seen one, or expects to see it for about ten years. At any rate, we know what it is, and what, theoretically, it is supposed to do. There are also rumours abroad that we shall soon have the Anti-Tank Section as part of the Support Company. Another "Monster" as yet unseen.

Annual Training this year, as every Company's notes will tell you, is being held at Falmer, near Brighton. A better place would be hard to find, so near to "London-by-the-Sea," and yet there is plenty of good country for training near to the camp site. We appeal to all members to make their arrangements for camp early this year, and make it fifteen days this time. The bigger the numbers in camp the more fun the Company get.

We held a dance on 24th February which proved by general opinion to be the best for several years past. Unfortunately for them, the Oddfellows next door held one the same evening. It must have been well attended, because they told us that at one time all ten couples were on the floor together. The Battalion Dance Band, under Mr. Laing, showed how much it has improved on last year's efforts.

We cannot close without extending our sincere congratulations to Major Pringle, Capt. Scott Lowe and Mr. Gliksten on their recent promotions. On the other hand, we were very sorry to hear of our Adjutant's collapse, but we are glad to see he is now regaining his usual health and getting fatter every day, if we may say so. Hornsey must agree with him—the air is so bracing. We trust that the powers-that-be will make an exception and let him have another shot at putting "p.s.c." after his name.

C COMPANY.

Not having appeared in the Journal since August last, we feel it our duty to posterity to place our actions during this period on record. We have thought out several excuses for our non-appearance, and have finally decided that this has been caused by our modesty in proclaiming our deeds to an admiring public. That is our story, and we stick to it. This does not prevent us from congratulating H.Q. Wing on the amount of furniture they show in our office; C.Q.M.S. Dodgson on his recent Polar expeditions; C.S.M. Stevenson on his attempts to beat Sir Malcolm Campbell's speed record; and also the author of the suggestion that O.C. B (S.) Company's second-best car should be converted into a cement mincer for duty with the Mortar Platoon.

During Annual Training last year we were very pleased to have Capt. S. M. Pratt back from the Reserve to direct our morning stroll round Sussex. This change was necessitated by the Company Commander having been placed second in a little contest with a surgeon's knife.

Annual Training was very pleasant if a trifle warm. It was a very pretty sight to see the Employed men basking shirtless in the morning sun. We understand that the Quartermaster has no eye for beauty, and more than once confirmed the fact that Nature in the raw is seldom mild. One of our men, employed in the cook-house, will no doubt long remember that shamrock seeds are not an ingredient of Irish stew, and, even if they were, it is hardly likely that they would be issued at the Brigade beer bar.

In 1932, with the exception of cross-country and football, we won every sporting event in the Battalion, but last year we rather stemmed the flow of congratulations, being placed third in the Athletic Meeting, in the course of which we lost the Tug-of-War Shield after holding it for four years.

Towards Christmas, matrimony seemed to gain a certain amount of popularity, and we really must indulge in some more congratulations on account of C.Q.M.S. Badham and L./Cpl. Simmonds being placed on the marriage allowance roll. Rumour has it that this habit is spreading to one or two places higher up the management.

This year's Miniature Range Competition resulted in a comfortable win for D Company. We landed third. The Winter Weapon Training Competition went the same way, but we managed to get second place. We congratulate D Company. Our congratulations have not yet been issued.

We fared quite well in the Battalion Boxing Championships, Pte. E. Dymond winning the bantam-weight, Pte. W. Nicholls had a walk-over in the feather-weight, and Pte. F. Avent won the Novices' feather-weight.

In case affairs of State should cause our absence from print again, we safeguard ourselves by wishing everybody a very happy Christmas.

D COMPANY.

It seems to be a customary habit of ours to have to report changes of staff. Since the beginning of the year we have lost Lieut. Addis, who has gone to be "Basher-in-Chief" at Headquarters; we hope he will enjoy flag-wagging and the change of air at Hornsey. Little has been seen of Lieut. Westcott, who has been studying for an examination and who, we understand, has been taking the air armed with a strange lethal weapon called a theodolite. Our Company Commander, however, is "sometimes" to be seen about, and we would take this opportunity of congratulating him on his promotion. We are glad to see C.S.M. Tibble looking so fit again after his month in Millbank Hospital, and hope that he has at last shaken off his "disability."

The first event of the quarter was the Annual Children's Party at Headquarters, voted by all to be even more successful than ever. Sergt. Whiting nearly lost his latest infant, so much was it admired by all and sundry.

Our next visit to Hornsey was on the occasion of the Barnet Cup (Fire Direction Competition), when chiefly through the excellent work of L./Cpl. Oxley, who commanded the section representing D Company, we managed to emerge winners. We represented the Battalion at Willesden on 13th March, and we were unlucky to be beaten very narrowly by the 8th Battalion. We had been very keen to win this competition for the 7th Battalion, and now we look forward to

retrieving the Brigade W.W.T. Cup, which we lost to the 8th Battalion last year. If we can improve slightly on the standard attained in the Battalion eliminating contest we stand a good chance of pulling this off. In the eliminating competition our L.A. team scored 98 out of 105 (Cpl. Desborough, and L./Cpls. Morley and Stratford registering the possible score of 105), whilst in the miniature range our worthies scored 86 out of 100 (Ptes. Payne and Coomber getting the maximum score of 45).

Our six representatives who took part in the Brigade Boxing did quite well, particularly L./Cpl. Desborough, who won the middle-weight championship. Desborough quite distinguished himself in the Divisional Championships, having a very close fight in the final series when the verdict was declared against him.

In the badminton field we have not been particularly clever, although we have unearthed some talent out of a large number of players. Two very pleasant matches have been decided against the Royal Small Arms Factory, Enfield, and, although "chewed up good and proper" on both occasions, the majority of the games were very even. Our local policemen show a partiality for the game, and our old friend "1030" has threatened to challenge us to a match in full kit! Hearty congratulations to A Company on winning the Inter-Company Badminton Tournament; they well deserved their win over us, as we did not muster a complete team.

Our runners are hard at training for the Battalion and Divisional Cross-Country Races which will have been run by the time these jottings appear. Great things are expected this year of Cpl. Bundy, who has been running regularly for the St. Mary's Harriers' first team.

The T.E.W.T. held at Mill Hill on 18th February was very well attended, no fewer than eighteen N.C.Os. turning out of bed early (no mean feat on a Sunday morning) for an interesting day's work. We shook the "Adam and Eve" at lunch, beer flowing like water at a fountain! Cpls. Allison, Desborough and Tucker defeated the examiners in the tactics part of the promotion examination.

It is not too early to think about camp. A really first-class show is promised this year—a good camp site and the proximity

of Brighton should get all our members down for the full fifteen days. Any man who has not yet obtained leave from his employer should do so immediately.

Finally, more recruits are required. The Company must maintain its high figure and thus help the Battalion to keep well up in numbers. Remember the bounty is still available for those introducing new members to the Company. Use your loaf, Don!

HOTSPUR.

8th BATTALION NOTES.

THE quarter under review has been one of interest and activity. The keenness and enthusiasm aroused by the Assault-at-Arms have stirred all ranks of the Battalion and have resulted in the maintenance of steady progress and *esprit de corps*.

It is our pleasure to report that our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Parmeter, has been granted an extension for two years, a period which we hope will bring him continued success.

The Battalion Boxing Competition was held on 10th January, and provided some clean and sparkling contests. Our new trainer, Mr. Falla, certainly has some good material to knock into shape. The Brigade Boxing (Middlesex Group) took place at Hounslow on 17th February and we congratulate the 9th Battalion on again winning the cup. Our team did well to secure second place, Cpl. Reid winning the feather-weight and Ptes. Wicks and Coshall being runners-up in the middle-weight and welter-weight, and Sergt. Bartlett in the bantam-weight. Our representatives for the heavy-weight and light heavy-weight were unfortunately unable to fight.

The absence of officer fights this year was disappointing, and we hope Capt. Mayer, our representative in this class, will have an opponent next year. He was unlucky to lose on points in the T.A. Championship finals at the Royal Albert Hall after a splendid fight.

Christmas comes but once a year to most people, but to us twice, and on 27th January Father Christmas again paid his annual visit to the Drill Hall to present 240 excited children with gifts after they

and their parents had had a sumptuous tea with crackers and set to music by Bandmaster Groves and his scarlet musicians.

On Sunday, 18th February, the officers and N.C.Os. held a tactical exercise in Richmond Park, the last place one would expect to meet with hostile tribes and mountain ranges, but as the chieftain who was eventually "wiped out" was known as "Tewts," the phenomenon was not surprising. He was duly Plucked and Pickled at the P's in Penn Ponds, where a successful and instructive morning's work terminated.

An inter-communication scheme was carried out at Ash, near Farnborough, on Sunday, 18th March, and the success of the scheme proved the efficiency of the Signallers and runners.

The Brigade Fire Direction Competition was held at the Headquarters of the 9th Battalion on 13th March, and B (S.) Company secured the trophy for us.

We welcome two new officers in Mr. Ayre and Mr. Hamilton, who are shortly joining us, and regret that 2/Lieut. Summers is obliged to leave us temporarily, to take up a new business appointment in the North.

We cannot close our contribution without reference to the excellent new offices which have been added to our Headquarters. The old offices have been converted into the officers' lecture room, and we now have an Orderly Room truly worthy of that name, and of which we are proud.

A COMPANY.

Since the last notes there has not been very much of event to write about. However, one great change has occurred in the shape of a new Permanent Staff Instructor. We are all sorry to say goodbye to Sergt.-Major Wade, and the entire Company wish him the very best of luck in his new rank in his own battalion. We extend a very hearty welcome to Sergt.-Major Atkin, who has joined us from the 2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards, and hope his stay with us will be a pleasant one. He has already dug himself well in with the Company, and has shown extraordinary talent on the pin table.

The N.C.Os.' short course was not too well attended, and we must improve on this. The Signallers' course is going

strong at the present, there always being three out of the four on parade.

We came a bit of a cropper in the Miniature Range Competition, being unfortunately last. We must show what we can do next year, and must on no account be disheartened by this result. Hearty congratulations to B (S.) Company on a very fine show.

Turning to sport, we are at the moment in the midst of a games tournament embracing billiards, ping-pong, darts, and the pin table. This is proving very popular, and we hope to run a number of these tournaments. Socially the Company is beginning to look up and beer receipts are increasing steadily!

The Battalion Cross-Country Run took place on 17th March, and the Company was represented.

To finish up, we had the unusual spectacle of seeing five recruits being sworn in the other evening, and we have more rolling along. So we hope before long to get up to that coveted century.

B (S.) COMPANY.

Cæsar, they say, went into winter quarters every year, and took his legions to earth with him, where no doubt they made as much of their time as we have in the past three months. Our life has been divided roughly into three parts: work, boxing and the social side. Leaving the first subject aside for the time being, we have to record a keenness in training for the boxing which deserved better success. We congratulate Bond and Bridges on representing the Battalion in the Brigade Competition.

We created a mild stir by winning both the Battalion and Brigade Fire Direction Competitions. As it is the first time the M.G. Companies have been allowed to enter, we feel rather proud of ourselves. In the Winter Weapon Training Competition our M.G. Section produced a figure of merit of 93.3 per cent. This, we fear, will not win the competition for us, as our rifle team managed to avoid the bull with a peculiar and monotonous regularity.

Easter training is in the wind at the time of writing. Unfortunately, we are unable to go to the Depot this year, so we are having three days' training in Walpole Park. We hope the inhabitants

of Ealing will relish our work as much as we shall.

Our dances are going "great guns"; we dare not talk about their financial success for fear that Mr. Chamberlain should hear about it. Still, even he could not mar the fun we get out of them.

Now at last summer is returning and we are beginning to dream of camp, where we trust we shall acquit ourselves with our usual inimitable élan.

C COMPANY.

The old order changes, yielding place to the new; but year after year comes the same flood of competitions, each carrying in its wake a stream of rules and amendments to rules. We have now braved the greater part of the annual flood, and at the time of writing have gained the highest points in the Battalion Winter Weapon Training Competition, the cup for which we hope will come our way.

We also hope that we have won the Battalion Boxing Cup, thanks to the excellent fighting put up by several of our recruits since last year, and our two stalwarts Cpl. Reed and Pte. Wicks.

We did well to have the first six home in the Battalion Cross-Country Run, but the cup went to D Company on points.

Recently a strange body of men has been observed in our midst, muttering weird words, surrounded by piles of paper, and constantly bending over odd instruments. We understand these to be the Company Signalling Class. May their classification be swift and painless.

The Annual General Meeting of our Old Comrades Association was held at the Drill Hall last month. Major Norwood presided and a very satisfactory account of the year's doings was given. We feel sure that should the War Office decide to raise the age limit of the Territorial Army to seventy there would be no more Old Comrades, and our Company strength would be swollen by about forty recruits.

D COMPANY.

Without doubt (or prejudice) the only possible way of opening these notes is to apologize—if anybody is sufficiently interested to require an apology—for the brevity of our efforts. This must seem

rather strange, coming at the commencement instead of at the end of the notes, the usual place, but you see we happen to know that they are going to be very brief. Actually it is all the fault of our scribe, who delayed the composition of this to such an extent that everybody is clamouring for it. We are apparently holding everything up, as of course too much would be missing if they went to press without our contribution, and there are now about thirty minutes to go, if we are to satisfy our exacting public.

We extend a more than hearty welcome to 2/Lieut. G. B. Ayre on his being posted to the Company, and we know that this officer is a very useful addition to the Company. Actually 2/Lieut. Ayre had been with us some little time prior to his being gazetted, but we are now welcoming him on being officially posted to us.

It has given us great pleasure to write the foregoing paragraph, but we will not be able to say the same about the next.

We are losing C.S.M. Sparkes, who has been with us for so long, and who has done so much useful work for the Company. C.S.M. Sparkes was with us for a considerable time in the capacity of a P.S.I., and more lately as C.S.M. There is not a shadow of a doubt that we are going to miss him sorely when he goes into retirement, and what we are going to write about in future notes we do not know, as, on looking back through more recent copies of *THE DIE-HARDS*, we find he has been an ever-fruitle source of conversation and news. Well, Sergt.-Major Sparkes, you go with our heartfelt wishes for your successful and happy future, whilst we only hope that you will continue to keep in touch with the Company, and let us feel, although in necessarily smaller measure, the value of your influence, knowledge and personality.

We achieved excellent results in the Battalion Cross-Country Run at Northolt on 17th March, getting the first three places, these being taken respectively by Pte. Loveridge, Pte. Sheppard and L./Cpl. Wilkinson. We really do congratulate these fellows, as they trained as hard as the limited time at their disposal permitted, showed amazing keenness, and quite deserved their success. The Brigade Cross-Country Run takes place at Knole Park, Sevenoaks, on Saturday, 21st April, and the above N.C.O.

and men have been selected to represent the Battalion in the run. We wish them the best of luck.

In the Battalion Efficiency Competition which took place on 19th March we were runners-up to C Company, whom we heartily congratulate. As we appear to be heartily congratulating everything and everybody, we congratulate ourselves on obtaining 19½ points out of 20 in the best battle practice range.



9th BATTALION NOTES.

THE first quarter of the year is usually rather uneventful as regards matters of interest, and this one is no exception, as we have all been fully occupied with work. The Winter Weapon Training Competition leaves little time for amusement, and this year there has been increased activity owing to the great drive that has taken place with the aim of increasing the Battalion efficiency in musketry.

The Rapid Loading Competition was won by Lieut. Gunston, A Company, with Sergt. Batty, B (S.) Company second, and Sergt. Kent, D Company, third. This latest addition to our list of indoor sports has aroused great enthusiasm, and Lieut. Gunston is to be congratulated on the record time that he set up.

This year the Fire Direction Competition has been won by B (S.) Company. Their team, ably led by Sergt. Jones, carried off the trophy for the first time, a portent of keener and closer competition in future years.

Our cooks are once more in the lime-light, having again won the Territorial Army Cookery Championship. Our great national newspapers extolled their virtues on what must have amounted to millions of tons of paper in the aggregate. Sergt. Brooks received such a blaze of publicity that he was inundated with offers of marriage from worthy spinsters who were impressed by the reports of his prowess, not to mention his profile, and he has been obliged to have refusals taken off on the Roneo, explaining that he is not that kind of a Cook Sergeant.

The Battalion boxing team again covered themselves with glory this year,

winning both the Brigade and Divisional Cups with the greatest of ease. In the former we won seven out of eight weights in the Other Ranks' Competition, whilst in the Divisional finals we scored 13 points, the next unit scoring 3, and won six out of eight weights—a magnificent achievement.

Four of our team got into the T.A. semi-finals, Ptes. Weaterton, Smith, Broome and Hitching. Of these, Pte. Broome won the final, whilst Pte. Hitching was most unluckily knocked out when leading easily on points, and Ptes. Smith and Weaterton both narrowly lost on points after fine fights, Smith losing to the holder and eventual winner.

All the team are to be congratulated heartily on a very fine performance, and great credit is due to our trainer, Mr. Dunmow.

May we conclude with a word of thanks to the 2nd Battalion for their reception of the B (S.) Company and H.Q. Wing specialists during Easter training? All had a very enjoyable and instructive four days, and the more we see of our Regular comrades of the Regiment the more we like them.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

The following is an extract from a description of the 44th (H.C.) Divisional Boxing finals held at Chelsea Barracks on 17th February, in the *Dragon*, the regimental journal of The Buffs:—

"... of the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (one grows almost tired of the word, but for the fact that they obviously take the game so seriously, and are such pleasant sportsmen that they fully deserve to win)."

The result of the Sherwood Shield Competition was as follows:—

1. D Company.
2. C Company.
3. A Company.

We wish D Company the best of luck in the Brigade Competition.

A COMPANY.

The present quarter has been mainly taken up with Winter Weapon Training. The competition so far as A Company are concerned took place on 20th March, but at the time of going to press we have not yet heard the result. We should like,

however, to congratulate Ptes. Talbot and Wheeler on getting full marks for Lewis-gun handling—a result which they fully earned by the hard work they put in.

On 27th February Sergts. Cooper and Inpey each commanded a team in the Fire Direction Competition. Although they did not manage to win the cup, the large amount of training which they and other members of the Company did will certainly have helped to make the Company more efficient.

On 16th January a team of four Privates from A Company fired against C Company of the 3rd (Cadet) Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, who beat us handsomely with the excellent score of 155 out of 180. This was a very sporting match, and we hope to make it a regular event in future.

The scores were as follows:—

C COMPANY, 3RD (CADET) BATTALION.

	GROUP. POSS. 25.	APPLI- CATION POSS. 20.	TOTAL. POSS. 45.
Capt. Thompson ...	25	20	45
Lieut. Fenn ...	20	13	38
C.S.M. Porton ...	20	15	35
Sgt. Tiller ...	20	17	37
	90	65	155

A COMPANY, 9TH BATTALION.

Pte. C. Burns ...	25	11	36
Pte. A. Burns ...	20	15	35
Pte. Jordan ...	25	10	35
Pte. F. Martin ...	10	11	21
	80	47	127

On 27th March the following represented A Company in the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs Competition on the miniature range (10 rounds with open sights):—

	SCORE. POSS. 100.
Lieut. Gunston ...	95
Sgt. Campbell ...	77
Cpl. Treeves ...	77
L./Cpl. Robinson ...	84
L./Cpl. Perrett ...	79
Pte. Austin ...	64
Pte. A. Burns ...	62
Pte. C. Burns ...	32
	570

The result should be known in the near future.

Besides putting in all this work, the Company has also managed to keep its end up at sport. Sergt. Bateman and Pte. Macdonald have played regularly, and Pte. Richardson occasionally, in the

Battalion football team (which won the Divisional Championship).

In the Novices' Boxing, Cpl. Treeves, L./Cpl. Parker and Ptes. Thoroughgood and Longstaff all put up good fights, Treeves and Thoroughgood getting into the finals of their respective weights. We did not manage to retain the Battalion Championship, although if Osgood, Wilson, Davies, Le Cleve and other such of our star performers had been able to turn out for us, there might have been a different story to tell. Thanks, however, to Pte. Broome winning the feather-weight championship of the Territorial Army, we can feel that the Company has to some extent redressed the position as far as boxing is concerned, and we heartily congratulate Broome on this splendid achievement.

It only remains for us to congratulate L./Sergt. Cornish on winning his Territorial Efficiency Medal, which has appeared in Orders just as we go to press.

B (S.) COMPANY.

Since our last notes appeared, most of our training has been concentrated on the first-year gunners, who are putting in some hard work to make themselves efficient Machine Gunners. The instruction of these men is being carried out by the N.C.Os. who attended the Cadre, and the results have proved that this course was worth the time and money spent on it.

The Range-takers are putting in plenty of work and they spent a very pleasant Sunday at the Depot on 4th March and one at Billington on 18th March. If they do not all get 1st Class in the Annual Test we can only blame the weather.

By winning the Battalion Fire Direction Cup we proved that the machine gun is not the only weapon we can shoot with.

We congratulate Sergt. Jones and his team on winning this competition. As we go to press we are preparing for Easter training at Colchester, which should prove of great value to all.

We have only one sporting event to report, and that is the part played by the Company in the Battalion and Brigade boxing. We tied with C Company for the Battalion Championship, and as six of our eight entries were quite new to

the ring we think this was a great effort, and we congratulate all who took part.

We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Capt. Wright on his marriage and the N.C.O.s and men who have been promoted during the past quarter. Also the Battalion cooks, who won the T.A. Championship.

C COMPANY.

We start off this quarter with Battalion boxing. Instead of retaining the cup for another year as we anticipated, we only have it for six months, having tied with B (S.) Company for first place. Well done, B (S.) Company. Had all our men entered we should have kept it, and the result shows what can be done by the team spirit (B Company entered a full team).

Our team and the results were as follows:—

Light Heavy-weight.—L./Cpl. Whitmill, won.

Middle-weight.—Pte. Catchpole, won.

Welter-weight.—Pte. Carter, won; Pte. Prowse, lost; Pte. C. Winch, won; Pte. Rowley, lost; Pte. Muncer, lost.

Feather-weight.—Pte. Miles, lost.

As a full report will doubtless be recorded in the Battalion notes, I will not insert a repetition, but we heartily congratulate the team on a very good show, and last but not by any means least Mr. (ex-Sergt.) Dumnow on training the winning team two years in succession.

Our Company and Old Comrades' Rifle Club have fired better this year and are fourth in their division in the league, having an average throughout of 95 for seventeen shots, giving an aggregate of 9,690. Results:—

Fired.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.
17	10	1	6

Our Company team in the Small Bore Match did better this year, too, scoring 603 (average 75), and, considering our T.A. champion cook only scored 48, it is a good show. Major H. Sherwood and C.S.M. Todman got the two top scores (84 and 82) after having a special diet for their eyes, so if anyone is interested and would like the recipe, the address is: C Company Drill Hall, Graham Road, Wealdstone. (Send stamped envelope.)

Scores of the team were:—

Major H. Sherwood, T.D.	...	...	84
C.S.M. Todman	...	...	82
C.Q.M.S. Linthwaite	72
L./Sgt. Campkin	75
L./Cpl. Mascall	81
L./Cpl. Deacon	48
Pte. Steward	79
Pte. Hunt	82

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Congratulations to C.S.M. Todman on getting in the T.A. small-bore team. To qualify he sent in three cards, two possibles and one 99. Major H. Sherwood just failed to get in the team, only having two 99's and one 98. Hard luck, sir.

Our hopes of winning the Fire Direction Competition were rudely shattered by B (S.) Company. They were with us for first place in the boxing and beat us in this. We are beginning to think they are after all our prizes. Good luck to them. If they beat us they are worthy winners.

Sergt. Robson's team were second in the above competition; Sergt. Hattley's sixth.

We will let you know in the next issue how we won the Sherwood Shield. Until then, "au revoir."

SEE.

D COMPANY.

The two main events this quarter have been, first, our Annual Dinner, and, second, the Battalion Winter Weapon Training Competition, and we can look back on both of these with pleasure.

The dinner was an unqualified success, 112 sitting down to an excellent meal washed down with "buckshee" beer, kindly provided by one of the Company's previous commanders, Col. Bartholomew. Of the 112 who sat down to dinner, fifty-five were Old Comrades of the Company and the Battalion, and it is a matter of congratulation for all concerned that sixteen years after the war as many as fifty-five Old Comrades were still so interested in the Company that they came to the dinner. The dinner was followed by a dance, and the usual Company prize-giving, the prizes being given away by Councillor R. A. Beaumont Teare, M.B.E., who was representing the

THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX CADET ASSOCIATION NOTES.

THE first three-year term of office of the Association ended on 31st December last, and the appointment of members for the period 1st January, 1934, to 31st December, 1936, was carried out at the Annual Meeting on 18th January last.

Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., D.L., J.P., A.D.C., has again been elected Chairman of the Association, and Col. Sir John Perring, D.L., J.P., Vice-Chairman.

The Annual Report for 1933 has been circulated, together with an appeal for funds, signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. T. Croysdale, who was a representative member, appointed by the Spelthorne Petty Sessional Division.

Mr. Croysdale was always most helpful to the Association, and his death will be a great loss.

APPOINTMENTS.

1st Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment.

Mr. W. F. Cummings: To be Second-Lieutenant, to date 1st November, 1933.

Mr. D. Watterson: To be Second-Lieutenant, to date 1st November, 1933.

PROMOTIONS.

2nd Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment.

Lieut. E. A. C. Ricketts: To be Captain, to date 14th November, 1933.

2/Lieut. M. Robinson: To be Lieutenant, to date 1st November, 1933.

2/Lieut. Sheppard: To be Lieutenant, to date 1st January, 1934.

4th Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment.

Lieut. J. D. Hood: To be Captain, to date 1st April, 1934.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

The Association hope to arrange with the Officers Commanding for the continuance of the excellent Courses of Instruction for Cadet N.C.O.s at the Depot, Royal Fusiliers, Hounslow, and the Depot The Middlesex Regiment, Mill Hill, during the month of May.

ANNUAL CAMPS, 1934.

(a) *School Cadets.*—The 1st Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment and the Priory

Hendon Borough Council. This is the first occasion on which the Company has been honoured by the presence of a member of the Council at its dinner, and it is hoped that it will not be the last.

It is a matter of much gratification to us all that once again the Sherwood Shield comes to D Company, and we hope that before the next notes appear we shall have cause for further gratification by having won for the Battalion the Winter Weapon Training Competition.

The other items of interest this quarter have been the Miniature Range Competition and the Rapid Loading Competition, in both of which we were represented, but unfortunately without great success.

H.Q. WING.

The chief event of importance has been the Wing Dinner held at Headquarters on 26th January. Large numbers foregathered on this occasion; in fact, there has never been such a representative gathering of H.Q. Wing before. The explanation lies in the posters that were put up offering, and in fact promising, free beer to all who attended. Unfortunately that was a misprint. Our Hon. Colonel was kind enough to be present, and proposed the toast of "The Regiment." He made some not unreasonable comment on the fact that our troops were present in plain clothes, whereas they should be proud to wear the uniform of the Regiment. (T.A. Association, please note.)

The Commanding Officer gave us the toast of "H.Q. Wing" and referred to us as the Company of all the Arts. Although he omitted mention of the art of scrounging, he said some very nice things about us, and explained that he is himself an *ex-officio* member of the Wing.

The proceedings concluded with a cabaret. Perhaps the least said about that the better, but one act in particular deserves mention, or perhaps we should say explanation, and that was the double turn with the gentlemen in shorts and topees, representative of the Battalion service in the East. They fully justified our H.Q. Wing motto of "Purim omnia pura," but perhaps had better try a soprano solo next time.

IN VINO VERITAS.

School Company, of the 2nd Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment will again join the Public Secondary Schools Cadet Camp at Cirencester.

(b) *Non-School Cadets*.—Definite arrangements regarding the Annual Camp for the Non-School Cadets will be announced as early as possible.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Lieut.-Col. P. L. M. Battye, M.C., has agreed to serve as a co-opted member of the Association.

The above appointment was approved at the Quarterly Meeting held on 4th April, 1934.

Col. Battye served with distinction in the Great War.

REMINISCENCES OF MY THIRTY-NINE YEARS' ARMY LIFE.

BY SERGT.-MAJOR JAMES WHITE.

(Continued from p. 529, Vol. IV, No. 8,
May, 1933.)

TOWARDS PESHAWAR.

AFTER the Durbar was over, the troops dispersed, we moving off towards Peshawar. We moved by rail to Delhi, where we arrived in the early morning, and encamped behind the ridge, not far from the graveyard where lie those who died during the siege and capture of the city. The journey on foot to Peshawar was not interesting; station after station of which we had read or heard much was passed through.

At length, on February 7th, 1867, we marched into our new station, having footed it for 867 miles since leaving Bareilly. It was a long march, yet we had then in the Regiment a man who eighteen years earlier had footed every inch from Dinapore to Peshawar, a march of over 1,400 miles, in one cold season.

We occupied the left infantry line, the bungalows of which were of unbaked bricks, and with flat roofs all faced with mud. We found to our surprise a circus in full swing in the station, clowns etc., just as at home. The really principal

performer was a lad of 14, very clever at bareback riding. Shortly after our arrival, the circus was closed, and the proprietor, a man named McBean, entered into an agreement with an Afghan to take the horses, not the tents, to Kabul for a series of performances there. They started very early one morning, and, having passed the fort of Jumrood, were on the neutral ground nearing the Khyber Pass, when the Afghan asked McBean if he knew why he had been brought there. McBean replied, "To go to Kabul, of course." "No," answered the man; "I brought you here to have your life." He fired, and McBean, raising his arm at the moment, received the shot in his armpit. The natives who were leading the horses at once mounted and rode into Peshawar and gave notice of the outrage at the Brigade Office. A party of native cavalry were sent out. They brought in the wounded man, but could find no trace of his assailant. The shot had been fired at such close quarters that McBean's clothing had been set on fire and he had burned and bled just where he fell from his horse. He was taken into our hospital, where a few days later he died. The troops in the garrison made up a good subscription for the widow, an Italian by birth. None of the horses were lost, and she stayed until the next cold season, when she went down country, giving a performance where she could, sometimes in a serai.

MOVE TO FORT ATTOCK.

My Company went into the Artillery Lines in Peshawar (a sort of "support for the guns" in barracks) for some weeks, after which we proceeded to Fort Attock, four days' march, where we remained from 1st May till early in December. An intensely hot place for a time each year. The old fort is built along the sloping side of rocks from the river (the Indus) to the top of the hill. The rocks get hot during the day and do not cool at night, so each succeeding day is hotter than the last.

There is a rainy season in that part of India, but it is not for long, and rain comes occasionally at other times—the same state as to weather all through the Peshawar Valley. As the hot weather comes on, the snow on the mountains in the distance melts, and the Indus, which

at its cold-season level runs past Fort Attock at seven miles an hour, rises forty feet; the bridge of boats is removed, and nothing crosses the river except by rowing boats. These boats, to cross to the opposite point, have to be towed nearly half a mile up the river, and when cast off the rowers have to be energetic, or they would miss the opposite point and be swept down for miles, for there is no place to land.

I shall not attempt to describe the Fort and its near neighbourhood, for I should fail, but it is wild and grand.

We had several deaths from heat apoplexy during that hot season in the Fort, among them my Captain, Capt. McGair. He was a "ranker," who had been given his commission in the Crimea. He was a gentleman, and his run through the ranks of the R.A. had not taken anything from him. A kind and courteous man, ever seeking the good of his men; although so kind and so thoughtful, he was very strict, and no one could play the fool with impunity.

Cholera visited the Fort, but there were only two cases (both fatal)—the wife and daughter of the Commandant of the place, Col. Blackall of the 7th Fusiliers. During that year the Peshawar Garrison suffered heavily from cholera, and all went under canvas for some weeks. The toll taken by cholera in the Regiment was heavy, and with a few cases included of heat apoplexy amounted to ninety-three men. The 42nd Highlanders and the four batteries of artillery also lost heavily. Since then I heard of a regiment (the 104th Bengal Fusiliers) losing 243 men in a few weeks in Peshawar. I have said all I have to say of cholera. It is a sad scourge in India.

(To be continued.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Extract from the "Morning Post,"
7th April, 1934.)

RORKE'S DRIFT.

A SURVIVOR IN CORNWALL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "MORNING POST."

Sir,—Apropos the article in Wednesday's *Morning Post* on the suggested addition of "Rorke's Drift" to the battle honours of the South Wales Borderers (the old 24th Regiment), it may interest some of your readers to know that we have in this town a survivor of the celebrated action. He is Mr. John F. West, late of the 57th (Middlesex) Regiment.

He is 81 years old, but his memory is still good and he has often told me details of the gallant defence which bear out the accuracy of the well-known picture by Lady Butler—notably the incident of the padre supplying cartridges to the men in the firing-line.

It does not seem generally known that in addition to the 80 or 90 men of the 24th Regiment, there were some 40 odd men of other units present.

A. COLERIDGE.

Wadebridge, Cornwall.

R.M.C., CAMBERLEY.

18th March, 1934.

To the Editor, "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

I enclose a letter concerning the Drums of the 1st Battalion in August, 1914, published in the *Morning Post* of 15th February, 1934.

Unfortunately, I missed Major Brodie's letter of 5th February.

I should be particularly interested to know whether any other members of the Regiment who were serving at that time with the 1st Battalion have any recollection of the circumstances in which the Drums were lost.

My own memory concerning them is very hazy.

Possibly some member of the Regiment with friends or relations in Germany might be able to get into touch with the appropriate German military organization with a view to tracing the Drums.

I am, sir, Yours truly,
G. C. BUCKNALL.

(Extract from "The Morning Post,"
15th February, 1934.)

DRUMS OF 1ST MIDDLESEX.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "MORNING POST."

Sir,—With reference to Major R. H. Brodie's letter of the 5th inst. I can confirm his story of the Middlesex drummers searching for the billet in which they had left their drums on the night of the 25th August, 1914.

They had had their evening meal in the school playground, the school being used for the reception of wounded—and the billet in which they had left their drums was on the main road leading to Solesmes. I was then the Sergeant-Major in the 19th Brigade Field Ambulance, and the 1st Middlesex Regiment was a unit of this Brigade. These drums cannot, therefore, have been taken in action, but were left behind.

W. H. STOREY, Captain.
28, Brunswick Square, Gloucester.

STAINES TERRITORIAL OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

(Affiliated to the Old Comrades Association and the Regimental Association of The Middlesex Regiment.)

91, LONDON ROAD,

STAINES,

MIDDLESEX.

6th March, 1934.

The Hon. Secretary,
Regimental Association of The
Middlesex Regiment (Duke
of Cambridge's Own).

To the Editor, "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,—

Will you please forward me four Middlesex Old Comrades Badges (brooch pattern), for which I enclose P.O. for 6s. and 2d. for postage, and oblige. I may say we are gradually getting a few more of the old members to join up, and I hope I shall have the pleasure to send for a few more badges after our General Meeting. Hoping this will find you in the best of health.

I am, sir,
Yours sincerely,
C. R. MITCHAM,
Hon. Secretary.

"RAVENSCLIFFE," WINONA,
ONTARIO, CANADA.
11th April, 1934.

MAJOR T. S. WOLLOCOMBE,
Commanding The Depot The Middlesex (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Regiment,
The Barracks, Mill Hill,
London, N.W.7, England.

DEAR MAJOR WOLLOCOMBE,

In Military District No. 2 (Headquarters at Toronto), which is the largest military district in Canada and of which we, The Wentworth Regiment, are members, there is a "General Efficiency Competition" held annually.

I am enclosing you herewith our standing for 1933; you will note that we come fourth in the list. We are a semi-urban unit, and are handicapped as compared with some of the city units, in that our companies are separated and we do not have the same opportunity for battalion drill; but the results, I think, speak for themselves. The nearest semi-urban unit in the list is The Peel and Dufferin Regiment. Three Scottish regiments came ahead of us: the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's), first; the Toronto Scottish, second; and the 48th Highlanders, third. You will note that we came first in "Administration."

If you think the standing of the Regiment would be of any interest to the Editor of THE DIE-HARDS, I would appreciate it if you would turn the list over to him; and, incidentally, I might mention that our indoor baseball officers' team this year, for the second time in succession, has won the Dominion Championship, which is open for competition amongst teams of officers from any regiment in Eastern Canada.

With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,
ARMAND SMITH,
Lieut.-Colonel.

	A. & S. Hds. of Canada.	Toronto Scots Regiment.	48th Highlanders of Canada.	Wentworth Regiment.
DRILL & GENERAL APPEARANCE				
Turn-out (h.p.s. 75) ...	63	69	65	65
Drill (h.p.s. 150) ...	122	126	123	120
FIELD TRAINING				
Preparation of Exercise (h.p.s. 100) ...	85	75	80	80
Manner Exercise Carried Out (h.p.s. 200) ...	151	150	135	150
RIFLE (h.p.s. 100) ...	73	66	75	71
LIGHT AUTOMATIC (h.p.s. 75) ...	69	63	53	40
SIGNAL SECTION (h.p.s. 50) ...	43	49	49	35
STRETCHER BEARERS (h.p.s. 50) ...	35	39	38	30
ADMINISTRATION (h.p.s. 200) ...	181	176	178	185
GRAND TOTAL (h.p.s. 1,000) ...	822	813	796	776

Nineteen other units competed.

OBITUARY.

124, CLYDE STREET,
ISLAND BAY,
WELLINGTON,
NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor, "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,—

I forward herewith a cutting from our local *Evening Post* re the death of Pte. M. Gill, which took place on the 18th, my ninety-sixth birthday. The death makes me the only Die-Hard left in this favoured land, or, I believe, in any other. I am also the oldest still living of the 62nd (1st Wiltshires), in which I served a little over a year till transferred to the Die-Hards on 6th March, 1856, in the Crimea.

Had I been in my usual good form I should have gone to the funeral.

My very best wishes for the Die-Hards.

Yours faithfully,

E. BEZAR,
late Colour-Sergeant.

[Two cuttings were received; one from Mr. Bezar and the other from the South African Veterans' Association.—ED.]

(Extract from "The Gisborne Times,"
20th February, 1934.)

CRIMEAN AND MAORI WAR VETERAN.

(Press Association.)

PALMERSTON, N., Feb. 19.

Mr. Michael Gill, aged 95 years, died at the Old People's Home to-day.

The deceased was a veteran of the Crimea, joining the 57th Foot Regiment of Die-Hards as a drummer boy when 17. He remembered meeting Florence Nightingale, and the privations of the troops before the fall of Sebastopol. Later he did garrison duty at Malta and Aden, and saw active service against the Arabs.

He came to New Zealand during the Maori War, and was a member of Von Tempsky's Forest Rangers, being present when the leader was killed. Later he was transferred and engaged in the hunt for Te Kooti, retiring to Wanganui and then to Clive.

Mr. Gill entered the Park Island Home, and was there when the big earthquake occurred in 1931, and was buried for two days before being discovered practically unscratched. Subsequently he transferred to the Old People's Home here.

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION.

(GISBORNE BRANCH.)

NEW ZEALAND.

20th February, 1934.

DEAR SIR,—

The enclosed cutting, with reference to the death of an old Die-Hard, may prove of interest to you. This old chap must have been a wonderful man; he was buried under a mass of bricks, mortar, and timber for two days in the big Napier disaster of February, 1931. He was given up for dead, and no one was more surprised than his rescuers to find him still alive; he suffered severely from shock. The Old People's Home, of which he was an inmate, takes the same place as a workhouse in England. Although a State institution, there is not the stigma attached to it. They have no tasks to do, can loaf about all day if they wish, but most of them that are able work or potter about in the garden, and they raise some great flowers and vegetables. We recognize that these old people have borne the heat and burden of the day, done their duty to King and country, and are therefore entitled to end their days in peace and quietness. Many of them are old age pensioners, and their pension

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Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
L./Cpl. H. Burrows ...	5/1/33	L./Cpl. E. Rogers ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. F. Munday ...	22/2/33	L./Cpl. W. Sargent ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. A. Smith ...	2/6/33	L./Cpl. W. Nihill ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. C. Payne ...	10/6/33	L./Cpl. H. Jolley ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. V. Thomas ...	20/6/33	L./Cpl. F. Broughton ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. H. Nayler ...	22/6/33	L./Cpl. R. Moth ...	27/4/33
*L./Cpl. F. Stock ...	13/7/33	L./Cpl. F. Shaw ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. C. Hawkesworth ...	3/8/33	L./Cpl. P. Crowley ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. H. Ormes ...	17/8/33	L./Cpl. V. Whipples ...	19/5/33
L./Cpl. T. Bayly ...	3/9/33	L./Cpl. S. Clark ...	19/5/33
L./Cpl. G. Parker ...	19/10/33	L./Cpl. A. Smith ...	2/6/33
*L./Cpl. W. O'Connor ...	28/11/33	*L./Cpl. K. Simpson ...	10/6/33
L./Cpl. J. McLeod ...	11/12/33	L./Cpl. S. Hoskins ...	12/6/33
L./Cpl. H. Hughes ...	25/12/33	L./Cpl. W. Tatt ...	17/6/33
Unpaid :-		L./Cpl. F. Hammond ...	29/6/33
L./Cpl. W. Harewell ...	25/8/32	L./Cpl. P. Coleman ...	3/7/33
L./Cpl. F. Markham ...	25/8/32	L./Cpl. E. Webber ...	22/7/33
L./Cpl. C. Keefe ...	25/8/32	L./Cpl. R. Butt ...	22/7/33
L./Cpl. H. Holloway ...	17/11/32	L./Cpl. W. Hayward ...	3/8/33
L./Cpl. J. McGrady ...	17/11/32	L./Cpl. F. Penman ...	2/9/33
L./Cpl. J. Sheen ...	23/12/32	L./Cpl. J. Emery ...	2/9/33
L./Cpl. S. Dyer ...	2/1/33	L./Cpl. H. Dillon ...	13/10/33
L./Cpl. W. Ransom ...	24/1/33	L./Cpl. H. Simmons ...	28/10/33
L./Cpl. F. Carter ...	6/2/33	L./Cpl. J. Gill ...	4/11/33
L./Cpl. R. Dehnel ...	27/4/33	L./Cpl. H. Price ...	18/12/33

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. H. Glover ...	2nd	1/5/20
*R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M. ...	2nd	18/3/31	Sgt. H. Tisdale ...	7th London	22/1/22
*Bdmr. C. Dennis, A.R.C.M. ...	2nd	25/3/33	*Sgt. R. Colbourne ...	2nd	6/10/23
*R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley ...	Depot	7/3/26	Sgt. E. Shaw ...	Depot	19/1/24
*R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher ...	2nd	31/1/30	Sgt. H. Campbell ...	9th	16/2/24
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) B. Baldwin ...	Depot	2/7/30	Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	Depot	28/1/25
*C.S.M. G. Goodall ...	9th	4/6/25	Sgt. H. Rogers ...	Depot	26/5/25
*C.S.M. J. Hart ...	2nd	20/1/26	*Sgt. S. Mason ...	2nd	2/2/26
*C.S.M. C. Cook, D.C.M. ...	8th	15/8/26	Sgt. W. Harwood ...	2nd	17/8/26
*C.S.M. J. Smith ...	19th London	28/2/28	Sgt. S. Bishop ...	2nd	24/11/27
*C.S.M. F. Peck ...	2nd	18/2/29	Sgt. H. Sneath ...	2nd	15/12/27
*C.S.M. C. Goodall ...	8th	28/4/29	Sgt. A. Webb ...	19th London	15/5/28
*C.S.M. F. Stevenson ...	7th	4/1/30	Drum-Major H. Poulter ...	2nd	13/10/28
*C.S.M. S. Anderson ...	Depot	20/10/30	*Sgt. C. Champion ...	2nd	1/1/29
*C.S.M. H. Hewett ...	8th	19/4/32	*Sgt. A. Jones ...	7th	18/2/29
*C.S.M. L. Simmonds ...	9th	3/9/32	*Sgt. H. Short ...	2nd	21/2/29
*C.S.M. L. Clarke ...	2nd	15/11/32	Sgt. A. Jones ...	2nd	8/4/29
*C.S.M. R. Mewitt ...	2nd	23/3/33	Sgt. A. Boen ...	9th	13/4/29
C.S.M. A. Wright ...	2nd	24/2/34	*Sgt. C. Donaldson ...	2nd	24/5/29
Col./Sgt. C. King ...	Depot	26/5/25	Sgt. R. King ...	Supnmy., Fire Bde., Bordon	5/7/29
Col./Sgt. L. Hills ...	2nd	2/11/26	Sgt. G. Sherriff ...	2nd	9/12/29
Col./Sgt. W. West ...	2nd	22/2/28	Sgt. F. Nash ...	8th	11/12/29
*Col./Sgt. F. Stacey ...	2nd	3/9/32	*Sgt. A. Russell ...	2nd	16/2/30
*Col./Sgt. E. Jones ...	2nd	15/11/32	*Sgt. W. Tibble ...	7th	17/10/30
*Col./Sgt. F. Franklin ...	2nd	8/9/33	*Sgt. W. Green ...	Depot	27/12/30
		(Sgt. 20/3/28)	*Sgt. C. Kennett ...	Depot	16/1/31
			Sgt. J. Quick ...	2nd	23/4/31
			*Sgt. W. Kemp ...	2nd	19/1/32
			Sgt. R. Parsler ...	2nd	1/4/32
			Sgt. J. Harper ...	Depot	19/4/32

* In possession of First Class Certificate of Education.

** In possession of Army Special Certificate of Education.

Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
Sgt. (O.R.S.) F. Deane ...	2nd	10/6/32	Cpl. A. Wray ...	2nd	23/3/33
Sgt. C. Trestain ...	2nd	14/6/32	Cpl. E. Buck ...	2nd	13/4/33
Sgt. J. Ramsey ...	2nd	23/6/32	Cpl. E. Soden ...	2nd	3/5/33
Sgt. R. Smith ...	2nd	30/7/32	Cpl. A. Gigg ...	Depot	2/6/33
Sgt. J. Scott ...	Depot	2/9/32	Cpl. H. Sayer ...	2nd	8/7/33
Sgt. L. Johnson ...	2nd	3/9/32	*Cpl. D. Chapman ...	2nd	15/8/33
Sgt. W. Bean ...	2nd	15/11/32	Cpl. E. Fuller ...	2nd	8/9/33
Sgt. F. Housden ...	2nd	23/3/33	Cpl. R. Harman ...	Depot	25/10/33
Sgt. R. Wilson ...	2nd	3/5/33	Cpl. B. Armstrong ...	2nd	3/1/34
*Cpl. H. Ison ...	2nd	8/7/33	L./Cpl. J. Frost ...	2nd	14/5/31
		9/2/28	L./Cpl. J. Harris ...	2nd	10/7/31
Cpl. A. Brett ...	(L./Sgt. 27/12/29)	28/1/30	L./Cpl. W. Ayles ...	2nd	19/1/32
Cpl. G. Newstead ...	2nd	1/4/32	L./Cpl. J. O'Neill ...	2nd	5/8/32
		20/4/30	*L./Cpl. G. Grant ...	Depot	25/9/32
*Cpl. V. Cooper ...	(L./Sgt. 14/6/32)	1/5/30	L./Cpl. W. Patterson ...	2nd	13/10/32
		23/6/32	L./Cpl. C. Carpenter ...	2nd	21/10/32
*Cpl. A. Allchorne ...	2nd	15/5/30	L./Cpl. A. Drake ...	2nd	1/11/32
Cpl. A. Hows ...	(L./Sgt. 19/4/32)	25/10/30	L./Cpl. A. Sargent ...	2nd	11/11/32
Cpl. A. Whitcombe ...	(L./Sgt. 27/3/32)	31/10/30	L./Cpl. W. Smith ...	2nd	16/11/32
		30/7/32	L./Cpl. J. Eldridge ...	2nd	23/11/32
Cpl. B. Bedward ...	(L./Sgt. 19/11/30)	24/8/32	L./Cpl. A. Eldrett ...	2nd	23/11/32
Cpl. F. Livens ...	2nd	20/1/31	L./Cpl. W. Powell ...	2nd	23/11/32
		2/9/32	L./Cpl. C. Armitage ...	2nd	3/1/33
Cpl. R. Jenkins ...	(L./Sgt. 3/9/32)	1/4/31	L./Cpl. J. Hayes ...	2nd	14/1/33
Cpl. H. Ramsden ...	Depot	8/7/33	L./Cpl. R. Stretton ...	2nd	31/1/33
Cpl. E. Swaddling ...	2nd	2/10/31	L./Cpl. F. Jaques ...	Depot	3/2/33
Cpl. (Bd. Cpl.) E. Jennings ...	(L./Sgt. 3/10/31)	28/12/31	L./Cpl. T. Cordell ...	Depot	23/2/33
		3/5/33	L./Cpl. H. Tye ...	2nd	10/3/33
Cpl. S. Moore ...	Depot	28/12/31	*L./Cpl. P. Davidson ...	2nd	15/3/33
		8/9/33	L./Cpl. S. Day ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. F. Gribble ...	2nd	19/1/32	L./Cpl. F. Payne ...	2nd	15/3/33
*Cpl. F. Frewin ...	Depot	18/2/32	L./Cpl. R. Wigg ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. H. Dujardin ...	Depot	27/3/32	L./Cpl. B. Bruniges ...	2nd	15/3/33
*Cpl. B. White ...	2nd	17/5/32	L./Cpl. W. Broadbridge ...	2nd	15/3/33
*Cpl. P. Maloney ...	2nd	1/6/32	L./Cpl. C. Dowsett ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. (O.R.C.) J. Wright ...	2nd	13/6/32	L./Cpl. H. Eastland ...	2nd	23/3/33
Cpl. H. Walker ...	2nd	13/6/32	L./Cpl. F. Hiscocks ...	2nd	9/4/33
*Cpl. R. Overy ...	2nd	14/6/32	L./Cpl. A. Ball ...	2nd	4/5/33
Cpl. R. Smallridge ...	2nd	14/6/32	*L./Cpl. S. Copelin ...	Depot	7/5/33
Cpl. F. Brown ...	2nd	23/6/32	L./Cpl. A. Ellwood ...	2nd	2/6/33
Cpl. F. Hawkins ...	2nd	28/6/32	L./Cpl. G. Blackman ...	Depot	22/6/33
*Cpl. J. Bond ...	2nd	29/6/32	L./Cpl. A. Etheridge ...	2nd	5/7/33
Cpl. W. Day ...	2nd	5/8/32	L./Cpl. J. Lawrence ...	2nd	8/7/33
Cpl. G. Gatehouse ...	2nd	6/8/32	L./Cpl. A. Read ...	2nd	11/7/33
*Cpl. H. Parnell ...	2nd	17/8/32	L./Cpl. H. Griffiths ...	2nd	28/7/33
Cpl. W. Makewell ...	2nd	17/8/32	L./Cpl. S. Morris ...	2nd	29/7/33
Cpl. J. Riches ...	Depot	19/8/32	L./Cpl. S. Pinner ...	2nd	26/8/33
Cpl. A. Thorne ...	2nd	24/8/32	L./Cpl. F. Gilbert ...	2nd	2/9/33
Cpl. H. Clarke ...	Depot	24/8/32	L./Cpl. F. Lavalette ...	Depot	8/9/33
Cpl. W. Poulter ...	2nd	3/9/32	L./Cpl. J. Collison ...	2nd	17/9/33
Cpl. W. Murcott ...	2nd	25/9/32	L./Cpl. L. O'Doherty ...	2nd	28/9/33
Cpl. H. Buckland ...	2nd	13/10/32	*L./Cpl. A. Lovell ...	2nd	25/10/33
Cpl. E. Elcome ...	2nd	16/11/32	L./Cpl. C. Lomax ...	2nd	28/10/33
Cpl. P. Oliver ...	2nd	15/12/32	L./Cpl. C. Hayes ...	2nd	7/11/33
*Cpl. H. Marshall ...	2nd	14/1/33	L./Cpl. G. Clarke ...	2nd	5/12/33
Cpl. F. Knights ...	2nd	1/2/33	L./Cpl. M. Head ...	2nd	11/12/33
Cpl. J. Burgess ...	Depot	3/2/33	L./Cpl. S. Waters ...	2nd	6/1/34
Cpl. F. Knights ...	Depot	15/3/33	L./Cpl. A. Drane ...	Depot	11/1/34
Cpl. W. Evans ...	2nd	15/3/33	L./Cpl. L. Mann ...	2nd	25/1/34
Cpl. W. McEnery ...	2nd	15/3/33	L./Cpl. V. Bint ...	2nd	27/1/34
Cpl. J. Bromley ...	2nd	15/3/33	L./Cpl. C. Kenney ...	2nd	17/2/34
			L./Cpl. J. Hinch ...	2nd	18/2/34

Unpaid :-

L./Cpl. S. Parry ...	2nd	20/9/33
L./Cpl. R. Cummins ...	2nd	20/9/33

* 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. A. Lowe ...	2nd	22/9/33	L./Cpl. A. Blan ...	2nd	1/11/33
L./Cpl. L. Du-Heaume ...	2nd	22/9/33	L./Cpl. G. Stanton ...	2nd	1/11/33
L./Cpl. L. Harris ...	2nd	27/9/33	L./Cpl. C. Marsh ...	2nd	11/11/33
L./Cpl. J. Walker ...	2nd	27/9/33	L./Cpl. A. Peasley ...	2nd	15/1/34
L./Cpl. G. Girdlestone ...	2nd	1/10/33	L./Cpl. J. Tyler ...	2nd	15/2/34
L./Cpl. W. Hamlin ...	2nd	1/10/33	L./Cpl. G. Hockley ...	2nd	16/2/34
L./Cpl. L. Delaney ...	2nd	1/10/33	L./Cpl. R. Williams ...	2nd	16/2/34
L./Cpl. W. Claxton ...	2nd	21/10/33	L./Cpl. F. Eyles ...	2nd	16/2/34
L./Cpl. H. Rae ...	2nd	1/11/33	L./Cpl. J. Davis ...	2nd	16/2/34
L./Cpl. P. Caine ...	2nd	1/11/33	L./Cpl. H. Page ...	2nd	18/2/34
L./Cpl. H. Bettell ...	2nd	1/11/33	L./Cpl. W. Norcutt ...	2nd	18/2/34

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almost pays their keep, and allows them something for tobacco.

We in this branch take a great interest in these old Maori War veterans; in fact, in all ex-Imperial soldiers, and at any of our functions they are always the guests of honour. Last year was the first which was missed. Most of our guests have passed the great divide, and the very few that are left are too old to turn out. The Maoris that fought on our side were most interesting to listen to with the aid of an interpreter, and they would get worked up and almost do a war dance. When these old veterans are laid to rest we supply a bearer party and bugler to sound the calls.

There is also another old veteran of your Regiment, Sergt.-Major Bezar, of Wellington, who also celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday in Wellington on Sunday last. I will try and get hold of a Wellington paper and send to you. I am told that the old chap insists on turning out at all parades of ex-Service men, and although he is offered the use of a conveyance he refuses to ride in it.

As far as I know, there are no ex-members of your regiment residing in this district, either from the last war or the Boer War, although we have a fair number of ex-Imperial soldiers as members. I make this almost my sole hobby, and spend most of my spare time at it, and I have an idea as soon as things take a turn for the better to try and form an ex-Imperial Service Men's Association, as I believe it could do some good, and I think the idea only wants putting into practice, and will be successful.

An old Die-Hard, E. G. Ford, of Rainham, has just taken up the hon. secretary's job of the London Branch of the S.A.W.N.A. I had a most interesting letter from him last mail, and, like myself, he seems an enthusiast, and, if so, I am sure will make a success of his branch.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

J. V. SCOTT,

Hon. Secretary.

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