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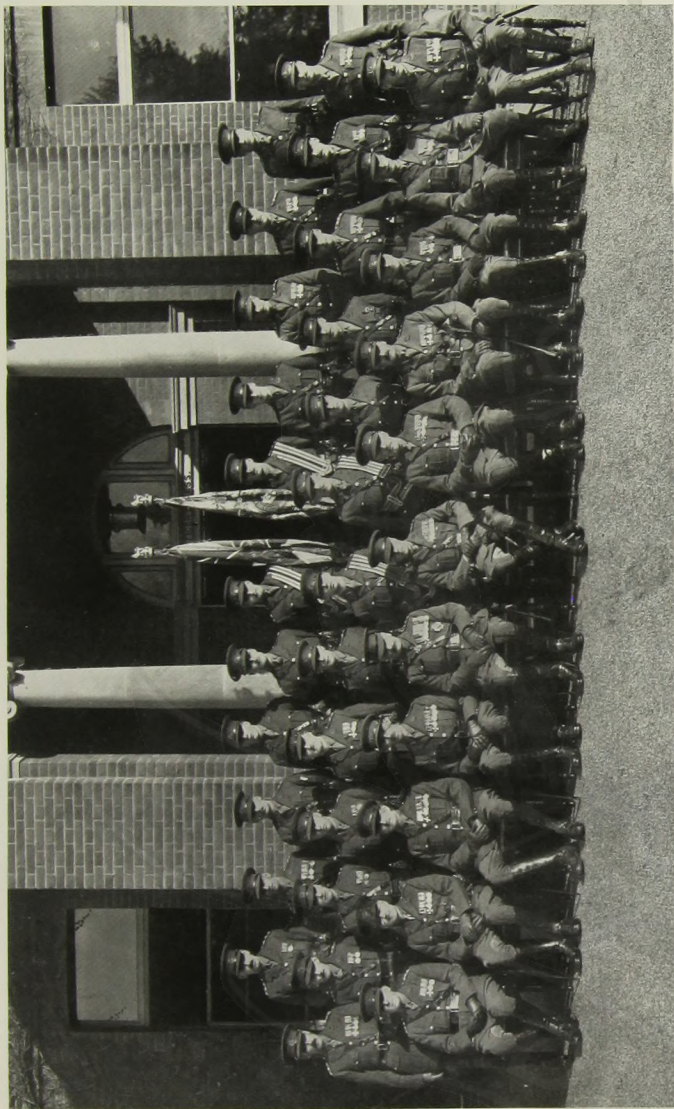


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THE OFFICERS, 1st BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

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

"Mysore," "Seringapatam," "Alubuhara," "Ciudad Rodrigo," "Badajoz," "Vittoria," "Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Nive," "Peninsula," "Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "New Zealand," "South Africa, 1879," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1900-02," "Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Ypres, 1915," "17, '18," "Albert, 1916, '18," "Bazentin," "Cambrai, 1917, '18," "Hindenburg Line," "Suvla," "Jerusalem," "Mesopotamia, 1917-18."

"Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," Aisne, 1914, 18," "La Bassée, 1914," "Armentières, 1914," "Neuve Chapelle," "Gravenstafel," "St. Julien," "Frezenberg," "Bellewaerde," "Aubers," "Hooge, 1915," "Loos," "Somme, 1916, 18," "Devil's Wood," "Pozières," "Ginchy," "Fiers-Corcouette," "Morval," "Thiepval," "The Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre, 1916, 28," "Bapaume, 1917, 18," "Arras, 1917, 18," "Tomy, 1917," "Scarpe, 1917, 18," "Arlieux," "Messines, 1914, 17, 18," "Pickem," "Cambrai, 1917, 18," "Ploeghem," "Polywood," "Polseur," "Poperinghe," "Passchendaele," "Quend," "Roubaix," "Rosieres," "Avre," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazebroeck," "Baillieu," "Kemmel," "Scherpenberg," "Dun," "Du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Valenciennes," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Italy, 1917-18," "Struma," "Doiran, 1918," "Macedonia, 1915-18," "Landing at Suvla," "Scimitar Hill," "Gallipoli, 1915," "Rumani," "Egypt, 1915-16," "Gaza," "El Mughara," "Jericho," "Tel Asur," "Palestine, 1917-18," "Marmarica," "Dukhovskaya," "Siberia, 1918-19."

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Regular and Militia Battalions.

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

Territorial Army Battalions

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

Affiliated Territorial Army Battalions

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

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

Allied Battalion of Australian Infantry

57th Battalion Preston, Victoria.

Allied Regiment of Dominion of New Zealand

The Taranaki Regiment ... New Plymouth.

Colonel-in-Chief:

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

Colonel :

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

Officer Commanding Depot

Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., Middlesex Regiment

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EDITORIAL



THIS number of the Journal is the Presentation of Colours Number. In order to produce as many photographs as possible of the Presentation, the Editor regrets that other photographs sent for publication have been crowded out. These will be produced in the February issue.

The somewhat late appearance of this number is due to the fact that publication has been delayed until the account and photographs of the Presentation of Colours to the 1st Battalion could be included. In the circumstances we are confident that our readers will approve.

The 2nd Battalion arrives at Southampton on December 12th in H.M.T. *Lancashire*, and proceeds to Colchester.

The 1st Battalion embarks in the same ship at Southampton on December 22nd for Palestine.

We are sure that the whole Regiment will join us in hearty congratulations to General A. A. Garstin, C.M.G., whose 81st birthday occurred on August 30th, 1931.

An announcement appears in this issue concerning the postponement of the Middlesex Regiment and County Forces Ball.

We regret to have to report the death in a flying accident on September 12th of Capt. E. L. O. Baddeley, The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, late of the Middlesex Regiment.

Attention is again drawn to the Regimental Diary for 1932. Copies can be obtained in two bindings, cloth at 1s. 6d., and leather at 2s. 6d. Both are post free. Only the number actually ordered are being printed; it is therefore necessary that requirements are notified at once to avoid disappointment.

Very few orders have been received for the 1932 Calendar. The price is 1s., post free. We shall be glad to receive orders at an early date.

REGIMENTAL FIXTURE.

January 2nd, 1932.—Old Comrades' Concert at the "Goat & Compasses," 241, Euston Road, N.W.1.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT AND COUNTY FORCES BALL.

OWING to the present national situation, the Middlesex Regiment and County Forces Ball, which was to have been held at the Park Lane Hotel on November 17th, has been postponed until the latter half of June, 1932, if conditions are then favourable.

PRESENT FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY.

LETTER FROM THE ARMY COUNCIL.

THE following letter has been addressed by the Army Council to General Officers Commanding-in-Chief, and General Officers Commanding all military commands at home and abroad:

"10th September, 1931.

"SIR,

"I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that the present state of the national finances has necessitated the adoption of widespread measures of economy throughout the country. In these measures the Army and all the Services of the Crown have been called upon to bear their share. The Army Council are confident that all ranks will be ready to make the sacrifices demanded of them in order to contribute to the restoration of national prosperity.

"I am, sir,

"Your obedient servant,

"(Sd.) H. J. CREEDY."

REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

THE following is a list of articles presented during the past quarter:—

Regimental.—Dinner Card, Annual Dinner, May 17th, 1897, when the Duke of Cambridge presided. (General A. A. Garstin.)

77th Regiment.—Coatee in which Capt. Audley Lempriere was mortally wounded, April 19th, 1855, Crimea, his red sash, and a silver plate from a Russian officer's belt. (Col. G. B. Lempriere.)

77th Regiment.—Tunic, 1880 (in which Col. Lempriere joined). Yellow facings. (Col. G. B. Lempriere.)

Regimental.—Red serge jacket, white facings, collar, cuffs, shoulder-straps (1891 to 1896). Red serge jacket, white collar and piping, gold braid on sleeves (1891 to 1896). Red mess jacket, white facings. Red mess jacket, 2nd Battalion

buttons. Three mess waistcoats, 2nd Battalion buttons. Four blue serge jackets, Regimental buttons. One forage cap. Blue frock-coat. Blue riding breeches. One pair gold shoulder-cords. Two white sword-belts and slings. One white shoulder sword-sling. One red belt. Two red and yellow Regimental polo belts. Two pairs staff armlets, red and blue. (Col. G. B. Lempriere.)

77th Regiment.—Two framed photographs, Agra, 1869 (the Band in white, and the Corporals with cross-belts and muzzle-loading rifles). (Mr. James Gordon.)

Hart's Annual Army List, 1869. (Capt. H. W. M. Paul.)

Regimental.—Special Regimental Recruiting Poster, 1919. (Capt. H. W. M. Paul.)

1st Battalion.—Great War (1915), framed photographs and trench map, Bois Grenier. (Capt. H. W. M. Paul.)

1st Battalion.—Photograph (with key), K Company, Guernsey, 1883. (Mr. James Mooney.)

57th Regiment.—Linen holdall, 1875, No. 210 J. Mooney. (Mr. James Mooney.)

1st Battalion.—Original report on action at Le Maisnil, October 21st, 1914 (see page 81, Vol. I, "The Die-Hards in the Great War"). (Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon.)

77th Regiment.—Water colour by R. Simkin, 1874 (or 79?). (Purchased.)

Royal East Middlesex.—Coloured print, officer in shell jacket. (Purchased.)

South Middlesex.—Coloured print, officer. (Purchased.)

Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research, October, 1931. (Editor.)

2nd Battalion.—Bass drum presented to the officers of the 1st Battalion in June, 1907, by Lieut.-General H. Kent. (1st Battalion.)

WAR DIARIES.

The following War Diaries are now kept at the Depot in safe custody and are available for reference:—

1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
3rd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
4th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
1st/7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
1st/8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
1st/9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

2nd/10th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
 3rd/10th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
 11th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
 12th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
 13th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
 16th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
 17th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
 18th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
 19th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
 20th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
 21st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
 23rd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
 26th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
 32nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
 No. 1 Infantry Labour Battalion.
 No. 2 Infantry Labour Battalion.
 No. 1 Special Company Syren Force.
 One book, 1st Bn. The Middlesex
 Regiment, Digest of Services.
 One book, Line Battalions, Middlesex
 Regiment (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th).
 One book, 4th Bn. The Middlesex
 Regiment.
 One book, Territorial and Service Bat-
 talions The Middlesex Regiment (1st/7th,
 1st/8th, 2nd/10th, 3rd/10th, 11th to 33rd
 Battalions).



PRESENTATION OF NEW COLOURS BY H.R.H. THE PRINCE WALES.

A SPLENDID rally of all ranks of the Regiment, past and present, took place on October 21st at Hyderabad Barracks, Colchester, on the occasion of the presentation of new Colours to the Battalion. There were present 700 officers' guests, a large contingent of Old Comrades, and representative detachments from Territorial battalions, and members of the public.

Great trepidation was felt about the weather, as it was impossible to present a parade of such dimensions in any enclosed area, although a modified ceremony had been rehearsed in the Garrison Church,

but fortune favoured us in a clear, bright day, and visibility could not have been bettered.

The Band played selections on the Barrack Square from 11 a.m. A quarter of an hour later the Guards paraded in close column, and received the old Colours with a salute. When these had been handed over to the care of Clr.-Sergt. Darby and two sentries, the officers fell out and the Adjutant took over the parade. The four Guards then formed line, and the Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. commanding them were marched to the saluting base, the Drums playing a Quick March. The Drums, beating the "Assembly," marched across the parade through the intervals of the Band, counter-marching and halting in front of it. During this effective movement the officers fell in, and the Commanding Officer took over the parade.

Interest in the falling-in occupied the guests' attention before the arrival of the Prince. At 12.15 H.R.H. and his escort drove up from the flying ground, and was received with the Royal Salute. Accompanied by General Sir Ivor Maxse, Colonel of the Regiment, and General Sir Webb Gillman, G.O.C.-in-Chief, Eastern Command, H.R.H. inspected the line and returned to the saluting base.

Then followed the trooping of the old Colours, a beautiful ceremony, and a sad one for those who had loved and respected them for so long. "Auld Lang Syne," in slow time, seemed pre-eminently the right tune for the final marching away of these emblems to the rear of the Battalion.

The Battalion next formed three sides of a square; the Drums were piled, and the new Colours (uncased) were placed upon them. Very quickly the large audience rose to its feet as Lieut.-Col. Pearson addressed the procession of chaplains, led by the Chaplain-General: "Reverend Sir, on behalf of the Regiment we ask you to bid God's blessing on these Colours."

The Chaplain-General's perfect enunciation gave full dignity to the beautiful and simple consecration service, which received a wonderful climax in a sudden burst of sunshine. All the glory of the new Colours was displayed, and the



was serbing with the 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) on the occasion of the Presentation of New Colours by
**HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES
 AND DUKE OF CORNWALL**
 K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., M.C.

Colonel-in-Chief The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own)
 at Colchester, on October 21st, 1951

H. Pearson

Lieut. Col.

Commanding 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own.)

THE PRINCE'S ADDRESS

Lieut.-Colonel Pearson, Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment. On presenting you with new Colours, I think it fitting to remind you briefly of the long and honourable services of your Regiment throughout the world and to call upon you to live up to your own best traditions.

Your 1st Battalion originates from the 59th Foot, which was raised on Christmas Day, 1755, by Colonel Arabin. The following year, renumbered the 57th at Gibraltar, it entered upon a series of arduous campaigns in the Mediterranean. From 1775 this Battalion took part for fifteen years in operations in the North American Continent and, although chiefly composed of Scotsmen, it was called the East Middlesex Regiment.

Your 2nd Battalion originated from the 77th Foot, raised in 1787 by Colonel Marsh for service in India. The distinguished part which it played under Sir Arthur Wellesley in that country is testified by your battle honours, "Seringsapatam" and "Mysore." In 1807, although chiefly composed of Irishmen, it was called the West Middlesex Regiment.

Both Battalions served with great valour in the Peninsular War and the Crimea. An outstanding occasion in your own history was the Battle of Albuhera, 1811, when the 57th put up a heroic fight against an overwhelming enemy. Their gallant Colonel Inglis, mortally wounded, exhorted his men to "Die hard," and from that time the Regiment has been known as the "Die Hards."

In 1881 the 57th and 77th were united to form the 1st and 2nd Battalions of The Duke of Cambridge's Own (The Middlesex Regiment), and that is why the badges on your caps to-day display the wreath and superscription "Albuhera" of the 57th and the Prince of Wales's and the Duke of Cambridge's coronet and cypher of the 77th. The Battle Honour of "New Zealand" commemorates the Maori Wars of 1860 and further distinctions were gained in South Africa.

During the last Great War the strength of the Regiment was raised to 46 Battalions which served in almost every theatre of operations as attested by its 81 Battle Honours. 12,694 of your comrades laid down their lives for their King and Country. The "Die Hards" upheld their great traditions. A Regiment has no more sacred possession than its Colours. The honours on them stand for definite acts of Loyalty, Self-Sacrifice and Patriotism. Therefore, in handing you these new Colours, on behalf of His Majesty The King, I charge you to maintain that gallant record of service which your Regiment has so worthily established in the past.

Edward P.

COLCHESTER,
 October, 21st, 1951.

Colonel-in-Chief,
 The Middlesex Regiment (The Duke of Cambridge's Own).

glittering of steel added effectively to the pageant.

H.R.H. presented the Colours, the Guards reformed line, presented arms, and the new Colours were marched into position to the strains of the National Anthem. The Guards marched past in column, reformed line, and advanced in review order. They removed headdresses and gave three cheers for the Prince.

With the saluting and marching away of the new Colours, the ceremony reached its conclusion, having been carried through without a hitch and in the spirit which such an auspicious occasion demands.

At the Officers' Mess, where H.R.H. was photographed with the officers and the sergeants, the Prince expressed his appreciation of the parade and the excellence of its conduct.

A large number of guests received light refreshments in the tents provided for the purpose, but as a number of officers were attending the Colchester Oyster Feast the Regiment had to apologise for its lack of hosts.

Amongst the invited guests who accepted were the following:—Lady Maxse, Col. the Rt. Hon. Lord Rochdale, Col. E. J. King, Col. and Miss Anwyl Passingham, Col. J. L. Blumfeld, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. De Salis, Sir William Prescott, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Newton, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. H. Goodwin, Lieut.-Col. W. Y. Miller, Lieut.-Col. C. P. Rooke, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Steed, Major and Mrs. A. C. Dundas, Major and Mrs. R. A. Slee, Capt. and Mrs. J. E. Dobbs, Capt. E. F. Lyons, Capt. and Mrs. H. W. M. Paul, Mrs. and Miss Ash, Mrs. Barnardiston, Mrs., Mr. and Miss Ward, Mrs. and Miss Longe, Mrs. Hamilton Walker, Mrs. M. Crawford, Mrs. Avery and Miss Gosling, Mrs. Catchpole, Miss MacHaig, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Vulliamy, Mrs. A. C. Pearson and Miss V. Pearson, Mrs. Pargiter, Col. D. C. D. Sword, Brig.-General Marsh, Miss G. Sword, Mr. H. C. D. Sword, Col. H. F. Mackenzie, Brig.-General and Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. Stewart, Major Tufnell, Capt. Roberts, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. C. A. H. Graves, Mrs. Abell, Mrs. Dyer, Col. Chandler, Mr. Elin, Capt. Elin, Mrs. Ayscough, the Misses Barnardiston, Capt. Oakes-Jones, General Baldwin, Mrs.

Appelbe, Major-General and Mrs. F. W. Ramsay and Miss Glyn, Brig.-General and Mrs. R. J. Ross and Miss Ross, Brig.-General J. H. C. Cunliffe, Brig.-General R. M. Heath, Col. and Mrs. L. G. Oliver, Col. J. E. Elgee, Major N. E. G. Willoughby, Col. and Mrs. A. ff. Powell, Major and Mrs. H. W. B. Warneford, Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses L. J. Cubitt, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Cubitt, Capt. and Mrs. Worton, Mrs. G. E. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cooper, Major and Mrs. H. E. L. Glass, and Major Harada (Japanese Army).

From "*The Essex County Telegraph*."

THE MILITARY CEREMONY

A BRILLIANT SPECTACLE.

His Royal Highness, proceeding to Hyderabad Barracks, was greeted by a great crowd at the parade ground, where the 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment were formed up in line in four Guard Companies, facing the saluting base, with the Band and Drums in the foreground. The Royal Salute was given and the National Anthem struck up. Then followed the inspection by the Prince of the Battalion and the three distinctive sections of the ceremonial—the trooping of the old Colours, the consecration and presentation of the new Colours, and the march past His Royal Highness with Colours flying.

As a military spectacle the trooping of the old Colours was memorable, ranking, in its machine-like movements, with the ceremonies of H.M. Guards. The escorting Guard Company moved from the Battalion in line to receive the Colours, and the R.S.M. of the Battalion drew his sword—the only time on parade when he does so—to perform the duty of handing over the emblems of a great regimental tradition in valour and steadfastness. To appropriate music the Colours passed in slow time in front of the open ranks of the Battalion with a stateliness worthy of the occasion, and subsequently the Colours were borne to the rear to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne." The consecration of the new Colours followed, the troops and the public joining in the responses and the prayers. This service of consecration took place with the Colours laid upon a pile of drums, and the

Battalion forming three sides of a square. The impressive ceremony was performed by the Chaplain-General to the Forces (Rev. E. H. Thorold, C.B.E., M.A., Hon. Chaplain to His Majesty the King), assisted by Revs. H. G. Marshall, M.A. (Assistant Chaplain - General, Eastern Command), C. Cameron, M.A. (Senior Chaplain, Church of England, Colchester Garrison), J. A. Williamson (Presbyterian Chaplain), J. E. Compton (Baptist Chaplain), and A. E. Wass (Wesleyan Chaplain).

THE PRESENTATION.

The officers chosen as bearers received the new Colours from His Royal Highness immediately after the service, and the Guard Companies, having re-formed as a battalion in line, responded splendidly to a General Salute to the new Colours, which were then marched to their position in slow time. The Battalion changed formation to column of companies for the march past the Prince, the Band striking up the regimental march, "Sir Manly Power," as the Guard Companies, with the new Colours proudly borne, went by the saluting base in quick time. The concluding portion of the parade comprised the advance of the Battalion in review order, the Royal Salute and three ringing cheers for His Royal Highness. The Colours were marched away, and the Battalion left the parade ground to the tune of "The Little Bugler."

GLOCKENSPIEL, BAND AND DRUMS.

The Band and Drums mustered ninety performers, under Bandmaster A. E. Judge, and in the forefront the Battalion revived the use of the glockenspiel, an upright form of dulcimer or xylophone, which was carried and played by a drummer, who marched immediately in the rear of Drum-Major Philipson. The drummers and musicians all well sustained their considerable part in the ceremony. "When the Guards are on Parade" was the opening quick march, "Toledo" was played during the inspection of the Battalion by the Prince, and "The British Grenadiers" was the piece chosen for the escort to the Colours and the advance in review order.

PERSONNEL OF THE PARADE.

The parade state comprised:—The Colonel of the Middlesex Regiment

(General Sir F. Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.), the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion (Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.), the Adjutant (Capt. H. Phillips, M.C.), with the following:—Field officers for handing the new Colours to the Prince: Major G. L. Brown, D.S.O., and Major W. W. Jefferd. Officers for the old Colours: 2/Lieuts. R. W. D. Sword and H. Marsh. Officers for the new Colours: Lieuts. M. Crawford and L. H. J. de la Herapath. No. 1 Guard Company (escort for the Colours): Major L. F. Sloane-Stanley and Lieut. C. C. Musselwhite. No. 2 Guard Company: Major O. H. Tidbury, M.C., and Lieut. D. Y. Cubitt. No. 3 Guard Company: Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, M.C., and Lieut. P. D. ff. Powell. No. 4 Guard Company: Capt. B. B. Rackham, M.C., and Lieut. H. F. Mackenzie. Quartermaster: Lieut. A. W. Clark. Regimental Sergeant-Major: P. Newman. Bandmaster: A. E. Judge.

SCENES AT THE CEREMONY.

All points of vantage en route to and from Hyderabad Barracks were crowded by sightseers, and the ceremony itself was witnessed not only by the townspeople but by many Old Comrades of the Middlesex Regiment—including several Chelsea pensioners—and representatives of Territorial units of the Regiment. The Mayor and Deputy-Mayor—accompanied by the Town Clerk in wig and gown—were in their full robes at the ceremony, at the close of which the Prince of Wales created a surprise by deciding to walk from the saluting base to the Officers' Mess of the Middlesex Regiment, where he made a brief stay. His Royal Highness's car followed behind, and the decision of the Prince to walk among the people was characteristic of him and obviously appreciated by the crowd. During the inspection of the Battalion the Prince walked with the Commanding Officer, and was accompanied by the Colonel of the Regiment, the G.O.C. 4th Division, and Major J. R. Aird, Welsh Guards (A.D.C. to the Prince).

While waiting for the Prince to arrive the spectators witnessed the always interesting preliminaries of a ceremony of the trooping of Colours. This was the movement to the front of Warrant Officers and

N.C.Os. and the subsequent march of the officers, Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. to their posts with the Guard Companies.

All along the route chosen for the Prince's departure to the War Memorial great crowds collected.

The glorious sunshine of a perfect autumnal day enhanced the picturesqueness of a memorable ceremony in the annals of Colchester's military history.

WITH these notes the Battalion closes its home service. By the time our next notes appear we shall have started our foreign tour.

On July 20th the Battalion had its annual inspection by the Brigadier. He congratulated all ranks on their smart turn-out and the condition of their clothing.

Lieut.-Col. Pearson, Majors Jefferd, Sloane-Stanley and Tidbury, Capts. Phillips and del Court, and Lieuts. Clayden, Mackenzie and Chattey went down to our Territorials' Camp near Worthing from July 25th to August 9th to assist in the training. All enjoyed their stay, and much useful work was put in.

During the training at Colchester this year an interchange of officers between units was made. Lieut. Foster of the Gunners was attached to the Battalion. Capt. Lyon commanded a battery, and Lieut. Cubitt commanded a troop of the 3rd Carabiniers.

Four Battalion and three Brigade exercises were carried out, the latter being night shows. A Divisional exercise was held on September 17th/18th.

Capt. Overell and Lieut. Clayden have left us for the Depot. We wish them the best of luck and welcome back Capt. Rackham and Lieut. Crawford. We also send our best wishes with R.S.M. Davis, who has gone to the Depot, and welcome R.S.M. Newman in his place.

We congratulate our Boys on winning the Garrison Enlisted Boys' Cricket League final by beating the Boys of the 3rd Carabiniers by 6 wickets.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held on Middlewick Ranges on August 18th. B Company are to be congratulated on winning the Shooting Shield, and Pte. Sampford on being Battalion Shot.

On September 21st and 22nd the Garrison Rifle Meeting was held on Middlewick

Ranges. Our Young Soldiers won a handsome cup with a score of 641, the Carabiniers being second with 604. Cpl. Simmons and Pte. Wilson shot well to win the Light Automatic Cup for Rifle Companies. C Company's team were second.

The big event of the moment is the Presentation of Colours by our Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on October 21st. We have been practising for some time, and if only the Clerk of the Weather is kind we hope to put up a good show.

Before closing these notes we take the opportunity of wishing all our readers a merry Christmas (even if it is in the Bay of Biscay), and also *bon voyage* to the 2nd Battalion, whom we hope to see here before we go.

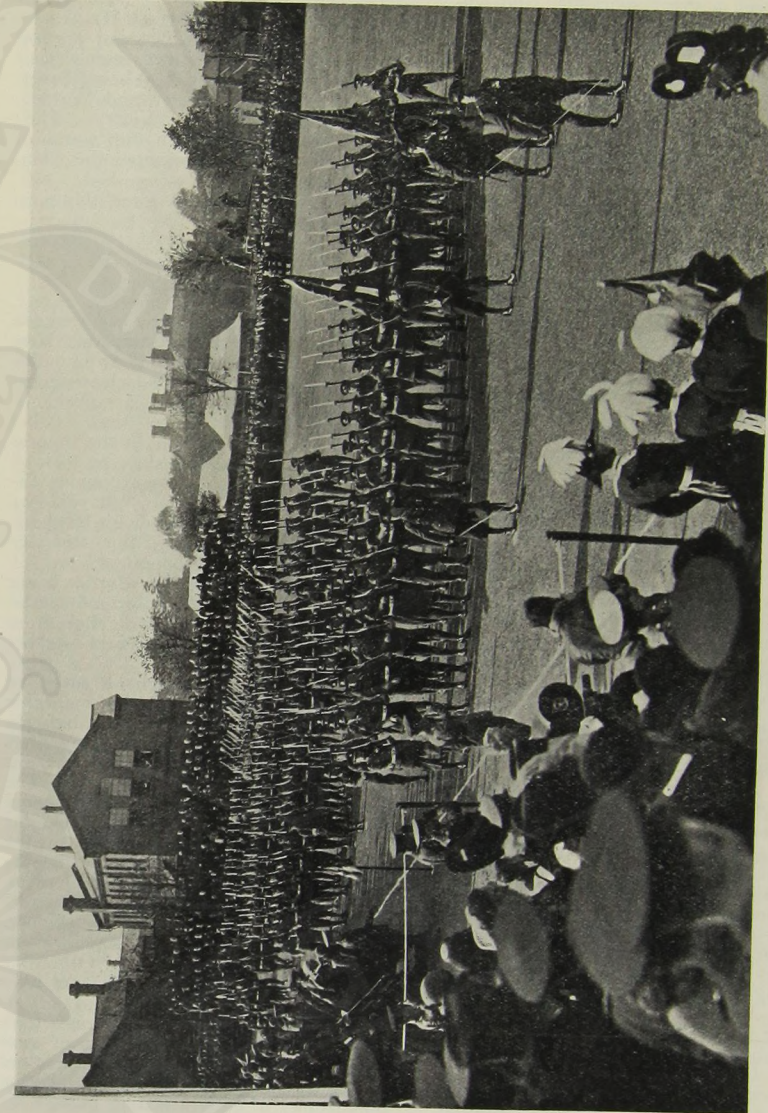
A (M.G.) COMPANY.

In reviewing the past quarter's events one finds very little of interest to record owing to most of our time being taken up with Battalion and Higher Command Training. In the field of sport things have been very quiet, for, with the end of athletics, all sport seems to flag until the arrival of winter games, which are now about to commence.

At present we are all concentrating on preparing for the Presentation of the new Colours, and for the move to Palestine. By the time we eventually arrive there our old Company will have undergone a severe change. We shall all be sorry to lose our Company Commander, Capt. Phillips, who has recently been appointed Adjutant. We shall miss him, as, during his stay with the Company, we really reached great heights.

We welcome the following officers to the Company, and feel sure that we shall still retain our high standard under the able command of Capt. Lyons, Capt. Rackham as Second-in-Command, and Lieut. Herapath as a new Platoon Commander.

Among those who will be absent from the Company when we sail are C.Q.M.S. Darby and Cpl. Brown. The former retires after serving for twenty-five years with the Regiment—a notable performance. We all wish old Joe a great success in civil life. The latter we shall miss in every branch of sport, for, during



[Photo: Sport and General.]

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES TAKING THE SALUTE.

his long time with the Company, he has always been a great sportsman and willing to turn out at any old time. We wish him the very best of luck.

B COMPANY.

Since our last notes we have been engaged on Battalion and Brigade Training, and our battles for the heights north and south of the Roman River have been thoroughly enjoyed by all ranks. (Hic.)

During this period we have also completed our Annual Musketry Course. The hard work of the instructors was appreciated by everyone, and the keenness of the men resulted in a very satisfactory result. We hope by the time Casuals are completed to remain the Best Shooting Company.

Following this we concentrated on swimming and succeeded in winning the shield. Especially pleasing was our easy victory in the two most attractive events, the Long and Short Distance Free Style. We must thank Ptes. Vicary, Barnes and Harber for the big effort required from them of competing in most of the events, and L./Sergt. Webster for his work in training the team.

We were then faced with the Battalion Rifle Meeting, for the honour of holding the Musketry Shield depends upon this. Again we were successful, our rivals in this case being Q Company.

The Young Soldiers of the Company must be congratulated on their part, especially Pte. Harber, who in the Inter-Company Shoot, secured first place.

The stiffs of the Company, excepting C.Q.M.S. Brockman, were eliminated in the Best Shot Competition.

Just prior to training we received a draft of thirteen recruits from the Depot, and we offer them our heartiest welcome. We have noticed some remarkable talent amongst them, and at least five have represented the Battalion in the Young Soldiers' rifle team, who succeeded in winning the Garrison Young Soldiers' Cup. We also hear rumours of talent among them in the football line, and sincerely hope this is the case.

The Company did not do as well as expected in the Garrison Rifle Meeting. But we are living in hopes of securing some prizes when we reach our new

station, especially as C.S.M. Farrow and Sergt. Griffin are bursting with knowledge after their refresher at Hythe.

The move abroad will mean parting from some old and valued members of the Company, amongst them being Sergt. Pain, L./Sergts. Webster and Warren, Cpl. Brightman and Pte. Vicary. They will be greatly missed in our world of sport, as all have represented the Company frequently.

We wish them all the good things in civilian life.

BEER.

C COMPANY.

For some time speculation has been rife regarding the fate of the Company. Now the worst and the best are known! The worst is that Capt. Lyon is leaving us; the best is Capt. Mirams is carrying on.

It is with great regret that we bid farewell to Capt. Lyon. At the time of writing it is five months since he forsook us for the Gunners. Absence makes the heart grow fonder, and little did we dream then that he had made his last bow. The Company will lose a fine cricketer and gain a formidable opponent.

It is fortunate Lieut. Crawford is being sent to us, for with this all-round sportsman, and with Lieut. Gwyn back from Hythe, our prospects in the field of sport are high.

We have recently struck an extensive vein of rich ore in a crude but malleable form—witness our cricket eleven, hitherto unheard of. This infant progeny literally romped into the semi-finals, where it met a team from G Company. The result of this match, in which we scored 177 against our opponents' 22, speaks for itself. The predominating factor was the fine bowling of Pte. Rogers. In the final we fell before a powerful Q team, and we confess to having been shaken by two factors: the absence of our skipper, 2/Lieut. Gwyn, and the deadliness of Sergt. Kennett's bowling. Otherwise who shall say whither we might not have soared?

In swimming, too, Cpl. Edmonds took us by surprise by leading a team of complete novices to third place. While we have him in the limelight we will take the opportunity of congratulating him on his marriage.

D COMPANY.

Changes have lately occurred in the establishment of the Battalion which have also affected our Company to a considerable degree. To R.S.M. Newman we offer our congratulations on his promotion to W.O. Class I. His promotion deprived us of C.S.M. Stevenson, who has been posted in his place to A Company, 7th Battalion as P.S.I.

In expressing our good wishes for the future of our late C.S.M. we also take full opportunity of congratulating C.S.M. Burt on his promotion, and ourselves on the providence which has allowed us to keep him among us. We also compliment Sergt. Priddy and L./Sergt. Dyson on their recent advances in rank and appointment respectively. In addition to a draft of fourteen men, Ladysmith (72) from the Depot, which joined the Company recently, we also welcome L./Sergt. Glover, who has come to us from the same station.

Battalion and Brigade Training was concluded on September 18th with the satisfaction that comes from a feeling of general fitness manifest among us all. Now we are at complete liberty to go ahead with our rehearsals for the Presentation of Colours on October 21st, a few days later, after which we proceed on embarkation leave.

The Garrison Rifle Meeting was held on September 21st and 22nd. We are very pleased to report the successes therein of members of our Company, and at the same time to offer them our compliments. Cpl. Simmons and Pte. Wilson, out of a large entry, were the winners of the Lewis Gun Cup, an achievement in which they may well take pride. In the Garrison Inter-Company Cup Competition, D Company gained distinction by taking first place among the Battalion entries, and sixth place among the Garrison entries.

Among the draft which recently joined us from the Depot we are pleased to notice that Ptes. Williams and Jackson have already been selected to play in the Battalion football team. Although we may not expect a great deal of them this season, it is hoped that in seasons to come they will so manage things as to be assured of a permanent place in the Battalion team.

The fortitude with which the proposed

As those elusive individuals, the Battalion casuals, are still undergoing the process of being laid by the heels, we will refrain from comment on the subject of inter-company shooting. But we can give full vent to our pride in possessing the Battalion Shot in the person of L./Cpl. Sampford. Both he and Cpl. Jenkins, the Company Shot, have set us a high standard lead. In the Battalion Rifle Meeting our Young Soldiers proved that they, too, could play their part by carrying off the Young Soldiers' Cup. Finally, in the Tile Shooting one tile alone lost us the competition to B Company.

All companies agree that they have learnt some valuable lessons from the recent dose of training. For our own part we now boast a speciality in the form of fighting patrols at 3 a.m., with counter-attacks at dawn a good second. In future, anyone desirous of practice to raise themselves to our pitch in these phases may have it gratis. We promise not to interfere. While on this subject we should like to express our gratitude to Sergt. Bray and his flute, before whose magical notes our cares would melt like the mists of the Roman River fleeing before the first warm rays of the rising sun. It is indeed a blow that the Depot is claiming the services of our Pied Piper of Hamelin. We wish good luck to him, though we feel that it is really we who need it. For the prospect of route marches over the wilderness wherein we anticipate subsisting forty days and forty nights on a ration of locusts and wild honey, and no Sergt. Bray, is positively alarming.

To turn to a cheerier topic, congratulations to Sergt. Honeybun on his promotion to Sergeant, and to L./Cpls. Sampford, Groves and White on their appointments.

Finally, we wish everyone a happy Christmas. Those who would accuse us of irony in this respect are reminded that the true essence of Christmas lies in the spirit of "give and take." We are informed that the fish populating the waters of the Bay are by no means averse to their share in the Yuletide festivities, and that they will be quick to show that bestowals, whether large or small, if delivered in the right spirit, will be readily received in the same spirit.

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reductions of pay have been received by those concerned is commendable. That the proposed rates have now been revised so that not more than 10 per cent. total reduction will be made is heartening. We are not downhearted.

Speculation is rife among most of us as to the social amenities and the means available for entertainment in our next station. It can safely be forecasted that both will be strictly limited. Consequently it is advisable for all to prepare now to be able to furnish their own amusement. It is to be hoped that some talent may be brought to light from which our Company can produce a concert party. If members have any leaning towards this form of pastime let them start to develop their talent now; for, should anyone be able to give a few turns in addition to the three we already know, he will most probably be in demand.

It is an unfortunate circumstance that our departure from the United Kingdom will occur on the wrong side of Christmas. But even at sea Christmas Day is not without its festivity, as those of us can testify who spent that day in 1927 crossing the Bay. Of course, the element of chance has to be reckoned with, the which in this instance takes the form of "mal-de-mer." This unnecessary but unavoidable evil knows no law, and strikes the strong and the weak alike. Like sorrow, it is a great leveller. Big appetites will receive complete satisfaction; and the weak ones will give satisfaction—to a few deserving fish. An economist might call the former unearned income and the latter a labour of love; but we ordinary people will call the first a bit of "jam," and the other a bit of "rough," and be content to take our chance. The writer has considerable consolation already in the knowledge that C.S.M. Stevenson, who gained "sea legs" last trooper, will not be there to get the laugh of him should he succumb.

In conclusion we say good-bye to all those who have been attached to us during the past quarter and hope that 2/Lieuts. Brooke and Willoughby will enjoy the company of the 2nd Battalion next year as much as we enjoyed having them both this season.

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H.Q. WING DETAILS (Q COMPANY).

Having our duties eased off, we now find time to introduce ourselves in the Journal.

Happenings of the past may now be brought to light.

We were fortunate enough to win the Company Match in the Battalion Rifle Meeting, although congratulations are due to B Company on taking the Shooting Shield from us by $1\frac{1}{2}$ points.

We are now the proud holders of the Cricket Shield, having beaten C Company in the final of the Knock-out by an innings and 47 runs. This was due to the bowling of Sergt. Kennett and Boy Mew (a new addition to the team), and to the splendid batting of Sergt. Thomas, Capt. Phillips and Sergt. Kennett.

We were sorry to lose Capt. Overell, who has joined the Depot, but we welcome Capt. Phillips in his stead as Adjutant.

Congratulations are due to "Klino" on his appointment to the C.I.D. (No wonder Lord Byng is resigning.)

The time is at hand when all are looking forward to furlough again, the last one many of us will spend in England for some time.

C.S.M. Newman has rejoined us from the T.A., and we heartily congratulate him on his promotion to R.S.M.

As this is our first effort these notes are not as full as they might be. Judging from what we hope will occur there should be an abundance of copy in the next issue. We take this opportunity of wishing everyone a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

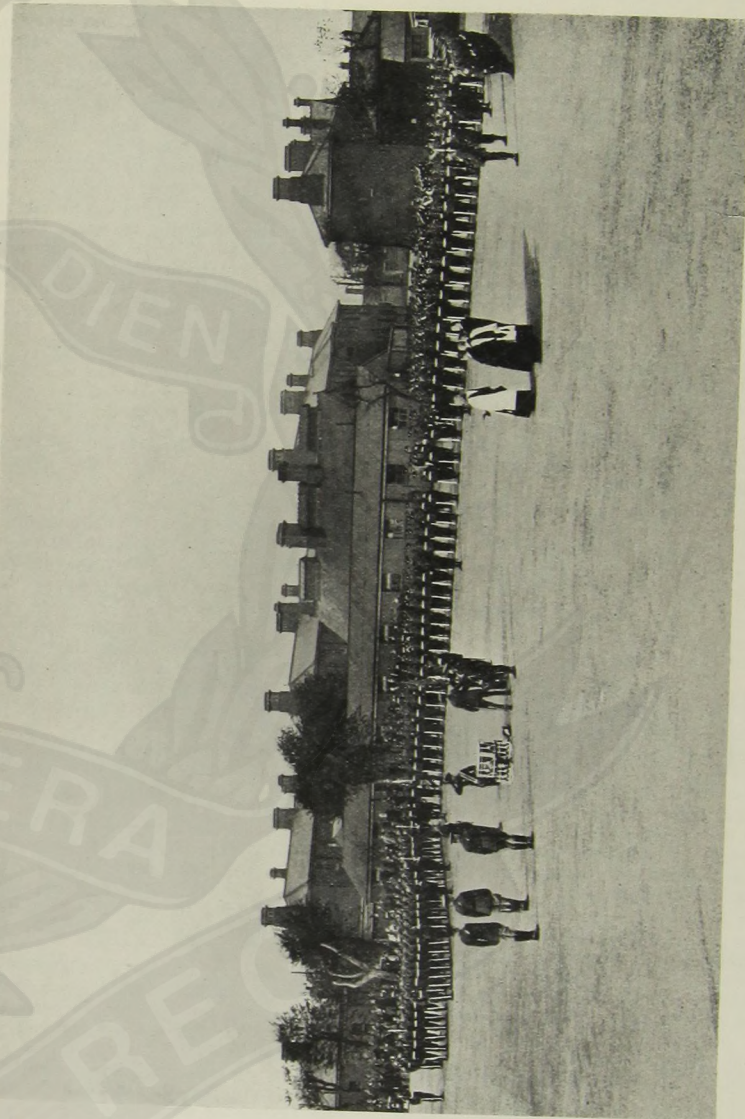
A. T.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who was the N.C.O. who told the Intelligence Officer that the S.O.S. signal during the night operations was three black Very lights on the end of a parachute?

DRUMS.

Since the last quarterly issue we have been hard at Battalion and Brigade Training. To some people's joy, and other's sorrow, we have now left all that behind. (One takes it that the composer of "Hiking" evidently knew what he was talking about when he composed that



[Photo: Sport and General.]

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES PRESENTING NEW COLOURS.

song, but, alas! moans will find a way out.) By the time these notes appear we shall have had H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Colchester for the Presentation of the Colours to the Battalion. Everyone is polishing up his parade manners and marching to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne," and we are putting all our heart into it, and look forward to a big success. Even the intelligent Ted has forsaken his bike for the parade to say nothing of Buster Pullen giving us his kind help from the Depot.

The Drummers greatly assisted Q Company in winning the Cricket Shield, which we hope to hold for some time to come.

No other sport has been played yet, but we hope to get plenty in Palestine. We have lost one of our best sportsmen in Dmr. Billings, who has returned to civil life. It is heard that he is parading the streets as a Man in Blue. We wish him the best of luck, but sincerely hope he will not get flat feet.

Before piping down, the Drummers and the Drum-Major wish the 2nd Battalion Drums a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, and this also to past members.

SNAKE CHARMER III.

BAND.

These will be our last notes before we begin our tour of the Mystic East, so to the ex-members of the Band, whom we do not see before December 22nd, we say farewell and take with us their best wishes. We are already looking forward to our embarkation leave. This has come very early this year, but who cares? Although we have very little money saved it is a consolation to know that the fare to the East is paid.

We hope that by the time we proceed on leave we shall have left behind some remembrance of our short stay in Colchester. We have been very busy for weeks rehearsing our part for the Presentation of Colours. Much hard work has been put in and we have derived much benefit from constant practice. We should like to know from any ex-member how he can do "head backward bend" and at the same time play a Bass. There are no prizes for the answers.

Hurrah! We have won a cup at last, and for cricket, too! We had to leave it to the Boys to do this, and everybody is very pleased with the achievement. For, after being equal in points, it was necessary to play off a final match with the Boys, 3rd Dragoon Guards, and the Royal Fusiliers. Our Boys came along and won both matches easily. We hope to have a photograph of the team with the cup in the February issue.

Several of our members have done very well for the shooting teams. Perhaps one day we shall have the honour of having the Battalion Shot in the Band. Congratulations to our N.C.Os. on their promotions. We hope that they will be able to remain with us.

A merry Christmas, everybody!

FLAT PITCH.

SIGNALS.

This being our first attempt at writing for the Journal, readers must excuse a short contribution.

Manceuvres are over and we are all looking forward to the Presentation of Colours, which takes place in October.

The Young Soldiers of the Battalion won the Garrison Young Soldiers' Shoot and we are glad to say we were represented by Ptes. Passfield and Tostevin.

We offer our congratulations to L./Cpls. Hopwood and Pantling on passing the Signal Course at Catterick Camp, and we hope to see L./Cpl. Gadsden back with his flags above.

The Section are hoping to get some sport, as they have nearly all bought football boots and are always out practising with a ball.

We are looking forward to the move to the land of our fathers (Palestine), but owing to the same move there seems to be a slump in the matrimonial market.

We are glad to welcome back Lieut. Cubitt after his sojourn with the Carabiniers.

One of our members will persist in "kidding" himself that he is a budding Caruso and no amount of persuasion (gentle or otherwise) will convince him that he is wrong.

Before we close, just a few good wishes to the 2nd Battalion Signallers and to our Territorial units—Cheerio.

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SERGEANTS' MESS.

These days find us all adding lustre to our bayonets and inches to our chests in rehearsing for the parade for the Presentation of new Colours and Trooping of the old Colours by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, which is to take place on October 21st. The coming of this event has fully occupied our time during the past month and more, with the result that our voices have increased in power a hundredfold and our boots have decreased in leather correspondingly. The "square" has been well used.

On the day so earnestly expected we hope to see many old friends again for a short while. Among those whom we expect to see are C.S.M. Capel, C.Q.M.S. Tulley, C.S.M. Duncan, Sergt.-Dmr. Goodwin and C.Q.M.S. Goldstraw. In addition we anticipate that the Depot will be well represented and also all the Territorial Battalions.

Changes of considerable importance have come about since August last. In the first instance, R.S.M. Newman has rejoined us in that rank, having been promoted to Warrant Officer, Class I, in place of R.S.M. Mantell. To each of them we offer sincere wishes; to the former, that he may remain with us for a long time to come and with successful results; to the latter, that he may find life of the best in citizen life. R.S.M. Davis has moved to the Depot in the place of R.S.M. Mantell. Our good wishes attend him. Secondly, we offer congratulations to the following, whose respective promotions and appointments have come about during the past few weeks: C.S.M. Burt, Sergts. Honeybun, Priddy and Thompson, and L./Sergts. Ayres, Kruck and Dyson. In so doing we also tender our best wishes to C.S.M. Stevenson, who has left us to act as P.S.I. to A Company, 7th Battalion, and to Sergts. Horrex and Steward, who have obtained their discharge.

A few successful whist drives and dances have been held since the season opened. They have been all the more welcomed since they will be our last in the United Kingdom for some years to come. These functions have now ceased owing to the exodus of the whole Battalion on furlough from October 25th for

five weeks and the hurried packing that will fully occupy our time between our return and December 22nd. Our farewell will be celebrated on October 21st by a dance in the Garrison Gymnasium, which will also commemorate the advent of our new Colours.

Hitherto used only by crossword puzzlers, the word "cuts" has recently gained extraordinary publicity. A mention of it in application to things of far more importance than trousers, *i.e.*, their pockets, is indicated. With very few exceptions the whole Mess has been affected. It is a considerable consolation to reflect that beer and baccy may prove to be free of excise duty in our new station. Incidentally, this economy business has apparently worked things to a very fine art—even to the question of ball ammunition. One presumes that the allotment of ammunition will next suffer, it having recently been proved that the M.G. Company can, at a pinch, do without as many as seventy-eight rounds when shooting at tiles!

CORPORALS' ROOM.

Since our last notes very little has happened in the Club. In fact, we seem to be getting so far behind the times that even our notes are late.

In the month of August the Club had an outing to Southend. Every available seat was taken and after a very expensive journey, plus the company of telegraph posts, we arrived none the worse.

Now that training has finished old faces are once again seen in the Club. We shall miss many of these when the Battalion goes abroad, and take the opportunity of wishing them the very best of luck in civil life.

For several weeks we have been doing some very strenuous drill in preparation for the Presentation of Colours by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. We are sure this will prove a very memorable parade.

Lastly, we wish to congratulate all newly promoted members, and extend our heartiest wishes to those who have joined us and those who have gone.

E. C. E.

THE OLD—BY THE NEW.

COLCHESTER,
October 21st, 1931.

ONE hundred and twenty-six years ago to-day the 57th, who were then stationed at Gibraltar, were possibly one of the first regiments to hear of the glorious but tragic victory—Trafalgar.

Fifty-seven years ago the Colours which had been gloriously carried through the campaigns of the Crimea, India and New Zealand were laid to rest in St. Paul's.

Twenty-three years ago the 1st Battalion, then on foreign service, were presented with a new set of Colours at Allahabad.

To-day these Colours are being laid aside and a new set is being presented by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at Colchester, prior to the embarkation of the Battalion for a further period of service abroad.

Thus is covered a century and a quarter of the life of the Regiment.

Among the thousands of spectators drawn from every walk of life—the curious, the mere sightseer, the thrill-seeker, and the veteran "Die-Hard"—there are with me In-Pensioners McCullum, Howell and Hawkins, whose combined ages amount to a total of fifteen score years less four.

These three old, but young, members of the Regiment knew the 57th as the 57th and helped to add to the lustre of its glorious name sixty years ago.

Mr. McCullum well remembers the laying up of the Colours in St. Paul's in 1874, and at that time the part he played was a more active one than that of a spectator, as he is to-day.

What surprises me is the wonderful memory of these old "Die-Hards." With faultless accuracy they recall names of friends, dates and places and words like Isandwala, Tugela, Ginghilovo, the Zulus (with their leopard skins and feathers), and old Sir Garnet (whom they regard as a prohibitionist as bad or worse than the more modern "Pussyfoot," he having cancelled their issue of rum and authorized the issue of tea and sugar in lieu) fall from their lips as readily as do the better-known Mons, Ypres, the Somme, the "Jerries" and "Duggie" Haig

from the lips of the "old" soldier of to-day.

Although half a century has elapsed and the names and places they mention are to us half-forgotten mysteries of history, to them they are well remembered facts of a youthful yesterday.

The cheerfulness and fortitude of one of my friends, Mr. Hawkins, was a living example of the Albuhera spirit. Ninety-seven years of age, robbed of Nature's greatest gift—he is totally blind—he, despite this handicap, vigorously asserted and convinced me that throughout the ceremony he "saw" everything. The handling of arms, the martial music, the tramp of marching feet and the silences were to him as vivid a picture as the open panorama which lay before me. My other two friends, although they fear that they cannot do the "splits over" quite as nimbly as in bygone days, and who remarked that "the ale at the Sergeants' Mess came from a right good tap," were so pleased with the parade and so enthusiastic that it certainly made the present members of the Middlesex Regiment who came in contact with them prouder than ever of that Regiment.

The method of drill and manoeuvre has altered, but they recognize the same old spirit that existed in their day; steadiness, precision, obedience, loyalty and love of the Regiment—that spirit which endures for ever.

Let me hope that, should they be awarded "four days' cocked hat" as a punishment for some indiscretion in the future, these partakers of the bountiful hospitality of Nell of Old Drury will be able to while away the dreary moments with memories of Colchester, Trafalgar Day, 1931.

CENTURIONORUM ESCORTUS SUM.

A REGIMENTAL RECORD.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

During a long period of convalescence resulting from an accident at the beginning of the year, I spent the greater part of the time in reading the Journal, from No. 1 in the first Volume to date, also the two volumes of "The Die-Hards in the Great War," and I can assure you it

helped to pass the time away in a most wonderful manner, and I never experienced a single dull moment whilst so occupied.

I seemed to find interesting matter in every page and was especially interested in reading of a number of the officers of the old Corps who were contemporaries of mine. Sad to relate, however, they were nearly all obituary notices and there now appear to be no survivors of the 57th (of seventy years ago) excepting General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, ex-Clr.-Sergt. Bezar and myself.

Sir C. M. Clarke was Ensign when I first became associated with the Regiment during the Maori War, 1861-66, and was Adjutant when my husband was discharged in Ceylon in 1875.

I was very sorry to have missed meeting him on his return from New Zealand via Melbourne a few years ago, as he had always shown a friendly feeling towards our family, notwithstanding the difference of rank.

Having, as stated previously, read clean through the Journal, I was struck with the fact that all the reminiscences published therein have been supplied by members of the "sterner" sex; and so, on the off-chance of your deeming it fit for publication and perhaps not devoid of interest to your readers, I am submitting for consideration the experiences of a soldier's wife during her stay for a period of fourteen years with the 57th (West Middlesex) Regiment of Foot, the dear old "Die-Hards."

Wishing you every success, with kind regards to all,

Yours very sincerely,

THERESA A. COUGHLAN.

(Widow of No. 2701 Sergt. Hubert Coughlan.)

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RECOLLECTIONS OF A SOLDIER'S WIFE

WITH THE 57TH (WEST MIDDLESEX) REGIMENT OF FOOT, THE "DIE-HARDS," FROM JANUARY, 1862, TO SEPTEMBER, 1875 (INCLUSIVE).

In 1858-59 the Maoris of Taranaki, New Zealand, a very war-like race, owing to

the high-handedness of some of the white settlers annexing the best of the native lands, rebelled against British rule and, finding they could not get any satisfaction from the governing bodies, broke out into open warfare.

The white population not being strong enough to cope with such a war-like and savage race, an appeal for help was sent out and Imperial troops from Australia, India and the Mother Country were soon on the scene.

The following regiments are some that took part in the campaign, which lasted until 1866 (and also for a good while after): 12th, 14th, 40th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 70th, 65th, 50th, 18th, Royal Engineers, Artillery, and a Naval contingent from several men-of-war stationed in New Zealand at the time.

It was, however, with the "Die-Hards" I was associated.

On January 25th, 1861, the 57th from India disembarked at Waitara, Taranaki, amid scenes of excitement and great enthusiasm, and it was not long before members of all ranks established themselves as prime favourites with the citizens and their popularity never waned during the whole period of the war. In fact, the old Corps is still spoken of with veneration and respect throughout the Taranaki Province, wherever a survivor of those stirring days is to be found; but, alas! they are now few and far between.

On going into camp, it was found that everything for their comfort had been prepared for them by the 40th (with which regiment they had always been on very friendly terms). Tents had been erected, fern leaf cut for bedding, and camp fires all ready for cooking, etc. Later on, the Headquarters were established at New Plymouth, and it was there I first came in touch with them.

My mother and family of four daughters and one son had a small farm outside the township of New Plymouth, and it can be imagined with what a great feeling of relief and security we welcomed the arrival of the regular troops in the district which had been over-run by hostile and savage natives, who were killing settlers and burning their homes and crops whenever they got a chance, and we had nightly to come into the town (which was entrenched) for safety. In fact, in some instances, whole families

were sent on as far as Nelson in the South Island.

One Sunday not long after the arrival of the 57th at New Plymouth my mother greeted us at dinner with the news that she had seen a member of the 57th's Band at chapel with "the loveliest curly black hair she had ever clapped her eyes on."

I little thought at the time that she was referring to my future husband, as I was then only a little over fourteen years of age.

To make a long story short, and to bridge an intervening space of time, I may as well state that I "enlisted" in the "Die-Hards" on January 27th, 1862, at the age of sixteen years; but, on account of having done so without the necessary permission, was not put on the strength of the Regiment and my husband received a severe talking to from his Commanding Officer, Col. Warre.

However, we possessed a very good friend in the Bandmaster (a Maltese gentleman named Phillipo Gallia), who pleaded so hard for us that the Colonel relented and I duly became a member of the famous old Regiment in which I was to pass so many happy years of my life.

The Colonel stated that my husband had acted foolishly in having married without first asking permission, as had he done so he would not have been refused in consideration of his services as a boy in the Crimea and India, and his association with the Regiment generally.

At this period many soldiers (married and single) were granted permits, called Working Passes, to supplement their pay by accepting civil positions when not required for military duty, and my husband had a good job, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, which greatly added to his pay of one shilling per day. It was at this hotel on Inkermann Day, November 5th, 1862, my first baby, a girl, was born; but she lived only a month.

Owing to some abuses of the above-mentioned privilege of working out of barracks by some of the young hot-heads imbibing too much occasionally, and complaints having been made, it was withdrawn and we all had to live inside. This after the freedom experienced was a great setback, especially as in some cases (owing to shortage of accommodation) as many

as three and four married couples had to share one room partitioned off with curtains. However, a little later on we were allowed to take lodgings in the town and in some instances small huts were erected for us.

All this time, of course, the Maoris were far from quiet, and a great deal of fighting was going on all over the district. So with husbands frequently away for some time, we married women were in a continual state of ferment and anxiety, as one was never certain when she would receive news that she had been widowed.

Among the numerous incidents that took place are some which have been stamped indelibly on my memory and are fresh in my mind after sixty-seven to sixty-nine years as if only of very recent occurrence.

On May 4th, 1863, a prisoner was being brought in from one of the outlying redoubts to New Plymouth for trial by district court-martial for some breach of the Articles of War.

The party consisted of the following members of the 57th: escort, witnesses and the prisoner—Lieut. T. H. Tragett, Asst.-Surgeon Hope (who had attended me on the occasion of my first baby's birth), Clr.-Sergt. Ellis, Sergt. Hill, and Ptes. W. Banks, J. Flynn, E. Kelly, B. McCarthy, P. Ryan and Florance Kelly.

A band of native warriors had had word of a convoy proceeding in the opposite direction with provisions, etc., for one of the camps, and was lying in wait for that, when Lieut. Tragett's party unexpectedly turned up and was immediately attacked, with the result that, taken completely by surprise and, overwhelmed by numbers, the little party was cut to pieces, nine out of the ten being killed. The only one to escape was Pte. Florance Kelly, who happened to be some distance in the rear of the main party when the attack was made. He at once got rid of his accoutrements and threw off his clothing, swam out to sea and landed some distance farther down the coast. The Maoris either had not seen him or else, thinking him food for sharks, gave no heed. The other Kelly (Edward) was a very old soldier with a breast full of medals. He was stripped of his tunic and thereafter at intervals a Maori used to appear in front of a Pah and do a Haka (war-dance) dressed in Kelly's tunic with medals, as

a sign of contempt for the Pakeha generally and self-glorification on his own part at having killed a mighty warrior.

I went with Mrs. Flynn, wife of one of the men killed, to view the bodies when they were brought in to New Plymouth and, judging by the expressions on the faces, they must have put up a terrible fight and worthily upheld the tradition of the Corps by following out to the letter Col. Inglis's exhortation at Albuhera to "die hard."

Large marauding bands of natives kept the troops continually on the *qui vive*. These bands were occupied chiefly in destroying homesteads, burning crops and waylaying and killing any settlers unlucky enough to be caught away from assistance. The Maoris, however, stated afterwards that what they did was retaliation against the Pakeha for having set fire to their crops in the first instance.

They seemed to develop an aptitude for imitation, as it was current topic at the time that the cutting off of Capt. Lloyd's head in 1865 was also an act of retaliation for the beheading of a Maori Chief, after death, by a British M.O. who wished to obtain it as a curiosity on account of the decorative tattooing on the face.

The affair of the massacre of Capt. Lloyd and party was very sad. He had not been out from home very long and was therefore without experience as to the ambushing tactics of the wily natives, and through over-confidence (whilst in charge of a party of the 57th sent out to destroy native crops, etc.) he allowed his men to pile arms during a rest. Apparently the party had been kept under observation by a large body of Maoris, for no sooner had they settled down than they were rushed by the enemy and, being unable to reach their weapons, were slaughtered to a man. I saw some of the bodies, including that of Capt. Lloyd, when they were brought in to New Plymouth for burial. My husband was one of the party sent out to bring them in.

Then there was the affair of the death of Major Hassard (he had just received word of his promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel) whilst leading his men on to the attack of a strongly fortified Maori pah.

It was currently rumoured at the time that he had been shot by Kimball Bent, a deserter from "Ours," and a very bad

character. I do not know if this was ever proved; but, it was generally known that Bent had it in for the Major personally. This man Bent became a leader of the Maoris and lived with them for a great many years after the war.

The Regiment had by this time become part and parcel of the social activities of New Plymouth—in fact, of the whole Taranaki Province, and no function seemed complete without the presence of some member of the "Die-Hards."

Friendships sprang up all around and a number of marriages took place. Two of the local belles, daughters of the Church of England incumbent, married Capt. Russell and Dr. Tomlinson, both officers of the 57th.

On January 27th, 1864, my eldest son was born in this town and when he was only six weeks old made his first sea voyage at the time Headquarters were shifted to Wanganui. We had to be taken out and landed at our destination by means of surf-boats, and I can assure you we had a very exciting time whilst doing so.

After staying in Wanganui for some months—the men having been sent farther down into the interior, where the enemy was in active operation—the women and children were returned to New Plymouth and we did not see our men again for twelve months or so. During this period I shared diggings with Mrs. Wood (wife of Q.M.S. Wood, afterwards Quartermaster "Tommy" Wood).

Early in 1866 the disturbance throughout Taranaki having been quelled to a great extent, but the Waikato tribes, farther north, continuing to be very restive, we were sent there and this was my farewell to the place in which I had lived since I was five years old (having arrived there with my parents from Hobart Town, Tasmania—the land of my birth—in 1851).

Apparently the place had got so fond of the "Die-Hards" that they had to make three separate attempts to cross the bar at the mouth of the Wanganui River before finally getting under way. We had to return to the town at the failure of each attempt. The band, to the amusement of the assembled multitude, played "Slap-bang, here we are again."

However, we managed to get going and we arrived at Onehunga the west coast

port of Auckland—on a Sunday morning and had to tramp across country about twelve miles to a place called Otahuhu (this place is pronounced Ota-hoo), and I had to carry my two-year-old son over some very steep rises.

It was here that we lost Lieut. Downs, V.C., from typhus fever. He was a splendid young officer and very deeply regretted. Dmr. Dudley Stacpoole and he both won the V.C. for dashing out and bringing in wounded under heavy fire during an action which took place in Taranaki.

I notice that it is only of quite recent date that his name has been added to the list of those placed on the monument erected, in memory of the fallen members of the 57th, at New Plymouth and that owing to Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke having pointed out the omission, which he had discovered whilst on a visit to New Zealand a few years ago.

Sir Charles was with the Regiment during the whole campaign and eventually commanded it. He married a Miss Adams, the step-daughter of Col. Warre, at that time O.C. "The Die-Hards."

There had been some tough fighting in the Auckland district and the city itself (then the seat of Government) was on several occasions in danger of being attacked. One or two fierce engagements had taken place before our arrival—notably at Papakura and Rangiriri which were only about twenty miles or so from the capital.

After waiting at Otahuhu for about a fortnight we were once again sent on the move (Sunday again). This time our destination was Te Awamutu, just on the borders of the savage King country inhabited by the cannibal Hau Hau tribe. This place is now a nice little township, about 100 miles from Auckland on the main trunk line to Wellington.

Shanks' mare was our chief mode of transport at the start, and our first halt was Papakura, where we arrived after dark and were met by men with lanterns, and I experienced my first camp under canvas.

The next day on again; but this time the women and children travelled per medium of the baggage wagons, the main body going forward across country. I may as well state here that the baggage guard was composed of married men, but

as my husband belonged at the time to the Band he had to go forward, and I was on my lonesome excepting for the baby, who had to be carried. However, owing to the friendship existing between Mrs. Quartermaster-Sergeant Wood and myself I did not on the whole fare so badly, as we shared quarters.

Having reached the "end of the road," our next stage was made up a creek and over swamps, in flat-bottomed barges which were rowed by the men when possible. On a great number of occasions we grounded and they had to jump out and push or else tow clear of the snags, which were frequent. It was a rough and trying experience and we did not reach our objective until long after night-fall, when we were met by men in small rowing-boats. We were all very hungry and worn out, so you can imagine with what joy we welcomed the sound of the cheery voice of Orderly-Room Clerk Tar-bottom calling out for Mrs. Wood and then again, "Are you there, Mrs. Coughlan? Come on, jump in." And so to comfortably prepared quarters for the night and a hot meal.

The next day we embarked on a small steamer and after two or three days up the Waipa River we eventually came to Te Rora and rested—about twelve miles or so from Te Awamutu, where we found the main body.

For the balance of the journey three of us (women) started off on a short cut through a growth of bracken fern and were overtaken by the Adjutant (Capt. Thompson), who wished to know if we were not afraid of the Maoris. Of course we replied bravely that we were not (there were not any about just then, anyhow). Capt. Thompson, noticing that I was carrying my son, gave him a lift on his horse for a while until he tired of the novelty and "wanted to go back to Mama." After we joined up with the main body the bandsmen took it in turns to relieve me of his weight until we marched into Te Awamutu. We arrived safely (during the whole trip we had not sighted one of the enemy) after our strenuous trip of about ten days, and very very pleased to have it over, with the prospect of a good rest.

Te Awamutu, as I remember it sixty-five years ago, was just a prettily situated camp on the banks of the Waipa River



(Photo: Keystone View Company.)

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES WITH GROUP OF OFFICERS.

with some of the most beautiful orchards within easy distance. I do not remember ever having seen such glorious peaches in any other part of the world, and I made a large quantity of peach jam which stood me in great stead when we finally left New Zealand on the voyage to England.

Although so close to the Hau Hau country we never had any trouble with them, and as far as our Regiment was concerned the war was over as regards actual fighting. So we settled down to ordinary military routine, and here on December 13th, 1866, my second son, Hubert, was born.

An historical event took place, after the Regular troops were withdrawn, at a fortified Maori fort about two miles from the town of Te Awamutu, called Kihī Kihī (pronounced Kee Kee).

Here the tribes had dug themselves in for a final stand against the Whites; but, although surrounded and greatly outnumbered by a stronger armed force, they declined to surrender—with all the honours of war—when called upon to do so (even the women shouting defiance to the hated Pakeha), and on an attempt being made to cut their way through were defeated with heavy loss—only a few escaping after having put up a most stubborn fight. They had no chance.

This last stand of the Maoris has been reconstructed and turned into a moving picture, which I am told is very realistic.

In the beginning of 1867 we received word to make ready for another move. This time to the Old Country via Auckland.

The return journey to the latter town was under much more pleasant conditions and we had some very entertaining events on the way to the coast—notably a dinner and dance given by Capt. Mills, who had just been promoted from Lieutenant to the Company, to K Company, at Papakura the night before we entered the city.

We stayed about three weeks or so at Albert Barracks, Auckland, in order to get ready for embarkation, which finally took place on board Her Majesty's Transport *Electra* at the beginning of April, 1867, a portion of the Regiment having preceded us (Headquarters Wing) on the *Maori* in the previous month.

The *Electra* was one of "England's Wooden Walls" (she was built like a

washtub), and on board her I began a new experience—a long sea voyage.

The scene of departure at the wharf was one never to be forgotten. Hurry and bustle, interspersed with tears and laughter, the Band playing a lot of nautical airs, finishing up with "Auld Lang Syne" and the inevitable "The girl I left behind me," and "The British Grenadiers." It was all very sad, parting with such a number of friends; but, of course, such is one of the phases of the life of a British soldier and family.

A goodly number of "Die-Hards" had elected to stay behind and give the young "Britain of the South" a trial, and so either purchased their discharges or obtained the same by effluxion of time, and my husband had considered the matter, but his old-time Paymaster, Major Matthews, pointed out that the country was in a very unsettled state at the time, and there was every likelihood of much more fighting before the hostile natives would be subdued, and advised him to go home with the Regiment.

The dear old soldier's prophecy was correct, as some very severe engagements took place after we left and, as a matter of fact, matters were still very unsatisfactory as late as 1882, when we returned there.

Well, we got away and at once began to shake down to the ordinary life aboard a troopship. I suppose we had on board a ship's company (including the crew) of between 700 and 800 souls, there being besides ourselves some of the Royal Engineers and the Artillery.

I had with me, to look after, two baby boys, one just turned three years and the other about four months old—a goodly handful, I assure you, under the conditions in which we travelled in those days. However, the bandsmen looked after the elder boy, who was a prime favourite with them all, he having been the first baby boy born to the Regiment during the war.

From what I have since learnt from both my seafaring sons, we experienced the usual wintry weather of the higher southern latitude as we "rolled" our way along to the Horn and north again until on May 24th (a never-to-be-forgotten day) we met up with a most terrific gale, which lasted the best part of a week, and were battered about unmercifully, shipping huge seas which washed away the

whole of the bulwarks flush with the deck on the starboard side and started a seam or two. All women and children were ordered below and there we remained for three days in semi-darkness in a state of uncertainty as to the happenings on deck. A number of the women were in one continual state of fear that the ship was foundering, and the noise was deafening as everything seemed to be loose and doing nothing else but bash about from one side to the other with each roll; but, notwithstanding, there arose the inevitable comedy element. In one case, a woman crying out that we were sinking made a rush for her box to get her money to take with her, whilst one other—a good Holy Roman—got out her prayer-book and started to read aloud "The prayers for those who die at sea." In the middle of this she suddenly yelled out for her husband, "Sheehan, where the hell are ye?"

On the fourth day we were allowed on deck for a little while for some fresh air. If it was chaos below, it was a bewildering sight from the hatchway to all who were now getting their first view of the aftermath of a storm at sea. Everything movable seemed to have been smashed from the lashings and washed over the side, whole pieces of live stock going, also boats. A number of men were injured through being knocked about by the heavy seas, and one officer had his arm broken.

The damage sustained was so extensive that the ship's master decided to run for Ascension Isle to refit before continuing on the voyage. Here again we experienced another thrill, for, whilst making for our anchorage, a gun was fired and we did not know until afterwards that it was a warning to our skipper—who had never been there before—that he was running straight for a dangerous reef which would have wrecked us if struck. We just scraped through, however.

We stayed here for about ten days and enjoyed a regular round of festivities as guests of the officers and ratings of men-of-war on the station and residents of the isle.

While here we buried a child who died just before we made the land.

I have forgotten, in its place, to mention that before this there had been three deaths and burials at sea, two women and

one child (born on the vessel). Alas! one of the women was my dearest friend, Mrs. Wood, wife of "Tommy" of that ilk, and I missed her sorely, she having been so good to me from the time I joined the Regiment. The other was Mrs. Rodding, wife of the Paymaster's Clerk.

After leaving Ascension we experienced the usual trade winds, calms, etc., through the tropics and a fairly fine passage until we dropped anchor in Plymouth Sound, where we received orders to proceed to Liverpool without disembarkation.

We were not sorry to reach Liverpool, where we entrained for Manchester (Salford Barracks), after a long and weary trip on the briny lasting over four months. Liverpool, with its miles of docks and forests of masts of sailing vessels, was a source of never-ending wonder to the New Zealand girl who had never seen more than three together at one time before, and here also I had my first sight of and ride in a railway train. Then came Manchester with wonderful buildings and huge crowds of people, all on the move; Salford, with its numerous factories, where everybody seemed to wear clogs in which they clattered along the streets at all hours of the day and night. I was only twenty-one and had never seen any town larger than Auckland, New Zealand, which was even then in a very primitive state.

This was, I believe, the first time the old "Die-Hards" had been stationed in the United Kingdom for something like seventeen years or so—at any rate for some time before the Crimea.

In Manchester a little later on I was to experience my first fall of snow, as, although plenty of it was to be seen on snow-capped Mount Egmont at the back of New Plymouth, that was as near as I ever got to it previously.

We were kept in a state of ferment while here, as the "Fenian Riots" were on and I can remember my horror on reading that two men had been hanged in Salford Gaol for the killing of two policemen who were escorting some of the rioters who had been arrested.

After a routine of barrack work (all strange to me) we shifted to Aldershot (1868).

Here again everything was new to me. The great camp with its numerous troops of all arms; a grand field day in the Long

Valley; a review of troops and the Trooping of Colours in the presence of Queen Victoria (the only occasion on which I saw Her Majesty), being among the interesting events which took place during our stay.

Also here we again met with the 40th, which regiment we had last seen in New Zealand, and we had a very happy reunion. A regular round of festivities at once began. The officers of both regiments entertained each other in turn, and this example was followed by each company doing likewise to the corresponding company in each regiment. So you can imagine life in camp was not one continual round of monotonous military duty.

I here had my first view of mounted troops. The cavalry with the beautifully brilliant uniforms—Guards, Hussars, Lancers, Dragoons, etc.—and the wonderfully trained horses; also the Royal Horse Artillery with their great guns.

My husband here was granted furlough and paid a visit to his parents whom he had not seen since his father had been invalided from the Crimea.

We were next transferred to Devonport (Raglan Barracks), when my last baby was born—another boy.

My husband, who had left the Band at Manchester and was made Corporal, was now promoted Sergeant. By this time I had become a regular old soldier and had shaken down and become used to the life in barracks, which, owing to several staff appointments received by my husband, was made much more pleasant, and I spent some of the happiest days in my life in the old Corps.

He filled at various periods the different posts of Sergeant in District Military Prison, Officers' Mess Sergeant, Canteen Sergeant, Acting Quartermaster-Sergeant and Librarian.

During our stay at Raglan Barracks a tragic event occurred. A young soldier (a mere recruit) had committed some trivial offence against discipline and was working out his punishment with "pack drill." On examination of his kit it was found to be incomplete, and he was ordered by the non-commissioned officer in charge of the defaulters to return to the barrack room and make good the deficiency. In a fit of exasperation at what he took to be bullying—the N.C.O. was rather abrupt in his speech, like a

good many old soldiers—he on return to the barrack room on completion of the drill loaded his rifle and lay in wait for the N.C.O. He fired just as another man, a very old soldier, came around the corner of a building and shot him dead. For this crime he was handed over to the civil authorities, tried for murder, found guilty and hanged.

I believe that owing to this incident all ball cartridges were at once called in and only afterwards issued on special occasions.

The next four years we spent in moving about from one station to another: Fort Tregantle, Clare Castle, Kinsale, Fort Camden and the Curragh, and I began to imagine how the "Wandering Jew" must have felt, with no place on which to rest his weary limbs.

At the Curragh we took part in a spectacular and very realistic "sham fight" on the Queen's birthday, May 24th, 1873, at which the Coughlan family, getting too close to the combatants, narrowly escaped extermination by a battery of Horse Artillery, which, galloping into action, very nearly galloped over the top of us.

On Christmas Eve we left the Curragh for Cork by train—all-night travelling and bitterly cold—where we arrived next morning and embarked at Queenstown for Ceylon on H.M. Troopship *Malabar*.

I must mention that during our station at the Curragh the Ashanti War was in progress and all sorts of rumours were floating about as regards the 57th being sent out to it. But, although we witnessed the departure of the 23rd Royal Welch Fusiliers for the Gold Coast "Ours" was fortunately left alone. Perhaps the powers-that-be had come to the conclusion that the old "Die-Hards" had had enough fighting in the past to last for some time and that it was up to them to have a spell.

The voyage to Colombo was another of great interest and a teetotal change as far as comfort, etc., was concerned, and also the general conditions from that on the poor old *Electra* on the way from Maoriland.

At this time there was a Civil War taking place in Spain, and we passed so close to the coast that we could hear the booming of the big guns. We had a good view of the famous Rock whilst passing through the straits, and on to

Malta where we took in coal. We were here twenty-four hours, and my husband took me ashore and showed me all the places of interest. He was well acquainted with the island, as the Regiment had been stationed there for two years after the end of the Crimea War.

Our next item of interest was the passage through the Suez Canal, and this was especially interesting to my husband who had on a previous occasion made this trip; but across the Isthmus and on donkeys. This was in 1858, when a contingent of the 57th was bound for Aden.

We saw M. de Lesseps and his daughters, who were galloping along the banks of the Canal. They received a mighty cheer from us, which was acknowledged by a great waving of hands and blowing of kisses. Called at Aden—for more coal—but did not go ashore.

While passing through the Red Sea we met one of our sister ships homeward bound with troops from India. This was the *Scrapis*, which afterwards brought the late King Edward VII (then Prince of Wales) for his Indian tour. There were five of these troopships distinguished only from each other by a different coloured band around the hull.

We arrived at Colombo after a most interesting voyage, and here again met with fresh thrills, being landed by means of native catamarans, and the women and children had to be carried ashore through the surf on the shoulders of natives. The breakwater had not been started then, but was well on the way towards completion before we left. After staying in Colombo Barracks for some months our company with one other was sent up-country to Kandy and here, I may as well say, I severed my connection with the dear old Corps in which I had spent the happiest years of my life, as shortly after our arrival my husband was appointed on probation to a civil position, that of manager of the Kandy Industrial School. This probation was extended after six months for a further period amounting to fifteen months altogether.

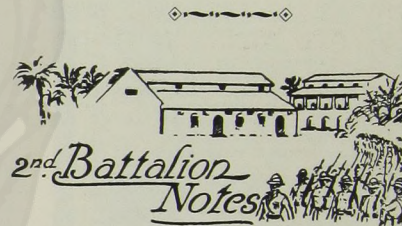
The appointment was confirmed on his taking his discharge from the Regiment in September, 1875.

Of course we still kept in touch with and made frequent visits to our old friends, but officially I had ceased to be a member of the "Die-Hards."

The Regiment left for the Zulu War in 1879, and shortly after we came out to New Zealand and finally settled in Australia in 1889 as already mentioned in a previous letter from my son to your Journal.

I have never got over my love for the Regiment, even if it is called the 1st Battalion of The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) instead of the 57th West Middlesex. (I fancy, however, I have a sneaking regard for the old title left in me.)

I send my love to the whole Regiment (every member of it), and long may it flourish and never cease to deserve the soubriquet by which it is so well known throughout the world wherever stationed—"The Jolly Die-Hards."



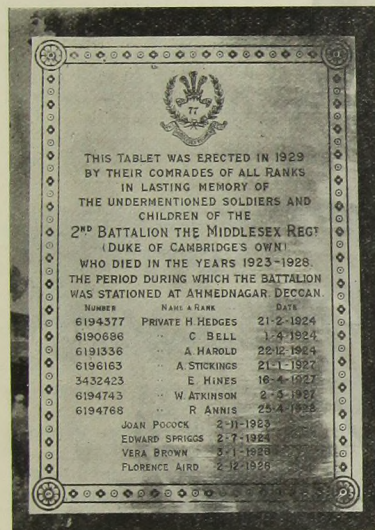
THE last Battalion notes were written shortly after our arrival here, when for many reasons Khartoum did not amuse us in the very least. However, most members of the Battalion followed the wise advice of the Commanding Officer and found something to do. The pastimes and hobbies proved to be many and varied and even extended to the construction of putting browns and pigeon lofts. Gardens were very soon in evidence, games were everywhere in full swing, and twice a week a useful (!!!) string of polo ponies could be seen wending their way to Omdurman in the early hours of the morning.

The "Haboobs" continued, of course, but after a time ceased to trouble us. The rains commenced latish in July, and have now, at the beginning of September, apparently ceased.

On June 30th the Battalion was inspected by Brigadier S. S. Butler, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding British Troops in the Sudan. He commented favourably on the smart turn-out of the Battalion

and the fitness of the men. Also on their steadiness on parade.

About July 11th the Battalion received the welcome news that it was going home at the end of November, and our joy can be imagined. We had anticipated leaving the Sudan at a much later date. Unfortunately this pleasure could not be shared by all members of the Battalion, as some must go to the other Battalion, which is a great pity in many ways.



Erected in the Church at Ahmednagar.
A similar Tablet was placed in
St. Mary's Church, Madras.

However, there is a good deal to be said for foreign service, and we cannot expect to spend all our time at home.

We live next door to the Royal Air Force. It was not long before we were instructed to become "air-minded." Flying courses were arranged in which most of the Officers and Warrant Officers participated. The remainder of the Battalion carried out various ground manoeuvres for the benefit of those living temporarily on a higher "plane." Those

who flew thoroughly enjoyed the course: those who did not were not heard to complain of their ill-fortune.

Major Browne, at the moment of writing, is engaged in a flight about which little is known. It is a long one and doubtless we shall hear the details later on.

After receiving the news of our early departure from the Sudan it was generally realized that training would have to be somewhat accelerated—and it has been. Unfortunately the weather has refused to co-operate. After the heavy rains the only available range is covered by a sheet of water which resolutely refuses to disappear, and in spite of much activity on the part of "bailing parties" even the butts cannot be emptied. Why this particular site was chosen for a range is a question that remains unanswered. The surrounding desert is dry enough, but the unfortunate selector must have found the one depression in the billiard table. Nevertheless, three of the companies have completed their A.W.T.C. The fourth is straining at the leash whilst the Machine Gun Company monopolizes the thirty-yards' range and carries out nightly tests under cover of darkness.

We had a boxing meeting which was well attended and proved a financial success. The boxing was refreshingly vigorous, and all ranks enjoyed the meeting, which lasted for three evenings.

On account of the shortage of time the sports programme for the year cannot be fully completed. All the same, we are doing our best. It is possible most evenings to see a cricket and a football match in full swing, at the same time, and perhaps scanning the lines one can see basketball and tennis in progress, or perhaps an interested group of men watching a skilful dart-thrower, or an unskilled pair playing ping-pong.

The Drums and Employed won the Inter-Platoon Hockey Competition, and the Band have just won the Inter-Platoon Football.

The chief places of interest in Khartoum have been visited: the battlefield of Omdurman, the Post Office, the wireless station, the Zoological Gardens (where the animals are remarkably tame), and various reaches of the Nile have been explored.

There are to be several changes in the Battalion. Major Wollocombe is to command the Depot and will probably leave for England before the Battalion. Capt. Kempster is relieving Capt. Whinney at the Depot, and the latter will shortly rejoin the Battalion. Major Brown has been posted to the 2nd Battalion and will join us at Colchester.

Capt. Lawrence, and Lieuts. Jacob and Stephenson have just returned from leave, during which the last-named played cricket for the Army and made two centuries. He is to be congratulated. Lieuts. Heywood and Else are still on leave.

These notes form but a brief summary of our recent activities and more detailed information can be obtained from the following contributions to which these notes are but a mere preface.

FOOTBALL.

This will be the last occasion we shall have for writing about the football of the Battalion during its foreign tour. Except for a very interesting and exciting Inter-Platoon Knock-out Competition, there has been very little doing. Companies have made full use of the two football grounds, playing among themselves and with various companies of the 1st Bn. The Royal Welch Fusiliers. Various elevens have been tried out against the Royal Welch Fusiliers and R.A.F., with the object of finding new talent to assist us at home.

The Platoon Competition produced some very exciting games and a lot of good football. The draw for the competition was very lucky inasmuch as only on one occasion did two platoons of one company meet each other. No. 8 Platoon and the Signals met each other three times before any decision was reached. Each game was well contested and the standard of football was very high. Eventually the Signals won by the odd goal. No. 8 Platoon won the competition last year. The Signals were beaten in turn by No. 14 Platoon, who played a hard game throughout the competition. The present situation is that No. 3 Platoon and the Band are in the final. The Band are to be congratulated on reaching the final. Theirs is a quiet team with no outstanding players, but a team that is full out

the whole time. No. 3 Platoon are in the final for the third year in succession. They won the competition in 1929 and were beaten by No. 8 Platoon last year. This is a very meritorious feat and shows good consistency. It is largely due to the fact that the pivot of the whole side is that great footballer C.Q.M.S. Capel. The result of the final may just creep into these notes.

Looking back on the records of the Battalion team during its foreign tour we may be justly proud, although in the last two or three years we have deteriorated to a certain extent.

In Cairo, 1919-21, we won the Cairo Military League, the Roberts Hughes Cup, and the Kramer Six-a-Side Cup (twice). In Singapore we swept the board, winning the Singapore Cup (twice), Champion Singapore League, Division I (twice) and Division II (once), and the Malay Borneo Exhibition Cup (outright). In India we won the Rovers Cup three times in succession, which has never been accomplished before, the Poona District and Deccan District Tournaments several times, and the Madras Gymkhana Cup.

Before closing these notes I should like to mention certain outstanding players who were largely responsible for our successes. Undoubtedly the late Pte. Lincoln, Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer, and Pte. Dack were the finest defence we ever had. Their reputations still live in Singapore and Bombay. In the Cairo days it was perhaps our attack that shone with such people as Sergt. Humphries, Sergt.-Dmr. Siddons, Pte. Halfhide, Dmr. Williams, Sergt. Glover and Ptes. Budd and Dearman.

Our outstanding halves were Sergt. Wilson, Sergt. Wayte, Pte. Sangster, L./Cpl. Neighbour and C.Q.M.S. Capel, who is still going strong in spite of his 37 years. P. W.

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The Band beat No. 3 Platoon in a close game.

A BOXING EVENING.

NOVICES OF MIDDLESEX REGIMENT SHOW THEIR METTLE.

(From "The Sudan Daily Herald.")

The third night of the Novices' Boxing Meeting of the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex

Regiment (D.C.O.) attracted a very large assembly of military and civilians.

Punctually at 8.30 p.m. Pte. Wheeler, of H.Q. Wing, and Pte. Clark, of B Company, entered the ring to dispute the bantam-weight semi-final, and a well-matched contest resulted, the award going to Clark. The next contest fought was in the same class, Bdsn. Lowe, of H.Q. Wing, meeting L./Cpl. Ball of B Company, the former showing marked superiority in the first round in which Ball was badly outclassed, though Ball showed a remarkable capacity for taking punishment, which was a feature of the evening and eliciting some brief words of praise from the O.C. at the conclusion of the meeting.

The third contest, light-weight final, between Pte. Naulder, C (M.G.) Company, and Pte. Thompson, C (M.G.) Company, was a good match and fast. Naulder took the offensive in the first round and Thompson showed remarkable footwork. In the second round Naulder maintained the offensive, and it seemed that this was his only hope of salvation. Thompson, steadily piling up points, was declared the winner.

The fourth contest, between L./Cpl. Stripe, of B Company, and Pte. Wray, of H.Q. Wing, for the feather-weight final, was notable for lost opportunities usually connected with novices. Stripe has an upper-cut with power behind it, but repeatedly failed to get it home. In the second round, he also failed in this capacity, but got in some telling hits. Strain began to tell in the third round, Wray being declared the winner.

The welter-weight final was disputed in the fifth contest between Pte. Price, D Company, and Pte. Ledain, A Company. There was little to choose between a well-matched pair in the first and second rounds and very little damage was done. The third round was much faster, and on conclusion it was difficult even to guess who might be the winner. An extra one-minute round secured the verdict for Ledain. Like the Scotsman's change, the verdict was only *just* correct—with nothing to spare.

The hardest fight so far was the sixth contest, between L./Cpl. Parnell, of A Company, and Pte. McGrady, of B Company, for the middle-weight final. Furious and fast, with hard hitting, the first round

showed two promising boxers at grips with realities. Parnell received severe punishment in the second round, which was stopped, and McGrady was declared the winner.

The quickest event of the evening was the seventh item, a light heavy-weight contest between Cpl. Whitcombe, D Company, and Pte. 97 Smith, of C (M.G.) Company, Smith taking the knock-out early in the first round.

The eighth event, a feather-weight belt championship, between L./Cpl. Burton, of D Company, and Cpl. Livens, D Company (holder), was a most satisfactory display of good boxing and at the end of the sixth round it was again difficult to say who might be the winner of a very evenly fought contest. Burton got the verdict, but we feel sure that Livens would have retained his championship had he not lost some excellent opportunities.

The bantam-weight final in the ninth contest was a good fight between Pte. Clark, of B Company, and Bdsn. Lowe, of H.Q. Wing, who were seen in the first and second contests. Lowe gave a good account of himself in the first round and was certainly the cooler of the two fighters in the second round. Clark had the advantage of bulk which he used to the utmost, but to no avail. At the end of the third round Lowe was declared the winner.

A very short story attaches to the tenth contest for the bantam-weight belt between Pte. Brettell, of D Company, and Pte. Barry, of B Company. In a few seconds Brettell was groggy and a few seconds later he was put to the count.

A very good fight was the eleventh contest (six rounds) between L./Cpl. Warnes, D Company, and Bdsn. Gordon, H.Q. Wing (the holder), for the fight heavy-weight belt. The first round had a slow start and a fast ending; the second round called for no comment, and there was some very hard hitting at close quarters in the third round. The fourth round was a real business affair, at the end of which the strain told on Warnes, who was severely punished in the fifth round. Warnes made a remarkable recovery in the sixth and last round. Taking the offensive, he returned to Gordon a fair share of the gruelling he had suffered, but it was too late to deprive Gordon of a well-merited belt.

The first round of the twelfth contest between Sergt. Russell, D Company, and Pte. Tydeman, H.Q. Wing, for the welter-weight belt, was rather a tame affair and not in consonance with the boxing of the evening. The second round started in an oversafe style with, perhaps, Tydeman showing some superiority. In the third round Tydeman found himself several times on the ropes, with Russell inflicting punishment. There was nothing slow in the fourth and last round; Russell got right in, hitting hard, and won the contest.

A very good fight was the thirteenth and last event, fought by Sergt. Donaldson, C (M.G.) Company, and Pte. Goodall, H.Q. Wing, for the light-weight belt. Donaldson received heavily on the body in the first round; the second round being fairly even, with Goodall hitting hard and fast in the third round and winning in good style.

The evening was an unqualified success and most enjoyable. No wrong decisions were given, and from first to last clean healthy sport and sportsmanship dominated. To those who know and appreciate exactly what fighting in the ring really represents to an Englishman, a "novices' fight" by far excels the questionable technique or "ring-craft" of the professional, and Lieut.-Col. Stanley-Murray, in his well-turned phrase: "Novice—no vice," summed up the requisite qualification necessary for that English coveted degree, "Stout fella," a degree earned by all who fought.

Novices' boxing results:—

Bantam-weight Final.—Bdsn. Lowe, H.Q. Wing; runner-up, Pte. Clark, B Company.

Feather-weight Final.—Pte. Wray, H.Q. Wing; runner-up, L./Cpl. Stripe, B Company.

Light-weight Final.—Pte. Thompson, C (M.G.) Company; runner-up, Pte. Naulder, C (M.G.) Company.

Welter-weight Final.—Pte. LeDain, A Company; runner-up, Pte. Price, D Company.

Middle-weight Final.—Pte. McGrady, B Company; runner-up, L./Cpl. Parnell, A Company.

Special Three-round Light Heavy-weight Contest.—Cpl. Whitcombe, D

Company; runner-up, Pte. Smith, C (M.G.) Company.

Bantam-weight Belt Championship.—Pte. Barry, B Company; runner-up, Pte. Brettell, D Company.

Feather-weight Belt Championship.—L./Cpl. Burton, D Company; runner-up, Cpl. Livens, D Company.

Light-weight Belt Championship.—L./Cpl. Goodall, H.Q. Wing; runner-up, Sergt. Donaldson, C (M.G.) Company.

Welter-weight Belt Championship.—Sergt. Russell, D Company; runner-up, Pte. Tydeman, H.Q. Wing.

Light Heavy-weight Belt Championship.—Bdsn. Gordon, H.Q. Wing; runner-up, L./Cpl. Warnes, D Company.

LIGHT-WEIGHT BELT CHAMPIONSHIP.

1st Round.—Pte. Green, D Company, beat Pte. Smith, C (M.G.) Company, on points.

Semi-final.—L./Cpl. Goodall, H.Q. Wing, beat L./Cpl. Bond on points; Sergt. Donaldson beat Pte. Green on points.

Final.—L./Cpl. Goodall beat Sergt. Donaldson on points.

Good Loser.—Cpl. Moir, D Company.

CONCERT PARTY.

After a period of inactivity of about three years' duration, the "Pothooks" have once again made themselves heard. The variety programme presented on the evening of September 17th in the Cinema Enclosure at the British Barracks, Khar-toum South, justified in every way the reappearance of the Concert Party. None of the performers had previously taken part in any Regimental show, which means that all the more credit is due to them for the excellent entertainment behind the footlights.

At the conclusion of the opening chorus we had two songs from Sergt. Russell, "Cargoes" and "The Floral Dance," delivered pleasantly and with spirit. This item was followed by Cpl. Wilson and Ptes. Rogers and Brewer in a sketch, "Puddletown." Pte. Molloy was the next to appear, and his song, "White Lies," was immensely popular. Cpl. Smith, who usually entertains us from the orchestra pit, was the next upon the stage. His xylophone solos and the clever band accompaniment were much

appreciated. Cpls. Whitcombe and Moir and Pte. Bland then showed us in about thirty seconds what awful mistakes can be made by trying to shoot people in the dark. The first half of the programme was concluded by Sergts. Bone and Stacey with a very amusing duet, "All the King's Horses," though we are uncertain whether the Medical Officer would approve of the fly-trap!

After the interval Sergts. Denchfield, Stacey, Bone and Russell, and Mr. Chambers of the N.A.A.F.I., took a peep into the future, after which Pte. Molloy again delighted the audience, this time with "Dream Avenue."

This was followed by a syncopated piano solo by Mr. Chambers, whose playing had been a great asset throughout the concert. Cpl. Whitcombe, L./Cpl. Gromm and Ptes. Molloy and Bland appeared next in a sketch called "The Haunted House." This was slightly too long, but was very amusing. A happy note was struck by Sergts. Bone and Stacey in their duet, "People like us," in which, while they deplored the cuts in the Army's pay, showed that at the same time they were happy, like most Englishmen, to make the sacrifice if the country needed it.

A closing chorus then terminated the programme.

The Band always plays at its best on concert nights. One sometimes thinks that Mr. Clibbins keeps something up his sleeve which he produces on these occasions; but it may be the atmosphere of the theatre which produces these effects.

Now that Mr. Baldwin has broken the "Pothooks'" long silence we hope that we shall soon see another of these clever shows.

A COMPANY.

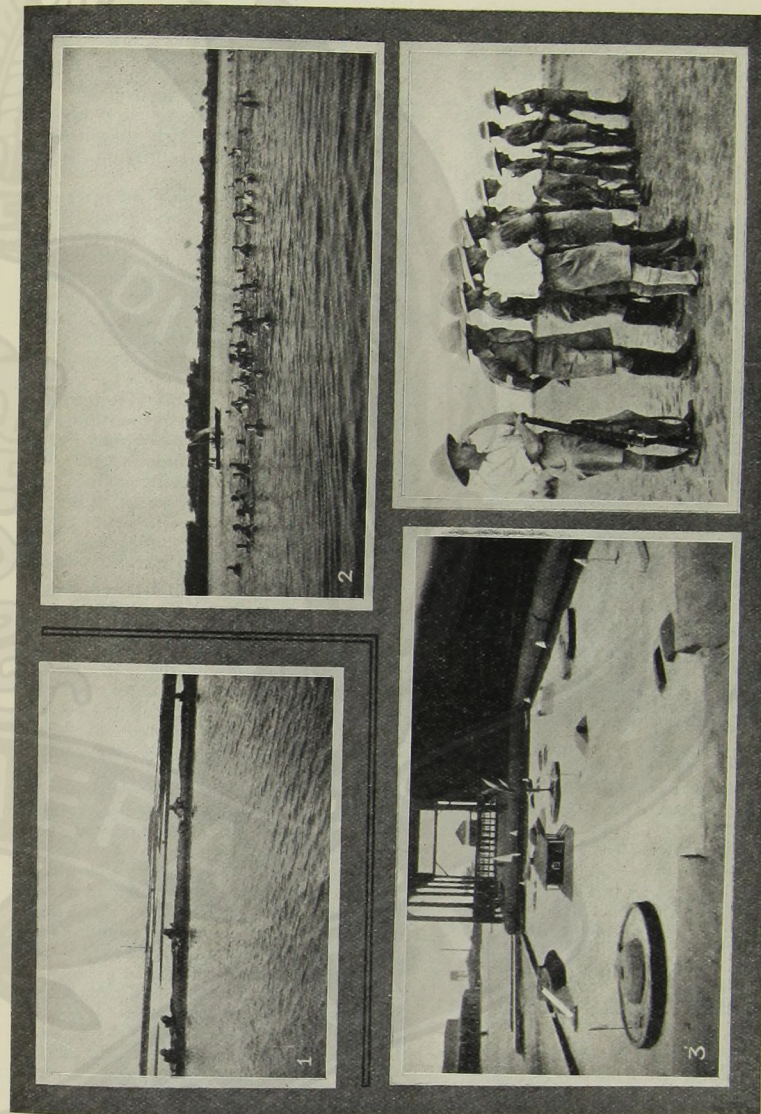
Our sports activities in the past quarter have been hampered by continual sandstorms and the advent of the rains. Owing to the latter, bathing is no longer possible, as the Nile is now a fast-flowing stream abounding in cross-currents and whirlpools. The photograph of a bathing "parade" forwarded with these notes is therefore only of historical interest. While bathing lasted it was our most popular form of exercise, and our records

show a considerable increase in the number of swimmers in the Company.

In August a Novices' Boxing Competition was held and some very good fighting was witnessed. In many respects the meeting was a triumph for the last draft, whose representatives all put up excellent performances. Our Company representatives at the meeting were Pte. Sullivan (light-weight), Ptes. Seabrook and 90 Forey (feather-weight), L./Cpl. Lambert and Pte. LeDain (welter-weight), and L./Cpl. Parnell (middle-weight). We congratulate them all on their performances, and in particular Pte. LeDain, not only on winning his weight, but on his plucky fight in the final with his damaged hands.

The Inter-Company Hockey Half-League has been completed, and the Battalion Inter-Platoon Football Knock-out Competition has reached the final stage. In the Hockey, although the Company team were not able to win any of their matches, they were all keenly contested and provided plenty of interest. In the Inter-Platoon Football we congratulate No. 3 Platoon on having reached the final. In this competition the standard of play has been a high one and considerable keenness has been shown throughout its progress. The team play of No. 3 Platoon has been an outstanding feature and augurs well for their success in their final match against the Band. In a good all-round team it is somewhat invidious to select outstanding players, but in this category we place Ptes. Tatt, Wells and 22 Miller, L./Cpl. Miller, Sergt. Beaveridge and our C.Q.M.S. Capel. The last-named's keenness, fitness and play throughout these games have been, as always, an inspiration to his side.

In conclusion we reflect that these are the last notes that we shall write in Khartoum and that by the time they are in print A Company, as we at present know it, will have dispersed. A few of us will have returned to civil life, others will be with the 1st Battalion in Palestine, and the remainder will form the backbone of a new A at Colchester. To all we wish the very best of luck and we hope that some pleasant memories will be retained of the last time we were all together in Khartoum.



1.—H.Q. Wing Firing Table B. 400 yards Firing Point.
2.—Bathing in the Blue Nile.
3.—The Band Miniature Golf Course.
4.—At the Sergeants' Mess Shoot, Khartoum, August Bank Holiday.

B COMPANY.

There are many of us who are eagerly awaiting the result of the turn-over to the 1st Battalion. Our fates should be decided very shortly now, whether it be the "Wailing Wall," as it is called, or home. Since our last notes the trooping programme has been published and the Battalion is due to sail from Port Sudan in s.s. *Lancashire* on November 29th. It came as a very pleasant surprise to most of us and as an unexpected shock to our neighbours, the Royal Welch Fusiliers, who arrived here three months before we did.

Owing to the premature move the sports programme has had to be altered and several events will not be played off until we reach Colchester. Up to date we have lost the Battalion Inter-Platoon Hockey Cup to the Drums and Employed. This year No. 7 Platoon represented the Company, but was beaten in the first round. We have also lost the Company Hockey Cup to D Company. Our team was not up to the standard of that of last year, having lost Pte. Gorman to H.Q. Wing and Sergt. Bishop to the Depot. The team was as follows: Pte. Mann; Cpl. Oram, Pte. Hogg; Pte. Lane, Pte. Elcome, Pte. 42 Knight; Pte. Holmes, Pte. Holness, Cpl. Searle, L./Sergt. Kemp and Pte. Ower.

This year in the Platoon Knock-out, instead of having eliminating rounds in the companies it was decided to allow all platoons and groups to compete in the Battalion Knock-out, which is still in progress, but we are without a representative. No. 5 beat No. 13 and then lost to the Drums and Employed. No. 6 beat No. 1 and lost to the Band. No. 7 lost to No. 11; and No. 8 finally went down to the Signals after a great struggle—two draws and extra time in all matches. All three matches were well worth watching. The following have played for the Battalion: Cpl. Scott, L./Cpl. Doe, and Ptes. Harriss, Winterburn, Goldsmith, Holness, Holloway and Clark.

We have finished our Annual Weapon Training Course with hardly satisfactory results. The bad weather conditions and the rush to complete it were the main factors against us. No. 8 Platoon still

continue to be the Best Shooting Platoon for the fourth year in succession.

The Novices' Boxing Competition was held at the end of August. Pte. Barry is to be congratulated on winning the bantam-weight belt, and Pte. McGrady showed great promise in winning the middle-weight competition. L./Cpl. Ball and Ptes. Cook and Clark fought well, the last-named being runner-up in the bantam-weights.

Some of us spent a pleasant afternoon on the battlefields of Omdurman where Major Wollocombe gave us an interesting and detailed account of the battle. Others of us spent a peaceful and enjoyable afternoon aboard the Governor-General's launch. We were accompanied by a band under the patronage of Sergt. Kemp. An excellent tea was provided by the N.A.A.F.I.

Congratulations to Cpls. Herbert and Sheffield on their recent promotions.

Before we conclude we would like to know who was the young N.C.O. who informed a certain senior officer that "Quarter-Brass" was not a Regimental battle honour.

C (M.G.) COMPANY.

Having passed a most unpleasant month eating, sleeping and playing in dust-storms we are now having a good flood to wash everything away. Thank goodness the R.Es. put the roof of No. 4 building on in time to stop any disastrous damage. The platoon gardens have certainly benefited by the change in climate and are doing well. We are looking forward to No. 10 Platoon's monkey-nuts and melons when they grow ripe. We are also looking forward to the rabbiting when No. 9 Platoon cut their barley field. No. 12 Platoon's garden is certainly blossoming forth, but No. 11 Platoon are handicapped, as the seeds appear to have gone on strike. Perhaps they are afraid of the monkey which is to be found in their neighbourhood. Perhaps they were sown upside-down!

In the Hockey we were second with most of the other companies. We feel that we might have beaten B Company, but D Company we must congratulate on their excellent play throughout the competition. Their forwards appeared to be well above the standard of company hockey. Our team was: Pte. Hicks;

Sergt. Cartwright, Pte. Cross; Cpls. Etheridge, Holland and Ives; Pte. Baker, Lieut. Baldwin, Sergt. Hazeldene, and Ptes. Dyer and Fountain. Ptes. Brooks, White, Robinson and Young also played.

All our platoons, except No. 11, failed us in the Regimental Knock-out. We hoped to get No. 11 into the final, but they were beaten by the Band after an excellent game.

We had a good number of entries in the Novices' Boxing, but they were not good enough to win their weights except Pte. Thompson, who beat Pte. Naulder in the light-weight final. We hope that those defeated will be still more determined to win their weight in the next meeting. It is only by constant fighting that the experience which brings victory in the long run is gained.

Sergt. Donaldson, L./Cpl. Bond and Pte. 22 Smith entered for the light-weight belt. The last-named fought a plucky fight, but needs to learn a little more before he will win a belt. The first two lost by a very small margin. In the case of the former there is no need to say what we think. Everybody saw the fight and saw what grit and determination meant.

The Platoon Tug-of-War finished with three teams equal first and No. 11 Platoon fourth. The improvement in the teams has been marked at every pull. On the final day all teams were making the most of their weight and heaving well together.

About a month ago the men of the Company began to have a remarkably serious look on their faces. The Company Office staff became quite worried and considered calling in expert advice from the medical staff. The higher authorities, it is reported, imagined it was anxiety over the A.M.G.C., which we are about to start. But at last the secret leaked out. The Company Clerk was never to be found during parade hours. He was carefully watched and finally found hiding with the Storeman in a spare room practising darts. Then all was revealed. The Company Dart Championship has been trembling in the balance—but now everything is calm again.

Before closing our notes we would like to say how pleased we are that a certain

officer on leave is keeping up his gas (and, so we are told) with great success.

D COMPANY.

We have settled down in Khartoum and the news of the impending move has served to keep up our spirits. Unfortunately all of us cannot go home, and the "Wailing Wall" must claim a certain number of victims. Other notes will tell



Some D Company Men on the Governor-General's Launch, on the Blue Nile.

our readers all they want to know about the River Nile, "Haboobs," rain, sandstorms, Omdurman, the Zoological Gardens, a temporary shortage of potatoes, and a surfeit of "blister flies."

We will review the games we have played in since the last notes. No. 16 Platoon reached the semi-final of the Inter-Platoon Hockey Competition, being narrowly defeated by the Drums and Employed in a replay. The latter won the competition, and No. 16 Platoon's effort was a very fine one.

The team was given in the last notes. L./Cpl. Gromm at back and Pte. Lloyd

at centre-forward deserve a special mention. They both played a superb game.

The Inter-Company Hockey Half-League produced some excellent games. Our team won the competition and played well. Ptes. Verlander and Harknett came into the Company side this year in the half-back line, and both showed very good form. The forward line had days on and off, but generally the attack of L./Cpl. Day and Ptes. Redwood and Lloyd was very formidable. Great interest was taken in the matches. Support from spectators can go a long way to encourage a side. Lieut. Heywood proved himself an able captain and must have been gratified with the result, namely, wins in all four matches.

The team was composed of Pte. Mileham; L./Cpls. Frost and Grainger; Ptes. Verlander, 15 Butler and Harknett; Cpl. Whitcombe, Lieut. Heywood, Pte. Lloyd, Pte. Redwood and L./Cpl. Day.

We won the Inter-Company Tennis by defeating all the companies opposed to us. The team was Pte. 30 Brooks, Cpl. Whitcombe, Pte. Painter (since promoted Lance-Corporal), L./Cpl. Gromm and Pte. O'Neill.

No. 14 Platoon reached the semi-final of the Inter-Platoon Football Competition. It was a sterling good effort, and they went down eventually to a much stronger side. The details of this competition are in the football notes. No. 14 Platoon was represented by Pte. Hinton; Pte. o8 Smith and L./Cpl. Frost; Cpl. Mills, Pte. Butler and Pte. Darwood; Pte. Armitage, Sergt. Addinall, Cpl. Livens, L./Cpl. Parrott and Pte. Endersby.

Pte. o8 Smith deserves a special mention. He played a wonderfully determined game in the final. Pte. Butler was very steady at centre-half.

We were not too well represented at the Novices' Boxing Meeting; still the few who did enter boxed extremely well. The following deserve mention for their pluck and good boxing: Cpl. Moir, and Ptes. Morrison, Dodd, Cox, Frost, 50 Parker and Price.

The boxing notes will show how our belt competitors fared. Two belts came to the Company and we are very pleased with Sergt. Russell and L./Cpl. Burton for winning them. We hope that a few more will come to the Company ere long.

The draft settled down and have shown us that they are made of the right stuff.

We enclose a photograph of a group taken on the Governor-General's yacht in which a party of forty spent a very enjoyable afternoon on the Nile.

Capt. Lawrence and Lieut. Jacob have rejoined us from leave, and Lieut. Heywood has just gone on leave. Lieut. Clark on his return from Gebel took over an important Staff appointment at B.T.S. (British Troops, Sudan). Sergt. Ison and Cpls. Livens and Taylor have joined the Company. We extend to them a hearty welcome.

We have got through a lot of Individual Training lately, but the test of the Annual Weapon Training Course has yet to come. Let us hope we shall come through the ordeal successfully.

These are the last notes that will be written about "Don" Company as it exists to-day. Some will leave us on our return to England, others will join the 1st Battalion, and a mere cadre will remain to remind us of what we once were. It is rather sad to contemplate, but these things must be and if the excellent spirit which has always prevailed amongst all ranks of the Company continues we can console ourselves with the satisfactory reflection that something good has, at any rate, been achieved.

H.Q. WING.

There is really very little to write on the events in the Wing generally, as each Group writes all that there is to be said about themselves. However, there is a spirit of expectancy and optimism prevailing, the cause of which is not far to seek. H.M.T. *Lancashire*, Port Sudan—Southampton, November 29th.

The outstanding events in the past few months have been the good results obtained during the A.W.T.C. under novel conditions; the winning of the Inter-Platoon Hockey Knock-out by the Drums and Employed; the great efforts of the Signals and Band in the Inter-Platoon Football Knock-out; and the individual efforts in the last Battalion Novices' Boxing Meeting.

Just before we started musketry heavy rains fell around Khartoum with the result that the range was a complete lake with a few small islands which were, in actual fact, firing-points. We were able to clear

the butts after some very hard work put in by fatigue parties supplied by the Wing, but the lake remained with us during the whole course. This necessitated paddling, as the water was almost up to the knees. To get into the butts one had to paddle over three hundred yards. However, in spite of this, the results were very good.

Immediately prior to classification a successful rifle meeting was held, which was not only very enjoyable, but also very helpful towards obtaining such satisfactory results in our W.T. Course.

We congratulate the Drums and Employed on winning the Inter-Platoon Hockey Knock-out. They beat No. 14 Platoon in the final.

We are still in the throes of the Platoon Football Knock-out. The Band is in the final and meet No. 3 Platoon. We hope that they will be successful. The Signals are to be congratulated on beating No. 8 Platoon after two replays.

Congratulations to Bdsn. Gordon and Pte. Goodall on winning belt competitions and to Bdsn. Lowe and Pte. Wray on winning their weights in the Novices' Competition.

Lieut. Stephenson has returned from leave. We congratulate him on being chosen to play cricket for the Army against the M.C.C. just before his return.

DRUMS.

By the time these notes appear in print we shall be viewing this land of sand and sorrow from the aft part of the good old ship *Lancashire en route* for "Blighty."

As can be expected, the early move caused great excitement among most of our members, especially "Honker."

Several events of note have taken place since our last notes. The Drums and Employed won the Company Inter-Platoon Hockey Knock-out, but we were unlucky in the Inter-Platoon Football Knock-out, losing to No. 3 Platoon, the score being 3-1. Better luck next time.

However, the Wing is still represented by having the Band in the final, which has not been played yet.

We have finished our A.W.T.C. with excellent results. Eleven of our members finished up as marksmen. The course was fired under very trying conditions, as we had to fire after the very

heavy rains. Bare feet were the order of the day, as the range was quite two feet under water from the 300-yards' firing-point to the butts. We braved all these things, however, with the good results mentioned before.

A voluntary team shoot was held in which the Drums romped home with three firsts and one second out of six events.

On August Bank Holiday we played the Royal Welch Fusiliers at hockey and football. We beat them at football 2-1, after a very good game. At hockey a draw resulted after a hard tussle. In the evening we entertained them at dinner in the N.A.A.F.I. restaurant, and everybody had a most enjoyable time. A letter of thanks was received from their Adjutant in which he thanked us all and hoped to entertain us sometime before we leave Khartoum.

A Novices' Boxing Meeting was held in August. The Drums had four entries, who all did very well. Sergt. Donaldson—an old member of the Drums—competed for the light-weight belt, but lost to Goodall after a good, clean, hard fight. We take this opportunity of congratulating him on his fine performance. We think the only part of the show that annoyed him was an enthusiastic member of the Drums shouting out "Come on, the old 'un'."

The Battalion have commenced an Athletic Class. Five of our members attend, and we have heard that Dmr. Doolan, and also Dmr. Carpenter, did very well at their first attendance by holding the tape at the pole-jump stand.

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BAND.

This is the last time we shall have the doubtful pleasure of writing these notes in the East, as, by the time they are published, we shall either be settling down at Colchester or with the old folks at home, on leave.

Colchester will be an old hunting ground to a few of us, as it was our last station but one before we left for Egypt (August 19th, 1919), and these few will be very glad to see this ancient town again.

The survivors of the Band who were at Meanee Barracks twelve years ago are Band-Sergt. Harwood, Band-Cpl. Smith,

L./Cpls. Jennings and Hathaway, and Bdsn. Darg and Salisbury. Many and varied are the memories that are sure to arise when we visit old familiar scenes again. Talking of survivors, Sergt. Harwood is one of the four who originally came abroad with the Battalion in August, 1913, when they were stationed at Malta. Old soldiers never die. . . .

Owing to the lack of sports grounds, games are looked forward to more eagerly than they were at Madras, but we make up for the lack of games by "hoofing" over the Nubian Desert after tea, and it is quite a treat to see the common sight of a big cloud of sand suddenly turn out to be the "Little Brewer," "Necky Bones" and "Lou Rayner" returning from their nightly run. Even "Joe" Peters can be seen tearing round the streets of Khartoum, much to the amazement of the "Greeks," who think that it is a gorilla let loose from the Zoo.

"Bones" is making great strides in all sports and I am sure that we are going to hear a lot from him in the future, as he is a real trier, and one of those men who can always be relied upon to turn out at a second's notice. "Snod" Chatfield is another youngster who gave everybody a surprise at his display in goal when we played the Drums and Employed at hockey, as he played a brilliant game and his name was on everybody's lips. "Snod" is the kind of chap who can also be highly placed in the trier class.

Since the last notes our foremost match was when we played, and beat, the Drums and Employed 3-0 at football, the first time we have managed to do so for the past three years, as they have had the team of H.Q. Wing. The Band team all worked hard, the outstanding performers being Riseley, who played an excellent game forward, Knights, who worked hard at centre-half, and L./Cpl. Jennings and Bdsn. Hoare at back.

In the Boxing Tournament that was held in August the Band were represented by Bdsn. Lowe, Gordon and Bones. We must congratulate Lowe on the splendid exhibition he gave in all his fights, as, although he is only a mite in size, he certainly showed us he was a lion in courage, and we feel proud of him. He gave pounds away and his opponent simply towered above him in the ring,

but when it came to the real business he was there all the time, and he certainly deserved his place as the winner of his class. Bones again upheld the name of the Band, and his fight was a close affair, as it had to go an extra round; so cheer up, "Necky," better luck next time. Gordon, who is the holder of the light heavy-weight belt, met L./Cpl. Warnes, of D Company, in a special six-round contest. These two have met each other five times so they know each other's style by now. This fight is sure to be described fully in the boxing notes so we will not do the job here. At any rate, we are glad to say that Gordon came home with the belt, which did not seem to fit "Bumpy" Hills when he tried it on and offered to take on all-comers in the room. But he handed it back rather quickly when "Mike" Gordon suddenly took it into his head to wear it himself. Well done, "Mike"!

We have finished our Annual Musketry Course and this could be aptly called the Nautical Course, as the classification was managed after wading through two or more feet of water. We did hear that poor swimmers were getting 100 yards' start on the advance down the range, but all managed to swim in line and quite a number of the Band, who were good divers, managed to find a pair of guns amongst the treasures on the sea-bed.

As the festive season will be at hand when these notes appear we take this opportunity of wishing our brother Bandsmen of all battalions a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

GRANF.

SIGNAL SECTION.

Our optimism of last quarter has been duly realized and great was the excitement of the Section on learning the grand news that our stay in Khartoum had been curtailed by three months. We have always looked forward to the Christmas festivities, but never as now; even the younger Signallers are being optimistic as regards the Palestine draft. We wish them the best of luck.

We are very glad to welcome Lieut. Stephenson back from leave in the United Kingdom and hope he thoroughly enjoyed himself, even though the summer was rather unkind.

We congratulate Pte. Wray on winning his weight in the Battalion Novices' Competition. He put up an excellent performance.

L./Sergt. Smith is to be congratulated on his promotion, and we hope he will remain long as our Signal Sergeant.

We have continued to do well in the Inter-Platoon Football Knock-out, and some remarkable games were played against No. 8 Platoon. Three games had to be played before a decision was arrived at, the scores being 1-1 in the first two games. In the deciding match we took the lead from a well-directed corner from Staley which Taggart headed neatly into the net. No. 8 Platoon immediately equalized, playing excellent football. We were expecting extra time for the third occasion when Williams put forward a lovely pass which was deflected into the net by L./Cpl. Buckland, giving the Section a well-earned victory. Smith in goal played wonderfully, and another outstanding player was Collier. Both are to be congratulated on being chosen to play for the Battalion versus the R.A.F.

The Section did well at the Annual Weapon Training Course, quite a large number gaining marksmanship.

We are looking forward to our Annual Classification, which takes place in October, and here again we hope to keep up the usual high standard of efficiency.

TUNINE.

EMPLOYED GROUP.

After a somewhat lengthy absence we again make an appearance.

In Khartoum things have been very quiet after the hectic time at Madras.

Soon after our arrival some brainy fellow suggested a miniature golf course, and after removing several tons of sand from outside the bungalow a course did actually make its appearance, and we did hear that the R.A.O.C. were rather huffy over it. Why? We would rather not say, but you must admit that it is rather irksome cutting the bottoms off Gold Flake tins, isn't it? Unfortunately the rain spoilt the course just after it had been completed and it now resembles "The Last Days of Pompeii."

Another good effort to brighten the wilds of Khartoum is "Skinners' Garden"

which is now showing signs of life. Did I actually see a Michaelmas Daisy in it the other day? Keep it up, we will grow our own potatoes yet.

Although it is difficult to obtain sports grounds here we have managed quite well up to date. With the help of the Drums we succeeded in winning the Inter-Platoon Hockey Shield. In the Inter-Platoon Football Knock-out we came to grief against No. 3 Platoon, after beating No. 10 Platoon and soundly trouncing No. 5 Platoon to the tune of 7 goals to 1. We hope to have better luck next year.

The first Novices' Boxing Meeting was held on August 26th, 27th and 28th, and provided three nights' good enjoyment (to some of us). We take the opportunity of congratulating Pte. Wray on winning his weight after winning some hard fights; Pte. Goodall on winning the light-weight belt by beating Sergt. Donaldson; and Pte. Tydeman on a good effort to secure the welter-weight belt, in which he just failed by losing to Sergt. Russell, of D Company.

The news of our move spread like wild fire, and as it is earlier than we expected everything and everybody seemed to be topsy-turvy. The tales of "What I shall do when I get home" are very often related. If everybody's intentions are carried out—well, beware, Colchester! Pentonville will be crowded out, and "Gummy" appears to be in for a lively time.

By the time these notes appear in print we shall most probably be on our way to dear old "Blighty," so we take this chance of wishing adieu to the "Mystic East and its charms."

"THE UBEROI BOYS."

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who is this "Mac" we hear such a lot about?

A PROBLEM SOLVED.

Three into one will go, two into one will go, and forty-seven into one will go.

BOYS.

Yes, surprising as it may seem, it is true nevertheless, that we have actually kept our promise to keep up our contribution to the Journal.

Since our last notes we have lost two members, who have attained the age of

18 years and are now on man's service. They are A./Bdsn. Dillon and Rolfe, and it is whispered that they have an extra three inches in chest measurement since they have reached the stage of limitless cigarettes and late passes. Both of them will be greatly missed from the Boys' teams in all sports and games, and we hope to see them make their weight felt for the Band at the next meeting of the Wing Sports.

We must congratulate Boys Boggis, Hines, Murphy and Tunmer on having obtained their 3rd Class Certificates of Education at the last examination, and we hope that they will have the same success with the 2nd Class for which they sat a week later.

In the sports direction we are still holding our own. Boggis has shown great improvement as a goalkeeper at hockey. His last performance was well worthy of a Regimental player, as he played a splendid game and was the talk of the camp. He did everything to stop the opposing forwards from scoring except biting them.

At the time of writing these notes we are still stationed at Gebeit Camp with the Boys of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, with whom we are the best of friends. We even understand a few terms of their "heathenish" language (as "Granf" calls it), so you can see we are progressing.

Boggis has a new hobby now, which is collecting spear-heads or any other weapon that any poor misguided "Fuzzy Wuzzy" has the misfortune to leave about. Needless to say, "Spud" has lived up to the great tradition of the Murphys and has managed to collect (?) four different spear-heads, to say nothing of a few etceteras.

Speaking of "Fuzzy Wuzzies," they are the original "Fuzzy Wuzzies" of Kipling, and are members of the Hadandour tribe who inhabit the Red Sea Hills. They can be seen at times round the camp, just as if they had walked out of an adventure book of our younger days, with spear, shield, knife and fuzzy hair complete. It seems that they have made no advance towards civilization, despite the fact that the Sudan Government Railway runs through their territory.

In June we had a fancy-dress dance, and Ruck managed to walk away with a

prize (not the only thing he walked away with according to Cpl. Smith) which he certainly deserved. If a stranger had walked amongst us when we were walking to the dance he would have wondered whether it was a sanatorium or an asylum he was viewing, especially if he had met Moggridge (Convict 99) and Hines (Big Boy Lemon).

Since we have started our musketry we have been fortunate in having voluntary shoots arranged for us, much to our financial advancement. "Spud" managed to show us how to shoot, as he was the highest out of the Boys, with a score of 17. The champion section of the last shoot was that of L./Cpl. Ewin (of the Royal Welch Fusiliers), and the "Die-Hards" were well represented by Dillon and Rolfe.

Our new Adjutant and Quartermaster at Gebeit is Lieut. Tuckey, who is our guardian angel. It is thanks to him that we have our voluntary shoots, and according to news from Khartoum our gain seems to be the Wing's loss, but we are afraid the Wing has our sympathy only, as we would not lose him of our own free will.

Well, I suppose we "veterans" of the East must close and we wish the Boys of all battalions a merry Christmas and a bright New Year.

YOB.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

This will be our last contribution from the "Sunny Sudan," as the steamship posters so enticingly style it.

We have not any particulars of the turn-over to the 1st Battalion up to date, and those members who were "sweating" are still in the same unfortunate predicament. However, we have one "volunteer" so far, and we hear that a member of the 1st Battalion who would not normally have gone to Palestine, has offered his services to a grateful country for another year to enable him to do so; so perhaps the situation will not be so bad after all.

So far as our memory serves us we have only acquired one new member in the Mess since the last notes—to wit, L./Sergt. Smith, the Signalling expert, and we offer him our hearty congratulations on his appointment.

Our Entertainments Committee have been busy organizing bi-monthly tournaments during these past three months, and they have been very welcome as a means of passing the time. The Mess has entered for them *en bloc* and they have afforded many pleasant and amusing "middays" and evenings. We do not propose to weary our readers with a list of winners, and it would indeed be a matter of difficulty now in getting such a list together. We will content ourselves with offering our congratulations to a particular member who has found the tournaments a means of collecting a couple of carpets to decorate the future "appy 'ome" in Colchester.

We played the Officers at hockey on July 29th and were defeated by 4 goals to 2. Both teams played several stalwarts, and players and spectators alike enjoyed the game.

The outstanding event of the quarter has been our shoot—the Kent Cup Shoot. After several discussions as to when it should take place, which included one *erie* suggestion involving rising at about 4 a.m. on a Sunday morning, it was finally decided to hold the shoot on August Bank Holiday evening, and this was done. Every one of our fit members turned up and joined in the fun. The organization of the shoot was left to a selected committee under the guidance (!) of Sergt. Simmonds, and the imp of mischief must have directed their councils. The first ordeal they imposed on an unsuspecting Mess was ten rounds at 300 yards (and ten rounds rapid at that), at iron plates and a 4-ft. target; the essential condition being that the plate was to be hit before any score on the target could be made. Fifty per cent. of the members failed to hit the plate at all and made a total score of precisely *nothing* at this practice; and great were the cheers when our budding Bisleyites, one after the other, scored nothing. However, it was just the chance for a couple of potential spoon winners to show their mettle, and one of these in particular, whom certain members fancied and backed as a certainty for the spoon, closed his eyes, aimed and knocked the plate down with his third shot. It is of no importance what he scored after that; any score at this practice was a certain "get-out."

The two practices following were five

rounds snaphooting at 300 yards, and five rounds slow at 500 yards, both ordinary and straightforward enough, in which most of the members redeemed their reputations so sadly lost in the first practice. The winner was C.Q.M.S. Hewett with a score of 43, followed by C.S.M. Kent and Sergt. Chalkley with scores of 41 and 30 respectively. C.Q.M.S. Hills and Sergt. Parsler tied for the spoon with a score of 1 each. As the light had failed when the shoot was concluded, they had to fire off on the following Wednesday, H.Q. Wing's Rifle Meeting offering a suitable opportunity; with the result that the spoon went to Sergt. Parsler.

We enclose a snapshot of a group of us on the range at the shoot. We say a "group" of us, but it is mainly C.S.M. Cook, who has impressed us as a good trencherman of outstanding merit.

We have instituted a School of Flying in the Mess. The R.A.F. in Khartoum have had the hardihood and temerity to entrust their long-suffering planes and instructors to our Warrant Officers for the duration of one week at a time; presumably, as far as we can ascertain, to permit the said Warrant Officers to amuse themselves taking snapshots of brother Warrant Officers in sister planes, and anticipating, by short-distance flights, how delightful it would be to proceed home (in five days) by the same easy and graceful means. All our aforesaid Warrant Officers, including the R.S.M. but excluding our non-combatant Bandmaster and R.Q.M.S. (they always seem to miss these "treats"), have had a week's course in flying and have come to earth each morning, after, according to their own glowing accounts, having literally spent a short time in heaven. Their rhapsodies have been received with rather sceptical silence. However, as it is the nearest to heaven most of them will ever get, we suppose we shall have to believe them. But we most certainly *do* protest when they brazenly appropriate a few films from the R.A.F. Office and palm them off on to us as irrefutable evidence of their own skill with something they have airily referred to as a camera-gun.

Some time in June Mr. E. G. Sarsfield-Hall, the Governor of the Khartoum Province, took a party of us over the battlefield of Omdurman, and gave a very interesting account of the battle. We

returned to Khartoum to tea at his home and were shown several old photographs and weapons, relics of the battle and of even more ancient history of the Sudan. Altogether, we had a very enjoyable afternoon, thanks to Mr. Sarsfield-Hall's kindly interest and hospitality.

We should like to congratulate a certain member (and his butt) on the very comforting finish they had to their trip to the Palace Guard Room on a certain Saturday evening, to inquire after the cooking arrangements, and hope they have not caught pneumonia through the dampness (the *exterior* dampness, that is).

CORPORALS' ROOM.

As we have been so quiet for four years or more we think it is about time we gave tongue.

The first thing we will do is to make our apologies for our long silence, and hope that this sin will be overlooked.

Of course the item of importance at the time of writing is our move to Colchester from the beautiful mystic East (?) in which we have dwelt for twelve years continuously. Although our tour of foreign service counts from our first move to Malta in 1913, we still have six members of the Mess who were formerly with the Battalion at Colchester in 1919. They are Band-Cpl. Smith, Cpl. Wilson, and L./Cpls. Jennings, Frewin, Hathaway and Gribble. May they soldier on for ever.

Since we have been at Khartoum we have had two "socials" with the Corporals of the 1st Bn. The Royal Welch Fusiliers, and a billiards tournament with the Corporals of the Royal Air Force.

Owing to the heavy rains in the Sudan the Sudan Government Railway broke down at Atbara. Anyone requiring further information on the subject should apply to Cpl. Blackman, who was on escort duty to Port Sudan and who was stranded for twenty days and had to live on "hard tack" in the shape of issue biscuits and bully beef; or paving-stones and stewed boot, as he calls them. On his return to Khartoum from Port Sudan he stalked into the Mess and we thought the tail-end of the monsoon had arrived. Dear George must have learnt an undiscovered type of Arabic during his wanderings, as the native bearer stood gaping,

although we think we have heard soldiers use similar terms before under great stress.

We welcome our old friend and mess-mate back to the fold in the person of Jack Painter, and it is quite a joy to see his smiling face in the Mess again.

All members are now patiently waiting for our comedian to give the "Silent Sentry" at Colchester. We are sure Mr. Cochran will give him a chance to show his talent before the crowned heads of Europe once he knows he is revisiting England. Of course, that is if Scotland Yard does not get in first. Talking of Scotland Yard, is it a fact that they are after "Jumbo," the gas-meter buster?

Before we close these notes we should like to wish the Corporals of all battalions a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

SMIFFY.

REGIMENTAL MARCHES.

THE following narrative has been compiled from the information obtained as a result of the article which appeared in our May number (page 683).

(a) 1st Battalion (and 3rd Battalion, disbanded).—Quick step: "Sir Manley Power." Slow step: None.

2nd Battalion (and 4th Battalion, disbanded).—Quick step: "Paddy's Resource." Slow step: None.

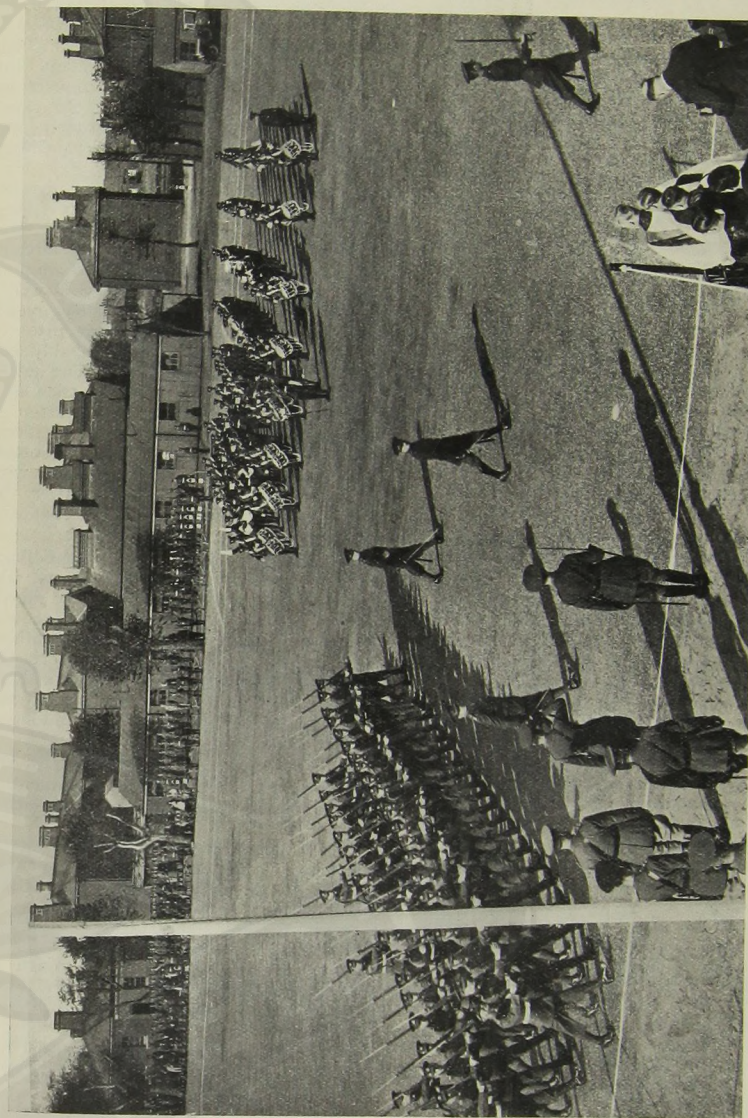
(b) "Sir Manley Power": authorship unknown. "Paddy's Resource": Bandmaster Paddy O'Connor, 77th Regiment.

(c) "Sir Manley Power" was re-adopted with authority between 1896 and 1908. "Paddy's Resource" was officially adopted by the 2nd Battalion about 1912.

(d) "Sir Manley Power." This quick-step was named after Major-General Sir Manley Power, who commanded the 2nd Brigade of the 3rd Division in the citadel of Valenciennes in 1816 during the occupation of Paris by British troops after the Peninsular War.

Major-General Sir Manley Power is believed to have found the musical score of this march in a French camp.

The march may likely date from this period, as the custom of marching past in



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H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AND MARCH PAST.

quick time only commenced to be general then.

"Sir Manley Power" remained the Regimental Quick-step of the 57th Regiment until the period 1848-53. At that time the 57th Regiment was stationed in Richmond Barracks, Dublin, and tradition states that the G.O.C. took exception to the march which he considered to be "all drum and damned noise." Another account states that he considered it an impossible tune for marching.

The Commanding Officer of the 57th Regiment was ordered to find another and more suitable march to supersede "Sir Manley Power."

A new march, "Jock o' Hazeldean," was accordingly chosen as resembling "Sir Manley Power" in some degree and this march remained the 57th Regiment Quick-step until 1896, when the War Office authorized the readoption of "Sir Manley Power."

"Sir Manley Power," however, was not forgotten during the period when "Jock o' Hazeldean" was in use.

In 1886 the music writer of the Band of the 57th Regiment (A. Stephens) was instructed to make a score of "Sir Manley Power," and this score was sent to Bandmaster Pougher, the Coldstream Guards.

The Bandmaster was instructed to make an introduction to the quick-step embracing the Regimental Call.

The quick-step "Sir Manley Power" was then used only at the finish of band programmes and on guest nights in the Officers' Mess, having been superseded on all other occasions by the new quick-step, a combination of "Jock o' Hazeldean" and "Lass o' Gowrie."

"Sir Manley Power" is to this day the Quick-step used by the 1st Battalion. "Paddy's Resource" This quick-step was composed by Band-Sergt. Paddy O'Connor in 1855 during the Crimean War and whilst the 77th Regiment was lying before Sebastopol.

Tradition states that the Commanding Officer wished the Regiment under his command to march to a quick-step which should be unique and played by no other band in the British Army and which should be reminiscent of an Irish air. So on an improvised table and on the blank sides of envelopes this quick-step came into being.

"Paddy's Resource" is to this day the Quick-step used by the 2nd Battalion.

(c) "Highland (or Gaelic) March." The only slow-step, the existence of which can be traced, is the "Highland (or Gaelic) March," which was introduced by Lieut.-Col. John Campbell of Strachur, an Argyle Highlander, who assumed command of the 57th Regiment in 1775 after the Seven Years' War.

Tradition does not relate how long this march was used, but no slow-step is used in the 1st Battalion at the present day.

"Lass o' Gowrie." As has already been stated, this quick-step was adopted after the use of "Sir Manley Power" was discontinued, by the 57th Regiment, when stationed in Dublin about 1850.

"Lass o' Gowrie" was probably not brought into being until 1857. The quick-step is a combination of two Scottish airs, "Jock o' Hazeldean" and "Lass o' Gowrie," and the reason for its introduction was stated to be due to a Scottish bandmaster named Wallace who was with the 57th Regiment in Malta after the Crimean War. This march was supposed to resemble "Sir Manley Power."

In 1881 the music writer of the Band of the 57th Regiment (A. Stephens) was instructed to make a score of the march "Lass o' Gowrie," and this score was forwarded to the War Office who authorized its use and had it printed as the Regimental March of the Middlesex Regiment. This march was used also by the 3rd and 4th Battalions The Middlesex Regiment.

As far as is known the linking of the 57th Regiment and the 77th Regiment in 1881 made no difference to the marches used.

(g) The Double-step of the 57th Regiment was "Money Musk" of which no details are available. The use of this march was discontinued about 1875.

"The Jolly Die-Hards," another double-step, composed by Bandmaster C. Moore, is still played at the finish of Band programmes and on Albuhera Day. The date of its adoption cannot, however, be traced.

7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

(a) Quick-step: "Lass o' Gowrie."

Slow-step: None.

(b) "Lass o' Gowrie" (authorship unknown).

(c) "Lass o' Gowrie" has been used by the 7th Battalion continuously for some time prior to 1908 when the reorganization of the Territorial Army took place.

8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

(a) Quick-step: "Sir Manley Power."

Slow-step: None.

(b) "Sir Manley Power" (authorship unknown).

(c) "Sir Manley Power" was adopted by the 8th Battalion about 1926. The Battalion came into line with the Home Battalion after a conference of Battalion Commanders at which the Colonel of the Regiment presided.

9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

(a) Quick-step: "Sir Manley Power."

Slow-step: None.

(b) "Sir Manley Power" (authorship unknown).

(c) The Quick-step of the Battalion was formerly "Lass o' Gowrie." The date of adoption of the march, "Sir Manley Power" is unknown.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

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

Amount of grants and loans made: £129 15s.

Grants specially sanctioned by the Executive Committee: £5 17s.

Number of cases dealt with: 213.

Number of cases assisted: 72.

Number of men registered for employment: 70.

Number of men found permanent employment: 17.

Number of married couples found employment: 1.

Number of men who took up employment: 18.

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

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, on July 20th, 1931.

Present:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair), Brig.-Generals R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G., and F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Majors A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., and L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O. (Hon. Secretary), Capt. H. E. Foster and C. T. Whinney, M.C. (representing 2nd Battalion), R.S.M. R. Mantell, R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley, C.Q.M.S. L. Clarke, Mr. F. E. Holmes, Mr. E. J. Warren and Major E. H. Amor (Assistant Secretary).

The following donations were approved, on behalf of all Battalions, to the under-mentioned charities:—

	£	s.	d.
Alexandra Orphanage ...	2	2	0
British Legion (affiliation fee) ...	1	1	0
Charity Organisation Society ...	4	4	0
Charity Organisation Society (registration branch)	1	1	0
Gordon Boys' Home ...	2	2	0
Hospital for Sick Children ...	2	2	0
Imperial Ex-Service Association of Australia ...	1	1	0
National Association for Employment of Ex-Regular Sailors, etc. ...	4	4	0
Netley Charitable Fund ...	2	2	0
Royal Female Orphanage ...	1	1	0
Royal Soldiers' Daughters' Home	2	2	0
Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association ...	2	2	0
Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society ...	2	2	0
Special Fund for Blind (National Institute) ...	1	1	0
St. Dunstan's ...	1	1	0
	£29	8	0

It was decided that the next concert shall be held at the 19th London's Drill Hall on Saturday, January 2nd, 1932.

It was further decided that the price of the tickets for the forthcoming Old Comrades' Dinner shall be 5s.

A proposal that, in future, the Old Comrades' Summer Gatherings shall be held on the Saturday in Cricket Week was carried.

DEPOT NOTES.

THE Area Commander, Major-General H. R. Peck, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., carried out his annual inspection of the Depot on September 8th.

On September 10th Major-General G. W. Howard, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.G.A. Eastern Command, visited and inspected the Depot.

We had a visit on September 29th from the Rev. H. G. Marshall, M.A., A.C.G. Eastern Command.

The following officers have done, or are doing, attachments for various periods:

Capt. W. B. Ireland, I.A.R.O., for a fortnight.

2/Lieut. H. D. Ocle, S.R.O.O., for two months.

2/Lieut. P. A. Clifton, S.R.O.O., for four months.

2/Lieut. L. C. Beadnell, on first appointment from the R.M.C., for a fortnight.

Capt. Rackham and Lieut. Crawford have rejoined the 1st Battalion on premature relief in order to proceed abroad. We are more than sorry to say good-bye to them, but the best of friends must part and the best of good times come to an end.

In their places we welcome Capt. Overell and Lieut. Clayden. The former is doing his first tour at the Depot, and Bill seems as pleased to be here again as we are to see him.

On July 29th we had the pleasure of a day's visit from Lieut.-Col. Chesham and Major Newton, of the Middlesex Light Infantry of Canada, who were spending a short time in England. It was a great pleasure to meet members of our newly allied Regiment. We understand that Major Newton expects to be over again next year.

Our old friend Major U. Harada, accompanied by Col. Onuhra, both of the Japanese Army, spent a day with us on September 21st and saw the whole of the Depot in detail.

Lieuts. Walden and Crawford, five N.C.Os. and eight privates were attached to our Territorial Battalions during their Annual Camp this year.

Nivelle and Ladysmith Squads joined the 1st Battalion on August 8th.

L./Sergt. Paterson has taken on the honorable, honorary and unpaid job of Secretary to the Depot Branch of the R.A.T.A. This Association has been re-organized and now encourages temperance in every path of life.

CRICKET NOTES.

The weather has done its best to spoil the cricket season of 1931, and, although thirteen Depot matches were played, a great number had to be scratched owing to rain and the water-logged condition of the ground. Our fixture list was somewhat more ambitious than last year, strong clubs like Hampstead and Upper Clapton, being included. It is therefore very unfortunate that we were not able to enjoy a full summer's cricket.

The mainstay of both our batting and bowling was once again our captain, Capt. Whinney. He cheerfully bore the brunt of both the attack and defence, and on the rare occasions that he failed, the rest of the side rather deplorably followed his example. Some of our last year's stalwarts did not succeed in finding their true form, but Major Pargiter and R.Q.M.S. Pilley made some useful scores. A very good discovery was made in Pte. Jones, of Ypres Squad, who has the makings of a good wicket-keeper and also shaped well as an opening batsman.

In spite of difficulties we have managed to complete an All Ranks' Cricket League. Although tremendous talent has not been forthcoming, a great deal of amusement and excitement has been obtained from close finishes and sporting declarations. The Corporals are to be congratulated on suffering only two defeats. The Officers and Sergeants had the distinction of getting Albuhera Squad out for 7 runs, but were themselves dismissed for 16, when they met the Corporals. The final positions in the league table are as follows:—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts.
1. Corporals ...	7	5	2	0	10
2. Somme Squad ...	7	4	2	1	9
3. Officers and Sergeants...	7	4	3	0	8
4. Depot Staff ...	7	4	3	0	8
5. Ypres Squad ...	7	3	3	1	7
6. Mons Squad ...	7	3	4	0	6
7. Albuhera Squad ...	7	3	4	0	6
8. Nivelle Squad ...	7	1	6	0	2

SUMMARY OF DEPOT MATCHES.

Played, 13; won, 6; lost, 5; drawn, 2.

May 30th.—v. Tottenham G.A.S. Club (away). Scores: Depot, 130 for 8 dec. (R.Q.M.S. Pilley, 31; Cpl. Cooper, 25); Tottenham G.A.S., 86. Won by 44 runs.

June 4th.—v. Depot Royal Fusiliers (away). Scores: Depot Royal Fusiliers, 109; Depot, 197 for 6 (Capt. Whinney, 59; Capt. Worton, 69). Won by 7 wickets.

June 6th.—v. Finchley Municipal C.C. (home). Scores: Finchley Municipal C.C., 54; Depot, 145 for 5 (Capt. Whinney, 50 not out; Major Pargiter, 43). Won by 8 wickets.

June 20th.—v. West Finchley C.C. (away). Scores: West Finchley C.C., 45 and 39; Depot, 43 and 52 for 7. Won by 3 wickets.

July 8th.—v. R.A.F., Stanmore (away). Scores: Depot, 124 (Sergt. O'Brien, 18; Major Pargiter, 17; Pte. Jones, 17); R.A.F., Stanmore, 81. Won by 43 runs.

June 13th.—v. Lieut.-Col. MacGregor Greer's XI (home). Scores: Lieut.-Col. MacGregor Greer's XI, 149 for 6 dec.; Depot, 186 for 7 (Lieut. Franklin, 65; Pte. Jones, 41). Won by 4 wickets.

July 4th.—v. Upper Clapton C.C. (home). Scores: Upper Clapton, 219 for 7 dec.; Depot, 148 (Major Pargiter, 34; Capt. Worton, 21). Lost by 71 runs.

July 5th.—v. 19th London Regiment (home). Scores: Depot, 226 (Capt. Whinney, 80; R.Q.M.S. Pilley, 40; Major Pargiter, 35); 19th London Regiment, 244. Lost by 3 wickets.

July 23rd.—v. Golders Green Police A.C. (home). Scores: Golders Green Police, 72; Depot, 62 (Capt. Whinney, 31). Lost by 10 runs.

July 25th.—v. Lieut.-Col. MacGregor Greer's XI (home). Scores: Depot, 56 for 3. Rain stopped play; match drawn.

July 26th.—v. Hampstead C.C. (home). Scores: Depot, 73 for 7. Rain stopped play; match drawn.

July 28th.—v. Depot East Surrey Regiment (home). Scores: Depot East Surrey Regiment, 140; Depot, 71. Lost by 69 runs.

August 15th.—v. Hampstead C.C. (away). Scores: Depot, 51; Hampstead C.C., 69. Lost by 2 wickets.

SHOOTING.

During the past few months there has been considerable activity in shooting. It is pleasing to be able to say, when looking back over the past twelve months, that there has been a marked all-round improvement, not only amongst personnel of the Depot Staff, whose shooting still leaves much to be desired, but also amongst the recruits, who display a keenness it is a pleasure to see. The chief event since our last notes has been the Annual Rifle Meeting, which attracted a large number of entries. The following is a summary of the results:—

30 YARDS' RANGE.

Individual Championship (Open).—1, Cpl. Chillery, 50; 2, C.S.M. Hart, 46 (after a reshoot); 3, Sergt. Steward, 45.

Individual Championship (Recruits).—1, Pte. Langridge (Albuhera), 55; 2, Pte. Seago (Albuhera), 53; 3, Pte. Budd (Albuhera), 49.

Inter-Mess Team Championship.—1, Sergeants' Mess (C.S.M. Hart, Sergts. Buckle and Steward, and L./Sergt. O'Brien), 241; 2, Corporals' Club (Cpls. Chillery, Jenkins and Snell, and L./Cpl. Swadling), 239.

Inter-Room Team Competition (Recruits).—1, Albuhera No. 6 (Ptes. Butler, Desborough, Levick and Styles), 123; 2, "Nondescripts" (Ptes. Budd, Doyle, Morgan and Robinson), 105.

Knock-out Pairs Competition.—1, 1, C.Q.M.S. Clarke and L./Cpl. Overy; 2, L./Cpl. Thorne and Pte. Johnson (Ypres).

Rapid Fire Competition (Open).—1, Cpl. Chillery, 67; 2, Pte. Johnson (Ypres), 59.

Rapid Fire Competition (Recruits).—1, Pte. Doyle (Albuhera), 38; 2, Pte. Brown (Albuhera), 33.

Lewis Gun Pairs Competition.—1, Cpl. Cooper and L./Cpl. Soden, 20; 2, Ptes. Collison and Maskill, 16.

MINIATURE RANGE.

Inter-Squad Team Competition.—1, Mons No. 1 Team (Ptes. Barkway, Langford, Rodell and Sales), 205; 2, Ypres No. 5 Team (Ptes. Goodair, Quail, Vickery and Warren), 196.

Knock-out Pairs Competition (Recruits).—1, Ptes. Holdford (M.) and

6200102 Pte. S. Couse, 6200108 Pte. R. Langford, 6199868 Pte. H. Eddison, 6200121 Pte. J. Jones, 6200114 Pte. E. Fleming, 6199880 Pte. H. Johnson, 6200123 Pte. H. Goodair, 6200112 Pte. R. Tarrant, 6199888 Pte. R. Gosling, 6199867 Pte. W. Bell, 6200115 Pte. J. Hartnett.

POSTINGS.

6195323 L./Sergt. S. Thompson: Posted from 1st Battalion for a tour of duty, 21/7/31.

6189440 L./Sergt. R. Glover: Posted to 1st Battalion, 21/7/31.

6191568 R.S.M. C. Davis: Posted from 1st Battalion for other than for tour of duty, 13/8/31.

6197072 Cpl. L. Beck: Posted to 1st Battalion, 27/8/31.

6198462 Cpl. A. Allchorne: Posted from 1st Battalion for a tour of duty, 27/8/31.

6188691 Sergt. J. Bray: Posted from 1st Battalion for a tour of duty, 2/9/31.

6198459 Cpl. B. Bedward: Posted from 1st Battalion for a tour of duty, 19/9/31.

6192297 Sergt. E. Jones: Posted from 1st Battalion for a tour of duty, 30/9/31.

BIRTH.

6196636 L./Sergt. E. Paterson: daughter (Jean Margaret), born at Mill Hill, 29/7/31.

MARRIAGES.

6196037 Cpl. C. Sneesby: Married at Hendon on 23/5/31 to Hilda Irene Grummett.

6189609 L./Cpl. W. Sears: Married at Camberwell on 1/8/31 to Alice May Percival.

DISCHARGES.

6189019 Sergt. J. Steward: Discharged under K.R.370 (ix) (a), 1/9/31.

6188784 Sergt. G. Horrex: Discharged under K.R.370 (xxviii), 17/9/31.

6188603 Sergt. S. Buckle: Discharged under K.R.370 (xxi), 29/9/31.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6192434 L./Sergt. J. O'Brien: Promoted Sergeant, 2/9/31.

6197629 Cpl. E. Paterson: Appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 2/9/31.

6197621 L./Cpl. A. Nicholls: Promoted Corporal, 18/9/31.

6193751 Sergt. A. Wright: Appointed Sergeant-Instructor in Musketry, 2/9/31.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

The past quarter has been notable for two reasons: the first the number of tournaments and functions which have been encountered; the second the changes which have taken place.

We will deal with the tournaments first. In June a Mess Tennis Handicap was started. Owing to bad weather and a much-needed renovation of the court, this was not completed until September. Congratulations are due to R.Q.M.S. Pilley, who, starting from owe 30 in all games, eventually defeated Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Finch in a hard and keenly contested final. Other tournaments during the quarter were: Skittles, winner, Sergt. O'Brien; Billiards (21 up), winner, L./Sergt. Paterson (36); Table Tennis, not yet completed.

As was mentioned in our last notes R.S.M. Mantell has departed to civilian life. In August the Mess presented him with a small memento to show our appreciation of his untiring efforts in all matters appertaining to our welfare and comfort. A very successful social was held afterwards, all enjoying themselves and contributing to each other's entertainment.

In the realms of sport we have been to the fore. The final position in the Passball League shows the Sergeants at the top. In sixteen games we were defeated only once, and scored 94 goals against 26. Congratulations to the team on this fine achievement. At cricket, in conjunction with the Officers, we finished third after a series of close matches. Now for football!

The Mess Tennis At Home was held on September 8th. Fortunately the weather was perfect and all spent a very enjoyable afternoon. Thanks are due to the wives of members who so ably provided an excellent tea.

During the past quarter the Mess has seen many changes. We welcome R.S.M. Davis from the 1st Battalion—a true successor to R.S.M. Mantell, for already he has shown in numerous ways, both in and out of the Mess, that our interests are his interests and our well-being in all things his stewardship.

The following have departed to civilian life: Sergts. Buckle, Horrex and Steward. We welcome from the 1st Battalion Sergt. Jones and L./Sergt. Thompson. Con-

gratulations to Sergt. O'Brien and L./Sergt. 29 Paterson on their recent promotion.

Did the Corporals beat us at Badminton???

M. R. C.

CORPORALS' CLUB.

After handling the willow with great success, we are now mishandling the sphere, while the Sergeants handle it—or rather foot it—to the extent of 3 goals to 1. But as this is the first match of the season we are true to professional form (even the Arsenal lost their first game).

On September 25th a select dance was run by a select and expert Dance Committee. In these notes we wish to thank this most worthy Committee for a very successful evening. We also wish to thank all the guests who were present for their contribution which made the dance the success that it was.

We have to notify the departure of Cpls. Sneesby, Newstead and Chillery, who are attached for duty with the Band of the 1st Battalion, and we welcome Cpls. Allchorne and Jenkins, who are here for a tour of duty. We hope their sojourn amongst us will be a happy one.

A great deal of practice is being put in in the Mess at "wailing." This, we think, is practice for the land of motzas.

Our congratulations are extended to Cpl. Paterson on his promotion to the Sergeants' Mess, and we hope the procedure of our Mess has been good practice for him in his new social sphere. Also to L./Cpl. Nicholls on his promotion to Corporal. Rumour has it that he will now leave the cookhouse, and we all hope to live a number of years longer in consequence.

A glorious piece of good fortune (?) has struck the Mess. We now hold the Wooden Spoon, gained for us at great personal risk at the Depot Annual Rifle Meeting by Cpl. Payne. We are also very pleased to be able to say that we also hold the Individual Championship. This was won in very brilliant fashion by Cpl. Chillery.

It is fully expected that if Cpl. Chillery completes his "pontoon," he may, with continuous practice, tie with the celebrated Instructor Matt at rapid fire.

Owing to the fact that our pay is to be cut, we are now going to cut our notes with these few queries:—

What does the Mob. Store look like in the moonlight?

Does hair hide pimples? Blanco nil?

Is it normal for Scotch members of the Regiment to proceed to Palestine?

Which member of the Mess hoisted the green flag after a dance? Anybody giving information, and producing proof, will be rewarded with the said green flag.

RED DEVIL.

SOCIAL AND WELFARE CLUB NOTES.

During the past quarter whist drives were the chief features. July winners were:—

Ladies.—1, Mrs. Steward; 2, Mrs. Kerswill; booby, Mrs. Easton.

Gents.—1, Sergt. Sadler; 2, Sergt. O'Brien; booby, Mr. Gibson.

A very successful Tennis Tournament was held in August, and our appreciation is extended to those who rendered such valuable assistance in making a most enjoyable afternoon. We cannot let this opportunity go of thanking Mrs. Pargiter for the splendid tea she provided.

Our second whist drive and dance was as successful as the first, Mrs. Easton and Mrs. Moore taking the ladies' prizes, while Sergt.-Instr. Benwell and C.Q.M.S. Clarke won the gentlemen's.

We opened the season with a very nice and well-attended dance, the success of which was enhanced by our being able to obtain the services of a good band.

Congratulations are due to Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Easton on their success at the Depot Shoot. It is rumoured that some members have been talking about Bisley.

Who was the member who did not "see it" until she got home?

Wanted: More members for our Library Club.

A VISIT TO THE NAVY.

Entering the Royal Dockyard at Chatham by way of the Royal Naval Barracks, known as H.M.S. *Pembroke*, we soon caught sight of the large cruiser *York* which is one of the very latest vessels of this type and about 10,000 tons.

One's impression on first seeing such a man-o'-war is that of its strength and power. Passing up the steep gangways from the quayside we were led on board and were shown the various mess decks where the crew live.

One notices how every small space is utilized and the various different details, such as the mess tables slung from overhead and which we were told all come down and are laid flat when the ship goes into action; also the racks where plates, cups, etc., all fit in so that they remain steady, however much the ship rolls about.

The engine room was also very interesting, though to the average person seeing it for the first time it seems to be one tremendous piece of machinery, pipes, etc.

Probably the most interesting part of this ship was the sick bay or hospital. One can get some idea of how modern surgery can be applied to the sailor in action on the spot better than to the soldier. Here on this ship were fitted all the latest instruments that are to be found in a hospital on shore, down to operating-tables and X-ray apparatus. Providing this part of the ship is not wrecked in action, the doctors and staff are able to carry on their work in comfort.

After leaving H.M.S. *York*, with her spacious decks, cabins and large guns mounted in turrets, it seemed a great contrast when we next visited a destroyer, H.M.S. *Versatile*. This particular destroyer was involved in a fatal collision with a submarine off Gibraltar whilst doing manoeuvres some years back.

It was possible in this type of ship to go practically all over and observe everything. We were shown the anchor arrangement on the fore-castle, with the capstan, cables, etc. This is worked from the capstan engine situated in the men's mess-deck forward, and one can imagine the noise when the anchors are let go and heaved in. Also on the fore-castle is a 4-inch semi-automatic gun with loading tray on which the shell and cordite charge are placed before placing in the gun. As the gun fires, the empty cylinder is ejected and comes back on to a net hanging to the loading tray. Another gun of similar type is mounted on a platform above. All around the rails are small racks in which the shells

are placed and which prevent them rolling about.

We were then shown the bridge, steering position and chart room. Above this is the upper bridge, where we saw the main compass platform and the various arrangements controlling the guns, torpedoes and searchlights. This part of the ship is the most important, as the Captain, gunnery officers and control staff are all in this space when the ship is in action.

We afterwards saw what is called the after-steering position, from where, if the main bridge is shot away, control can then be carried out.

This class of ship seems very light and fragile in contrast to H.M.S. *York*, but as we were told they practically rely on their speed, which is about 32 knots. The great advantage is that they can keep the sea in almost any weather. But one can easily imagine how uncomfortable they are.

This was a most interesting visit and gave us a great insight into the work of the Navy.

I only regret there was not more time to visit further types of warships.

F. PAYNE.

OCCUPATION BEFORE ENLISTMENT.

For three years before I decided to enlist I was employed as a clerk in the chambers of a London barrister. This learned counsel could not be regarded as a great or brilliant advocate, but he had a fairly prosperous practice both in county and police courts and the King's Bench Division of the High Court.

I was a junior clerk and did typewriting and most of the running to and from the courts, as the senior clerk was frail and old. I have been in nearly every court of law in London, and have once or twice been present at a hearing in the House of Lords. On only one occasion did I go to the Judicial Chamber of the Privy Council.

Of all the courts of justice I think the one I most admired was the House of Lords. Here in an atmosphere redolent of the greatness and dignity of the past the Law Lords give forth the final decisions in cases which have been grimly

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fought in the King's Bench and Court of Appeal.

During the past three years I have listened to many *causes célèbres* in the King's Bench Division. I have seen many wrongs righted in the dusty courts, where a red-robed, white-wigged judge holds the scales of justice, and heard famous counsel indulge in a battle of words and wit. Sometimes the judge unbends and makes a joke, and sycophantic laughter echoes in the dusty rafters. To a student of human nature these courts are pools from which strange fish are dragged.

The office where I worked was in the Temple, an old building where many famous men have had chambers in by-gone times. It looked out into a paved courtyard where four trees made a melancholy song when the wind blew. In the winter when it grew dark the stairs would creak and groan and I could almost fancy the departed great ones had come back to their old haunts.

The work was interesting up to a degree, but I craved for action and open-air life. In the end I became disinterested in the Law and left and joined the Army.

I sometimes think of the cloistered peaceful life I led there, and heave a half-regretful sigh over the time when I was an eater of the lotus.

J. HARTNETT.

ARMY TRAINING.

A CIRCULAR letter recently appeared asking officers for suggestions for Army films dealing with

(a) Action of an Infantry Fighting Patrol.

(b) Mechanism of the .303 Vickers Machine Gun.

As it is always desirable to interest troops without boring them, one officer makes the following suggestions with all due deference to superior authority:—

To THE ADJUTANT.

Ref. 32/Films/173/M.T.

Your memo. Army Training Films and proposals for same.

(a) ACTION OF AN INFANTRY FIGHTING PATROL.

Assuming that this is not a talkie, I suggest the following:

Caption.—"Came the Dawn."

An infantry fighting patrol is seen bivouacked in the desert.

Platoon Commander.—Ronald Colman.

Section Leaders.—Charlie Chaplin, Harold Lloyd, Victor McLaglen, and Noah Beery.

Clara Bow and Madeline Carroll, enemy spies, lie gagged and bound by the watch fire. Fade out.

Caption 2.—"Say, boys, who's ready to serve England?"

Patrol volunteer to go on parade as one man. Patrol moves off after presenting arms to Clara Bow.

Charlie Chaplin trips over Madeline Carroll's feet and lets his rifle off into Harold Lloyd's pants.

Comic interlude whilst Harold gets his own back.

Ronald Colman seizes opportunity of kissing Madeline Carroll good-bye. Noah Beery heavy business with Clara Bow.

Caption 3.—"God knows I love you—but duty calls and you shall be shot at dawn. Meanwhile we have each other." (Close-up of kiss.)

After the love interest and sex appeal stunt has been worked *ad lib*, the patrol makes a belated move. (Organ plays "Turkish Patrol.")

Caption 4.—"Enemy in sight—let us die like He-men." Patrol sees enemy. Indicated by patrol shading its eyes and pointing in every possible direction. Harold Lloyd does comic business at some rabbits with a Lewis gun.

Caption 5.—"Nothing can stop the foe—we are lost."

Good-bye stunt worked by entire patrol shaking hands, etc. Will is made by "Drummer Boy." (Organ plays "Home, Sweet Home.") (Cut sub-stuff.)

Enemy now shown arriving; no special formation, but all moving at a gallop, approx. 50 m.p.h.

Charlie Chaplin shot in the pants.

Clara Bow and Madeline Carroll rush on and wave the enemy back.

Caption 6.—"Over my dead body first."

Ronald Colman and Madeline Carroll; Noah Beery and Clara Bow: Close-up kiss.

"Thank God, the war is over!" ("Stand Fast" sounded on the organ.)

Song and dance between Patrol and enemy ending with "The Frothblowers' Anthem."

(b) MECHANISM OF .303 VICKERS MACHINE GUN.

No sex appeal or love interest possible. No suggestions.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

THE Drill Halls of the Battalion having been closed from the termination of camp until the end of September, this Quarter's notes relate almost solely to Annual Training. Before dealing with camp matters we must refer to the Brigade Rifle Meeting which was held at Purfleet on July 5th, and of which an all too brief account appeared as stop press notes in the last issue of the Journal. We were all naturally most pleased at the excellent performances put up by the various teams of the Battalion. There is still room for improvement in the shooting, and if we are to do well again next year, it behoves us to put in a lot of practice during the forthcoming weapon-training year. As previously mentioned, we won the Middlesex Justices' Shield with a score of 772. The names of the Battalion team, together with the scores made are:—

	Points.
2/Lieut. B. J. Paul (H.Q.) ...	67
R.Q.M.S. Roberts (H.Q.) ...	48
Drum-Major Love (H.Q.) ...	36
Sergt. Clarke (H.Q.) ...	25
Lieut. N. E. T. Christodoulo (A) ...	66
L/Sergt. Rockall (A) ...	59
C.Q.M.S. Matthews (A) ...	40
Pte. Blake (A) ...	53
C.S.M. Howard (A) ...	42
Sergt. Knight (A) ...	42
Sergt. Thomas (B) ...	48
2/Lieut. R. Bartram (C) ...	67
Sergt. Chapman (D) ...	49
L./Cpl. Tassell (D) ...	42
L./Cpl. Stokes (D) ...	26
Pte. Fay (D) ...	62
Total ...	772

The team as a whole are to be congratulated, but several frirers did not make the score anticipated of them. We have the nucleus of a very good team, and felicitations are extended to Lieut. N. E. T. Christodoulo, who captained them. A Company are to be complimented on winning the High Sheriff's Competition with a score of 403, being 9 points ahead of C Company, 5th Bn. Royal West Kent Regiment. The following are the names and scores of the winning team:—

Lieut. N. E. T. Christodoulo, 66 pts.; L./Sergt. Rockall, 59; C.Q.M.S. Matthews, 40; Pte. Clarke, 53; C.S.M. Howard, 42; Sergt. Knight, 42; Sergt. Badham, 53; Sergt. Endersby, 48. Total 403 pts.

This total is an excellent one, and there is not a single bad score amongst them.

The Young Soldiers' Competition was won by D Company's team, and their scores are:—

L./Cpl. Allinson, 38 pts.; L./Cpl. Wade, 40; Pte. Warren, 44; Pte. McGee, 51; Pte. Oxley, 36; Pte. Webb, 24; Pte. Wood, 39; Pte. Mersey, 19. Total 291 pts.

The undermentioned members of the team are to be complimented on winning prizes for the highest individual scores: Pte. McGee, D Company; Pte. Dymond, C Company; Pte. Read, B Company.

A Company's team were second in the Lewis Gun Competition, and are to be condoled with in not winning this event for the second year in succession. Something went wrong with the gun with which Pte. Gentry was firing in the 1st Practice, the result being that he made no score. We were only 11 points behind the winners, and had this unfortunate accident not happened, the team would undoubtedly have won this Competition also.

Upon our return from Camp we were pleased to see that our new canteen and recreation room had been completed. It is constructed on ideal lines, and is capacious and well-lighted. The suitable furniture, superior pictures, and general tone at once suggest drawing-room comfort. The pictures were presented by Mrs. Groser, Woodlane, Highgate, and Col. S. Cranfield, T.D. Mrs. Groser's gift is in memory of her son, a former

officer, who was killed while serving with the Battalion during the War.

It is felt that the members of Headquarters Wing, and C Company can now attend regularly on drill nights with the happy prospect of enjoying their spare time in the atmosphere of comfort.

Although the weather this summer has been the worst for many years, it somewhat relaxed its severity during camp. Throughout the first week we were caressed by a gentle south-west wind which wafted up the clouds in picturesque and ever-varying forms that now and then baptised us with a shower, and then sailed off across the Downs. But apart from this we cannot grumble. It was only necessary to cancel training on one day, and even then it was possible to proceed on a route march.

All will agree that the site and lay-out of the camp was in every way excellent, and the fact that the training areas were quite near made the camp more enjoyable. The consensus of opinion is that the camp was the best we have had for many years. Everyone seemed to settle down immediately on arrival, and a happy state of affairs existed from the commencement. The percentage of those attending this year was rather less than last year, and it is regrettable to find that the numbers attending for eight days instead of the full fifteen are gradually increasing. We were, as in previous years, most grateful for the help given us by the 1st Battalion and the Depot in sending us Officers and N.C.Os. to assist. We hope that Major Jefford and Lieuts. Walden and Chatty and the various Non-Commissioned Officers enjoyed their stay with us.

The management of the Sergeants' Mess will remain a pleasant memory with all its members who were present. Every detail gave satisfaction. The well-chosen furniture included a quaint arm-chair, crudely carved and age-blackened, and reliably stated to have been taken from the citadel of Namur by William III, Prince of Orange, after his successful military operations there in 1695. The Irish sergeants took an intense (but peaceful) interest in the relic because this William figures prominently in the political history of their native land. We certainly have amongst us an element of

the Irish character, but not the Scotch, and more is the pity because we should like to test Dr. Johnson's statement that much can be made of a Scotsman if he is caught young.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to D Company, whose platoon was commanded by 2/Lieut. G. C. D. Scott Lowe, on winning the Warner Drill Cup. The competition for this trophy has always been a very keen one, and this year the competition took the form of a route march, inspection, and platoon drill. We were fortunate in having a very fine day (perhaps a trifle too hot), and all the entrants showed extraordinary keenness. The final order was: 1, D Company, 78 pts; 2, A Company, 69; 3, C Company, 64; 4, B Company, 49.

The camp would not be complete without the officers *v.* Sergeants' Cricket Match. This was played on the ground of the Findon Cricket Club (to whom we are deeply indebted for the loan of the ground), and resulted in a win for the Officers. The scoring was very low, the wicket being rather wet, and the rough out-field somewhat restricted scoring. The full details of the scores are:—

Sergeants.—C.S.M. Raindle, c Womersley b Barnes 11; Sergt. Chapman, c Westcott b Barnes 0; Sergt. Silvey, b Scott Lowe 0; R.S.M. Coaster, c Bartram b Scott Lowe 7; C.Q.M.S. Galloway, c Arnold b Scott Lowe 0; Sergt. Parker, c and b Scott Lowe 2; Sergt. Lerner, st. Adams b Scott Lowe 0; Sergt. Nolan, c and b Scott Lowe 1; Sergt. Lenney, b Scott Lowe 3; C.S.M. Jones, c and b Scott Lowe 0; C.Q.M.S. Vaughan, c Pratt b Barnes 0; Sergt. Povey, not out 0; Extras 1. Total 25.

Officers.—Capt. Arnold, b Coaster 4; Lieut. Bartram, c Raindle b Galloway 0; Lieut. Benfield, c Raindle b Coaster 1; Capt. Ford, b Coaster 15; 2/Lieut. Scott Lowe c Nolan b Coaster 0; 2/Lieut. Barnes, c and b Coaster 1; Capt. Pratt, b Coaster 2; 2/Lieut. Johnson, b Coaster 4; 2/Lieut. Hamp-Adams, b Coaster 4; 2/Lieut. Westcott b Coaster 2; 2/Lieut. Womersley, run out 2; 2/Lieut. Catt not out 0; Extras 5. Total 40.

The Battalion Sports were held on August 3rd, and again proved very popular. We are afraid that space prevents us from giving full details of the winners

of the individual events. The following are the points scored by the Companies: 1, C Company, 22 pts.; 2, A Company, 19; 3, B Company, 18; 4, D Company, 11; 5, H.Q. Wing, 10.

Congratulations to C Company on winning the Battalion Sports Trophy.

The Inter-Company Knock-out Football Competition was won by D Company, who beat A Company in the final by 4 goals to 2.

We cannot allow this opportunity to pass without special mention of the Transport Section, who, under 2/Lieut. C. P. Gliksten, have had such a successful year. In the Brigade Transport Competition they carried all before them and won the Albuhera Cup by a comfortable margin. In the Competition for the Officers' Chargers they obtained first and second places; in the G.S. Wagon Competition second place; in the Limber Ride and Drive Competition third place; and in the Limber Competition first and second places. Condolences are extended to Cpl. Watts on losing the G.S. Wagon Turn-out Competition by a solitary point. He has for several years won this, and would again have done so had his brakeman's kit been complete.

A gratifying feature of this year's camp was the attendance of our newly-formed Band. When it played us from Headquarters to Hornsey Railway Station many of us felt that a great old tradition had at last been revived, and our older members realised a long-cherished hope. On arrival at Goring Station, absolutely on time, the clouds were weeping at their hardest, but fortunately our Quartermaster's welcome was accompanied by ground-sheets.

This year's camp had for many of us an indefinable attraction, and we left that old-world Sussex valley and its woodland, copse and downs with some feelings of regret; left it to the dreary winter months when the sigh of the Downland storm and the curlew's plaintive call are the only sounds by day, and at night the spirits of the ancient Saxon dead seem to leave their chalky sepulchres to join the wind that moans along that valley and shrieks above those lonely farmsteads.

Since our return the Drill Halls of the Battalion have been closed, but by the time these notes are in print we shall be

hard at work with our winter's training. The winter is always a busy time, and no doubt we shall be training for the winter weapon-training competitions, boxing and so forth, and we shall certainly have our usual company dances, while the married members of the Battalion will be eagerly looking forward to the Children's Party.

Our annual Armistice Commemoration Service will take place, as usual, in November, and we trust that every serving Warrant Officer, N.C.O. and man of the Battalion will attend this parade. On all previous parades we have been considerably out-numbered by the Old Comrades, and it behoves us this year to attend in force and let them see that we actually have 500 serving. Less than 75 per cent. attending this parade is a very poor mark of respect to those members of the Battalion who gave their lives during the war.

We cannot let these notes go to print without saying how sorry we are to have lost R.S.M. Newman, of our Permanent Staff. Although he had only been with us for a few months, he became extremely popular with all. We offer him our heartiest congratulations on his promotion to Regimental Sergeant-Major of the 1st Battalion, and hope he will pay us visits as opportunities occur, when he will always find a warm welcome. We are pleased to receive in his place C.S.M. Stevenson, and hope he will settle down comfortably in his new quarters at Highgate, and have a pleasant time with this Battalion.

A COMPANY.

(HIGHGATE).

These notes are written in the after-Camp period, when there is little activity at the Drill Hall, and we have time to sit down and reflect, and perhaps write.

Myrtle Grove was a pleasant spot, and even if there was just a little too much moisture (rain) it did not prevent us from enjoying ourselves. The training was interesting, and nobody can say that we were overworked. Once more we came second in the Warner Drill Competition, which, we don't mind admitting, caused

us considerable despondency. However, congratulations to D Company.

It is a pleasure to be in a position to congratulate our late P.S.I., C.S.M. Newman on his promotion to R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion. Very great regret is felt by all members of the Company at his departure, and we would like to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of his keenness, and of the very good work he did for this Company during the short period he was with us. We offer him our very sincere congratulations and good wishes for the future. We also wish heartily to welcome C.S.M. Stevenson, who succeeds R.S.M. Newman, and trust that his stay with us will be a long one.

Our last notes dealt with the Battalion Rifle Meeting, and we are glad to say that we can tell an even better tale about the Brigade Meeting. The Company team was first in the High Sheriff's Competition in the Brigade, and the Lewis Gun Team second in the Lewis Gun Competition. This is the first time that A Company has won the High Sheriff's Competition, and we feel considerably pleased with ourselves.

This season we are running a Company football team of our own. We have a full fixture list, and every prospect of a good winter's football. Next year we hope to run two or more teams in order that more members of the Company may have the opportunity of playing regularly.

We are just embarking on a new Winter Weapon Training season, when we hope to run other Companies close in various competitions, in spite of our numerical weakness.

As regards social activities, we look forward to several gatherings during the winter. Our dances are, at the present moment, only moderately successful, and we hope to add one or two other types of functions to our programmes during the coming winter months.

In conclusion, on the threshold of a new Training Year, we look forward to a repetition of the past year's successes, a continuance of the keenness and improvement which has been evident throughout the Company during the past twelve months, and—more important still—an increase in numbers.

B (M.G.) COMPANY. (ENFIELD.)

We have no doubt that every other company in their notes for this issue has made lengthy references to this year's Annual Training at Myrtle Grove, therefore we propose to dismiss this subject in a few brief sentences. We are unanimous, we believe, in saying that Annual Training this year was the most instructive and enjoyable we have had since the Battalion was reformed after the war. Everybody worked and played hard, "raspberries" were conspicuous by their absence, and it is rumoured that some very senior officer (we believe in private life he is a "big tobacco magnate") has persuaded one of the tobacco firms to hand down to posterity our appreciation of the camp site by naming a new brand of their cigarettes "Myrtle Grove." We are told that they are worthy of the name.

In the last issue of THE DIE-HARDS one of our contemporaries was "moaning" about the time which elapses between the writing and the appearance in print of these notes. Whilst agreeing with him we quite appreciate the difficulties of the Editor in this matter. Long before these lines are read we shall have commenced our winter training programme, and the Drill Hall will again be open. As a Company we have this year one disgrace that must be wiped out, namely, our failure to secure the Machine Gun Trophy. This trophy should be, to the Company, what the Schneider Trophy is to England, so we appeal to the Company to pull their weight this year and make certain that this "pot" is in the possession of the "7th" by this time next year.

While we are on the subject of training, another matter which needs careful attention is "range-taking." Will any members of the Company who wish to take up this branch of our work, a really interesting branch, too, apply to the Company Office. There are about ten vacancies. Whilst our results in the tests carried out at camp were most unsatisfactory, we have been asked by Mr. Johnson to offer his sincere apologies both to the Battalion and to the Company rangetakers for his part in the matter. By misinterpreting certain remarks of the Brigade Machine Gun Officer, which were meant to give assistance to the rangetakers, he regrets

that they were unable to get the practice before the tests that it was intended they should.

We wish to take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Womersley on the progress he has made with his platoon at Tottenham. With the assistance of the oldest machine gunners in the Battalion, the old Hornsey Platoon, he has built up the best part of half a company. Good luck to them! Our thanks are also due to Capt. Pringle for his help in providing them with recruits and accommodation.

It is with deep regret that we learn that our Company Commander, Capt. Arnold, is unlikely to be with us after this autumn. There can be no more efficient practical machine gunner in the Brigade, and his extensive knowledge of the gun and its handling will be sadly missed by all ranks. We understand that the reason for his decision to go on the Reserve can be expressed in two words: *Business, matrimony*. It is good to hear that someone is busy in these times, and we wish them every happiness in the other matter. We are not sure that these two words could not be augmented by a third, *golf*, but there is no official confirmation of this.

"Harpin" back to the subject of camp, we nearly forget one very important part, Sports! Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Barnes and his team, who all did extraordinarily well. Outstanding must be Dye's double event win of the Mile and the Cross-Country—another pot we must get next year. We think Dye must have been hypnotized by the "Voodoo." We hope he does not intend to reside permanently with the Band.

Whilst writing these notes, we have heard that the "War House" or "Strategy Hutch" (apologies to "A.A." of *Punch*) have decreed that the T.A. shall have no camp next year. This is a very serious matter, and we consider that much more will be heard about this before next July comes round. We hope the threat will not have any bad influence on the enthusiasm of the Company for work or on recruiting. We feel that should this big "economy drive" necessitate the cancellation of next year's Annual Training it is almost certain to be a real emergency measure and only for one year.

We close by offering our most sincere congratulations to C.S.M. Newman

(P.S.I.), of Highgate, on his promotion to R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion, and wish him every success in his new job.

C COMPANY. (HORNSEY.)

In the last notes we mentioned the fact that the new canteen at Hornsey was on its way. Well, it is here, and was christened on October 1st with a "home-made" concert. It is a great improvement, which should do a lot to brighten our existence.

After the Battalion Rifle Meeting we were subjected to such a stream of official abuse that at the Brigade Meeting on July 5th bullets flew with far more accuracy than before. Firstly, to congratulate 2/Lieut. Bartram on his joint win with 2/Lieut. Paul, of the Steers Cup. Our Young Soldiers' Team managed to creep into fifth place in the B.S.A. Guns' Competition, for which fifteen teams entered. Pte. Dymond tied with two others for the highest score in Practice 1. Our Lewis Gun Team was placed eighth, out of thirteen entries, L./Cpl. Leggett having the highest individual score in the Brigade.

Annual Training this year produced far fewer moans than usual. Previous to moving to Myrtle Grove we had a large number of recruits posted to us, and it is to their credit that they survived the alternate bakings and soakings of the first few days. One evening there were at least two inches of water in some tents; and although one lad was found "blotting" a puddle with his blankets, there were no casualties. Boy Kirby had a curious accident with a tin of blacking, which caused the M.O. quite a lot of deep thought. On the whole, the Company worked well. We had rather set our hearts on winning the Warner Drill Cup again, but we missed the boat this time. The approach march and turn-out were good, but some parade ground movements showed originality, which was not appreciated by the judges. We congratulate D Company on their win.

At the Battalion Athletic Meeting we won the day by a greater margin than last year, although the high wind and the rough track were not conducive to Schneider Cup speeds. We were the only Company to enter a team for each event,

our teams winning the 100 Yards and Tug-of-War, being placed second in the Mile, Cross-Country and Tent-pitching, being placed third in the Half-mile and Half-mile Relay, and fourth in the Mile Relay. We thus topped the list with a lead of four points over the runners-up, B (M.G.) Company. Pte. Axe was the outstanding performer over short distances, and Pte. 83 Williams did well to run a 220 directly after finishing the Cross-Country. Pte. Hall is to be congratulated on his Tug-of-War Team, which won us the Shield for the third time in succession.

We offer our hearty congratulations to L./Sergt. and Mrs. Noland on the birth of a daughter. C.Q.M.S. Vaughan and Cpl. Richardson have left us after sixteen and eight years' service respectively. Vaughan's successor has not yet been appointed, but we welcome him "in the abstract." L./Cpl. Watson has decided, along with several others, that playing soldiers suits him better as a profession than a pastime, and is now at the Depot.

We purposely leave a very sad and painful duty until last. On August 13th, 12073 L./Cpl. Aldis died in hospital at South Mimms. Aldis came to us two years ago, having previously served in the R.A.S.C. He was admitted to hospital some months ago with gastric trouble, from which he never recovered. In Aldis the Battalion has lost a smart N.C.O., who had already proved himself worthy of further promotion. Sergt. Porter placed a wreath on his grave on behalf of the Battalion. Aldis leaves a wife and small daughter, to whom we offer our sincere sympathy.

D COMPANY. (TOTTENHAM.)

Annual Training has come and gone, and most of us look back with pleasure on the days spent on the rolling downs of Sussex, even if the local yokels "don't know anything." In the last number we said we hoped to muster three strong platoons at camp, but although we paraded in three platoons the sections were small and there were really only enough for two strong platoons. This was disappointing, as D Company is strong enough, and should have been able to make a better show than this, although on parade we

were numerically far larger than any other company.

We have always been very keen to win the Warner Drill Cup, and this camp we were at last allowed to have this wish fulfilled. This year the competition was made much harder and entailed marching from Findon into camp in full marching order before the usual drill movements and inspection, which have comprised the competition in previous years. The selected platoon spent Sunday afternoon and evening cleaning up, and were all keyed up for the show on Monday morning. Mr. Scott Lowe commanded the platoon, and chiefly through excellent team work and enthusiasm D Company will have their name inscribed on the cup for the first time.

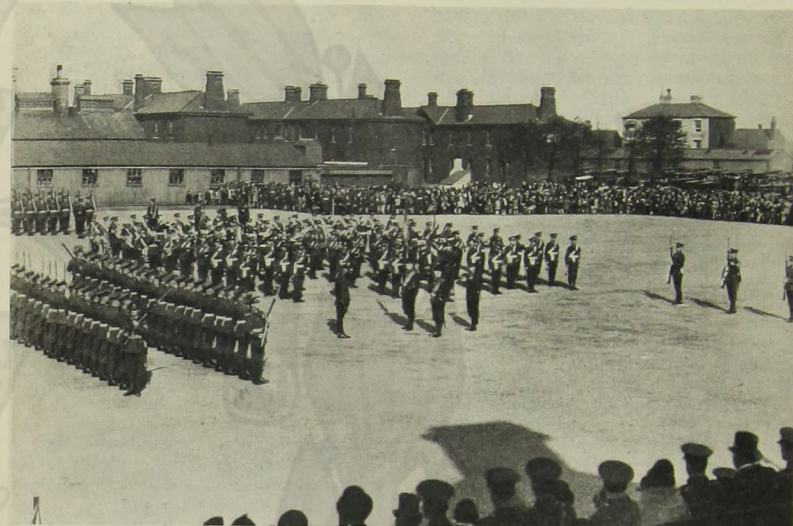
We were also very pleased when Mr. Gliksten went up for the Albuhera Cup for the best transport in the Brigade, as he is a product of this Company.

Training progressed quite well, and there was a distinct improvement in section leading. The Band proved very popular, and we hope they will continue to play for us at future camps. We say future camps with caution, as the latest reports tell us that there will be no Territorial camps next year. We hope sincerely that this decision will be altered, as, apart from the fact that the fifteen days' camp is our only opportunity for real tactical training, there are many of our members whose only chance to get away to the wide open spaces is when there is a camp to attend.

To turn to sport, we pulled off the Football for the third year running. Our team are thinking of challenging the 'Spurs to a match, the winners to buy pints all round from our canteen. Beer (whilst we are on the subject) does not seem too popular a drink at Tottenham these days—at least, on one side of the bar. If sales don't improve, we shall be seeing our friend "Nobby" Clarke sticking straws in some drinks from the canteen soda fountain.

At the Battalion Athletic Meeting we did not distinguish ourselves. Apart from a few enthusiastic sportsmen very little interest was shown. A certain perspiring officer managed to bribe some semi-enthusiasts to race by offering to run himself in many more contests than he was allowed.

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS TO THE 1st BATTALION, COLCHESTER, OCTOBER 21st, 1931.



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We are very sorry to lose our popular C.S.M., Bill Raindle, who has returned to the 1st Battalion after nearly three years at Tottenham. He has earned full marks for his work here, and we wish him the best of luck for the future. C.S.M. Tibble has just joined us, and we hope he will enjoy his stay here and help to maintain the present state of efficiency.

At the Brigade Rifle Meeting we did not do as well as we had hoped, although the Battalion, as a whole, was very successful. Our Young Soldiers' Team carried the field in their particular competition, and as they had already won the Battalion Cup they must be congratulated on a fine record.

With regard to the next few months, we shall be engaged in Weapon Training, and sporting activities such as boxing. Mr. Adams will be keeping his eyes on coming Carneras, whilst we are told, in strict confidence, that our Company Commander is going into strict training for the Brigade Boxing. Finally, we are looking forward to some good parades between now and our General Meeting—bounty night—when, according to C.S.M. Cowtan, the Company will parade in dinner jackets and regimental ties.

NIGHT 'OPS.

H.Q. WING.

We think that we can congratulate ourselves upon an excellent camp, in spite of the weather.

Everybody in H.Q. Wing worked very well, indeed, and the administrative arrangements went very smoothly, thanks to the enthusiasm of the transport and signalling officers, and also of C.S.M. Rymill and C.Q.M.S. Dodgson. We should like to say here how helpful our new Q.M. was.

The Transport Section won the Brigade Transport Competition, and deservedly so, for they put in an enormous amount of hard work both before and during camp. If only certain of the members would turn up regularly during the year we could put up an even better show. At present the work is left too much to the keener members. Cpl. Watts had hard luck in missing the prize for the G.S. Wagon by one point to the 9th Battalion, whom we congratulate heartily on their success.

We should like here to thank Sergt. Christie, of the 1st Battalion, and also the Bombardier, of the R.H.A., for their help and advice. Sergt. McNally, as usual, worked unceasingly, and last, but by no means least, 2/Lieut. Glikesten co-ordinated the efforts of the section.

With regard to the Signallers, we are afraid that they had rather a day off with regard to classification. But they need not be disheartened, and we are sure they will make special efforts during the coming year to make up for the past. This should not be difficult under Lieut. A. G. Womersley and 2/Lieut. Paul, with the assistance of Sergt. Neate.

The Drums did remarkably well, under Drum-Major Love. His influence was, and always has been, most excellent, and we are very sorry that, owing to the age limit (no one would think it if they saw him), he must leave us officially next month. But we hope he will be able to help us in the future.

The Band (it was their first camp with us) played up very well, indeed, in both senses of the term, and it was a pleasure to have them in H.Q. Wing.

With regard to the future, we feel that H.Q. Wing can do better than it has done in the Miniature Range Competition, in shooting generally, and in the Boxing Competitions, and we hope everybody who can do so will enter for these competitions.

R. E. W. O. B.

8th BATTALION NOTES.

ANNUAL Training is the event of the last quarter. The Battalion marched into camp 22 officers and 402 other ranks strong better than last year's numbers, but not yet satisfactory, although we were the strongest Battalion in Myrtle Grove Camp.

A distinct improvement was noticeable this year in the field. Orders were issued correctly, junior N.C.O.s. showed great promise in handling their sections, and, generally speaking, everybody carried out their work to the best of their ability. Night work was particularly good, and all ranks deserve the greatest credit for the enthusiasm displayed. The Machine Gun

Company came into the picture this year on battalion days, making it much easier for those in command to understand and issue orders for a fire plan.

The Transport Section had a hectic time. Twelve draught horses were allotted to the Battalion. Of these one was friendly, one neutral, two sick, and the remainder distinctly hostile. Enough said. The Transport officer has just come out of hospital, and we have not seen the Transport Sergeant since camp.

A Brigade Weapon Training class was held under Lieut. Walden. The results obtained by our N.C.O.s. were satisfactory, particularly in the case of Cpl. Day, D Company, who was adjudged the best N.C.O. on the course.

On Saturday, August 29th, the Isleworth Cup Competitions were held. Lieuts. Crawford, Mackenzie and Chatty, 1st Battalion, kindly consented to act as judges.

The results were as follows:—1, A Company; 2, B Company; 3, D Company; 4, C Company; 5, H.Q. Company.

The Battalion Inter-Company Athletic Team Championships were held on Wednesday, August 5th, and proved a tremendous success, resulting in a win for B Company, who scored 29½ points.

This is the first year that team events have been introduced, and judging by the interest displayed by the whole Battalion these events have come to stay.

Dmr. Howard is to be congratulated on winning the Brigade Bugle Competition for Major Potter's Bugle. This is the first occasion the bugle has been competed for, and we are all very proud that the 8th Battalion is the first Battalion to be engraved on it.

On Sunday, October 4th, a Battalion Church Parade was held at Uxbridge, when all companies were well represented.

It is with much regret that we have to bid farewell to Major R. D. Sherbrooke-Walker (to the T.A. Reserve of Officers), 2/Lieut. H. L. V. Russell (gazetted to the Indian Army), and to 2/Lieut. L. M. B. Vickers (gazetted to the R.A.F.).

Major Sherbrooke-Walker has served with the Battalion since December, 1925. He commanded A Company at Hampton and H.Q. Wing at Hounslow before

being appointed Second-in-Command. We hope that this transfer to the Reserve is only temporary, and look forward to the day when his civilian activities will permit him to return to, and take a prominent part in, the activities of the Battalion he loves so well. *Au revoir.*

To 2/Lieuts. Russell and Vickers we wish the heartiest good fortune in their new life.

A COMPANY.

(HAMPTON.)

On Sunday, July 26th, the Company paraded at the Drill Hall, Hampton Hill, for Annual Training at Myrtle Grove Camp, Worthing. The turn-out was very satisfactory, and all ranks are to be congratulated on the way they carried out their various duties whilst in camp. The weather was not kind to us during training, and had the rainfall been measured in the camp area it would have broken all records for many moons back. However, this did not prevent training being carried out, as on last days certain lessons were gone over by means of the sand tables.

The Company won the Isleworth Cup this year, and all ranks who were in the teams taking part are to be congratulated on winning the cup for the first time. This cup is competed for at camp each year. The placing this year was as follows:—1st, A Company (Hampton Hill); 2nd, B (M.G.) Company (Ealing); 3rd (last year's winners), D Company (Uxbridge). It is now hoped that A Company will be the custodians for a good many years to come.

The attendance showed a marked improvement, although a small number of other ranks did not attend for various reasons. The number of other ranks who attended was 65, and 13 were granted leave. We hope to increase our strength when at camp next year.

Football is going with a swing. The team has settled down, and are holding their own in the Hounslow League.

B (M.G.) COMPANY.

(EALING.)

The major event of the three months now under review is, of course, Annual Training. We were pleased to find that the training areas were not so distant as

has been the case so often in the past, and, as a result, we were able to get down to more work this year.

Perhaps the most valuable lesson we learnt was that being machine gunners does not make us any less vulnerable to enemy fire. So often it happens that, concentrating on the more technical and specialized part of our duties, we forget elementary field movements, and we can honestly say that we really benefited this year by our field training.

We are pleased to record that once again we managed to secure the Battalion Sports Cup, but H.Q. Wing were close on our heels. Mention ought to be made of the splendid efforts of 2/Lieuts. Vickers and Mayer, and Ptes. Hooper and Budden, who did so much towards winning the trophy for the Company.

The "spirit of B Company," which means so much in any competitive work, was never more evident than on Battalion Sports Day.

The social and sports side of the Company is now in full swing again, and our football team has entered the two local leagues. This is their first venture in this line, and in wishing them success it might be mentioned that supporters will be welcomed at the ground in Gunnersbury Park.

Apropos of our Drill Hall games, we like the remark of a certain very respected W.O., who recently paid a visit to Ealing, and then went to his Company Commander complaining bitterly "That ain't a Drill Hall, it's a sports ground."

We suspect he must have tripped over the cricket nets.

Congratulations to Sergt. Hodges on his promotion (and also on the arrival of another prospective recruit), and to Sergts. Tripp and Aitken on their promotions.

We are very sorry to have to say goodbye to 2/Lieut. Vickers, who has been commissioned into the R.A.F. We shall watch his future "ups and downs" with great interest. We hear that 2/Lieut. Northcott is at present undergoing an attachment to the Norfolk Regiment, while Capt. Maddex has left us on extended leave while attending a two years' course in military studies. We wish him and Lieut. Warrell, who has assumed command of the Company, every possible success in their endeavours.

Finally, mention must be made of Major Sherbrooke-Walker, Second-in-Command of the Battalion, who has, unfortunately, had to seek relief from military duties, and has gone on the Reserve. Six years ago he was Second-in-Command of B Company, and he will long be remembered by many of us with pride and affection. To him and to Mrs. Sherbrooke-Walker we would send out respectful compliments and best wishes.

C COMPANY.

(STAINES).

After a thorough inspection of Clapham Junction, carried out during the two and a half hours spent in awaiting the arrival of a train whose tardiness was inevitable, we eventually reached camp in the usual pouring rain. Our spirits were slightly damped, perhaps, but only with the customary soda-water. Camp was a great success. Under the fatherly eye of C.S.M. Reed we spent a very comfortable fortnight, assisted by all modern conveniences. Running water was frequently right outside our front door, if one may so describe a tent flap.

Thanks to the hard work and skill of our Tug-of-War team, we managed to win this event in the Battalion Sports. They were greatly aided by their experienced trainer, C.S.M. Reed, and the vociferous though somewhat discordant shouting of their coach, 2/Lieut. M. C. D. King. We heartily congratulate L./Cpl. A. Wright and Pte. J. Stevenson on their splendid performances in the High and Long Jumps. We must also congratulate Cpl. Godfrey and his section who, during Brigade Day, threw caution to the winds and captured the entire forces of the enemy before they were finally discovered by their Platoon Commander some half-an-hour after the Cease Fire had sounded.

It is with regret that we announce the loss of L./Sergt. Gigg and Pte. Fry, who, wishing to be rid of the worries of civil life, have left us and joined the Regular Army. We wish them the best of luck, and trust they will find a military existence more sheltered.

Once again 2/Lieut. E. C. K. Sadler has departed on leave. We wish him luck in his forthcoming examinations and fervently hope that the lack of his Platoon



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THE BAND, 1st BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Sergeant, Sergt. Browning, will not cause his complete downfall on the field of operations.

We have now laid down our cricket bats, and are at the moment searching for our football boots to enable Cpl. Shreives to lead his chosen warriors on to the fields of fray. By the next issue of this Journal, we are confident that we shall be at the head of our League.

D COMPANY. (UXBRIDGE).

In our last issue of notes we mentioned that the Company were training for the Brigade Rifle Meeting. Although we gained no trophies in the Brigade competition concerned, we congratulate ourselves that we were the top Company in the Battalion in all competitions with the exception of the Lewis Gun, in which we congratulate A Company.

The Company strength at Annual Training was 3 Officers and 61 Other Ranks. After the strenuous training, according to what one hears back in the Drill Hall, all were sorry to leave Myrtle Grove and its surroundings.

During the summer the Company ran a cricket team, and matches were played on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons. A certain amount of new talent was included in the team, and on the whole they played with more success than last season.

The Company have started a Dart Club and have made a grand start in playing local teams. Up to date we have played seven games and won five of them. Now we are looking forward during the winter months to fixing matches with other Companies. What about it, B Company? This seems to be a great attraction, as there are a good number of supporters who attend the matches.

We have again entered the Uxbridge and District Football League, and to date have played 6 matches, won 4, and lost 2, with a goal average of 30 against 20.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Cpl. Day on coming out top in the Weapon Training Course held at camp, and also Sergt. Austin and Cpl. Nowell, both of whom did extraordinarily well.

H.Q. WING.

We commence these after-Camp notes with a nasty feeling that this time next year, owing to the existing cuts and economies, we shall have nothing to say about Annual Training. We all appreciate the gravity of the present financial crisis and realise the importance of assisting the Country to regain her stability, but we do hope we shall be allowed at least eight days in camp next year.

At the Brigade Rifle Meeting, our Young Soldiers' team made second best score in the Battalion. Our team for the High Sheriff's Competition did not come up to expectations for some inexplicable reason, some of our best shots proving the worst on this occasion.

We congratulate B Company on winning the Perring Machine Gun Cup.

We entered for the Band Contest held at Ealing, and although we had only a short time for practice we were able to win first prize in the March competition. Our Drums secured fourth place in their event.

We regret to announce the death of Pte. Dietrich, one of our keenest and most active members, and our sympathies go out to his parents in their bereavement. Also to Bdsn. Carr on the tragic loss of his boy, who was accidentally drowned whilst playing.

We are all agreed that our Camp this year at Worthing was most successful and enjoyable. We learnt quite a lot, and can truthfully say we even went through fire and water.

We were unlucky not to win the Battalion Sports Cup, and congratulate B Company on their half-point win over us. We, however, knocked them out of the Football Competition for the Gamage Cup, and whilst we are "on the ball," we are glad to announce that we are now members of the Hounslow and District League, and through the kind permission of the Officer Commanding Troops, Hounslow District, we have a good ground on Hounslow Heath. We played our first League match recently in the pouring rain, and it was unfortunate that play had to be abandoned just after half-time, when we were leading 3-1.

Pte. Austin won the Ride and Drive Competition for our Transport at Camp.

and although we achieved no further successes, the general turn-out was good.

We secured another trophy in the Brigade Bugle Competition, and congratulate Dmr. Howard on winning the silver bugle for us.

Our Company Club is now open again, and its many social activities will shortly be in full swing once more, and we are going to settle down to some more hard work to bring the Territorial Year to a successful close.

9th BATTALION NOTES.

THIS quarter's notes are mainly about Camp, but we must first chronicle the result of the Brigade Rifle Meeting, which took place too late for mention in the June quarter. The burning question was whether B (M.G.) Company could pile on enough points to wipe out the lead the 8th Battalion had already gained in Part 1 of the Perring Cup.

They made a most gallant effort, and their No. 1 Team scored seventy more points than the 8th Battalion Team, but the leeway was just too big to make up, and they were defeated on the post.

C Company's team, however, was successful in the Lewis Gun Competition, owing to their assiduous practice on the R.A.F. 30 yards range at Northolt, and C.S.M. Todman again won the Cheylesmore Cup. The Young Soldiers of A Company shot well to gain second place in the Young Soldiers' Competition, and with more practice and coaching should do well in other competitions next year.

And now to camp. The weather, as we got nearer and nearer to Angmering, looked more and more threatening, and we marched from the station to camp in a steady downpour, which continued most of the first day. After that, apart from some heavy showers, the Clerk of the Weather treated us fairly well, and only one morning's training was interrupted. The camp site was a good one, and the training areas on the Downs quite interesting. In fact, quite a lot of weight was lost climbing up Blackpatch and Harrow Hills.

The Annual Officers' and Sergeants' Football Match was fought out with great

keenness, but the pace fell off somewhat, especially when extra time was played. The Officers lasted the course a little the better, and emerged victorious by five goals to three. The Pioneer Sergeant "had a good time in goal."

The night scheme on Wepham Down was thoroughly enjoyed by both sides, although the enemy had a rude shock at the local hostelry before they considered the battle had really started. Each Commander is responsible for his own protection, however. A lesson which was extremely well brought out!

The Transport Section unfortunately lost the Albuhera Cup, but were partially consoled by winning the best G.S. wagon turn-out. We look towards Sergt. Bungay and his stalwarts next year.

We marched out of camp in glorious weather on August 8th, all ranks having "enjoyed themselves and had a good time." The officer responsible for this phrase, by the way, is hoping to live it down.

From September 21st to 25th the Drill Hall at Willesden was lent to the Willesden Council to enable them to hold the Faraday Centenary Exhibition, which was a great success, and was attended during the week by 32,000 people.

Our energies are now being directed before Christmas to the sand table, recreational training, and Old Comrades' Dinners.

NINE.

A COMPANY.

When considering the activities of the past quarter, Annual Training naturally comes first to one's mind. However, we must not forget the Brigade Rifle Meeting held at Purfleet on Sunday, July 5th, when we welcomed the return of Capt. Hogg to the Company after his absence abroad. Although not actually winning any competition, we should like to mention the extremely good shooting of our Young Soldiers' Team. Undoubtedly this was due to the large amount of practice put in at Wormwood Scrubbs, under the guidance of Mr. Gunston. It is hoped that we shall see some of them firing in the Company teams next year, when, if they can only get a similar amount of practice, we should stand a good chance in some of the other competitions.

As to Annual Training, A Company turned up in record strength, and it was very pleasing to see so many young soldiers in camp for the whole period.

Although our first impressions of Myrtle Grove were rather a "wash out," it would have been very much worse if it hadn't been for somebody's "brain storm" in sending a load of ground-sheets to meet us at the station on our arrival.

The training areas were really quite pleasant, and as near to the camp as one can reasonably expect. Besides being more interesting country than is usually provided, the grassland of the downs was a great improvement on heather and bogs. The weather was certainly better than usual, and we're sure everybody will remember the camp at Worthing as one of the best in recent years. In fact, during the last few days sundry murmurs were heard about a fortnight being much too short a period for camp. We were exceptionally lucky in having such fine weather for the night we did the outpost scheme on Wepham Down. And who will forget the midnight short cut that A Company took to Lower Burpham Farm, and especially the remarks overheard? However, everybody played their part well, and thoroughly entered into the spirit of the show, which was characteristic of the Company during camp this year.

We should like to congratulate Sergt. Ward on his good work in the Section Leading Competition, and we hope that soon the letter A will take its correct place in the alphabet when it comes to competition results.

One felt that there was something missing from this year's Annual Training, and had not far to look, it being the absence of Mr. Gunston. The whole Company hope he has enjoyed his business trips abroad, and all look forward to his return.

B (M.G.) COMPANY.

We ended our last notes with optimism as to the happenings which were to take place on July 5th at Myrtle Grove. July 5th was decidedly disappointing, for to score more points than any other of the competing battalions, and that despite a belt which broke, and yet to lose by two points, can fairly be called bad luck. We do not wish in any way to detract from

the merit of the 8th Battalion's win; we offer them our heartiest congratulations, but we feel sure that they will be the first to admit that the devil on that day looked after his own!

Camp was, on the whole, good, and despite the uncertainty of the weather all ranks enjoyed it better than Beaulieu. So far as Company successes are concerned, it was not a great success. We lost the Guard-mounting Competition to D Company, though we did teach them a bit about arms drill when all the guards were judged. Anyhow, we do most sincerely congratulate them, but at the same time warn them that they'll have to improve a lot next year if they hope to keep the cup.

We did a little better in the Football Cup. We were beaten in the second round by C Company, but still have hopes of winning the cup sometime.

So far as training is concerned we learnt a lot, and so we ought to have done, with the Officer Commanding the Machine Gun Company of the 1st Battalion to help us. Capt. Phillips and Serjts. Mason and Ayres devoted a lot of time and energy in teaching us the way we should go, and we are, indeed, grateful to Col. Pearson for allowing them to come to us, and to them for all the trouble they took. It was undoubtedly due to their efforts that we had the privilege of providing one of the only two men in the Brigade to pass the rangefinders' test.

We have just heard that there is to be no fortnight's Annual Training in 1932. That is really bad news for all of us—to many of whom it is the only holiday we get in the year—but we feel sure that everyone will accept the decision of the powers that be that it is a necessity for the benefit of the nation. We are all determined that it will interfere as little as possible with our efficiency. We look forward to better times in 1933 and Annual Training at double pay to make up for our loss in 1932.

C COMPANY.

During the months of May and June the work of the Company was concentrated on training for the Brigade Shooting Championships.

Thanks to the hospitality of No. 41 (Fighter) Squadron, R.A.F., Northolt,



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THE DRUMS, 1st BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

who kindly put their 30 yards open range at our disposal, several pleasant evenings were spent there, and largely owing to the additional practice we were winners of the Brigade Lewis Gun Championship for the second time in three years.

Once again C.S.M. Todman was amongst the prize-winners, this year winning the Cheylesmore Cup. This, may we boast, is the third time in five years that the Cup has been won by a member of the Company.

We had hoped for better results from the recruits who had been showing great promise, but we now look to them to make the most of the experience gained.

Referring to our Northolt friends, we must mention the interesting event prior to the Air Force Display at Hendon, when the Orderly Officer conducted two squads round the aerodrome to inspect some of the machines which were to take part.

We all "enjoyed ourselves and had a good time" in Camp at Myrtle Grove this Summer, and we can congratulate ourselves on the number attending.

Unfortunately we were unable to bring home any cups as a result of the various competitions, but this was not through any lack of enthusiasm.

Owing to the fact that we were Brigade Duty Company, rehearsals were difficult to arrange, and the last minute rush to get on parade was not good to the nerves.

We were placed third in the Guard Mounting, but in the Platoon Competition we must confess to being last. However, in the Inter-Company football championships we did better. After defeating B Company in the semi-final (3-1), we were unfortunate in having to include corks in our team for the final against Q Company, who beat us badly by 7 goals to 1.

Our Winter training programme includes an inter-Section Competition for Cups kindly presented by Capt. Sherwood and Lieut. Exeter, and we hope this extra training will assist us in our work for the Winter Weapon Training, which commences in the New Year.

Also several Socials and a Company Dinner have been arranged.

We extend a hearty welcome to 2/Lieut. Exeter on being gazetted to the Battalion. Also we now have with us

Lieut. Townell, who, though an old member of the Battalion, has been on the Reserve for three years.

We much regret having to lose Sergt.-Major and Mrs. Ross at the end of October, when their tour of duty expires, and we wish them the best of luck for the future, and hope they will come to see us whenever they are in the district.

D COMPANY.

At Camp this year we were fortunate in having a full platoon at work during the whole period. We were also fortunate in winning three out of the four competitions. Our successes were: 1st in the Guard Mounting Competition, the Section Competition, and the Platoon Competition.

We were knocked out by H.Q. Company in the second round of the football.

The musketry season is now closed, and we shall miss our Sunday outings to Rainham. Praise must be given to the Dance Committee for decorating the Drill Hall and making it look so nice for the dance season, which commenced in September. We hope to have a bumping season, although we have not made what might be called a good start.

Mr. Dunmoes, our boxing trainer, has commenced work on Monday evenings, and we are looking forward to winning something this year. (I wonder). We now hold social evenings on the Friday of each week, and some fine sport is guaranteed. Old Comrades must come along and join in the fun. (You are welcome).

We must congratulate the following on their promotion: C.Q.M.S. Badger, to W.O. II; Sergt. Devereaux (A.) to C.Q.M.S.

We are very sorry to lose C.S.M. Mills, who has left us, after about 25 years in the Battalion. He lives practically next door to the Drill Hall, and we hope to see quite a lot of him.

H.Q. COMPANY.

So many things have happened since we left Myrtle Grove, Worthing, that it is difficult to remember all the details of interest during our fifteen days stay in camp.

The weather, of course, was the daily topic of conversation, and, unfortunately, gave a very bad reception upon arrival. The Battalion marched in clad in ground sheets, or, we should say, the Battalion less the Signal Section marched in clad in ground sheets—for the Signallers preferred to brave the inclemency of the weather, which necessitated a change into dungarees immediately they arrived at Myrtle Grove. Despite their poor start, they managed to put up a splendid performance at the Signallers' Qualification Test, and twenty-four out of our total of twenty-six in camp passed. We convey to them our congratulations on this excellent effort.

The Transport Section carried out its duties admirably, and we wish to congratulate Sergt. Bungey on turning out the best G.S. Wagon, driven by Cpl. Belton. This turn-out was awarded first prize.

The Band, of course, suffered from the bad weather, but we had no fears for their survival, and if all other sections had been washed away, the Band, at least, would have been found floating on the surface. Since then they have been carrying out a number of engagements, under the supervision of Bandmaster Rouse, in their usual efficient manner.

Sergt. Brooks and the cooks served up meals daily, wet or dry.

Last, but not least, we should like to congratulate the Company on again winning the Inter-Company Football Cup. The standard of play was good, and the spirit of sportsmanship which we all seek to foster, dominated the game.



CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR,

It has occurred to me that my Review record is rather unusual—perhaps in its way a record record—but it is for you to decide whether it is of interest or not.

1881. As a Private attached to the 1st Perthshire Rifles, was present at "The Wet Review" in Edinburgh, armed with a long Snider Rifle. (Jacob Snider was a Philadelphia wine merchant; he came to England in 1859 to induce the Government to adopt his system of converting Enfield muzzle-loading rifles into

breech-loaders. He died in 1866, worn out by delays, lawsuits and debts.).

1887. As a Corporal, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt., at Queen Victoria's Jubilee Review at Aldershot, armed with a Martini-Henry. (Frederic Martini was a lyric poet. A Hungarian by birth, and Swiss by adoption; invented the breech-action which with the "Henry" barrel, constituted the Martini-Henry rifle (1871). He died in 1897.).

1897. As a Lieutenant, 2nd Bn. Gordon Highlanders, at Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in London. The Battalion was brought up from Aldershot to represent the Highland Brigade. At that time there were eight companies in a Battalion, and the Company I commanded was in Piccadilly, opposite Apsley House.

1900. As a Captain, 2nd Bn. Gordon Highlanders at Lord Roberts's Annexation of the Transvaal Review, at Pretoria. The Battalion being brought in from Middelburg.

1905. As a Major, 6th (V.B.) The Black Watch, at King Edward's Volunteer Review at Edinburgh.

1931. As a Lieut.-Colonel (retired pay), late Gordon Highlanders, at "The Wet Review" Jubilee Review, at Edinburgh; armed with a stick made from the *Merlin*, wrecked in St. Andrew's Bay, March, 1881.

Six Reviews, six different ranks.

I am, etc.,

"1976."

September 5th, 1931.

19, NELLIE VIEW,
RICHMOND HILL,
LEEDS.

8th August, 1931.

DEAR SIR,

With reference to the recent announcement that His Majesty the King has approved of The Middlesex Light Infantry (Canadian Non-Permanent Active Militia) being allied with the Middlesex Regt. (the Duke of Cambridge's Own), I am enclosing herewith a copy of an Order issued by the Ministry of National Defence, Dominion of Canada, announcing the award of Battle

Honours, as I think it may be of interest to you and to your readers.

Yours faithfully
R. MAURICE HILL.

BATTLE HONOURS AWARDED FOR THE
GREAT WAR.

THE MIDDLESEX LIGHT INFANTRY.

"The Great War,"

"Arras, 1917, '18"; "Hill 70";
"Ypres, 1917"; "Amiens"; "Hinden-
burg Line"; "Pursuit to Mons."

THE IMPERIAL EX-SERVICE
ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.
(Affiliated with British Overseas Settlers'
Association).

476, COLLINS STREET,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

August 24th, 1931.

The Hon. Secretary,
Regimental Association of The
Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.),
The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7

DEAR SIR,

Please find enclosed receipt for £1 is.
donation to my Association, for which
my Executive thank you. I have already
sent you a copy of our Annual Report,
and Balance Sheet, so that you may see
how we carry on our work in Australia.

My Association send greetings to the
members of the Middlesex Association.

Yours faithfully,
A. G. SPRIGGS.
Hon. Gen. Sec.

1, BANKTON ROAD,
BRIXTON,
LONDON, S.W.2
July 1st, 1931.

Hon. Secretary,
Middlesex Regt.

DEAR SIR,

It is with sincere gratefulness that I
enclose £2 in P.O.s. in repayment of my
debt to you. I had meant to send it
before, but poor circumstances prevented
me from doing so. As I explained in my
other letter I had a rather long wait
before my licence came through to allow
me to commence work on the L.G.O.C.
I was drawing no dole, and had to keep
up my payments in lodgings every week.

Still Sir, thanks to the R.A., I am now
settled, out of debt, content and satisfied,
and I wish to thank you for your assist-
ance from the bottom of my heart. With
good luck and prosperity to the Associ-
ation and its workers.

I am, sir,
Yours gratefully,
R. E.

S.V.C. DRILL HALL,
BEACH ROAD,
SINGAPORE.

September 4th, 1931.

DEAR SIR,

Reference the Regimental Association
of The Middlesex Regiment's Annual
Report for 1930, will you please amend
the Malaya Branch to read:—

Headquarters: Drill Hall, Beach Road,
Singapore.

President: Lieut.-Col. B. A. Thompson.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Lieut.
A. J. Pharaoh.

It is with great regret that I have to
inform you of the death of Capt. C.
Darby, O.B.E., which occurred suddenly
on September 1st, 1931. Capt. Darby
served with the 25th Battalion of the
Regiment during the war, and with
several Volunteer units in the East prior
to and after the war.

He has been a member of the Malayan
Branch of the Middlesex Regiment Asso-
ciation practically since its inception, and
will be a great loss to us.

It is regretted that the news of his
sudden death did not reach us in time to
send a wreath, but a wire expressing our
regret has been sent to his wife.

I enclose cuttings from the *Singapore
Straits Times* recording his death.

I would thank you to ask the Editor
of the "Doing" to insert an obituary
notice in the next issue of this Journal
and forward a copy to: Mrs. C. Darby,
Narborough Estate, Sunkai, Perak,
F.M.S.

You will see by the other cutting
(enclosed) that the "Die-Hards" are still
in the limelight at Singapore.

Yours faithfully,
A. W. J. PHARAOH,
Hon. Treasurer and Secretary,
Regiment Association, The Middle-
sex Regt. (Malaya Branch).

CAPT. CHARLES DARBY.
FULL MILITARY HONOURS AT HIS
FUNERAL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

IPOH, Sept. 2.

Further news of the death of Capt.
Charles Darby (recorded in yesterday's
Straits Times) has reached here.

Capt. Darby died with tragic sudden-
ness. On Monday evening he was playing
tennis, and appeared fit and well, but
when play was over he collapsed with a
heart attack, from which he did not
recover.

For several years Capt. Darby had been
manager of Narborough Estate, Sungkai.
He was the doyen of the planting com-
munity in the Batang Padang district, and
was a former chairman of the local
D.P.A. and former president of the
Sungkai Club.

Capt. Darby was a remarkably keen
volunteer, having served continuously in
various volunteer organizations in dif-
ferent parts of the Empire since 1894. He
came out to Malaya in 1900, and finding
no Volunteer unit in the place he was sta-
tioned drilled with the police. In 1902
he joined the Malacca Volunteers, and in
1904 he was in Nigeria, where he was
attached to the Lagos Volunteers. He
returned to Malaya in 1910, and had been
with them until the time of his death,
except for the War period, when he was
with The Middlesex Regiment. He was
awarded the O.B.E. (military division) in
the King's Birthday Honours in 1930.

Capt. Darby was also an active Free-
mason.

The funeral took place at Batu Gajah
on Tuesday evening, with full military
honours. The Bishop of Singapore took
the service.

DIE-HARDS' RETURN.

TWENTY YEARS ON FOREIGN SERVICE.

The 2nd Battalion Middlesex Regiment
(Duke of Cambridge's Own) are return-
ing home early in December after an
absence on foreign service of some 20
years. The Die-Hards are now stationed
at Khartoum, and form part of the Sudan
Defence Force.

The 1st Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers
(less one company at Cyprus) are also at
Khartoum, and will shortly be preparing
for return to a home station.

The Middlesex Battalion, whose present
Commander is Lieut.-Col. H. E. Stanley-
Murray, left England in or about 1911 for
Malta. At that time the Regiment had
four Regular battalions as against two to-
day. On the outbreak of war in 1914 the
Battalion left Malta for France. After
four years of active service the 77th Foot
returned to England and left almost
immediately for Egypt. From there they
went to Singapore, and in 1923 India was
their station. Early this year the Bat-
talion left India for the Sudan.

The home station of the unit will be
Colchester. The 1st Battalion Middlesex
Regiment now at Colchester will, in the
autumn, go to Palestine.

NOTICES.

BALANCES OF DECEASED
OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS
UNDISPOSED OF.

IN pursuance of "The Regimental
Debts Act, 1893," notice is hereby
given that there is available for distribu-
tion amongst the next-of-kin or others
entitled the sum of money set opposite to
the name of each of the deceased officers
and soldiers named in the lists which are
published with this notice in the *London
Gazette*, and are also to be seen at the
Regimental Depots throughout the United
Kingdom.

Applications from persons supposing
themselves entitled as next-of-kin should
be addressed by letter to "The Under
Secretary of State, War Office, Caxton
House, London, S.W.1," and marked out-
side "Effects."

H. J. CREEDY.

War Office.

June 30th, 1931.

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Parker, C., Pte., Middlesex			
Regiment	74	1	6

War Office, September 29th, 1931.

	£	s.	d.
Atkinson, W. (alias Thomp- son), Pte., Middlesex Regt.	61	14	9
Thompson, W. (alias Atkin- son), Pte., Middlesex Regt.	61	14	9

NOVEMBER ISSUE.

We have received a copy of the Armistice number of "1914-1918, A Journal of Remembrance," which is published monthly, price 6d. It has been founded to perpetuate the memory of the Great War and to assist those who were disabled in it. It is published at 18, Featherstone Buildings, W.C. Communications should be sent to the Editor, "A Journal of Remembrance," at the address given.



OBITUARY.

THE LATE LIEUT.-COLONEL
THOMAS JOHN DE BURGH.

LIEUT.-COLONEL T. J. DE BURGH was born in 1851. Passing out of Sandhurst he was appointed to a Commission as Ensign in the 57th, West Middlesex Regiment on September 3rd, 1870. The 57th was then stationed at Devonport, Lieut.-Col. Bowen being its Commander.

Ensign de Burgh was promoted Lieutenant on October 28th, 1871, by which time the Regiment had moved to Tre-gantle Fort. Its stay there was brief, Limerick being its next station, with detachments at Galway, Clare Castle and Nenagh. Lieut. de Burgh had his full share of detachment work in Ireland, which was very enjoyable, sport of all kinds being plentiful. In the following year the Regiment moved to Kinsale, Col. Logan having then succeeded Col. Bowen in command. Lieut. de Burgh was appointed Adjutant on March 26th, 1873, by which time the Regiment had moved to the Curragh, where it came under the command of Major-General Wardlaw. In July the Curragh troops were inspected by Lord Sandhurst, Commander-in-Chief in Ireland, who expressed his approbation of the admirable manner in which they turned out. Early in September, 1873, orders were received for the Regiment to proceed to Ceylon, and on the 23rd of that month it embarked at Cork on board the Indian troopship *Malabar*. Colombo was reached on January 31st, 1874, and the Regiment disembarked the same day, Headquarters and four Companies being

stationed there, whilst two Companies proceeded on detachment duty to Kandy, and two others to Point de Galle. Major-General Renny at that time commanded the forces in the Island, but he was shortly afterwards succeeded in this command by Major-General Street, C.B., an old 57th Officer, who had served with the Regiment in the Crimea; this was, as may be imagined, very acceptable to all.

Lieut. de Burgh, or "Johnnie" as he was always familiarly and affectionately termed, was a keen sportsman and excellent horseman, and thoroughly enjoyed the various kinds of sport obtainable in the Island.

In July, 1876, Col. Logan retired on half pay, being succeeded by Brevet-Col. Stewart.

Lieut. de Burgh's service as Adjutant came to an end at the same time as Colonel Logan's command, and he then decided to exchange into the Cavalry, having always had a hankering for the mounted arm of the Service. Accordingly, on July 26th, 1876, he was transferred to the 5th "Princess Charlotte of Wales's Regiment of Dragoon Guards," in the rank of Lieutenant. His leaving the Regiment was greatly regretted by all ranks of the 57th, in which he was very popular, and an excellent Adjutant and officer.

Lieut. de Burgh did not remain long with his new Regiment, but retired from the Service on July 23rd, 1878, and went to live on his Irish property, where he could enjoy the sport which he loved. His home, where his ancestors had lived for many generations, was "Oldtown," Naas, Co. Kildare. He interested himself greatly in the management of his estate, and also in County matters, becoming a Deputy Lieutenant. He married Emily, eldest daughter of his friend and neighbour, the fourth Baron de Robeck, the well-known Master of the Kildare Hounds. By this marriage there were five sons and two daughters.

"Johnnie" de Burgh's heart was always in soldiering, and in 1880 he was appointed Lieutenant in Reserve of Officers. He served in the Egyptian Campaign of 1882 as a Volunteer with his brother Ulick's Regiment, the 7th Dragoon Guards, and was wounded.

In February, 1900, when the South African War was at its height, he was appointed to a Commission as Captain (with temporary rank as Captain in the Army) Imperial Yeomanry. Two months later he was appointed Second-in-Command, 17th Battalion Imperial Yeomanry, with temporary rank of Major, and in October of the same year he was appointed Commandant, 17th Imperial Yeomanry, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. In this Campaign he was again wounded and taken prisoner. He resigned his commission on May 15th, 1901, and was granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, serving later for a short time with the Remount Department before again settling down in Ireland.

After Mrs. de Burgh's death in 1913, he continued to live at "Oldtown," but when the European War broke out, rejoined and served in France with the Indian Cavalry Corps of the 5th Army. He was mentioned in despatches for his services at this time. At the termination of the War he retired to his Kildare home and remained there for the rest of his life, engaged mostly in County duties, and in making improvements to his property, with hunting and other sports thrown in when he could spare the time. He continued indeed to hunt until 1929-30, when he was, of course, no longer young. He greatly enjoyed an occasional visit to London, where he was able to renew his acquaintance with old friends at his own club, the Carlton, and the military clubs.

Of his sons, four served in the European War, two in the Navy, and one in the Indian Cavalry, the fourth, and youngest, being killed in September, 1914, when serving with the 5th Royal Irish Lancers. The three first mentioned received well-deserved decorations for their good services.

Lieut.-Col. de Burgh died at "Oldtown" on September 7th, 1931, being succeeded in his estates by his eldest son, Capt. Hubert de Burgh, D.S.O., R.N.

"SENEX."

HARRY GEORGE ROSE.

We regret to record the death, which occurred on October 10th, of this Old Comrade.

Rose had been ill for some months, and passed away in the Fulham Hospital. He enlisted in the Regiment in August 1884, and served for twelve years, seven of which were spent with the 2nd Battalion in India.

He had been employed for many years as attendant at the London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, and was recently discharged on reaching the age limit.

The funeral took place at Islington Cemetery on October 17th, and was attended by a party from the Recruiting Depot. No notification of his death was received by the Regimental Association, or a representative would have been present at his funeral.



THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN).

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SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.Os.
OCTOBER 1st, 1931.

NOTICE.

Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. are, in their own interests, requested to write direct to the Adjutant, 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, Colchester, Essex, should they observe any omission or error in the Seniority Roll of the Home Establishment.

1st BATTALION (Home Establishment)

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion	Date of present promotion.
*R.S.M.	C. Davis ...	Depot	13/4/29	Sgt.	J. West ...	7th London	15/1/30
*R.S.M.	P. Newman ...	1st	13/8/31	*Sgt.	W. Northcott, M.M.	1st	25/2/30
*Bdmr.	A. Judge ...	1st	12/4/31	*Sgt.	W. Tible ...	1st	17/10/30
*R.Q.M.S.	W. Pilley ...	Depot	7/3/26	Drum-Major	N. Phillipson	1st	20/10/30
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.)	A. Finch ...	Depot	13/6/28	Sgt.	C. Soper ...	1st	17/12/30
*R.Q.M.S.	E. Crouch ...	1st	28/4/29	*Sgt.	G. Blake	1st	10/1/30
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.)	B. Baldwin	1st	2/7/30	*Sgt.	C. Kennett	1st	16/1/30
*C.S.M.	H. Rand ...	9th	28/1/25	Sgt.	E. Williams	1st	1/4/30
*C.S.M.	G. Goodall ...	9th	4/6/25	*Sgt.	L. Honeybun	1st	13/8/31
*C.S.M.	J. Tungate, D.C.M.	1st	17/6/25	Sgt.	J. O'Brien	Depot	2/9/31
*C.S.M.	J. Hart ...	Depot	20/1/26	*Sgt.	L. Priddy	1st	19/9/31
*C.S.M.	T. Smith	19th London	28/2/28	Sgt.	S. Thompson	1st	30/9/31
*C.S.M.	F. Peck ...	8th	18/2/29	Cpl.	W. Overton	1st	11/5/30
*C.S.M.	C. Goodsall ...	8th	28/4/29	L./Sgt.	R. Glover	1st	9/2/27
*C.S.M.	A. King ...	Egyptian Army	4/1/30	L./Sgt.	R. Bayles	1st	13/12/27
*C.S.M.	F. Stevenson ...	7th	4/1/30	Cpl.	L. Brown	1st	24/12/27
*C.S.M.	G. Anderson ...	1st	20/10/30	L./Sgt.	L. West	1st	1/1/28
*C.S.M.	H. Farrow ...	1st	16/1/30	L./Sgt.	C. Painter	1st	15/1/28
*C.S.M.	A. Russell ...	1st	1/4/31	Cpl.	H. Hull ...	1st	18/2/28
*C.S.M.	E. Burt ...	1st	13/8/31	L./Sgt.	F. Donovan	1st	5/3/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	S.			*L./Sgt.	E. Paterson	1st	8/3/28
Sgt.	E. Pain ...	1st	23/7/23	L./Sgt. (O.R.C.)	P. Hale	1st	8/3/28
Sgt.	W. Christie ...	1st	26/10/18	Cpl.	J. Little	1st	14/3/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	J.		1/5/20	L./Sgt.	W. Webster	1st	12/4/28
	Wickcock	1st	11/6/27	Cpl.	F. Holt	1st	1/5/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	H. Darby	1st	28/2/28	L./Sgt.	F. Chasney	Depot	22/6/28
*Sgt.	W. Sadler ...	Depot	10/2/21	L./Sgt.	L. Williams	1st	8/8/28
Sgt.	E. Walsh ...	1st	25/8/21	L./Sgt.	W. Bean	1st	14/9/28
Sgt.	H. Tisdale ...	1st	22/1/22	Cpl.	A. Lawrence	1st	26/9/28
Sgt.	V. Osterholme ...	1st	18/10/23	L./Sgt.	J. Ayres ...	1st	1/11/28
Sgt.	E. Shaw ...	Depot	19/1/24	Cpl.	F. Davis	Depot	7/11/28
Sgt.	H. Campbell ...	9th	16/2/24	*L./Sgt.	J. Kruck	1st	18/11/28
Sgt.	H. Griffen ...	1st	11/6/24	Cpl.	S. Bouling	1st	8/1/29
*Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	B. Brockman	Depot	1/4/31	Cpl.	P. Andrews	1st	18/1/29
*Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	L. Clarke	Depot	15/1/30	Cpl.	F. Brightman	1st	1/2/29
*Sgt.	E. Jones ...	Depot	1/3/25	L./Sgt.	R. Dyson	1st	20/2/29
*Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	E. Fleming	1st	20/10/30	Cpl.	P. Edwards	1st	23/2/29
Sgt.	W. Rogers ...	1st	26/5/25	*Cpl.	R. Chaplin	1st	17/6/29
Sgt.	W. Randle ...	7th	16/8/25	L./Sgt.	C. Warren	1st	21/9/29
Sgt.	S. Mason ...	Depot	2/2/26	Cpl.	E. Edmunds	1st	10/10/29
Sgt.	W. Bennett ...	1st	19/6/26	Cpl.	E. Paterson	Depot	15/1/30
Sgt.	J. Bray ...	Depot	9/2/27	Cpl.	J. Hood ...	Depot	25/2/30
Sgt.	G. Clift ...	1st	9/2/27	Cpl.	J. Chillery	1st	20/3/30
*Sgt.	A. Wright ...	Depot	10/2/27	Cpl.	L. Beck ...	1st	9/4/30
*Sgt.	E. Robbins ...	1st	15/2/27	Cpl.	F. Payne...	Depot	11/4/30
*Sgt.	R. Challis ...	1st	21/2/27	Cpl.	F. Newstead	Depot	19/4/30
*Sgt.	S. Bishop ...	Depot	24/11/27	*Cpl.	V. Cooper	Depot	30/4/30
*Sgt.	C. Misso ...	1st	28/2/28	Cpl.	E. Zetter...	1st	14/5/30
*Sgt.	H. Thomas ...	1st	5/3/28	Cpl.	A. Allchorne	1st	15/5/30
*Sgt.	S. Buckle ...	Depot	20/3/28	*Cpl.	J. Packard	1st	5/6/30
Sgt.	H. Warren ...	8th	29/3/28	Cpl.	S. Green ...	1st	17/10/30
Sgt.	T. Tiller ...	Depot	29/5/28	Cpl.	C. Brown	1st	20/10/30
*Sgt.	A. Jones ...	7th	18/2/29	Cpl.	A. Veares	1st	9/11/30
*Sgt.	A. Stenning ...	1st	23/2/29	*Cpl.	B. Bedward	Depot	19/11/30
Sgt.	R. King ...	Suppny., Fire Bde., Bordon	5/7/29	Cpl.	W. Clements	1st	17/12/30
				Cpl.	R. Simmons	1st	3/1/31
				Cpl.	W. Snell ...	Depot	10/1/31

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*Cpl.	C. May ...	1st	16/1/31	L./Cpl.	H. Chillery ...	1st	16/1/31
Cpl.	S. Bullock ...	1st	23/1/31	L./Cpl.	A. Lane ...	1st	23/1/31
Cpl.	R. Jenkins ...	1st	17/2/31	L./Cpl.	A. Windows ...	1st	2/2/31
Cpl.	H. Ramsden ...	1st	1/4/31	L./Cpl.	C. Escudier ...	1st	13/2/31
Cpl.	J. O'Neill ...	1st	13/8/31	L./Cpl.	R. Overy ...	Depot	17/2/31
Cpl.	A. Stone ...	1st	2/9/31	L./Cpl.	W. Watts ...	1st	18/2/31
Cpl.	S. Phelan ...	1st	15/9/31	L./Cpl.	P. Sampson ...	1st	20/3/31
Cpl.	A. Nicholls ...	Depot	18/9/31	L./Cpl.	C. Surrey ...	1st	22/3/31
Cpl.	F. Connett ...	1st	30/9/31	L./Cpl.	M. Duddy ...	1st	22/3/31
L./Cpl.	E. Rochester ...	1st	26/8/27	L./Cpl.	C. Jacob ...	1st	22/3/31
L./Cpl.	A. Allison ...	1st	14/9/28	L./Cpl.	K. Simpson ...	1st	1/4/31
L./Cpl.	B. White ...	Depot	27/8/29	L./Cpl.	A. Thorne ...	Depot	4/4/31
L./Cpl.	E. Swadling ...	Depot	5/11/29	L./Cpl.	L. Roseblade ...	1st	24/4/31
L./Cpl.	J. Robinson ...	1st	6/1/30	L./Cpl.	F. Britton ...	1st	29/4/31
L./Cpl.	J. Thirkettle ...	1st	12/3/30	L./Cpl.	F. Thorn ...	1st	11/6/31
L./Cpl.	P. Hatchett ...	1st	21/3/30	L./Cpl.	L. Mallard ...	1st	16/6/31
L./Cpl.	J. Riches ...	1st	3/4/30	L./Cpl.	H. Game ...	1st	14/7/31
L./Cpl.	J. Brewer ...	1st	26/4/30	L./Cpl.	T. Brind ...	1st	23/7/31
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L./Cpl.	P. Birmingham ...	1st	1/6/30	L./Cpl.	W. Gadsden ...	1st	29/8/31
L./Cpl.	P. Oliver ...	Depot	5/6/30	L./Cpl.	F. Dell ...	1st	2/9/31
L./Cpl.	G. Jeffree ...	1st	5/6/30	L./Cpl.	A. Willis ...	1st	15/9/31
L./Cpl.	G. Bayford ...	1st	28/6/30				
L./Cpl.	W. Belcher ...	1st	30/6/30				
L./Cpl.	A. Cladd ...	1st	1/7/30				
L./Cpl.	P. Maloney ...	Depot	17/7/30				
L./Cpl.	F. Soden ...	Depot	1/8/30				
L./Cpl.	R. Blackman ...	1st	20/8/30				
L./Cpl.	T. Castle ...	1st	21/8/30				
L./Cpl.	J. Donegar ...	1st	13/9/30				
L./Cpl.	P. Ward ...	1st	20/10/30				
L./Cpl.	G. Barnett ...	1st	6/11/30				
L./Cpl.	E. Wadsworth ...	1st	17/11/30				
L./Cpl.	E. Whichello ...	1st	17/11/30				
L./Cpl.	F. Gardiner ...	1st	29/11/30				
L./Cpl.	G. Endersby ...	1st	11/12/30				
L./Cpl.	L. Jerman ...	1st	11/12/30				
L./Cpl.	C. Clark ...	1st	30/12/30				
L./Cpl.	A. Moore ...	1st	3/1/31				

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Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Courses.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Courses.
*R.S.M. W. Ward ...	18/3/31		*Sgt. S. Ingle (Pioneer Sgt.) ...	27/2/25 (5)	
*Bdmr. H. Clibbens ...	22/2/24		Sgt. G. Bone (Transport Sgt.) ...	19/3/26 (8)	
*R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher ...	31/1/30		Sgt. E. Hazeldine ...	5/4/26 (6)	
C.S.M. W. Beasley ...	30/1/15 (3) (6)		Sgt. W. Harwood (Band Sgt.) ...	17/8/27	
*C.S.M. C. Cook, D.C.M. ...	15/8/26 (3)		*Sgt. F. Stacey ...	22/2/28 (1) (2)	
*C.S.M. C. Kent ...	15/5/28 (4)		*Sgt. F. Denchfield ...	20/3/28 (7)	
*C.S.M. E. Palmer ...	13/12/28 (3) (a)		Sgt. A. Webb ...	15/5/28 (3)	
*C.S.M. R. Colbourne ...	13/4/29 (2) (6)		Sgt. T. Tiller ...	29/5/28 (6)	
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. King ...	26/5/25 (3) (6)		Drm.-Maj. H. Poulter ...	13/10/28	
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) L. Hills ...	2/11/26 (6)		*Sgt. C. Champion (Sgt. Master Cook) ...	1/1/29 (2)	
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. West ...	22/2/28 (6)		*Sgt. H. Short, M.M. ...	21/2/29 (1) (2)	
*Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) G. Capel ...	6/11/29 (4) (b)		Sgt. A. Jones ...	8/4/29 (6)	
*Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) H. Hewett ...	27/12/29 (3)		Sgt. E. Addinall ...	10/4/29 (4)	
*Col.-Sgt. (O.R.S.) W. Baker ...	20/3/31		Sgt. A. Boen ...	13/4/29 (3)	
Sgt. A. Walker (Prov. Sgt.) ...	1/5/20		Sgt. C. Donaldson ...	24/5/29 (2)	
Sgt. H. Glover ...	1/5/20		Sgt. G. Sherriff ...	9/12/29	
Sgt. R. Mewett ...	12/12/23 (6)		Sgt. F. Nash (Officers' Mess Sergeant) ...	11/12/29 (3)	
*Sgt. L. Simmonds ...	24/8/24 (2) (6) (a)				
Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	28/1/25 (6)				

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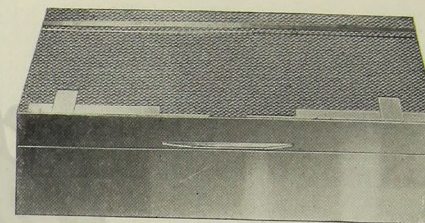
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L./Sgt. H. Ison	27/12/29	(6)	L./Cpl. S. Doe	7/7/30	
L./Sgt. H. Cartwright	16/2/30	(1) (2) (6)	L./Cpl. H. Grocott	26/7/30	
L./Sgt. R. Parsler	31/3/30	(3)	L./Cpl. L. Gromm	16/8/30	
L./Sgt. J. Harper	20/1/31	(4)	†L./Cpl. D. Parrish	12/11/30	
L./Sgt. E. Hillier	17/2/31		L./Cpl. J. Miles	29/11/30	
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L./Sgt. S. Smith (Signal Sgt.)	9/7/31	(7)	L./Cpl. F. Walker	2/1/31	
†Cpl. E. Wright	14/4/26		L./Cpl. H. Walker	20/1/31	
†Cpl. G. Blackman	24/1/27	(1) (2) (a)	L./Cpl. W. Brown	20/2/31	
†Cpl. W. Chalkley	26/4/28		L./Cpl. L. Long	21/2/31	
Cpl. W. Ray	22/1/29		L./Cpl. F. Hawkins	28/2/31	
Cpl. R. Hannam	21/2/29		L./Cpl. G. Maunder	28/2/31	
Cpl. R. Smith (Band Cpl.)	15/4/29	(6)	*L./Cpl. J. Bond	28/2/31	
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Cpl. H. Hamlin	20/5/29		L./Cpl. L. Grainger	21/4/31	
Cpl. H. Wilson	24/5/29		L./Cpl. W. Murcott	21/4/31	
Cpl. J. Scott	5/6/29		L./Cpl. A. Smith	26/4/31	
Cpl. W. Searle	1/11/29		L./Cpl. G. Frost	28/4/31	
Cpl. C. Watson	27/12/29		L./Cpl. A. May	14/5/31	
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Cpl. H. Taylor	8/5/30		L./Cpl. J. Harriss	9/7/31	
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*Cpl. D. Drew	25/7/30		L./Cpl. A. Baxter	20/7/31	
Cpl. S. Mills	1/8/30				
Cpl. C. Ives	16/8/30				
†Cpl. L. Johnson	25/10/30	(3)			
Cpl. A. Hows	25/10/30	(3)			
Cpl. A. Whitcombe	31/10/30				
Cpl. (O.R.C.) F. Deane	12/11/30				
Cpl. H. Padgett	1/1/31				
Cpl. F. Livens	20/1/31	(4)			
Cpl. E. Moir	20/2/31				
Cpl. H. Smith	28/2/31				
Cpl. J. Quick	13/4/31	(5)			
Cpl. H. Etheridge	28/4/31				
Cpl. T. Holland	14/5/31				
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