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## EDITORIAL



## UNUSUAL MILITARY EVENT AT COLCHESTER.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 1931.

A GROUP of fifty-four officers of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Middlesex Regiment after they had met at dinner at the Officers' Club, Colchester, on Wednesday, December 16th, 1931. It is considered a unique event for the Officers' Messes of two serving battalions to be in the same barracks at the same time. The 1st Battalion, who have been stationed in Colchester, left on December 22nd, 1931, for Palestine, the 2nd Battalion arrived in Colchester on December

12th, 1931, thus spending ten days together in the same barracks—a thing which it is believed has never happened before in the history of the British Army during peace-time.

This number makes a somewhat late appearance owing once again to the Battalion Notes not being received. Will sub-editors and others concerned carefully study the "Notice to Contributors" which is published at the beginning of each issue! It is obvious that the Journal cannot be carried on satisfactorily unless "copy" comes to hand by the prescribed dates, i.e., January 1st, April 1st, July 1st and October 1st.

Our congratulations to Col. C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., A.D.C., who has recently been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Middlesex.

We publish elsewhere in this number two letters received from James Mooney, a Zulu War veteran of the 57th. He would like to hear from anyone who remembers him.

A few more 1932 Diaries are still available: Leather bound, 2s. 6d.; cloth bound, 1s. 6d. Applications for these should be accompanied by remittance.

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## REGIMENTAL FIXTURES, 1932.

April 2nd.—Old Comrades' Concert, Masonic Rooms, "Goat and Compasses," 341, Euston Road, N.W. 1, 7.30 p.m.

June 27th to July 2nd.—Cricket Week (27th, v. Cryptics; 28th, v. Lieut.-Col. R. M. Airey's XI; 29th, v. Free Foresters; 30th, v. I Zingari; July 2nd, v. Sandhurst Wanderers).

June 29th.—Officers' Club At Home.

June 30th.—Officers' Club Dinner.

July 2nd.—Old Comrades' Summer Gathering at Depot.

Nov. 5th.—Annual General Meeting of the Regimental Association and Old Comrades' Annual Dinner, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, 7 p.m.

Nov. 11th.—Remembrance Day Service at Regimental War Memorial.

2nd Battalion.—Indian pattern Quarter-master-Sergeant's tunic, 1913; autographs of Lieut.-Cols. W. Gatacre, A. W. Hill and A. A. Garstin. (Capt. G. Johnson.)

Two staff cocked hat plumes, aiguillette and sword knots (all staff officers full dress). (General F. G. M. Rowley.)

Sword (V.R.), with leather and dress scabbards and case. (Major Graham, effects of.)

57th Regiment.—New Zealand Medal, 1865-1866, No. 811 Wm. Henley, 57th Regiment. (Major L. L. Pargiter.)

57th Regiment.—New Zealand Medal, 1861-1866. Lieut. H. D. C. Barton, 57th Regiment. (Purchased.)

Auckland Weekly News Christmas Number, 1931; Brett's Christmas Number, 1931. (Mr. C. J. Coughlan.)

## ARMISTICE DAY.

THE Colours of the 6th, 7th and 9th Battalions of the Regiment and those of the 19th London Regiment were present on parade, as were the Depot Staff and recruits, and detachments from the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, and Christ Church College (Finchley) Cadets.

The hymns were, as usual, led by a musical choir from the Depot, who, during the laying of wreaths, sang "The Supreme Sacrifice."

The Depot buglers sounded the "Last Post" and "Réveillé" a short distance outside the Memorial enclosure.

The service, at which Mr. Sheehan officiated, closed with the hymn "Abide with Me," followed by the Benediction.

The guests were later entertained in the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes.

The following wreaths were laid:—

1st Battalion, by Capt. A. N. Overell.

2nd Battalion, by Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C.

Depot, by Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O.

5th Battalion, by Major E. H. Amor.

6th Battalion, by Mr. H. Hewitt.

## REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

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

Officers who died in the Great War, 1914-1919.

Soldiers who died in the Great War, 1914-1919.

Part 56, The Middlesex Regiment (Mrs. Baddeley).

3rd Battalion.—Mess Rules.

77th Regiment.—Queen's Regulations, 1844 (belonged to Capt. A. Lempriere); seven large and two small buttons; D Company Order Book, Crimea, May 17th to August 26th, 1854 (first Orders signed by Capt. A. Lempriere).

57th Regiment.—Standing Orders, 1888.

Regimental.—Report of Middlesex Regiment Employment Association, January, 1896, Hounslow. (The Association was formed November, 1892.) (Col. G. B. Lempriere.)



7th Battalion, by Lieut.-Col. S. C. M. Smith, T.D.

9th Battalion, by Capt. J. R. B. Worton.

7th City of London Regiment, by Sergt. Tisdale.

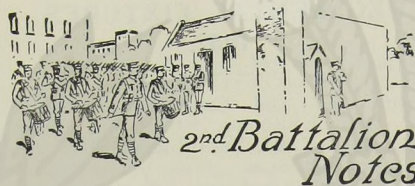
19th London Regiment, by Major D. A. Scott.

Owing to the fact that the 7th Bn. City of London Regiment were taking part in an Armistice Day Service in the City of London on the same date, it was not possible for this Battalion to send an officer representative.

The 8th Battalion held their own service at Hounslow this year.

Several private wreaths were also placed on the Memorial.

Amongst those present were:—Col., Mrs. and Miss Passingham, Capt. Paiba, Mr. De Salis, Mrs. Downing, Mrs. Read, Mrs. Winter, Mr. and Mrs. Lambourne and Mrs. Goss, Mrs. Honeybun, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. McClelland, Capt. Johnson, Mr. Donoghue, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Sparkes, Mr. and Mrs. Kerswill, Mrs. Tisdale, Mr. Hart, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Rowe, Mr. Shawland, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Gutteridge, Mr. Garlick, Mr. C. Bell, Mr. C. Gibson, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Goward, Mrs. Cook, Lieut. Franklin, Mr. Mantell, Mr. Goldskaw, Mr. Bratby, Mr. Brind, Mr. May, Mr. Coxhill, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Giles, Mr. Kilford, Mr. Dingsley, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Carter, Mr. Ditchfield, Mr. Battey, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Maggs, Mr. Bigmore, Mr. White, Mr. Wright, Mr. Plowman, Mr. Westgarth, Mr. and Mrs. Beatty, Sergt. Dr. Phillipson, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Large, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Lowen, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Corehill, Mrs. Covington, Mrs. Whinney, Mrs. Donoghue, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Stephens, Mr. Pocock, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Worton, Mrs. Benwell, Mrs. and Miss Ash, Mrs. and Miss Daniels, Col. and Mrs. King, Lieut.-Col. S. C. M. Smith, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke.



## 2nd Battalion Notes

OUR last few weeks in Khartoum were uneventful, the only outstanding incident being the Guard of Honour which was furnished for the Governor-General of the Sudan, Sir John Maffey, on his return from England. The guard acquitted itself very well, and was duly complimented.

Major R. D. Bennett, M.C., Capt. V. J. Garrow and Lieut. J. R. S. Chapman left us in Khartoum on retirement, and it is with very deep regret that we have to report the death of Lieut. Chapman on his way home. An obituary appears on another page.

The Battalion left Khartoum in two parties on November 23rd and 27th, and sailed from Port Sudan on the 29th of that month. After a singularly calm voyage, we arrived at Southampton on the morning of December 12th, and reached Colchester the same evening.

About 300 men who were to be turned over to the 1st Battalion disembarked at Suez. We wish them the best of luck in their new surroundings, and trust that when they eventually reach India they will not have to spend five years in Ahmed-nagar.

The Battalion has now descended to a skeleton, and half the bones of the skeleton are about to fall off and go to the Reserve, whilst those remaining are not unnaturally more concerned with leave and the opportunity of recounting to relations the deeds they have not done and the scenes they might have seen during their sojourn in foreign parts, than to use the P.R.I.'s favourite words, "settling in."

Major Wollocombe, M.C., Capt. Kempster, and Lieut. Tuckey have left us for a tour of duty at Mill Hill, whence Capt. Whinney and Lieut. Walden will shortly join us.

Capt. Manson is now Adjutant of the 19th London Regiment, Capt. Lyon has

joined us from the 1st Battalion, and Capt. Jones is once more with us.

Prior to the departure of the 1st Battalion for Palestine we were all accommodated together, many old acquaintances being renewed thereby.

A combined Officers' Dinner was held at the Colchester Club on December 16th, when an unusually successful flash-light photograph was taken.

The following farewell wireless message was received from Brigadier S. S. Butler, Commanding British Troops in the Sudan: "Good-bye. Best of luck to all ranks. We are very sorry to lose you."

On arrival at Southampton letters or wires of greeting were received from General Sir Ivor Maxse, Colonel of the Regiment, Lord Rochdale, Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex, the 1st Battalion, the Depot, Brig.-General Ross, Col. Savile, Lieut.-Col. Samuel, and Capt. Sherwood.

## CRICKET NOTES, 1931.

From a Regimental team point of view Khartoum is not a good station for cricket. There are only two clubs to play and in our case we had only two and a half months in which to play off our Platoon Knock-out Competition, our Company Half-League, and one or two outside fixtures for each company, and that left precious little time for Regimental fixtures.

As regards the above-mentioned Company fixtures with outside teams, it is interesting to note that only one was lost, and that to a fairly strong Khartoum Cricket Club side. One was spoilt by rain and left drawn, and all the rest were won.

We lost our Regimental match to the Arabians Club after having previously beaten them twice quite easily, but with Khartoum Club we fared considerably better, as a glance at the score-sheet below will show.

The Privates of the Battalion were indebted to the Fusiliers of the Royal Welch Fusiliers for two bright days' cricket. It was disappointing not to have been possible to fix a return match to give them a chance of revenge and to return their hospitality.

We have missed the services of our veteran, Sergt. Glover, this year, both in batting and bowling, but he has had to stand down owing to a knee injury. On the few occasions that he turned out for his company, however, he was able to show that his position in the Regimental team as an early choice is still assured. We hope to see more of his cricket after treatment in England.

Six of our officers were selected to represent the Officers of the Garrison v. Khartoum Cricket Club, which the Officers won on the stroke of time.

The Company Half-League this year was a really good competition. When the last match was started—that between A and C (M.G.) Companies—the points gained by companies in the league were such that if A Company won they would win the league by 2 points, leaving B, D and H.Q. Wing equal second, and C (M.G.) fifth, but if C (M.G.) won the match all companies would be level with two wins and two losses each. C (M.G.) led on the first innings by 41 runs, but A Company quickly knocked up 101 runs in their second innings, leaving C (M.G.) 61 to get to win. The last over was being played with one minute to go. C (M.G.) had one wicket to fall and wanted one run to equal. They got it amidst great applause, but the batsman attempted the winning run, *i.e.*, his second, and lost his wicket in the effort. Thus the match was a tie, and A Company won the league by 1 point. B, D and H.Q. Wing were equal second, and C (M.G.) fifth by only 1 point.

The Platoon Knock-out Competition was keenly contested and was won by the Signal Section, who defeated Nos. 8, 14, 16 and 3 Platoons, and the Drums and Employed in the final.

Our Quadrangular Tournament (Officers, Sergeants, Corporals and Privates) was begun, but, owing to the state of the grounds and the short time available it had to be left unfinished. This competition promised good matches, as the teams were almost as level as were the company teams.

The following items are worthy of record. There were two matches ending in ties: A v. C (M.G.), and Officers v. Sergeants; and two matches decided by one run: B Company v. Khartoum B;



and C (M.G.) v. D Company. B Company won the former, and D Company the latter.

Playing for the Officers of the Garrison v. Khartoum, Lieut. N. G. Gilbert took 4 wickets in four successive balls, which was largely responsible for the Officers' victory. Last but not least, Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson's bowling analysis on two occasions against Khartoum: on the first occasion it was 8 for 31, and on the other 8 for 24.

The following were awarded caps for the 1931 season:—

Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., Lieuts. E. L. Heywood, N. G. Gilbert, F. H. Else and J. W. A. Stephenson, 2/Lieut. A. E. Green, C.Q.M.S. Capel, Sergt. Addinall, L./Sergt. Kemp, L./Cpl. Painter and Pte. Winterburn.

#### 2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. THE ARABIANS.

Played at Khartoum on September 25th and 26th, 1931.

##### 2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Major Wollocombe c Maitland b Clark	24
Capt. Procter c Woods b Clark	3
Lieut. Stephenson c Francis b Maitland	36
Lieut. Green b Maitland	10
Sergt. Kemp lbw b Knowler	29
Lieut. Else c Harrison b Clark	6
Sergt. Addinall c Knowler b Clark	25
Pte. Winterburn not out	15
L./Cpl. Painter c Wakefield b Maitland	3
Pte. Daly not out	22
Extras	8

Total (for 8 wickets) ... 178

Pte. Robinson (29) did not bat.

##### THE ARABIANS.

Mr. Maitland b Stephenson	10
Mr. Caldwell b Stephenson	2
Mr. Knowler c Kemp b Winterburn	5
Mr. G. Kfour b Else b Stephenson	0
Mr. Wakefield c Wollocombe b Winterburn	12
Mr. Clark b Stephenson	1
Mr. E. Kfour b Stephenson	2
Mr. Harrison run out	6
Mr. Francis b Winterburn	2
Mr. Woods not out	5
Extras	11

Total ... 56

A. N. Other absent.  
Bowling.—Lieut. Stephenson, 5 for 17; Sergt. Addinall, 0 for 5; Pte. Winterburn, 3 for 14.

#### PRIVATES 2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. PRIVATES 1ST ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS.

Played at Khartoum on October 3rd and 4th, 1931.

#### PRIVATES 2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Pte. Elcome b Young	3
Pte. Daly b Baxendale	24
Dmr. Thompson b Avery	16
Dmr. Lewin c Burgin b Avery	6
Pte. Winterburn c Collins b Baxendale	12
Pte. Dyer b Baxendale	0
Bdsn. Gilbert c Coles b Baxendale	6
Bdsn. Risely c Baxendale b Young	7
Pte. White b Avery	2
Pte. Donovan not out	4
Pte. Robinson (29) not out	1
Extras	10

Total (for 9 wickets) ... 91

#### PRIVATES 1ST ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS.

Fus. Collins c Dyer b Winterburn	4
Bdsn. Young c and b Daly	10
Fus. James c Gilbert b Risely	41
Fus. Beck b Daly	0
Fus. Baxendale c and b Thompson	2
Fus. Howard b Winterburn	0
Fus. Woods c and b Thompson	2
Bdsn. Lloyd b Risely	0
Fus. Burgin b Gilbert	0
Fus. Coles not out	0
Fus. Avery c Dyer b Risely	2
Extras	10

Total ... 71

Bowling.—Pte. Winterburn, 2 for 9; Pte. Daly, 2 for 15; Dmr. Thompson, 2 for 15; Bdsn. Risely, 3 for 10; Bdsn. Gilbert, 1 for 12.

#### 2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. KHARTOUM C.C.

Played at Khartoum on October 16th and 17th, 1931.

##### KHARTOUM C.C.

Mr. Winter c Winterburn b Stephenson	19
Mr. Kendrick b Stephenson	10
Mr. Cooper c Gilbert b Stephenson	14
Mr. Pierson b Stephenson	0
Mr. Hibbert b Stephenson	0
Mr. Whittern b Stephenson	0
Mr. Lander b Stephenson	1
Mr. Cummings b Winterburn	3
Mr. Orwin c Kemp b Winterburn	7
Mr. Smith b Stephenson	4
Mr. Nobriga not out	0
Extras	17

Total ... 75

Bowling.—Lieut. Stephenson, 8 for 31; Pte. Winterburn, 2 for 10.

##### 2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Major Wollocombe lbw b Hibbert	16
C.Q.M.S. Capel c and b Winter	6
Sergt. Addinall b Winter	15
Lieut. Gilbert c Wittern b Lander	33
Lieut. Else c Wittern b Lander	31
Lieut. Green lbw b Wittern	9
Sergt. Kemp c Orwin b Nobriga	1
Pte. Winterburn b Nobriga	3
L./Cpl. Painter c Cummings b Lander	5
Pte. Daly not out	20
Lieut. Stephenson not out	4
Extras	17

Total (for 9 wickets) ... 160

#### 2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. THE ARABIANS.

Played at Khartoum on October 23rd and 24th, 1931.

##### THE ARABIANS.

Mr. Maitland b Kemp	21
Mr. Caldwell c Broadbridge b Addinall	22
Mr. Dick c Capel b Winterburn	6
Mr. Hammond c and b Gilbert	26
Mr. Sarsfield Hall b Addinall	0
Mr. Wakefield b Gilbert	1
Mr. Clarke b Gilbert	2
Mr. Penn b Gilbert	13
Mr. G. Kfour b Addinall	22
Mr. E. Kfour b Winterburn	18
Mr. Dingwell not out	1
Extras	26

Total ... 158

Bowling.—Pte. Winterburn, 2 for 28; Sergt. Addinall, 3 for 15; Bdsn. Gilbert, 4 for 28; Sergt. Kemp, 1 for 30.

##### 2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Capt. Pain c Clark b Penn	13
Sergt. Kemp b Clark	0
Lieut. Man b Clark	47
C.Q.M.S. Capel b Clark	9
Sergt. Addinall c Kfour b Penn	80
Bdsn. Gilbert b Clark	0
Pte. Winterburn lbw b Clark	0
Lieut. Wray c Wakefield b Clark	7
Pte. Daly not out	0
Dmr. Thompson b Clark	5
Extras	11

Total (for 9 wickets) ... 172

Pte. Broadbridge did not bat.

#### 2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. THE ARABIANS.

Played at Khartoum on November 7th and 8th, 1931.

##### THE ARABIANS.

Mr. Maitland b Stephenson	4
Mr. Caldwell b Kemp	8
Mr. Knowler b Stephenson	0
Mr. Cummings b Stephenson	5
Mr. Pierson b Stephenson	2
Mr. Wakefield c Stephenson b Winterburn	12
Mr. Whittern c Stephenson b Addinall	2
Mr. Clarke b Addinall	6
Mr. G. Kfour c Green b Winterburn	32
Mr. Orwin not out	9
Mr. E. Kfour b Gilbert	0
Extras	12

Total ... 92

Bowling.—Lieut. Stephenson, 4 for 20; L./Sergt. Kemp, 1 for 10; Sergt. Addinall, 2 for 19; Pte. Winterburn, 2 for 11; Bdsn. Gilbert, 0 for 19; Lieut. Gilbert, 1 for 1.

##### 2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Major Wollocombe c G. Kfour b Clarke	0
2/Lieut. Green run out	0
C.Q.M.S. Capel b Clarke	11
Lieut. Stephenson c Knowler b Clarke	9
Lieut. Gilbert c Clarke b Knowler	6
Sergt. Addinall c G. Kfour b Clarke	6

Lieut. Else b Clarke	11
Lieut. Heywood c Wakefield b Clarke	8
L./Sergt. Kemp b Cummings	4
Pte. Winterburn not out	1
Bdsn. Gilbert c G. Kfour b Clarke	3
Extras	5

Total ... 64

#### 2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. KHARTOUM C.C.

Played at Khartoum on November 13th and 14th, 1931.

##### 2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Major Wollocombe b Clarke	47
Lieut. Heywood lbw b Whittern	21
Lieut. Stephenson c Clarke b Watts	36
C.Q.M.S. Capel b Watts	16
Lieut. Gilbert not out	59
Sergt. Addinall c Hibbert b Orwin	26
Lieut. Else run out	1
2/Lieut. Green not out	1
Extras	9

Total (for 6 wickets) ... 215

L./Sergt. Kemp, Pte. Winterburn and Pte. Daly did not bat.

##### KHARTOUM C.C.

Mr. Sarsfield Hall b Stephenson	0
Mr. Kendrick c Addinall b Stephenson	9
Mr. Hibbert c Capel b Stephenson	31
Mr. Pierson c and b Stephenson	0
Mr. Clarke b Stephenson	0
Major Daly b Stephenson	4
Mr. Whittern b Addinall	3
Mr. Watts b Addinall	0
Mr. Orwin b Stephenson	13
Mr. Liscombe b Stephenson	1
Mr. Smith not out	2
Extras	13

Total ... 76

Bowling.—Lieut. Stephenson, 8 for 24; Sergt. Addinall, 2 for 39.

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

The Battalion is returning shortly from its Christmas furlough; and we hope that they have all had the best Christmas for many years, and that the memories of Christmas Day in the East are fading rapidly from their view.

The strength of the Company has been reduced from 154 to 52 men, but we understand that we shall not be far short of 100 strong when we proceed to the M.G. Concentration at Larkhill.

We ended the cricket season in Khartoum with an exciting match against A Company, the final position of all companies in the league depending on the result. We lost after a hard fight, which left us bottom of the league, instead of equal top with the other four. The team



must be congratulated on their keenness and excellent fielding.

Owing to the difficulty of obtaining the range, the Annual Machine Gun Course was fired in the middle of the day. The result was good, in spite of the heat, whilst many of the new Gunners were amazed at their excellent score.

We were pleased to shake the sand off our feet and board the H.T. *Lancashire* for the United Kingdom, but it was not until we saw the lights of Portland that we could really believe we were sailing for home.

At Moascar we left a large draft for the 1st Battalion. We were sorry to lose them, and wish them the best of luck with the other Battalion.

Congratulations to Sergt. Parsler on gaining his 1st Class Certificate of Education with a D in three subjects; also Sergt. Donaldson, and Ptes. Jones and Birthright.

Our great regret is the loss of our Company Commander, Capt. Appelbe, who has been with us since the Company was formed, and who is responsible for the efficiency and the good spirit. We wish Capt. and Mrs. Appelbe the very best of luck on leaving the Regiment, and we hope that they will not forget the Company.

#### D COMPANY.

Our activities since our last instalment have not been very many. The last few weeks in Khartoum were very quiet from a sporting point of view. The cricket had rather an exciting finish in our game with C (M.G.) Company. If we had won we should have tied with A Company and H.Q. Wing for top place. We so looked like winning that some members of the Company were discussing whether the Cricket Shield should or should not be cut into three. The last wicket to fall and two runs to win—tense excitement from four sides of the West Football Ground (converted into a cricket ground for the occasion). A single was hit and run; an overthrow; in trying to score the winning run, one of the players was run out, and so we ended in a draw, and hold third place on the table.

Some members of the Company represented the Battalion in the Garrison Open Boxing Meeting, but we had no great

successes; many surprises were showered on us, but we leave the greater writers to point this out.

Just prior to our departure, a second garden inspection gained for No. 16 Platoon a Mention of Merit, though No. 15 Platoon were not very far behind them in the show. We fancy Mr. Fricker's cement might have held together a little longer, and perhaps No. 15 Platoon would have also held a place of merit.

The Brigadier inspected our Battalion just prior to our departure, and we hear that our barrack rooms were praised; this was the result of much oiling and scrubbing. (Who was it who went sick with housemaid's knee?)

The first party, consisting of C (M.G.) Company, D Company, with the Band and B Company's turn-over, left Khartoum four days before the remainder of the Battalion; consequently we had four days to wait aboard H.T. *Lancashire* for the arrival of the second party.

We filled in the time with cricket and football matches between ourselves, and one game with the Royal Ulster Rifles, who were left on board with us.

The team was made up of a composite side from the first party, but we lost 0—2 and 0—3.

The journey home, which commenced on November 29th and finished on December 12th, was very much lacking in excitement. Calm weather all the way; no P.T. or sports; but we filled in the time with guards and medical inspections, and also boat stations.

At Port Suez we left seventy-six of the Company to join the 1st Battalion in Palestine, together with Capt. Lawrence, our Company Commander, Lieut. Heywood, and our Company Sergeant-Major, C.S.M. Cook, but we hope to have them with us before these notes appear in print.

Our arrival at Southampton, and the journey to Colchester were like most other arrivals.

On arrival in barracks there were lots of reunions, many old friends to see, and many healths to be toasted; these were all carried out in the approved style.

After four days of hanging round kicking our heels, the majority of us were sent away to our homes for Christmas and the New Year. We are just back

again and have to get down to brass tacks and knuckle under again.

We hope that our next instalment to these pages will be somewhat longer and more interesting, but at the moment we have not had a great deal of time to gather information, and no time at all for any real activities in our new station, which seems to be a very interesting place after our few months at Khartoum.

In conclusion, we congratulate Sergt. Russell on his marriage, and we wish him and his wife every success.

#### H.Q. WING.

Christmas, 1931, spent at home (after all these years abroad)! How glad we were to leave Khartoum, the land of sun, sand and tinned food!

We left Khartoum in two parties, the Band and a few of the Employed Group going by the first train on November 23rd, and the remainder of the Wing by the second train on November 27th, and during the journey quite a few cameras were seen to function, especially when the "Fuzzi-Wuzzis" made their appearance at some of the wayside stations.

Life on H.T. *Lancashire* on the whole was most enjoyable, except for that terrible day just after leaving Port Said (who said the Mediterranean was a "boating lake"?). But how the sight of Southampton cheered us!

The Signals and most of the Employed proceeded on furlough on December 16th, but the Band and Drums stayed behind until the 22nd, in order to play the 1st Battalion out and so return the compliment the 1st paid us by marching us in.

The first party has just returned from furlough, and still seem a bit dazed by the traffic. (How different from Khartoum!)

Capt. Manson left us at Southampton to take up his appointment as Adjutant to the 19th County of London Regiment, and we wish him the best of luck; our loss is their gain. We welcome Lieut. E. M. G. Wray, D.S.O., who took over from Capt. Manson in Khartoum. He has now gone on two months' leave, and had to hand over to Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson.

We wish all those who have left us, either as turn-over to the 1st Battalion, or for civilian life, the very best of luck,

not forgetting Lieut. Tuckey, who leaves us for the Depot. We take this opportunity of expressing our regret, and hope he will return to us when his time there is finished.

W. B.

#### SIGNAL SECTION.

There were few of us, I imagine, who were sorry to have to send "G.B." (not that it is ever an unpopular signal) to the Sudan when H.T. *Lancashire* left, and it was good-bye to foreign service for most of us. November 29th was the happy day, and now that the voyage is over, and we are unfortunately just finishing a most excellent month's leave, we have but one regret, and that is that we had to leave ten of our "bashers" behind, who have been posted to the 1st Battalion. We bade farewell to them at Suez, and hope that when they read this they will realize that they always carry the very best wishes of those whom they left. Our loss is the 1st Battalion's gain. Amongst our turn-over was Pte. Collier, whom we congratulate on winning the Silver Flags very deservedly and appropriately.

And so England! Was it a mere coincidence that our first human being recognized was a policeman? The story of each separate furlough will tell that; the less said about the voyage the better perhaps. We should, however, like to disagree with (1) "Rounds"; (2) the advice given that looking at the sea was the best cure for seasickness. It was tried on board, but without success, we fear. It should be pointed out, however, that gazing miserably at it is not the same as just looking. The former is admitted defeat.

We reached Southampton in good time and there we had to bid farewell to Pte. 67 Thompson, who left us for "Civvy Street," where we feel certain his skill at stripping "things," reassembling and general fitting will hold him in good stead. Unexpectedly, too, we lost Pte. Bullock, who departed for a six months' Vocational Training Course in cabinet-making at Aldershot. We wish him the very best of luck. Our third loss is Pte. 20 Thompson, who took T.X. after four days' arrival in Colchester. We hope his "job," which we realize to be somewhat precarious these days, will come off. We



are very sorry to lose them all, as they are all old signallers and difficult to replace.

On arrival at Colchester it was not very long before we had our mufti out, and it was only two days after we left for our month's furlough. Any rumours or queries will have to be left over to our next issue. It is a fitting time to close (that policeman still haunts us), and we leave our results and hopes of classification to our next. We shall have good news, we hope, of service in England.

O. ii. S.

(Tunine, we regret, exists no more.)

#### EMPLOYED GROUP.

Before getting down to real business, we must apologize for the amateurish appearance of these notes, but, truth to tell, our scribe-in-chief is at present on furlough and, to judge from a certain epistle, which the writer of these notes received from him, he seems to prefer the fair maids of the Borough to the dusky damsels of Madras and Khartoum.

We are home at last, and the majority of us have just returned from furlough, while a few are still enjoying life in the "Smoke," and a few (only a few) have yet to go on furlough.

With regard to last quarter's notes, Colchester does not seem to have been disturbed much (although time will tell), and Pentonville is *not* crowded out.

As "Peggy" volunteered for Palestine, "Gummy" did not have a hectic Christmas. (Sorry, "Peggy," we just could not resist it.)

What a treat we had when we saw "Busty," "Lucy," "Monty," "Ginger" and others stung for guards on the voyage home, but we suppose that that is all in the seven years.

Since arriving at Colchester we have lost "Lucy" Long and "Wag" Brooker to "Civvy Street," and take this oppor-

tunity of wishing them the best of luck, etc. L./Cpl. Chandler ("Kate") and "Smudger" (o8) left us at Southampton to undergo a Vocational Training Course, and, of course, we wish them the best of luck. L./Cpl. Kent has gone to A Company, and we know that he will do well at duty. And last, but not least, we come to the four members of our Group who left at Port Suez, bound for Palestine: Ptes. Neal ("Peggy"), Knox ("Nicky"), Parsons ("Wag") and Bayly (Tom). We salute you all, and wish you the best of luck in the 1st Battalion (our loss, their gain), and hope to meet you all in "Civvy Street" some time hence.

"THE UBEROI BOYS."

#### BAND.

Khartoum is now a thing of the past, and after a very calm journey (all of us, I am afraid, cannot agree) landed at Southampton for a spell of home service. It will be a very great change, especially in our uniform, and we are looking forward to our "red."

Everybody is now enjoying Christmas furlough, which I hope has been taken advantage of, and everyone enjoyed himself.

We wish the 1st Battalion all the best on their tour abroad, and welcome our Bandsmen and Boys to a happy time together.

"Flip," of course, is settled down in the "New World," and has our best thoughts for his future in "Civvy."

Congratulations to the Drum-Major and Bdsn. Rolfe on their gaining parts of a 1st Class Certificate, of which the rest, we hope, will be gained in the near future.

We regret that owing to the time available and our writer being absent on leave, the Boys' notes (now a regular and enjoyable feature) will have to be left over to our next.

E FLAT.



Photo: L. G. Cresser, Colchester.

#### COLCHESTER GARRISON RIFLE MEETING.

##### 1st Battalion—Winners "Young Soldiers' Cup."

Back Row.—Pte. Brophy, Bdsn. Goddard, Bdsn. Hawkesworth, Pte. Harber, Pte. Jessop.  
Middle Row.—Pte. Shiel, Pte. East, Pte. Rogers, Pte. Passfield, Bdsn. Higgins, Pte. Dannel, Sergt.-Inst. Thomas.  
Front Row.—Pte. Tostevin, Bdsn. Hyams, Pte. Denham, Pte. Caul, Pte. Chapman.



## OFFICERS' CLUB.

## BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31ST, 1931.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Subscriptions in advance ... ..	1	1 0	Cash Current Account ...	£174	16 4½
Officers' Benevolent Fund ... ..	21	14 9	Reserve ... ..	90	2 5
Cricket Reserve Fund ... ..	511	5 0		264	18 9½
General Reserve Fund ... ..	117	12 0	Investments at cost, £500 conversion	500	0 0
Surplus on a/c to date:—			Deficit on Account to date:—		
Golf ... ..	£0	4 6	Cricket ... ..	£13	4 9½
Dinner ... ..	1	3 7	Tennis ... ..	0	16 0
Office ... ..	143	6 10		14	0 9½
Journal ... ..	0	3 5	Stock on hand:—		
		144	Picture ... ..	£8	8 0
		18	Ties ... ..	9	3 6
		4		17	11 6
Total ... ..	£706	11 1	Total ... ..	£706	11 1

Audited and found correct:—

A. M. O. ANWYL PASSINGHAM, *Col.*, Chairman and President.  
 T. S. WOLLOCOMBE, *Major*, } Members.  
 C. T. WHINNEY, *Capt.*, }

REGIMENTAL  
ASSOCIATION NOTES.HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR  
QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER  
30TH, 1931.

Amount of grants and loans made: £169 11s.

Other grants and loans specially sanctioned by the Executive Committee: £30 17s.

Number of cases dealt with: 230.

Number of cases assisted: 115.

Number of men registered for employment: 66.

Number of men found permanent employment: 17.

Number of men who took up employment: 17.

Number of parcels sent out by Ladies' Guild: 2.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, S.W. 1, on October 28th, 1931.

Present:—Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair), Brig.-Generals R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G.,

and F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Cols. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., and 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. C. Davis, R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley, C.Q.M.S. L. Clarke, Mr. W. Blackwood, Mr. F. E. Holmes, Mr. E. J. Warren and Major E. H. Amor (Assistant Secretary).

A proposal that the Editor of the Regimental Journal should take over the publication of the Regimental Standing Order was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to Major Pargiter about to relinquish the duties of Hon. Secretary of the Regimental Association and Editor of the Regimental Journal for his excellent work in those offices was carried unanimously.

The Chairman expressed the Association's regret at the approaching departure of Lieut.-Col. Pearson and the 1st Battalion on foreign service, and tendered good wishes to all ranks.

The following letter has been received on behalf of twenty-one men whom the Regimental Association has had the

opportunity of placing in postal employment. The letter has been suitably acknowledged:—

37, ROXETH GREEN AVENUE,  
SOUTH HARROW.  
January 24th, 1932.

DEAR SIR,—

Please find enclosed P.O. for £1, being an amount subscribed by members of the Harrow postal service who have received assistance from the Regimental Association in some way or other.

Would you please receipt the attached list and return, so that I may exhibit same on our office notice-board.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) E. BURNS.

Another letter received read as follows:—

British Legion and United Services' Fund  
Benevolent Committee for Carcroft,  
Skellow District.

13, LAUREL TERRACE,  
SKELLOW, NEAR DONCASTER.

January 25th, 1932.

Your ref. C/3860.

DEAR SIR,—

Re J. M., late Middlesex Regiment.

I have much pleasure in thanking you and your Committee for their prompt assistance to the late member of your Regiment.

A suitable purchase will be made at a shop selected by myself. Underclothing has been provided by the fund of which I am Local Relief Secretary, and a great-coat will be loaned, probably given by the P.A.C.

Mr. and Mrs. M— desire me to express their utmost thanks to all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) E. G. CRAWFORD.

The Hon. Secretary,  
Regimental Association, Middlesex  
Regiment.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in the Officers'

Mess, Queen's Westminster and Civil Service Rifles, Buckingham Gate, S.W. 1, on November 7th, 1931.

General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., took the chair, and presented the Annual Report for 1930.

General Maxse proposed, and Major-General Ramsay seconded, the adoption of the report, and the same was carried.

In the course of his remarks the Chairman alluded to the necessity of further sales of the Regimental History, a number of copies of which remained on hand, and to the fact that there was still a heavy debt to the printers.

He also referred to the good work done by the Ladies' Guild.

Amongst those present were Major-General Ramsay, Brig.-General Rowley, Cols. Anwyl Passingham, Beach, Blumfeld, and King, Major Pargiter, and about thirty others.

THE OLD COMRADES' ANNUAL  
DINNER.

This annual function was held on November 7th, 1931, at the Drill Hall of the Queen's Westminster and Civil Service Rifles, Buckingham Gate, S.W. 1.

Many Old Comrades had expressed their opinions that a cheaper place of assembly might be chosen for the dinner, consequently the Drill Hall referred to was engaged. The experiment was not justified by the result, for in place of the three to four hundred only two hundred and thirty-four put in an appearance. However, those who were present appeared to enjoy themselves.

The Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Ivor Maxse, presided, and was supported by Major-General Ramsay, Brig.-Generals Heath and Rowley, Cols. Passingham, King, Blumfeld and Beach, Lieut.-Cols. Hewett, Parmeter, Pearson, Steed and Tupper, Majors Glass, Pargiter and Willoughby, and Capt. Foster.

After the usual loyal toasts, General Maxse proposed the toast of "The Regiment." He referred to the recent presentation of Colours to the 1st Battalion, and complimented all concerned on the excellent turn-out and drill on that occasion. He also alluded to the



work of the Association and to the Regimental Museum and Historical Museum at the Depot.

The guests of the evening were Mr. E. S. W. Hart and Mr. E. Ridley, both of whom are connected with the Middlesex County Council. Lord Rochdale, the Lord Lieutenant of the County, and Mr. De Salis had been invited, but were unavoidably absent. Three other guests were Mr. F. J. Edwards, V.C., and In-Pensioners S. Hawkins and G. Howell, from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Mr. R. E. Ryder, V.C., was invited, but could not attend.

Telegrams were received from His Majesty the King and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, to whom messages offering their humble duty had been dispatched on behalf of the Old Comrades. Telegrams conveying good wishes were also received from Lord Rochdale, The Royal Fusiliers, East Surrey Regiment, and 19th London Regiment.

The Band of the 9th Battalion, under Mr. H. J. Rouse, played throughout the evening, and are heartily congratulated on their excellent performance.

Among those present in addition to those already mentioned were:—

Major G. B. Anderson, Major E. H. Amor, Mr. E. G. W. Amor, Cpl. Allehorne, Messrs. E. Ash, H. Anderson, A. Avant and J. R. Anderson, Capt. C. S. Burdon, Capt. V. Bateson, Sergts. Bishop and Bray, Messrs. R. G. Bates, T. W. Bailey, W. Buxton, W. Blackwood, E. Beard, A. Blinco, H. J. Beadle, W. Brockis-Warren, C. Baldrey, J. Boothby, H. Brown, F. Bevis, O. N. Bartholomew, W. Bennett, N. A. Bailey and J. H. Barnes, Lieut. H. E. Cross, 2/Lieut. R. Catt, C.Q.M.S. L. Clarke, Messrs. F. Clark, W. F. Carr, W. E. J. Casey, H. A. Clelland, G. W. Cook, W. A. Carter, H. Cooper, W. Clarke, T. A. Copel, A. C. Chidley, E. C. Champion, H. Collins, H. R. Campbell, W. Chapman and W. Creedon, R.S.M. C. Davis, L./Sergt. Dyson, Messrs. B. Duncan, J. H. Dennis, W. G. Dines, W. J. Dally, C. B. Dellow, A. E. Dunkley and W. Daly, Major J. English, Capt. H. C. Ellis, Messrs. R. E. Evans, L. Evans and T. Everson, Q.M.S. Finch, Messrs. F. Fennimore, W. Foxwell, J. W. Frost, E. R. Furniss and

A. C. Furse, Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon, C.S.M. C. E. Goodall, Ptes. Gould, W. Gould, D. A. Greenway, C. W. Gibson, F. Green, J. Gray, — Grainger, H. Garrett and C. Gess, Cpts. G. Hartley and F. G. Hogg, C.S.M. J. Hart, Messrs. J. Holwell, E. J. Hardy, G. Harvey, W. Hollingsworth, G. T. Holloway, F. E. Holmes, G. W. Hanks, T. A. J. Hicks, W. F. Hawkins, F. Haviland, J. Hobson, S. Howard, S. Hemsley, F. Hallworth and J. Heath, Capt. G. Johnson, Lieuts. E. F. James and O. G. Johnson, C.Q.M.S. James, Messrs. A. E. Jackman and — Jackman, 2/Lieut. R. King, L./Sergt. H. Kruck, Messrs. W. King, G. Kew, G. W. Kerswill and W. H. King, Major J. N. Lamont, C.S.M. I. L. Laxton, Messrs. J. Lavender, R. E. Loftus, H. Lawrence, J. B. Leigh-Martin and J. H. H. Lambourne, Lieut.-Col. W. Y. Miller, Cpts. S. Mirams and N. B. McIvor, Lieut. D. McDonald, 2/Lieut. T. L. Marks, Messrs. W. A. Meachen, J. Marsh, A. J. Morey, R. H. Maule, A. G. Meayers, A. D. Miller, H. E. Meadley, W. Martin, T. P. Nichols and G. Nethercott, Capt. A. N. Overell, Mr. H. J. Ormiston, R.S.M. Peck, R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley, Sergt.-Instr. Paterson, L./Sergts. E. Paterson and W. Quiggan, Capt. W. H. K. Richards, Messrs. W. Rouse, E. B. Rose, H. Reeves, J. Ryan, W. Reed and C. A. Rush, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Cpts. H. R. Strong and G. S. Sutherland, Sergt. E. Shaw, Messrs. C. A. Sampson, T. Sewell, D. B. Sanders, C. Sullivan, L. Sanders, R. J. Stephens, A. H. Sartain, F. L. Schaper, G. Shaw, W. Stickland, A. Stephens, G. T. Smith, R. Smith, W. A. Smith, E. H. Smith, H. W. Smith, E. Smith, A. Todman, S. H. Turner and E. G. Tulley, Capt. Vingoe, Messrs. A. Varney, L. Vivian, B. G. Watkins, E. J. Warren, A. Weston, D. B. Watson, H. Willmer, A. J. Wilson, G. H. Webber, S. V. Whale, F. Ward, J. Wallace, A. Wakeling, A. Webb, A. L. Ward, W. Warner, J. Walker and C. Young.

Since the Dinner there have been numerous letters from Old Comrades urging that future dinners should be held at an hotel instead of at a drill hall. It has, therefore, been arranged that the Dinner to be held on Saturday, November 5th, 1932, shall take place at the Grand

Dining Hall, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone. Unfortunately, the Wharncliffe Rooms in the same building are not available on the date mentioned. The Grand Dining Hall is, however, one of the finest rooms in London.

### OLD COMRADES' QUARTERLY CONCERT.

This gathering of Old Comrades took place at the Masonic Rooms, 341, Euston Road, N.W. 1, on January 2nd, when those present were delighted with "Edwynne's Entertainers," whom Mme. Chita Corri had secured for the evening.

Mr. F. E. Holmes, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, was in the chair, supported by Col. Passingham, Lieut.-Col. Samuel, Major Wollocombe, Capt. Whinney and Lieut. Gordon.

In a brief speech at the close of the Concert Col. Passingham thanked Mme. Corri for her presence and her valuable services in connection with that and similar functions.

Among those present were:—Mr. and Mrs. Tisdale, R.S.M. Davis, Mr. Simmonds, Miss Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith, Mr. Young and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Cox, Mr. Nethercott, Mr. Judd, Mr. and Mrs. T. King, Major Amor, Mr. E. G. Amor, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Meachen, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, the Misses A. and N. Wilson, Mr. H. Hutt, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Taylor and friend, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Harrigan, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson (9th Battalion), Major Money, Mr. Foley, Mr. and Mrs. Conroy, Mr. Quiggan, Mr. J. W. Holwell, Mr. Underwood, Mr. Wilmer, Mr. and Mrs. Goldstraw, Lieut. Clayden, Capt. G. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Baldry, Mr. Allen, Mr. Brett, Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith, and Mr. Mayo.

A collection towards the expenses of the concert realized £1 3s. 1d.

The next concert will be held at the same place at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, April 2nd, for which the services of the same concert party have been arranged. A record attendance is hoped for. It was proposed to hold the April Concert at Chelsea, but the Duke of York's School is not available.

### DEPOT NOTES.

SEASON'S GREETINGS BY CABLE.  
Via WESTERN UNION.

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O.C. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT,  
MILL HILL, LONDON, W.

HEARTIEST CHRISTMAS GREETINGS  
FROM US ALL.

THE MIDDLESEX LIGHT INFANTRY

SINCE the publication of the last issue of the Journal, many changes have taken place at the Depot, and more are still to come.

We welcome Major Wollocombe, who assumed command on December 21st, and we wish the best of luck to Major Pargiter, who left us on the same day in order to embark for Palestine with the 1st Battalion.

The Area Commander, Major-General H. R. Peck, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., visited the Depot on December 15th and saw the recruit squads formed since his annual inspection at their normal training.

A large party, consisting of officers and over a hundred other ranks, travelled to Colchester on October 21st to witness the ceremony of Presentation of New Colours to the 1st Battalion by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and few who witnessed the ceremony will forget it. Amongst those who accompanied the party from the Depot were three Chelsea Pensioners, who had served in the Regiment.

We welcome the 2nd Battalion back to the United Kingdom, and we wish the 1st Battalion the best of luck on commencing their tour of service abroad.

On November 6th we had our first visit from the G.S.O. for Physical Training, Major T. H. Wand-Tetley, O.B.E., who came to put Ypres Squad through their Command Test prior to being drafted.

Owing to the 1st Battalion being on embarkation furlough, the drafting of Albuhera, Mons and Ypres Squads was deferred until December 1st, and these three squads spent the last few weeks at the Depot, their recruit training having been completed, formed into a composite company, and as such underwent rather more advanced training.



The N.A.A.F.I. "Imperial Players" Concert Party gave an entertainment on November 24th, and our only regret is that they are too booked up to pay us another visit this winter. The "Pip-Emma" Concert Party paid a very welcome return visit to us on December 10th and gave their show to a large and appreciative audience.

We welcome again amongst us 2/Lieut. R. W. H. Willoughby, Supplementary Reserve of Officers, who, not content with having completed his attachment for preliminary training, came to do some voluntary soldiering at the Depot before Christmas.

All ranks of the Depot proceeded on Christmas leave from December 22nd to 29th, and returned to face their (second) Christmas dinner, which took place on January 1st.

We congratulate 2/Lieuts. Morley and Wilcox of the Supplementary Reserve of Officers, who have recently been gazetted Lieutenants, and we now note that we are one of the very few regiments which has its full establishment of nine officers of the Supplementary Reserve.

An account of the memorial service held at the Depot on Armistice Day, November 11th, appears elsewhere in this issue.

The Hon. Lecturer of the R.A.T.A. paid us a visit on November 17th and spoke some words of encouragement to the members of our newly formed branch.

The Assistant Director-General of Dental Services, War Office, paid us a visit on November 23rd.

On Thursday, December 31st, a party of nine recruits paid a visit to H.M. Ships of the Atlantic Fleet at Chatham, where an enjoyable and instructive day was spent.

#### GAZETTE.

##### POSTINGS.

6194972 Cpl. F. Davis: Posted from 1st Battalion for a tour of duty, 30/9/31.  
6196040 Cpl. J. Chillery: Posted to 1st Battalion, 1/10/31.

6195323 L./Sergt. S. Thompson: Posted to 1st Battalion, 30/9/31.

6197757 Cpl. J. Hood: Posted from 1st Battalion for a tour of duty, 1/10/31.

6197911 Cpl. R. Dyson: Posted from 1st Battalion for a tour of duty, 10/10/31.

6198025 Cpl. F. Payne: Posted to 1st Battalion, 10/10/31.

6198989 L./Cpl. R. Riches: Posted from 1st Battalion for a tour of duty, 22/10/31.

6191517 Cpl. H. Kruck: Posted from 1st Battalion for a tour of duty, 22/10/31.

6198943 Cpl. R. Jenkins: Posted from 1st Battalion for a tour of duty, 22/10/31.

6197621 Cpl. A. Nicholls: Posted to 1st Battalion, 22/10/31.

3233706 Cpl. W. Snell: Posted to 1st Battalion, 22/10/31.

6192053 L./Sergt. F. Chasney: Posted to 1st Battalion, 22/10/31.

6190175 Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) A. Finch: Posted to 1st Battalion, 1/11/31.

8367 Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) B. Baldwin: Posted from 1st Battalion for a tour of duty, 1/11/31.

#### PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6197478 L./Cpl. E. Swadling: Promoted Corporal, 2/10/31.

6197478 Cpl. E. Swadling: Appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 3/10/31.

6197081 Pte. A. Tuckfield: Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 18/9/31.

6191517 Cpl. H. Kruck: Appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 22/10/31.

#### CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

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

6722882 Pte. W. Desborough, 6199883 Pte. W. Blackley, 6700372 Pte. W. Maynard, 6200110 Pte. D. Sales, 6200136 Pte. A. Cox, 6200128 Pte. E. Vickery, 6200172 Pte. C. Gold, 6200192 Pte. F. Oliver, 6198892 Pte. A. Read, 6200181 Pte. E. Moss, 6198848 Pte. R. Hatt, 6200186 Pte. G. Harding, 6196256 Pte. A. Gigg, 6200198 Pte. H. Sayer, 6200132 Pte. G. Bradnam, 6200162 Pte. J. Philpot, 6200188 Pte. J. Bird, 6200175 Pte. F. Jaques, 6200199 Pte. L. Chapman, 6550608 Pte. A. Gardner, 6539589 Pte. G. Philo, 6200300 Pte. A. Turner, 6199872 Pte. J. Seago, 6200100 Pte. L. Brown, 6199889 Pte. A. Noble, 6200111 Pte. J. Wraight, 6200139 Pte. C. Howard, 6200130 Pte. D. Warren, 6200174 Pte. W. Evans, 6200179 Pte. J. Smith, 813717 Pte. F. Wise,

#### COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

6198493 Cpl. R. Jenkins: Attended L.Q. Course at Small Arms School, Hythe Wing, from 5/10/31 to 11/12/31, and obtained Qualified (Q.1) Certificate.

6191517 L./Sergt. H. Kruck: Attended the Regimental Instructors' Course (Serial No. 234) from 23/11/31 to 16/12/31, and obtained the qualification "Distinguished."

#### LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL.

6188948 Cpl. G. Newstead: Awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal with gratuity. (Authy.: A.O. dated October, 1931.)

#### SERGEANTS' MESS.

The past quarter, from our point of view, has been one that we can look back upon with mixed feelings. For us it has been a very busy three months. Socials have been run every other Monday. These up to the present have not been a success, and without exception have generally resulted in all present being called upon to "glide" round the floor to a non-stop one-step. Where are our budding B.B.C. artists?

On November 5th the Mess, with only one or two exceptions, went to the Old Comrades' Dinner, where a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Armistice Day again witnessed an impressive ceremony at our Cenotaph. The Mess for this day was thrown open to the wives and friends of members. In the evening a social was held, and, as in previous years, the 12th Battalion arrived to make the show a huge success.

On October 3rd the Mess held a very successful whist drive and dance, the winners being:—

Ladies.—1, Mrs. O'Brien; 2, Mrs. O'Brien; 3, Mrs. Cook.

Gents.—1, C.S.M. Hart; 2, L./Sergt. 36 Paterson; 3, Sergt.-Instr. Benwell.

December 21st saw the Annual Christmas Draw take place. This, owing, we suppose, to the financial situation, was not the success it has been in the past. Nevertheless, there were plenty of good things for those lucky enough to escape the close attention of friend Blankety-Blank. In this connection we must take

6200180 Pte. G. Bignell, 6200184 Pte. J. Marshall, 6008521 Pte. R. Harman, 6200194 Pte. L. Battams, 6195919 Pte. L. O'Doherty, 6596126 Pte. E. Davis, 6200155 Pte. R. Turner, 6200173 Pte. A. Gray, 6200187 Pte. A. Moreton, 6200301 Pte. W. Claxton, 6200308 Pte. G. Grant, 6200317 Pte. R. Rundle, 6200191 Pte. S. Weller, 6200149 Pte. R. Greer, 6200158 Pte. J. Willison, 6199986 Pte. G. Lockwood, 6200309 Pte. S. Ager, 6200312 Pte. F. Bond, 3186139 Pte. J. Hall, 6200322 Pte. W. Snell, 6200197 Pte. J. Wass, 6200304 Pte. F. Weekes, 6200324 Pte. L. Brooks, 6200329 Pte. W. O'Connor, 6200325 Pte. W. Stagg, 6200165 Pte. S. Mullett, 6200190 Pte. C. Hicklin, 6200171 Pte. J. Marney, 6200302 Pte. W. Atkinson, 6200305 Pte. A. Fisher, 6200313 Pte. J. Hipson, 6200315 Pte. H. Walker, 6200316 Pte. L. Wright, 6200311 Pte. L. Alexander, 6200328 Pte. C. Brown, 6200196 Pte. A. Simkins, 6199995 Pte. G. Walker.

The undermentioned obtained 2nd Class Certificates of Education during the past quarter:—

5880527 Dmr. L. Course, 6200150 Pte. S. Bone, 6200152 Pte. T. Burgess, 6200119 Pte. A. Hoare, 6200174 Pte. W. Evans, 6198848 Pte. R. Hatt, 6199875 Pte. R. Robinson, 6198423 Pte. J. Johnson, 6200144 Pte. S. Cheesley, 6200167 Pte. R. Soden, 6006521 Pte. R. Harman.

6198286 L./Cpl. B. White: Awarded 1st Class Certificate of Education. Date of award to have effect from 14/10/31. (E.C.O. 647/1931.)

#### SERVICE.

6192751 Sergt. A. Wright: Re-engaged for the Middlesex Regiment at Mill Hill on 15/10/31 for such a period as shall complete 21 years' service.

#### BIRTHS.

6188455 Sergt. W. Sadler: On 7/11/31, at Mill Hill, to the wife of Sergt. Sadler—a son (Albert Alexander).

6190886 Sergt. S. Mason: On 26/11/31, at Mill Hill, to the wife of Sergt. Mason—a son (Henry Sydney George).

#### MARRIAGE.

6197478 L./Sergt. E. Swadling: Married to Ethel Ivy Knowles at Kilburn on 25/12/31.



the opportunity of thanking Sergt. Bishop for the able way in which he conducted the draw. Thanks are also due to Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Hart, who for over an hour decided the fate of all present.

On the last day of the year the Mess, contrary to custom, held a fancy-dress ball and running buffet. This turned out a huge success. Upwards of 200 thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Preparations had been made weeks beforehand, and the final scene of 1931 fully justified and repaid the forethought and hard work of the Committee. As midnight approached, dozens of couples were gliding over the even and well-polished floor. Suddenly all was quiet and the well-loved chimes of Big Ben tolled out the Old and brought in the New. Dancing was carried on until past two in the morning. We must take the opportunity of thanking the Commanding Officer and officers for their support, by attending *en bloc*.

Tournaments held during the quarter:  
*Pokey-Die*.—Winners, Sergt. Bishop and L./Sergt. Swadling.

*Skittles*.—Winners, Sergt. Bishop and L./Sergt. Kruck.

Congratulations to Sergt. and Mrs. Mason on the birth of their son.

O.R.Q.M.S. Finch has left us to join the 1st Battalion, and we wish him every success. In his stead we welcome O.R.Q.M.S. Baldwin. We offer our congratulations to L./Sergt. Swadling on his joining the Mess, and on his marriage.

Although rather belated, we would like to take this opportunity of wishing all who read these notes a happy and prosperous New Year.

P. R. C.

#### CORPORALS' CLUB.

We wish to bid all N.C.Os. who left us for Palestine a pleasant sojourn.

We ran a dance on November 27th, and a jolly evening was spent by all.

We welcome Cpls. Hood, Bedward, Davis and Dyson, and L./Cpl. Riches, and trust they will enjoy their stay here.

A number of the Mess are on a Cadre Course at present, and the order in the Mess is I.T., Vol. I.

BLANCOED.

#### FOOTBALL.

Up to the present we have been unfortunate in having a number of Depot matches scratched this season, and it is therefore difficult to judge the strength of the Depot team. Judging from results alone it would seem that the team is stronger than it has been for some time. The Recruits' team, however, does not appear to be up to last year's standard.

For the remainder of the season we have a full fixture list, and it is to be hoped that we shall be able to get through it without having any further matches scratched.

The results of matches played to date are as follows:—

v. R.A.P.C. (Hounslow), at Hounslow, won 7—0.

v. R.A.F. (Stanmore), at Mill Hill, won 5—3.

v. Recruits, Depot The Royal Fusiliers, at Hounslow, lost 1—2.

Plenty of squad football has taken place, and there is in progress at the present time an Inter-Ranks League and an Inter-Rooms Six-a-Side League. Before the three senior squads—Albuhera, Mons and Ypres—left to join the 1st Battalion, an Inter-Rooms Six-a-Side Knock-out took place, and, after an exciting and amusing final, Mons No. 15 Room beat Ypres No. 10 Room by a goal to nothing.

F. W.

#### BOXING.

As is usually the custom, before the three last squads left to join the 1st Battalion a Boxing Tournament was held. Altogether 152 entries were received, and the tournament took five days to complete. On the whole, boxing reached quite a high standard, and there were many close and exciting bouts. We shall undoubtedly hear more of some of the winners in Battalion boxing. The outstanding recruits in this tournament were Eddison and Goodair (Ypres), Jaques (Ladysmith) and Watson (Nivelle); Burch (Mons), Lerick (Albuhera) and Hall (Ladysmith) also show promise, and should do well with more experience.

A complete list of the results is as follows:—

#### OPEN TO DEPOT STAFF.

*Feather-weight*.—Pte. Knight.

*Light-weight*.—Pte. Jones.

*Welter-weight*.—Pte. Collinson.

*Light Heavy-weight*.—L./Cpl. White.

#### CLASS "A" RECRUITS (SENIOR SQUADS).

*Bantam-weight*.—Pte. Stone (Mons).

*Feather-weight*.—Pte. Burch (Mons); runner-up, Pte. Monk (Ypres).

*Light-weight*.—Pte. Lerick (Albuhera); runner-up, Pte. Wraight (Mons).

*Intermediate-weight*.—Pte. Eddison (Ypres); runner-up, Pte. Holdford (Mons).

*Welter-weight*.—Pte. Goodair (Ypres); runner-up, Pte. Kendall (Albuhera).

*Middle-weight*.—Pte. Bell (Albuhera).

#### CLASS "B" RECRUITS (JUNIOR SQUADS).

*Bantam-weight*.—Pte. Wadsworth (Somme); runner-up, Pte. Pell (Nivelle).

*Feather-weight*.—Pte. Mortimer (Nivelle); runner-up, Pte. Bond (Ladysmith).

*Light-weight*.—Pte. Jaques (Ladysmith); runner-up, Pte. Wilson (Somme).

*Intermediate-weight*.—Pte. Alexander (Ladysmith); runner-up, Pte. Weller (Ladysmith).

*Welter-weight*.—Pte. Hall (Ladysmith); runner-up, Pte. Reeves (Ladysmith).

*Middle-weight*.—Pte. Watson (Nivelle); runner-up, Pte. Burgess (Somme).

We again entered a team for the Command Inter-Depot Recruits' Team Championship. The Group finals took place in our Gymnasium on November 12th, when six teams competed. Unlike last year, when we reached the final stage of the Command Competition, we were eliminated early on in the Group Tournament. Let us hope that next year we may do better than we have done this time. Our team fought well, on the whole, but in almost every case they were up against better and stronger fighters.

F. W.

#### SHOOTING.

The Annual Christmas Shoot was held on Monday, December 21st, and, as was

the case last year, provided an amusing afternoon's sport. The following are the results of the various events:—

#### SEALED HANDICAP.

*Series (a), Open to Depot Staff Personnel and Recruits of Somme Squad*.—1st Prize, Pte. Davis (Somme); 2nd Prize, L./Sergt. 36 Paterson; 3rd Prize, Pte. Greer (Somme); 4th Prize, Cpl. Bedward.

*Series (b), Open to Recruits of Nivelle Squad*.—1st Prize, Pte. Pell; 2nd Prize, Pte. Marney; 3rd Prize, Pte. Gibbons.

*Series (c), Open to Wives of Other Ranks*.—1st Prize, Mrs. Hart; 2nd Prize, Mrs. Finch; 3rd Prize, Mrs. Easton.

#### LUCKY SNAP COMPETITION.

*Series (a), Open to Depot Staff Personnel and Recruits of Somme Squad*.—1st Prize, Sergt. Wright; 2nd Prize, C.S.M. Hart; 3rd Prize, Pte. Bradnam (Somme); 4th Prize, Pte. Johnson (Depot Staff).

*Series (b), Open to Recruits of Nivelle Squad*.—1st Prize, Pte. Watson; 2nd Prize, Pte. Read; 3rd Prize, Pte. Marney.

*Series (c), Open to Wives of Other Ranks*.—1st Prize, Mrs. Finch; 2nd Prize, Mrs. Clarke; 3rd Prize, Mrs. Hart.

#### RAPID FIRE COMPETITION.

*Series (a), Open to Depot Staff Personnel*.—1st Prize, Cpl. Cooper; 2nd Prize, Cpl. Bedward; 3rd Prize, L./Cpl. Overy.

*Series (b), Open to Recruits of Somme Squad*.—1st Prize, Pte. Davis; 2nd Prize, Pte. Mullett; 3rd Prize, Pte. Rivett.

Since the publication of the last Journal notes we have had another shooting match with the Recruits of the Depot The Royal Fusiliers.

The following are the scores and results:—

*Depot The Middlesex Regiment*.—Ptes. Langford (Mons), 52; Vigor (Ypres), 50; Cheln (Ypres), 49; Jones (Ypres), 46; Eddison (Ypres), 45; Denham (Ypres), 45; Barkway (Mons), 43; Rodell (Mons), 40. Total, 370.

*Depot The Royal Fusiliers*.—311.

Won by 59 points.

F. W.





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## COLCHESTER GARRISON RIFLE MEETING.

Winners Light Automatic Cup:  
Cpl. Simmons and Pte. Wilson, D Company, 1st Battalion.

## THE NATIONAL CADET MOVEMENT.

(Reprinted from *Our Empire*.)

By COL. RT. HON. THE LORD ROCHDALE.  
(Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex; President of the Cadet Association of the County of Middlesex.)

THE chief object of the cadet training is to teach boys between the ages of 14 and 17 to be good citizens. This is done through the medium of sound and healthy training, under the supervision of thoroughly competent officers.

As is generally known, the cadets used to be administered by the War Office through County Territorial Associations, each cadet unit being affiliated to a Territorial Army unit, and the boys were proud to be part of their County Regiment. The War Office made a grant of five shillings per head per annum for each efficient cadet. It is true that this amount did not anything like cover the expense of clothing, equipping, and training a cadet, also the expenses in connection with the annual camp—but still, it was a great help. The balance was made up by gifts of money from many generous people interested in the movement.

It is also generally known that the last Socialist Government withdrew the official recognition of the Cadet Force, and the grant.\* Just at first things looked very

\* As we go to press, the Financial Secretary to the War Office has just announced in the House of Commons that the Government had decided to reverse the decision of the Labour Government, and to afford official recognition to the British National Cadet Association. In the present circumstances of stringency, however, the Government had not felt able to accept any financial liabilities. He added that the British National Cadet Association had gratefully accepted this decision.

It is explained in correspondence between the War Office and the Association that camp equipment for a maximum of 25,000 cadets for a fortnight will be made available each year, and that, when Service exigencies permit, units will be permitted to make use of Government buildings, ranges, and War Office land. Cadets affiliated to Territorial units will be permitted to wear uniform and, if stocks permit, weapons will be issued free on payment of cost of carriage from ordnance depots. If arms have been recently purchased a refund will be made.

black, and it appeared that the Cadet Force would cease to exist—but, thanks to the efforts of many patriotic people, most counties formed a Cadet Association, and set to work to raise funds locally. At this time the British National Cadet Association was formed, and is a Council that decides all questions of policy, so that most County Associations are affiliated to this body.

This British National Cadet Association is a very strong and influential body. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales graciously consented to be Patron, when Field-Marshal Lord Allenby was elected President.

The result is that to-day not only have none of the units been broken up, but the movement is going ahead, even growing stronger, and there is more interest taken in it throughout the country. Still, it has been a very hard task to keep everybody together and to raise sufficient funds, and very great credit is due to those who have worked so hard to keep the movement alive.

The training the boys receive consists of drill, miniature rifle shooting, physical training, and many forms of recreation in the evenings, including numerous competitions. This is all carried out under cadet officers, many of whom rendered distinguished service in the Great War. In addition, an Annual Camp is held by many Associations. Before official recognition was withdrawn, it was the custom to hold a fourteen days' camp, but many boys attended only for one week. This year, on account of expense, it was found necessary to curtail the duration of the camp, and in some cases Associations had to amalgamate.

It will therefore be obvious to many that this sound and healthy training does a great deal to improve the minds of the younger generation. They receive very beneficial training and discipline, and are occupied in the evenings, which, in many cases, saves them from wandering about and possibly getting into trouble. I feel sure that it must be realized that such training does an immense amount of good not only in making the boys good citizens, but the discipline they receive, also the healthy life in camp, makes them more efficient and of greater value to their employers.



There are two classes of cadets, *i.e.*, the School Cadets, which are raised at public secondary schools; and the Open Cadets, which are recruited from those boys who are busy all day long, working in shops, offices and works.

The public secondary schools have a very influential body called "The Public Secondary Schools Cadet Association," who, amongst other things, arrange an extremely good Annual Camp for the School Cadets. This camp, for the past few years, has been held on the downs at Marlborough.

The Open Cadets hold their camps, as far as possible, by the seaside.

It is quite obvious that this national movement cannot continue without money, and I most earnestly appeal to all employers of labour, and to all those interested in the welfare of our boys, to support the movement by giving some small donation to their local Cadet Unit or to the County Cadet Association.

It is my considered opinion that money expended on this movement is one of the best investments for this country.

### 7th BATTALION NOTES.

THE past quarter is alleged to be one of leisure, but there seems to have been a considerable amount of activity in the various Drill Halls: various competitions have taken place, and a certain amount of recreational training, chiefly in the form of boxers getting fit for the Battalion Boxing Meeting, full particulars of which will appear in our notes in the next issue.

We are all very much concerned with the health of our Commanding Officer. During the past six months, owing to increased business responsibility, he has not been able to devote a great deal of time to his duties with the Battalion. In consequence of the hard work thrust upon him, his health has broken down, and at the time of writing he has had temporarily to give up his business and take a well-earned rest. We all wish him a speedy recovery to normal health, and hope we shall soon see him back with us again.

On Sunday, October 11th, a rifle team of ten had a shooting match versus the

1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment, at Hartingfordbury, and were beaten by the somewhat considerable margin of 141 points. Whilst heartily congratulating the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment, we cannot congratulate our own team on the scores made, although R.O.M.S. Roberts and Sergts. Porter and Thomas shot very well indeed. It is hoped that this event will be an annual one, and if such is the case our team will have to make vast improvement before they can seriously challenge their opponents again. We were all very greatly indebted to our late Commanding Officer, Col. J. K. Maitland, M.C., T.D., for his hospitality in entertaining both teams to lunch.

The annual inspections have been taking place. On October 13th the Brigade Commander, Col. G. H. Harrison, D.S.O., visited us; and on December 1st the G.O.C. 44th (H.C.) Division inspected the Drill Halls.

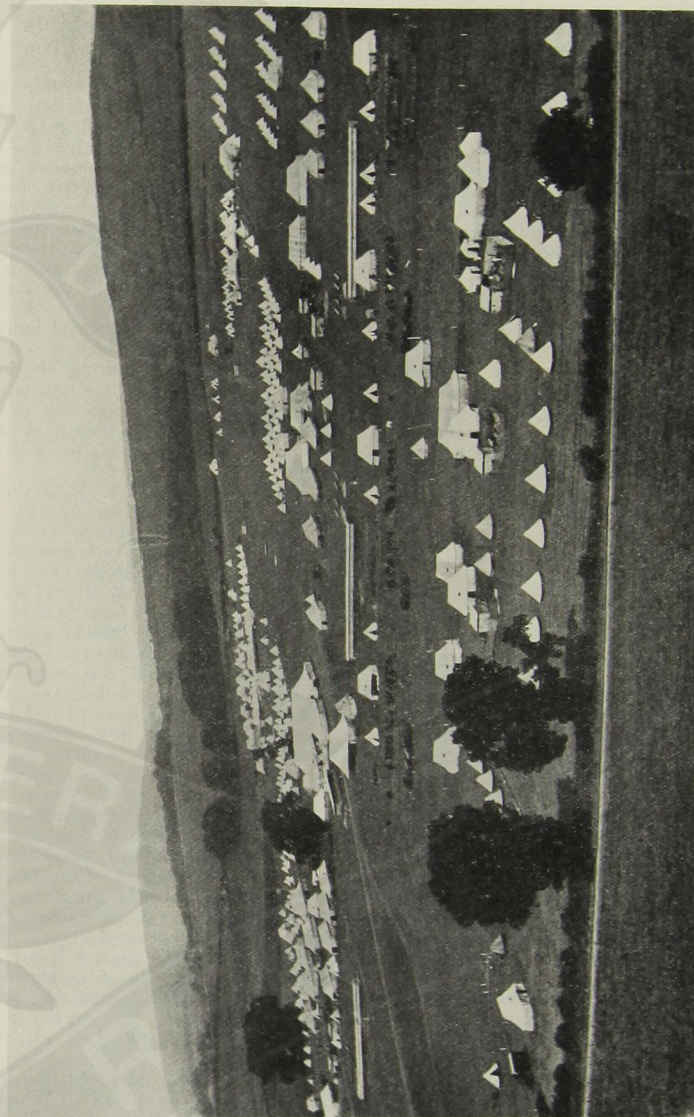
Congratulations are extended to Lieuts. Bartram, Johnson, Hamp-Adams and Scott Lowe upon their promotions.

At the end of October Sergt. Raindle left us to join the 1st Battalion at Colchester, and has since proceeded abroad with them to Palestine. His place has been taken by Sergt. Tibble, who we hope will be quite happy at Tottenham.

Whilst talking of the 1st Battalion, who sailed for Palestine on December 23rd, we should like to take this opportunity of wishing them a very happy and successful foreign tour. A wire from all ranks, bidding them "au revoir," was dispatched so as to reach them when they were embarking on the *Lancashire*.

On Saturday, October 24th, Major H. A. Murray (accompanied by Lieut. N. E. T. Christodoulo, team captain) attended at the Middlesex Guildhall to receive the Middlesex Justices' Shield, won by our Battalion team at the Brigade Rifle Meeting at Purfleet last July. The presentation was made by Sir Herbert Nield. The Commanding Officer could not be present, as he was away at Lewes preparing a tactical exercise for officers, which took place the following week-end, when fourteen officers attended—a somewhat disappointing number at one of the most interesting and enjoyable tactical exercises that has taken place.

Our annual Armistice commemoration service took place on November 8th in



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MYRTLE GROVE CAMP, 1931.



Hornsey Parish Church, the numbers attending being a record for the Battalion, but there is still room for improvement. One cannot possibly say that 50 per cent. is a good attendance, for, apart from Annual Training, this is the one parade of the year at which all companies can meet. One hears all sorts of excuses from the absentees; one excuse given is that it is difficult to get home to dinner. This, however, can be overcome, as an excellent meal for all those attending was, as in previous years, provided at Battalion Headquarters at the conclusion of the parade. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. C. Montgomery-Campbell, M.C., M.A., Chaplain to the Battalion, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. C. M. Smith, who at one period of the war was Adjutant of the Battalion. We hope next year that at least 90 per cent. of those then serving in the Battalion will attend, in order to show our Old Comrades that we do really exist as a battalion. We were delighted to see so many Old Comrades present, and look forward to seeing them again next year.

We should like to extend our congratulations to Sergt. Carter on being awarded a bar to his Territorial Efficiency Medal, and to L./Sergt. Tobin on being awarded the medal. The former was handed the bar to his medal by Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., D.L., at the conclusion of the Armistice church parade. In the afternoon a detachment, under Lieut. R. Bartram, attended the Hornsey Branch of the British Legion service at Alexandra Palace.

A detachment under Lieut. N. E. T. Christodoulo attended the Mayor of Hornsey's service at Hornsey Parish Church on Sunday, November 15th.

By the time these notes appear in print several Battalion functions will have taken place, notably the Annual Children's Party, Prize Distribution, and the Boxing Meeting, and full reports of these will appear in the May number.

D (Tottenham) Company have, for the third year in succession, proved the Champion Company of the Battalion, and have secured the Clay Memorial Shield. The King Cup has been won by B (Enfield) Company, also the Barnet Cup. In the latter competition Sergt. Thomas and his team put up an excellent perfor-

mance, and will represent the Battalion in the Brigade Fire Direction Competition, which is due to take place in the latter end of January.

Still further structural alterations have taken place at Hornsey. The old disused Canteen has now been converted into a lecture room, and offices for H.Q. Wing and C Company.

The most popular nights of the whole year were Monday and Tuesday, December 14th and 15th, when annual bounties were paid out. We received a visit from the Adjutant, who conveyed a message from the Commanding Officer saying how very sorry he was not to be present, but his health would not permit it. We were enlightened as to various social functions and forms of training which it is anticipated will take place during the forthcoming year. This was the last occasion on which the Adjutant will visit us on a bounty night, as, when we again attend this most popular parade, he will have left us.

We are very pleased to have the 2nd Battalion home from their foreign tour, and hope they will enjoy their well-earned home service period, commencing at Colchester. We shall no doubt be asking them for assistance by the way of loaning us specialist instructors from time to time.

The cancellation of Annual Camp this year was most unwelcome news, and came like a thunderbolt to all; but the resourceful minds that hold our helm have already outlined an attractive form of training as a substitute for camp this season, so we may dismiss the expectation of a lonely void in the coming summer of our Territorial year.

Those who have a happy memory of our camps, and would like to live once more, in fancy, amidst those scenes, should read "The Spirit of the Downs," by A. Beckett, and "Highways and Byways of Sussex," by E. V. Lucas. These volumes can be borrowed at any of our local libraries. The former is a charming book, full of stories of the Downlands and the Downland folk, and they remind us of an episode in the journey of our two light lorries, and their escort, to Myrtle Grove last year, when they pulled up at one of those old-world taverns far out on the Sussex plains. When the traditional round of ale was called, the proprietor stood in silence and looked

vague until a grey-haired native, who leaned against the bar, explained, "Sir, he's like meself—he's deaf; you'll have to shout." The window-seat was occupied by one of those picturesque sons of Nature, an aged shepherd of the downs. This patriarch of the pastures smoked his pipe with tranquil puffs, viewing the strangers through the placid cloud of vapour, and when addressed replied, "I'm sorry, sir, I'm hard of hearin'; shout." They were genial folk, so there was a roaring conversation while the abstainers on the cars outside listened with dreadful apprehension to the sudden vehemence of their friends within.

#### H.Q. WING.

Drum-Major Love has, amid universal regret, retired owing to age limit. We wish him the best of luck, and hope to see him often.

We welcome Drum-Major Silvey, and are confident that the Drums will, under him, continue to prosper.

We fear that we have not anything more of great interest to record. Training has gone on steadily, but we wish that attendances were more regular on the part of some people.

#### A COMPANY.

(HIGHGATE)

We imagine that all who wish to write Company notes for this particular issue have a legitimate "moan" and this Company is certainly no exception, as our activities during the last three months of 1931 offer but little to record in the way of triumphal progress.

In the last number, we announced our intention of winning the King Cup Competition again, but it appears that other companies had different ideas on the subject, as it seems that, at the best, we shall secure a bad fourth place.

In the Barnet Cup Fire Direction Competition, the Company team showed a very considerable improvement on last year's standard, and congratulations are due to Sergt. Knight, who captained the team and who was largely responsible for the training and improvement.

The Company football team has now weathered the first half of its first season, and, although the Club has enjoyed all its games, we regret that there are not a great number of startling wins to write up. We hope that the second half of the season will find the side more together and give improved results.

For the past month or two many of us have been taking the boxing question seriously, and we believe that this year's competitions will show a larger percentage of entries and winners from this Company.

In the matter of recruits we are still the weakest company in the Battalion, but are looking forward to making a sterling effort to adjust this defect in the near future.

We are now faced with the Weapon Training period, and intend to put in some hard work in all directions and to try to make 1932 a more successful year than its predecessor.

As usual, we conclude by welcoming all newly joined members of the Company, and, while on the subject, would like to mention that we would like to see more of all old members of the Company who have departed. Our parade nights are Mondays and Thursdays, and we hope that they can find the time to look in whenever they feel so inclined.

#### B (M.G.) COMPANY.

(ENFIELD)

The quarter which has just passed is, of course, the quietest of the Territorial year, and therefore it provides less copy for the Company journalists, a point in its favour, some say. Three events are outstanding in importance as far as we are concerned.

In the first, the King Cup, our efforts of last year were duly rewarded, and we are now the holders of this much-coveted trophy. We managed to win all four matches against the other companies, only one of which was really a near thing. The scores were better than last year, but there is still room for improvement in the Company shooting as a whole.

The second event of importance was our winning of the Byrne Cup. Sergt.



Thomas and his team deserve special congratulations on this achievement, and they carry with them our very best wishes when they go to Hounslow for the Brigade Competition early in the New Year. The standard of shooting in this competition was also a great improvement on former years.

The last of our important shows was a Company Dance held in November, at which everyone seemed to enjoy themselves even more than usual. A new band, "Stan Gould and his Virginians," made a very promising *début*. We think they would have played until sunrise if we had let them. Never has a band been so keen to show what it could do.

The rest of our time has been taken up by recreational training and shooting, with a sand-table scheme pushed in now and again. The boxers have been training hard, and we wish them luck in the Battalion and Brigade shows, though both these will have taken place before these notes are in print. Bounty Night, held just before Christmas, proved, as usual, the most popular parade of the season.

It gives us much pleasure to be able to announce, officially, that Capt. Arnold has agreed to reverse his decision to leave us at an early date, and we shall thus have the benefit of his experience during our training for the Perring Cup next year.

With reference to a paragraph concerning matrimony which appeared in our last issue, we are able to state that a resulting claim for libel by the lady concerned was settled amicably out of court.

There are many rumours concerning Annual Training in 1932, but we prefer to make no statement at the moment. In our next notes we hope to be able to give definite plans and programmes. In the meantime, let us get busy and make sure of the Perring Cup.

#### C COMPANY.

Each time one comes to write these notes the available material appears to grow less. No doubt, as I write, several others are thinking the same.

An unpleasant rumour which was current when writing our last notes has since become a fact: this year will see no

Annual Training in camp. We expect this has been mentioned elsewhere, so we will not express ourselves at length. We must bow to the inevitable, and do all we can under the circumstances to keep the Battalion up to scratch.

Our Weapon Training has improved along with the rest of the Battalion. In the Barnet Cup Fire Direction Competition we were placed second. If teams from two other companies had not misread the conditions, we should have been lower on the list, so we cannot look upon this as a great achievement. In the King Cup Miniature Range Competition we were third. Pte. 83 Williams did consistently well throughout the competition. We scored a total of 1,360 points, whilst our opponents' aggregate was 1,331. This is much better than last year.

However, we can console ourselves with having won the Sports Cup again this year. We hope, by the time this is in print, to have won the Inter-Company Boxing Competition once more. We have as good a chance as any other company, and it will not be for want of trying if we do not win. There is also a rumour that certain stalwarts do not intend letting B (M.G.) Company have all its own way with the Cross-Country this year. C (O. & S.) Company may yet come into its own.

Our congratulations to Sergt. Bryan, of D, on his promotion and appointment to us as Company Quartermaster-Sergeant, and also to Pte. and Mrs. Powell on the birth of a daughter.

In closing, we wish the 1st Battalion the best of luck on their foreign tour, and, in welcoming the 2nd Battalion home, hope it will not be long before we see something of them.

#### D COMPANY.

The period under review in these notes, November and December, is invariably a quiet one, and this year proved no exception to the rule. Recreational training occupied our minds for some time, and a new offensive weapon has been discovered in the shape of a leather strap! D Company pugilists are keen, but our chances at the Battalion Boxing Meeting are not so bright as in previous years, and we shall have to excel ourselves in order to

retain the cup. Unfortunately our three best boxers have left us, but we have a number of promising recruits to take their place.

We were rather unlucky in the King Cup Competition, but nevertheless we congratulate B Company on their fine victory, both in the competition and in the Barnet Cup. Our only defeat was at the hands of the Enfield Company, and one shot dropped in the grouping practice

was held on a morning which started with pouring rain, and in the circumstances we cannot complain about attendance. The service was followed by a short march, and afterwards an excellent meal was served to all ranks at Headquarters.

Christmas Day was unusually quiet at Tottenham. This was mainly due to the fact that Father Christmas (Captain, Middlesex Regiment) had a breakdown in



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BAND OF THE 7th BATTALION.

really lost us this match. Sergt. Lenney obtained the highest aggregate in the four matches, with 208 points, followed by 2/Lieut. Scott Lowe with 202, and L./Cpl. Bundy with 187. The Barnet Cup proved rather disastrous for D Company, as we dropped from first place in 1930 to third in 1931. Nevertheless, an interesting evening was spent at Hornsey, although several senior officers are still examining the target in an endeavour to locate the "lonely bush"!

The Armistice Sunday church parade

Westbury Avenue. We hope his chariot will be in action at the Children's Party.

We congratulate Lieut. Adams on his recent promotion, but it is unfortunate that business prevents him from visiting his native heath more often.

L./Cpl. Bundy recently attended at the London District School for a fortnight's course, and obtained a satisfactory report.

Finally, we wish all "Die-Hards" the best of luck for 1932, especially our friends in the 1st Battalion, now decorating the Holy Land.



## 8th BATTALION NOTES.

THE quarter under review has been a fairly full one from the point of view of both work and pleasure.

The Officers' Annual Reunion Dinner was held on October 10th. This year a change was made in the place of rendezvous, the Dinner being held at Hounslow Headquarters. The evening was a complete success from all points of view. An excellent repast was served by our indefatigable Mess Sergeant and his staff, and the Band of the Battalion played selections throughout dinner, after which the Commanding Officer received from Col. H. R. Peake, on behalf of the officers, a signed photograph of the late Duke of Cambridge. A flashlight photo of those present was taken, and all voted the evening a pleasant one. In addition to all serving officers the following past officers attended:—Cols. W. Garner, E. E. F. Baker, H. R. Peake and L. C. Dams, Majors Jack, Lewey and Sherbrooke-Walker, Messrs. Jewson, Boys, Newberry, Tomlinson, Byham, Thorne, Dymore and Dix-Perkins.

Church parades have been held during the quarter at Uxbridge and Hounslow. Both were well attended, and it gave pleasure to note the presence on parade of a party of Old Comrades. They are always welcome.

Another innovation this year was the holding of the Armistice Day Parade at Hounslow. This was popular. It will be remembered by all those who have at any time served in the Battalion and those who have visited us at Hounslow that we have our own Memorial "To those who fell in the Great War." It consists of handsome oak panelling, which covers the walls and ceiling of the entrance hall, and contains the names of about 800 members of all ranks. It was unveiled on Armistice Day, 1928.

The service was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Bateman, C.F. This was very fitting, as the reverent gentleman was chaplain of the 1st/8th Battalion during his service at the front. The parade was commanded by Major R. B. Hirst, and about ten officers and eighty other ranks were present on parade. A party, with Colours, from the Hounslow Branch of

the "Old Contemptibles," were also on parade. Others present included Col. W. Garner, C.M.G., T.D., D.L., and Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Hirst, Mrs. Dobbs, Capt. and Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Miskin and Miss Blair. The Band, under Bandmaster A. S. Groves, accompanied the service, and the "Last Post" and "Réveille" were sounded by drummers, under Sergt. Henson. Approximately 400 civilians attended. It is intended to make the Armistice Day Service an annual fixture in future.

On November 17th a Tactical Exercise without troops for officers, attended by the Brigade Commander and Staff, was held in the vicinity of Ash Vale. The various syndicates gave sound solutions of the problems, and a very profitable day was spent.

During the early part of December the annual competition for the Miniature Range Shield was carried out. The Quartermaster (Lieut. S. A. Cox) was pressed into service to judge the competition, and although he did his utmost to confound the section leaders by selecting the most difficult targets, they rose to the occasion, and their riflemen put up an excellent show. B (M.G.) Company must be congratulated on winning the competition. D Company were runners-up, being only three points behind. The latter Company being the best rifle company have been selected to represent the Battalion in the Brigade Competition being held in January.

A successful Novices' Boxing Competition was held at Hounslow on December 9th and 16th. The second evening was found necessary owing to the large number of entries. The standard of boxing was high, and the fighting carried out in the most sporting manner. The competitors must be congratulated on their most sporting efforts. The Battalion Open Competition is being held on January 25th, and it is hoped that a very strong team will be produced to represent the Battalion in the Brigade Competition. Hopes of retaining the trophy already in our possession are high.

The results of the Novices' Competition are:—

*Battalion Shield.*—1, H.Q. Wing, 23 points; 2, C Company, 22 points; 3, B

(M.G.) Company, 20 points; 4, A Company, 13 points; 5, D Company 12 points.

*Weight Winners.*—Bantam - weight, Pte. Beechan, H.Q.; Feather-weight, Cpl. Reed, C; Light-weight, Pte. Chessman, H.Q.; Middle-weight, Pte. Bridges, B; Welter-weight, Pte. Wicks, C; Light-heavy, Pte. Willoughby, C.

*Special Six-round Contests.*—At 8st. 6lb., Pte. Furness, C, beat W. Betts, of Staines. Heavy-weight: Pte. Rice, B, beat Tony Rice, of Hounslow.

An enjoyable Officers' Dance was held at Hounslow on December 18th, which was well attended, and was a success from all points of view, except, perhaps, that of the motorists, who were compelled to conscript passengers to watch the kerb. In all fairness to the motorists I must add that this was necessary owing to the night being the most foggy experienced for some time.

Our next function was the Annual Prize-giving, and I can do no better than re-print, by kind permission of the Editor of the *Middlesex Chronicle*, their report which appeared in the issue dated January 16th:—

## TERRITORIALS' PRIZEGIVING.

8TH BATTALION GATHERING AT HOUNSLOW.

ADDRESS BY LORD ROCHDALE.

Continued progress in strength and efficiency and successes in divisional and brigade competitions were reported at the annual prize distribution of the 8th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, T.A. (Duke of Cambridge's Own), on Tuesday evening, when Col. Rt. Hon. The Lord Rochdale, Lord Lieutenant of Middlesex, presented the trophies in Hounslow Drill Hall, the Battalion Headquarters.

Members of the various companies, accompanied by friends, travelled from their respective districts in motor-coaches to attend the function, at which there was a crowded gathering. During the assembling a programme of lively music, including numbers reminiscent of the war years, was discoursed by the Battalion Band, under the conductorship of Bandmaster A. S. Groves.

Among officers of the Battalion present were Lieut.-Col. W. H. Parmeter (Officer Commanding), Capt. J. E. Dobbs, M.C. (Adjutant), Major R. B. Hirst (Commanding A Company, Hampton), Capt.

S. Maddex, M.B.E. (B, Ealing), Capt. G. Hartley (D. Uxbridge), Capt. H. C. Ellis, O.B.E. (H.Q. Wing, Hounslow), and Lieut. S. A. Cox (Quartermaster). Capt. R. E. Warlow, Commanding C Company (Staines), was unable to attend, being abroad.

The visitors included Major-General H. R. Peck, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (General Officer Commanding the 44th, Home Counties, Division), Col. G. H. Harrison (Commanding the 132nd, Middlesex and Kent, Infantry Brigade), Col. W. Garner, C.M.G., T.D., D.L. (Hon. Colonel of the 8th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment), the Rev. E. L. Macassey, T.D., Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (Secretary of the Territorial Army and Air Force Association of Middlesex), Col. L. C. Dams, T.D., Col. C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., Col. Willoughby Garner, Major R. D. Sherbrook-Walker, Major T. South, County Alderman H. S. Button (Vice-Chairman of Middlesex County Council) and Mrs. Button, Councillor H. J. Stowell (Mayor of Ealing), Lieut.-Comdr. and Mrs. De Burgh, Miss Parmeter, Mrs. Dobbs, Mrs. Hirst, Mrs. Maddex, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. and Miss Willoughby Garner, Mrs. Sherbrook-Walker, etc.

## A YEAR OF SUCCESSES.

Col. Parmeter, on behalf of the Battalion, welcomed Lord Rochdale amid loud applause, and said how much they appreciated the honour of his presence. Proceeding to summarise the year's work, he recalled that at the last prize-giving he spoke of the progress of the Battalion and expressed confidence that in 1931 they would have many successes. He was now intensely proud to be able to talk of divisional and brigade trophies. In February they won Col. Pank's Inter-Brigade Boxing Trophy, which returned to the Battalion after an absence of six years, and in April they were winners of the Divisional Cross-Country Run for the first time. (Applause.) They gained the Perring Brigade Machine-gun Trophy in July, and Dmr. Howard won the Brigade Bugle Competition for the Battalion. (Renewed applause.) In three Brigade Competitions—that for Signallers, the Miniature Range Fire Direction Competition, and Winter Weapon Training—they



secured second place. To gain these successes all companies worked hard and they shared the credit. All had worked with the one idea of advancing the Battalion. A Company gained the Isleworth Cup (for competitions held during annual training), B won the Miniature Range Shield, C had the best shooting record, D retained the Efficiency Cup for the second year, and H.Q. Wing secured the cup for the highest attendance at annual training. Competition for the cup awarded to the company having the highest number of points in all events was very close—a sure sign that all in the Battalion were working together. Five officers (two captains and three subalterns) had passed their examinations for promotion. Five had gained Certificate A and four had passed into the Regular Army. Mr. Russell had gone to the Gurkhas and Mr. Vickers to the Royal Air Force, and Mr. Brooke and Mr. Northcott would shortly be going to the Indian Army. N.C.O.s had done well, particularly the junior leaders: Signallers qualified twenty-three out of twenty-six, and range-takers were working hard to qualify. The Battalion had twenty-one officers, and the total of other ranks increased during the year from 490 to 500. Recruiting had been steady, and at the time the restriction was imposed the Battalion occupied top position in the Brigade. There was an increase in the number of re-engagements, seventy-seven other ranks re-engaging during the year compared with forty in 1930. With regard to discharges, no fewer than thirty men had gone to the Regular Army, for which the total number recruited in the area in the course of the year was sixty—the highest in the whole of the London district. (Applause.) After speaking of the camps held in 1931, Col. Parmeter said the news that they were not to have their annual camp this year was a very great blow to the Battalion, and it was, he thought, felt more keenly by the men than the officers. He hoped they would not lose heart, and if they would attend their drill halls they could put in some really excellent training. There was a possibility of two or three days' training being arranged at Mill Hill or Hounslow. The Commanding Officer thanked the Adjutant and permanent staff instructors for the hard work they had

put in, and said he thought that the way in which Lieut. Cox had taken over the difficult job of Quartermaster on the retirement of Capt. Dymore was a very great credit to him. He looked forward to a successful year in 1932, and asked all ranks to pull their weight as they had done in the past. (Loud applause.)

#### THE COUNTRY'S SAFETY.

A congratulatory speech by Major-General Peck followed, and the gathering was then addressed by the Lord Lieutenant.

Lord Rochdale expressed the great pleasure he felt in attending this annual function of such a very successful and efficient Battalion. It was, he thought, a common fallacy for those who were not in touch with soldiers to think that the work of soldiering was largely learnt in time of war, and that so long as soldiers in peace time had uniform, rifle and a few other necessities they were able to learn what they had to do when they came in front of the enemy. They had heard enough that evening to realize that soldiering, especially Territorial soldiering, was a scientific business, requiring a lot of work, thought and concentration in times of peace. Nobody wanted peace more than soldiers because after the last great conflict they knew what the results of war were. He believed that this country had taken a very genuine part in promoting world peace by reduction of armaments, but he had been told by experts, both sailors and soldiers, that they had probably already gone to the lowest point to which it was possible to go compatible with the safety of the country. He felt that they were the only country who really carried out what they said they believed with regard to peace. That being so, and as they had come to a very low line of defence, it was all the more necessary that the soldiers they had, both Regulars and Territorials, should be at the topmark of efficiency. To people in the audience who were not actually connected with the 8th Middlesex he would say that he hoped they realized the necessity of having the Battalion, which was largely responsible for a certain amount of the defence of the country. It must be an enormous source of satisfaction to people living in the district to feel that they had such a

battalion of men who had given up their pleasures and leisure in order to make themselves efficient. Their splendid Battalion, which had done so well in various fields of military activity, was to be congratulated upon having a Commanding Officer who had shown that he knew all the details of the work to be done, and that it would not be his fault if it was not done to the full during 1932. (Applause.)

#### APPEAL TO EMPLOYERS.

It was very necessary, his lordship continued, that employers should encourage their employees to belong to Territorial battalions, and make it possible for them to attend the Annual Camps. It was important that employers should be known to be in favour of the movement. They really should wish to be in favour of it, because they would suffer more than anyone if war came and the security of the country was endangered. The Territorial Army was a very good insurance policy, and now that the Army and Navy had been diminished in numbers, and economies had to be made, it was more than ever necessary to keep the Force up to the highest state of efficiency. Lord Rochdale congratulated Col. Parmeter and his officers, N.C.O.s, and men on their great successes in the past year, wished them continued success, and hoped that the people of the neighbourhood were as proud of the Battalion as they should be in view of what it had done. He was certain that if there came a time when they were called upon to fight, the members of the Battalion would give a very good account of themselves. (Loud applause.)

#### THE PRIZE LIST.

Lord Rochdale presented the trophies as follows:—

*The Efficiency Cup* (for the most efficient company at Annual Training).—D Company.

*Ladies' Cup* (for the W.O., N.C.O. or man making the highest score in the Lord-Lieutenant's Competition at the Brigade Rifle Meeting).—Sergt. Reeve, H.Q. Wing, and Sergt. Browning, C Company, tied with 57 points.

*The Herbert Cup* (for the company having the highest percentage of attendance at Annual Training).—H.Q. Wing.

*Cross-Country Cup*.—D Company.

*Major Lawe's Challenge Cup* (for the company having the highest percentage of efficient at the end of the training year).—D Company.

*Battalion Challenge Cup* (for the company scoring the highest points in the Annual Weapon Training Course).—C Company.

*Signalling Cup* (for the signaller obtaining the highest points in the Annual Classification Tests).—Sergt. L. Court, H.Q. Wing.

*Col. Dams' Cup* (for the company gaining the highest points in the Winter Weapon Training Competition).—B Company.

*Ladies of Whitton Challenge Cup* (for the company scoring the highest points in the High Sheriff's Competition).—D Company.

*Battalion Sports Cup* (for the company obtaining the highest number of points at the Battalion Athletic Meeting).—B Company.

*Montgomery Memorial Cup* (awarded to the company gaining the highest number of points in all competitions).—1, D Company, 35 points; 2, B Company, 34; 3, H.Q. Wing, 33; 4, C Company, 32; 5, A Company, 31.

*Col. Bott's Cup* (for the company team scoring the highest number of points in the Brigade Lewis Gun Competition).—A Company.

*Miniature Range Shield* (for the company rifle team scoring the highest number of points in the Miniature Rifle Competition).—B (M.G.) Company.

*Fenton Boxing Cup* (for the company gaining the highest number of points in the Battalion Boxing Competition).—C Company.

*Isleworth Cup* (awarded to the company gaining the highest number of points in Guard Mounting, Squad and Arms-Drill and Tactics).—A Company.

*Battalion Bugle Competition*.—1, Dmr. S. Howard; 2, Dmr. C. Greengrass; 3, Dmr. T. Medland.

On the proposition of the Mayor of Ealing, the Lord-Lieutenant was most cordially thanked for his visit, it being stated that he had travelled from Cumberland in order to be present.

Col. Anwyl Passingham, who seconded the vote, said that Lord Rochdale was a soldier and sportsman, and was very



closely attached to the Middlesex Regiment.

His lordship, in response, said he was certain that the King, whose representative he had the honour to be, would be very gratified to think that he had such loyal supporters in the Battalion.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing, the Nimbus Dance Band providing the music.

This brings us to the last item to be reported in this issue, that of the Christmas Tree and Tea to families of the Battalion at Hounslow on January 16th. It was voted by all to be a happy time. Parents and children were brought in from outlying companies by motor-coaches, and some 300 sat down to tea at 3.45 p.m. Tea was followed by the distribution of toys by the time-honoured "Father Christmas," in the person of Major R. B. Hirst. Games followed and brought the afternoon to a happy ending.

I cannot pass to the next item without making reference to those to whom our thanks are due for the several ways in which they assisted. Firstly to those kind friends of the Battalion who, by the gift of cakes, pastries, crackers, and money, made the Tree possible. Secondly to those ladies who so cheerfully gave their services to buy the toys, decorate the tree, and prepared everything. We must see to it that the Battalion Christmas Tree is in future "Annual."

We would like to take this opportunity to notify everybody that, owing to the call for economy, Regimental Christmas cards were not sent out as usual, but nevertheless we hope that everybody spent an enjoyable Christmas, including those who suffered from the rise and fall of the Bay of Biscay, and we hope that the New Year will bring all the good luck hoped for.

Other happenings of note are the passing of the Army entrance examination by 2/Lieuts. Brooke and Northcott. They are to be congratulated on their effort, as also are 2/Lieut. N. M. Blair on being gazetted to the Battalion, and 2/Lieuts. Russell and Blair on passing Certificate A, Part I.

In conclusion, we send our best wishes to the 1st Battalion for good luck and good stations on the commencement of

their tour abroad, and give a hearty welcome home to the 2nd Battalion. We have always received great help from the 1st Battalion in our training, and look forward to the hearty co-operation of the 2nd Battalion for years to come.

#### STOP PRESS NEWS.

Heartiest congratulations to D Company on winning the 132nd Infantry Brigade Fire Direction Competition. The degree of efficiency attained by the team was of a much higher standard than some Regular battalions could have produced.

Congratulations are also due to H.Q. Wing on winning the Battalion Boxing Cup (Fenton Cup), thereby relieving C Company of its responsibility; although the latter tried hard to retain it and finished a tie with B Company in second place, being only 2 points behind the winners.

#### H.Q. WING.

##### FOOTBALL.

At the beginning of the present season, 1931-32, H.Q. Wing entered an eleven in Division II of the Hounslow and District League, and, considering that this is their first season of league football, the team are to be congratulated on their performances to date. Known in the league as the "Hounslow Terriers" (a fitting title), they have already made their presence felt, having to date played 11 matches, of which 6 have been won, 1 drawn and 4 lost, the latest victims being their friendly neighbours, A Company, Hampton. (Better luck next time, A Company.)

Although to win the league is the ambition of H.Q. Wing, it appears we must wait for next season before realizing same, for, although holding a respectable position in the upper half of the league table, the leaders, who chiefly by their longer experience of team work, have settled down with a commanding lead of points. So keep it up, H.Q. Wing!

Below is appended a list of matches played to date:—

- v. Nomads Res. (away), won 4-1.
- v. District Railway (home), lost 0-5.
- v. Blackmore Sports (home), won 3-2.
- v. Feltham Ramblers (away), drew 2-2.
- v. Hounslow Grove (home), lost 2-4.

- v. Pearce's Athletic (away), lost 2-7.
- v. All Saints' Res. (home), won 7-2.
- v. Nomad Res. (home), won 5-4.
- v. Harlington Res. (away), lost 1-2.
- v. Beldhams Athletic (home), won 3-1.
- v. Hampton Territorials (away), won 3-2.

#### BOXING.

Our boxers are to be congratulated on their success in the Novices' Boxing Competition held on December 9th and 16th. We are proud to report that we gained the highest number of points, and we hope to carry our success to the Battalion Championships and gain the Boxing Trophy.

#### MINIATURE RANGE COMPETITION.

In this we did not do very well, but, considering our team was composed of first-year recruits, we are not dismayed; next year we hope to have a different tale to tell. Cpl. Woodall we congratulate on being top in "Fire Orders."

#### CHRISTMAS SHOOT.

We held a shoot during Christmas week, but the number of entrants was disappointing, especially when, as Christmas drew near, we heard the wish expressed that a shoot would be held. Perhaps it was because of the other Battalion functions which prevented us from getting a move on. Next year we will hold it earlier in the month.

The winners were:—

*Old Soldiers.*—1, C.S.M. A. Findell; 2, Sergt. L. Hawksworth; 3, Dmr. S. Howard.

*Over Two Years' Service.*—1, Cpl. F. Woodall; 2, Sergt. L. Court; 3, Dmr. R. Greengrass.

*Under Two Years' Service.*—1, Pte. A. Maton; 2, Boy A. Fraser; 3, Pte. E. Scott.

We regret to announce the deaths of Pte. Dietrich, Bdsn. Baldwin, and Pte. Collins, which occurred during the past six months, and the Wing feel their loss very much.

The firing party and mourners furnished by us at the funerals were greatly appreciated by the relatives.

Lastly we must say how sorry we are that our Company Commander, Capt. H. C. Ellis, O.B.E., has left us to take over command of B (M.G.) Company,

but we must take comfort in the knowledge that in our loss others will gain.

#### A COMPANY.

##### (HAMPTON)

Since writing the last notes quite a few changes have taken place in the Company. We have lost 2/Lieut. E. F. H. Miskin, who has been posted to B (M.G.) Company (Rattle Snakes), but we will console ourselves with the fact that our loss will be their gain, and hope they will make the most of it. One thing worth mentioning is the addition this change will make to the running team for year 1932.

Capt. R. E. Warlow is now posted to A Company. We extend a similar welcome to this officer, and hope his stay with the Company will be a long and happy one, and also that his posting will not mean the absence of other familiar faces at the Hampton Drill Hall in the form of a possible change of command, etc.

2/Lieut. H. L. V. Russell has left us for the Indian Army, and is at present attached to the Royal West Kent Regiment in India before taking up his appointment. All ranks of the Company wish him the very best of luck in the new sphere of life.

Our recruiting and discharges balance fairly well. The present strength stands at 5 officers and 86 other ranks: not much change since the last notes. A good number of other ranks whose time expired in 1931 have taken on for another year, and in some cases for four years, so we still hang on to the old ones.

On December 3rd the football team held a dance at the Drill Hall in aid of the Club funds, and it is pleasing to record that the dance was a signal success and everyone spent a very sociable evening. Another dance will be held towards the end of the season; by then the Club will be on a sound financial basis, with some funds on hand to start with the following season. It is worthy of note that, having started with no funds, those responsible for the welfare of the football team have done well.

In the Novices' Boxing and Fire Order Competitions, the Company did not have very much luck, scoring only fourth place in each. However, the Winter Weapon Training Competition is to come



along yet, and we will then see if the "dead eyes" of Don Company can still hold the fort. At the same time, we do not begrudge the laurels to our old friends at Uxbridge, provided it is (□) square.

The chief event of the year will take place on January 16th at Headquarters, Hounslow, *i.e.*, the Tea Marathon or, in other words, the Children's Christmas Tree Party, which is well supported by the Company. One fact must be mentioned about this party: basing conclusions on last year's event, everyone is assured of a good time from start to finish. A sit-down tea is arranged, presents for all children attending, and will travel to Hounslow and back by charabanc. The enterprise organized within the Battalion which has made this party a possibility is deserving of more individual support than that which was forthcoming, especially this year from the Company.

Congratulations to C.S.M. and Mrs. Warren on the birth of a son and heir. (Batmen for preference, Bert.)

#### B (M.G.) COMPANY. (EALING)

In the last issue of our popular and interesting Regimental Journal, we recorded a change in command and now we have to report yet another change, as Capt. H. C. Ellis, O.B.E., has come to us from H.Q. Wing and has taken over from Lieut. Warrell.

2/Lieut. Mislin has also joined us, but has been laid up with "flu." By the time he comes back, Lieut. Mayer will be on a course, and we wish him success.

Capt. Maddex, M.B.E., is still buried in his military studies, but we are glad he is able to spare time to be with us on occasions, and he is always welcome.

Our boxing team has been getting down to it, and in the recent Battalion Novices' Competition we were only a few points behind H.Q. Wing, the winners. Led by Lieut. Mayer and 2/Lieut. Mislin, we hope to achieve success in the forthcoming Battalion Competition, and to be well represented in the Brigade Contest.

In the recent Miniature Range Fire Direction Competition we secured the highest number of points in the Battalion, but, alas! not being a rifle company, we

cannot represent the Battalion in the Brigade Shoot, and we wish success to D Company, who have been chosen for this honour.

The Drill Hall at the moment somewhat resembles Bertram Mills's Circus as the Lacey Troupe are busy performing acrobatic feats with brushes and buckets on vertical and horizontal ladders high up in the roof, and the result of their efforts will certainly fulfil a much-needed spring-clean.

On New Year's Eve we held a Carnival Dance which was well attended, and the presence of some of our officers in mess kit and their ladies in—er—less kit added colour and beauty to the happy crowd of revellers.

At the Battalion Prize-giving, held on January 12th, we were presented with the following cups and trophies by the Rt. Hon. Lord Rochdale, Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex: Col. Dam's Weapon Training Cup, Battalion Sports Cup, and the Miniature Range Shield.

In the Battalion Championship for the Montgomery Cup we were placed second and only one point behind D Company, the winners. We congratulate them on this and their other successes.

During the year we obtained twenty-six recruits, and enlistments into the Regular Army numbered nine; and in both cases we were second to H.Q. Wing, who obtained the most recruits and Regular Army enlistments.

We understand our Annual Training this year will be at the Depot, Mill Hill, and during our week in barracks there we hope to learn a lot. We are looking forward to our Easter and Whitsun training there also.

We should welcome some matches in shooting, boxing, football, darts or badminton, and if any of our readers would like to meet us we shall be pleased to hear from them.

Finally, we hope 1932 will be a year of progress and success to all our Regimental comrades, both at home and abroad.

#### C COMPANY. (STAINES)

In the last issue of these notes we anticipated that we would be making rapid progress in the Football League, but,

contrary to expectations, it is not so; nevertheless, we hope to be able to end the season with more credit than last season. However, our lack of luck and talent in football is amply repaid by the performance of our novices in the recent Battalion Novices' Boxing Competition. We heartily congratulate the following on winning their weights in the competition: Cpl. J. Reed, and Ptes. J. Wicks and E. Willoughby; also Pte. A. Lock on being

Unfortunately we have had to say goodbye to our Company Commander, Capt. R. E. Warlow, who has gone to A Company. Our loss their gain. 2/Lieut. M. C. D. King ably assumed command, but was short-lived, and he is now attending a course of instruction at Knightsbridge, and we wish him every success.

Our heartiest congratulations to Capt. M. H. Summers, our old friend and Medical Officer, on assuming command



[Photo: F. C. Davey, Osterley Park, Middlesex.]

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the runner-up of his weight. We also congratulate Pte. R. Furness on his being reinstated to the Services' amateur status, and sincerely hope that he will retain this during the remainder of his service in the Territorial Army.

Congratulations to D Company on winning the Battalion Eliminary Competition, and on being chosen to represent the Battalion in the Brigade Miniature Range Competition, but we must congratulate ourselves on being the best shooting company for the second year in succession.

of the Company, and we hope that he will enjoy his new sphere of military life.

Thanks to our benevolent Badminton Club, electric lighting is now installed in the Drill Hall, and things in general have now a brighter aspect.

Our congratulations to the following: Cpl. J. Raymond on his promotion; C.Q.M.S. Johnson on the occasion of his marriage; C.S.M. and Mrs. Warren on the birth of a son; and L./Sergt. and Mrs. Wright on the birth of a son.

On January 12th the Annual Prize Giving was held at Headquarters. The



prizes were presented by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Rochdale. We were very fortunate to win the two most coveted cups—the Fenton Boxing and the Battalion Challenge Cups. Our congratulations to Sergt. Browning on sharing the Ladies' Cup with Sergt. Reeve, of H.Q. Wing, and on tying for the first place in the Lord-Lieutenant's Cup at the recent Brigade Rifle Meeting.

On the 16th we made a further trip to Headquarters, and this occasion was the Annual Christmas Tree and Party. The Company was strongly represented and the party was voted an unqualified success. We take this opportunity of according a hearty vote of thanks, on behalf of the married N.C.Os. and men, their wives and children, to the officers, their wives, and all those who helped to make the occasion a huge success by their untiring efforts and generosity. Thanks to them all.

#### D COMPANY. (UXBRIDGE)

In the Miniature Range Inter-Company Competition, which took place in December, we were just beaten by B (M.G.) Company by the narrow margin of 3 points, and we should like to take this opportunity of congratulating them. As we were the top rifle company, however, we again represent the Battalion in the Brigade Shoot, and the team, who are full of enthusiasm, are determined to win.

Recreational training is still in progress and the physical training seems to be a popular feature among all ranks. In fact, the Territorial Sergeant-Major's waistline can now almost be traced.

In the Novices' Boxing Competition we had eight men fighting. We were not very successful, although all of the men put up a good show, and we are hoping for a better result in the Battalion Championships.

The Company has lost several men on their joining the Regular Army since Annual Training. The names which occur to us are Ptes. Bickerstaff, Willson, Birch, Warren and Bond, and Cpl. S. Day, and we wish them success in their new sphere.

The football team are having quite a successful season and have been congratu-

lated by the local newspaper on the sporting way they play.

The Battalion Prize-giving was held at Hounslow on Tuesday, January 12th. The Company was well represented with forty-three N.C.Os. and men attending. We received a large share of the trophies, notably, the Battalion Efficiency Cup, which the Company has won for two years in succession, also the Cross-Country Cup, which we have now held for four years, a record. In all, we captured five cups, which shows that the Company is efficient.

On Saturday, January 16th, the married N.C.Os. and men, together with their wives and children (forty-eight in number) went by coach to Hounslow for the Battalion Annual Christmas Tea. The arrangements were excellent, everyone enjoying themselves. Capt. Dobbs and all those who assisted are to be congratulated on the splendid organization.

#### STOP PRESS.

The 132nd Infantry Brigade Miniature Range Fire Direction Competition was held at Hounslow on January 19th. The result of much training was apparent, and we secured the trophy, beating the 7th and 9th Battalions by 9 points. Good old D Company!

#### 9th BATTALION NOTES.

SINCE the beginning of October, our time has been devoted mainly to recreational training and sand-table exercises. Some weird and wonderful games have been devised as recreational training, the outstanding one being that of B Company, which they allege is handball. It is in reality a mixture of American Rugby football and all-in wrestling, played on the principle of "never mind the ball—let's get on with the game," under a very elastic code of rules known as the Hardcastle Rules. A timid spectator who joined in one night considered himself lucky to escape with his life. Immediately the game started he was brutally assaulted by no less than three men. On picking himself up he remonstrated gently with his assailants and pointed out that the ball was at the other end of the hall at the moment of assault, whereupon

they answered with one accord, "Well, it looked as if it was coming in your direction," thus showing the indomitable spirit of B Company.

On October 24th Capt. Sherwood and his company team went to the Westminster Guildhall and were presented with the Middlesex Justices' Lewis Gun Shield, which they had won at the Brigade Rifle Meeting, by Sir Montagu Sharpe.

Lieut. Heffer and the Signal Section are to be congratulated on winning the Kittoe Signalling Cup for the third year

the service at the Wealdstone War Memorial.

A Battalion Concert was held at Headquarters on November 27th and was very successful, while a dance in aid of the Christmas Shoot Fund was held on December 12th. Although not as well attended as we had hoped, a considerable sum of money was raised, for which the staff, who all gave their services free, are to be thanked.

The shoot itself was a great success again, and the prize-table was loaded with



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in succession—a very fine achievement. At football we are still in the T.A. Cup and have won the 44th Divisional Cup for the third year in succession by defeating the 4th Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment by 4 goals to 0. In the Hammersmith and District League we have lost only two games, and stand second in the table. We look forward to going even farther than last year in the T.A. Cup.

On Armistice Sunday the Battalion, less C Company, attended the afternoon service at All Souls' Church, Harlesden. C Company and the Drums took part in

a very varied assortment of prizes; thanks are due to the local tradespeople for their gifts in these hard times, and to the energy of various members of the Battalion who have gone round collecting them.

Our best wishes go with the 1st Battalion, who, at the moment of writing, have just sailed for Palestine, and we welcome the 2nd Battalion home. We were very glad to see our old R.S.M., Sergt.-Major Beasley, here at Christmas.

An N.C.Os.' promotion examination was held on December 22nd with very



good results. Fourteen N.C.Os. and men were examined, of whom eleven passed, two failed in one subject only, and one failed.

With the coming of the New Year we wish all ranks all the seasonable wishes before plunging into the Winter Weapon Training Competition, and are confident that B Company, by reason of their recreational trainings, will be able to hurl those tripods many yards farther than any other unit this year.

NINES.

#### A COMPANY.

During the past quarter recreational training seems to have been the great topic of interest to all. Any stranger visiting the Drill Hall would have been greatly amused to watch the weird actions performed by various members of the Company, under the expert but fatherly guidance of C.S.M. Sewell. This seems to have been a welcome change from more arduous duties, and has been appreciated by everybody.

The more serious side of training has not, however, been neglected, and several members of the Company attended the N.C.Os.' promotion course under R.S.M. Goodall, which was brought to a successful conclusion on December 22nd. Other N.C.Os. went through a refresher course in the rifle and Lewis gun, in preparation for the great work to be done in the Winter Weapon Training period. Again several interesting evenings were held over sand-table schemes based on the ground we used at camp.

Armistice Day church parade was held on Sunday, November 8th, but was not attended too well. It is hoped that more of the Company will be able to attend these parades in future, especially the N.C.Os.

The Christmas Shoot was, as usual, held during the week preceding Christmas and was a very popular and friendly competition, many good prizes being obtained by the more expert users of a rifle.

The Winter Weapon Training Competition is now in full swing, and A Company is making a gallant effort, of which, however, more at a later date.

#### B (M.G.) COMPANY.

Since the Drill Hall has reopened after the return of the Permanent Staff from their holiday, the evenings have been devoted largely to recreational training. We have spent some time in boxing training, and the sight of six or seven bouts going on in the Drill Hall at the same time was quite inspiring. Our chief form of amusement, however, has been a game which as yet is unnamed. It is a mixture of rugger, soccer and handball, played with a soccer ball. Rugby tackling is permitted, although the rules do not permit anyone taking more than two paces carrying the ball.

When we first started playing the game it was quite gentlemanly and peaceful, providing gentle exercise suitable for those who have worked during the day. However, since towards the end of the "season" a certain officer, not unknown for the whole-hearted way in which he plays all games, joined in, it became no longer peaceful, but almost dangerous. In fact, the officer in the Company who was refereeing the game admitted afterwards that he was quite frightened, and nearly rang up the local hospital for an ambulance in anticipation of the worst. There were, however, no serious casualties, and the last practice game seems to have done the Company an immense amount of good, as we trounced A Company in a match by 24 goals to 5.

We take this opportunity of welcoming L./Cpl. Kent to this Company, he having now moved from C Company's area to Willesden. We feel sure, both from the point of view of training and games, he will be a great acquisition to the Company.

We are extremely sorry to lose Cpls. Brown and Croker, who have found themselves unable to re-engage.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Cpl. Jones on his promotion to Lance-Sergeant, and L./Cpl. Sangwine on his promotion to Corporal.

By the time these Journal notes will have appeared, Christmas will be over, and we shall be in the midst of the Winter Weapon Training Competition. It seems useless, therefore, in these notes to wish members of other battalions a happy Christmas, but we cannot let Christmas pass without referring in some way to

the festive season, and we therefore hope that they have had a very good time, and that 1932 will prove a happy year for them.

#### C COMPANY.

Since the last notes were written, our time has been fully occupied with preparations for an Inter-Section Rifle and Lewis Gun Competition, the Annual Dinner for Old Comrades as well as serving members, the formation of a concert party, and social evenings at Roxeth and Wealdstone—in addition to the usual parades, which, on the whole, have been well supported, though the same cannot be said for the boxing parades taken by Sergt. Peterson and Mr. Webb on Monday evenings. This is unfortunate, as several of our novices show promise, and Peterson, who holds the Aldershot certificate, is a most able instructor.

The final of the Inter-Section Competition was marred by the fact that the foggiest day of the year had been selected—Sunday, November 29th—for the shoot-off on the R.A.F. 30-yards range at Northolt. However, it was practically impossible to postpone the event that morning, and Lieut. Clayden, of the Depot, who very kindly judged for us, made the best of a bad show, while Lieut. Petrie is to be congratulated on his platoon's success in winning both cups, No. 5 Section (L./Sergt. Spivey) the rifle, and No. 6 Section (Cpl. Campkin) the Lewis gun. No doubt residents of Northolt must have thought, on hearing the sound of firing through that impenetrable fog, that the R.A.F. had gone mad, and we hope that next year visibility will be good enough to permit us to fire both Lewis gun and rifle on the open range.

No. 10 Platoon have held three very successful socials, and there was a large attendance of serving and past members, as well as members of the police (*off duty*) at the concert and social at Company Headquarters when we bade farewell to our P.S.I., Sergt.-Major Ross, and his wife, both of whom the Company were very sorry to lose after three happy years among us. We were happy to enjoy the pleasure of having Col. and Mrs. Tupper with us at one of our No. 10 Platoon's socials, and also at the concert on October 24th.

Sergt.-Major Allen, Ross's successor, has not taken long to pick up the threads of his varied and strange tasks, and his keenness, initiative and hard work (which have already produced verdant pastures and a Bolshie village in our miniature range, among other activities) are bound to have good effect among our members, who already have reason to be grateful to him for work performed "on the quiet" and "behind the scenes."

It is unnecessary here to go into much detail concerning either our Armistice Sunday parade on November 8th or our Annual Dinner on December 5th, as practically everyone interested must have attended. Both were well supported by serving members and Old Comrades, and the latter's Secretary, Frank Fenimore, had the satisfaction, after many evenings of "getting into touch," of seeing (and hearing) the Old Comrades' Platoon, numbering at least seventy-five at the "Fall in," under the command of their old skipper, Major Cotton, whom we were delighted to have with us again; while, on December 5th, an excellent dinner was provided for one hundred and sixteen—only three less than last year.

The concert, which followed the speeches, was a great success, and our thanks are due in full measure to the initiative shown by Sergts. Hattley and Spivey, Cpl. Carter and buxom "Miss" Bass, as well as P.C. Bean, who played a leading part in the organization, and for two most entertaining programmes which, we hope, will be followed by further successes in 1932. Two songs, with encores, were given by ex-R.S.M. Croucher, and in one, the popular "When the Sergeant-Major's on Parade," he played the part so literally that many of us felt he had a difficulty in choosing between chewing-up his accompanist and blowing up. Fortunately, Croucher did neither, and both he and his No. 2 survived and will, we trust, be able to "tell the tale" on some future occasion.

Early in the afternoon of October 24th the Lewis Gun Shield, given by the Justices of Middlesex to the winning Middlesex Lewis gun team annually, was presented at the Middlesex Guildhall to Sergt. Robson and his victorious Section (Carter, Campkin, Edney, Bass and Horton) as a result of which our Company has won this shield twice in three years—



and mention should certainly be made of the fact that every member of the team managed to arrive at the Guildhall in time for the presentation, which speaks well for the team's keenness.

Our Miniature Rifle Club, now a year old, has overcome its teething troubles and provides a regular weekly evening's entertainment, thanks to the support and time given by enthusiastic members like Todman, Spivey, Sampson, Fenemore, Elphick and others. The Club has joined the City of London League, Division 12, and, as league shoots are held every Friday, it has been necessary to arrange for practice and friendly shoots to take place on Thursdays in conjunction with our friends the Police.

We of C Company wish our comrades in the Regiment good health and happiness in the New Year, and especially hope that 1932 will provide employment for those of our less fortunate comrades who, through no fault of their own, at present search in vain.

H. S.

#### D COMPANY.

Armistice Day was commemorated in the usual way. A church parade was held at Headquarters, Pound Lane, Willesden, on Sunday, December 8th, at which we attended in force. We were pleased to furnish the four mourners for the service at the Hendon Memorial on Armistice Day. We had no difficulty in obtaining four volunteers for this duty. They were C.Q.M.S. Devereaux, Cpl. Kent, L./Cpl. James and Pte. Davey.

A small detachment also attended the service at the Mill Hill Memorial.

Our friends, the Old Hendon Boxing Club, held their Club Competitions on December 3rd. Quite a number of this Company attended to witness some very good bouts. We were pleased to see two of our own Company in action, *i.e.*, Ptes. Townes and Hitching.

We have had a series of inspections during this quarter, and I think we have got over them all right. At any rate, we have not, as yet, received a medal.

We must congratulate our entrants for the last promotion examination on their individual efforts in finishing in the following order of merit:—

L./Cpl. James: first (passed to Sergeant).

Cpl. Lovall Mansbridge, second (passed to Sergeant).

Pte. F. Large, third (passed to Corporal).

Bounty night was held on December 15th, and the attendance was very disappointing. Some individuals were also disappointed, but still, better luck next time.

We held our Christmas Shoot on the miniature range on Wednesday, December 23rd, at which about fifty N.C.Os. and men attended. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

The support of our local tradesmen came up to expectations, and with their help we were able to give everyone who competed a prize.

The following were the principal prize-winners:—

1st, C.Q.M.S. Devereaux (turkey); 2nd, Major G. L. Fox (turkey); 3rd, Pte. Webster (leg of pork).

The O.C. Company disposed of his prize in the form of a raffle, and it was again won by — ? (too late in the evening to remember).

Our thanks are extended to all the prize-givers.

Our C.S.M. has left us after about twenty-five years' service with the Battalion, and we wish him the best of luck. Cheerio, Freddie.

We understand that a new officer is about to be posted to us, and we welcome him to our midst.

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#### 11th BATTALION NOTES.

A REPRESENTATIVE party of some twenty-one former members of the 11th Battalion attended the Regimental Old Comrades' Dinner on November 7th last, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. A particular welcome was extended to Sergt. Grainger, home on leave from India, whom many had not seen since the Battalion was disbanded.

On Armistice Day our Old Comrades Association was represented at the ceremony at the Depot, and a wreath was laid on the War Memorial in the name of the Battalion.

On Saturday, December 5th, the Annual General Meeting of the Association took place at our Headquarters and was well attended. After the business was disposed of, an informal concert took place, in which we were very much indebted to Mr. Tom Keele, whom we had not seen for some little time.

It was decided that informal meetings should be held at Headquarters, "The Earl Russell," 24, Mortimer Street, W.1, on the second Saturday of each month in 1932, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Some members of the Committee will attend each meeting, and suitable informal entertainment will be arranged. On the March date, Saturday, March 12th, the Fourth Annual Battalion Dinner will take place, also at "The Earl Russell." Detailed particulars of these arrangements will be circulated to all members in due course.

The following were appointed to be the officers and Committee of the Association for 1932:—

*Chairman.*—Mr. McDonald.

*Hon. Treasurer.*—Major G. B. Anderson.

*Hon. Secretary.*—Mr. Edwin Jones.

*Committee.*—Messrs. Haviland, Hearn-White, Kew, Warren, Keele, Murray and Reed.

#### REMINISCENCES OF MY THIRTY-NINE YEARS' ARMY LIFE.

BY SERGT.-MAJOR JAMES WHITE.

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#### THE AMERICAN WAR AND TOBACCO.

We could, in 1861 and up to the outbreak of the American War, obtain in our Canteen a quarter-pound stick of the finest Honey Dew Cavendish for two annas (threepence). After the war commenced, there was no more in the Canteen, and the same quantity of very inferior Cavendish cost twelve annas, and very soon no more was to be got anywhere and for more than two years we had only a native manufactured shag, called "boosa" (chaff). It was very coarse cut, cheap and nasty. We could get a pound of it for threepence.

#### THE SOLDIERS' READING ROOM.

We had for some years an officer named Wordsworth; he was a grandson of the poet Wordsworth, one time the Laureate, a most philanthropic gentleman. He used to exercise a more than fatherly interest over the lads and boys of the Regiment. After attaining the rank of Captain he retired, and afterwards joined the Church, holding now, I believe, a living in Cumberland. In 1861 he originated a soldiers' reading room in the Regiment. It was, thanks to his untiring zeal and energy, a great success from the first. There was, in fact, nothing in India at the time in the way of regimental institutions which could in any way compare with it. Lieut. Wordsworth knew how to influence the C.O. in its favour; in fact, it was its own recommendation, and many a grant from the Canteen funds he had at starting it, but when established it was quite self-supporting. Many a pleasant hour I, and many more, spent in it. There was nothing whatever of a religious character about it, and rightly so, for there are many shades of opinion on religious matters in nearly a thousand men. Games, newspapers of almost every class, and many magazines were there. There are five magazines now to every one of those days. There was also a well-appointed refreshment room, where a tasty little supper could be got for two annas. Reunions once a month were held; an after "Tattoo" affair, a sort of penny reading and smoking concert combined, quite free. The attendance was very large, and no wonder, for barrack life in India is very monotonous, which accounts for drunkenness in a great measure. I remember one evening I, in coming out of our own Regimental theatre, the officers and a few others had played a comedy; asking a man how he liked it. He replied, "Oh, I don't know much about the play, but it is worth four annas to be allowed to be up this late and not on guard." The soldiers' reading room remained popular even after Capt. Wordsworth left us, up to the time of our leaving India.

#### THE COUSINS.

There was amid all the drunkenness of those days a sort of confraternity known as "The Cousins" in the Regiment. It was composed of men of all religions,



whose education was not of the poorest. They used to meet in the reading room, always went together to the Canteen, went for a stroll, or sat in the room provided for that purpose in the reading room, and chatted or discussed any subject according to the weather. Anyone known to be the worse for drink ceased to be recognized as a "Cousin."

This sort of Mutual Improvement Society, as it really was, if it did no good otherwise, set a good example and showed to others that it was possible to live clean and sober lives, and that the iron discipline of the Regiment need not cause any loss of self-respect. Through deaths, promotions to Sergeant, discharges, etc., the "Cousins" ceased to be known.

#### MURDER.

Towards the end of the rainy season of 1862 there was a stir caused one evening by the report that a murder had been committed. It proved to be too true. A young man of about twenty years named Andrew McIlroy, an inoffensive young fellow in a general way, but one who seemed fated to get into trouble, and was rather frequently a defaulter, had murdered a native shopkeeper in the bazaar. According to gossip, he had been chaffed in the barrack room over something in the early part of the day, and had answered, "Ah, you have a lot to say about Andy; but Andy will give folks reason to talk about him before very long."

He was in the bazaar that evening about seven o'clock and, passing a shop kept by two brothers, had asked one of them if he had any tobacco, and had received a reply that no more would be procurable for some time. He said, "I shall shoot you." The native smiled and said, "Ari, shoot," evidently thinking it but idle talk. Soon after this, McIlroy appeared in front of the shop with a rifle in his hand. He had evidently been to his barrack room for it, and without a word shot the man through the middle of the body, the bullet passing into some goods behind him. The wounded man jumped up, leapt into the street, closing with his murderer, and bore him to the ground. The Regimental picquet patrol was but a short distance away, and, hearing the report of the rifle, came up at the "double." They found

the two men on the ground, the murderer underneath his victim and well covered in blood. The native died almost immediately, and McIlroy was taken into the cantonment, and to the Regimental guard next morning. On being brought before him, the prisoner was asked by the C.O. what he had to say to the charge. He answered, "Nothing, sir." "Well," said the C.O., "I am very, very sorry for you; I have nothing left to do but to apply for a general court-martial, and you know what the end is likely to be, and must prepare yourself for it." The general court-martial assembled about a month later.

Shortly after this we were moved to Allahabad, twenty-six days' march, and on the morning of our arrival there the Adjutant, Lieut. H. S. Weigall, went to the Regimental guard, had the prisoner brought out, and read the proceedings of the general court-martial to McIlroy. The sentence was "Death, by hanging." The Adjutant informed the prisoner that the sentence would be carried out on that day week, and in doing so, strong, very stern man though he was, he broke down and had to turn away to hide his emotion. The prisoner had evidently prepared himself for the sentence, he was not apparently more upset than he would have been had a sentence of a year's imprisonment been awarded.

On the morning appointed, the Regiment paraded at 7 a.m., and proceeded from Clydesdale Lines to Chatham Lines. A scaffold, from the gaol, had been erected on the large parade ground near. The prisoner was brought, legs shackled, in a dhoolie. The force in the Garrison, *i.e.*, the 77th Regiment, two batteries of artillery, and a native infantry regiment, had the proceedings of the court-martial read to them; to the native infantry a translation in Hindustani. After this a large square was formed, the gallows occupying the fourth side. The Band came to the left flank of the square, and the prisoner, now unshackled but handcuffed, was brought near it to follow in rear, under escort, but accompanied by an Army chaplain. "Slow march" was given, and the party moved off; the band playing the "Dead March in Saul," and passed along the front of the whole force. On arriving opposite his own company, the prisoner showed some emotion, but

otherwise bore himself as if it was something going on and not concerning him much. On reaching the other flank of the force, the band ceased to play, and moved to the rear of the Regiment, and the Chaplain began reading the service for the burial of the dead. I was told that that was what he read.

On arriving at the scaffold, the prisoner walked up the ten or twelve steps on to the platform. He was quickly bound, legs shackled, the face covered with a kind of cap, and a rope placed around his neck by the Regimental Provost Sergeant. Having done this, the Sergeant stepped quickly off the platform on to the steps, and, as he reached the steps, the two supports of the platform were pulled away by the native, and the prisoner dropped three or four feet. There was a slight movement like heaving of the chest for a few seconds, and all was over. The troops wheeled into column, marched in slow time past the body, and when some distance beyond it broke into quick time and formed into column of route. Bands began to play and the troops returned to quarters.

After the body had hung for an hour, it was taken down by a few men of the Regiment, and the surgeon having satisfied himself that death had taken place, it was buried uncoffined, but fully dressed, in a cemetery close at hand. A most unaccountable crime, no bad feeling against his victim, who was a very pleasant obliging shopkeeper, but a desire for notoriety alone, apparently.

At that time a soldier, if stationed upwards of 120 miles from the Presidency town of Calcutta, Bombay, or Madras, was not under Civil Law for any offence, but had to be tried by court-martial.

#### MARCH TO ALLAHABAD.

I must refer to our march. Two more drafts had joined us, and we left Hazareebaugh nearly or quite up to establishment and in a good healthy condition and well trained. A regiment one could be proud to belong to. We had a very pleasant twenty-six days' march, except for an incident which made things very unpleasant for me, personally, and nearly wrecked my career—"Drunk on duty."

On our fifteenth day's march we had to cross the River Sone and a day's march

brought us into the encamping ground at Delvree, right opposite the barracks I had left two years previously. The Sone is here just two miles wide from bank to bank, and is full during the rainy season only, but when the water has gone down it has a channel of about 300 yards in width. The Grand Trunk Road may be said to cross the river, for there is a stone causeway for more than a mile and a half across the bed of the river; huge cut stones about fifteen feet long by two feet square laid side by side nearly touching each other. That year the water was late in reaching its cold season level, and we had to wade for about a mile through two feet of water running swiftly across the causeway. The bridge of boats over the main or cold season channel had not been rebuilt, and we had to cross that portion on large country boats (bridge-rows). The difficulty of getting the baggage across the river was considerable. We had elephants for the tents, and they had to be unloaded and reloaded on the other side of the channel. The other baggage, including a large quantity of small-arm ammunition, was in two wheeled company carts, which were drawn on to the boats, the bullock remaining yoked. I was (acting) Orderly Sergeant that day, and a stiff day's work it was parading the fatigue parties again and again the day through.

It was nearly 8 p.m. after dark, and the baggage guard reached camp, reporting an ammunition cart had broken down, and left on the river bed in charge of a small party. A guard of a Corporal and three Privates was called for to go and take charge of the load of ammunition, relieving the party of the overworked baggage guard. I was to furnish one of the three men. I warned my man and he turned out dressed in his forage cap. I sent him to put on his helmet, as I knew he would be unlikely to return before the sun was high. Before his return the guard party fell in. I reported my man as sent away for his helmet; the man returned almost before I had finished speaking. The party formed into line, and, as per usual, I took post about six paces in rear. The Sergeant-Major then came to me and asked me what I had said about my man. I repeated it, adding "All present now, sir." A minute later I was touched on the



shoulder by a Colour-Sergeant, who said "This way, Corporal." I went with him and on the way to my company tents he asked me which was my tent. I told him, and he then said, "Does any other N.C.O. stop in the tent?" I told him there was, giving him his name. I then told him I could see I was being made a prisoner, and asked him what it was for, to which he replied, "Oh, you will find that out in the morning." I went into my tent, and the Colour-Sergeant told the other Corporal that I was a prisoner. I told the Corporal it was. I thought, for not getting my man out for guard quick enough.

Next morning, seeing my Pay Sergeant (Acting Colour-Sergeant), I asked him if he knew what charge was against me. Imagine my surprise when he read it out: "Drunk in camp at Tattoo when Orderly Sergeant of his company." I had never in my life been more completely sober.

Owing to the baggage difficulties we did not march that morning. At the usual Orderly Room hour I was brought before the Colonel. The charge was read. The Sergeant-Major said, "He turned out to parade a man for guard at First Post, sir. He was drunk." The next, the Colour-Sergeant, said, "I took him to his tent a prisoner; he was drunk." Next my own Pay Sergeant, who did not see me, said, "I saw him, sir; he was drunk." Asked by the C.O. what I had to say to the charge, I told him how long it was before "Tattoo" since I had taken anything (three hours). "Now," said the C.O., "if you deny the charge, I shall certainly have you tried by court-martial. I would in any case, but I see you have four years' service and have never before been brought up. Do you deny it?" I said, "Those, sir, who say I was drunk are prepared to swear it. I shall say nothing." I could truthfully have said, "Never in my life have I been drunk," but I had practically to admit it. "Lucky for you that you have a clean default sheet. Reprimand."

I left the tent and, seeing my Captain outside, I spoke to him. I asked him to permit me to apply to resign my stripes, adding that I had been no more drunk the previous evening than he himself was at that moment. He replied, "I don't believe you were drunk, but you did well not to deny it, for you would

have lost the day if tried." He went on to say that he would be very much against my resigning, as he was so satisfied with me as a non-commissioned officer, and how sorry he was that the stigma of "Drunk on duty" was attached to my hitherto good name. "However," said he, "come to me this day three weeks. If you are still in the same mind I may forward your application, but cannot support by recommendation, as I think you would be doing yourself harm, and I don't want to lose you as a Corporal."

That day three weeks I had almost forgotten the matter. I was young and busy. I did not again speak to him, but he did not forget it, and by his repeated recommendation I was made a Sergeant sooner than I otherwise should have been.

Those who read this may think I made a lot of a small matter. Granted, but to me it was a large matter, but I am "chronicling small beer," all through these reminiscences. That charge of drunkenness, and on duty too, stood against my name until the end of my service. Fifteen years later I received a silver medal with five pounds gratuity for "Long Service and Good Conduct," but if I were serving to-day and such an entry stood against me, I should get no medal. I used to think after the event (the false charge) that there must have been something in my appearance that evening to cause me to appear to be under the influence of drink; for surely, I thought, no one would wilfully make a false charge against another, but later I had no doubt on the subject. It was wilful, I believe. All those connected with the incident are long since dead, so I can do them no harm by explaining.

About a year after the event, one evening I was passing through the lines on my way to one of our "reunions," when a Sergeant invited me to sit and have a cheroot and a chat with him. In the course of our chat, the Sergeant said, "What did you do to offend old Mc—before he went away?" I answered, "Nothing that I am aware of, except that I insisted just before he left on drawing some rupees from the bank, and through doing so caused him a quarter-of-an-hour's writing making out a new No. 2 Form. But why do you ask?" He then told me that he, then a Corporal, had stood near several of the senior N.C.Os.

at "Tattoo" the night before leaving Hazareebaugh. There was a lot of good-byes and hand-shaking, etc. Among other chat, my Colour-Sergeant, who was leaving, had painted my character to the Sergeant-Major in darkest colours. I was a "sliderry customer," useless as a non-commissioned officer, and the Sergeant-Major had replied, "Ah, well, Mc—, I will give him a lift over the stile before we reach Allahabad." I knew this Sergeant was speaking the truth; the false charge was the "lift over the stile," but in modern slang, it did not come off. My Captain, Thomas Peter Harvey, a true gentleman in dealing with those under him, saved me from doing myself an injury. A journalist and writer of battle songs once wrote of Capt. Harvey: "Calm, cool and kind, indulgent but severe," as the first lines of some verses on him. A true description.

(To be continued.)

## NOTES ON CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

By LIEUT.-COL. F. K. HARDY, D.S.O.

THE present state of the labour market is deplorable. Although there are definite signs of optimism there is no sign of improvement at the moment, nor can any considerable change be expected for some time to come.

In spite of this distressing state of affairs work can be got, but only by those who are determined to get it and who are ready to leave their home areas. Men also must not expect too high wages. The days of fancy wages are over.

Comparatively few soldiers realize how they can improve their opportunities for employment during their years of service. A noticeable example of this is the gaining of a 1st Class Certificate of Education. Applicants for the Police Forces and the Prison Service who have 1st Class Certificates are given preference over others. The soldier who does not save money during his service is often severely handicapped when he

leaves the Colours. If a man has no savings he has no chance of starting a small business on his own, of going into partnership in a going concern, or of taking up one of the many excellent jobs which require a fidelity guarantee. The advantages to be gained by endowment and other forms of insurance offered by the big Insurance Companies should be considered by all who think of their future.

The housing problem is still acute. Soldiers leaving the Service should give up all idea of buying a house until they are sure that there is work to suit them in the neighbourhood. I recently met a family who had not done this, and consequently three members of the family were spending £50 a year on travelling to and from work. Had they thought ahead they would have had that money to spend on themselves. House purchase prices and rents are still high, but so many houses are empty now that prices must come down in a year or so.

In looking for work many handicap themselves in a variety of ways. They do not seem to realize that it is the employer who will pay them and that they must put themselves out to please him. Employers can, in these days, pick and choose their men, so it is idiotic for applicants to try to make their own conditions. To get a job the applicant must be ready to start work—at once if necessary—when the boss wants him to, and he must take or leave the wages offered. A common failing with time-expired men is that they expect four or five pounds a week for doing work which their civilian friends gladly do for fifty shillings.

At the time of writing there is slackness in nearly every trade. The building trades are going through their usual winter depression, but I see no reasons why they should not pick up again in the spring. It does not seem to be generally known that plumbing gives excellent opportunities for employment. It is not so difficult a trade to learn as plumbers make it out to be. Any intelligent man who is mechanically inclined can reach a really good standard in six months. In the last five years 75 per cent. of the men who have learned plumbing at Hounslow have got into the trade, and the majority of these have made good.



Employment in the motor trade is definitely bad. There are very large numbers of really experienced drivers out of work. Unless a man has a sure opening in view I would not advise him to take up this form of vocational training. Employment in private service still remains good, although it has suffered a set back owing to staff reductions in clubs, etc. Men taking on this work must be prepared to live in and to go where the job is to be found. Many of those who are unemployed in this work have only themselves to thank. They want to dictate terms to their employers. Married couples are still in great demand. No family is an essential condition, and the wife is usually expected to be a good cook. This line of employment is worth considering, as the pay is good and comfortable quarters are always provided.

I expect many soldiers are debating whether they can afford a vocational course. My experience shows that a single man can, without difficulty, pay his fees and buy the small kit of tools he requires to start work. The married man does not find it quite so easy, but he can do it with care and foresight. It is being done every day. Married men would be well advised to save specially for a course during their last two or three years of service, and so spread the cost. It would be a wise investment on their part. Now that lance ranks keep their lance pay on joining an A.V.T.C. there should be no doubts in their minds. Previously, of course, the loss of lance pay caused considerable personal sacrifice.

Finally, I would like to warn applicants for jobs against sending original chits with their applications. Send copies only. Also, never send stamped addressed envelopes; it is only making someone a present of a penny half-penny.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

H.Q., 2ND BN. N.W. RLY. REGT.,  
KARACHI, INDIA.

November 10th, 1931.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

Enclosed please find a photograph which I think may be of interest to



R.S.M. H. O. Greene.

Lieut. W. H. Cooper. Lieut. C. F. Carvell.

readers of the Journal. It includes myself and two old comrades of the Middlesex Regiment, who are now Quartermasters of the Royal Sussex Regiment. We three met in Karachi last month, where I have been stationed for some time. These two "Die-Hards," Lieut. W. H. Cooper, coming out to India to relieve Lieut. C. F. Carvell, who has gone home to the Royal Sussex Depot.

It is our request that you publish this photograph in the Journal with the season's greetings to all old comrades, past and present.

The following are our records of service:—

LIEUT. C. F. CARVELL: Enlisted, Mill Hill, 1904; 4th Battalion till September, 1910; 3rd Battalion till September, 1922; Depot The Royal Sussex Regiment, 1922 (R.S.M.); 1st Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment, 1926 (Quartermaster).

LIEUT. W. H. COOPER: Enlisted, Mill Hill, 21/8/05; 4th Battalion till September, 1922 (R.Q.M.S., 12/10/20); 1st Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment, September, 1922; 2nd Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment, May 6th, 1931 (Quartermaster).

R.S.M. H. O. GREENE: Enlisted, 2nd Battalion, Woolwich, 3/1/1899 (Boy); 3rd Battalion, March, 1900, to November, 1908 (Corporal); 4th Battalion, December, 1908, to January, 1912, including tour of duty at the Depot (Lance-Sergeant); 3rd Battalion, January, 1912, to May, 1913 (Sergeant); North Western Railway Volunteer Rifles (now the Auxiliary Force, India), May 25th, 1913 (Sergeant); Colour-Sergeant Instructor, 25/5/13; R.Q.M.S., 10/2/20; R.S.M., 18/2/23.

Yours sincerely,

H. O. GREENE, R.S.M.  
2nd Bn. N.W. Rly. Regt., A.F. (I).

1ST BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT,  
COLCHESTER, ESSEX.  
December 11th, 1931.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

The enclosed letter received by me this morning is forwarded to you.

Will you please publish it in the next issue of THE DIE-HARDS Journal?

Yours faithfully,

V. L. N. PEARSON, Lieut.-Col.,  
Comdg. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.

THE FORT MOY,  
CO. TYRONE.  
6/12/31.

TO THE OFFICER COMMANDING,  
57TH REGIMENT.

SIR,

I beg to be excused for taking the liberty, from Tyrone among the bushes.

An old "Die-Hard" writes to wish you God-speed, as I see from THE DIE-HARDS Journal you are for foreign station again. Strange you leave on same date as the Regiment left Queenstown in 1873 for Ceylon, then commanded by Col. Logan, C.B., as he told the General, eleven hundred bayonets.

I went out with it and came home with it, served twenty-two years, the most happiest time in my life.

My last Colonel was Col. Tickel, Company Officer was Capt. Garstin. Glad to see that he is still in good health. Three young officers joined us before we left, namely, Lieuts. F. G. White, C. Michel and N. Blake.

Now, sir, I will trouble you no more, but will finish with wishing you, sir, and all old "Die-Hards," good health, good luck and good-bye.

In February, 1932, I will be 82, so you see time is getting short, but I always keep in touch with that dear old Regiment.

JAMES MOONEY,  
(late 57th Regiment).

THE FORT MOY,  
CO. TYRONE.  
19/1/32.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

SIR,

I enclose P.O. for three shillings for Journal for this year 1932.

I see by last issue that the old 57th has left for a foreign station again. I went out with them in 1873, Christmas dinner, skirting the Bay. The Regiment was commanded by Col. Logan, C.B.

I served twenty-two years, was discharged in 1889. All those years were most happy ones for me, and I still keep in touch with the old Regiment and comrades and would like to correspond with any old "Die-Hard" who would remember me. I have an old "Die-Hard" photograph. Would you accept it?

I am, sir,

Most respectfully yours,

JAMES MOONEY,  
(late 57th Regiment).



## NOTICES.

Attention is drawn to Lady Grover's Hospital Fund for Officers' Families which does not seem to be universally known.

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## OBITUARY.

LIEUT. J. R. S. CHAPMAN.

LIEUT. JOHN ROBERT STILL CHAPMAN, whose death by misadventure occurred on board s.s. *Kemendine* at Alexandria on November 13th, 1931, joined the Middlesex Regiment from the R.M.C. on July 5th, 1917, and from that date spent practically his whole service with the 2nd Battalion. He was with them in France during the war, and afterwards accompanied them to England, Cairo, Singapore, Ahmednagar, Madras, and Khartoum.

He left Khartoum on November 7th *en route* for England, and the wire announcing his death a few days later came as a great shock to his large number of friends in the Battalion.

The funeral took place in Alexandria on the same day and, in addition to Major R. D. Bennett, M.C., and Capt. V. J. Garrow, who were on board the ship with him, a party of officers, the Band and a company of the 1st Bn. The Wiltshire Regiment attended.

A keen sportsman, Lieut. Chapman played hockey for the Battalion for many years and captained the side for several seasons, whilst, having been educated at Aldenham, he was ever a mainstay of the officers' soccer team. At cricket he regularly assisted his company, and until recently appeared occasionally in the Battalion side. In everything which concerned the Battalion he always took the keenest interest, and was ever ready to give a helping hand. In spite of his activities in the athletic side of Battalion life, however, it is likely that the memory we shall retain clearest will be of "Joe Chapman," the loyal and kind-hearted comrade. These two qualities were his in abundance, and all he possessed was at the disposal of his company and friends.

If he had had a choice of mottos it would undoubtedly have been "Esprit de Corps," and few men could have afforded a better example.

To Lady Chapman (his mother) and his relations we offer our deepest sympathy in their tragic bereavement.

We regret to announce the following deaths:—

No. 6194353 Pte. C. Grainger, died at Palestine General Hospital, Sarafand, on January 18th, 1932, of diabetes.

No. 6189427 Drum-Major N. R. Phillipson, died at Palestine General Hospital, Sarafand, on January 21st, 1932, of double pneumonia.



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<i>Lt.-Colonels (2).</i>		<i>contd.</i>	<i>Lt.-Colonel</i>	<i>Captains.</i>
Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. (1)	28/9/28	Drill Hall, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.8.	✕Parmeter, W. H., <i>i.a.</i>	✕Sherwood, H. 26/10/22
Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O. (2)	1/1/18	<i>Hon. Colonel.</i>	11/6/30	Hardcastle, H. K. 13/7/27
Stanley-Murray, H. E., M.C. (2)	28/9/28	✕King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D. (Col. Terr. Army) <i>i.a.</i>	13/8/25	Hogg, F. G. 17/8/27
				Hewson, A. S. 20/2/30
<i>Majors (8).</i>		<i>Lt.-Colonel.</i>	<i>Major.</i>	<i>Lieutenants.</i>
Browne, M., M.C. (s.c.) (2)	28/9/24	✕Smith, S. C. M., T.D., <i>i.a.</i>	✕Hirst, R. B. 25/2/31	Wright, L. C. 24/12/23
Brown, G. L., D.S.O. (1)	1/1/19	18/3/29	7/2/25	Heffer, H. 17/3/26
Jefford, W. W. (1)	3/6/10	31/12/24	✕Ellis, H. C., O.B.E.	Furness, G. J. B. 30/7/26
Sloane-Stanley, L. F. (1)	3/6/10		8/11/28	Coubro, T. P. 23/6/27
Tidbury, O. H., M.C., p.s.c. [I] (1)	5/5/27	<i>Majors.</i>	Maddex, S., M.B.E.	Gray, H. W. W. 24/3/29
Pargiter, L. L., D.S.O. (1)	10/1/18	✕Murray, H. A. <i>i.a.</i> 19/3/29	8/12/29	Suttcliffe, B. L. 24/7/26
Wollocombe, T. S., M.C. (2)	3/6/10	✕Bower, G. A. H., M.C. 1/4/30	26/12/30	Townell, S. H. 1/12/30
			10/1/31	✕Bedwell, L. J. 18/1/31
				Mordue, L. H. 5/12/31
<i>Captains (14).</i>		<i>Captains.</i>	<i>Lieutenants.</i>	<i>2nd Lieutenants.</i>
Lyon, N. H. B., M.C. (2)	6/2/15	✕Pringle, W. E., M.C. 7/7/28	Pattison, D. R. 10/9/30	✕Petrie, A. G. 1/2/29
Appelbe, E. N. (2)	12/2/15	Arnold, H. G. 1/3/30	13/11/24	Gunston, C. A. 1/7/29
Neunham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. s. 30/4/15		Brown, S. A. W. 2/7/30	Warrell, W. R. 5/2/31	Exeter, G. W. M. 14/2/31
Thorpe, J. R. (1) s. 23/1/16		Pratt, S. M. 28/3/30	13/3/28	
Phillips, H., M.C. (1) Adj. 26/8/16			1/12/31	<i>Adjutant.</i>
Bucknall, G. C., M.C., p.s.c. s. 28/8/16				Worton, J. B., Lt., Middx. R. (temp. Capt. T.A. 21/12/30)
Paul, H. W. M., O.B.E., M.C. (s.c.) m.c. 26/8/16				<i>Quartermaster.</i>
Horrocks, B. G., M.C. [I] s.c.s. 1/1/17				✕Wright, W. S., Lt. (Lt. ret. pay), (Res. of Off.) 20/5/29
Haydon, C. W., M.C., c.o. 25/4/17				[Uniform—Scarlet.
Lawrence, F. A. L. (2) 7/5/17				Facings—Lemon Yellow.
del Court, S. F. W. M., M.C. [I] (1) 28/9/20				
Whinney, C. T., M.C. (2) d. 23/3/21				<i>Supplementary Reserve</i>
Procter, N. P., M.C. (2) Adj. 1/4/21				Category B.
Lyons, E. F., M.C. (1) 18/2/22				Subalterns (9)
Manson, E. P., M.C. (2) 29/6/26				<i>Lieutenants.</i>
Roberts, W. L., M.C. t. 9/5/27				Jupp, C. F. 14/10/30
Mirams, S. M.C., (1) 9/5/27				Morley, J. F. 24/10/31
Rackham, B. B., M.C. (1) 9/5/27				
Weller, A. V. (1) 9/5/27				<i>2nd Lieutenants.</i>
Pain, E. T. (2) 9/5/27				Wilcox, G. L. M. R. 5/12/28
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Dobbs, J. E., M.C., t. 28/9/28				O'Dowd, P. L. 20/8/30
Jones, W. H. V. (2) 10/12/28				Willoughby, R. W. H. 13/6/31
Hedgecoe, S. F. (2) 10/12/28				Ocle, H. D. 1/8/31
Parker, F. G. (1) d. 10/12/28				Clifton, P. A. 28/8/31
Overall, A. N. (1) d. 10/12/28				Biggs, K. R. McK. 28/10/31
(Subalterns 34).				
<i>Lt.-Colonels (2).</i>		<i>Lieutenants.</i>	<i>Adjutant.</i>	<i>Territorial Battalions</i>
Clowes, J. H. (1) 1/11/18		Womersley, A. G. 26/6/27	✕Dobbs, J. E., M.C., Capt. Middx. R. 1/10/29	affiliated to the Regiment.
Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O. (2) 27/8/19		Christodoulo, N. E. T. 15/7/30		
Clayden, H. W. (1) d. 27/8/19		Bartram, R. 28/11/31		
Howell, H. A. A., M.B.E., p.d. 24/10/19		Hamp-Adams, F. 1/12/31		
Clark, S. J. (2) 21/2/20		Johnson, A. K. 2/12/31		
Walden, F. (2) d. 21/2/20				
Heywood, E. L. (2) 29/2/20				
Ayscough, E. S. M. (2) 20/12/20				
Reid, J. G. E., c.o. 18/7/21				
Hudson, E. V. H. (Phys. Trng. Staff) 17/12/21				
Musellwhite, C. C. (1) 16/7/22				
Cubitt, D. Y. (1) 24/12/22				
Tuckey, P. E. C. (2) 30/8/26				
Worton, J. B. t. 14/7/23				
Gordon, I. D. S. (d. Adj. 10/7/29) 14/7/23				
Crawford, M. O. (1) 23/12/23				
Newton, W. C. (1) 30/8/26				
Jacob, M. A. (2) 30/8/26				
Goulden, G. A., c.o. 29/1/27				
Gilbert, N. G. (2) 4/2/29				
Baldwin, C. M. (2) 4/2/29				
Else, F. H. (2) 30/8/29				
Herapath, L. H. J. de la M. (1) 1/9/30				
Stephenson, J. W. A. (2) 2/2/31				
Powell, P. D. ff. (1) 2/2/31				
Mackenzie H. (1) 30/8/31				
Chattey, W. H. P. (1) 31/8/31				
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Batten, R. H., u. 31/1/29		Lowe, G. C. D. S. 2/1/29	✕Ford, H. E. R., M.C., Capt. Worc. R. 1/3/28	
Green, A. E. (2) 31/1/29		Gliksten, C. P. 12/2/29		
Ferguson, W. M. (2) 31/1/29		Womersley, A. L. 14/12/29		
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Bellers, R. C. H. (1) 29/1/31		Catt, R. G. 26/7/31		
Beadnell, L. C. [1] 27/8/31				
<i>Adjutants (2).</i>		<i>Adjutant.</i>	<i>Quartermaster.</i>	
Procter, N. P., M.C., Capt. (2) 3/8/29			Denton, C. F., Lt. 17/4/31	
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Guscott, R. T., Lt. (2) 22/1/30				
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		Facings—Lemon Yellow.]		
<i>6th Battalion (Militia).</i>				
<i>Captains.</i>		<i>Hon. Colonel.</i>	<i>8th Battalion (Territorial).</i>	
✕Josephs, L. H. O. 22/4/14		✕Blumfeld, J. L., T.D. (Col. late T.F. Res.) <i>i.a.</i> 10/1/22	Drill Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow.	
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✕Pechell, H. C. 1/1/17				
		<i>Hon. Colonel.</i>		
		✕Garner, W. C.M.G., T.D. (Lt.-Col. late T.F. Res.) <i>i.a.</i> 5/4/21		
		<i>Majors.</i>		
		✕Lamont, J. N., M.C., T.D. 17/9/29		
		✕Fox, G. L. 1/4/30		