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Home Counties Area.

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

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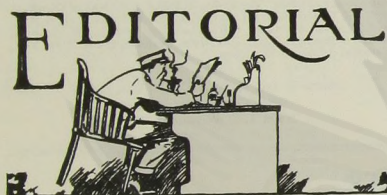
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WE deeply regret to announce the death, which occurred at Hyères on April 22nd, 1932, of General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, Bart. An obituary notice appears in this issue.

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The Regimental Association has large quantities of the Roll of Honour Books left on hand, and in order to promote further sales the Executive Committee has decided to reduce the price of the paper-covered edition from 2s. 6d. to 1s. 6d. per copy. The books will be sent, post free, on application to the Hon. Secretary. Remittances should accompany

applications. The proceeds are devoted to the Memorial Fund.

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The notice in these columns last quarter regarding the copies of the Regimental History remaining on hand has not, so far, resulted in any marked increase in the sales. It is hoped that intending purchasers will send their orders to Messrs. Harrison & Sons, Ltd., 45, St. Martin's Lane, W.C.2, at an early date.



## REGIMENTAL FIXTURES, 1932.

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.

## THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT AND COUNTY FORCES BALL.

Owing to the continued depression, the above function is postponed until June, 1933. It is the intention to hold the Ball during the Cricket Week next year.



## REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1932.

3rd Battalion.—Badges and buttons. (Anonymous.)

57th.—A scrap-book. (Purchased.)

2nd Battalion.—An album, 1924.

(Anonymous.)

77th.—Picture of 77th Colours. (Late Ctr.-Sergt. H. A. Clelland.) Military

Register, Land Forces and Marines, 1769. (Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon.) List of Officers, Army and Marine Forces, 1782. (Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon.) List of Officers, Army and Marine Forces, 1808. (Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon.)

57th.—Officer's cross-belt plate, 1854. (Lent by Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon.)

57th.—Medals: Crimea, Turkish Crimea and New Zealand, of No. 2842 G. Cutvant. (Lent by Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon.)

57th.—Zulu War Medal of Pte. Cowper. (Lent by Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon.)

57th.—Small group of N.C.Os. and men, 1st Battalion, Aldershot, 1887. (Pte. Mooney, late 57th Regiment.)

1st Battalion.—Programme of Presentation of Colours, 1908. (Capt. S. A. W. Brown, 7th Battalion.)

57th.—Coloured miniature of Lieut.-Col. William Collis Spring wearing the Albuhiera Gold Medal. (Lord Nelson.)

## LIST OF PICTURES, SERGEANTS' MESS, ON LOAN TO MUSEUM.

Presentation of Colours, March 4th, 1902.

Sergeants, 4th Battalion, at Gibraltar, 1920.

Sergeants, 1st Battalion, January, 1906. (Presented by Major Leslie Fletcher.)

Roll of Honour, African War.

Col. Stephenson, 3rd Battalion.

Col. Glover, 3rd Battalion.

Sergt.-Dmr. O'Donoghue, 4th Battalion.

Col. Simpson, 4th Battalion.

2nd Battalion on Service, 1902.

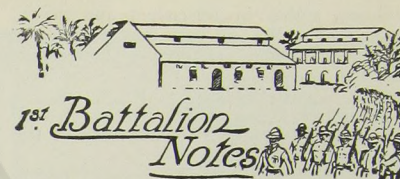
W.Os. of Depot, 1903.

"The Die-Hards," by Cpl.-of-Horse R. J. T. Hills.

Six unframed photographs (misc.).

Four native spears.

Sergt.-Major Lavestry.



OWING to the Battalion proceeding on leave after the Presentation of Colours ceremony at Colchester, and the subsequent embarkation for foreign service, there were no notes worthy of mention for the last issue of the Journal.

Before leaving Colchester we had the pleasure of spending ten days with the 2nd Battalion in the same barracks.

The Battalion left Colchester in the early hours of December 22nd and embarked on H.T. Lancashire on the same day. Many friends were on the quayside to wish the Battalion *bon voyage* on their start of foreign service. King Neptune was in a benign mood, and we were pleased to note that all C.S.Ms. were above deck on the fourth day. There were no stops until we reached Port Said on January 1st. The monotony of shipboard life was relieved by an Inter-Mess-deck Competition, won by Cpl. Chaplin's Platoon (Details), and a Mess-deck Tug-of-War, won by a platoon in B Company.

From Port Said the journey was made by rail, crossing the Canal at Kantara, where we picked up the "turn-over" from the 2nd Battalion, all looking very brown and fit. B Company detrained at Lydda for their detachment at Sarafand, under Major L. L. Pargiter, and the Battalion continued to Jerusalem in two trains, arriving in the early hours of January 2nd. We were lucky in having fine weather to settle in, and then came the rain, converting the barracks into a sea of mud. A platoon of D Company, under Lieut. J. H. Clowes, left us that morning for Nablus, where they are being relieved on March 7th by a platoon of C Company, under Lieut. P. D. ff. Powell.

We were delighted to welcome Lieut. Heyward and Lieut. Else, who stayed with us for ten days whilst viewing the sights of the Holy City. Many members of the Battalion have taken this unique opportunity of visiting the historical and



Biblical sights in Jerusalem and neighbourhood. We are very grateful for the excellent services rendered in this respect by such knowledgeable guides as the Rev. G. H. Heaslett, B.A., C.F., C. of E.; Father C. D. Fay, C.F., R.C.; and Col. W. R. Batty, D.S.O., Secretary of the S.A.C.A.

Both officers and Sergeants, taking their example from Balaam, have held amusing paperchases on donkeys, without serious mishap.

We regret that the start of our foreign tour has been marred by the deaths of Drum-Major Phillipson and Pte. Grainiger. Obituary notices will be found elsewhere.

Since our arrival in Jerusalem we have experienced every known type of climate from tropical heat to Arctic snow. The latter, which fell on February 7th, was the first snow to fall in Jerusalem since 1921.

We welcome the return of Major L. L. Pargiter, Capt. E. F. Lyons, B. B. Rackham and F. G. Parker, and Lieut. M. Crawford, and we are sorry to lose Majors O. H. Tidbury and N. H. B. Lyon (to whom we offer our congratulations on his new rank), Capt. W. H. V. Jones and 2/Lieut. G. P. L. Weston.

We congratulate 2/Lieut. R. H. Batten on his marriage at Southampton last December, and wish him and his wife every happiness.

#### FOOTBALL.

On our arrival in Jerusalem the Battalion joined the Palestine Football Association, but, as the season was already half-way through, it was too late for the Battalion team to take part in the league.

After the heavy, slow ground at Colchester, which tended to keep the ball low, the Battalion players are finding a fair amount of difficulty in getting used to the very different types of grounds met with here. Some are sandy, others as hard as concrete, while some have fair-sized rocks on them. This has greatly handicapped the players in their ball control, but by next season we hope that the results of their practice will be shown.

The Battalion entered the Palestine Senior Cup Competition, and on February 13th met No. 2 Armoured Car Company, R.A.F., at Ramleh. One hundred

and fifty men travelled over to support the Battalion, but the result was a draw of 1-1. There were many good movements spoilt by lack of finish of the forwards. L./Cpl. Brown scored our one goal from a good centre by the left wing, L./Cpl. Briton. In the replay on our ground we lost 0-1. Again there were many good shooting chances lost.

On February 6th the team travelled to Tel Aviv and there played a strong Jewish team, the Maccabee. A crowd of 3,000 watched the match, which was the best game the Battalion has played since its arrival in Jerusalem. We lost 2-3.

The results of the matches played to date are:—

27/1/32.—v. Hashmanai, lost 1-3.  
3/2/32.—v. R.A.S.C., won 5-0.  
6/2/32.—v. Maccabee, Tel Aviv, lost 2-3.  
13/2/32.—v. No. 2 Armoured Car Coy., R.A.F., drew 1-1.  
17/2/32.—v. Hapoel, Jerusalem, won 5-0.  
20/2/32.—v. No. 2 Armoured Car Coy., R.A.F., lost 0-1.  
5/3/32.—v. Hapoel, Tel Aviv, lost 0-4.

The following have represented the Battalion:—

Cpls. Williams, Green and Hatchett, L./Cpls. Chillery, Briton, Lambert and Brown, and Ptes. Kirby, 08 Smith, Free-stone, Carter, Collier, Jolley, 06 Rogers, Hedges, Sadler, Ryder, Brewer and Dyer.

#### HOCKEY.

There is not much to record about hockey this quarter. We have only had one ground, the Jerusalem Sports Club ground, and so far have concentrated chiefly on Inter-Platoon games.

Most of the teams in the neighbourhood prefer to play company sides, and so, except for two Battalion trials, our first team have not played any matches.

We entered H.Q. Wing in the Palestine Hockey Cup, and in the first round they defeated the R.A.F., Ramleh, by 5 goals to 2, after a very good game. In the next round they meet the R.A.F., Amman, at Jerusalem. They also beat the Jerusalem Sports Club in a friendly game.

We have discovered a good deal of new talent in the Inter-Platoon Knock-out, and by the time we arrive in Egypt we should have quite a formidable Battalion team.



1.—Monastery of the Greek Church in the "Wadi Kelt."  
3.—View of Jericho and the surrounding country.

2.—Old Roman Road.  
4.—View of Jericho with Banana Plantation in foreground.



## BOXING.

Shortly after the Battalion arrived in Palestine, the boxing team went over to Ramleh to take part in an individual competition with a view to selecting a team to represent Palestine and Trans-Jordan in a triangular contest versus the Royal Air Force in Iraq and Egypt for the R.A.F. Championship of the Middle East.

Largely as a result of the excellent coaching by their trainer, L./Cpl. Allison, the Regiment won five out of the eight weights, the remaining three fights being won, in two cases by the Royal Air Force and the remaining fight by Pte. Raven, of the King's Own Royal Regiment.

The rest of February was spent by the team in training at Ramleh until the 23rd of the month, when the team was transferred to Tiberias, by the Sea of Galilee, so as to be near the aerodrome at Samak, from whence an Imperial Airways machine would take them to Baghdad. Meanwhile, 2/Lieuts. Sword, Marsh and Bellers, who were required to complete the team, were motored up to Samak from Jerusalem. This drive of about 120 miles was a most interesting one, the first stage of the journey taking us through the Mountains of Judea to Fort Nablus, where we stopped for a short time to call on the Commandant (Lieut. Clowes).

As we descended into the Plain of Jezreel we crossed the River Kishon and saw away to our left the vast plain where, as prophecy has it, the final Armageddon will some day take place. The road then took us through Afule and Nazareth and then, as we crossed the final ridge and began to descend into the Jordan Valley, we caught our first glimpse of the Sea of Galilee, with Tiberias perched on its western side.

After paying a visit to the hotel in which the team was to stay the night, we went on to Samak, where we were welcomed and accommodated for the night by Major Smith, who was in command of the detachment of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force near the aerodrome. That evening we saw both the Imperial Airways flying boat from Marseilles alight on the Sea of Galilee, and the plane from Cairo arrive at the aerodrome within half an hour of each other.

We made an early start the next morning and by 7 a.m. we were well over the mountains of Trans-Jordan and heading for the wells at Rutbah, where we landed and had breakfast over 300 miles from our starting-point. Here we found a well-constructed rest-house in the shape of a fort and guarded by picturesquely dressed Iraq Desert Levies, who were heavily equipped with bandoliers, rifles, Lewis and machine guns, and a couple of Desert Patrol cars.

By this time many of us had begun to feel the effects of travelling in a completely closed plane, whose windows could not open, with the result that the breakfast here was not patronized to any great extent by many of the team. Another two and a half hours' flying brought us in sight of the River Euphrates, and as we passed low over Lake Habbaniya we could see the vast difference in the countryside, which was entirely deserted and barren except where irrigation canals from the main river brought moisture to the thinly cultivated areas. Finally we circled over Baghdad and the River Tigris, and it came as a great relief to our "air-sick" company when we landed on the civil aerodrome west of the city and were welcomed by officers of No. 70 Squadron, R.A.F. Even here our troubles were not over, as we were lined up and photographed by the local Press!

Baghdad itself did not come up to our expectations, for, although on the western side of the Tigris, the avenues leading to the aerodrome and the railway station were broad and modern in their lay-out, we did not reach the city proper until we had crossed over the river, which is 200 to 300 yards broad at this point and experiences extreme changes of level in flood-time. For this reason, the bridge over the river is a pontoon one named after General Maude, and since it was erected in 1918, does not appear to have been repaired. The crossing is not without its excitements.

The boxing took place on Thursday and Friday after we arrived. The ring was set up in one of the largest hangars in the cantonment, and among other spectators was King Ali, the brother of the reigning monarch of Iraq, whilst His Excellency the High Commissioner gave away the prizes on the completion of the tournament.

The boxing was of quite a high standard, and the following members of the Regiment were included in the Palestine team:—

Pte. Evans (heavy-weight); L./Cpl. Chillery (light heavy-weight); Cpl. Hatchett (middle-weight); Pte. Wildin (light-weight); Pte. McLeod (fly-weight); and the three officers' weights were represented by the officers previously mentioned.

Since the tournament was a triangular one, each member of the team was called upon to box twice. The officers and Pte. Wildin had walkovers on the second night, but everyone was very disappointed not to see the latter box again, since he had already shown such good form on the first night. Pte. Evans showed his best form in both his fights, and in his second fight his opponent, as big a man as himself, carried the fight to the full three rounds. He won both his fights, the first one by a knock-out. L./Cpl. Chillery was very unfortunate to lose his first fight, as he had his opponent down for a long count on three occasions. On the second night, however, he won easily by a knock-out in the second round. In the draw Cpl. Hatchett was rather unfortunate, as he had to fight twice in one night with rather a short interval between his fights, and he lost on both occasions. On the first night Pte. McLeod, making full use of his greater strength, knocked his opponent out in the first minute, but after a very close fight on the second night he was just beaten. In the three officers' fights, 2/Lieuts. Sword and Bellers both won, and 2/Lieut. Marsh was beaten.

After a close contest, Palestine went ahead towards the end, and finally won the tournament with 36 points, Iraq being second with 32 points, and Egypt last with 28 points.

The Royal Air Force were very hospitable, and all ranks had a most enjoyable stay in Baghdad whilst waiting for transport to return to Jerusalem. Being lent three players, we took on a hockey team from No. 70 Squadron, and after a close game won by 5 goals to 4. Other sports we took part in were tennis and roller-skating, and some of the team were even seen touring round on a borrowed motor-bike! We also took the opportunity to visit Babylon and Ur of the

Chaldees, the latter spot being reputed to be the oldest dwelling-place in the world.

Whilst in Baghdad we had the pleasure of meeting Capt. Holt, late of the 9th Battalion, who is now the Oriental Secretary in Iraq.

At the time of writing these notes some of the team have returned to Jerusalem, and we hope to see the remainder back safely as soon as transport is available.

## RUGBY.

Little did we think when we left England that we should be playing rugby in Palestine, but on our arrival here we were very pleased to find that the game was played a great deal. The ground naturally is far from suitable, but knee-caps and iodine help tremendously.

Our first match was against the R.A.F., Ramleh, which we lost 0—8. Considering that our opponents are the Champions of the Middle East, the type of ground was new to us, and our forwards were far from fit after the sea voyage, we were quite pleased with the result. Lieut. Else, who was staying with us at the time, played a sterling game in the forwards.

On January 24th we played the Palestine Police at Mount Scopus, Jerusalem, and drew with them 3—3. The Police turned out a very strong team, selecting them from all the Force in Palestine, and a very strenuous game resulted. This was the first game of rugby played in Jerusalem for many years, and attracted considerable attention. The ball was light and the ground was like iron, but nevertheless we greatly enjoyed the game and hope to have a return in the near future.

Our other game was with No. 2 Wireless Company, Royal Signals, which we won 8—3.

## A (M.G.) COMPANY.

Since our last notes much water has flowed under bridges; in fact, water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink (thank goodness).

Palestine, our present home, most romantic of countries, when we are far away from it, is the most unromantic to live in. The station is so good that we are praying daily not to be moved before our year is up.





1st BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. PALESTINE POLICE, JERUSALEM.



1st BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. PALESTINE POLICE, JERUSALEM.

Standing.—L./Cpl. Hopson, L./Cpl. Chillery, Pte. Frisby, L./Cpl. Watts, Lieut. Herapath, 2/Lieut. Marsh, Lieut. Chattey, Lieut. Powell, 2/Lieut. Sword.

Sitting.—L./Cpl. Tatt, Cpl. Hatchett, Cpl. Zetter, Lieut. Cubitt, L./Cpl. Wadsworth, Cpl. Green.

We welcome C.S.M. Fleming, Clr.-Sergt. Robbins, Sergts. Rogers and Hazeldene, Cpls. Snell and Ives, and all the members of the turn-over from the 2nd Battalion to our happy family. We wish them every success in their new surroundings.

Our best wishes go with Sergt. Painter on his appointment to Officers' Mess Sergeant, and with Pte. Stroud on his turn-over to the 2nd Battalion.

We offer our congratulations to Sergts. Painter and Donovan on their promotion and to L./Sergt. Hull on his appointment. Also to Pte. McLeod on his fine performance at Ramleh and his inclusion in the Palestine boxing team that fought in Baghdad against teams from Iraq and Egypt, with such wonderful results. We congratulate this team on its fine show.

At sport, we have not yet got into our stride. Up to date we have only had the Platoon Football Knock-out, which was won by No. 2 Platoon. The hockey has not yet been decided, and by the time it is we hope to have found a really useful Company team. A cross-country run was won by No. 3 Platoon, with Pte. 79 Smith first man home.

Competition is the essence of all training. Our Clock, given for the best room during the month, is the bone of contention at present. No. 4 Platoon has won it two months in succession and now want to know if one more win enables them to keep it. The remaining platoons have been heard to whisper an agreement. No. 2 Platoon have been late for parade so often that we think they are trying to get it by tactics instead of gimping for it.

A new rule is now in force here, *i.e.*, anyone in possession of money—the root of all evil—by Saturday evening will be expected to forfeit the said root to the common good. No forfeits have as yet been collected. This may be due to the combination of the country and the Scots.

Individual Training is going great guns (M.Gs.), and on top of this the University, situated in the Company dining hall, is running at top pressure. The Muscle Factory is also going all out and is being backed by the Messing Committee, who are producing muscle-building but not brain-building rations. There is no doubt that the results of the P.E. Tests will be very good; already we have a few new records: one mile in 2½ min.,

and three miles in 10 min. is not bad for a start.

We proceed to Sarafand to relieve B Company, on detachment, in the near future, and everyone seems disappointed at the prospect of riding; someone suggested running it for reasons of economy. We remember someone walking a few miles for this excellent reason a few months ago.

By the time these notes are printed we shall be there and settled down to whatever the fates may have in store for us. We anticipate a very good time.

Before closing, there are one or two things we would like to know:—

Who moved the *magnetic variation* to 13° S.E.?

Is an *all-round defence* any good in football?

Is it true that rearguard commanders, in *mountain warfare*, are allowed to wave the *Red Flag*?

ACK EMMA GEE.

#### "GO TO—JERICHO!"

Many times in a lifetime we are told, in tones of annoyance, to go to Jericho. To-day twenty-one of A (M.G.) Company carried out this instruction in a very practical but enjoyable manner.

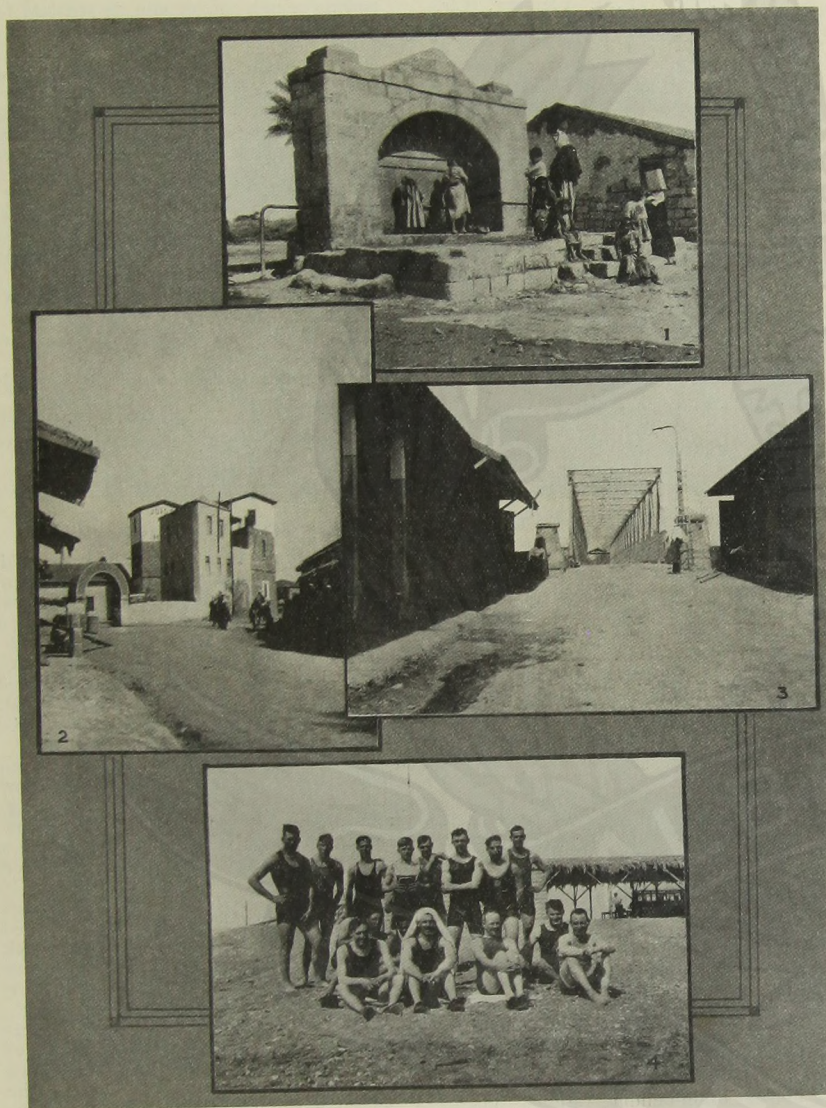
This trip was organized by the O.C. Company. The places of interest passed *en route* were pointed out by Lieut. Herepath, who really seems to have studied his Bible to a great extent.

In accordance with instructions issued by Company Headquarters on a previous date, we assembled at zero hour (8.30 a.m.), fully equipped with bathing costumes, cameras, haversack rations, and a spirit of adventure; in fact, quite prepared to put some life into the Dead Sea.

We started from barracks in a "bus de luxe," and after the driver had chased a spare tyre round Jerusalem we struck out in earnest on our travels. Once clear of the city we began to pass historical places almost immediately.

First we passed on our left the famous Garden of Gethsemane and the Mount of Olives, then we passed through the town of Bethany (the tomb of Lazarus the beggar is situated here). Farther on we passed a ramshackle building very much in ruins, bearing the legend, "The Good Samaritan Inn." This place is reputed to





1.—Elijah's Well, Jericho.

3.—Allenby's Bridge across the Jordan outside Jericho.

2.—Jordan Hotel, Jericho.

4.—Some of the Happy Party.

be where the Samaritan of Bible fame paid for the care of "a certain man who went down to Jericho."

Travelling along a descending road of many thrilling corners, hairpin bends and amongst rugged scenery, we eventually arrived at an old Roman road, which we took and which led us beside a wonderful gorge called the Wadi Kelt. We stopped to see a monastery, built into a cliff and in which eight monks of the Greek Church lived. This was really a wonderful sight, although we do sympathize with the monks in their solitary state.

Here we saw the water channel built by the Army during the campaign in Palestine, and also much evidence of camping grounds ("bivi" type) in which portions of armies took their rest.

At the farther end of the gorge we again stopped, this time to view the wonderful panorama, the Plains of Jericho. Proceeding, we passed through numerous banana plantations, many of the party seeing these growing for the first time. Returns called for showing numbers of straight bananas seen resulted in only *nil* returns.

We then did an American tour of Jericho—straight through and straight on, making for Allenby's Bridge—obviously built by R.E. during the war, across the Jordan. By crossing the bridge on foot we actually entered Trans-Jordania.

Back again to Jericho, this time we dismounted to stretch our legs and to buy, if possible, oranges. On this occasion we saw a captive hyæna, which is owned by the police, who told us that it was quite tame, but Shakespeare said, "All men are l—rs," and I do not think he intended these policemen to be exceptions.

All aboard again direct to the Dead Sea. A bathe and lunch.

The Salt Pans near the sea were a source of interest, very much like snow in appearance, and they covered nearly an acre of ground.

Arriving at the sea itself we proceeded to try our swimming powers, and owing to the buoyancy of the water we were able to do some remarkable things without fear of sinking. Certain precautions were necessary for comfort, such as keeping one's mouth shut, a trying experience at the best of times, and by some

means preventing the water splashing into one's eyes.

The Dead Sea is about fifty miles long, from nine to ten miles wide, and one thousand two hundred and ninety feet below sea-level, having forty-seven per cent. of salt; therefore, attempts to drink it were simply not made.

It was noticed by most of the party that birds were not in evidence over the Dead Sea, but some members distinctly remember two swimming in the water. I am afraid these were not of the feathered variety.

After a very necessary fresh-water shower, we dressed and had lunch in improved (not approved) style.

Facing east from our picnic ground we could see the Mountains of Moab; these are famous in Bible history as the viewpoint chosen by Moses to see the Promised Land—the land flowing with milk and honey.

Rumour has it that Moses, having seen the place he had wandered forty years to find, gracefully passed away. Having now seen what Moses must have seen we fully understand his feelings.

We have now two months' experience of this land, and can look on the title "The land flowing with milk and honey" in a more logical manner. Honey is of the imported variety, and, although there is plenty of milk, it is of the tinned variety—Moses must have forgotten to pack a tin-opener in his pack.

Although many other places and things of interest were seen, we find that time and space are lacking to describe them in this article, and we hope to be able to give our friends a further article in the next issue of THE DIE-HARDS.

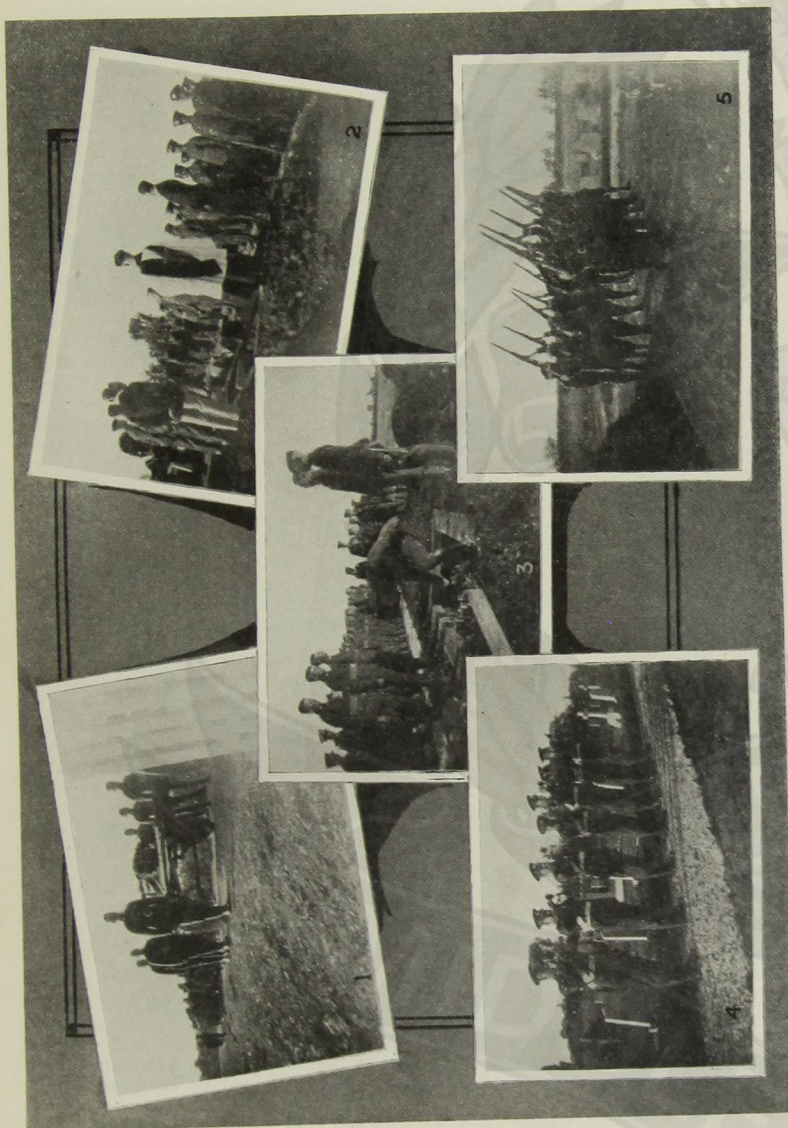
We regret that so many of our friends cannot share with us this interesting and happy tour in the Promised Land, and we hope that these articles, although perhaps lacking in literary style, will assist them to follow us more easily in spirit.

#### B COMPANY.

Since our last notes were written, Major Sloane-Stanley has left us to remain in England, and we welcome Major Pargiter, who joined us on board ship, as our new Company Commander.

Our ten days' voyage to Port Said was uneventful, and everyone welcomed the





FUNERAL OF THE LATE PRIVATE GRAINGER.  
 1.—Entering the Cemetery.  
 2.—The Service at the Graveside.  
 3.—Major Pargiter laying a wreath from the Officers.  
 4.—Buglers sounding the Last Post and Réveille.  
 5.—Firing Party.

fine weather and warm sun experienced most of the way.

Christmas Day was spent in the Bay, and fortunately there was only a slight swell. Several, however, did not enjoy their dinner as much as they would have liked.

We are now settling down on detachment in Sarafand, and, although the nearest town (Ramleh) is four miles away, everyone seems satisfied. Reports from Jerusalem lead us to believe that we are more comfortably situated than the rest of the Battalion.

We have played a few hockey and football matches, but owing to rather a long period of idleness results have not been as we would have liked. The Palestine General Hospital have kindly allowed us to have their ground two days a week, and we have just marked out one of our own, so we hope to do better with more practice.

Boxing and cross-country training have started, and good Company teams will be produced. No. 2 Armoured Car Company, R.A.F., Ramleh, have just beaten our running team by five points in a return match, so we hope to do well in the Battalion runs.

In boxing there is plenty of keenness if lack of skill.

Individual Training is keeping us busy at present, and most of our spare time is spent in laying out platoon gardens.

In sport we shall miss C.S.M. Farrow, who has gone to the Malay States, but we welcome C.S.M. Brockman in his capacity of W.O., Class II. At the same time we welcome C.Q.M.S. Raindle, who has joined us from the T.A., and congratulate him on his appointment.

We also offer our congratulations to Sergt. West and Cpl. Hatchett on their promotion, but regret the loss of the latter, who has gone to C Company.

We extend a hearty welcome to all ranks of the 2nd Battalion turn-over posted to this Company, and hope to find some good talent to make up for the losses we have suffered.

#### C COMPANY.

Since our last notes appeared, nearly six months ago, we have undergone great changes. Leave ended at the end of November, and for the next three weeks

our activities were mostly directed to packing and getting ready for the move.

On December 12th the 2nd Battalion arrived at Colchester, and we were glad to see many old C faces amongst them.

We sailed from Southampton on the 22nd, and amongst those left behind were Sergt. Bray, who is now at the Depot, Sergt. Walsh, and Cpls. Holt and Boiling, who by now have all joined the "bowler-hat brigade." We take this opportunity of wishing them the best of luck.

Before we go any farther, we should like to say how sorry we are to lose C.Q.M.S. Fleming, at the same time congratulating him on his promotion. Capt. Mirams is still temporarily commanding H.Q. Wing, but we hope he will soon be restored to us.

The sea and weather were extremely kind to us on our voyage out, but we were all glad when Port Said was reached and we were able to walk without stepping off for movement. With the addition of the 2nd Battalion turn-over, all of whom we most heartily welcome, our little C Company of Colchester days has grown out of all recognition, and its presence is soon going to be felt, especially in the field of sport.

At the time of writing no Inter-Company events have taken place, but the Company Inter-Platoon Football resulted as was expected in a win for No. 9 Platoon, who have a large number of the Company players. They will take a lot of beating, and in our next notes we hope we shall be able to write of their successes.

No. 12 Platoon, ably led by 2/Lieut. Hall, won the Company Hockey Knock-out, after a fierce struggle against both Nos. 10 and 11 teams.

Lastly we welcome C.Q.M.S. Misso to the Company, also Cpl. Hatchett from B Company, and congratulate L./Sergt. Edmunds and Cpl. Cladd on their recent promotions.

"CORK."

#### D COMPANY.

Consequent upon the Battalion's move to Jerusalem we said good-bye to Major O. H. Tidbury, M.C., who handed over D Company to Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C., in order to take up a Staff



appointment. The Company wishes him well in his new job, and extends its farewell greeting to Mrs. Tidbury also.

Capt. F. G. Parker, lately rejoined from a tour of duty as a Territorial Adjutant, has now been posted to the Company, as also have Lieut. J. H. Clowes, from the Depot, and 2/Lieut. J. P. Hall, from C Company. The Company welcomes these officers with the same cordiality with which it welcomes the addition of N.C.Os. and men of the turn-over from the 2nd Battalion. The N.C.Os. posted from the 2nd Battalion are Sergt. Tiller, Cpls. Wilson, Padgett and Drew (to whom we offer congratulations and wishes for success on his recent promotion to Drum-Major), and L./Cpls. Staley, Lambert, Benningfield and Howie.

D Company joins with the rest of the Battalion in its regrets at the deaths of Drum-Major Phillipson and Pte. Grainger, who were both well-known figures in the Battalion, and accords sympathy to the relatives of both.

Since our arrival in the Holy Land, Nos. 15 and 13 Platoons have each spent a month's duty at Nablus Fort, and appear to have regretted handing over this duty—a healthy sign, since Nablus is devoid of many of civilization's ordinary amenities for amusement. It is, however, redolent with Biblical significance, as indeed is the best part of Palestine, so it is to be inferred that at least half of D Company are on familiar terms with the history of the Shechemites, as given in the ninth chapter of the Book of Judges. Which reminds the writer that many men of the Company are students in other subjects of education, and it is to be hoped that results of examinations to be held in 1932 will bid fair towards placing D Company first in the Battalion in its percentage of 2nd Class Certificates.

An examination of alarm-posts was carried out by the Company Commander, officers and senior ranks soon after our arrival, the positions of which caused much wonderment to all, particularly, we heard, to our C.S.M., who was vividly reminded of "vertical intervals" when "horizontal equivalents" were almost nothing.

The Company has gained fair success in the football field since being in Palestine. A recent friendly game with No. 2

Armoured Car Company, R.A.F., resulted in a win for D Company by 4 goals to 1. In the Company Knock-out the Company succeeded in beating the footballers of B Company by 4 goals to 0 after a lively game. The Company's division of the Battalion Inter-Platoon Knock-out was won by No. 16 Platoon, who beat No. 13 at Nablus by 3 goals to 0, No. 13 having previously beaten No. 14, and No. 16 having, after a replay, gained the better of No. 15. The Company is to be congratulated upon the good football spirit and talent in its midst.

Among more recent events is the promotion to Corporal of L./Cpl. Donegar, whom the Company congratulates accordingly.

Lieut. Amir Talal, the son of Emir Abdullah of Trans-Jordania, is attached to the Company for training for, we hope, a fairly long period, and it is hoped that his attachment will be an enjoyable one.

#### SIGNALS.

As every other scribe to the Journal has probably aired his views about the recent move of the Battalion, we refrain from mentioning it, as the experiences were fairly general to all.

Cairo is a much more important topic, and as that is our next hop we suggest that it cannot be too soon.

September's classification promises to be the most exciting event for a few months to come, and we are all doing that little bit extra which is so very useful to maintain our good reputation.

We have suffered a rebuff on the football field lately, but as companies are much stronger their standard has become much higher, but we hope to regain our lost status when the youngsters develop. We have held our own on the hockey field, however, thanks to the S.O., whose efforts contributed largely to the 3-3 draw with our rivals, the Band.

Congratulations to Cpls. Bayford and Panting on their recent promotions; may their bank-books swell.

Reed Hall by this time is familiar to our friends in the Home Battalion, and we trust that they find it as gratifying as we did.

"Dots."

#### BAND.

Well, here we are in Palestine, amidst camels, asses—and other things pleasant and unpleasant, including mud and glorious sunshine. That all of us are pleased to be here I will not say; maybe if I do our married ones will get argumentative. We will leave it to our friends of the Home Battalion to inform us where they would rather be. Anyway, we are a happy family, and hoping for the best.

With our arrival out here our ranks were somewhat lessened, having lost three to Kneller Hall and three others left behind at Colchester. We hope to see their smiling faces later on in the year. Many would welcome a long weekend and the lights of Liverpool Street; we hear many moans these Sundays.

Some of us have adopted the rôle of tourists; those who have not been interested would be delighted if somebody would send us a crib-board. We are able now to do many things in sports; Football, Hockey, and even Badminton! So far we are not doing at all badly. Our sympathy goes out to our friends the Drummers, who have been severely handicapped in the platoon events with having to leave most of their sportsmen in England. We assure them that their "snake charming," though beginning to fascinate us, will not put us off our games.

That splendid sportsman, L./Cpl. Chillery, is to be congratulated on winning the light heavy-weight championship of Palestine. We hope he will gain more honours when we get to Egypt. Somebody has just suggested to me that it would be a good idea to adopt Drage's system to purchase our summer kit. What a boon it would be! "Fifty per cent. pay way"—fifty months to pay and no deposit, also a liberal allowance if you cannot pay! Ah, me!

Our best wishes to our friends of the 2nd Battalion. We greatly enjoyed their company whilst at Colchester, and we hope they enjoyed Christmas. We did—some of us.

"FLAT PITCH."

#### DRUMS.

By the time these notes appear we will be fully settled down out East.

Our journey from England was quite

calm for that particular part of the year, and was full of events and new sights for many of us.

Christmas was quite decent, considering the circumstances which we were in, but many a little moan was heard from certain Drummers, because they could not indulge in the usual habit of leaving a sly sock hung up for expectations.

Quite a number of the Drums agree that "life on the ocean waves" is no life for them, and they leave you to judge which way their Christmas dinner went down.

We left England with only half of the Corps owing to a sudden outbreak of illness just before we sailed, but we have every hope of our happy large family being together in the very near future.

We regret to announce that Drum-Major R. N. Phillipson passed away on January 21st; he is greatly missed by all ranks.

We welcome Drum-Major Drew, and L./Cpls. Stickley and Crawshaw, and congratulate them on their respective appointments, and we trust that their stay with us will be a long and happy one. We also extend our sympathies and best wishes to Dmrs. Butt, Webber and Thurlborn on their recent marriages; we hope that all their troubles will be little ones.

We have not been quite so fortunate in the Football and Hockey Knock-outs, owing to our sporting ranks being sadly depleted by half the Corps being in the United Kingdom.

We lost to the Details after a hard game 1-4, and at hockey 2-3, after drawing 2-2 the previous game. We must not grumble, but hope for revenge next time.

The Novices' and Open Boxing Competitions will take place very shortly and we have great hopes of seeing the young blood of the Corps to the fore.

Many Drummers are being seen going to the Band concert every Thursday evening, and it is whispered amongst themselves that they have hopes and ambitions of relieving the Band from this engagement.

Before piping down, we wish L./Cpl. Escudier all good luck in civilian life.

Cheerio.

SNAKE CHARMER III.



## SERGEANTS' MESS.

This is an occasion to record the event, for the first time in many years past and probably not to be repeated in many to come, of both Regular Battalions of the Regiment being together in the same barracks, as was the case at Colchester in December, 1931, the members of both Sergeants' Messes being able to spend many memorable hours together. Such a meeting has, perhaps, happened only once before since the 57th and 77th Regiments served together during the Peninsular War. Following so quickly upon the Presentation of New Colours to the 1st Battalion by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on Trafalgar Day, this historic event will hereafter give additional importance to the year 1931 in the minds of all members of the Regiment.

The coming of 1932 found us about to set foot on foreign soil, for, on January 2nd, in the early morning, we had our first glimpse of Talavera Barracks, Jerusalem, which have yet to be our home for several months to come, until we exchange it next trooping season for the Citadel at Cairo. The Mess has been at a disadvantage during the first three months, owing to inadequate accommodation, but all hope that by the time these notes are published this question will have been settled by the opening of our new Mess, which is now nearing completion. A house-warming in token of the event is clearly indicated.

Despite the aforesaid inadequacy, however, there has so far been ample amusement in the Mess owing to the organization of games tournaments, donkey tours and sight-seeing parties by our able Entertainments Committee, whose "sleeping partner" has even been moved to alertness, we notice, upon occasions.

Weekly games tournaments during January and February have provided considerable fun as well as good company. Prize-winners have included Sergts. Blake and Rogers and S./Sergt. Bentley, R.A.S.C., and have concerned (on one occasion at least) Clr.-Sergt. Steadman and Sergt. Christie, who, like those athletic Greeks of whom history tells us, contested right manfully for ascendancy in divers ways, and finally settled their competition of strength and capacity by both giving a just and true appreciation

of "depth." In truth, a Homeric epic justly worthy of a ballad.

The idea of donkey tours of the countryside originated in the success of a donkey paperchase, held early in February and won by Sergt. Thompson. This item engendered much amusement, the costumes being very diverse in character and the "falling by the wayside" of some participants proving extremely comic in one instance, at least, for our "Bengal Lancer" came to grief. Since this time we have had two further trips on donkeys which have been equally amusing and interesting; for, to us, our means of transport were as unique as the country over which we travelled. This pastime, to the discomfiture of the demon sloth on Sunday afternoons, has gained popularity, so that we promise ourselves other such trips.

Under the excellent guidance of our padre, the Rev. G. H. Heaslett, B.A., C.F., parties from the Mess have visited several of the historical and traditional sights with which the Holy Land abounds and we are keen to make many further sight-seeing expeditions under his leadership. A special vote of thanks is given to our padre, who has spared no pains to give us of the best in his practical commentaries on the places visited.

We have left behind us several of our comrades whose absence from the Mess is continually noticed. Q.M.S. Baldwin, we trust, is now rapidly progressing to complete health at the Depot. Clr.-Sergt. Darby and Sergt. Walsh, we hope, are making good without difficulty in civilian life. It is also hoped that Sergts. Pain and Williams are doing well at their vocational training and that employment in civil life will be the immediate result of it.

Sergts. Tiller and Hazeldine have joined us with the 2nd Battalion's turn-over and have been warmly welcomed. The former has lately returned from a month's sojourn in the Land of the Shechemites, at Nablus Fort, and the latter will shortly be perspiring under the sun at Sarafand.

Q.M.S. Finch, from the Depot, Clr.-Sergt. Raindle and Sergt. West, from the T.A., are also recent additions to the Mess numbers, their respective places having been filled by Q.M.S. Baldwin and Sergts. Tisdale and Tibble.

To all of the above we extend good wishes for the future. Likewise we offer

## OFFICERS' CLUB.

## GOLF MEETING.

THIS meeting was held at Hendon, by kind permission of the Secretary, Mr. Greenshields, on April 6th.

The meeting was well attended, and, although the majority of the competitors came from the 2nd Battalion, the Depot, the 7th and 9th Battalions, and the 19th London Regiment were also represented.

The day was a bad one for golf on account of a very strong wind which perhaps accounted for some of the high scores submitted. On that account, Capt. C. T. Whinney's round of 77 and Capt. J. R. B. Worton's net score of 72 were, under the circumstances, extremely creditable. They retained the cups they won the previous year.

In the afternoon Capt. N. P. Procter and Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson won the Bogey Foursomes with a score of 3 down. Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel and Capt. C. T. Whinney were second with a score of 4 down.

The results are given below.

It would materially assist the Hon. Secretary of the Officers' Club if members playing in this competition would fill up a banker's order for five shillings and send it to him, as collecting subscriptions on the day itself adds considerable to duties which have to be carried out in a limited space of time.

## GOLF MEETING—HENDON, APRIL 6TH, 1932.

Result of Medal Round:—		Gross Score.	Hcp.	Nett Score.
Capt. J. R. B. Worton ...	...	86	14	72
Capt. C. T. Whinney ...	...	77	2	75
Major G. C. Bucknall ...	...	86	11	75
Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel ...	...	89	13	76
Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson ...	...	87	8	79
Capt. G. Arnold ...	...	82	3	79
2/Lieut. L. C. Beadnell ...	...	79	+1	80
Lieut. D. A. Scott ...	...	94	14	80
Capt. H. B. W. Savile ...	...	96	15	81
Lieut.-Col. J. K. Maitland ...	...	93	10	83
Lieut. F. H. Else ...	...	95	12	83
Major F. G. Hogg ...	...	91	8	83
Major W. H. M. Paul ...	...	101	15	86
Lieut. R. C. Franklin ...	...	99	16	83
Capt. G. W. Kempster ...	...	100	15	85
Lieut. Gilbert ...	...	110	24	86
Lieut. A. E. Green ...	...	107	20	87
2/Lieut. S. P. L. Weston ...	...	112	24	88
Major T. S. Wollocombe ...	...	108	18	90
Lieut. Guscott ...	...	120	22	98

Result of Bogey Foursome:—  
Capt. N. P. Procter and Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson—3 down.  
Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel and Capt. C. T. Whinney—4 down.

a sincere, if somewhat belated, welcome to the W.Os., Staff Sergeants and Sergeants of No. 14 Company, R.A.S.C., and of the A.E.C., who have become members of the Mess since our arrival, and trust that their association with us will prove to be the subject of many pleasant memories in the future.

Recent promotions have included the advances to their present ranks of C.S.Ms. Brockman and Fleming, Clr.-Sergts. Raindle, Robbins and Misso, and Sergts. Bayles, West, Painter, Donovan and Drew (with the appointment of Drum-Major), and the appointments of L./Sergts. Hull, Little, Edwards, Chaplin and Edmunds. Congratulations to them all.

It is with the deepest regret that the whole Mess feels the loss of the late Drum-Major N. R. Phillipson, whose untimely death at Sarafand on January 21st is mourned by us all. He was a loyal soldier and a good comrade, and will be long remembered by us. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and many friends, as we also do to those of the late Pte. Grainger, who died at the same place three days earlier.

## CORPORALS' CLUB.

We hope that the 2nd Battalion are enjoying life at their new station, Colchester.

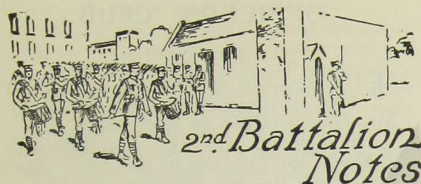
At present we are just settling down at our new station, Palestine, where many of the Scots members parade at the Wailing Wall.

Just after arriving in Palestine we held a social, and invited the Corporals of the R.A.F. stationed at Ramleh; we are glad to say the show went off very well, and we are looking forward to another.

Many members of the Club have taken to playing chess, but one of our best players has left us for the Sergeants' Mess.

We congratulate Cpl. Drew on his promotion to Sergeant and appointment to Drum-Major, and Cpls. Chaplin and Edmonds on their appointment to Lance-Sergeant. We also tender our congratulations to L./Cpls. Hatchett, Cladd, Bayford and Pantling on their promotion to Corporal, and we welcome L./Cpls. Adams and Barnes to the Club.





THE Battalion has not increased in strength during the past three months. Two drafts (nineteen and twenty-four strong respectively) arrived from the Depot in February and March, but they have been more than balanced by a draft of forty-one sent to the 1st Battalion in March and by various people who have departed to the Army Reserve.

Brigadier W. P. H. Hill, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the 11th Infantry Brigade, inspected the Battalion on February 12th. The intended parade had to be abandoned owing to snow, but a thorough inspection of the barracks was made. Better weather was experienced when we were inspected by Major-General C. Bonham-Carter, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the Divisional Commander, on April 5th.

We "take off our hats" to Major Lyon on promotion to field rank, to Lieut. Stephenson for being asked to play cricket for the Army, to 2/Lieut. Beadnell for being selected to represent the Army against the Navy at golf, to the ten N.C.Os. and men who obtained their 1st Class Certificates of Education last October (especially to L./Sergt. Parsler, who passed "Distinguished" in three subjects), and to L./Sergt. R. Smith and L./Cpl. Smith, who were awarded Ds. at the Anti-Gas and Sanitation Schools respectively.

Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C., has joined us from the half-pay list, and Capt. (Bt. Major) H. W. M. Paul, O.B.E., M.C., from a tour of duty at the R.M.C., Sandhurst, while Lieut. J. G. E. Reid, who has just come to us after spending seven years in the impenetrable bush of West Africa, adds to the number of ex-Wonga-Wonga members of the Battalion.

Capt. Hedgecoe and Lieut. Walden have been attached to the 17th Field Brigade for the Collective Training season.

Frinton is proving a great attraction, most of the officers having joined the Golf

Club. The experts are acquitting themselves well, while as for the others we can only say that they appear to be enjoying themselves. The Mess has also joined the West Mersea Yacht Club, but up to the present nobody has ventured upon the waters.

The Battalion was very successful in the Regimental Golf Meeting at Hendon on April 6th, Capt. Whinney winning the scratch prize, and Capt. Procter and Lieut. Stephenson the Foursomes.

Whilst on the subject of golf, we should mention that a team of twelve officers took on the 2nd Bn. The Black Watch at Frinton on April 10th. The result appears on another page.

We were all very sorry when Capt. E. N. Appelbe was placed on retired pay on reaching the age limit. Capt. Appelbe has been with the Battalion for twenty-four years, and in practically any other regiment he would have obtained his Majority some time ago, and would have had many years of useful service still in front of him.

Sergt. Walker has left us for civil life, and has become Sergeants' Mess Caterer at the Depot. He will be greatly missed. Shortly before his departure, he was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

We were very pleased to see Brig.-General R. M. Heath and Capt. Foster, who visited us on April 7th.

The Institutes are looking their best now, for which we must congratulate Major Browne and his staff.

Lieut. Heywood's local patriotism has made itself felt, for quite a Lancashire touch has been obtained by the issue of clogs to his cooks. We also like his potato peelers, and are beginning to wonder what other surprises he has in store for us.

#### A COMPANY.

The difficulty of composing these notes for the Journal is not one of finding material, but of knowing where to begin. The last time our notes appeared, the Company was preparing to leave Khartoum and embark for Colchester—then our strength was about 170 other ranks; now we can barely muster 47 for pay parades. The 1st Battalion, the Army

Reserve and the A.V.T.C., Aldershot, have each taken their toll.

We have lost most of our gladiators and a large percentage of our N.C.Os.—but "There are fish in the sea, no doubt of it—as good as ever came out of it." Nos. 1 and 3 Platoons alone can boast private soldiers besides N.C.Os.; while No. 4 Platoon does not exist and No. 2 Platoon consists of Section Commanders only.

The trip home was, on the whole, an enjoyable one; the weather was good, and Southampton was reached amid general rejoicings on Friday night, December 11th—at least six hours ahead of time.

On arrival in Colchester, fires and a steaming-hot meal awaited us, thanks to the forethought of the 1st Battalion, with whom we spent just over a week before they sailed. Then came their turn for foreign service and ours for leave—those of us who were not going for good, that is to say!

Since returning from our homes at the end of January, little beyond reorganizing platoons, games teams, and finding our way about has been possible. Courses of instruction in cookery have claimed Ptes. Downer and Drake, whilst L./Cpl. Parnell is at the moment studying beneath a blackboard at Shorncliffe. 2/Lieut. A. M. Man has returned from an Officers' Course at the P.T. School.

Major N. H. B. Lyon, M.C., took over the command of the Company on its arrival in England, and soon after attained his Majority. We extend to him a hearty welcome, though now a little late, and offer him our congratulations on his promotion.

2/Lieut. L. C. Beadnell joined the Company at the same time, and has, at the time of writing, been asked to fill a place in the Army golf team against the Navy. Hearty congratulations to him.

Lieut. E. M. G. Wray, D.S.O., has gone to D Company to take over the duties of Second-in-Command; at the moment he is being initiated into the mysteries of gas.

C.S.M. Kent is still with us, though even he is beginning to number his days before saying good-bye. C.Q.M.S. Capel goes in the near future to Aldershot to attend a Vocational Training Course in Physical Training before he, too, leaves for good. We wish him all good luck.

It is understood that he is not altogether unknown in P.T. circles there already, so his stay should be a happy one. Sergt. Simmonds has taken his place and, we hope, will remain long with us. Sergt. Beaveridge and Cpl. Smith have gone to the Depot on tours of duty; Sergt. Short, M.M., has taken over the duties of Officers' Mess Sergeant.

Company games have been few and far between, and the results not as good as we might hope for as yet. This is to be expected, of course. Our first match in the Football League was lost to B Company by 0-5. It will interest former A Company players to know that only one member of last year's team is now available to play.

We anxiously await the arrival of our first draft from the Depot in the near future. What chances of promotion keen soldiers amongst them will have, and what opportunities, too, for any games enthusiasts, with so many places in our Regimental and Company teams to fill!

Finally, all good luck to our second draft to Jerusalem, which left in January: we feel sure that they, like our first one, will acquit themselves well and enjoy their new surroundings.

#### B COMPANY.

Owing to the fact that practically everybody in the Company was on leave, no notes were included in last quarter's Journal. We now hope to make up for this deficiency.

Just prior to our departure from Khartoum, a second Garden Competition took place, and first place was gained by No. 8 Platoon. Pte. Grainger, a promising horticulturist, spent many hours nursing his plants, even rising in the early hours of the morning to nourish his zinnias, and is to be congratulated on an excellent garden. B Company Transport, under L./Cpl. May, gained third place.

The Company, less the "turn-over," left Khartoum by the second train and sailed from Port Sudan on November 29th. At Port Tewfik we said good-bye to fifty-nine members of the Company, who left us for the 1st Battalion. We wish them the best of luck in Palestine.

On arrival of the Battalion at Colchester we lost another twenty-five to the Army Reserve, so now in fact we are a



very depleted Company, even finding a great difficulty in raising a Company team for sports.

After spending a few days in our new barracks settling down, the whole Company, with the exception of a few Employed, were sent home on leave for Christmas, this for some being the first time for many years. Those who remained behind spent an enjoyable time and had their month's leave at a later date.

Our great regret is the loss of our old Company Commander, Major T. S. Wollocombe, who on arrival at Southampton left us to command the Depot. His loss is not only felt in the Company, but on the sports field. Ever since 1927, thanks to him, the Company has been in the running for top place in all sports, especially cricket. We wish him the best of luck at Mill Hill, and hope to see him during our stay in Colchester.

We welcome to the Company Capt. C. T. Whinney, who has taken over the command of the Company; another asset to our cricket team. We also welcome 2/Lieut. G. P. L. Weston, who has joined us from the 1st Battalion.

We have not had much opportunity of playing games since our arrival, but our first serious football match ended in a convincing victory in the Company League over A Company, whom we beat 5-0. If our present form continues, there appears to be no reason why we should not regain the Company Football Shield, - but unfortunately before this league is completed we shall have lost the services of at least three members of our team to the Army Reserve, namely, Ptes. Knott, Treadwell and Davis.

The following have played Rugby for the Battalion: Cpl. Moore, and Ptes. Wisbey and Evans, who, in spite of this, appears to be rapidly gaining weight.

At hockey we have played two matches, winning both, beating B Company, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch, 4-2, and C (M.G.) Company 2-1. The following have represented the Battalion: Sergt. Kemp, Cpl. Oram, L./Cpl. Elcome and Pte. Holmes.

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

The Company is gradually settling down to home soldiering at Colchester. Several changes have taken place, and

many old faces have disappeared. Major H. W. M. Paul has now taken over command of the Company on Capt. Appelbe's departure on retirement. There are several other new arrivals: Lieut. Reid, from the West Coast, Capt. Jones, who rejoins us once more, and C.S.M. Peck, from the 8th Battalion.

We welcome a number of "new-old" Gunners who have been sent to us from companies, and a good contingent of new Gunners have also joined us and have settled down well. Lieut. Ferguson and Sergt. Trestain have just returned from Netheravon full of knowledge and thoroughly up to date.

The Machine Gun Concentration looms ahead and we hope to go there fully trained and conversant with all the latest developments.

In the sports line we have not had as many games as we should have liked. There appears to be a scarcity of grounds, but it is hoped by next year more will be available. Our Sports are due to take place in the near future.

We are quite happy at Colchester, and find that there is plenty to do when training is over.

#### D COMPANY.

We confessed in our last notes that our activities had been few during our last weeks in Khartoum and our first weeks in Colchester. A pious hope was expressed that our next instalment would be full of interesting and exciting details, but we are afraid that failure must be admitted, and in consequence these notes will be no brighter than the last.

Two drafts from the Depot joined the Battalion in February and March, and were posted to the Company. They have just completed their Table "A" on the Middlewick Ranges with quite satisfactory results, especially as regards the rifle. These drafts have enabled us to expand from one platoon to which we were originally reduced, to three, but No. 15 Platoon is still non-existent.

Lieut. Wray has joined us as Second-in-Command from H.Q. Wing, and Sergt. Simmonds has been lent to A Company, where he is understudying the C.Q.M.S.

Inter-Company League games have not yet started, but several friendly soccer and hockey matches have been played, with

reasonable success. Our newcomers have yet to learn hockey, but we hope that careful tuition will produce useful results.

Sergt. Russell, Cpl. Warnes, L./Cpl. Knights and Pte. Chapman have all done good work in the Battalion Rugby team, particularly the first-named. There are several promising soccer players in the drafts, some of whom will represent the Company in the forthcoming league.

We congratulate Mr. "Turn-over" Heywood on his success in the Grand National Irish Sweepstake.

#### H.Q. WING.

Since last quarter's notes there have been many changes in the Wing, but now we are settled down and going very strong.

During the past three or four months there have been four different Wing Commanders, and as soon as one got to know the Wing another took his place. Lieut. E. M. G. Wray, D.S.O., handed over to Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson, who in turn handed over to Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe, but remained in H.Q. as Signal Officer, and Capt. Hedgecoe handed over to Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C., who has now been with us for six weeks, and we sincerely hope that his stay here will be a long one. We also welcome Lieut. F. Walden back to the fold, and hope that he will enjoy his stay. At the present time he is attached to the R.A., but the sooner the attachment ceases the better.

We have lost two or three full N.C.Os. either to civilian life or to duty; and we wish Sergts. Walker and Bone (who went to A Company before obtaining his discharge) the best of luck in civilian life. Sergt. Nash a happy time in C (M.G.) Company, and in his place we welcome Sergt. Short.

Other arrivals and departures are reported in the individual Group notes.

The Drums and half the Employed are at present firing their A.W.T.C., and the Signals are busily preparing for their Annual Classification. We hope that the excellent standard of previous years is maintained.

There have been some alterations made in the matter of sports, the Wing having been formed into two companies, G and Q, and the Drums and Employed no longer allied, with the Employed formed

into two platoons. (Dame Rumour has it that the two platoons of the Employed intend to carry off all the Inter-Group trophies between them. We shall see.)

WINGER.

#### EMPLOYED GROUP.

Here we are again, happy as ca— Sorry, but we are happy and optimistic at present, and all happy people burst into song, don't they? (Well, some do their best to sing.)

The reason for our optimism is that, although we have lost the help of the Drums in sports, and have also been split up into two platoons, the several additions to the Group, in the persons of Sergt. Boen and his merry men, make up for that which was lost. (Look after those cups and shields, you Signallers and Bandsmen; Nos. 20 and 21 Platoons are after 'em!)

We welcome Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C., and Lieut. F. Walden to the Wing and hope that their stay here will be a long one, but at the same time we are very sorry to have lost Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe, who has gone to a duty company. The whole Wing greatly appreciated the keen interest he took in the Wing, especially in the dining halls.

We are now firmly established in Colchester, and, though we occasionally sigh for the warm weather, we are glad to be home (plenty of week-ends in the "Smoke").

Sergt. Bone left us for A Company, but now he has gone for good, so the best of luck in civilian life, "Tots." By the time these notes appear in print we shall have shaken hands with and said farewell to "Ack Anna" and "Ginger" Statham and take this opportunity of wishing them good luck in civilian life.

At the present time half of the Group are firing their A.W.T.C. (and only one Part I marksman appears to have a "sweat on"), but more of that next quarter.

We offer our hearty congratulations to L./Sergt. Deane on his appointment, and to L./Cpls. Ayles and Clarke on getting their pay.

L./Cpls. Goodall (the "old-timer") and Clarke ("Nobby") have gone to C (M.G.) and D Companies respectively, and, though sorry to have lost them, we



congratulate both C (M.G.) and D Companies on securing a good all-round sportsman and a good soldier.

We must not forget to wish Sergt. Walker the best of luck in civilian life; he left about three months ago, and has taken over the duties of Sergeants' Mess Caterer at the Depot.

#### THE EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE.

#### BOYS.

Hello, everybody. The Yobboes calling. We must carry on the traditions left by the old Boys, so just to show what new blood can do we thought we would dip the pen in the ink and try our powers as scribes.

Of the old Boys of Gebeit fame we have now two survivors, Boys Boggis and Hines, but our ranks are gradually swelling every month. Our latest recruit is Boy Caney, a strapping young giant of 4 ft. 5 in.

Our chief entertainment at present is a lecture by Cooky, who discourses on the hidden arts of five stones and the tricky catch of devil's grab.

We must congratulate Boys Gower, Nolan, Cox, Turner and Hailey on obtaining their 3rd Class Certificates of Education, and we hope they will soon have their First.

At present we are training our nerves to be of steel, as we have settled down to the sounds at "Réveillé" when the Jocks unchain their captive haggises, which screech in rage at all and sundry, but, to crown it all, Cpl. Jennings does nightly practice on his harmonium, and great and varied are the weird wails that disturb the air. As a matter of fact, an inspector of the R.S.P.C.C. paid us a visit to ascertain whether we were being tortured, but nothing came of it, so we still suffer in silence.

In the sports field we are keeping our end up against Boys of other units in the Garrison, the results being as follows:—

3rd Carabiniers, 3; Middlesex, 2.  
K.S.L.I., 3; Middlesex, 2.  
Middlesex, 3; K.S.L.I., 2.  
Black Watch, 2; Middlesex, 5.  
Ex-Boys, 0; Boys, 5.

In conclusion we wish the Boys of the 1st Battalion the very best of life in Pales-

tine, and also send best wishes to all Boys of other units in the Garrison.

YOB.

#### BAND.

Here we are again, settled down at last after disembarkation and getting acclimatized to England.

Since we have been home, life seems to be a succession of leaves which nobody seems to grieve about. Since our arrival we have lost three old members of the Band, Bdsn. Kemp, Potts and Gordon, and also 06 Laurence, who has joined Carter Paterson's specials. Our fatigue roll has been augmented by five Boys, who have attained the age of 18 years: Rolfe, Murphy, Ruck, Dillon and Leonard. Long may they soldier.

H.Q. Wing is now represented as two companies in sports, G and Q Companies, the Band and Signals forming G, and the Drums and remainder forming Q, so once more we are with our old friends the Signals.

Donoghue had better look to his laurels as we now have ten trained jockeys who chew straw, think in the terms of girth bands, and walk about bow-legged. The instructor of the R.A. who trained them is just recovering from a nervous breakdown and has a relapse every time he sees a Band badge.

We are very pleased to welcome Capt. Savile, who has now taken over command of the Wing, and he will be well remembered by some of the older members who soldiered with him in Singapore, where he originally commanded the Wing, then in its infancy. We also welcome Lieut. Walden to the Wing. He is by no means a stranger to us, as we used to meet him every Sunday morning in Madras.

We must congratulate Drum-Major Drew on his promotion in the 1st Battalion, a job in which we are sure he will give a good account of himself. Well done, "Juicy"! Whilst we are in the congratulating mood, we must also congratulate Cpl. Jennings on his well-deserved promotion, and hope that he will enjoy his parade states now that he is in the land of Orderly Sergeants. Of course, he is quite a landmark at present with stacks of smoke trailing behind him from his gun as he rushes to answer the brazen tongue at 10 a.m.

We all offer our very best wishes to the Bandmaster and Mrs. Clibbens on their marriage, and wish them great happiness in future years.

We have had very little opportunity for practising since we have been home owing to the Battalion being so weak in numbers that we are now permanent R.E. fatigue party and butt-markers, but, never mind, there is a good time coming, and we must have something to grouse about.

In conclusion we wish the Band of the 1st Battalion the best of success during their tour abroad, and may they all return to "Blighty" like Rajahs, like us (??).

GRANF.

#### DRUMS.

Since the publication of the last issue of the Journal we have lost our friends of the 1st Battalion Drums, who have left to join their Battalion in Palestine.

During their stay with us in Colchester they assisted us greatly, both with our work and sports, so we should like to take this opportunity of thanking them.

As regards sports we have only played two football matches, assisted by the 1st Battalion Drummers. The first of these we lost 1-4; in the second we were fortunate to beat the same opponents 6-0.

As the result of a sports meeting held recently we find that in future the Drums Group are left to fight their battles on their own, but we hope to prove successful, although our number is small compared with other groups.

At the time of writing these notes we are firing our Annual Weapon Training Course under conditions very much different from the last. Marksmen we have six; marksmen we shall have by the issue of these notes???

The Intelligence Section started training soon after arriving back from furlough, and we hope to prove successful when put to the test under new surroundings. We often wonder how Lieut. Tuckey (who is now at the Depot) will be able to take bearings for night marching in the summer-time.

The members of the A.A. Section have been changed a great deal since our last notes. The rumour went round prior to a Battalion route march to the effect that the aircraft signal would be given *en route*. This gave cause for great alarm

as a certain side-drummer in the front rank wondered how to get to the rear of the Battalion, *i.e.*, his post before the aeroplane had disappeared.

We welcome to the Wing Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C., and Lieut. F. Walden, both of whom most of us know. Congratulations to Drum-Major Drew and L./Cpls. Stickley and Crawshaw on their promotions.

Since our last notes Dmrs. Harrington and Thomas have left us for Vocational Training at Aldershot.

Dmrs. Robinson, Marsh, Kelly and Middleton have returned to civilian life, and we wish them the very best of luck. Now that we are home we shall be very pleased to see any old 2nd Battalion Drummers should they find time to call on us in Colchester.

#### SIGNAL SECTION.

Another budding journalist has made his appearance in the Section (thinking of entering Fleet Street for *vocay*, Busty?), and this is the result, but we hope that readers will not judge too harshly on this his first attempt.

Once again the time has arrived for somebody to write Journal notes (but why pick on me to write 'em?). And after a gay time at Easter we are once more training hard for our classification, which takes place on May 9th and 10th.

We have not done much in the way of sports owing to lack of grounds, but succeeded in getting two games of soccer with the Signallers of the Royal Fusiliers, which we won, and we hope to have more games before the season closes.

Now that the "D. and Es." have to fight as three separate groups, we hope to retain the trophies won last year, and win the remainder as well, although we have lost most of our stalwarts.

Since we last put pen to paper we have lost Ptes. Williams and Nicholls, and now Pte. Hewitt only just recently, and we wish all three the best of luck and every success in civilian life.

L./Cpls. Parker and Hawkins have rejoined us after an enjoyable holiday with the "Terriers" in London, and they have been heard to remark that they wish it could have been longer.

L./Cpl. Buckland will shortly leave us to go to the Signal School. We wish him



the very best on his course, and hope that he will return to the fold as a full-blown A.I.

VIC-EDDY.

### GOLF.

The following is the detailed result of a golf match between the 2nd Bn. The Black Watch and the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.). Played at Frinton on April 10th, 1932:—

### FOURSOMES.

THE BLACK WATCH.	THE MIDDLESEX REGT.
Capt. H. K. Purvis- Russell-Montgomery	2/Lt. L. C. Beadnell ... 0
Capt. G. A. Rusk ... 0	Capt. Whinney ... 0
Major A. K. McLeod	Capt. N. P. Procter ... 2
Lt.-Col. G. B. Rowan- Hamilton	Lt. J. W. A. Stephenson ... 2
Capt. A. Gilroy ... 3	Major H. W. M. Paul ... 0
2/Lt. J. S. K. Sprot ... 3	Lt. F. H. Else ... 0
Lt. T. G. Rennie ... 6	Capt. H. B. W. Savile ... 0
2/Lt. M. V. A. Wolfe- Murray	Lt. C. M. Baldwin ... 0
Lt. Sir Colin K. Dick Cuningham, Bart. ... 0	Lt. A. E. Green ... 2
Lt. W. H. Grant ... 0	Lt. N. G. Gilbert ... 2
2/Lt. D. MacN. C. Rose ... 0	2/Lt. G. P. A. Weston ... 2
Lt. & Qr-Mr. L. G. Dunn ... 9	Lt. & Qr-Mr. R. T. Guscott ... 6

### SINGLES.

THE BLACK WATCH.	THE MIDDLESEX REGT.
Capt. H. K. Purvis- Russell-Montgomery	2/Lt. L. C. Beadnell ... 0
Capt. G. A. Rusk ... 0	Capt. Whinney ... 1
Major A. K. McLeod ... 0	Capt. N. P. Procter ... 2
Lt.-Col. G. B. Rowan- Hamilton	Lt. J. W. A. Stephenson ... 4
Capt. A. Gilroy ... 3	Major H. W. M. Paul ... 0
2/Lt. J. S. K. Sprot ... 8	Lt. F. H. Else ... 0
Lt. T. G. Rennie ... 0	Capt. H. B. W. Savile ... 0
2/Lt. M. V. A. Wolfe- Murray	Lt. C. M. Baldwin ... 3
Lt. Sir Colin K. Dick Cuningham, Bart. ... 3	Lt. A. E. Green ... 0
Lt. W. H. Grant ... 0	Lt. N. G. Gilbert ... 12
2/Lt. D. MacN. C. Rose ... 0	2/Lt. G. P. A. Weston ... 7
Lt. & Qr-Mr. L. G. Dunn ... 1	Lt. & Qr-Mr. R. T. Guscott ... 0
15	23

Result: The Middlesex Regiment won by 5 holes.

## LOSS OF THE GANGES, EAST INDIANAMAN.

(Reprinted from "The Star," August 24th, 1807.)

THE loss of the Ganges is officially confirmed by a letter from her Commander, Captain Harrington, addressed to the Governor of St. Helena. The ship was lost on the 29th of May, off the Cape of Good Hope, in lat. 38.22.S. and long. 19.50.E. She had been for some time in a leaky state, and separated from the rest of the fleet on the 21st of May, in a gale of

wind. The following morning the St. Vincent only was in sight, of whose Commander (Capt. Jones) Captain Harrington speaks in the warmest terms of praise for the assistance he rendered; as also of the ship's company and crew, and a number of men of the 77th regiment who were on board. The letter is accompanied by the following extract from the log book of the ship Ganges, Friday, May 29.

"Light airs and cloudy in P.M. A.M. a light breeze and fair, the swell much gone down, but the ship still rolling dreadfully, and rendering it dangerous for the boats to take persons on board, whether astern or alongside. At a quarter past noon, the St. Vincent being still nearly four miles from us, there being seven feet water in the well, the stern post being now four inches off the dead wood, and the ship ungovernable by the helm; got the launch at all risks alongside, having in vain attempted to put the ladies on board of her, out of the stern gallery, though the railing was cut away for the purpose. At three quarters past noon the left us with all the passengers, except Mr. Rolleston, of the Bombay civil establishment, who infixed, in a manner the most friendly to me, and most honourable to himself, on remaining on board until my officers and self quitted the ship. At one P.M. the yawl left us, with the sick people, and some of the other ship's company and foldiers of his Majesty's 77th regiment. The men still kept working at the pumps with unabated vigour and good will. At three P.M. eight feet water in the well, and the ship settling fast. At half past four, nine feet water in the well, and seeing the launch on her return, called the people up from the pumps. Down both cutters, and sent them off as fast as prudence would permit, with orders not to return. At five, the launch, yawl, and one of the St. Vincent's boats, came alongside, and by half past five had all left the ship again, full of people, the third and fifth officers in charge of the launch and yawl. I, immediately after the boats had quitted us, mustered the people, and there being 49 men still on board (Mr. Rolleston, the Chief, Fourth and Sixth officer, and myself included) again set the pumps to work, as the night was closing in fast, and the St. Vincent still at some distance from us. At six P.M. in company with the chief officer, gunner and carpenter, visited the gun room for the

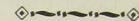
last time, found the head of the stern post had forsaken the transom full six inches, the garboard beam of the counter two inches open for six or seven feet down at least, the wood ends five inches off the stern post, and all the counter timber gone at the heels. At half past eight P.M. the St. Vincent's boat and the yawl once more came alongside, and then (and not till then) were the pumps finally quitted by my orders. Filled the two boats and dispatched them to return no more; five minutes afterwards, the launch came back to us, and, at three quarters past eight, accompanied by Mr. Rolleston, Chief, fourth, and sixth officers, and all that remained of the ship's company, I quitted the unfortunate Ganges, with three cheers from us all, and twenty minutes after boarded the St. Vincent in safety; where we were received by Captain Jones, with all that feeling and humanity which has distinguished his conduct since our separation from the fleet; and here, before the journal of this eventful voyage is finally closed, I conceive it to be my duty to state, that on leaving the ship she had ten feet water in the well, that she had fettle half way up her bends, and that she was wholly ungovernable by the helm, that the poop, quarter deck, and upper works generally were in motion, and that as no human means were left untried, so were no human powers equal to save her from destruction.

"At day light, the St. Vincent, from causes as must appear in the log book, having made but little progress in the night, saw the ship about five miles off, with her masts, yards, and sails, in the same situation as the preceding evening. At seven A.M. Capt. Jones, in compliance with my request, bore up towards her, and at nine, accompanied by Mr. Rolleston, the chief and fourth officer, and a full complement of men for the boat, I pulled towards her in the launch, with the hope of saving some part (however small) of the property on board.

"As we approached the ship, observed the water running out of the scuttles on the gun deck, and that of the forecable was at times completely buried in the waves. Under such circumstances, the ship being evidently in a sinking state, we conceived it most prudent to relinquish our object, and therefore immediately returned to the St. Vincent, at this time not more than a quarter of a mile distant. About four

minutes before noon, got along side of her again, and fortunate it was that we did so, for scarcely had the launch been secured in that situation, before the Ganges, in a most extraordinary manner, paid off before the wind, and in the lap of one minute sunk entirely, going down head foremost, with all her masts standing, except the main top mast.

(Signed) "T. HARRINGTON."



## DEPOT NOTES.

THE Area Commander, Major-General H. R. Peck, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., accompanied by the G.S.O.2, Major J. F. W. Allen, M.C., visited the Depot on March 11th primarily to see recruit squads at training, more especially the senior squad (Nivelle).

Two changes have taken place amongst the officers. On February 7th Capt. Whinney left us for the Home Battalion and on February 27th Lieut. Walden's time at the Depot finished and he proceeded on some well-earned leave.

Both these officers were great assets to the Depot and are missed in their respective spheres; Capt. Whinney for his keenness and valuable assistance at cricket, and Lieut. Walden for his tireless personal efforts to organize the passball, football and boxing, and last but not least to bring out the best results from our budding marksmen.

We welcome in the place of these officers Capt. Kempster and Lieut. Tuckey, and we wish these officers a happy tour at the Depot. On January 6th a memorial service for the late Lieut. J. R. S. Chapman was held in St. Paul's Church, Mill Hill, at which the Rev. F. R. Sheehan, our Padre, officiated. All the Depot officers and a number of other ranks who knew Lieut. Chapman attended this simple and impressive service, and we welcomed to the Depot a number of officers of the 2nd Battalion, who came to Mill Hill for the same purpose.

The Inspector of Physical Training, War Office, Col. G. N. Dyer, D.S.O. (S.C.), paid us his first visit on February 8th and saw recruits at physical training. We have great hopes that, as a result of this visit, our long-hoped-for raised boxing ring may at last materialize.







The method of play and the scoring were as follows:—

Sit four at a table, cut for deal, game 101. First to reach 101 game ends; lowest score (winner) takes one point, next two points, then three and four points respectively. Two winners move up; two losers move down; drive twelve hands.

Sergt. Jones's score was 13½ points for the twelve hands. How about it, other Messes? The runner-up in this tournament was Sergt. Bishop.

In the realms of sport the Mess has more than held its own. At passball we are undefeated with a total of 14 points from the seven games played. At football, too, the "old-stagers" have shown the youngsters the "way round" with a total of 12 points from the seven games played—likewise undefeated.

After resting for two months to recuperate from the energy expended on our New Year Dance, we once more broke out and held a dance in the N.A.A.F.I. restaurant. This proved a great success and was well attended. Who were the members who combined the imbibing of liquid refreshment with the perfections of a weapon of war?

In conclusion, we extend a hearty welcome to O.R.Q.M.S. Baldwin, Sergt. Beaveridge and L./Sergt. Scott, and offer our sincere wishes for a prosperous future to Sergt. O'Brien, who has left us for civilian life.

Congratulations to Sergt. Paterson on his promotion to substantive rank.

#### CORPORALS' CLUB.

We are about to say farewell to another winter season, and, on looking back, a fairly successful one.

Both in sport and social life we seem to have kept things humming.

Since the beginning of the year, we have held three dances and a whist drive, all having been vouched a success.

At the time of writing we have two or three football matches to play off; the results deciding whether the Sergeants or ourselves are to be league champions.

With the summer on the way, we hope to take our customary place at the head of affairs (see last season's cricket results).

We regret losing one of our shining lights in the person of Cpl. Dyson, and wish him every success in the land of Canaan.

We have a new arrival in the person of Cpl. Smith, whom we welcome. Needless to say, however, he did not require any welcome as far as the dining hall was concerned.

MAH JONG.

### REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

#### HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1932.

Amount of grants and loans made: £150.

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

Number of cases dealt with: 231.

Number of cases assisted: 104.

Number of men registered for employment: 77.

Number of men found permanent employment: 4.

Number of men who took up employment: 4.

Number of parcels sent out by Ladies' Guild: 16.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, S.W.1, on January 27th, 1932.

Present:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair), Lieut.-Cols. H. E. Stanley-Murray, M.C., C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., W. H. Samuel, F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Hon. Treasurer), and G. W. H. Tupper, T.D., Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C. (Hon. Secretary), Capt. H. E. R. Ford, M.C. (representing 7th Battalion), Capt. H. E. Foster; Capt. A. N. Overell (representing 1st Battalion), Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., R.S.M. C. Davis, R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley, C.Q.M.S. L. Clarke, Mr. W. Blackwood, Mr. F. E. Holmes, and Major E. H. Amor (Assistant Secretary).

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to Lieut.-Col. Stanley-Murray and the 2nd Battalion on their arrival home,

and also to Major Wollocombe on taking over the duties of Hon. Secretary.

The Chairman alluded sympathetically to the death of Mr. H. G. Rose, an old soldier of the 2nd Battalion who had been employed at the London Recruiting Depot, and had prepared the Library for the meetings for many years.

The accounts for 1931 were passed, subject to the receipt of the Hon. Auditor's certificate.

It was decided that the price of the Roll of Honour Books, paper covered, be reduced from 2s. 6d. to 1s. 6d., and that the balance be written off.

The approval of the *ex-officio* members for the election of the following new members of the Executive Committee was notified:—

Brig.-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., *vice* Major A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., who retires under Rule V, 1 (b).

R.S.M. C. Davis, *vice* R.S.M. R. Mantell, discharged to pension.

Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., *vice* Mr. E. J. Warren, Rule V, 1 (b).

The following officers were elected, or re-elected, for 1932:—

*Chairman*.—Col. Anwyl Passingham.

*Vice-Chairman*.—Major Wollocombe.

*Hon. Secretary*.—Major Wollocombe.

*Hon. Treasurer*.—Lieut.-Col. Steed.

*Standing Sub-Committee*.—Chairman, O.C. Depot; Members: R.S.M. Davis, R.Q.M.S. Pilley and C.Q.M.S. Clarke.

*Entertainment Sub-Committee*.—Chairman, Mr. Holmes; Members: R.S.M. Davis, R.Q.M.S. Pilley, C.Q.M.S. Clarke and Mr. Blackwood, with power to co-opt.

A proposal that, in future, no tickets shall be issued for the Old Comrades' Annual Dinner unless paid for at the time, was carried.

A Sub-Committee was appointed to consider the working of the Regimental Association, especially in reference to the Employment Branch and the extension of its activities.

A letter was received from Lieut.-Col. W. Y. Miller, D.S.O., resigning from the Executive Committee, and the Hon. Secretary was requested to accept same with the Committee's regrets.

#### THE LADIES' GUILD.

The Hon. Secretary of the Ladies' Guild will be greatly obliged if members will send along any available parcels of cast-off clothing. Women's and children's clothing, including footwear, is in great demand.

#### OLD COMRADES' CONCERT.

All those who attended the concert which was held at the Masonic Rooms, 341, Euston Road, on the evening of April 2nd, were delighted with the entertainment provided by Edwynne's Entertainers, who had been engaged through our old friend, Madame Ghita Corri.

Mr. F. E. Holmes was in the chair, and among the audience were the following members and friends:—

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Rice, Mme. Corri, Mr. James, Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. and Miss Holmes, Major Amor, Mr. E. G. Amor, Mr. Cox, Mr. Meachen, Mr. Judd, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Varney, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Cromer, Mr. Capon, Mr. and Mrs. Conroy, Mr. and Mrs. Hemington, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Farrow, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. Austin, Mr. Simmonds, Miss Reynolds, Mr. Sessions, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Capt. Kempster, Mr. W. H. Smith, R.Q.M.S. Pilley, Mr. Watkins (19th London), Mr. and Mrs. Young, Sergts. Withers and Watson (19th London), Mr., Mrs. and Miss Furniss, Mr. Quiggan, Capt. Johnson, Miss Johnson, Miss Smart, Mr. and Mrs. Baldry, Sergt. Driscoll (20th London), Mr. Anderson, Mr. A. E. Tree (2nd/10th Battalion), and Mr. J. White (late Suffolk Regiment).

The collection made towards the expenses realized the sum of £1 os. 2d.

#### 7th BATTALION NOTES.

WE are afraid that a considerable amount of our reading this quarter will be very stale, due to the fact that our notes for publication are dispatched promptly to the Editor at least one month before the Journal is due for issue. Notes for the February issue were sent late in December, but the February issue



of the Journal was not received until February 20th, and it would seem, therefore, that we might have published most of January's events in the last issue. However, we hope the reading of the events which occurred early in 1932 will not bore the reader in April's issue.

Our usual Annual Children's Christmas Party took place on January 9th, and the success of the previous year was repeated. There were, unfortunately, a few of the families prevented from coming owing to an influenza epidemic prevalent at the time. However, the presents for the small ones were dispatched. There is no doubt that this annual treat has now come to stay, and is a very popular event. It was noticed that some of the "children" do their parents credit, and there appeared to be several Carneras in the making.

The following Saturday, January 16th, saw the greatest event of the year, namely, the Annual Distribution of Prizes.

By kind permission of the *Hornsey Journal*, the following article is published:—

#### "OUR LOCAL TERRITORIALS.

"When the members of the 7th Battalion Middlesex Regiment gathered last year for the annual prize distribution the commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. S. Cedric Smith, was able to report a successful year's work. The increase in its strength made it appear as though the battalion had finally overcome the difficulties which had been encountered since it was reformed after the war and as if the future would be easier. Last Saturday Major Murray gave the report, and, although he was able to say the battalion had again had a very successful year, he could not speak of the future with the certainty which everyone felt last year. The economy measures have changed everything and they are affecting the Territorial Army very badly. The annual camp is one of the chief attractions a Territorial battalion has to offer recruits. This year it is not to be held in order that money may be saved. Although unavoidable in the circumstances, this is, nevertheless, a pity. Not only has great disappointment been caused to those who give up much of their spare time in order

to fit themselves to fight for their country should the need arise for them to do so, but, what is more important from the officers' point of view, the battalion is deprived of its only chance to obtain a form of training which is essential to its efficiency.

"The value of the best unit in the Army must be decreased if it has not had some experience of working in conjunction with other units under conditions which approximate as nearly as possible to those which would prevail were it engaged in warfare. This opportunity will be denied the 7th this year, but the officers have faced the situation resolutely and by other means will strive to make up as far as they can for the loss of the camp training. Major Murray denied most emphatically the truth of the rumour that there will be no more camps for the Territorial Army. They have been given up for this year only. If this were not the case, recruiting would be seriously affected; indeed, it might be difficult for the Army to continue to exist as a force of value. Another disappointment is the limitation of the strength of the battalion to 97 per cent. of its numbers last summer. This means that the battalion is restricted to a total of 485. Since the war the 7th Middlesex has found it very hard to obtain recruits and its numbers have grown but slowly. They have grown, however, and the men who joined were of the right type. Now there is the risk that the loss of this year's camp may turn the movement away from the force and that if the maximum strength cannot be maintained it will be further reduced, which would be bad for the battalion. All who are in any way interested in the 7th Middlesex will hope that when the next prize distribution comes round Major Murray will be able to report that the battalion has emerged unimpaired from this year's difficulties.

"Such a time is not the most encouraging for a new commanding officer to take over the responsibilities of the position, especially when he knows he will soon lose his adjutant. To the regret of the battalion, Lieut.-Col. Smith has been compelled by the state of his health to give up the command. With the 7th Middlesex a new commanding officer does not mean an officer new to the force. It has always been a cause of pride among

the battalion that when a vacancy occurs it always has officers who are fully qualified to fill it. A new commanding officer is therefore fully in touch with the prevailing conditions when he accepts the appointment. During this century, with the one exception of Colonel Sir Henry Bowles, each commanding officer had served many years with the battalion before becoming its leader. Sir Henry Bowles was transferred to it from the Rifle Brigade in view of the approaching retirement of Colonel Hennell. He held the position from 1901 to 1903. Colonel Collinson (1903-1907) had served with the battalion twenty years before becoming its commander. Colonel King (1907-1919) eleven years. Colonel Pank (1919-1924) twenty-two years. Lieut.-Col. Maitland (1924-1929) eleven years. Lieut.-Col. Smith (1929-1931) twenty-one years, while Major Murray, who will succeed him, has been with it for seventeen years.

"This is a fine record, one which, perhaps, is made possible only by the fact that for years it has been almost a point of honour with the officers of the 7th to pass every examination that is open to Territorial officers, and thus to fit themselves for promotion. No battalion can become efficient unless its officers are themselves efficient, and the non-commissioned officers and men cannot be expected to take their work seriously if they do not feel that those over them are doing so. The 7th has for long had a fine reputation in this respect. Major-General Peck said on Saturday that the 7th is probably one of the best units in the Territorial Army. That has been said of it time and again by Generals acquainted with the Territorials—some of them have omitted the word 'probably'—and it would therefore be a black day for the 7th should that reputation ever be lost. It is one which can be gained and held only by keenness on the part of every member, for it is very easy for a few who are slack to let down the whole body.

"The 7th's successes in inter-battalion competitions during last year are a proof of its high standard. For the first time for nine years it won the Middlesex Justices' Shield, given for the highest shooting score in the Brigade Weapon Training Meeting; at the Brigade Rifle Meeting it gained the Ross Cup for the highest

score made by a Middlesex battalion, the High Sheriff's Shield for the highest score made by a Middlesex team of eight, and the trophy for the highest score made by a Middlesex team of eight recruits—one of them made the highest individual score. The Steers' Cup for the best shot among the junior officers of the Middlesex and Kent Infantry Brigade and the Albuhera Cup for the best transport section of the battalions of the two counties have also come to the 7th. The battalion's old reputation for shooting is therefore being well maintained. The success of the transport section is especially creditable and it shows the thoroughness of the men. Major Murray explained that this competition had to be decided on the condition of the reverse sides of the harness and on small portions of the equipment and that the men of the section had to work the whole of the night in order to be ready for the competition. The last fact speaks volumes for their enthusiasm and spirit and for their concern for the reputation of their battalion. Major Murray succeeds able officers in the charge of a fine body of men, and although the coming months may be difficult we hope that under him still more successes and the attainment of even greater efficiency await the 7th."

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Col. King's announcement that our C.O. is to relinquish command of the Battalion came as a severe shock to us all. We knew that his health was somewhat impaired owing to over-work, but we were all anticipating that he would soon be back with us once more. There is no doubt whatever that his departure will be felt very keenly by all ranks of the Battalion. Col. Smith joined the Battalion in 1908, and the fact that his health prevents him from commanding the Battalion for the full period allowed will be felt as keenly by him as it is by all those serving under him.

We are extremely fortunate in having Major Murray as Col. Smith's successor. He has served with the Battalion for nearly eighteen years, and therefore knows a very large number of the present serving personnel intimately. We can place implicit trust in him, and know that the well-being and future of the Battalion are in very capable hands.



The following Tuesday the Brigade Fire Direction Miniature Range Competition took place at the 8th Battalion's Headquarters at Hounslow, and resulted in a win for that Battalion. Our team was bracketed second with the 9th Battalion, nine points behind the winners. B Company provided the Battalion team, and it was not the fault of Sergt. Thomas, who was in charge, that we did not win the competition, for he got the maximum points obtainable for fire orders. The range discipline of the team was quite good, but the shooting was only moderate. Knowing the shooting capabilities of the individuals forming the team, their score came somewhat as a shock. We hope, however, that if B Company again represent the Battalion next year they will make an improvement on this year's effort.

A couple of days later, the 21st inst., the Battalion Boxing Meeting took place. For many years previously the meeting had taken place at Tottenham, but, in view of the fact that the Brigade Meeting was to take place in one of the Battalion's Drill Halls, it was decided to hold the Battalion Meeting at Battalion Headquarters, which perhaps is as it should be. Those who attended will agree that what the boxing lacked in skill was made up for in real robust, keen fighting.

Companies finished in the following order for the Boxing Cup, and C Company are to be congratulated on their win. This Company are considerably indebted to L./Cpl. Hall, who undertook the training of the team:—

1. C Company ... ..	16 points
2. B Company ... ..	13 "
3. D Company ... ..	8 "
4. A Company ... ..	5 "
5. H.Q. Wing ... ..	3 "

The individual winners and runners-up were:—

*Heavy-weight.*—Pte. Littlefield (H.Q. Wing); runner-up, Pte. Windus (C Company).

*Light Heavy-weight.*—Pte. Williams (C Company); runner-up, Pte. Hall (C Company).

*Middle-weight.*—Sergt. Nolan (C Company); runner-up, Pte. Gayler (C Company).

*Welter-weight.*—Sergt. Parker (B Company); runner-up, Pte. Nelson (D Company).

*Light-weight.*—Pte. Nodes (B Company); runner-up, Pte. Powell (C Company).

*Feather-weight.*—Pte. Edmonds (A Company); runner-up, Pte. A. Goss (C Company).

*Bantam-weight.*—Pte. F. Goss (C Company); runner-up, Pte. E. Tassell (D Company).

*Fly-weight.*—Pte. J. Nodes (B Company); runner-up, Pte. Lewis (B Company).

We are indebted to Lieut. Hudson and to the Belsize Boxing Club for providing the officials at the meeting.

The last event brought the busy month of January to a close. February opened with the Byrne Cup Competition on the 2nd, the result of which was:—

1. 1st Cadet Battalion ...	202 points
2. 3rd Cadet Battalion ...	186 "
3. 7th Bn. Middlesex Regiment (Recruits' Team)...	156 "

Whilst congratulating the 1st Cadet Battalion on their win, it was from this Battalion's point of view a very unsatisfactory result. Last year the Recruits' Team won this competition, and it is felt that the poor show put up this year was entirely due to lack of interest. Prior to the event, two preliminary eliminating tests were held. The numbers attending and the scores made were very disappointing indeed. It is hoped that more strenuous efforts will next year be made to train recruits with a view to the Battalion regaining possession of this trophy.

The Middlesex Group Boxing Championships have never previously taken place in the Battalion's area, and this year the Battalion was honoured by having the meeting at Hornsey. It was anticipated, prior to the competitions, that financially it would not be a success; but local support, hitherto unanticipated, was forthcoming, which resulted in a small profit being made. It is thought that if this meeting again takes place in the Battalion's area we could probably pack the hall.

The 9th Battalion easily won the Brigade Trophy with 18 points. We were, however, in no way disgraced in occupying second position with 6 points, for we

realize that the boxing team of the 9th Battalion is almost unique. There is no reason why, next year, we should not seriously challenge them, as we have some really good material in the Battalion, and with good coaching and training we should make the task of the 9th Battalion very much harder. Although not wishing to single out competitors, we feel that we should not be giving them their due if we did not congratulate Dmr. Littlefield and Sergt. Parker on their displays. To the latter is especially due congratulations, seeing that he was defeated by Pte. Saunders, of the 9th Battalion, who eventually finished up in the finals of the Territorial Army Championships at the Albert Hall. Sergt. Parker has now reached an advanced age for boxing, and it is hoped that some of the younger generation will soon be forthcoming to take his place.

Another "hardy annual" competition took place on the miniature range at Hornsey on February 16th, namely, the Lady Regnart Cup, and resulted in a win for the 19th London Regiment by 19 points. Both teams shot very well, and the match was in doubt right up to the firing of the final practice by the last detail.

Full particulars of the scores made by the individuals are as under:—

#### 10TH LONDON REGIMENT.

Name.	200 yards.	500 yards.	Snap.	Total.
Sergt. Edney ... ..	30	30	30	96
L./Cpl. Eastland ... ..	33	33	24	90
Sergt. Page ... ..	34	33	30	97
Cpl. Pitfield ... ..	35	28	18	81
2/Lieut. Charles ... ..	37	35	30	102
C.S.M. Hogan ... ..	33	31	15	79
Totals ... ..	202	196	147	545

#### 7TH BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Name.	200 yards.	500 yards.	Snap.	Total.
Sergt. Thomas ... ..	32	35	24	91
Sergt. Lenney ... ..	34	31	30	95
Sergt. Parker ... ..	36	29	24	89
Lieut. Bartram ... ..	36	30	24	90
L./Cpl. Starr ... ..	31	30	18	79
L./Cpl. Bundy ... ..	33	34	15	82
Totals ... ..	202	189	135	526

The following week the Inter-Company Rifle and Lewis Gun Competition took place with a view to selecting a team to represent the Battalion in the Brigade

Competition. The result was a very easy win for the D Company teams, and they are heartily to be congratulated on a very fine performance. Both the rifle and the Lewis-gun teams showed extraordinary keenness, and should give a good account of themselves in the Brigade contest.

The final placings were:—

1. D Company (Tottenham)	145 points
2. A Company (Highgate) ...	67 "
3. C Company (Hornsey) ...	49 "

A new sporting event was introduced on March 12th, when a Battalion cross-country run was held. Teams consisted of six per company, the first four to count. The event was won by B (M.G.) Company (Enfield), followed by D Company (Tottenham), C Company (Hendon) being third. The individual winner was Pte. Phillips, of B Company; he was followed by L./Cpl. Bundy, of D Company. The finish was an extraordinarily close one, there being about a yard between the first and second. We hope that both A Company and H.Q. Wing will next year enter teams for this annual event. We are indebted to the Officer Commanding the Depot for allowing us the use of the barracks for changing purposes. At the conclusion of the run, all the competitors partook of an excellent tea in the N.A.A.F.I. building.

The following Saturday a triangular contest took place, the teams being from the 1st City of London Regiment, the 7th City of London Regiment, and our own Battalion's team, which was selected as a result of the previous Saturday's run. Our team secured a somewhat easy victory. The placings were:—

1. 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
2. 7th City of London Regiment.
3. 1st City of London Regiment (The Royal Fusiliers).

Our team "packed" very well, and occupied the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th places. L./Cpl. Bundy reversed the previous Saturday's position and finished ahead of Pte. Phillips.

We have again entered a team for the 44th Divisional Cross-Country Run at Tunbridge Wells, and the team should do very well indeed.

The past quarter has seen a few changes in Company Commanders. Major G. A. H. Bower, M.C., has handed over the command of H.Q. Wing to Capt.



W. E. Pringle, M.C., who in turn has handed over the command of the Tottenham Company to Lieut. N. E. T. Christodoulo. As a result of the latter's departure for Tottenham, Lieut. R. Bartram has taken over command of the Highgate Company.

The Annual Old Comrades' Dinner took place at the Royal Hotel, Southampton Row, on Saturday, March 19th. The numbers attending were considerably less than last year, when about 250 were present, as against 150 this year. Speeches were made by Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., D.L., A.D.C., Col. J. K. Maitland, M.C., T.D., Major H. A. Murray (deputizing for Lieut.-Col. S. C. Smith, T.D.), and ex-C.Q.M.S. Naish. The question of postponing the Reunion for a year was mentioned, but all those present unanimously decided to hold a similar Reunion next year, and endeavour to increase the numbers.

We held our usual week-end camp at Easter, at Rainham, when a record number attended to fire their obligatory musketry course. The Quartermaster, with a very efficient advance party, went down on Thursday before Good Friday, and it added considerably to our comfort to find the canteen already set up. We were again fortunate in securing the use of the old N.A.A.F.I. building, and this further increased our comfort. The attendance from the Machine Gun Company was not quite as high as last year, but nevertheless fifty per cent. for one day or more was not too bad.

On Easter Sunday we were visited by the Divisional and Brigade Commanders.

The Signallers did some very useful work at Hornsey, and it was good to see the latest batch of Tottenham recruits present on parade for the first time. One has only to visit the transport shed at Hornsey to see the excellent work done by the Transport Section during Easter.

#### A COMPANY. (HIGHGATE)

The event which is now prominent in the minds of everyone is the resignation of the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. S. C. M. Smith, T.D., on account of ill-health. No Company will feel this loss more than this Company, with whom he was long associated as Company Com-

mander. We hope, however, that we shall still have the pleasure of seeing him at all Battalion functions.

As a result of his resignation and the consequent change of command, we have unfortunately lost our Company Commander, Lieut. N. E. T. Christodoulo, who has taken over command of D Company. Everyone appreciates the hard work he has put in during his period of command at Highgate, and we feel that our loss will be D Company's gain. In his place we welcome Lieut. R. Bartram, who is quickly settling down, and we trust that his stay with us will be a long one.

The Company's success at the Battalion Boxing Competition was not up to expectations. In view of the fact that ten members of the Company were training consistently for about three months before the competition, the results were rather disappointing. However, congratulations are due to Pte. Edmonds on his very fine win and to Pte. Thomas on securing the best loser's prize. As a result of his victory, the former represented the Battalion in the Brigade Boxing Competition, but was unable to follow up his success. Nevertheless, he put up one of the pluckiest fights of the evening and well deserved the best loser's prize.

On this occasion it is happily unnecessary to include the usual moan about recruiting. The tide of enlistments seems to have turned, and if the present rate can be maintained it will not be long before our numbers are again flourishing.

In conclusion we welcome all who have recently joined the Company, at the same time bidding farewell to C.Q.M.S. Mathews and Sergt. Badham, who have taken their discharge after many years with the Company.

*Note.*—All members of the Barrel Club are advised that fresh rules are being devised with a view to fleecing them still further.

#### B COMPANY. (ENFIELD)

The cuckoos are "cooking," lambs are gambolling and all the familiar sights and sounds of spring are with us again. They say that "in the spring a young soldier's—or old soldier's—fancy lightly turns to thoughts of camp." This year it becomes

increasingly difficult for us to write anything but "moans" for these notes. The prospect of Hornsey Station being deserted on the last Sunday morning in July is too dreadful to contemplate. However, we will endeavour to brighten up at the thought of three days in the country over the August Bank Holiday. We cannot go into details in this number, as they are not yet to hand, but we can say that, given fine weather, there is every prospect of three very good schemes being carried through.

Our activities during the past quarter have, as is usual at this time of the year, been somewhat varied. Training has been carried on steadily with a view to capturing that Perring Cup this year, and with this object we have, as in previous years, been running a course divided into three groups: the N.C.Os. under one of our officers; the trained men, under Sergt. Donaldson of the 2nd Battalion; and the recruits, under our own P.S.I., Sergt.-Major Jones. Whilst mentioning the name of Sergt. Donaldson, we should like to offer our most grateful thanks to him for all that he has taught us and done for us during his all-too-brief stay. We can only hope that he has enjoyed our company as much as we have his, and express the hope that we may see more of him in the near future.

Our efforts at propelling lead have been well rewarded. We have won matches against a company team of the H.A.C. and L.R.B., but lost to the 7th Bn. The London Regiment.

In the world of sport we have been fairly successful. Thanks to the training of Sergt. Parker and the help of Mr. Calver and Mr. Bell of the Belsize Boxing Club, we were second in the Battalion Boxing Competition, only a few points behind the winners. Congratulations to C Company on their win.

On March 12th the Battalion Inter-Company Cross-Country Run took place over a course "about the Depot," and resulted in an easy win for us from D Company, who were second. The first man home was Pte. Phillips, of our Company. We congratulate him and the rest of the team on a very good performance.

Our official dance of the season was held on March 5th. A large crowd assembled and, we believe, spent a very

enjoyable evening. We shall be interested to learn whether a certain young lady has changed her mind about drinking port out of a tankard. We regret that there were considerably fewer officers present this year, and we can only hope that they will have forgiven us whatever sin we have committed and roll up next year in full force. "Stan. Gould and his Virginians" again proved themselves to be a very good dance combination. For your information, we take this opportunity of giving notice that we propose to hold a Flannel Dance on June 4th, and we extend a hearty welcome to all members of the Battalion and their friends. Please make a note of the date.

We have just returned from three days' Easter Camp at Rainham, and we regret to say the place lived up to its name. Good Friday promised well with a bright sun and strong cooling breeze, but Saturday and Sunday—well!! Quite a large percentage of the Company appeared for part of the time and, we believe, enjoyed it. The inhabitants of Rainham have now probably heard of a little tune which begins, "When shadows fall—" We all know it perfectly. Some members persisted in telling us all about the "day is ended" until 0300 hours or so. Somewhat forceful opinions are still expressed concerning that little Sunday morning run to No. 5 Range and back before breakfast.

#### C COMPANY.

We started this year well by winning the Inter-Company Boxing Competitions, and in this respect we owe a great deal to L./Cpl. Hall, who trained all our competitors. Detailed results are given elsewhere. In congratulating the team as a whole, we must mention Pte. 88 Goss, who won his way to the Divisional Meeting in the bantam-weight competition. Goss was the Battalion's only winner in the Brigade Competitions, the rest having been laid low or otherwise disposed of by the 9th Battalion, to whom we offer our congratulations on the good show they have put up with their team this year.

We had hoped to be able to record that we held every sporting trophy in the Battalion; however, as our cross-country team crept into third place, we have missed the boat this time.



The Lewis Gunners have just completed their annual range course at Rainham—so-called, we are told, as firing takes place in inclement weather, by men subsisting on a diet of cold boiled pig. This theory was put forward by a crossword puzzle enthusiast. There were, we regret to say, two failures. We must give credit where it is due, and state that one of these men, firing at 300 yards, got a very good group on the 200 yards phone box. By way of advice, we mention that, whilst all orders should be repeated by No. 1 on the gun, it is not necessary for him to repeat comments by the R.S.M. on his inability to steer bullets in the right direction. When done in the presence of the Brigadier this may be regarded as definitely tactless.

Our departure from Rainham, true to tradition, took place in a downpour. The proceedings were, however, varied *en route* by one of the buses ceasing to function. This enabled fifty-four to alight and stretch their legs whilst relief transport was obtained. This was not appreciated.

Owing to certain changes in the command of companies, we have lost Lieut. Bartram, who is temporarily commanding A Company. We shall miss him, especially in the athletic line. We were also secretly proud of having an officer who could lower a pint in seven seconds dead.

It was a great shock to us when we heard that the Commanding Officer is about to retire on account of ill-health. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We have recently lost L./Sergt. Larner who has taken his discharge. We wish him the best of luck. Pte. Collop has been discharged on account of ill-health. We understand that he is improving, and we hope that he will make a rapid recovery.

We congratulate L./Cpls. Hall and Powell on their recent appointments.

#### D COMPANY.

Many changes continue to take place in the personnel of the Company. The latest is the loss of Capt. Pringle, who has gone to Hornsey to command H.Q. Wing. We feel his loss severely, as no one knows better than we do what a great deal "The Captain," as he was

known to all of us, did for the Company. His period of command was one of great success and a great part of this can be attributed to his enthusiasm. Who can forget his after-parade speeches or his famous lecture on the first day at camp? Mr. Christodoulo has taken over command of the Company, and we should like to take this opportunity of congratulating him on his appointment. We trust that we shall give him as good support as was accorded Capt. Pringle.

C.S.M. Cowtan has transferred to the 6th Bn. The Essex Regiment, as he has moved out of the district, and we are now looking for a successor.

Congratulations to Mr. Scott Lowe on his promotion. This officer attended a "preparation for promotion" course at the L.D.S. for a fortnight in January.

As was expected, we were beaten up at boxing. We finished third without a single winner, which must be a record in this competition. In the first Battalion cross-country race we arrived second, and we hope to improve on this next year, as we have two or three promising runners. L./Cpl. Bundy ran very well to come in second.

This year, instead of the Company being chosen to represent the Battalion in the Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition, an eliminating contest was held. The result was the same, as we emerged victorious with 145.3 points, with C Company second with 67.7, and we are now busy training for the Brigade show, which we hope to have won by the time these notes are in print.

Most of the trained men fired their Annual Course over the Easter holiday at Rainham. Some of the more enthusiastic were to be seen practising at Dagenham Fair in the evening afterwards. We are still wondering who is the champion poker-dice player of Rainham!

A successful social evening was held on Thursday, March 24th, when about sixty members spent an enjoyable evening at indoor sports. L./Cpl. Wade won the Billiard Competition.

We would like to see some more Old Comrades on Sunday mornings, and any old "Dons" will be very welcome. (They say our beer cannot be beaten.)

HOTSPUR.

## 8th BATTALION NOTES.

**S**IGNALLERS, Machine Gunners, and a few selected recruits carried out Easter Training at the Depot, Mill Hill. We very much appreciate being able to go to our Depot for holiday training—apart from the comfort of barrack rooms, the Depot staff do all they can for our comfort and convenience, and make us realize that we are part of the Middlesex Regiment.

The Battalion Cross-Country Run was held in the vicinity of Northolt Aerodrome on Saturday, March 19th. D Company were much in evidence and won the trophy by a considerable margin of points. Unfortunately, the run clashed with one or two company football fixtures, which probably accounted for the indifferent display by the companies not mentioned above. Pte. Kendall, H.Q. Wing, is to be congratulated on being first man home; he put up an excellent performance.

D Company have been selected to represent the Battalion in the Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition. The Company is training hard, and we wish them the very best of luck.

Company football is improving, and next year we intend entering for the T.A. Football Cup. The Battalion has no intention of winning this trophy the first year: all we expect to do is to win the Divisional Cup.

Capt. S. Maddex, M.B.E., having returned to the Battalion from his Staff course at the London University, has taken over command of H.Q. Wing.

A./R.S.M. Goodall has recently returned from a Machine Gun Course at Netheravon; he has been posted to B (M.G.) Company.

Congratulations to Major H. C. Ellis, O.B.E., on being promoted and on passing his promotion examination in subject (c); also to our Adjutant, Capt. J. E. Dobbs, M.C., on obtaining .8 at the same examination.

On February 17th, the Battalion lined the approach to the West Middlesex County Hospital, when Her Majesty the Queen opened a new maternity wing to the hospital.

The Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Parmeter, was sent for and con-

gratulated on the smart and soldier-like appearance of all ranks on parade. The tea provided in the hospital dining hall was not the least popular of the afternoon's attractions.

Our late A./R.S.M., C.S.M. Peck, has returned to the 2nd Battalion on completion of his tour of duty. The Battalion cannot speak too highly of his excellent work in connection with the Machine Gun Company. He was very largely responsible for the Battalion winning the Brigade M.G. Trophy (Perring's Machine Gun Cup). We wish him every success in the future.

2/Lieut. K. E. Turner has been gazetted to the Battalion, and is posted to A Company.

R.Q.M.S. G. E. Unsted terminated his active connection with the Battalion on March 13th, in consequence of having attained the age limit. R.Q.M.S. Unsted joined the 2nd Volunteer Bn. The Middlesex Regiment in 1898, and within two years was promoted Sergeant after attending a musketry course at Hythe. Owing to business reasons he was discharged in 1908, but re-enlisted in the 8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment in 1912, and from thence onwards served almost continuously with the 8th Battalion. He was promoted Company Quartermaster-Sergeant in 1915; he retained that rank until promoted Regimental Quartermaster in 1926.

His long and enthusiastic service with the Middlesex Regiment is a splendid example to all serving members of the Territorial Army, and his loss will be severely felt by his old comrades, who wish him a happy and peaceful retirement after a life spent in service to the country.

#### H.Q. WING.

They tell us that there has been a war in China and a revolution in Mexico; but that is nothing to the upheavals that we have seen at Hounslow. Since the beginning of the Territorial year, the Company has had three new rulers. Capt. Ellis (now Major Ellis, whom we congratulate on his Majority) left us for B Company in December, and 2/Lieut. Cloutte assumed command, and now that spring is here Capt. Maddex has come out of hibernation and is O.C. H.Q. Wing. We extend him a hearty welcome



and hope that he will soon be able to look at Ealing without sighing for the fleshpots of Egypt.

The Signallers and recruits have just had four days' Easter training at the Depot, Mill Hill, and can honestly claim to have made some progress. Did not the Adjutant himself mistake the recruit signallers for trained men on Easter Sunday? We must admit that he was some way off at the time, but we raise our hats to Sergt. Seymour and Cpl. Hall who worked so hard with them.

Our Football Club is maintaining the honour of the Regiment, and is doing well in the league. Our record to date is: played, 20; won, 12; lost, 7; drawn, 1; position in table, fourth. We have relinquished our hopes of coming out at the top, but hope to maintain our present position.

C.S.M. Goodall has just returned from a M.G. Course at Netheravon, full of cheerful news about tangent angles and indirect fire. B Company is to be congratulated on its second successful raid on H.Q. Wing. In his place we welcome C.S.M. Colbourne from the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

Before leaving the past, we must congratulate Pte. Kendall on winning the Battalion Cross-Country Run, which was a very fine performance indeed. For the future the Signallers are gathering in for a massed attack on the Kittoe and (dare we say it?) the Dartmouth Cups. But let us leave it at that until we have won at least one of them.

COLIN.

#### A COMPANY.

Before going on to the more general items of news for the quarter, we extend to 2/Lieut. K. E. Turner our usual hospitable welcome to the Company, and hope that his stay with us will be a long and happy one. The addition of this officer now makes the strength of the Company up to 6 officers and 87 other ranks, which is considered satisfactory, taking our outlandish position and other conditions into consideration.

During the past quarter Cpl. Archer has left us for civilian life. We wish him the best of luck and hope to see him from time to time at the Drill Hall, where he was a popular figure.

On Wednesday, March 16th, the Hampton Hill Branch of the Old Comrades Association held its first meeting at the Drill Hall, which was very well attended, and from reports to hand there is every prospect of this new branch being a success. The Officer Commanding A Company, Major R. B. Hirst, presided at the meeting, which was held at the Drill Hall, and extended a hearty welcome to those attending. The majority were of that generation (1914-19) which we, the younger ones, know so little about (fortunately for us, perhaps). However, it was a pleasure to study the happy expressions on a few wrinkled faces as they recognized friends whom they have not met perhaps since they handed in their shovel and steel helmet in 1918 or 1919. We hope to see a lot of these fine old fellows at A Company Drill Hall, Hampton Hill, where at all times they are assured of a sincere and kindly welcome.

After the meeting had finished, the old members found their way to the part of the Drill Hall where the winter weapon training competitions were in progress. (We wonder what they thought of it? Was it up to the standard of their days? Also if I.A. stoppages are better understood now than they used to be?)

Once again D Company at Uxbridge has snatched victory from us by knocking us out of the W.W.T. Competition for the year 1932. We were short of two members of our Lewis-gun team: this was unavoidable, owing to illness and other causes. We do not want to stress this point as the cause of our downfall, but at the same time we can state without fear of contradiction from our old friends at Uxbridge that, had our full team been present, we would without doubt be the Battalion representatives in the Brigade event, which takes place on April 12th. However, we wish "Don" Company the very best of luck, and hope they will pull it off as they did the Fire Order Competition, which they won some weeks ago, thereby completing the "hat trick."

Since writing the last notes, C.S.M. Hillier has been elevated to the appointment of Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant at Hounslow, and has been transferred from A Company to H.Q. Wing. "Old Mac" will have to look to his laurels if he wishes to retain the key-

tapping typewriting championship of the Battalion.

Sergt. G. Seymour has been promoted W.O.II, and appointed Company Sergeant-Major in the vacancy caused by C.S.M. Hillier going to the audit department. We take this opportunity of congratulating Sergt.-Major Seymour on his well-earned promotion, and hope he will have a long and happy association with his old Company in his new capacity.

#### LATE NEWS.

Congratulations to C.S.M. Goodall (P.S.I., H.Q. Wing, Hounslow) on his appointment to Acting Regimental Sergeant-Major of the 8th Battalion.

Congratulations to Pte. F. C. Smith on being selected to represent the Battalion in the Divisional Cross-Country Run.

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

We have just returned from Easter training at the Depot, Mill Hill, where in four days we have been carrying out a comprehensive programme, and know all the surrounding landmarks by heart; in fact, there was no need to have brought the landscape target, for our old friends the "gasometer," "twin poplars," and "bushy-top tree" were all there ready for us.

H.Q. Wing Signallers entertained us in their quarters one evening; quite a surprise party, in fact!

To the Depot staff we tender our warmest thanks for the barrack-room comforts and excellent messing provided.

On March 19th we journeyed to Northolt Aerodrome, where the Battalion Cross-Country Run took place. Unfortunately we were without Pte. Budden and one or two others, and had only six runners in the field, and, as D Company were well represented, they won with comparative ease. Our team, however, ran well and we secured second place. Ptes. Budden and Crump have been chosen to represent the Battalion in the forthcoming Divisional Run, which we hope the Battalion will have won again by the time these notes are in print.

R.S.M. Peck has unfortunately served his time with us and returned to the 2nd Battalion. We hope he will miss us as much as we miss him. His place is being taken by C.S.M. Goodall, who is shortly

coming to us from H.Q. Wing, and, as he has just returned from the Machine Gun Course at Netheravon, he should prove a worthy successor.

Our football team has played its last match of the season in the league, and, although we are in a better position than last year, we have not quite reached the top of the table yet.

Our Annual Prize Distribution was held on Friday, April 8th, a report of which will be forthcoming in our next contribution.

#### C COMPANY.

Not many outstanding events have happened since the last issue of these notes, but those that did occur still linger in our memory. We were unfortunate in the Battalion Boxing Competition, tying with B (M.G.) Company for second place. Had it not been that some of our best boxers were otherwise engaged, we would have had no difficulty in retaining the Battalion Boxing Cup. Still, we offer our heartiest congratulations to H.Q. Wing on winning the same.

A very convivial evening was spent on February 13th, when the N.C.Os. of the Company were entertained by the officers of the Company, and those present enjoyed themselves immensely. Cpl. J. Raymond, our pianist, provided the music with old and new selections, and, according to the poems of 2/Lieuts. Marks and King, the Poet Laureate will have to look to his honours, especially if he goes looking for the "Girl of Bongor."

Our fortnightly dances are proving a big success, and it is a pity that the season is ending so soon. It was wound up with a fancy-dress carnival dance, and, although there were not many in fancy dress, it was a huge success. The dance was greatly patronized by the officers of the Battalion, with their lady friends. Unfortunately, the Annual Cross-Country Run and a league football fixture clashed on the same afternoon, and, as the "live wires" of the Company were engaged in both, they chose the football game, and consequently our cross-country team was somewhat depleted. However, our Company representatives gave a creditable performance, and we offer our congratulations to them. We also congratulate



D Company on winning the event. The luck of the ground goes with them.

The eliminating competition of the Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition was held here on March 16th, and again we experienced a lack of numbers. However, a creditable performance was rendered by the remainder of the teams.

Our best wishes to our late A./R.S.M., C.S.M. Peck, who has rejoined the 2nd Battalion on completion of his tour of duty, and we welcome his successor, C.S.M. Colbourne.

Our heartiest congratulations to C.S.M. Goodall on his being appointed Acting Regimental Sergeant-Major.

#### D COMPANY.

Since the last issue of this Journal the Company has lost 2/Lieut. E. G. Brooke, who has passed into the Indian Army, and who sailed for India on February 12th. During his comparatively short service, Mr. Brooke had become generally liked and was a great source of strength to the Company, particularly in its cross-country running. We take this opportunity of wishing him every success in his new career.

So far as work is concerned, it is gratifying to note that there has been an increase during the past month or two in the parade attendances. Preparation for Bisley in May is going ahead, and we are hoping that every N.C.O. and man will be able to fire his course during the three Sundays allotted to us.

A most excellent score was put up by the rifle team in the Winter Weapon Training Competition held in March. The Lewis-gun team also did extremely well. At the moment the Company are at the top of the list, with B (M.G.) Company still to be tested. The Company team will represent the Battalion in the Brigade Competition, to be held in April, and we wish them the best of luck.

For the fourth time in succession the Company won the Battalion Cross-Country Running Cup at Northolt Aerodrome on March 19th, a very fine performance, and we congratulate those men of the Company who have been chosen to represent the Battalion in the Divisional Cross-Country Run at Knole Park, Sevenoaks, in April, to assist in retaining the trophy won last year.

This season the Company football team again entered the Uxbridge and District League. They have had quite a successful season, and now stand fifth in Division 2.

The Company Prize Distribution was held at the Drill Hall on February 20th, when Major E. W. Flavell, M.C., the Chairman of the Uxbridge Urban District Council, accompanied by Mrs. Flavell, very kindly presented the prizes. Among our other visitors for the prize-giving and all ranks' dance which followed were Col. E. E. F. and Mrs. Baker, the Commanding Officer and Miss Parameter, F./Lieut. and Mrs. Collins, and a number of officers of the Battalion.

It is unfortunate that we have been deprived of our Annual Training this year, but we are hoping for some Battalion Training in August. Five recruits and a Signaller are proceeding to the Depot at Easter, and, from past experience, we feel sure they will enjoy themselves.

#### 9th BATTALION NOTES.

THE first event of the New Year was the Inter-Company Fire Direction Competition held at Pound Lane on January 12th in which D Company, with Sections commanded by Cpls. Kent and Edwards, gained the first two places. In most cases the fire orders were clear, but not apparently to the Sections, as the fire effect was poor.

Cpl. Kent and his Section represented the Battalion in the Brigade Competition a week later at Hounslow, and tied for second place with the 7th Battalion. Apart from slight nervousness during the first fire order, Cpl. Kent did very well, although here again the fire effect was not what it should have been. The Section was rather handicapped by firing last, when, owing to smoke from the firing of the previous teams, visibility was not very good.

On January 16th the Battalion Boxing Meeting was held at Willesden, and proved a great success, both from a boxing and a financial point of view. It was, in fact, the beginning of a very fine run of successes in the boxing world. It had

been hoped to have a team match with the B.T.H. Works team, as well as the Inter-Company Novices' Competition, but this fell through at the last moment, and we were very much indebted to the 2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards for sending down four men at a moment's notice to fight exhibition contests with members of the Battalion team. The Boxing Cup was eventually won by A Company, with H.Q. Wing second and D Company third.

At the Brigade Boxing Meeting held at Hounslow on February 6th, the Battalion distinguished itself by winning seven out of the eight weights, and easily regained the Brigade Boxing Cup. The winners of these weights then took part in the 44th Divisional Championships at Chelsea a fortnight later, and won the Divisional Boxing Cup. Again only one member of the team was beaten, the following winning their weights:—

Pte. Weaterton (heavy), Pte. Townes (middle), Pte. Saunders (welter), Pte. Graham (light), and Pte. Carney (fly).

All these men fought in the T.A. Championships on March 3rd and 4th, with the exception of Pte. Weaterton, who unfortunately was not able to box at the last moment. Pte. Saunders reached the final of the welter-weights at the Albert Hall, and was only beaten after a very close fight; while Ptes. Townes and Carney reached the semi-finals of the middle-weights and fly-weights respectively. This was a very fine effort and was the most successful year in boxing that the Battalion has ever had.

Arrangements are being made to fix up a team match with the R.A.F. at Northolt in April as a wind-up to the boxing season.

A very successful Officers' Dinner was held at the Junior Army and Navy Club on February 3rd. Past officers of the Battalion who attended included Cols. Bartholomew, Hewett, Beach, Garner and Bindloss Capts. Somerville, Harper, Mickie, Scott and Procter, and Lieuts. Bucknill, Barnes and Mudford.

On February 26th/27th the Commanding Officer, Second-in-Command, Adjutant and O.C. B (M.G.) Company attended a Divisional Tactical Exercise at Worthing. This was very interesting, but distinctly on the cold side, especially on Sunday morning.

At football we have again had a very successful year and reached the semi-final of the T.A. Cup for the second year in succession. On February 13th we played the 7th Bn. The Essex Regiment in the Divisional stage of the cup at Stonebridge Park, and beat them 7-4 after extra time. At one time we were leading 4-1, but then proceeded to take an "easy" with fatal results, as they scored three quick goals to draw level. Extra time was played, but we then proceeded in turn to put on three goals, and won comfortably by 7-4.

We drew a bye in the next round, having to play the Bucks Battalion of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry at Slough in the semi-final, and were beaten 2-1 after a very good game. The winners were slightly the better side, however, and deserved to win, although we made strenuous efforts to equalize after being two goals down half-way through the second half. Their defence was just too good for us, although we were handicapped by having to play one of our most dangerous forwards, Pte. Boston, in goal, owing to the inability of our regular goalkeeper to play.

In the Hammersmith and District League we are equal at top at the moment, and have every prospect of carrying off the league championship.

To turn to more domestic matters, we have to record that our Transport Officer, Mr. G. Furness, has at last taken the plunge. He sailed for Chicago on March 16th to be married, accompanied, most appropriately, by the Second-in-Command of the M.G. Company, who acted as best man. A strong rumour that the latter has accepted a post as chief machine gunner to one of the local "beer barons" has since been denied. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Furness the best of luck.

Easter training, which has just concluded at Rainham, consisted of camp and daily training for the Machine Gunners and Signallers, and obligatory musketry for A, C and D Companies. The camp, despite cold winds and wet weather, was very successful, although the numbers attending were rather small.

We congratulate Lieut. Mordue on gaining a D in his Rifle Course at the London District School of Instruction. Nine N.C.Os. have attended courses at



the London District School since January and have benefited greatly thereby, all gaining "Satisfactory" reports.

The Signal Section are again to be congratulated on winning the Kittoe Cup for the third year in succession. In the Dartmouth Cup Competition their percentage was slightly lower than last year—99.57 as against 99.99. This was sufficient, however, to move us from second place to fifteenth, so keen is the competition.

NINE.

#### A COMPANY.

During the past quarter it has been pleasing to see the Company getting really enthusiastic over work for the winter weapon training period. The Permanent Staff have been very helpful to us during the past three months, and we are specially grateful to R.S.M. Goodall, who has worked hard to make the Company efficient, and we shall hope for a reasonable placing when the results are known.

Lieut. Mordue attended a Rifle Course at the London District School in January and was successful in obtaining a "Distinguished" certificate. In March Sergt. Cooper took a Lewis Gun Course and obtained a very satisfactory report. His knowledge has been very useful in giving a final polish-up for the Lewis Gunners.

The attendance at parades has greatly increased and there has been a noticeable improvement in keenness and friendliness generally. It is a good sign to find the Company settling down, especially this year when we shall miss the period of "getting together" during the summer.

There have been rumours of a Company cricket team being formed. If this is possible, and the weather is kind, it should provide a pleasant opportunity of meeting together outside the scope of the Drill Hall.

We are also glad to have Mr. Gunston back with us again after his various business activities, as he will be of great assistance in coaching and encouraging our rifle teams for the competitions to be held later.

We started the year well by winning the Battalion Boxing Championships held on January 16th. This was chiefly due to the good work by our younger boxers, Pte.

Treeves, who won the welter-weight, and Pte. Le-Ceve, the feather-weight. Pte. Longstaff was awarded the best loser's prize. We should like to congratulate Pte. Saunders on his good boxing this year, and especially on winning through to the final of his weight in the Territorial Army Championships. Sergt. Bateman, as usual, has been playing very good football and is a really useful member of the Battalion team, who have again been doing great things.

On February 29th we played B Company at handball. We tried hard to beat the experts and pioneers of this lawless game, but after a good fight were eventually beaten 17-14, due chiefly to our opponents' superiority in passing and generally working together as a team.

Our first expedition to Rainham this year was made on Good Friday, when quite a record number fired their course. Although windy, it was quite a pleasant day; in fact, the old place looked quite cheerful compared with a similar day last year, and consequently the shooting was rather good.

Finally we offer our congratulations to Lieut. Furness on the occasion of his marriage, and our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Furness for their future happiness.

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

The winter weapon training period has been once more upon us, and we are still in the throes of it.

This year we have had the very able assistance of Sergt. Donaldson, of the 2nd Battalion, and we most heartily thank him for the help he has given us, and Lieut.-Col. Murray for allowing him to come to us. We do appreciate the assistance the Regular Battalions give us.

The Company was slightly better represented this year in the Boxing Competitions. We congratulate Sergt. Jones on his appearance and on the good fight he put up. We also congratulate L./Cpl. Kent on his win in the Brigade Competition. He was unfortunate in meeting "The Old Man of the 7th" in the final, in which he lost after a good fight.

It is about time that we did more than we have done in the past to assist the Battalion in its all-conquering march towards the Divisional Championships.

About twenty-five members of the Company braved the terrors of Rainham at Easter and had quite an enjoyable time despite the weather.

We feel sure that after watching the Arsenal play West Ham on Easter Saturday afternoon they will all be budding members of next year's Battalion football team.

Whilst on the subject of football, we should like to congratulate Cpl. Outram on playing for the Battalion football team. We consider that the way he turned up over and over again—very often not getting a game—most praiseworthy, and we are glad that he had some reward in playing against the Royal Sussex Regiment on Easter Monday. We hear that the game was as enjoyable as the after-matter.

Despite the somewhat disparaging remarks about B Company's ball game in the Battalion notes in the last issue of the Journal, the game has flourished and the Company remains undefeated. A Company has yet to beat us, although in the last match they came near to doing so.

This game was not quite so strenuous as the match *v.* Capt. Hardcastle's Odds and So-so's. For the occasion, the Company had the assistance of Sergt. Donaldson of the 2nd Battalion, and the opposing team consisted, as its name implies, of various people—if such high personages as Major Fox and the Adjutant can be so defined. Everyone enjoyed the game immensely, and the beer afterwards more so, and on the next parade night mutual inspection and discussions of various minor injuries seriously interfered with training. Incidentally, we hope Cpl. Drury's windpipe has recovered and is now functioning properly.

The fame of our game has spread rapidly and it is rumoured that applicants in the Os. & Ss. team for the return match are numerous.

Lastly we must congratulate the R.S.M. on the way he interpreted the rules, especially as they are supposed to exist solely in the mind of one who was playing in the game.

"BEER."

#### C COMPANY.

Owing to our usual scribe having a nasty attack of 'flu (which I hope he will

soon shake off), I have the problem of trying to write these notes.

Firstly, we heartily congratulate the following on their promotions and appointments:—

Sergt. Spivey, L./Sergt. Carter, Cpls. Parsons and Edney, and L./Cpls. Bass and Whitmill.

We have had several socials and dances, which have all been very well attended. I do not know if the people all come to see the Sergeant-Major giving his exhibition dance, or is it true that Sergt. Spivey is the attraction? Anyway, we always have the hall full. On drill nights it is the same, and we have had some very good attendances at both halls, Wealdstone and Roxeth. Consequently we are hoping to give a better account of ourselves in the Winter Weapon Training Competition.

This year we have entered a team for the Territorial Army Small-Bore Shooting Competition, thanks to the ever helpful C.S.M. Todman, and we thank Col. Beach for coming over here to witness the shoot.

Our numbers at Rainham at Easter were thirty-eight, which was a very good show, and, considering the weather, the scores were excellent.

Last but not least I must not forget to mention the Annual Dinner at Pound Lane. It was an excellent dinner, and all C Company Old Comrades (about 90 to 100) enjoyed themselves immensely before driving home in their cars.

"CORK."

#### H.Q. WING.

There is not much to record this period in the Wing. All Groups are very interested in their own little jobs and on different evenings, and if our Company Commander visited the Groups every time they are on parade I am sure he would be told what a certain N.C.O.'s wife told him—to "take his bed over the Drill Hall."

Football and boxing have been in the Battalion eye these past few months, and we wish to congratulate the Battalion football team on tying for top place in the Hammersmith and District League, and also on getting into the semi-final of the T.A. Cup, only losing after a very



good game 1-2 to the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

The team were invited to Horsham on Easter Monday to play the 4th Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment, whom we defeated in the T.A. Cup 4-0, and I am glad to say that we repeated the dose, but not by such a big margin. Everybody enjoyed the very good turn-out given by our opponents, and we hope to return the compliment some time next year.

The Company had three representatives in the Brigade Boxing Championships, and two represented the Brigade in the Divisional finals.

Pte. Carney reached the semi-finals of the T.A. Championships, losing after a very gallant fight. Better luck next year, Carney.

We wish to congratulate our Quartermaster on his promotion to Captain, and hope he has benefited by his sojourn on "tonic waters."

We are sorry to record the death of Dmr. C. Austin, who died at Willesden on March 5th. Representatives of the Battalion attended his funeral at Willesden Cemetery, and a Battalion bugler sounded the "Last Post" and "Réveillé."

We wish to congratulate the Signal Section on reaching such a high place in the Dartmouth Cup Competition, and hope to see the 9th bracketed among the firsts next year.

It was suggested that the Wing should train a Company rifle team for the forthcoming Brigade Rifle Meeting. Now then, Fitz., what about it?

We wish to congratulate our Transport Officer on his marriage, and we offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. J. B. Furness.

"WINGER."

#### D COMPANY.

We are again in the middle of winter weapon training, and we are all wondering what the final result will be. We hope to win the Sherwood Shield again this year, but, of course, "there is many a slip between cup and lip."

We head the list of attendances at drills with 86 per cent. We must congratulate Nos. 6 and 7 Sections on reaching the 100 per cent. mark.

We were well represented in the Battalion Boxing Competition, which took

place at Pound Lane on January 16th. Three of our boys were in the Battalion team that won the Brigade and Divisional Championships: Pte. Weaterton (heavy-weight), Pte. Townes (middle-weight), who reached the semi-final of the T.A. Championships, and Pte. Graham (light-weight). Pte. Hitching was unable to compete owing to sickness.

We managed to walk away with the Fire Direction Cup, with our two teams finishing first and second respectively. We congratulate the following N.C.O.s and their Sections on this achievement: Cpl. Kent, 1st; Cpl. Edwards, 2nd. It is said that one of the N.C.O.s. would like to fill the cup again. I wonder?

We had our Annual Dinner and Prize Distribution on January 30th, and a very enjoyable evening, too. The Dinner was followed by a dance, and about 200 people attended. A very nice dinner, which was the first item on the programme, was supplied by P. Wilson, of Clevedon Street, London.

We were pleased to welcome the officers of the Regiment (past and present), especially our old friends Cols. Blumfeld, Beach and Bartholomew, who honoured us with their presence.

The Dinner was a great success, and concluded with the usual toasts and speeches.

The prizes were presented by Col. Blumfeld during the interval of the dance, and the winners were as follows:—

*Platoon Cup*.—No. 13 Platoon (Sergt. Bell).

*Section Cup*.—No. 12 Section (L./Cpl. White).

*Individual Shooting Cup, Light Automatic*.—Sergt. R. Devereaux.

*Individual Shooting Cup, Rifle*.—Pte. Townsend.

*Trained Men's Efficiency Cup*.—Pte. Brown.

*Recruits' Efficiency Cup*.—Pte. Cryan.  
*N.C.O.s' Efficiency Cup*.—L./Cpl. Paterson.

Boxing medals were awarded to the following:—

L./Cpls. James and Patterson, and Ptes. Wright, L. Chichester, F. Chichester, Parkin, Cryan, Graham, Townes, Davey, Hitching, Raw, J. Noyce, Helm and Finnis.

We would like to thank the donor of the liquid refreshments, and also to offer a vote of thanks to the Committee for the hard work they put in to give us a most enjoyable evening.

Our old comrade, Sergt. Dick Devereaux has left our ranks after a long spell, and we are all sorry that he has taken his discharge. He was a most efficient N.C.O. and we all miss his smiling face on our Entertainment Committee. Good luck, Dick!

We welcome 2/Lieut. Pearson to our Company, and we hope he thoroughly enjoys his stay with us.

We had our usual weather at Rainham during the Musketry Camp at Easter. About sixty N.C.O.s. and men attended the camp, but all of them did not get wet. The crafty people got off the range before it started to rain.

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### THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX CADET ASSOCIATION NOTES.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

COL. G. BEACH, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., has been appointed Cadet Colonel-Commandant, in place of Inspector of Cadets, which post has been abolished.

Col. Beach recently relinquished command of the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, and the Association consider they are very fortunate to get him.

Capt. G. J. Leatham, M.B.E., M.C., has been appointed Brigade Major. Capt. Leatham is at present Assistant to Col. Anwyl Passingham, Secretary, Middlesex Territorial Army and Air Force Association. Before retirement he was Adjutant of the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in India and Iraq.

Col. G. R. Crosfield, C.B.E., D.S.O., T.D., has accepted the appointment of Honorary Colonel of the 4th Cadet Battalion.

Col. Crosfield served in the South African War, 1900-02, and in the Great War, 1914-19. He is Chairman of the

British Legion, and keenly interested in the welfare of the youth of the Empire.

#### MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION.

We are glad to have the assistance of the following new members of our Association:—

General Sir Robert D. Whigham, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Sir Sydney M. Skinner, and Col. the Lord Lawrence.

#### AN "AT HOME."

Lord Rochdale, our President, and Lord-Lieutenant of the County, to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude for the continual assistance he has given us, now intends holding a Garden Party, at the Old Hall, Highgate, towards the end of June, with the object of raising funds for the Cadet Association.

#### ANNUAL CAMP, 1932.

The City of London Cadet Brigade has very kindly extended the same facilities as last year to the non-school units administered by the Association, to join their Brigade Camp, at Sandown, Isle of Wight, from July 30th to August 6th.

This most generous offer has been accepted, and the boys are looking forward to the same happy time as they had last year.

#### CADET PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

The following promotions and appointment have been approved:—

Lieut. B. G. Marriott, 3rd Cadet Battalion, to the rank of Captain, to date 7/12/31.

2/Lieut. E. D. Skinner, 2nd Cadet Battalion, to be Lieutenant, to date 1/10/31.

Magnus Goodfellow, Esq., jun., to be Second-Lieutenant in the 3rd Cadet Battalion, to date 3/3/32.

#### RESULTS OF COMPETITIONS.

*Lady West Memorial Shield Competition, Second Phase*.—Lower School of John Lyon Cadet Company, 1st Cadet Battalion, placed third.

*The Prince of Wales's Boxing Shield Competition, Second Phase*.—2nd Cadet Battalion lost to Brockley School Cadet Corps.



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

By SERGT.-MAJOR JAMES WHITE.

(Continued from p. 211, Vol. IV, No. 3,  
February, 1932.)

### ALLAHABAD.

ON arrival my company, No. 10, was one of the first detachment for duty in the Fort of Allahabad. It is situated on the left bank of the Jumna, not a mile from where that river runs into the Ganges. The fort is modern compared with many of the forts in India, but I have no knowledge of its age. There was a Sergeants' guard at the main gate and a Corporals' guard at the Jumna gates. I have commanded each of them. The latter guard had three Sikh prisoners there; they had been there since the conquest of the Punjab. Their names were Lall Singh, Prim Singh and Moker Singh. The first was a hale man of fifty years or so. I could not gather from anyone whether he was the Sikh General of that name who fought so stubbornly against us or the Lall Singh, who was a wazeer of the Court of Lahore, who acted treacherously and who advised one Immonodeen to take the field against us after surrendering. I think he was the latter. The other two were quite old men. They led a very quiet life. Each had an iron ring riveted round the ankle. When so inclined they could go for a walk round the ramparts, each attended by one of the guards as escort. I had a man on guard there one day who had passed the lower standard of Hindustani, and he used to take every opportunity of using it. He asked me to let him go out with Lall Singh if he had a wish for a walk. I let him go, and on his return asked him how he got on. He said, "Old Lall Singh is rather proud, and I had some difficulty in getting him to talk. When I spoke of his being a prisoner he made answer, 'You are a soldier and I must say nothing against your Government, neither must I to you.'" I told him that I am an Irishman and, like many of my countrymen, although serving, had no great love for the Government. That seemed to thaw him, and he chatted freely. Lall Singh is very bitter against

us and told me, by using the fable about a cat, a fox and a monkey [rather too long to repeat here], how all India was conquered by treachery."

I have seen Lall Singh several times go in the evening to the gate of the compound of the guard house, and watch the flocks of parrots flying over. Suddenly he would give a shrill whistle and a parrot would leave the others, fly down and settle on his finger, and chatter Hindustani, then he would toss it up and it would fly off. He must have had the bird caged some time. The only case of a parrot returning after release, being tame and wild at the same time that I ever heard of. These prisoners were removed or released some time before 1858.

### CHOLERA.

There was in 1863 an outbreak of cholera in our (Clydesdale) lines. It proved to be severe, for, before it ceased, it had taken seventy men, fourteen women and twenty children. It began by taking five men of one company. Next day we were off "cholera dodging" to the rifle range, five miles away. There, although we were shifted twice to new ground, it stuck to us, so we were moved to a place called Mhowe Serai, some miles away on the big banks of the Ganges. Still men continued to drop off, and we moved to Madoura, two miles in another direction. Here I had a slight attack of it. The Medical Officer told me that I had most likely saved my life by taking it in time. We were right glad to return to barracks, for tent life in a monsoon is far from pleasant. I have read that cholera has been known for ages in India, but not until 1817 in its epidemic form. Truly it has taken heavy toll since then in Bengal. My Regiment knew it eleven times in thirteen years, although for one year it was very light.

### PERSONAL VIOLENCE TO A NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER.

During 1863 I saw a case of insubordination accompanied by personal violence in my own company which might have been avoided.

There was a man named Laxton, a man who had much to do with causing the little mutiny on the ship *Hanover*, which I have mentioned earlier. He was a somewhat troublesome fellow to deal with, but a clean, smart man on parade.

One afternoon, a civilian was seen in the company bungalow with Laxton, and sitting on his bed-cot. No notice was taken, for it apparently was merely a friendly call, and the civilian went away. Shortly afterwards he returned, carrying a basket and some bottles. A Corporal saw what was going on and reported it to the Colour Sergeant. The Colour Sergeant went to the bed-cot and ordered the civilian away, and said, "Give me that basket and the bottles, Laxton." The man replied, "I shan't, the stuff is mine; I paid for it." Whereupon the Colour Sergeant stooped down and was about to lift the basket and bottles when he received a violent blow in the face, an uppercut which sent him sprawling across the next bed-cot. The men seized Laxton and he was removed to the guard house. The Colour Sergeant might as well have tried to take a bone from a dog; his face was not pleasant to look at. Laxton was tried by a district court-martial and sentenced to a corporal punishment of fifty lashes and six months' imprisonment with hard labour. Every military man knows that the Colour Sergeant should have taken two or three sturdy men with him. They would have seized the man and then the basket could be lifted, and it would have been a charge of having liquor brought into barracks.

The corporal punishment took place one evening between the bungalows. While the Regiment was moving up to the spot, the C.O. galloped on, and on arriving at the place where the Drum-Major had fixed the "triangles" and had two of the strongest drummers in waiting, he said, "Now, you lads, there is a blackguard to be flogged for striking a non-commissioned officer. See that you lace him well." This was told me by the Drum-Major, and he said that in his eighteen years' experience he had never seen anything approaching in severity the flogging that Laxton then got, and truly it was severe, for blood flowed freely after the third stroke.

Two years later, Laxton found a second acquaintance with the "cat," this time for stealing an article of bedding from another Private. On this occasion Laxton, when moving to the "triangles" after taking off his shirt, staggered, and he was found to be drunk. He had, although a prisoner in the cells, obtained a quantity of rum some time before the

parade, and it had proved to be too heavy a dose. He was taken back to the cells and the Sergeant of the guard and three Privates who had been sentries on the cells were made prisoners. As it was proved that the length of the beat and the exposed situation of the post made it an easy matter for anyone to communicate with the prisoners, no one was punished. That post had, after that, a double sentry. That is how sentries are many and duties are heavy. Laxton was brought out on the following morning, and, as may be imagined, had not contrived to get drunk. He was duly dressed down. Laxton, four years afterwards, was discharged with ignominy, after having the letters "B.C.," each letter one inch square, tattooed on his right breast. That marking and also the ceremony of "drumming out," has long been discontinued.

### DRUNKENNESS—NOT AMONG PRIVATES ONLY.

There were in 1863-64 many cases in the Regiment of drunkenness among the senior non-commissioned officers. I remember two Colour Sergeants, brothers, named Burnell, having delirium tremens; the elder one died of it, and the younger one had it a few weeks later. I could publish a long list, but, let it go. There was a case of a young Private being found dead in his bed from "alcoholic poisoning," "fairly smothered in drink," as it was said at the time.

### A "WIGGING" AND THE RESULT.

One morning, while I was still a Corporal, I was standing outside the Orderly Room. I heard the Sergeant-Major, Henry Borritt, get a severe "wiggling" from the C.O. on the matter of the drinking that had been going on among the Sergeants, and the lecture ended with, "If my Sergeant-Major was worth his salt it would not have happened." Rather a bitter pill that for one who for eight years or more had carried out his duties with great credit. But he (Borritt) must have been somewhat slack in the supervision of the Sergeants' Mess.

The Sergeant-Major came out of the Orderly Room, handed over his duties to the senior Colour Sergeant, and at once went to hospital "sick." What the suddenly developed disease was I do not



know, but within an hour he had a blister placed on the back of his neck, and he remained under medical treatment until invalidated at the end of the year. I had become a Sergeant at the time that the Sergeant-Major left for home, and when we presented him with a small piece of plate on his leaving, the Colonel was present, and praised him as one of the most efficient and exemplary, etc., etc.

#### WANTED.

"If you cannot make a friend, don't make an enemy," is an old and wise saying; but one may make an enemy without knowing it. I managed to do so—how or why I never knew. I was subjected to an after "Tattoo" visit. My visitor was the Regimental Orderly Sergeant. This duty was always taken by Colour Sergeants. I was Orderly Sergeant to No. 6 Company, to which I was temporarily attached for duty. About an hour after "Lights out," a call was passed for the Orderly Sergeant, who was wanted. I dressed myself and went to the end of the bungalow, where the Regimental Orderly Sergeant was waiting for me.

"Why," said he, "were you away from your Company at breakfast-time before the report was collected from you?" I saw at once that I was "wanted" for some reason. So I opened the door of the bungalow and called out, "Is anyone awake there?" "Yes," came a reply from several voices. "Tell me," said I, "was it the Orderly Officer or the Colour Sergeant who came round to the breakfasts this morning?" "Neither, no one came," was the reply. "There is your answer. Good-night," said I, and the fellow went away defeated. I was *not* the worse for drink, and just long enough in bed to get muddled. I consider that I narrowly escaped another false charge of "Drunk when Orderly Sergeant." What? Yes, I know, but I am dealing with "small beer" all along. It is that kind of thing that helps to make a hell of the Army. Nevertheless:—

"Could I march through life again,  
In spite of every bygone ill,  
To the end of life's campaign  
I'd be a soldier still."

—Old Song.

#### CHOLERA AGAIN.

I should not like to dishearten anyone who may be going to India (I wish I were going again to-day), so I will remind the reader that I am dealing with the period 1860-70 and not with the present time, when sanitation is understood as it never was before. We had an outbreak of cholera in 1864. It began in my own Company, and in seven days it had taken eleven men, most of whom had more than five years' service. Off we went "cholera-dodging," and we were out for a month near the Ganges. Fortunately the rainy season was over, and it was more like a holiday trip. We lost only a few more after going out, the total loss of the Regiment being only nineteen. A case of drowning while bathing occurred while we were out, and before the recovery of the body, six hours later, it was more than half-devoured, I suppose by alligators, of which there were many about, or by some large fish.

#### REDUCTION FOR A MISTAKE AT DRILL.

Shortly after we returned from cholera camp we were engaged one morning at battalion drill, and a Colour Sergeant was reduced to Sergeant for a slight mistake. He went to parade a Colour Sergeant, and returned a Sergeant. I mention this to show what an autocrat a Colonel could be. The Colour Sergeant was commanding a party representing the Colours. He should have ordered his party to close two paces to the left on a caution. He omitted to do so. "As you were, Sergeant-Major; take the crown off that Colour Sergeant." It was done at once and he appeared in that day's orders as "Reverted to Sergeant for Inefficiency." As he was my after-"Tattoo" visitor of a few months earlier, one will understand me when I state that I did not weep when I saw it happen. He was restored, after six months, to his former position.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

Before 1876 there were only two ranks above Private—Corporal and Sergeant. All others were appointments, and the holders of them could be reverted to their permanent grade, their substantive rank, by "word of mouth." Thus a Sergeant-Major or a Quartermaster-Sergeant to Sergeant; a Drum-Major to Private; an Orderly Room Sergeant or a Paymaster

Sergeant to Private, if promoted from that rank; Lance-Sergeants or Lance-Corporals could go to Corporal or Private at once.

#### CLOTHING INCREASED.

In June, 1864, the first movement towards bettering the condition of soldiers was made. Two pairs of boots instead of one; the October issue then began. Blue summer trousers bi-annually were given. The monthly charge for brown-ning arms ceased about this time. Other clothing benefits came later.

#### MOVE TO BAREILLY.

At the end of 1864 we moved to Bareilly in the Rohilcund district, about 120 miles from Lucknow. Rail from Allahabad to Cawnpore, and fourteen days' route march finished our journey. While awaiting our baggage animals at Cawnpore I saw a party of three Sergeants looking about for a set of Colours. The 107th Regiment had moved out of the camp we were in and proceeded to Allahabad on the day we left that station, leaving their Colours behind. I helped the party look around, and there, in an otherwise empty tent, we found them, where they had been for two days unnoticed and, of course, unguarded. They were taken away, and all the Sergeants asked the men not to mention the matter. I have kept my silence until to-day, now forty-seven years. I do not suppose either of the Sergeants who took them away from Cawnpore so quietly are living to-day. A little bit slack of the C.O., Adjutant, and Sergeant-Major.

We found Bareilly a pleasant, healthy station. Its nearness to the hills made it so cool at times in the cold season that a greatcoat was welcome at night. Two rather uneventful years were spent there, but the Regiment, in the best of health, had the benefit of good training—that is as training was understood in those days. There was too much time spent in such things as "marching past."

I was, in 1865, appointed Colour Sergeant of No. 3 Company. I left my old company, No. 10, and the men I had been associated with since joining the Regiment, with some little regret. It was a fine company, with a good soldierly spirit in it, and the best in point of size and appearance in the 77th Regiment.

I must here tell of a little wide-awake work. We had in my old company a Colour Sergeant who was rather poorly off in the matter of education (who is that whistling?), but very keen and energetic in his work; and, although only an ex-farm labourer, he was a very acute fellow. Whenever a draft from the Depot was about to join, he used to manage to get a nominal roll of them from the Orderly Room Sergeant. He would then call together all the men of the company who joined in the previous draft, and read the names of the men about to join, and take note of all that were known to them. He would then ask questions as to the stature, shooting qualifications if known, and of the general character of the newcomers. He would then get his men each to make application that their comrade, So-and-so, should be posted to the company. This was done for six successive years, with the result that No. 10 became and remained the best shooting company, and the average height of it was greater than any other company. The average height of the 77th in 1865 was a little over 5 ft. 6½ in.; by no means a good average, and below many regiments. We had many men of barely 5 ft. 3 in., factory workers who had joined in 1859. I was 5 ft. 10½ in. and used to be spoken of as a big man.

Our C.O. was very careful as to wearing helmets by the men, so long as there was any sunshine. In Bareilly he ordered helmets for evening parade. Evening parades begin after October 15th. I was told by a clerk in Brigade Office that the Brigade Major, seeing us on parade, said, "Oh, Col. Chichester has his evening parades in helmets. I suppose it is because his men are so small to make them look bigger." I said, "Yes, little and good."

(To be continued.)

#### NOTICE.

##### OLD COMRADES.

No. 4756 W. Blackwood would like to get in touch with more old pals. He has retained the comradeship of many with whom he served during his twenty-six



years with the 1st Battalion, and now seeks, through the medium of THE DIE-HARDS, to renew friendship of twenty, thirty, forty years ago. His particular wish is to interest old colleagues in the growing activities of our very-much-alive Regimental Association, whose annual report is being forwarded to each of our readers.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

I am sure that the following will interest many of your readers, more particularly those who have served in the 77th Regiment and also those who are now serving.

I happened to be talking to Brigadier-General Cunliffe-Owen, C.B., C.M.G., about the 77th Regiment, and he told me his great uncle, Capt. Joseph Owen, had served in the Regiment for fifteen years, and was killed at the Battle of Seringapatam, and he has given me the following details:—

"Transferred from 25th Regiment in 1781 to 77th Regiment. Promoted captain 1795. On March 27th, 1799 Marquis Wellesby marched 10,000 men against Tippoo Sahib and heavily defeated him. Siege of Seringapatam began April 5th, 1799 and finally stormed May 8th, 1799, when Tippoo Sahib was killed."

Capt. Owen was killed on that date, and he is depicted in the picture falling dead over one of the guns.

The British losses were:—

	Killed	Wounded
Officers ... ..	22	45
N.C.Os. and Men	181	624
Native Troops ...	119	420

The silver medal for this battle was granted soon afterwards, but only very recently has General Owen been able to substantiate his claim with the India Office, as Capt. Owen's medal had not been previously issued.

I have thanked General Cunliffe-Owen for giving me these details which are so historic and so interesting.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT T. H. LAW, *Brig.-General*.  
Formerly in the 77th Regiment, D.C.O.

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To the Editor of the "Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

Yours of 11th January to hand, acknowledging receipt of *Auckland Weekly News*, but not *Bretts Annual*.

I shall be greatly disappointed if the latter does not turn up (they were both posted, along with my covering note, at the same time and place) as I consider "Brett's" to be infinitely the more interesting publication, inasmuch as it contains a special article on the "King Country," written by Mr. James Cowan, a New Zealand writer of some note on historical events pertaining to that country. His account, which is illustrated, in this issue shows the wonderful development during the past twenty years (I was there in 1911 and can vouch for this) of a vast territory which was then only very heavily-timbered bush lands with thick undergrowth and which, during the Maori Wars of 1860—1866 and after, was peopled only by very brave and warlike tribes, albeit a bit savage, notably the Hauchaus.

I shall be pleased to hear if this number turns up, otherwise I must try and obtain another for you.

I have just received a letter from ex-Clr.-Sergt. E. Bezar, late 57th, in which he informs us that he will complete his 94th year of age this month, and mentioning the fact that he served in New Zealand with the regiment (57th) in January, 71 years ago. This fine old warrior, however, has not been at all well for some time past. Some months ago he experienced a rather nasty fall and is suffering still from the effects thereof.

I may state that January is, or rather was, a month of celebrations with our family, as will be noted by perusing the list below, *viz*:—

20th.—Father born Dinapore, India, 1840.

20th.—Father enlisted 57th Regiment, Corfa, 1854.

21st.—Father arrived, 57th Regiment, New Zealand, 1861.

27th.—Father married, 57th Regiment, New Zealand, 1862.

27th.—Myself born, 57th Regiment, New Zealand, 1864.

31st.—Mother born, Hobart Town, 1846.

Clr.-Sergt. Bezar was present at the marriage of my parents on above-mentioned date (January 27th, 1862).

Mother and myself are now the only surviving members of the family of three generations, originally numbering eleven, with the old 57th.

In your November, 1931 number, appears the obituary of Lieut.-Col. T. J. De Burgh.

My mother well remembers him, when, as quite a boy in appearance, he joined "ours" as ensign, during the time we were stationed at Raglan Barracks, Devonport, 1870, and got to know him very well at Ft. Tregantle, where my father was Officers' Mess Sergeant. She is deeply grieved to hear of his death. He was, as stated in your article, ever a popular officer with all ranks and a thorough sportsman, and the Regiment was very sorry when he left in Ceylon (where he was Adjutant) to join the cavalry.

Best wishes from both and a happy reunion on Albuhera Day.

Yours faithfully,

J. CLEMENT COUGHLAN.

## OBITUARY.

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GENERAL SIR C. MANSFIELD CLARKE.

A LINK WITH THE OLD ARMY.

WE regret to announce that General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, Bt., died on Friday at Hyères, at the age of 92. He was a link with the British Army as it was in what might be termed a past age. Indeed, he joined the old 57th Foot several years before the purchase of commissions came to an end, while he had given up the command of his regiment before the great Cardwell reforms were completed. Yet he was to

outlive all his illustrious colleagues in that group of soldiers which included men like Evelyn Wood, Redvers Buller and George White.

Charles Mansfield was the eldest son of the Rev. Sir Charles Clarke, for some time rector of Hanwell, Middlesex. His grandfather, Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, M.D., F.R.S., was physician to Queen Adelaide and was created a baronet in 1831 by King William IV. He was born on December 13th, 1839, and went to Eton as a collegier eighty years ago in Dr. Hawtrey's last term as headmaster. His tutor was the Rev. W. B. Marriott. He left in 1855, and on March 1st, 1856, owing to his father's connection with the County of Middlesex, he was gazetted ensign in the 57th Foot, which many years later became The Middlesex Regiment, thus joining the Army just after the close of the Crimean War. In May, 1858, the 57th sailed for the East, and arrived in time to take part in the final clearing up of the mutineers in Central India, but this duty was not reckoned as active service.

At the end of 1860 Clarke, now a lieutenant, went to New Zealand with his regiment, and was sent to the Taranaki district, where desultory fighting, still in progress, lasted until March, 1861. On January 1st, 1862, Clarke was appointed adjutant, and continued in that post for the next four years. In 1863 hostilities broke out again, and there followed a treacherous Maori attack on a party of the 57th. Clarke, who was temporarily acting as staff officer to the force, did good work in disembarking the strong reinforcements brought up to assist the 57th in coping with the situation. Bush fighting continued throughout that year. In 1864 the Maori stronghold in the Kaitake Hills was taken, Clarke leading a body of New Zealand Militia to take the enemy in the rear. Even then it was not until January, 1866, that the capture of the last rebel *pah* at Otapawa brought this protracted little campaign to an end.

The 57th returned home in 1867. A few days later Col. Warre, who had commanded the regiment for no fewer than twelve years, was promoted major-general, and assumed command of the Belfast District. Thereupon he obtained Clarke's appointment as his A.D.C. In



that capacity Clarke, then a captain, served until the end of 1874. A typical officer of the period, prepossessing and popular wherever he went, he was clearly marked out for promotion. In 1875 he returned to his regiment, which was then in Ceylon. Once more he was invited by an old commander of the 57th to serve as A.D.C. This time it was Major-General Street, a Crimean veteran, then commanding the troops in Ceylon; but Clarke did not hold the appointment long, rejoining the 57th in view of impending advancement. He was promoted major in 1876 and lieutenant-colonel commanding the 57th in May, 1878, being then less than forty years of age. His rise had been, according to modern standards, very rapid. It is true that personal charm and social advantages counted for much in those days, but it would be most unjust to overlook the fact that Clarke was instinct with true military ardour and possessed sound military judgment.

In 1879, when the news reached Ceylon of the disaster that had overtaken the 24th Foot at Isandhlwana, in Zululand, the 57th were ordered to South Africa. Landing at Durban, the regiment joined the 2nd Brigade and marched north. On April 2nd the Brigade was attacked by the Zulus at Ginginhlovo, and the enemy was virtually annihilated. Thereupon the British force marched on to relieve Fort Eshowe. The brigade was consequently not present at Ulundi, but a column composed of the 57th and 60th, with some irregular horse, was next organized by Sir Garnet Wolseley, who had arrived on the day after the victory at Ulundi, and placed under Clarke's command. This column did good work in the final subjugation of Zululand, and was responsible for the capture of King Cetewayo. Soon afterward the 57th returned home, Clarke being made C.B. and promoted brevet colonel.

On May 8th, 1880, Clarke was seconded for service as Commandant-General of the forces at the Cape. He returned to South Africa for two years during a very difficult period, but was not called upon to participate in the disastrous venture that terminated at Majuba. He did, however, command the troops in the latter part of 1880, and in the following spring in the

wearisome, if almost bloodless, operations in Basutoland to the east of the Drakensberg. He was summoned home on the subsequent reorganization of South Africa in 1882, but was unable to obtain employment in the Egyptian campaign of that year.

For the next ten years Clarke held a series of staff appointments, first in the Southern District, then at Aldershot, and from 1884 to 1886 as D.A.G. at the War Office. From London he was again sent to Dublin as D.A.G. In 1888 he was brought back to command the 3rd Infantry Brigade at Aldershot and promoted Major-General. In this post he was the trusted lieutenant of Sir Evelyn Wood who took in hand that intensive training of the Army which led to the splendid efficiency of the Expeditionary Force to France twenty-five years later. It was under his aegis that the old manual of infantry drill was published. In 1892 he returned to the War Office as D.A.G. Such a sequence of appointments may appear strange to modern thought and practice, but was not regarded as extraordinary at the time. In 1893 he was appointed Lieutenant-General Commanding the Madras Army in India. This post he held for five years, being promoted to substantive rank in 1896 and advanced to K.C.B. He returned home and to half-pay in October, 1898.

In April, 1899, he succeeded his father in the baronetcy. When the South African War broke out, a few months later, Sir George White, who had just been selected for the appointment of Quartermaster-General to the Forces at the War Office, was dispatched to South Africa to take up the command of the Natal Field Force. Clarke succeeded him as Q.M.G. and had under him the late Sir John Cowans, who always testified to the great experience he had gained from his chief. Clarke held his post until March, 1903, when the commitments of the South African campaign were cleared up, and the new Army Council set up by the Esher Committee was about to be called into being. He was made G.C.B. in 1900 and G.C.V.O. in 1903.

Before leaving the War Office he had been selected for the Governorship of Malta, where he served for the full four years of his appointment. If the respon-

sibilities of the post were less exacting than they became in after years, there is no doubt that Sir Charles fulfilled them with zeal and made a genial and successful Governor. On returning home in 1907 he retired from the Army.

Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke married in December, 1867, Gemma Cecilia, daughter of Mr. W. Pitt Adams. Lady Clarke died in 1922, having had one son and two daughters. The son, Charles, a major in the Rifle Brigade, married the Hon. Linda Douglas-Pennant, and died in July, 1919, leaving only one daughter. The elder daughter married Major-General the Hon. Sir Francis Bingham, and the younger daughter, by her second marriage, became the wife of Brigadier-General the Hon. C. C. Fortesque. Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke married secondly, in 1929, Constance Marion, daughter of Mr. Herbert Warner. He is succeeded in the baronetcy by his nephew, Mr. Orme Bigland Clarke, C.B.E., barrister-at-law.

No. 6194353 Pte. Charles Henry Grainger, who died from diabetes mellitis in the Palestine General Hospital on January 18th, 1932, had served in the Middlesex Regiment since 1922. Six of these years were spent at the Depot, being employed as a Pioneer. He was a very able carpenter, and his presence was well known in Mill Hill Barracks, where he was an extremely popular character.

On reposting to the 1st Battalion in May, 1930, he continued work as a Pioneer. His loss is greatly felt throughout the Battalion, and all ranks desire to express their sympathy to Mrs. Grainger.

No. 6189427 Drum-Major Norman Reginald Phillipson, who died at Pales-

tine General Hospital on January 21st, 1932, from double lobar pneumonia, enlisted as a boy in the Regiment during the Great War.

On the conclusion of hostilities in 1918, he was posted to the 3rd Battalion and appointed a drummer in November of that year. On disbandment of the 3rd Battalion in 1922, he was posted to the 1st Battalion where he quickly became one of the leading side-drummers. He was appointed unpaid lance-corporal in 1924, paid in 1926, and corporal in 1928.

He then left the Drums and went to B Company where he was of material assistance as a Section-Leader of No. 8 Platoon, when that platoon won the 13th Infantry Brigade Competition. In 1930 he was promoted Sergeant, when he returned to his old friends, the Drums, as Drum-Major. This, no doubt, was the crowning of a boyhood ambition.

Of excellent physique, he was a splendid figurehead, and his smart bearing and control of the massed Band and Drums impressed all who watched the presentation of new Colours at Colchester last year. He was a keen sportsman and interested in all games, especially football, at which he was a qualified Army referee.

His death, at the threshold of a promising career in the Army, came as a great shock to the Battalion.

#### WILLIAM SMITH.

Information of the death of this Old Comrade was only received on the morning of his funeral, in time to admit of the attendance of a bugler from the Depot. Smith, who was a Zulu War veteran of the 57th Regiment (Regimental number 1803) died at Limehouse on March 24th and was buried at Wood Grange Cemetery on March 30th.



## THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN).

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1st and 2nd Battalions (Regular).	1st and 2nd Battalions— contd.	7th Battalion (Territorial).	8th Battalion (Territorial)— contd.	9th Battalion (Territorial)— contd.
<b>Lt.-Colonels (2).</b>	<b>Lieutenants.</b>	Drill Hall, Priory Road, Horsney, N.8.	<b>Lt.-Colonel</b>	<b>Captains.</b>
Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. (1)	Clowes, J. H. (1) 1/11/18	<b>Hon. Colonel.</b>	×Parneter, W. H., t.a.	×Sherwood, H. 26/10/22
28/9/28	Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O. (2)	×King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D.	11/6/30	37/7/20
Stanley-Murray, H. E., M.C. (2)	27/8/19	(Col. Terr. Army) t.a.		13/7/27
	28/9/28	13/8/25		17/8/29
				20/2/30
<b>Majors (8).</b>			<b>Major.</b>	<b>Lieutenants.</b>
Browne, M., M.C. (s.c.) (2)	Clark, S. J. (2) 21/2/20	<b>Lt.-Colonel.</b>	×Hirst, R. B. 25/2/31	Wright, L. C. 24/12/23
28/9/24	Walden, F. (2) 21/2/20	×Smith, S. C. M., T.D., t.a.	×Ellis, H. C., O.B.E. 7/2/25	Heffer, H. 17/3/26
1/1/19	Heywood, E. L. (2) 29/2/20	18/3/29		Furness, G. J. B. 30/7/26
Brown, G. L., D.S.O. (1)	Ayscough, E. S. M. (2)	31/12/24		Coubro, T. F. 23/6/27
28/9/24	Reid, J. G. E. (2) 18/7/21			Gray, H. W. W. 24/3/29
3/6/19	Hudson, E. V. H. (Phys. Trng. Staff) 17/12/21	<b>Majors.</b>		Sutcliffe, B. L. 24/7/20
Jeffery, W. W. (1) 16/12/24	Musellwhite, C. C. (1) 16/7/22	×Murray, H. A. t.a. 19/3/29	Maddex, S., M.B.E. 8/12/29	Townell, S. H. 1/12/30
Sloane-Stanley, L. F. (1) 12/1/24	Cubitt, D. Y. (1) 24/12/22	×Bower, G. A. H., M.C. 1/4/30	Warlow, R. E. 26/11/30	×Bedwell, L. J. 25/6/23
28/9/28	Tuckey, P. E. C. (2) d. 30/7/26		Hartley, G. 10/1/31	Mordue, L. H. 5/12/31
Tidbury, O. H., M.C., p.s.c. (1) s. 5/5/27	Worton, J. B., t. 14/7/23			×Petrie, A. G. 1/2/32
Pargiter, L. L., D.S.O. (1) 28/9/28	Gordon, I. D. S. 14/7/23	<b>Captains.</b>	<b>Lieutenants.</b>	<b>2nd Lieutenants.</b>
3/6/19	(d. Adj. 10/7/29) 14/7/23	×Pringle, W. E., M.C. 27/7/28	Pattison, D. R. 10/9/30	Gunston, C. A. 1/7/30
Wollocombe, T. S., M.C. (2) d. 10/12/28	Crawford, M., o. (1) 23/12/23	Arnold, H. G. 1/3/30	Warrell, W. R. 13/3/28	Exeter, G. W. M. 14/4/31
3/6/18	Newton, W. C. (1) 30/8/26	Brown, S. A. W. 27/3/30	Mayer, R. W. 1/12/31	Pearson, M. F. 2/3/32
Lyon, N. H. B., M.C. (2) 26/1/32	Jacob, M. A. (2) 30/8/26	Pratt, S. M. 28/3/30		
	Goulden, G. A., c.o. 29/1/27			<b>Adjutant.</b>
	Gilbert, N. G. (2) 4/2/29			Worton, J. B., lt. Midd. R. (temp. Capt. T.A. 21/12/30)
	Baldwin, C. M. (2) 4/2/29			
	Herapath, L. H. J. de la M. (1) 1/9/30	<b>Lieutenants.</b>	<b>2nd Lieutenants.</b>	<b>Quarter-Master.</b>
	Stephenson, J. W. A. (2) 2/2/31	Womersley, A. G. 29/6/27	Cloutte, J. L. H. 28/12/29	×Wright, W. S., lt. (Lt. ret. pay), (Res. of Off.) 20/5/29
<b>Captains (14).</b>	Powell, P. D. ff. (1) 2/2/31	Christodoulo, N. E. T. 15/3/30	Russell, K. T. V. 5/2/30	Sgt. W. Bennett ... 10/6/26
Newham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. s. 30/4/15	Mackenzie H. P. (1) 30/8/31	Bartram, R. 28/11/31	Wheeler, E. C. A. 1/3/30	Sgt. T. Tiller ... 1/7/26
Thorpe, J. R. (1) s. 23/1/16	Batley, W. H. P. (1) 31/8/31	Hamp-Adams, F. 1/12/31	Northcott, R. H. 29/3/30	[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]
Savile, H. B. W., M.C. (2) 3/2/32	Batley, R. H., u. 31/1/32	Johnson, A. K. 2/12/31	Marks, T. L. 16/4/30	*C/Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) E. Robbins ... 10/12/31
Phillips, H., M.C. (1) Adj. 1/10/15	Green, A. E. (2) 31/1/32	Lowe, G. C. D. S. 2/1/32	Miskin, E. F. H. 2/1/30	*C/Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. Misso ... 10/1/32
Bucknall, G. C., M.C., p.s.c. s. 26/8/16	Ferguson, W. M. (2) 31/1/32	Ghiksten, C. P. 12/2/32	Sadler, E. C. K. 4/6/30	*Sgt. H. Thomas ... 5/3/28
Paul, H. W. M., O.B.E., M.C. (s.c.) (2) 26/8/16			Davey, F. C. 28/6/30	*Sgt. A. Stenning ... 23/2/29
Horrocks, B. G., M.C. (1) s.c.s. 1/1/17			King, M. C. D. 10/12/30	Sgt. J. West ... 15/1/30
Haydon, C. W., M.C., s. 25/4/17			Norman, V. H. 15/7/31	*Sgt. W. Northcott ... 25/2/30
Lawrence, F. A. L. (2) 7/5/17	<b>2nd Lieutenants.</b>		Blair, N. M. 7/11/31	*Sgt. C. Soper ... 17/12/30
del Court, S. F. W. M., M.C. (1) (1) 28/9/20	Sword, R. W. D. (1) 29/8/29	<b>Adjutant.</b>	Turner, K. E. 3/2/32	*Sgt. G. Blake ... 10/1/31
Whitney, C. T., M.C. (2) 23/3/21	Man, A. M. (2) 30/1/30	×Dobbs, J. E., M.C., Capt. Middx. R. 1/10/29		*Sgt. C. Kennett ... 16/1/31
Procter, N. P., M.C. (2) Adj. 1/4/21	Marsh, H. (1) 30/1/30			*Sgt. L. Honeybun ... 13/8/31
Lyons, E. F., M.C. (1) 21/2/22	Hall, J. P. (1) 28/8/30	<b>Quarter-Master.</b>		*Sgt. L. Priddy ... 18/9/31
Manson, E. P., M.C., t. 29/6/26	Weston, G. P. L. (2) 29/1/31	Cox, S. A., lt. 25/4/31		Sgt. S. Thompson ... 30/9/31
Roberts, W. L., M.C. t. 9/5/27	Gwyn, R. A. (1) 29/1/31	[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]		Sgt. R. Bayles ... 10/12/31
Mirams, S., M.C. (1) 9/5/27	Bellers, R. C. H. (1) 29/1/31			Sgt. L. West ... 10/12/31
Rackham, B. B., M.C. (1) 9/5/27	Beadnell, L. C. (2) 27/8/31			*Sgt. C. Painter ... 19/1/32
Weller, A. V. (1) 9/5/27				*Drum-Major D. Drew ... 22/1/32
Pain, E. T. (2) 9/5/27	<b>Adjutants (2).</b>			Sgt. F. Donovan ... 4/2/32
Kempster, G. W. (2) d. 20/4/28	Procter, N. P., M.C., Capt. (2) 3/8/29			L. Sgt. R. Glover ... 1/8/28
Dobbs, J. E., M.C., t. 28/9/28	Phillips, H., M.C., Capt. (1) 24/7/31	<b>Adjutant.</b>		L. Sgt. H. Hull ... 26/11/31
Jones, W. H. V. (2) 10/12/28		×Ford, H. E. R., M.C., Capt. Worc. R. 1/3/28		L. Sgt. A. Mason ... 16/1/31
Hedgecoe, S. F. (2) 10/12/28	<b>Quarter-Masters (3).</b>			L. Sgt. G. Chasney ... 10/12/31
Parker, F. G. (1) 10/12/28	English, J., d. 25/8/14	<b>Quarter-Master.</b>		Cpl. L. Williams ... 8/8/29
Overell, A. N. (1) d. 10/12/28	Clark, A. W., lt. (1) 26/4/29	Denton, C. F., lt. 17/4/31		L. Sgt. W. Bean ... 1/9/31
	Guscott, R. T., lt. (2) 22/1/30			Cpl. A. Lawrence ... 26/9/28
				L. Sgt. J. Ayres ... 18/9/31
				L. Sgt. P. Edwards ... 10/12/31
				L. Sgt. R. Chaplin ... 19/1/32
				L. Sgt. E. Edmunds ... 4/2/32
				Cpl. J. Chillery ... 20/3/30
				Cpl. L. Beck ... 9/4/30
				Cpl. F. Payne ... 11/4/30
				Cpl. J. Smith ... 28/4/30

(Subalterns 34).

SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.Os.  
APRIL 1st, 1932.

## NOTICE.

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## 1st BATTALION.

Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.
*R.S.M. P. Newman ...	13/8/31	Cpl. E. Zetter ...	15/4/30
*Bdmr. A. Judge ...	12/4/31	Cpl. C. Ives ...	16/8/30
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) A. Finch ...	13/6/28	Cpl. S. Green ...	17/10/30
*Q.R.M.S. E. Crouch ...	28/4/29	Cpl. H. Padgett ...	1/1/31
*C.S.M. G. Anderson ...	20/10/30	Cpl. R. Simmons ...	3/1/31
*C.S.M. A. Russell ...	1/4/31	Cpl. W. Snell ...	10/1/31
*C.S.M. E. Burt ...	13/8/31	*Cpl. C. May ...	16/1/31
*C.S.M. B. Brockman ...	10/12/31	Cpl. S. Bullock ...	23/1/31
*C.S.M. E. Fleming ...	10/12/31	Cpl. E. Moir ...	20/2/31
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) S. Steadman ...	23/7/23	Cpl. H. Ramsden ...	1/4/31
Sgt. W. Christie ...	1/5/20	Cpl. E. Wilson ...	9/7/31
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) J. Wilcockson ...	10/6/27	Cpl. G. Herbert ...	20/7/31
Sgt. V. Osterholm ...	18/10/23	Cpl. L. Sheffield ...	24/7/31
Sgt. H. Griffin ...	11/6/24	Cpl. J. O'Neill ...	13/8/31
Sgt. W. Rogers ...	26/5/25	Cpl. A. Stone ...	2/9/31
*C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Raindle ...	10/12/31	Cpl. S. Phelan ...	15/9/31
Russell, K. T. V. (Lt. ret. pay), (Res. of Off.) 20/5/29	5/4/26	Cpl. A. Nicholls ...	18/9/31
Sgt. W. Bennett ...	10/6/26	Cpl. F. Connott ...	30/9/31
Sgt. T. Tiller ...	1/7/26	Cpl. J. Robinson ...	24/11/31
[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]	9/2/27	Cpl. C. Bolton ...	10/12/31
*C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) E. Robbins ...	10/12/31	Cpl. J. Thirkettle ...	10/12/31
*C/Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. Misso ...	10/1/32	Cpl. P. Hatchett ...	2/1/32
*Sgt. H. Thomas ...	5/3/28	Cpl. C. Pantling ...	19/1/32
*Sgt. A. Stenning ...	23/2/29	Cpl. G. Bayford ...	21/1/32
Sgt. J. West ...	15/1/30	Cpl. A. Cladd ...	28/1/32
*Sgt. W. Northcott ...	25/2/30	Cpl. J. Donegar ...	4/2/32
*Sgt. C. Soper ...	17/12/30	L./Cpl. E. Rochester ...	26/8/27
*Sgt. G. Blake ...	10/1/31	L./Cpl. A. Allison ...	14/9/28
*Sgt. C. Kennett ...	16/1/31	L./Cpl. P. Bermingham ...	1/6/30
*Sgt. L. Honeybun ...	13/8/31	L./Cpl. G. Jeffree ...	5/6/30
*Sgt. L. Priddy ...	18/9/31	L./Cpl. W. Belcher ...	30/6/30
Sgt. S. Thompson ...	30/9/31	L./Cpl. R. Blackman ...	20/8/30
Sgt. R. Bayles ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. T. Castle ...	21/8/30
Sgt. L. West ...	10/12/31	*L./Cpl. P. Ward ...	20/10/30
*Sgt. C. Painter ...	19/1/32	L./Cpl. G. Barnett ...	6/11/30
*Drum-Major D. Drew ...	22/1/32	L./Cpl. E. Wadsworth ...	17/11/30
Sgt. F. Donovan ...	4/2/32	L./Cpl. E. Whicello ...	17/11/30
L. Sgt. R. Glover ...	1/8/28	L./Cpl. F. Gardiner ...	29/11/30
L. Sgt. H. Hull ...	26/11/31	L./Cpl. G. Endersby ...	11/12/30
L. Sgt. A. Mason ...	16/1/31	L./Cpl. L. Jerman ...	11/12/30
L. Sgt. J. Little ...	31/10/20	L./Cpl. C. Clark ...	30/12/30
L. Sgt. F. Chasney ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. A. Moore ...	3/1/31
Cpl. L. Williams ...	8/8/29	L./Cpl. H. Chillery ...	16/1/31
L. Sgt. W. Bean ...	1/9/31	L./Cpl. A. Lane ...	23/1/31
Cpl. A. Lawrence ...	26/9/28	L./Cpl. A. Windows ...	2/2/31
L. Sgt. J. Ayres ...	18/9/31	L./Cpl. W. Watts ...	18/2/31
L. Sgt. P. Edwards ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. M. Duddy ...	22/3/31
L. Sgt. R. Chaplin ...	19/1/32	L./Cpl. C. Jacob ...	23/3/31
L. Sgt. E. Edmunds ...	4/2/32	L./Cpl. K. Simpson ...	1/4/31
Cpl. J. Chillery ...	20/3/30	L./Cpl. L. Roseblade ...	24/4/31
Cpl. L. Beck ...	9/4/30	L./Cpl. F. Britton ...	29/4/31
Cpl. F. Payne ...	11/4/30	L./Cpl. F. Thorn ...	11/6/31
Cpl. J. Smith ...	28/4/30	L./Cpl. L. Mallard ...	16/6/31
		L./Cpl. H. Game ...	14/7/31
		*L./Cpl. T. Brind ...	23/7/31

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Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.
L./Cpl. P. Hopwood ...	13/8/31
L./Cpl. W. Gadsden ...	29/8/31
L./Cpl. F. Dell ...	2/9/31
L./Cpl. A. Willis ...	15/9/31
L./Cpl. G. Sach ...	30/9/31
L./Cpl. W. Lambert ...	2/1/32
L./Cpl. G. Brewer ...	2/1/32
L./Cpl. S. Sibley ...	2/1/32
L./Cpl. R. Abell ...	2/1/32
L./Cpl. L. McDowell ...	2/1/32
L./Cpl. G. Wordley ...	2/1/32
*L./Cpl. C. Benningfield ...	2/1/32
L./Cpl. J. Howie ...	2/1/32
L./Cpl. A. Cokeley ...	2/1/32
L./Cpl. W. Purland ...	19/1/32
*L./Cpl. J. Painter ...	31/1/32
L./Cpl. J. Groves ...	28/1/32
L./Cpl. W. Sampford ...	4/2/32

## 2nd BATTALION (Home Establishment).

Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
*R.S.M. C. Davis ...	Depot	13/4/29
*R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M. ...	2nd	18/3/31
*Bdmr. H. Clibbens ...	2nd	22/2/24
*R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley ...	Depot	7/3/26
*R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher ...	2nd	31/3/30
*O.M.S.(O.R.S.) B. Baldwin ...	Depot	2/7/30
C.S.M. W. Beasley ...	2nd	30/1/15
*C.S.M. H. Rand ...	9th	28/1/25
*C.S.M. G. Goodall ...	9th	4/6/25
*C.S.M. J. Hart ...	Depot	26/1/26
*C.S.M. C. Cook, D.C.M. ...	2nd	15/8/26
*C.S.M. T. Smith ...	19th London	28/2/28
*C.S.M. C. Kent ...	2nd	15/5/28
*C.S.M. E. Palmer ...	2nd	13/12/28
*C.S.M. F. Peck ...	2nd	18/2/29
*C.S.M. R. Colbourne ...	8th	13/4/29
*C.S.M. C. Goodall ...	8th	28/4/29
*C.S.M. F. Stevenson ...	7th	4/1/30
Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. King ...	2nd	26/5/25
Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) L. Hills ...	2nd	2/11/26
Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. West ...	2nd	22/2/28
*Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) G. Capel ...	2nd	5/11/29
*Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) H. Hewett ...	2nd	27/12/29
*Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) L. Clarke ...	Depot	15/1/30
*Col./Sgt. (O.R.S.) W. Baker ...	2nd	20/3/31
Sgt. E. Pain ...	2nd	26/10/18
Sgt. H. Glover ...	2nd	1/5/20
Sgt. H. Tisdale ...	7th London	22/1/22
*Sgt. W. Sadler ...	Depot	10/2/21
Sgt. R. Mewett ...	2nd	12/12/23
Sgt. E. Shaw ...	Depot	19/1/24
Sgt. H. Campbell ...	9th	16/2/24
*Sgt. L. Simmonds ...	2nd	24/8/24
Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	Depot	28/1/25
*Sgt. S. Ingle ...	2nd	27/2/25
*Sgt. E. Jones ...	Depot	1/3/25
Sgt. S. Mason ...	2nd	2/2/26
Sgt. J. Bray ...	Depot	9/2/27
Sgt. A. Wright ...	Depot	10/2/27
Sgt. W. Harwood ...	2nd	17/8/27
Sgt. S. Bishop ...	Depot	24/11/27
*Sgt. F. Stacey ...	2nd	22/2/28
*Sgt. F. Denchfield ...	2nd	20/3/28
Sgt. H. Warren ...	8th	29/3/28

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Unpaid :-	
L./Cpl. S. Fletcher ...	13/10/28
L./Cpl. J. Robinson ...	5/1/31
L./Cpl. B. Stripe ...	5/6/31
L./Cpl. T. Fitzgerald ...	23/7/31
L./Cpl. A. Burnett ...	23/7/31
L./Cpl. R. White ...	1/9/31
L./Cpl. A. Brown ...	1/9/31
L./Cpl. W. Lane ...	5/9/31
L./Cpl. R. Bowden ...	22/9/31
L./Cpl. E. Staley ...	25/9/31
L./Cpl. W. Want ...	29/9/31
L./Cpl. F. Mills ...	29/9/31
L./Cpl. C. Crabb ...	16/1/32
L./Cpl. C. Adams ...	16/1/32
L./Cpl. J. Stickley ...	16/1/32
L./Cpl. J. Barnes ...	20/1/32
L./Cpl. H. Burrows ...	20/1/32
L./Cpl. F. Crawshaw ...	9/2/32
L./Cpl. F. Munday ...	7/3/32

Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
Sgt. A. Webb ...	19th London	15/5/28
Drum-Major H. Poulter ...	2nd	13/10/28
*Sgt. C. Champion ...	2nd	1/1/29
*Sgt. A. Jones ...	7th	18/2/29
*Sgt. H. Short, M.M. ...	2nd	21/2/29
Sgt. A. Jones ...	2nd	8/4/29
Sgt. E. Addinall ...	2nd	10/4/29
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