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EDITORIAL



GENERAL Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., who became Colonel of the Regiment on the death of General Kent in February, 1921, has vacated the appointment. Several notable events have taken place during Sir Ivor's Colonelcy, among them being the erection of the Regimental War Memorial and its unveiling by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales; the formation of the Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club; the publication of the Regimental History, "The Die-Hards in the Great War," to which he wrote a foreword; the foundation of the Regimental Museum and His-

torical Library; the affiliation of certain Regiments of the Canadian Militia, Australian Infantry and the New Zealand Military Forces; the affiliation of the 7th City of London Regiment and the 19th London Regiment, which now form part of the Corps of the Middlesex Regiment; and the recent Presentation of Colours to the 1st Battalion.

We congratulate General Sir Ivor Maxse on being appointed a Deputy-Lieutenant for the County of Sussex, and take this opportunity of wishing our late Colonel long life and happiness.

We heartily welcome Brig.-General Ronald M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., as Colonel of the Regiment, in succession to General Sir Ivor Maxse. Since vacating command of the 1st Battalion, our new Colonel has held important commands in the Far East, but it is quite unnecessary to refer at length in these columns to his distinguished career. It is quite certain that General Heath will take the greatest possible interest in the Regiment and its welfare.

We congratulate Lieut.-Colonel F. S. Steed, D.C.M., who is employed as Chief Recruiting Officer, Eastern Zone, Chelmsford, on the award of the O.B.E. (Military Division) in the recent Birthday Honours.

Our congratulations on the award of the O.B.E. are also due to Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel J. T. Marsh, C.M.G., retired pay, late Royal Army Service Corps. Colonel Marsh, who was first commissioned in 1894, formerly belonged to the 2nd Battalion.

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales has sent a subscription of five pounds to the funds of the Regimental Association.

Since the Regimental Association Notes were written, the new branch office of the National Association for Employment of Ex-Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen has been opened. The address is: Gipsy Corner, Victoria Road, North Acton, W.3. Tel.: Acorn 0481. It is hoped and expected that this branch will

be of great help to ex-soldiers of the Regiment.

A Diary will be issued for 1933; cloth bound, 1/6, and leather bound, 2/6. Postage on each, 2d extra. Carriage will not be charged on bulk copies to Battalions. It is advisable to apply early, as only the actual number ordered will be printed and bound. No Calendar will be issued for next year.

REGIMENTAL FIXTURES, 1932.

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.

REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

List of Property acquired by the Regimental Historical Library and Museum during the quarter ended June 30th, 1932:—

1. Three Scarlet Full-Dress Tunics, 57th.
2. One Scarlet Full-Dress Tunic, 77th.
3. Scarlet Mess Jacket and Waistcoat, 57th.
4. Dark Blue Jacket (Black Braided), and Overalls (Gold Braided).
5. 57th Helmet.
6. 57th Forage Cap.
7. 77th Shako.
8. Gold Belt and Sword Slings.
9. Crimson and Gold Sash with Tassels.
10. Crimson Silk Cummerbund.
11. Satchel with white braces.
12. A print of South Middlesex Rifle Volunteers.
13. Gorget.

Presented by the late Lieut.-Colonel R. Chicheley Thornton.

Presented by I.D.S. Gordon.

14. Letter weight—with Badge of 57th Regiment, worn by late Lord Sinclair, when Adjutant, 57th Regt.
15. New Zealand Chief's Spear (Taiaha).
16. Three Zulu Assagais—delivered in 1879 by Unagooinder, brother of Cetewayo.
17. Metal Gauntlet of Dingaari, paramount Chief of the Zulus.
18. Portrait of General Inglis, son of Colonel Inglis.

Presented by the late General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, Bt., G.C.B., G.C.V.O.

19. "The Star," dated August 24th, 1824, containing an account of the sinking of the "Ganges."
20. Programme — Presentation of Colours, 2nd Battalion, Ahmednagar, July, 1925.
21. General Gatacre, by Beatrice Gatacre. Presented by Mr. Stephens, late Middlesex Regiment.
22. A fragment of an egg cup belonging to a set of the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion, sent as a pattern to Gale & Polden about 1896, when they went to South Africa.

Presented by Mr. Nash, of Messrs. Gale & Polden, Ltd.

THE LATE GENERAL SIR CHARLES MANSFIELD CLARKE.

PITSFORD,
NORTHAMPTON.
June 23rd, 1932.

SIR,
Will you kindly allow one of another regiment who saw a good deal of the late General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke of recent years to add a little to what appeared about him in your May number, because the obituary notice taken from *The Times* contains little more than the posts which he filled?

Sir Charles had the highest sense of duty; nothing but his very best work was good enough for him to give to the State. He always did and said what he thought right, regardless of the opinion of those above him, and whether or not his

advancement might be prejudiced thereby. More than once after having been asked by one in high authority for his opinion and advice upon a certain matter or appointment he lost favour through the sense of displeasure caused by his answer.

He was never afraid of responsibility: his superiors, realizing this, often gave him difficult and unpleasant matters to decide. In the days long ago, when he was a Brigade Commander, he acted on Napoleon's dictum that there is no such thing as a bad regiment, only bad commanding officers, and he saw to it—no easy matter in those days—that the battalions which formed his brigade should be commanded by men of the requisite standard of efficiency. All of this standard who worked under him as either staff or regimental officers were devoted to him and found him a splendid chief to serve under.

A reminiscence of him on active service is related by an old brother-officer, Col. C. J. Matthews, in the following words: "One incident which I can never forget occurred at the Battle of Ginginhlovo. One side of our square, composed chiefly of young soldiers, was giving way before the Zulu attack when Clarke wheeled back his left company of the 'Die-Hards' and faced them in perfect order, which effectually checked them, and, to my mind, was the turning-point in the battle. The men moved as if on parade, showing the most perfect discipline, just as if engaged on a field-day."

He was a good horseman and shot, but the ruling passion of his life was to see new country, preferably on foot. He travelled extensively in many parts of the world, and wherever he went or was quartered he made a practice of visiting everything of interest in the neighbourhood; for instance, there is no peak within reach of his home at Hyères that he had not climbed. Every spring, when moving from there to England, he used to spend about a fortnight in visiting some beautiful part of France. It was a great pleasure to accompany him on these expeditions, as he was such excellent company and so cheerful and experienced a travelling companion. On one of these occasions in the year 1928 he walked thirteen miles with the writer

one afternoon—not a bad performance for a man in his 89th year!

When he was aged 87 he carried out a long-cherished plan to revisit New Zealand, the scene of his early soldiering days. He was accompanied by one of his nieces, but, while out there, was laid up by an illness which prevented his carrying out in its entirety the trip which he had planned. Nothing daunted, two years later he went to New Zealand again; this time all alone, and completed the unfinished programme to his entire satisfaction, as he was lucky in the matter of weather and visibility. This gives some idea of his pertinacity and resolution.

He loved children: the younger they were the greater attraction they had for him. Babies he was particularly partial to. When inspecting the married quarters of barracks he always found kind words to say to the mothers and their children.

He is a great loss, for he was not only a good soldier, but a public servant of the very finest type, able, modest, and content to do excellent work without claiming credit for it.

CHARLES FORTESCUE, *Brig.-General*.

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DEAR SIR,

The following "curious dream" of the late General Sir C. Mansfield Clarke, who at the time (1864) was a Lieutenant in the 57th Regiment and Adjutant to its Commanding Officer, Col. H. Warre, was written by him long after from his private notes and diary, and given to me by himself in 1924.

I know well how much store Sir Charles set by this dream, and have carefully retained it until now, when I think it ought to be published for the information of the Regiment.

At the date of the occurrence referred to, Lieut. Clarke was temporarily acting as staff officer to the force commanded by Col. Warre in Taranaki, New Zealand. The extract as under, from Major Woollright's History of the 57th Regiment, gives the best possible account of the matter; no apology is therefore needed for quoting from this:—

"The success of the expedition against Kaitabre was, unfortunately, to a certain extent counter-balanced by a reverse on

the 6th April. On this day a small party of the 57th, under Capt. Lloyd and Lieut. Cox, with a few of the military settlers, was sent out to forage and destroy the crops of the rebel natives at Ahu Ahu. The main body of the party, under Capt. Lloyd, had completed the duty, and, having piled arms, were awaiting the return of the remainder, under Lieut. Cox, who was destroying maize on a neighbouring hill, when suddenly a large body of the enemy dashed out of the fern close by and rushed upon them with terrific yells, firing as they advanced. The troops were thrown into confusion, and Capt. Lloyd shot down and his thigh broken, in spite of which he continued to use his revolver, and killed or wounded three Maoris before being finally slain. Ptes. Dooley and G. Sadler, of the Regiment, were also killed, as well as several of the military settlers, their bodies being decapitated and horribly mutilated.

"Capt. Lloyd's head was subsequently recovered by Col. Logan's interpreter in the Wanganui district, having been carried through the country in a sort of progress by a body of fanatics calling themselves 'Hau Haus,' who caused defection among many tribes hitherto peaceable, and thereby prolonging the war.

"The melancholy termination to the career of an excellent and most promising officer was universally lamented in the Regiment. He had only rejoined the service companies from the Depot about two months before, and left a young widow and child to mourn his loss."

Col. C. J. Matthews, the last officer of the Regiment still surviving who served in the New Zealand War, wrote to me recently of this matter, thus:—

"I believe I was gazetted to the Regiment to fill a vacancy among the Ensigns caused by Capt. Lloyd's death, which was of course much discussed at the time. He bore a very high character as an officer, and was spoken of very highly as a fine brave man and as keen as could be wished for, but he was not up to the wiles and style of warfare of our gallant enemies. The Maoris cut off his head and carried it about on a pole, round which they danced, calling out 'Hau Hau.' We therefore called them the 'Hau Haus,' and this spread to other parts of the island. It was the Taranaki

(New Plymouth) natives on the Oakura River who surprised Lloyd's party."

I am sure that the little account above given by an officer who himself served in the Maori War will add to the interest of the "Curious Dream."

Faithfully yours,

A. A. GARSTIN, *Brig.-General*.

June 29th, 1932.

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A CURIOUS DREAM.

In a review, *Times Literary Supplement*, August 28th, 1924, of "History of the Maori Campaigns and the Pioneering Period," by James Cowan, Vol. II, "The Hauhau Wars, 1864-72," the writer says (the actual words are condensed): "The cult (Paimarire or Hauhau) originated in the revelation of a prophet called Te Ua, which, associated with a revival of cannibalism and mutilation of the dead, passed through the North Island like a fiery cross."

As I am the only person acquainted with the circumstances which gave the impetus to this cult, I will recount them.

The Maori War, on the west coast of the Northern Island, which terminated in 1861, broke out again in 1863, shortly after the reoccupation of the Tataraimaka Block in the Province of Taranaki.

A post was also established at the same time close to the mouth of the Oakura River, on a low cliff on its north bank, some nine miles from the town of New Plymouth.

In the year 1864 a Maori position and Pah, on the lower ranges of Mount Egmont, some three miles inland from the mouth of the Oakura, was taken by the troops. A post was established there and occupied by fifty Regular troops and fifty so-called "military settlers," a Volunteer Force principally composed of men who had been attracted to New Zealand by the discovery of gold on the west coast of the Middle Island.

A week later a Maori position, consisting of a stockade and rifle-pits, at a place called Ahuahua, some three miles from the coast on the right bank of the stream bounding the Tataraimaka block on the north, was taken by the troops, but after the destruction of the stockade and filling in of the rifle-pits it was not occupied.

The heavy bush ceased at the foot of the ranges and the flat ground between them and the sea was thickly covered with a growth of scrub and fern.

I was at the time employed on the Staff and was present at both of the foregoing affairs.

Some two or three weeks later the Officer Commanding the District told me he wished to ascertain whether the position at Ahuahu had been reoccupied by the natives and desired me to order a reconnaissance to be made at daylight the following morning, from the inland post established up the Oakura River, and to move along the edge of the bush to Ahuahu.

I wrote the necessary order and sent it out in the course of the afternoon by a mounted messenger.

I saw the Officer Commanding again in the evening, when he told me he was somewhat uneasy about the morrow's reconnaissance, as the officer in command at the post had not been very long in the country and desired me to go to Oakura early next morning and see what happened.

I went home, on the way directing two men of the Taranaki Mounted Rifle Volunteers (a small force of twenty-five men composed of settlers belonging to Taranaki and as good as gold) to be at my house at 4.30 the following morning; had my dinner, and went to bed.

I dreamt that I accompanied the reconnaissance along the edge of the bush; on reaching a mealy patch on the slope of the ranges above Ahuahu, the officer in command pointed out a naked footprint and said, "It is all right; there is only one man here," to which I replied (in my dream), "You had better be careful; there are sure to be more about." As I spoke, a volley was poured into us and I awoke, looked at my watch, and saw it was time to get up and dress.

I arrived at Oakura with the two mounted men about 7 a.m.; there were only a few men at the post, as the greater number had been sent up to take the place of those who formed the reconnoitring party.

I signalled (there was a rough mode of signalling with a mast, yard, and balls with halyards) to the inland post and ascertained that the reconnaissance had left at 6 a.m. as ordered.

There was nothing to be done but to wait events.

At about 8 o'clock I could see, with my glasses, against the skyline, men moving along the slope above Ahuahu in single file, and I counted up to within a few of the number who had started.

I said to myself, "My dream was all humbug," and mounted my horse to return to New Plymouth.

I had not moved three or four yards when I heard shots and could see puffs of smoke rising from the fern at the foot of the range close to where I knew Ahuahu to lie.

The shots ceased very shortly and I thought that possibly they had been fired at pig, which were numerous.

I crossed the Oakura River in order to meet the returning party, moving along the beach, and before reaching the point where the track ran inland to Ahuahu, I met a man who begged me not to go on, saying there were any number of Maoris about.

I also met a few more, but none of them could tell me what had happened.

On arriving at the point where the track turned inland from the beach I met more men, whom I ordered to sit down on the ground, and these were followed by others, principally military settlers; they were accompanied by their officer, formerly in the Regular Army, whom I knew.

From him I learnt they had been surprised and that he thought the Commanding Officer and several men were killed.

Ordering him to remain at the spot with all the men that were there until relieved, I galloped back to New Plymouth and reported to the Officer Commanding.

A small force was got together with which we reached Ahuahu late in the day to find the bodies of Capt. Lloyd and nine men lying on the ground with their heads cut off.

We were able to account for everyone, except one man, whose body I found myself some two or three weeks later, stripped and dismembered and with signs of the flesh having been cut from the thighs for cooking.

The small party of an officer and some half-dozen men, *i.e.*, those I had been unable to count from my position at Oakura in the morning, were in rear of the remainder of the party, and, seeing from

higher ground what had happened, had made their way diagonally to Oakura across the flat land between the ranges and the sea.

It was afterwards ascertained from the friendly natives that, on the day before this occurrence, Te Ua had got up in his village near Warea and prophesied that, if an ambush was laid at Ahuahu on the following morning, the Pakeha (white man) would fall into their hands. The ambush was laid by a small party with the foregoing result.

The cutting off of heads was practised in the old native wars, but had not been done in fights with white men, neither had bodies been mutilated.

Carrying the heads, the party returned on the track to Te Ua's village, but, becoming ashamed of what they had done, threw them into an empty potato-pit.

On reaching the village, Te Ua asked, "Where is the head of the rangatira (chief)?"

On learning what they had done with the head, he ordered them to go back and fetch it, and it was subsequently carried about the country as a sort of fiery cross.

About a year later it was recovered in the Wanganui Province and was sent to New Plymouth to be buried with Capt. Lloyd's body; it was accompanied by a paper signed by officers of the Regiment to the effect that it was *his* head.

Presumably this must have been done for political reasons, as, on opening the box, I found the head was not that of Capt. Lloyd.

I knew him well and from the manner in which the head was preserved (to be seen in museums in this country), the features were quite recognizable. Moreover, Capt. Lloyd did not smoke, and in the head a hole was worn between the teeth by a pipe-stem.

However, it was considered advisable to open Capt. Lloyd's grave and bury the head therein.

What actually happened at Ahuahu appeared to be as follows: the reconnoitring party had made its way, as ordered, along the edge of the bush and had descended, as seen by me from Oakura, to the site of the old stockade and rifle-pits.

Without examining the ground in the neighbourhood, which was covered with

thick fern, Capt. Lloyd ordered the men to pile arms and fall out—a single sentry was posted over the arms.

Poor fellow, he paid for this imprudence with his life, as, while the men were scattered looking at the old rifle-pits, the ambushing party rushed into the middle of them. Result, a wild rush for the arms, a panic, and a stampede.

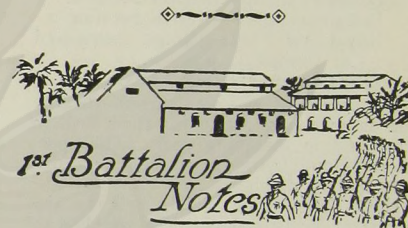
The friendly natives also stated that no hostile natives had been near the place from the day the stockade was taken until that morning.

It was obviously impossible that the natives at Te Ua's village could have been aware of the order sent the previous afternoon for the reconnaissance.

Doubtless my dream was caused by my knowledge of the country and thought of what might possibly happen; the curious thing is that it was fulfilled.

Over forty years later I was present, in another country, at the funeral of Capt. Lloyd's widow, and a week or two, either before or after—I forget which—I received a letter from one of the two mounted rifle volunteers who accompanied me on that morning.

CHARLES MANSFIELD CLARKE, *General*.
September 4th, 1924.



ALL ranks of the Battalion congratulate Colonel (Hon. Brigadier) R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., on his recent appointment to the Colonelcy of the Regiment. The news of the appointment was of particular interest to the many all ranks of the Battalion still serving, whose Commanding Officer he was between 1921 and 1924. May every success be his in this appointment. We take this opportunity of thanking our retiring Colonel, General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., for all that he has done for us. But this is by no means good-bye, as once a "Die-Hard" always a "Die-Hard."

Inspections of the Battalion were carried out by His Excellency the High Commissioner of Palestine, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Arthur G. Wauchope, K.C.B., C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., and by Major-General Sir J. T. Burnett-Stuart, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding British Troops in Egypt, during April. In his address to the Battalion after his inspection, His Excellency spoke of his years of contact with the Middlesex Regiment, and added an eulogy which did the Battalion much credit.

On the occasion of H.M. The King's Birthday on June 3rd, the Battalion carried out the ceremony of the Trooping of the Colour before H.E. the High Commissioner of Palestine. The five guards were commanded by Major G. L. Brown, D.S.O., and the escort guard by Major L. F. Sloane-Stanley, Lieut. D. Y. Cubitt being the subaltern of the escort guard. 2/Lieut. R. W. D. Sword acted as Colour ensign. The whole parade was commanded by the Officer Commanding, British Troops in Palestine, Lieut.-Colonel V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O. The following units were represented:—

1st. Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers, Haifa.
No. 14 Coy., R.A.S.C., Jerusalem.
Palestine Police—British Section.
Palestine Police—Native Section.
Royal Air Force—No. 2 Armoured
Car Company, Ramleh.
Transjordan Frontier Force.

The ceremony was well carried out, the guards receiving praise for their drill in arms and in marching past. The spectators amounted to three or four thousand in number.

H.H. The Emir Talal, heir to the throne of Transjordan, was attached to the Regiment for a short period. He was attached to B Company, with whom he did some fairly intensive training. He was educated at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, where some officers of the Regiment were acquainted with him two or three years ago.

Major L. F. Sloane-Stanley joined the Battalion on May 5th, having undergone the 38th Senior Officers' Course at the Senior Officers' School, Sheerness, from January 18th, 1932, to April 6th, 1932.

Major G. L. Brown, D.S.O., and Captain H. Phillips, M.C., have paid a few days' training visit to the R.A.F. Station

at Amman, Transjordan, between the 6th and 10th June. During the next two months nearly every officer will probably pay this visit also, two officers proceeding each week.

Lieut. C. C. Musselwhite is at present on three months home leave, which terminates at the end of July. Captain H. Phillips, M.C., and Lieutenant H. F. Mackenzie will also have completed short leave in U.K. when these notes are published.

An "At Home" was given by the officers on the occasion of the 121st anniversary of Albuhera.

It was with deep regret that we learnt in the last issue of the JOURNAL of the death of General Sir Charles Mansfield-Clarke, whose long connection with the Regiment will always be remembered.

The move of the Battalion to the Citadel at Cairo is the subject of countless rumours at present, the official date of the move not yet having been notified. It is hoped that it will take place at a time well within our expectations.

New property of the Battalion includes the recent purchase of a bus, which has proved to be a very popular innovation. Cheap trips to places of interest in Palestine, notably to the Dead Sea, Jericho and Tel Aviv have resulted. In addition, a regular service between the Barracks and Jerusalem is run during week-ends, thus giving more convenience to other ranks when going to town.

A fire broke out in the Officers' quarters on the night of June 3rd while dinner was in progress. Its early discovery by Major L. F. Sloane-Stanley is responsible for small loss and damage to the quarter, which was that of Lieutenant and Quartermaster A. W. Clark. It was sufficiently dangerous, however, to bring to mind the inadequacy of the local Municipal Fire arrangements. The City of Jerusalem possesses no fire brigade; neither, in view of the extraordinary water difficulties of this locality, do fire hydrants feature very often in ground plans. The fire, however, was soon put out by the chain bucket method.

Since our arrival in this country, polo practice has been carried out fairly extensively, it being hoped that a team may be built which will hold its own in Egypt later on. A polo practice pit has been

installed, some suitable ponies have been acquired, and much practice has been carried out already on the Barrack "square."

The Battalion achieved success in the Palestine Cross-Country Championship in May by winning the team championship fairly easily. Pte. Shaw ran an excellent race to finish fourth to the holder, Sergt. Flanagan (British Police), who was second, and to the Hungarian champion, who was first.

In April, during the first Maccabiad at Tel Aviv, when teams from seven or eight countries were competing, the Battalion team in the 400 metres relay (4 x 100 m.) won this event. The team, which consisted of Lieut. P. D. F. Powell, Corpl. Barnett, L./Cpl. Hopwood and McNamara are congratulated on an excellent performance.

An education examination for 2nd Class Candidates, at which 89 of the Battalion sat, was held on May 5th and 6th; and, although the results are not yet made known, it is hoped that at least three-fourths of this number obtained certificates or passed except in one subject. The following gained the 3rd Class Certificate at an examination held at Jerusalem on May 27th, 1932:—

6199453 Pte. G. Bundy, B Company.
6199451 Pte. J. Caul, B Company.
6199809 Pte. T. Daniels, B Company.
6550662 Pte. E. Thornhill, B Company.
6200118 Pte. R. Saunders, D Company.
6200193 Boy J. Schroder, H.Q. Wing.

Detachment reliefs at Nablus have been carried out frequently, platoons of the Rifle Companies taking turns of a few weeks or a month about. B Company were relieved by A (M.G.) Company at Sarafand in April, and the latter have now been relieved by D Company.

A (M.G.) Company are to be heartily congratulated for winning the Albuhera Shield again, with Headquarters second, C Company are also to be congratulated on winning the Mons Shield in such fine style.

BOXING.

BATTALION NOVICES INDIVIDUAL
TOURNAMENT—APRIL 4TH, 5TH, 7TH AND
8TH, 1932.

There was no lack of entries for this competition, held in the N.A.A.F.I. Insti-

tute, and the four nights of boxing which it entailed produced plenty of natural talent among the competitors. There were 91 three-round contests fought altogether. The Commanding Officer congratulated all the contestants on the good spirit shown by them throughout the tournament. Some of the plucky losers in the initial rounds were Pte. Levick (C), L./Cpl. Simpson (B), and Pte. Eddison (D).

Winners and runners-up were as follow:—

Bantam-weight.—Winner, Pte. Hodley (D); runner-up, Pte. Cooksley (C).

Feather-weight.—Winner, Pte. Burch (B); runner-up, Pte. Ransom (H.Q.).

Light-weight.—Winner, Pte. Ellis, 42 (C); runner-up, Pte. Johns (A) (M.G.).

Welter-weight.—Winner, Pte. Dean (B); runner-up, Pte. Naulder (A) (M.G.).

Middle-weight. Winner, Pte. Hewitt (H.Q.); runner-up, Pte. Bayly (D).

Light-Heavy-weight.—Winner, Pte. Sargent (A); runner-up, Dmr. Butt (H.Q.).

Heavy-weight.—Winner, Pte. Westgarth (C); runner-up, Pte. Wellington (D.).

Position of Companies and points gained were:—

1st.—C, 66 points.
2nd.—A, 65 points.
3rd.—D and B, 55 points.
5th.—H.Q., 52 points.

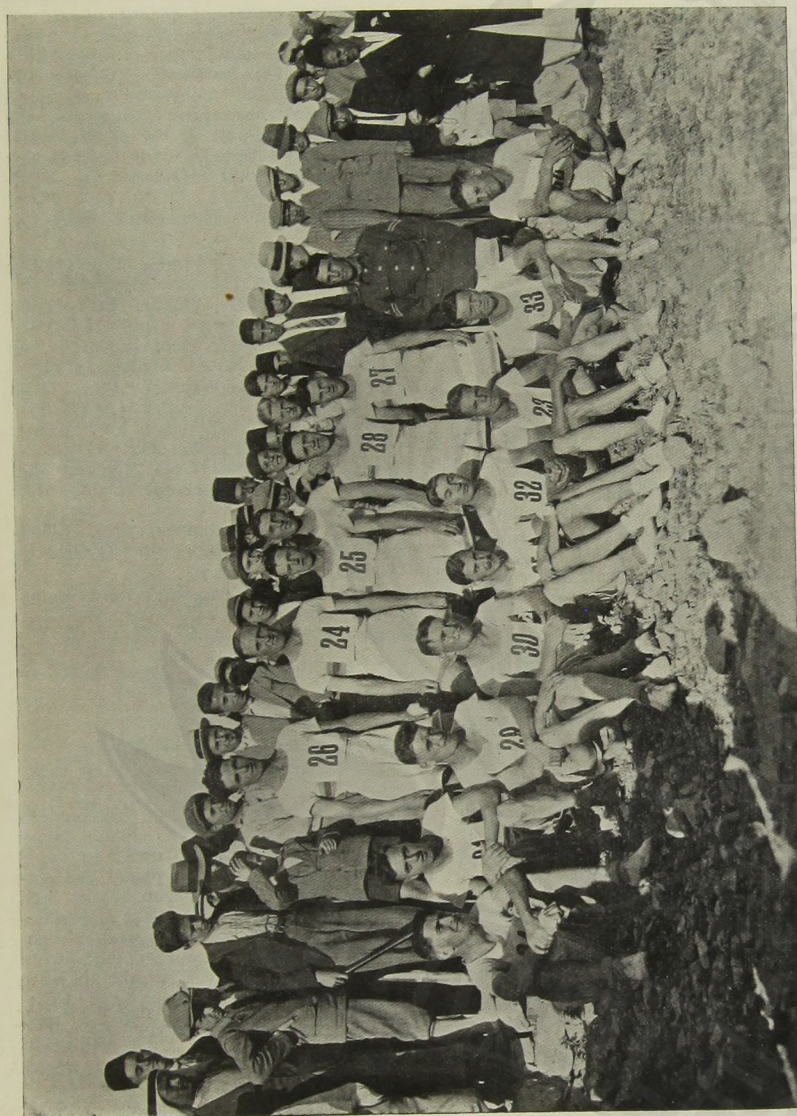
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BATTALION OPEN INDIVIDUAL
TOURNAMENT—APRIL 25TH, 26TH AND
27TH, 1932.

There were 65 entrants in this competition, the entries per Company being restricted to thirteen in order to avoid any unfair distribution of points to Companies. All were very keen boxers, and the bouts provided excellent entertainment. A few well-chosen words of congratulation and encouragement were addressed to the boxers and the audience at the end of the tournament by the Commanding Officer, who distributed cups and silver medals to the winners and runners-up.

The results were as follow:—

Bantam-weight.—Winner, C.S.M. Fleming (A); runner-up, Pte. Brettell (C.).



1ST BATTALION CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM.
Winners of the Palestine Cross-Country Championship, 1932.

Feather-weight. — Winner, Pte. Almond (A); runner-up, Pte. Burch (B.)

Light-weight. — Winner, Pte. Parker (A); runner-up, L./Cpl. Smith (A).

Welter-weight. — Winner, Pte. Francis (B); runner-up, Cpl. Donegar (D.).

Middle-weight. — Winner, Pte. Tatt (D); runner-up, L./Cpl. Whichello (H.Q.).

Light Heavy-weight. — Winner, L./Cpl. Chillery (H.Q.); runner-up, L./Cpl. Roseblade (D.).

Heavy-weight. — Winner, Pte. Evans (C); runner-up, L./Cpl. Gadsden (H.Q.).

Position of Companies and points gained by them were as follows:—

- 1st.—A (M.G.) Company, 47 points.
- 2nd.—C Company, 39 points.
- 3rd.—D Company, 38 points.
- 4th.—H.Q. Wing, 37 points.
- 5th.—B Company, 34 points.

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THE FIGHTS—WEIGHT BY WEIGHT.

Bantam-weight.

In winning this weight, C.S.M. Fleming gave an excellent exhibition of boxing craft. The fact that Brettell showed himself to be a very sturdy and well-trained boxer forced the best from Fleming. There was much hard hitting in all three rounds. At one time it almost seemed that Fleming would be knocked out. The Sergeant-Major, however, gave no other chances, and in the second and third rounds punished Brettell very severely. Brettell was very plucky. A greater number of points gained the verdict for C.S.M. Fleming. This was the best fight in the tournament.

Feather-weight.

Almond did well to win this weight after four hard fights, the hardest of which was in the semi-final against Pte. Johns of A (M.G.) Company, when hard-hitting gained him the verdict.

Light-weight.

Parker proved a very strong and experienced boxer. After gaining a technical k.o. decision against Pte. Le Dain, he knocked out Pte. Wildia in the second round, thus qualifying to meet L./Cpl. Smith A (M.G.) Company in the final. Smith had no easy time getting to the final, but gained points verdicts over both

Benham and Ellis. Parker knocked out Smith after a few seconds in the final bout.

Welter-weight.

In reaching the final of this weight, Francis found his chief stumbling block in the semi-final against L./Cpl. Clark, which bout became a bout of attrition in the third round, the odds being very slightly in favour of Francis. The other finalist, Cpl. Donegar, found Arney his chief obstacle in the rounds. The final proved a very good bout, the points going to Francis. Two plucky losers in this weight were Ptes. Urquhart and Eddison.

Middle-weight.

Strength expended in hard-hitting to the disadvantage of their opponents brought Tatt and Whichello into this final, then in this bout Tatt soon found his opponent's weak spot, and knocked him out in the second round.

Light Heavy-weight.

In the semi-final, L./Cpl. Roseblade did very well to gain a points decision over Hatchett, using his defence very carefully to avoid a knock-out. The final resulted in Roseblade providing an excellent defence against an obviously superior man. Chillery won on points.

Heavy-weight.

A series of knock-outs gave Evans the title in this weight.

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BATTALION INTER-COMPANY TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS—MAY 7TH, 8TH, 10TH AND 11TH, 1932.

The draw was as follows:—

First Round.—H.Q. beat D by ten fights to five.

Semi-Finals.—A beat H.Q. by nine fights to six; C beat B by ten fights to five.

Final.—C beat A by nine fights to six.

The final in this competition proved to be very exciting, it having to be decided on the result of the last bout, that of the 1st string welter-weights. The C Company man, however, gained a points verdict after a very game show on both sides.

BOYS' TOURNAMENT.

The Boys' Tournament was run in conjunction with the Inter-Company Team Tournament. The entrants showed very good spirit, Boy Rowntree being the outstanding performer. The results were as follows:—

Fly-weight.—Winner, Boy Schroder; runner-up Boy Baker.

Bantam-weight.—Winner, Boy Geary; runner-up, Boy Klintworth.

Feather-weight.—Winner, Boy Bolingbroke; runner-up, Boy Allbrook.

Light-weight.—Winner, Boy Rowntree; runner-up, Boy Clargo.

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GENERAL.

In his address at the conclusion of the Inter-Company Team Championships, Lieut.-Colonel V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O. Officer Commanding British Troops in Palestine, congratulated the Battalion on the excellent boxing produced throughout all the recent competitions, and expressed, in a few words, the faith that the Battalion would, without doubt, be able to hold its own at boxing amongst the units it would meet in Egypt during the next three years.

ATHLETICS.

"The British Army sure have got some flyers."

The Battalion entered a team in the open 4 x 100 yards relay race in the Jewish Olympic games at Tel Aviv. The Americans, who had been carrying all before them at the meeting, were rather surprised to have to come in second to our team, which consisted of Lieut. Powell, Cpl. Barnett, Pte. McNamara and L./Cpl. Hopwood. Our good take-overs were to a large extent responsible for a five-yards win, which made us the first winners of the Wauchope Cup. Our medley relay race team defeated all-comers at the Royal Air Force sports at Ramleh, and our milers have held their own so far except against Sergt. Flanagan, British Police, who has proved too good for them.

ALBUHERA DAY, 1932.

A large part of the sports programme was carried out on Sunday, May 15th, to enable a short evening programme to be

staged on Albuhera Day. This was just as well as the 16th managed to produce rain, even in Palestine; but here it was accompanied by a hot wind and dust!

The racing was very good, and the Battalion team of last year will be well supplemented with members of the "turn-over" from the 2nd Battalion when we enter for open events in Egypt. Not so the field events. Lack of kit and time for training produced rather disappointing results. Hammers, discus and pole-jumping are still a mystery to those who have been abroad for over three years. We hope next year that those with knowledge will impart more of it to those who know not. The final result was well deserved. A (M.G.) Company, with a well-balanced team, beat H.Q. Wing by two points. B Company came third, with D and C Companies fourth and fifth, respectively.

CRICKET.

Since the middle of April few afternoons have passed without a cricket match taking place on the Barrack square ground, whether Inter-Mess, Inter-Company or Inter-Platoon, and on Wednesdays and Sundays there are invariably all-day matches also. Thus, there is a lively and general interest in the game throughout the Battalion, and, no doubt, this will soon bear fruit in "discoveries" of recruits for the Battalion teams. The Battalion C.C. have so far played five matches, of which three have resulted in wins, and two in losses for the Battalion. Good cricket weather has mainly produced equally good play, and, despite our two reverses, it augurs well for the future.

The details of matches already played are as follows:—

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT C.C. v. ROYAL AIR FORCE C.C., RAMLEH.

Played at Jerusalem on May 4th, 1932, and won by The Middlesex by 25 runs.

R.A.F.

Bermingham b Northcott	...	...	9
Welch b Painter	...	...	13
Clark c Long b Northcott	...	...	0
Cpl. Palmer c Thomas b Painter	...	...	1
F./Lieut. Lynn c Painter b Northcott	...	...	12
Greening c Capt. Phillips b Northcott	...	...	17
Hurst c Capt. Parker b Northcott	...	...	0
S.M. Walker b Northcott	...	...	0
Sanders st Thomas b 2/Lieut. Sword	...	...	1
Tomlinson run out	...	...	4

Benson not out	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	8
Total	...	...	66

Bowling.—Northcott 6 for 29; Painter 2 for 23; Sword 1 for 6.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Capt. Phillips b Welch	...	...	28
Sergt. Northcott b Greening	...	...	13
Sergt. Thomas c Palmer b Greening	...	...	1
2/Lieut. Sword st Walker b Benson	...	...	22
L./Cpl. Painter b Greening	...	...	3
Pte. Jones c Clark b Welch	...	...	1
Capt. Parker b Benson	...	...	5
Pte. Long 56 b Greening	...	...	0
Pte. Savory b Benson	...	...	0
L./Cpl. Britton not out	...	...	3
L./Cpl. Willis st Walker b Benson	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	7

Total ... 91

Bowling.—Greening 4 for 30; Benson 4 for 20; Welch 2 for 15; Palmer 0 for 19.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT C.C. v. AIR HEAD-QUARTERS C.C., JERUSALEM.

Played at Jerusalem on May 17th, 1932, and won by Air Headquarters by 108 runs.

AIR HEADQUARTERS.

S./Ldr. Steele c Kennett b Northcott	...	...	1
Mitchell b Northcott	...	...	20
Monks c Savory b Painter	...	...	57
Craig not out	...	...	38
F./Sergt. Williams c Clowes b Northcott	...	...	0
Sergt. Howell run out	...	...	10
Tucker c Savory b Kennett	...	...	9
F./Lieut. Pendred not out	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	6

Total (for 6 wks.) ... 145

Nicholson, Chinnick and Hughes did not bat.
Bowling.—Kennett 1 for 51; Northcott 3 for 57; Painter 1 for 19; Sword 0 for 12.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Lieut. Clowes b Monks	...	...	4
Sergt. Northcott b Monks	...	...	7
L./Cpl. Painter b Mitchell	...	...	1
2/Lieut. Sword lbw b Mitchell	...	...	1
Major Pargiter b Mitchell	...	...	4
Sergt. Kennett c Craig b Mitchell	...	...	4
Capt. Parker run out	...	...	1
2/Lieut. Hall b Mitchell	...	...	3
Pte. Savory b Monks	...	...	0
2/Lieut. Gwyn b Monks	...	...	8
L./Cpl. Britton not out	...	...	3
Extras	...	...	5

Total ... 37

Bowling.—Mitchell 5 for 19; Monks 4 for 13.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT C.C. v. P.G.H. C.C., SARAFAND.

Played at Sarafand on May 18th, 1932, and won by The Middlesex by 38 runs.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.—FIRST INNINGS.

Sergt. Thomas c Noakes b Warren	...	...	37
Sergt. Northcott b Crittenden	...	...	4
2/Lieut. Sword b Myers	...	...	0
Lieut. Clowes c Cox b Myers	...	...	4
Capt. Parker lbw b Myers	...	...	2
Sergt. Kennett b Oakes	...	...	0
L./Cpl. Painter c Noakes b Myers	...	...	15
Cpl. Williams c Crittenden b Myers	...	...	2
Pte. Savory not out	...	...	10
2/Lieut. Hall b Warren	...	...	5
L./Cpl. Britton c and b Warren	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	6

Total ... 85

Bowling.—Crittenden 1 for 17; Myers 5 for 34; Oakes 1 for 18; Warren 3 for 10.

P.G.H.—FIRST INNINGS.

Crittenden b Kennett	...	...	17
Oakes b Kennett	...	...	0
Surtees-Myers b Kennett	...	...	7
Noakes b Painter	...	...	6
Cooper lbw b Painter	...	...	5
Brice run out	...	...	6
Erwin b Painter	...	...	0
Mahoney b Kennett	...	...	7
Cox b Kennett	...	...	0
Warren not out	...	...	1
Grainger c Parker b Painter	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	4

Total ... 53

Bowling.—Kennett 5 for 16; Northcott 0 for 20; Painter 4 for 13.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.—SECOND INNINGS.

Sergt. Thomas lbw b Warren	...	...	27
Sergt. Northcott c Myers b Warren	...	...	29
2/Lieut. Sword st Noakes b Myers	...	...	6
Lieut. Clowes not out	...	...	6
Capt. Parker c Brice b Myers	...	...	0
Sergt. Kennett not out	...	...	6
Extras	...	...	3

Total (for 4 wks., dec.) ... 77

Remainder did not bat.

P.G.H.—SECOND INNINGS.

Crittenden st Thomas b Savory	...	...	14
Myers c Savory b Kennett	...	...	24
Brice st Thomas b Savory	...	...	5
Oakes b Savory	...	...	7
Noakes c Clowes b Kennett	...	...	9
Cooper b Savory	...	...	2
Warren b Kennett	...	...	1
Erwin b Kennett	...	...	0
Mahoney b Savory	...	...	1
Grainger b Kennett	...	...	3
Cox not out	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	4

Total ... 71

Bowling.—Kennett 5 for 41; Savory 5 for 26.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT C.C. v. JERUSALEM SPORTS CLUB.

Played at Jerusalem on May 21st, 1932, and won by The Middlesex by 4 wickets.

JERUSALEM SPORTS CLUB.	
Cressall b Kennett	2
Ayling b Kennett	0
Orr lbw b Savory	17
Maclaren b Sword	37
Le Bourrier b Sword	28
Hudson c and b Kennett	27
Morrall b Northcott	18
Wainwright lbw b Northcott	2
Concannon b Northcott	3
Seaman c Bellers b Kennett	11
Wells not out	6
Extras	11
Total	162
Bowling.—Savory 1 for 23; Kennett 4 for 58; Northcott 3 for 37; Sword 2 for 13; Painter 0 for 20.	

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
Sergt. Thomas c and b Hudson	28
Capt. Phillips c Concannon b Wainwright	23
Lieut. Clowes b Wainwright	33
2/Lieut. Sword c Concannon b Hudson	4
Sergt. Northcott b Orr	45
Sergt. Kennett c Wainwright b Maclaren	16
L./Cpl. Painter not out	16
Extras	20
Total (for 6 wks., dec.)	185
Capt. Parker, 2/Lieut. Bellers, Ptes. Jones and Savory did not bat.	
Bowling.—Wainwright 2 for 42; Maclaren 1 for 31; Cressall 0 for 21; Concannon 0 for 21; Hudson 2 for 26; Orr 1 for 13; Le Bourrier 0 for 11.	

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT C.C. v. AIR HEAD-QUARTERS C.C., JERUSALEM.
Played at Jerusalem on June 8th, 1932, and won by Air Headquarters by 141 runs.

AIR HEADQUARTERS.	
F./Lieut. Williams c Thomas b Kennett	18
L.A.C. Mitchell c Clowes b Northcott	0
L.A.C. Monks c and b Northcott	91
S./Ldr. Steele c Kennett b Sword	24
L.A.C. Goddan b Sword	33
F./Sergt. Williams b Sword	10
L.A.C. Woodcock not out	10
Extras	6
Total (for 6 wks., dec.)	192
Craig, Hammons, Tucker and Howell did not bat.	
Bowling.—Kennett 1 for 42; Northcott 2 for 74; Sword 3 for 36; Savory 0 for 15; Painter 0 for 19.	

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
Sergt. Thomas c Steele b Monks	2
2/Lieut. Sword c Goddan b Monks	14
Sergt. Northcott b Monks	2
Lieut. Clowes c and b Mitchell	9
Sergt. Kennett b Monks	1
Pte. Price c and b Monks	0
2/Lieut. Gwyn st Williams b Monks	1
Capt. Parker not out	9
L./Cpl. Painter c Mitchell b Monks	0
2/Lieut. Hall hit wkt. b Mitchell	0

Pte. Savory c Woodcock b Monks	7
Extras	6
Total	51
Bowling.—Monks 8 for 23; Mitchell 2 for 22.	

FOOTBALL.

The football in the Battalion came to a somewhat hurried end, owing to the need for grounds for other sports, on April 15th.

The Band won the Inter-Platoon Knock-out from 6 Platoon B Company after two replays, and C Company were the winners of the Company Shield, beating A (M.G.) Company 2—0 in the final played at Ramleh.

The Battalion team played several friendly matches against the local clubs, both in Jaffa and Tel Aviv, and, as the results show, have improved a great deal on the hard ground during the season.

Corporals Green and Williams, Privates Smith '08, Collier, Carter, Dyer and Ryder all deserve mention for their regular play and steady form during the football months, and L./Cpl. Blackman and Dmr. Watson, who came out with the last draft and have consequently not taken part in so many games, show distinct promise.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the teams we have played for the sporting games they have given us, and for the sociable way they have entertained us in their clubs afterwards.

Results of matches:—

Date.	Versus.	Result.
March 12th.	Petah Tiqva	Draw 2—2
March 19th.	Combined Maccabee (Tel Aviv and Jerusalem)	Draw 2—2
April 2nd.	Greek Club, Jaffa	Won 3—2
May 21st.	Maccabee, Tel Aviv	Won 4—2
May 28th.	Maccabee, Tel Aviv	Lost 2—1

GLIMPSES OF PALESTINE.

Sarafand, probably a corruption of Sarafin, Arabic for "The place of changing money," was undoubtedly the money exchange for Palestine about 1,000 years ago, and during the Turkish occupation of the country.

It was a well-wooded and highly cultivated area until the entry of the Turk in the 8th century. Gradually they denuded the country of trees for commercial purposes, and as the idea of reforestation did not seem to have

occurred to them, we now find the whole district bare and uninviting to the eye. The powers-that-be are making strenuous efforts to regain the verdant appearance of the past, but the damage done over a space of 1,000 years will naturally take a long, long time to rectify.

As a place of historical interest, Sarafand has quite a place in the sun, even in such an historical country as Palestine. It is roughly the centre of the original Palestine as given in the Old Testament, or, the country of the Philistines, who gave the name Falistine to the country, which has now been altered to Palestine. (It is still called Falistine by the Arabs.)

The villages surrounding Sarafand, and in the same district, are of considerable interest to us; for instance, far back in Bible times we read that the Ark of the Covenant was placed in the House of Dagon (the temple of the Philistine God Dagon) and the Idol fell down. This place is now known as Bate-Dajon, and this materially helped in the conquest of the Philistines by the Israelites.

Lydda, very near by, is recognized as Lod of the Old Testament, and was also the headquarters of the first Crusade in about 1097. The Crusaders changed their headquarters to Jerusalem after its capture from the Saracens in 1099.

Lydda and Ramleh were used by Richard Cœur-de-Lion during the third Crusade about 1190, and at these places numerous indications are to be found of the Crusaders, including the graves of many of the Company. At Gazur we can see a Crusader Castle of Richard's time in quite a good state of preservation.

That famous battle-cry, "St. George for England," has its origination in this area. The legend attached to it is of great interest, and is said to be authentic.

St. George was a Roman soldier, also a Christian, and during one of the periodical persecutions of the Christians by Rome, he refused to carry out the persecution of the Christians in Palestine, and was himself persecuted and died a martyr. He was buried at Lydda, made a Saint, and a church was built over his tomb in the 6th century by the Christians of the district. This church has been destroyed and rebuilt several times.

During the third Crusade, Richard, in

his headquarters at Lydda, had a dream in which St. George appeared to him, riding a white horse and leading his army against the Saracens. The following morning Richard led his army with the cry of "St. George for England," and completely defeated the Saracen Army on the plain of Sarafand.

St. George was canonized, and the church was built by the Crusaders over his tomb, which still stands to-day.

The picture we are familiar with, showing St. George fighting the dragon, symbolizes his fight against the heathen and disbelief.

It is possible that readers who took part in the campaign in Palestine will call to mind various incidents connected with this place.

The Turkish Army used these plains to concentrate troops and supplies for Beer-sheba and Gaza and also built the prison camp in this area.

When they were driven northwards by the British Army they, in turn, used the same site for the concentration of troops. At one time about 22,000 troops were camped here and, in contrast, to to-day there were ten cinemas and three theatres in the district.

During the severe winter of 1918 the Egyptian Camel Corps, who were camped on the site now occupied by Vittoria Barracks, lost by exposure 3,000 camels and 300 men in the month of April. The camels were buried under the place now occupied by the N.A.A.F.I., and the men in the War Cemetery not far away.

Lord Allenby's great cavalry strategy when he withdrew the cavalry from Transjordan under the nose of the Turk is somewhat like Marlborough's at Blenheim, and, after a long trek, won a great victory with them on the plains of Sarafand.

Sarafand to-day is a fairly large plain, undulating, not flat, with the appearance of a desert, yet not so, dotted with bungalows of corrugated iron as quarters for troops, and surrounded with Jewish colonies in the making.

The Jewish colonies are making wonderful progress in the cultivation of oranges and in about ten or fifteen years Sarafand will be worth seeing and living in for a short time, for by then the interest will not have lessened, and the district will have improved in appearance.

A (M.G.) COMPANY.

Since our last notes the prospective move to Sarafand is now an accomplished and almost completed fact.

The Company left Jerusalem on the morning of March 17th, and travelled by buses. The journey was both interesting and thrilling, especially at the "Seven Sisters," a very steep hill, noted for its seven hairpin bends. The Company entered into the spirit of the ride in a very wholehearted manner, and urged their respective native drivers to greater speeds. We reached Sarafand, however, without mishap, and by the afternoon of the same day were comfortably settled in.

It is generally said, with truth, that first impressions are lasting: our first impressions of Sarafand were certainly very pleasing. It was the first time that the Company has ever been on detachment, and we looked forward to an enjoyable time, which, undoubtedly, we have had, in spite of a strenuous period of work.

A few days were spent in settling in, then individual training continued in earnest, rifle, revolver, rangetaking, machine gun, thirty yards range, and education all going at once. After several days the long range at Richon was completed, and on May 12th we had the honour of baptising it with lead. At the time of writing, the Annual Course is all but finished, and we are now about to jump off with the Company Rifle Meeting and A.R.A. Cup Match.

Education for the first month was really intense, and the possibilities of an epidemic of brain fever were fended off by the strenuous efforts of the Sports Committee.

Albuhera Day was in sight, and activities in all branches of sport became general. Boxing occupied most of our time for the first part of our stay, and the teams got down to good hard training under C.S.M. Fleming. In the Novices' Competition we were runners-up to C Company, and we congratulate Ptes. Sargent, Johns and Naulder on the good shows they put up. In the Open Competition, C.S.M. Fleming, by winning the Bantams, realized an ambition he has kept to himself for many years—that was to be Regimental Champion in his weight. This was the first year that he has been able to compete. We heartily congratulate

him and also Pte. Almond, Pte. Parker (97), and L./Cpl. Smith on their respective successes, which helped a great deal towards our winning the Competition.

In the Inter-Company Tournament we were again defeated by our old friends C Company, but it was a very good show, and we took them to the last fight.

At Cross-Country we formed a very well-balanced team, the best the Company has produced for many years, and in succession we beat B, C and D Companies. Although the country around Jerusalem is not suited to cross-country running, the team packed and ran well together, and we congratulate them on their successful efforts. Nine of the Company represented the Battalion team of fifteen in the Palestine Cross-Country Championship, which we won with great ease.

On Albuhera Day we carried off the Athletic Shield after a close tussle with H.Q. Wing. Our achievements that day were:—First in the High Jump and Three Miles, and second in the 440, 800, Mile, and Pole Jump. The winning of this Shield was the deciding factor in our retaining the Albuhera Shield for the third year in succession, a Battalion record, which we are sure will please all past and present machine gunners.

Our cricket team has started its season by playing matches with local teams, and on our return to Jerusalem we hope to give D Company a good game in the first round of the Inter-Company Knock-Out. The preliminary rounds of the Inter-Platoon Knock-out has left Nos. 2 and 4 Platoons to play off the final.

Being twelve miles from the nearest town, we decided to amuse ourselves with Whist Drives and a Concert Party. The latter was great fun, and caused as much amusement to the performers as to the audience itself. An Inter-Platoon Sketch Competition was held, and was won by No. 1 Platoon. At a later date we repeated our performance at the Palestine General Hospital, where the staff and patients alike treated us very kindly.

The Company, under Lieut. Herapath, represented the Battalion in the King's Birthday Parade at Jaffa, and received a very creditable report on their turn-out and smart drill. The only event left to record is our march back to Jerusalem. We will probably have a few words to say about this in the next number.

B COMPANY.

Many things have transpired since our last notes were written, first among these being our arrival at Jerusalem from Sarafand.

Our entry into the Holy City has indeed been welcome, and seems to have been accompanied with many successes, especially in the realm of sport. The Athletic Meeting on Albuhera Day was to have been one of these, but it was decreed otherwise. We were leading up till the last two events, when we dropped to third place. Cpl. Barnett and Pte. Hatchett won the Putting the Shot event, and Sergt. West, Cpl. Barnett and Ptes. Barnes and Blow secured the 100 Yards Relay for us, while Pte. Cooper won the Three Miles (individuals). We also have to congratulate him on obtaining 7th place in the Palestine Cross-Country Run and on being selected to run for Palestine.

We congratulate Ptes. Burch and Dean on winning their respective weights in the Novices.

We have not had much opportunity for showing our talent on the cricket field, but we hope to tell of many victories in the next issue of THE DIE-HARDS. We have played against H.Q. Wing on two occasions, and have lost each time owing to their superior play. Nevertheless, we hope to have our revenge at some future date. At the time of these notes going to press we shall be in the midst of Inter-Platoon Cricket, and we hope to be able to publish our successes in the next issue.

Before leaving the subject of sport we congratulate Ptes. Francis and McGrady on being selected to represent the Battalion for the Palestine Individual Championships, and hope they will acquit themselves well in the noble art.

Dame Rumour has it that B Company is just recovering from sore feet acquired during the three days' march. Certainly, many of the N.C.Os. were seen to heave a sigh of relief when Talavera Barracks came in sight over the hill. Our heartfelt sympathies to all future three-day hikers.

In conclusion, we offer our congratulations to Cpl. Barnett on his promotion, and hope his stay with us will be a long and pleasant one.

"BEER."

C COMPANY.

The weather is hot—really hot—almost too hot, in fact, to pen these notes. However, one or two events of outstanding significance cannot go unrecorded, and so, with wet rags round our brows, and a glass of tepid water by our side, we will make the effort.

As was predicted in the last notes, No. 9 Platoon have been much in evidence, although most of the evidence seems to have been one-sided. It was unfortunate that, on the eve of the first round of the Platoon Football Knock-out this platoon went sight-seeing in the town, and it was a somewhat weakened side that fell next day to No. 6 Platoon, B Company (2—1).

The Company team, however, made up for this sad failure by carrying off the Football Shield, defeating D Company 3—2 after an extremely even game, and A Company 2—0 in the final amidst their own surroundings at Sarafand. The team showed good form all through the season and special thanks are due to Ptes. Collier, o8 Smith, Fountain, Freestone and Arney whose keenness and steady play was largely responsible for the Company's success.

On March 25th another platoon of C Company, under 2/Lieut. Hall, relieved Lieut. Powell at Nablus, and we here take the opportunity of thanking the Rev. S. Crawford on behalf of the Detachment for brightening those days with his many interesting talks.

In the Platoon Hockey Knock-out No. 12 Platoon had to "face the music" in the form of the Band, and it was only after a fierce struggle that we lost 1—2. The following week, however, the Company team again reversed its platoon defeat by defeating H.Q. Wing 2—1, having already triumphed over B Company, 4—1.

On April 8th we brought off the first of a series of victories, which eventually gave us the Boxing Shield and made us all-powerful in the boxing world.

It was doubtless a surprise to many when we won the Novices' Boxing Competition, and we must thank Pte. Hatchett for the way in which he turned our raw material into such a strong fighting unit. The Company winners were:—Pte. Westgarth (heavy-weight),

Pte. Ellis (light-weight) and Pte. Cooksley (runner-up, bantam-weight).

On April 27th we further consolidated our position by being runners-up to A Company in the Open Individual Boxing Meeting, the winners being Pte. Evans (heavy-weight) and Pte. Brettell (runner-up bantam-weight).

On May 9th we delivered the *coup de grâce* by emerging victors in the Inter-Company Team Boxing, beating A Company by 9 fights to 6, having already disposed of B Company by 10 fights to 5.

One cannot mention any individual feats for our success was undoubtedly due to good hard fighting all round, every member of the team doing his bit and not relying on the "stars" for the victory; however, a word of praise is due to Pte. Evans who trained and rallied the team round him with such effective results.

We greatly appreciate the keenness of our young cross-country running team who were so unfortunate in drawing the formidable A Company team—the eventual winners. We are sure that next year, when it will be cross—"country" and not cross—"mountain" running they will meet with better success.

After all we had heard about the wonders of Nebi Musa, it was a disappointment to find that we were confined to barracks from May 29th to 30th, and thus prevented from seeing anything of it. The detachment at Nablus, however, were more fortunate, in that they not only witnessed the arrival and departure of the local procession, but were also afforded the unique opportunity of attending the Feast of the Passover on the top of Mount Gorizim. Our sympathies go to those who climbed over 1,000 feet up the wrong mountain!

Albuhera Day, looming out of the darkness of a Khamseen, caught our athletic team somewhat untrained owing to our very recent activities in other branches of sport. However, in spite of this, and the untimely transfer of Cpl. Barnett to B Company on the 1st of the month (we here offer him our heartiest congratulations on his promotion), we carried off the 200 Yards Relay and the Hammer.

The prize-giving was somewhat marred by the weather, but it would have taken a lot more than rain to damp our spirits when it was realized that we had won the Mons Shield.

We are greatly rejoiced at the unexpected return of Capt. Mirams to the fold. The next forty days should have few terrors with him to shepherd us through the wilderness.

It is unfortunate that our Company Training should reach its height around midsummer's day, but in order to combat the effort of this we are dabbling in a little experiment of time. To-day one of the most unique sights in Jerusalem is the first rays of the rising sun stealing over the Mountains of Moab and glinting on the blades of Spartan C, who, complete with box respirators, are "tasting the innocent freshness of the newborn day."

In view of the statement above, we feel justified in claiming a respite on compassionate grounds. However, there is one more topic of importance to be dealt with.

We are proud to have the honour of having introduced to the East at least one Western custom, which has staved off the ruin of our declining youth. We refer, of course, to "hiking." On Wednesday last (our weekly holiday) a small band of adventurers launched a crusade to the Dead Sea on foot. Our readers will doubtless be bursting with curiosity as to the fate of this bold enterprise, but here disappointment awaits them, for to date our heroes have been too modest to advise us of their success—or otherwise—and so this gripping yarn will be continued in our next.

"CORK."

D COMPANY.

There has been plenty of sport during the past three months, and this Company has had its full share.

In the Company's division of the Inter-Platoon Hockey Knock-Out, No. 13 Platoon were the winners, and so passed into the first round proper. This round brought them up against No. 7 Platoon, whom they beat after extra time by two goals to nil.

In the round that followed, No. 2 Platoon deprived No. 13 Platoon of the privilege of playing in the final by beating them by two goals to four again after extra time.

No. 15 Platoon did very well in the Inter-Platoon Passball Competition. After keen tussles with Nos. 13 and 14 Platoons in the Company division, this Platoon

went on into the final, and won the Competition by beating the best Platoon of B Company by one goal to nil. Sergt. Northcott and his team are to be congratulated on a very good show.

D Company made a good show in the Inter-Company Cross-Country Knock-Out Competition by beating H.Q. Wing in the semi-final. In the final the better runners of A (M.G.) Company gained the verdict. Several of the Company team were afterwards selected to represent the Battalion in the Palestine Championships, which the Battalion won.

Due to the difficulty in not realizing the talent in our own ranks, our showing in the Battalion Athletes' Meeting was not so comforting as it might have been; nevertheless, the Albuhera Sports showed us to advantage in the four events which the Company won.

These were the Tug-of-War, Two Miles Relay (four at 880), One Mile Team Race, and the Long Jump.

The Company's teams in the last three events were as follows:—

Two Miles Relay.—Sergt. Priddy, Cpl. Donegar, L./Cpl. Roseblade, and Pte. Langdale. This was one of the best events in the meeting.

One Mile Team Race.—Pte. Langdale (1st), L./Cpl. Roseblade (2nd), Pte. Harewell (4th), and Cpl. Donegar (6th). To gain four places in the first six was a splendid effort.

Long Jump.—Cpl. Williams and Pte. Bristow.

Despite a lack of sprinters and the standard performances in most field events, the Company athletics team really did very well, and it is hoped that next year will see us in a more favourable position in the whole meeting.

In an all-day match on April 20th D Company beat H.Q. Wing by 29 runs, the scores being as follows:—

D Company, 185 (Northcott 31, Britton 29); H.Q. Wing, 27 (Northcott, 7 for 11).

Second Innings.—H.Q. Wing, 186 (Long 47, Kennett 20, Crannage, 4 for 19); D Company, 57 (Kennett, 4 for 7).

In an afternoon match at Mount Scopus against the district British Police, on May 30th, it resulted in a win for the latter. The scores were as follows:—

D Company, 48 (Lieut. Clowes 16); British Police, 118 for 7 wks. (McAdam 50 not out).

Full teams from D Company entered the ring in the Battalion Boxing Championships held during late April and early May.

In the Novices' Tournament our Novices gave an exceptionally good show. In the Open Individual Competition, Pte. Tatt won the Middle-weight, Cpl. Donegar and L./Cpl. Roseblade were runners-up in the Welter and Light Heavy-weights respectively, thus helping the Company to gain third place in this Competition. The Company were, however, not so fortunate in the Inter-Company Team Championship Tournament, and as many of the team were still *hors de combat* from the Open Competition they displayed excellent boxing.

For about six weeks, from June 15th onwards, the Company will be detached from the Battalion at Sarafand, where the Annual Musketry Course will be fired. The Company to be relieved is A (M.G.), and both of us will march to and from Sarafand. Despite the heat of the sun, the march should be interesting since it will take us from an altitude of about 3,000 feet at Jerusalem down to one or a couple of hundred feet on the Maritime Plain of Palestine.

A composite Platoon of D Company, under Lieut. Crawford and Sergt. Tiller, spent the month of May at Nablus Fort, so that by now practically the whole of the Company has visited the land of Shechem.

The Company was selected to act as escort for the Colour at the Trooping of the Colour Parade carried out by the Battalion on the occasion of H.M. the King's Birthday, and some very good drill was displayed by them in carrying out this duty before H.E. The High Commissioner on June 3rd, 1932.

The Officers, Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. of D Company congratulate Brigadier-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., on his appointment to the Colonelcy of the Regiment, and express the hope that this position may long be his.

H.Q. WING.

Old friends in the 2nd Battalion have often told us that there is more sport abroad than at home. The Wing has certainly had more matches during the short time we have been here than ever would have been played in England.

At cricket, such veterans as Sergts. Kennett and Thomas have been making history. "Konnoit" is trying hard to eliminate both Bradman and Fender combined, whilst the "Skipper," behind the stumps, has caused many a promising batsman to end his career abruptly.

Here are a few of the results of friendly matches:—

v. B Company. Won by 36 runs.
v. D Company. Lost by 30 runs.
v. B and C combined team. Won by 121 runs.

The Groups have been hard at it also:—

Details v. No. 13 Platoon. Won by 1 run.

Details v. Detachment, R.A.F. Won by 58 runs.

Band v. No. 10 Platoon, C Company—hockey final. Won.

Band v. No. 6 Platoon, B Company—football final. Won.

At boxing in the Novices, Pte. Hewitt won his weight, and in the Opens L./Cpl. Chillery and Whichello did wonderfully well. The team was beaten by A Company after some wonderfully sporting bouts.

All competitors of the athletic teams are to be congratulated on placing the Company second in the Albuhera Shield.

A Trooping of the Colour Parade was held on the King's Birthday. The town of Jerusalem was delighted with the performance. The Drum-Major was also delighted—afterwards.

We welcome Major Sloane-Stanley as Company Commander, and wish Capt. Mirams every success with C Company. They will appreciate their gain.

A route march was held in April to the War Cemetery at Mount Scopus, where the Battalion halted and were allowed to visit the graves. Many members of the Regiment are resting there.

The Wing is now settling down to ordinary routine, and the firing of the Annual Course at Sarafand. May much pro-pay be earned.

BAND.

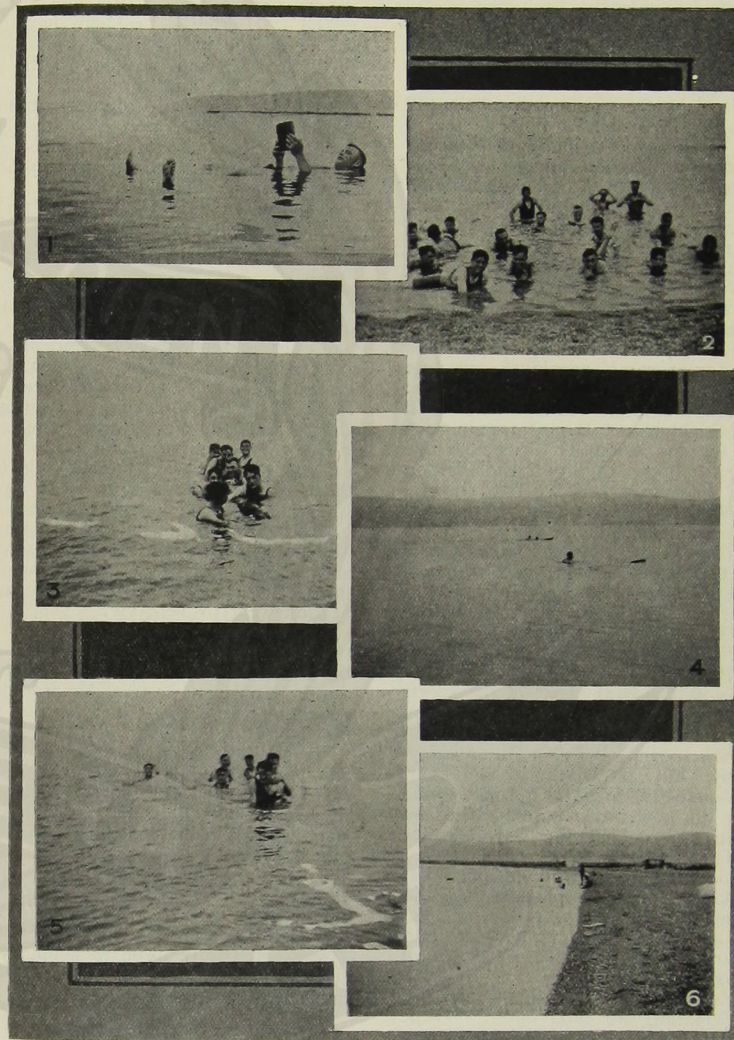
The general topic at present is "When are we moving to our new station?" Why, I cannot understand! Possibly other scribes to our Journal will give us the information. At present we are tasting our first real spell of hot weather in the East. Will any members of the 2nd Battalion Band tell us the secret of playing in the hot sun? We are at present having plenty of engagements which, if not profitable, are pleasant. We are glad to know that our friends, the Drummers, will soon be relieving us of at least one of them. Believe me, Drummers, there is much speculation in the Band as to when the great event will take place. We are sending you all our journals of "Rimsky-Korsakov" to get on with. No, Drummers, it is not a new drink off the Dhubie Wallah.

There are still many places to be seen in Palestine, although we have been here six months. A fortnight ago the boys had a day's outing to the Dead Sea and district, thanks to the efforts of the P.R.I. They were accompanied by our genial C.S.M., and I believe they had a glorious time. This, I gather, from after events, for many could be seen devouring biscuits, sweets, etc., two days afterwards. Sergt.-Major Russell took several snaps which no doubt will be seen in the pages of this issue. Whilst I am on the subject of boys, I must congratulate them on behalf of all for their very spirited display at the recent Boxing Tournament. Keep it up, boys!

Our games are not very strenuous this weather. Mah-Jong has caught on with some of our members. Many key-words are spoken of even in their sleep.

Thanks for your kind wishes, 2nd Battalion. We assure you we are not likely to come back like Rajahs, like you (?) but we hope you will all lose that permanent R.E. job soon. We've had some!

"FLAT PITCH."



BOYS' OUTING TO DEAD SEA, JERICHO.

- 1.—Floating without Effort. 2.—The Sea Bathers' Paradise. 3.—After the Boat had Capsized. 4.—Well Out with no Fear. 5.—A Happy Group. 6.—General View of the Shore.

DRUMS.

"Here we are again, and happy as can be," now that our Corps is together again.

Their journey from England was quite pleasant in every respect, and they were able to indulge in talkies on the *Nevassa*, which, from all accounts, was quite good.

Snowy was heard to enquire of Dmr. Stickley, if it was true that underground railways and six-wheeled buses had come into use in London, as he had heard vague rumours to that effect. We must congratulate the Drummers who participated in the boxing contests. The Novices, Opens, and Company Knock-Outs, which took place in the N.A.A.F.I., afforded us with some very good fights for several evenings; we see great chances for them in the future. Our congratulations are extended to Dmrs. Stickley and Purse in gaining a medal for the Company Cricket. We have great hopes of lifting the Platoon Cricket Knock-Out, as we have several dark horses in the shape of Dmr. Bradmans in the team. Up to the present we have played the Signal Section, and beaten them, the scores being, Drummers 153; Signals 33.

Dmr. Stickley scored 37, and Drum-Major Drew 26. Some excellent bowling was performed by L./Cpl. Blackman and Dmr. Purse.

Albuhera Day was spent in the sports field. The Band played in the afternoon and the Drums beat Retreat at the closing of the sports. It was quite an enjoyable day. L./Cpl. Blackman and Dmr. Elms assisted the Wing in getting second place. We congratulate Dmr. Elms on securing a medal for the All Palestine Cross-Country Run.

We are wondering why "Yank" has taken to sun-bathing, perhaps the A.L.G. has something to do with it.

We are all rapidly changing colour, who knows, perhaps the shortage of water is the cause!

By the time these notes appear we will be anticipating our next move. Time waits for no man, but certain Drummers have been heard to remark that a well-placed kick would help old Father Time on his way to a certain extent.

Drummers Pullen and Ravenscroft have rejoined us from the Depot, and a

certain part of their profile has started growing in a different direction already.

The "Housey" problem has been solved by the trio, anyone can have an invitation card and speculate to the tune of Keeley's Eye and M and D.

The "Trooping of Colour" parade on the King's birthday went off quite well in every respect, and everyone seemed quite pleased with it. Time and practice brought us success.

Pip, Pip, "SNAKE CHARMER III."

SIGNAL NOTES.

As the results of the Albuhera Sports appear in the Company notes, we will not discuss them, but congratulations are due and are extended to Lieut. Cubitt, L./Cpls. Hopwood and Gadsden, Ptes. Green, Woods, Rogers, Wilden, and Passfield on their splendid performances. Cricket has been our downfall, and especially for our opening bat (is his innings a record, and why the "Cat" calls from the Sergeants' Mess verandah?) Surely bats with holes are not yet invented.

The "Trooping of Colour" on His Majesty's birthday was a great success, and to have a thorough relaxation from the hard work involved therein, the whole Section went to Tel-Aviv.

One individual proudly boasts of his twenty strokes an hour, but complains that his swimming distance is just the same. However, we trust his prowess as a swimmer develops at a faster rate than his education! One hears much of "Sixer" these days, and much was heard from one individual on return from Tel-Aviv. Is it (and he) lucky? Apparently we are to lose Pte. Bishop, who (it is rumoured) is being invalided. We trust that this is not so, and that L./Cpl. Gadsden, who is now in Palestine General Hospital, quickly recovers.

Our next hop is Sarafand for our annual range course. Nothing less than a marksman is required to maintain our standard, but we always consider a good first as a likely candidate for the Section. "DOTS."

SERGEANTS' MESS.

THE NEW MESS.

We now occupy the new Mess mentioned in the May issue of this Journal,

and thus their is no lack of room and comfort. In fact, it is the opinion of many members who have already served abroad that there are few messes to be found outside England which are more comfortable, so we are very pleased with it, and the local cinemas and other places of amusement see far less of us in consequence.

CRICKET.

The Mess opened the season with three cricket matches played during last month (May), the opponents and results being as follows:—

v. No. 14 Company, R.A.S.C. Won by 99 runs.

v. Corporals. Won by an innings.

v. Officers. Won by 12 runs.

It is regretted that space does not permit of the inclusion in these notes of the full scores of these matches. Honours in the bowling have been shared mainly by C.S.M. Flood, R.A.S.C., and Sergts. Kennett, Northcott and M.S.S. Bentley, R.A.S.C. also having shown good form with the ball. The runs were mainly scored by C.S.M. Flood, Sergts. Thomas, Kennett, West '67 and Northcott. We can congratulate ourselves, too, on the possession of a keen fielding side, albeit the use of a bat is not the *forte* of some.

TENNIS.

A lively interest is being taken in tennis, the courts of the Jerusalem Tennis Club (Upper Bakaa) being available for use of Mess members on most days. As we already possess a fairly strong side, the improvement already shown by some of our latest tennis "recruits," promises a good team for us when we reach Cairo.

BILLIARDS.

One of the main features of our new Mess is the excellent billiard room. The table, which is on loan from the N.A.A.F.I., is in good condition, and is very much used by all. During May a billiard handicap tournament was held. The special volunteer committee formed for handicapping players did well to carry out this rather hard task with very strict fairness, so that no player felt himself over-handicapped. Prizes were given to the winner, to the runner-up, and to the player who scored the highest break. These were taken by Sergt.-Instr. Ben-

stead, A.E.C., M.S.M. Bartlett, R.A.S.C. and C.S.M. Flood, R.A.S.C., respectively. They are all congratulated on some fine playing. The semi-finals and final of this competition resulted as follows:—

Semi-finals.—Bartlett 199; Flood 194; handicap 32 and 45 respectively.

Semi-finals.—Kennett 158; Benstead 203; handicap 30 and 35 respectively.

Final.—Bartlett 239; Benstead 271.

Winner.—Benstead.

Highest break in the tournament, 54, by C.S.M. Flood.

ALBUHERA.

In accordance with previous custom the officers were "At Home" to us at noon on Albuhera Day this year, and after dinner in the evening, we entertained them. In memory of those who fell at Albuhera, the Albuhera Cup was passed round to all in a silent toast.

REGIMENTAL SPORTS.

These were held on May 15th and 16th, 1932, and, although a spot or two of rain and a high wind tended to mark the close with gloom, everyone spent a very satisfactory time. The Officers and Sergeants carried out their annual tug-o'-war contest on the morning of Albuhera Day, the weight of the latter giving them the verdict by two pulls to nil. Our team in the Inter-Mess Relay consisted of C./Sergt. Raindle, and Sergts. Blake, West and Priddy. We gained third place, a keen struggle between the Officers and Corporals resulting in a win for the Corporals. The Sergeants' race resulted as follows:—

- 1st. C.S.M. Anderson.
- 2nd. L./Sergt. Edmonds.
- 3rd. C.S.M. Fleming.

In the Veterans' Race, Sergt. Blake took the third prize.

CONCERT.

During the early part of May, the Mess found a new friend in Dick Norton, whose "Globe Trotters" gave the Battalion two good concerts in the N.A.A.F.I. We compliment him and his company on the really delightful and versatile performances they gave us. A number of skits on well-known characters in the Battalion brought roars of applause from a most appreciative audience. They will remember us,

perhaps, when they borrow any of Mr. Edgar Wallace's books—"The Man they Could Not Arrest," for instance.

KING'S BIRTHDAY, 1932.

The Regimental Sports over, the Battalion devoted many of its training hours to practice parades for the "Trooping of the Colour," which was carried out on June 3rd in honour of H.M. The King's birthday. This parade was attended by His Excellency The High Commissioner of Palestine (Lieut.-General Sir Arthur G. Wauchope, K.C.B., C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O.), and was witnessed by an audience of some thousands. Despite the heat, the parade was carried out with dignity and precision, and reflected much credit on the Battalion.

DANCE.

In the evening of June 3rd a very well managed dance was held in the Mess. The proceedings were early enlivened by an outbreak of fire in the Officers' Mess, but this was not serious enough to mar them. As the evening advanced the dance became a very jolly affair, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. A vote of thanks to the committee is well deserved by them. The very pretty decorations which were prepared by R.Q.M.S. Crouch and many assistants, made the new Mess look very smart. The occasion, in fact, proved to be the finest "house-warming" our new Mess could have had.

HOME NEWS.

Most home news is rife with speculation as to when we are likely to move to the Citadel at Cairo. Dame Rumour is a very fickle jade. In this instance, it would be interesting if all rumours could come true. We should be dodging up and down the line between Jerusalem and Kantara, until about next Christmas! Best wait and see. The more concrete news from home includes the knowledge of increase in the families of C.S.M. Anderson and L./Sergt. Chaplin, the former's wife having presented him with a son and the later being now the proud owner of a daughter. Congratulations to all concerned!

COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT.

The Warrant Officers, Colour Sergeants and Sergeants offer hearty con-

gratulations to Brigadier R. H. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., on his appointment to Colonel of the Regiment.

CORPORALS' CLUB.

Since our last notes, we have been preparing for Albuhera Day's Sports, and the day was quite a success, except for a heavy wind, but this did not hamper any events.

We must congratulate Cpls. Barnett and Williams, L./Cpls. Robinson and Hopwood on their fine performance in winning the Inter-Mess Relay; this race was a great fight throughout.

We tender our congratulations to L./Cpl. Barnett on his promotion to Cpl.

A Billiard Tournament was held amongst the members, and the fortunate ones were L./Cpls. Wordley and Rochester, first and second, respectively. We sincerely hope that they will not buy up the canteen!

At present, Palestine is having quite a heat wave, and "Straights" and "Tops" are in great demand, but it is being broken by a severe wind, but when it is hot you hear an anonymous member murmur: "how cool it is," at least, he must have been to some hot place where men are men.

The *Palestine Bulletin* and other critics gave the Battalion great praise for their performance on parade on His Majesty's Birthday, and it was certainly a good show.

We send our best wishes to members of the Corporals' Mess of the 2nd Battalion.

The Corporals offer hearty congratulations to Brigadier R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., on his appointment as Colonel of the Regiment.

OFFICERS' CLUB.

WE were fortunate enough to enjoy good weather during "cricket week" apart from a few showers which did not stop play.

We played the Cryptics, Colonel Airey's Eleven, the Free Foresters, I Zingari, and the Sandhurst Wanderers. The last-named were unable to send a full side, unfortunately. The results are given on the opposite page.

Good weather graced the "At Home," which was attended by two hundred and thirty people. A distinguished guest on this occasion was Lord Rochdale, the Lord Lieutenant of the County.

The Club Dinner was attended by one hundred and fourteen members, and was voted a great success. Brig.-Gen. R. M. Heath, recently appointed to the Colonelcy of the Regiment, presided. He spoke at some length on matters connected with the Regiment, and referred to all the units, regular and territorial, comprising it. He paid a tribute to our late Colonel, General Sir Ivor Maxse, and said he keenly appreciated the honour of being appointed his successor. We take this opportunity of congratulating General Heath on his appointment.

Lieut.-Col. H. E. Stanley Murray was afterwards asked to say a few words about the Second Battalion, recently returned from foreign service, which he did. In his speech, he testified to the loyal support he had received from his Battalion, and expressed himself as very pleased that his successor would be Major M. Browne.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. THE CRYPTICS.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
C.Q.M.S. Capel b Taylor	15
Lieut. R. C. Franklin lbw b Taylor	17
Lieut. J. Stephenson lbw b Taylor	2
Lieut. E. V. Hudson c Sub b Glamfield	0
Major N. Lyon b Glamfield	4
W. Flint b Glamfield	0
Capt. C. Whinney b Glamfield	0
Capt. J. Worton b Melhuish	34
Capt. Phillips b Glamfield	1
Major Wollcombe c Melhuish b Taylor	17
Winterburn not out	6
Extras	10
Total	116

THE CRYPTICS.

A. C. Loader b Winterburn	12
G. C. Cambridge c Franklin b Stephenson	36
Major Earle c Phillips b Hudson	19
Col. Carroll b Hudson	0
E. Glamfield c Wollcombe b Franklin	34
G. F. McGrath b Capel	12
G. C. Melhuish c and b Capel	8
Lord Ebbisham b Hudson	7
H. Cocking not out	1
F. Burge not out	1
Extras	33
Total	196
J. C. Taylor did not bat.	

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. FREE FORESTERS.

FREE FORESTERS.	
Capt. Misa b Addinall	15
Lord Dalkeith b Hudson	17
Capt. Rawlinson b Hudson	0
Maxwell Gumbleton c Addinall b Hudson	1
G. Young b Hudson	38
I. P. R. Hale not out	57
Tavisham c Addinall b Hudson	4
Millbank c and b Hudson	1
Tylden Wright c Flint b Winterburn	17
Saunders b Hudson	6
R. H. Fox b Hudson	13
Extras	27
Total	196

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Capt. Worton b Rawlinson	11
Capel c Fox b Millbank	4
Lieut. Hudson c Tavisham b Millbank	12
Mr. Flint b Rawlinson	34
Lieut. Franklin b Rawlinson	5
Capt. Whinney b Millbank	17
Major Wollcombe c Tavisham b Rawlinson	3
Pte. Addinall b Millbank	5
Capt. Phillips b Gumbleton	54
Pte. Winterburn not out	21
Major Lyon b Gumbleton	0
Extras	23
Total	189

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. LIEUT.-COLONEL AIREY'S ELEVEN.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
C.Q.M.S. Capel c Curtis b Howlett	0
Capt. Worton c Fitzherbert b Howlett	10
Lieut. Stephenson not out	114
Lieut. Hudson b Howlett	4
Lieut. Franklin b Howlett	5
Mr. Flint b Howlett	8
Major N. Lyon c and b Howlett	4
Capt. C. Whinney b Howlett	5
Capt. H. Phillips b Scott	9
Major Wollcombe run out	0
Pte. E. Addinall hit wkt. b Howlett	49
Extras	21
Total	229

LIEUT.-COLONEL AIREY'S ELEVEN.

Lieut.-Col. Fitzherbert b Stephenson	7
Lieut.-Col. Doddington b Hudson	79
D. L. Standage b Whinney	26
Capt. Savile c Flint b Whinney	20
Capt. Q. Young b Stephenson	0
E. W. D. Weston b Hudson	14
D. S. Curtis run out	19
H. F. Scott c Hudson b Stephenson	4
Capt. B. Howlett not out	0
C. Franklin b Hudson	6
Lieut.-Col. Airey st. Flint b Hudson	0
Extras	19
Total	194

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* I ZINGARI.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Major Lyon b Lytton	...	51
Lieut. Franklin c and b Gumbleton	...	7
Capt. Worton c McGuinness b Gumbleton	...	6
Mr. Flint c ? b Norman	...	65
Lieut. Hudson c ? b Lytton	...	6
Capt. Phillips c Maitland b Gumbleton	...	33
Capt. Whinney b Major Garner	...	25
Lieut. Heywood lbw b Gumbleton	...	10
Major Paul not out	...	14
Pte. Addinall not out	...	25
Extras	...	6

Total ... 248
Pte. Winterburn did not bat.

I ZINGARI.

Sir G. Palmer c and b Addinall	...	3
Sir K. Cunningham c Phillips b Hudson	...	5
Hon. G. Lytton not out	...	125
H. O. M. Maitland c Phillips b Hudson	...	8
G. D. Norman c Flint b Winterburn	...	19
Capt. Gumbleton b Winterburn	...	1
N. F. C. Mulloy b Winterburn	...	2
Major McRae b Addinall	...	12
Major Garner b Winterburn	...	0
O. T. Norris not out	...	6
Extras	...	19

Total ... 200
A. H. Fox did not bat.

SANDHURST WANDERERS *v.* MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

SANDHURST WANDERERS.

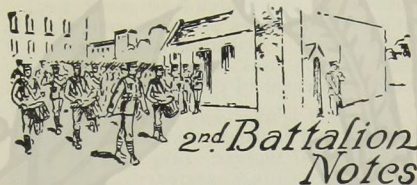
Lieut. Heywood b Hudson	...	6
Col. Waddington b Addinall	...	24
Lieut. Gilbert c and b Hudson	...	9
Capt. Tavesheen run out	...	2
Pte. Allen c Stephenson b Addinall	...	2
Lieut. Sherwin run out	...	2
Pte. Winterburn run out	...	38
Lieut. Col. Mulloy b Stephenson	...	0
Mr Rackoe c Capel b Whinney	...	2
Pte. Coombes c Hudson b Whinney	...	3
Pte. Johnson not out	...	3
Extras	...	12

Total ... 103

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Lieut. Franklin b Winterburn	...	39
Capt. Worton b Winterburn	...	2
Lieut. Stephenson not out	...	69
Lieut. Hudson not out	...	49
Extras	...	10

Total (for 4 wks., dec.) ... 169
C.Q.M.S. Capel, Capt. Phillips, Major Paul, Pte. Addinall, Major Wollcombe, Capt. Whinney and Major Lyon did not bat.



AS we have been augmented by only one draft recently, and as old soldiers are still fading away daily, the Battalion strength is no greater than it was three months ago. In these circumstances, training has been carried out with a certain amount of difficulty. We do not despair, however, because as there have been nearly as many Officers and N.C.Os. as men, it has been possible to provide each soldier with his own private tutor.

The appointment of Brigadier-General Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., to the Colonelcy of the Regiment has been a source of great satisfaction to all who know him. We congratulate General Heath very heartily.

The Battalion took part in the Garrison King's Birthday Parade on June 3rd. Brigadier W. P. H. Hill, C.M.G., D.S.O., commanded the Parade, and the salute was taken by Major-General C. Bonham-Carter, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

At the present time we are providing the Guard over the Ordnance Depot at Warley. It consists of 6 N.C.Os. and 25 Privates under the command of Lieut. A. E. Green.

The Machine Gun Company has just returned from the Divisional Concentration at Larkhill. As C (M.G.) Company will have plenty to say on this matter in their Company notes, we need say no more here.

As there are to be no Territorial Camps this year, many units of the T.A. have been attached to the regular units in Colchester. The 10th Bn. The London Regiment will be with us from July 17th to 30th. 2/Lieut. Spooner (7th Middlesex) is staying with us at the moment, and is working with the signallers.

The Essex County Rifle Association held their annual rifle meeting on Middlewick Ranges on June 18th. The Battalion entered a team for the Essex County Shield, which was won last year by the 1st Battalion, and finished third. Nine

units competed. In individual competitions Cpl. Cooper and L./Cpl. Elcome won prize money in the "Egg Bull" competition. Sergt. Mewitt tried hard for success in the "All Comers" Competition, but the telescopes and authentic sights of the civilian competitors were too much for him. He fired very well, and deserved better luck.

We congratulate Lieut. J. G. E. Reid on his marriage, and hope that Mrs. Reid will enjoy her time with the Battalion. Congratulations are also due to Cpts. Jones and Hedgecoe on passing their promotion examinations; and to C.S.M. Hewitt on his promotion to Warrant Rank.

2/Lieut. Beadnell has been posted to the 1st Battalion, and will be leaving us early in the trooping season. We wish him the best of luck, and trust that his golf will not suffer in the Egyptian deserts.

Mersea Yacht Club has been well patronized of late, Capt. Savile and Lieuts. Baldwin, Ferguson and Man being the most regular sailors.

Lieut. Else has just returned from the P.T. School at Aldershot. He is now the complete "He-Man," and we look for great things from him, in all walks of life. Lieut. Wray has recently been attending a cookery course, and although he has not yet demonstrated his skill at baking a cake or a pie, we understand that this is considerable. Major Browne and Captain Pain underwent a short flying course at Manston a few weeks ago. The former flew over Colchester one afternoon, and as nobody was on the training area at the time, he had to content himself with watching the Battalion cricket team. Capt. Pain and Lieut. Wray have also been through gas courses lately, while Lieut. Jacob is learning to be an A.P.M. at Aldershot.

At the moment of going to press we have pleasure in announcing that 2/Lieut. Weston has just obtained a handicap of 18 at Frinton, after months of strenuous effort.

A COMPANY.

Since our last contribution of notes, many things have happened, the most important being Battalion Sports, Com-

mand Sports, the Firing of the Annual Weapon Training Course, and the strengthening of the Company by a draft from the Depot.

In the Battalion Sports we did rather well in view of the fact that we had very few men from which to pick our teams. We managed to get second to C (M.G.) Company. Thanks to Lieut. N. G. Gilbert and Pte. Miller, we won the Long Jump; whilst L./Cpl. Brown and Pte. Palmer secured first place in the "Hammer." In the track events we did very well, and we congratulate Cpl. Dujardin, L./Cpls. Poulter and Brown, and Ptes. Smith (57) and Drake. We were rather surprised ourselves at the result. Next year we hope to be "second-to-none." To gain this position we, of course, rely on the drafts from the Depot.

We congratulate Lieut. N. G. Gilbert, L./Cpls. Brown, Poulter, Ptes. Smith (57) and Jacques on being selected to represent the Battalion in the Command Sports.

In the Shooting world we did rather well, and are looking forward to our average being the best in the Battalion, thus retaining the title: "Best Shooting Company."

We welcome the draft from the Depot, and hope they prove good sportsmen. At present they are away on detachment at Warley.

Lieut. N. G. Gilbert, and Cpl. Frewin have left us for a tour of duty at the Depot. We are all sorry to lose them, and shall miss Lieut. Gilbert very much, especially when sports day comes round again. However, our loss is the Depot's gain, and we wish them the best of luck at Mill Hill. Ptes. Palmer, Searle and Leaver have left us for civilian life. We also tender our best wishes to them, and hope they come and see us in the near future. We shall greatly miss "Lofty" when boxing starts again, and we must now look round for a new full back to take the place of Pte. Searle.

We welcome Cpl. Cooper and L./Cpl. Armstrong from the Depot, and congratulate the later on his recent appointment. We also extend our congratulations to Cpls. Frewin, Lomax and Dujardin, on their promotion.

"DULEEP."

B COMPANY.

Since our last notes we have been very busy in carrying out our training and A.W.T.C. In the latter the Company greatly distinguished itself, as only one of its members failed to reach Second Class standard. We cannot leave this subject without heartily congratulating Pte. Vanderhoven. Not only did he become a marksman with the Light Automatic, but at the time of going to print his score has not been surpassed. Our late Company Commander will no doubt be pleased with the results of his hard labour.

During our Company Training, which we carried out with A Company, we enjoyed on the whole the most glorious weather. Our training terminated with a three-days' march, the first of which we spent in the pleasant rural surroundings of Langham, where, owing to the Herculean labours of Mr. Green and Mr. Man, the local Nile was successfully dammed. Our last night we spent in close conflict with B Company of the Black Watch around the Roman River. Our defence was greatly aided by the accurate Very Light firing of the Umpires and the Conductor. Despite this, however, we regret we lost at least one of our Officers, who was captured by a patrol of the Black Watch. We feel that the Peace Conference at Lausanne should be informed of the fine impartial spirit exhibited by our cook, Pte. Drake, in taking his meals with the Black Watch during the heat of the battle. Since this march we feel we should be known as B (Mec.) Company (hear, hear, from our C.S.M.), for our dashing raid and mechanically aided march.

On the cricket field the company have shone with no uncertain light. After a crushing defeat of a team got together by Lieut. Gilbert, we had the temerity to challenge "The World," and despite nine dropped catches, just managed to win a most exciting match by two wickets. We strongly suspect that our C.Q.M.S. has been secretly attending winter cricket schools, for his bowling in the first match was practically unplayable. Our dashing bats, to wit L./Cpl. Elcome, and Ptes. Addinall and Winterburn, all kept the scorer busy.

In the Battalion Athletic Sports the

Company unfortunately did not excel itself, as we had but small numbers to choose from. However, Sergts. Kemp and Harper, L./Cpl. Parrish and Pte. Cosgrove are to be congratulated on their efforts, and in passing, we must note the good "bunching" of our one mile team.

In bringing these notes to a close we should like to offer our best wishes to the large number of time honoured members of our Company who have left us for civilian life, and we hope by this time that all have found remunerative employment.

C (M.G.) COMPANY.

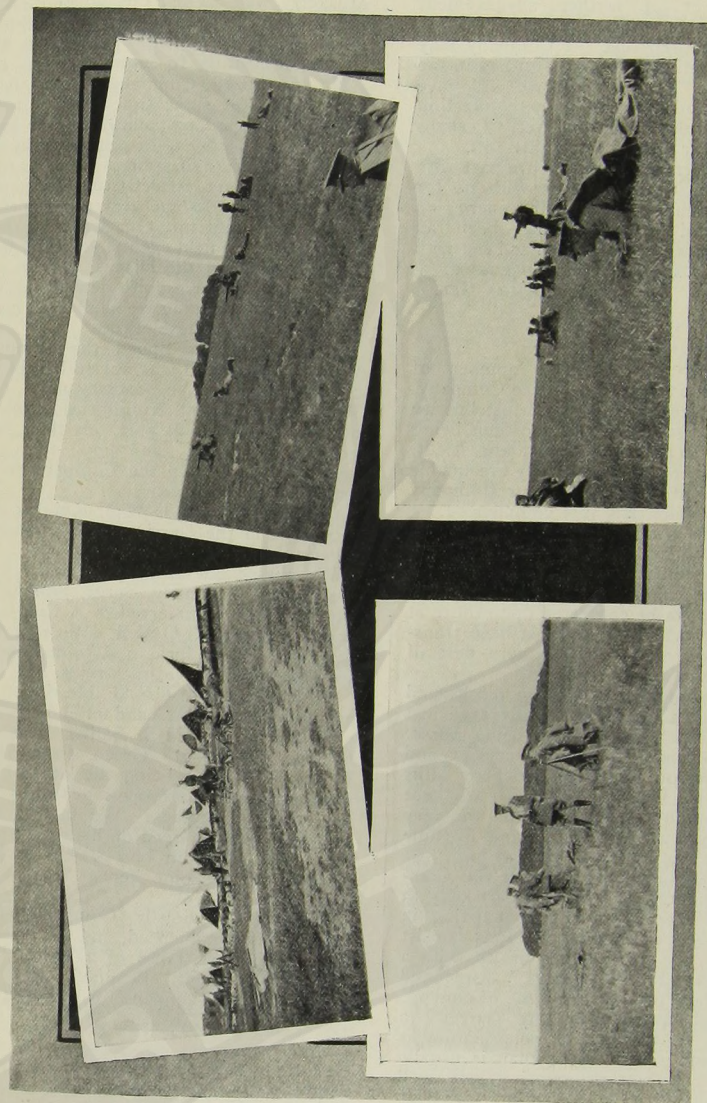
The Company has now settled down in Colchester, and the majority like this station very much. Several of us have only a short time to serve, and quite naturally the prospect of civil life is enchanting, although our Company Commander has warned us that the life outside is not entirely what we think it is. We have lost some old friends in Ptes. Gillings, Porter, Cooper, and L./Cpl. May.

We fired our A.M.G.C. on the Middlewick ranges, under ideal weather conditions, and obtained very good results, no less than 42 of us becoming marksmen. The Company found the majority of No. 2 Company on the King's Birthday parade and spectators told us that we went by very well.

Immediately after the parade we moved to Larkhill R.A. Camp for our yearly concentration. Except for the first night, when it rained until 3 a.m., we had perfect weather conditions. The schemes were interesting, and most of us had a shot at natural targets. The ground was new to most, and although we were not very successful in the A.R.A. Shoot, we hope to do much better next year. On the whole the camp was a pleasant change but we have experienced more strenuous times in previous years. Our Company Commander kept us at it from February until June 20th, and now we are on Garrison and Regimental employments.

The Battalion Sports were held in May, and we were successful in winning the shield, largely due to the excellent running of Sergt. Ramsey, Pte. Warner and Pte. Higgins.

Our congratulations are extended to Sergt. Trestain on his D at Netheravon.



C (M.G.) COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, AT LARKHILL.

Several promotions have taken place, and the prospect of further advancement seems probable.

It is rumoured that the Company may expect an outing at Clacton-on-Sea in the near future. Let us hope we will have a fine day, and enough money to spend on the pier should it turn out wet. Perhaps we shall hear more of this later on.

It is with great regret that we part with Lieut. Else, who has been with us for such a long time. His untiring energy on training and in sports has been an example to us all. Since he has been with us none of us have ever been gassed.

EMMA GEE.

D COMPANY

Since our last notes a number of changes have taken place in the Company. All our Officers are still with us, but we are sorry to say that owing to their being taken for Regimental duties, and Lieut. Jacob being on a course, they are unable to be present with us for our Company Training, which has just commenced.

We congratulate Sergt. Russell on obtaining Q1 at the Small Arms School, Hythe, but, unfortunately, his knowledge, which would have been of valuable assistance, will now be conferred upon those at the Depot, where he has just been transferred. We wish him the very best of luck in his new surroundings.

Quite a number have been discharged or transferred to the Army Reserve just recently, chief among them being Sergt. Pain, who had 24 years' service; and Cpls. Overton, Boiling, Fricker, Mills and L./Cpl. Parrott. We wish all these and the number of Other Ranks the very best of luck, and hope that Dame Fortune will smile upon them in civilian life.

This has somewhat reduced the Company, of course, and we now have only 13 and 14 Platoons, 15 and 16 existing in name only. 13 and 14 Platoons consist of practically our last two drafts, with a few (about 12) "old timers" distributed among them (except N.C.Os., of course). This organization naturally provides a handicap to training as imagination is called upon a little more than is usually done, but we are progressing very well considering.

Table B has been fired and done with some time now, and the Company did

very well, especially as preliminary Musketry was carried out under difficult conditions. Perhaps the prize money given by the Regimental Rifle Club was an added incentive to some.

No organized Company games have taken place for some time owing to the weakness of the Companies, and we have yet to find the talent of our draft in the various branches of sport.

The Company Athletic Meeting was held in May, and some very good performances were put up. Our weakness lies, however, in the field events, *e.g.*, the Pole Vault, Throwing the Discus, Javelin and Hammer, which are quite new to us, but we hope with training we shall soon make ourselves felt in these events.

In the Battalion Sports the Company were fourth, which was not so bad in the circumstances. We congratulate Cpl. Warnes and L./Cpl. Knights and a few of our draft who took part, on their very good performance, and hope they will keep it up and help the Company to be better placed next year.

Cpl. Warnes and L./Cpl. Knights also took part in the Garrison and Command Meetings, and did exceedingly well.

We missed one notable departure from the Company, namely, Sergt. Simmonds, who has been transferred to A Company, and is acting as C.Q.M.S. We wish him the very best of luck, and soon hope to see the crown above his stripes.

We congratulate C.S.M. Hewitt on his promotion to C.S.M., and extend a hearty welcome to C.Q.M.S. Sadler from the Depot, and Sergt. Green from H.Q. Wing. The latter being the late S.I.M., we hope our musketry averages will go up by leaps and bounds. We further congratulate Sergt. Green on his recent marriage, and offer our best wishes to Mrs. Green, and welcome her as one of the Regiment.

As stated previously, Company Training has just commenced, and we welcome the valuable assistance of 2/Lieut. Weston and 2/Lieut. Beadnell, who are attached to the Company for that purpose.

H.Q. WING.

The Wing has had a rather busy time during the past three months, finding the majority of Regimental and Garrison

fatigues, and firing A.W.T.C. in two parties, etc.

We welcome Lieut. Else to the Wing, and are looking forward to doing well in the sports field with his assistance. We are shortly to lose Lieut. Walden, as he has been appointed Adjutant to the 7th Battalion, and though we have seen very little of him, we are sorry to lose him.

Congratulations to Sergts. Deane and Quick, and Cpls. Parker, Gromm, Miles, Walker and Flude on their promotion, and to L./Cpls. Buck, McEnery, Walker and Drane on their appointments.

The results of the A.W.T.C. to date are very satisfactory as we have sixty-one marksmen, and have fewer 2nd Class shots than 1st Class shots, which is a very rare occurrence.

Congratulations are due to Sergt. Quick on his marriage, and a hearty welcome is extended to Sergt. Kemp on his return to the Wing; while we wish Sergt. Green the best of luck in D Company.

Both Q and G Companies tried hard in the Battalion Sports, but the best they could do was to gain third and fifth places respectively, but better luck next time. The following represented the Battalion in the Brigade and Command Sports:—Lieut. Else, L./Cpl. Walker, Bdsn. Hoare, Dmr. New, Ptes. Francis and Eldridge.

Other items of interest will be found in the Individual Group Notes. In closing, we wish all members of the Regiment (past and present), all the best.

WINGER.

BAND.

Since our last issue of notes we have been rather busy—nothing unusual these days.

In the Garrison Novices Boxing some promising boxers were provided in Bdsn. Murphy, Merrett, Goulding, Bones and Leonard. Bdsn. Lowe, in the Battalion Open Belt Competition, put up a good show, and is to be congratulated on winning the Bantam Weight Belt—the height of his ambition in the boxing ring. We must not forget Bdsn. Drane for his gallant attempt to win the Light Heavy-Weight Belt. After a gruelling fight he lost to a more experienced boxer, but we are all hoping he will have better luck

next time. So much for our fighting blood!

The next important topic is Athletics. We must thank Bandsmen Hoare and Riseley for their keen efforts in the Company Sports; also Bdsn. Drance, who was second in "Putting the Shot." I'm afraid some of our talent of former days were suffering from the "Inferiority Complex," but, nevertheless, Bdsn. Hoare carried the good name of the Band through in the Company, Battalion and Garrison Meetings, and is to be heartily congratulated. There are still some "dark horses" in the Band who seem a little nervous of coming forward, but perhaps they will show up next time.

The Company has commenced firing the Annual Weapon Training Course. Some members of the Band have already retained their honours of last year in Part I, and others are showing great promise in Part II, particularly Bdsn. Smith. Wonders will never cease!

In a few days' time we shall be off to the Depot to play programmes during Cricket Week, and hope to have a good time.

In passing, we all send our best wishes to the 1st Battalion Band, and hope they haven't yet started thinking of the boat that will bring them home again.

HOOKE.

THE BOYS.

Here we are again, still alive and ready to contribute our little bit to the Journal.

Since last going to press many things have happened, some of which we will do our best to describe.

First and foremost comes the Company Sports, in which the boys were by no means backward, Boys Turner and Humberstone being very prominent. As a result of this, both are in strict training for the Eastern Command Sports.

This must have inspired Cpl. Jennings, who is in charge of us; not to be left out in the cold, he immediately started gardening. The Band caught the fever "en masse," and the strip of ground round the bungalow, unnoticed before, assumed a new importance. Such is the power of competition. Cpl. Jennings had also purchased a new ruler, and might be seen diligently measuring his beloved sweet peas, casting envious glances meanwhile

across the road to some that were sown a few days before and are a full sixteenth of an inch higher.

Cricket is now in full swing, and we have a very useful eleven. Batting and bowling is quite good, but there is much room for improvement in the fielding, with the possible exception of the wicket keeper, Humberstone, who is rather smart, considering he has to stand up to the hurricane deliveries of White.

Dmr. McEnery is now in charge of the Drummer Boys. By the time these notes appear, we hope to see him a L./Cpl. Both he and Cpl. Jennings take a great deal of interest in the cricket, and it is largely due to their efforts that we have been presented with excellent grey flannels and cream shirts. Our thanks are due to the P.R.I. for these.

We take this opportunity of welcoming to our fold three new boys, Williams, Whittington and Ash. The latter possesses a fiery mop of hair, and rumour has it that it is lined with asbestos. I wonder?

The swimming bath is now open, and is an attraction to all ranks, especially during the heat wave we are now experiencing. Most of the boys are keen to learn, and quite a few can already swim and dive.

All good things come to an end, and so must these notes. By that I do not mean that they are good notes, but being at the end of my thoughts, I must close down.

YOB II.

EMPLOYED GROUP.

We still have our heads above water as far as journalists are concerned, but nothing much in the way of news, except for Company and Battalion Sports.

Lieut. Else has been posted to the Wing, and is now a member of the Group, and he will be a most welcome addition to both Platoon and Company teams in all sports. Lieut. Walden has been appointed Adjutant to the 7th Battalion, and we congratulate him, but at the same time are sorry to lose him.

The following have departed for Civvy Street: Ptes. Snelling and Lucas, and Policeman Dargue. We wish them luck, and hope that they will have clicked for

a good job by the time these notes are published.

No. 20 Platoon put up an excellent fight for the Platoon championship, but were beaten by a short head by the Signals. Sergt. Deane won the long jump, and was second in the 220 yards. Pte. Mann won the high jump, and was third in the hurdles. Pte. Francis won the three miles, and finished third in the mile and 880 yards, and Pte. Eldridge being second in the mile and 880 yards.

In the Battalion Sports, Q Company gained third place after an exciting struggle with A Company for second place. C (M.G.) Company are to be congratulated on an excellent performance. Had Q been stronger in the sprints and field events there would have been a different tale to tell, for although winning the two-miles relay, the mile team, pole vault and the javelin, we lost invaluable points in the remaining events, excepting the mile, in which we were second.

Congratulations to Sergts. Quick and Deane on their promotion, and also Cpl. Miles. Whilst in the congratulatory mood we must wish all the best to Sergt. Quick, who has properly stepped into it by getting married.

We welcome Sergt. Kemp into our family circle, but are sorry to lose Sergt. Green.

THE EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE.

SIGNAL SECTION.

When the last quarter's notes were written we were in the grip of winter, but now we find ourselves enjoying a glorious bit of summer, yes, it is quite true (wonders never cease), and everybody is going in for sunbathing, etc.

During the past quarter we have waded through quite a lot of things, the most important event being Annual Classification, and as our brethren of the 1st Battalion suggested, we are now quite familiar with Reed Hall, and I think we can honestly say that we find it as gratifying as they did, as there were no failures. Pte. Parry secured the Silver Flags for the second time in four years, which is certainly going some. Well done, Taff!

Just previous to classification the Signal Officer organized a competition between the two rooms, the prize being that very useful luxury—coal. No. 1 room won after a very exciting struggle, and so saved money for a week or so. In the field of sport we have done very well indeed, for after many well-contested events, we came out on top in the Company Sports, beating No. 20 Platoon by a very small margin, and so gained the Inter-Platoon Athletic Cup; and for which thanks are due to Pte. Walker, who won the 880 yards and the mile events, to Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson and Pte. Taggart, who finished first and second respectively in the hurdles; and to L./Cpl. Parker (now Cpl.) who won the putting the weight, and tied for second place in the high jump with Pte. Taggart. In the 440 yards Pte. Taggart seemed to have run himself out in the first couple of hundred yards, but must have been playing "cocum," for he came on wonderfully to win easily, after Pte. Brailey had set a red hot pace. Although dead beat, Brailey staggered on for the last few yards and finished third. Well done, Frank! We only need the Hockey Shield now to make our collection complete, so beware you men of hockey fame.

Our hearty congratulations to Cpls. Parker and Gromm on their promotions, but, alas, we are to lose Cpl. Parker to civvie life soon (all the best, "Lofty"). Pte. Bullock has also been struck off the strength, after six months' vocay at the 'Shot, and we wish him every success in civvy street. Smith 'ro has been granted a vocay at Hounslow, and so we lose another stalwart. Cheeroh, George, look after yourself.

Congratulations to Hookey on his appointment, and let us hope that he will soon have another yard of tripe up.

We wish the Signallers of the 1st Battalion every success in their first classification abroad.

VIC-EDDY.

DRUMS.

Since the publication of the last notes we have had quite a busy time, with Massed Band and Drums practice, Intelligence Training and firing our A.W.T.C., etc. The results of the A.W.T.C. were good, eight of our Group

being marksmen, apart from the Anti-Aircraft Section, who all managed to get marksmen on the L.G.

We welcome Lieut. Else to the Wing, and wish him the best of luck during his stay, which we hope will be a long one.

We hear our Adjutant (Capt. Procter) will soon have finished his tour of duty. We shall be very sorry indeed when this takes place, for during the past four years he has done a wonderful amount of work in making the Corps of Drums a success. Of this we shall talk more later, when we know officially about the finish of his tour.

L./Sergt. Gribble is at present on a Gas Course, and we hope and feel sure he will obtain good results.

Dmr. Girdlestone returns next week from a Cycle Repair Course.

Dmr. Dowsett attended a cinematograph operator's course, and we believe he is thinking of starting a show in Barracks if someone will finance him.

The 19th London Territorials are visiting us this month, and a day's outing is at present being arranged, which we hope will be a great success.

We congratulate Dmr. McEnery on his appointment to L./Cpl.

DMRS.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

We were too late to catch the press to issue any notes for last quarter's JOURNAL, but we will endeavour to contribute our mite this time.

We have now been home for six months or more, and can safely say that we are completely settled down. Quite a lot of money has been spent on the Mess to make it comfortable and habitable, and the results fully justify the expenditure. Major M. Browne has very kindly presented us with a wireless set, so we are entirely up-to-date.

The changes in the Mess have been too numerous to include in these notes all the members who have joined or left us since we have been home, and we must content ourselves with congratulating the former and wishing the latter the best of luck wherever they may have gone to—the Depot, T.A., or civilian life. We should like to make special mention of C.S.M. Peck, who has joined us from the T.A.—he is an old friend, and we

rather wonder if there are sufficient members left of those who knew him in India, to resuscitate the old nickname of "Brutus." C.S.M. Cook, who has taken Peck's place in the T.A., and C.S.M. Palmer, who has had to leave the fold for the uncertainties of civilian life through an unfortunate accident in Khartoum. We wish Cook the best of luck—his stay with us was short and sweet, and very much appreciated; and we also wish Palmer the best of things that civilian life can give him; he was a member of the Mess for as far back as any of us like to remember, and a very good member too. He is greatly missed.

Like all Battalions on their arrival from abroad, we presume, our married strength was very small in comparison with those of other Units in this station, but it is gradually creeping up, and the members of the Sergeants' Mess are doing by far the greatest portion towards swelling the Married Quarters Roll. Bandmaster Clibbens joined the happy band of pilgrims in April last; Sergt. Green and Sergt. Quick (our newly-appointed "Chips"), have recently taken unto themselves a wife apiece, and there are rumours of several more members who are seriously considering the advantages of married bliss as against the "jingle of pockets" of single blessedness, in the near future. Well, we wish them all the best of luck and happiness.

We only have one social event to mention, that is the Albuhera Day Ball, on Friday, May 13th. The local gymnasium was requisitioned for this, and the committee, under the direction of C.S.M. Peck, made it really a very fine show. The Regimental Band was in attendance in full dress, and the hall was filled with bunting of various sorts and sizes. The arrangements for the bar were excellent and it was well patronized. The attendance was all that could be wished for, and everyone present thoroughly enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

We have instituted weekly shoots in the Mess; up till the end of June on the miniature range and from thence on the long range. The shoots are well attended, and afford an evening's relaxation for those members who can attend them.

CORPORALS' MESS.

The writer hardly knows how to start off, this being his first attempt, so he will start by offering a hearty welcome to all new members (too numerous to name) who have joined us since arriving in England, after waiting for years abroad for a "rise." It appears now to be a case of L./Cpl. to-day and Sergt. next week, so rapid has been the promotion lately.

I think we have only three unpaid L./Cpls. now, and more "Old Sweats" leaving us practically daily, and as our friend the R.S.M. says: "Get your backs into it, you young N.C.O.s., and you will be in the Sergeants' Mess before you have one G.C. badge up."

Our "congrats" to Cpls. Brett, Gribble, Deane and Quick, on moving to the Sergeants' Mess. We also offer our congratulations to Sergt. Quick on his marriage, and expect the £40 back pay will be welcome. Several members have left us for civvy life. We now have in the Mess a portable wireless set, a badminton set, and cosy chairs in which to sit to listen to the Derby and other notable affairs, and since we have had the "Illuminator" which Jennie suggested, we are getting better results.

We had a very good four-handed snooker tournament, and as the pairs were also picked out, it gave some of the less efficient players a chance of a few games at least. Two or three surprises were made, and a certain pair who should have got to the final (no names, no Whit-Frost) got lost on the way. The winners were Cpl. Moore and L./Cpl. Marshall '28, and runners-up Cpls. Tennant and Gromm.

We also had a billiard tournament, the winner being L./Cpl. Doe, runner-up Cpl. Moore, and the highest break (26) Cpl. Bennett.

We are hoping to have a Dart Championship soon, and we hope the T.T.s. will be as good as the "Nut Browns" in this. The special cricket racquets are on order for the hard-hitters (Dujardin and Burton) on the badminton court. We hope to challenge the Girl Guides at badminton when we have the court marked out and get to know the rules a bit better.

The wilderness which we took over is now a beautiful lawn, thanks to those hard-working lads, Day and Walker.

The gardens have altered their shape and appearances lately, but as it was late before the seeds were planted, we are not expecting to cut out Kew Gardens this year.

We have not had any sports in the Mess yet, but are willing to challenge all comers at cricket, that is if we can play our Officer in charge of Mess, whom we congratulate on scoring 35 and 33 not out, and taking 2 for 6 in the Army v. South Americans match.

It must be fine to be able to view the Pyramids, but how much sweeter to see Woolworths, and buy a Civvy suit there.

We hear that "Swamie" has refused several offers of marriage by the Woolworth girls, who fell for his beautiful (hair).

Congratulations to Cpl. Cooper and L./Cpl. Elcome on getting £1 and 10s. respectively at the Essex County Shoot. The pool bulls were one inch diameter at 200 yards and three inches at five hundred, so they wanted getting. If the rounds had been 1d. each, instead of three for a shilling, we might have had a few more prizes in the Mess.

We hope the sand in Egypt is a better quality for mixing with salmon than the Khartoum brand. We expect to be mixed up in Battalion and Brigade Training soon, and we know that "We," the backbone, will be brought to the front (or in front of those unsympathetic people who say "Rep") for our good work in winning the battles.

Well, all good and bad things come to an end, so we will say "Goodbye" till next issue.

"THE GHOST OF KHARTOUM."

CRICKET.

At the time of going to print the Battalion cricket team has played nine matches, of which 3 have been won, 4 lost, and 3 drawn. Our opening match was against Trinity Hall, Cambridge, which we lost by only twenty-two runs. Considering the fact that the team had not been able to obtain any net practice, this was quite satisfactory. We played a return match with this College some five weeks later on their ground, and were

able to avenge our defeat by winning by one hundred and two runs. For this result we were largely indebted to a good innings of ninety-four by Lieut. Stephenson, and some good bowling by Lieut. Hudson.

We also played a match against St. John's College, Cambridge, where, by some consistent batting, we totalled two hundred and two. However, our opponents, aided by an ex-blue, J. G. W. Davies, knocked off the runs for the loss of three wickets. Against a strong Witham side the Battalion was beaten by one hundred and thirteen runs, collapsing against the slow bowling of Lieut. Col. Wilson, and were dismissed for a total of fifty. At Shotley on June 18th the Battalion secured a good victory over H.M.S. *Ganges*, winning by five wickets. Pte. Winterburn scoring forty-nine, and taking four wickets for twenty-eight.

In addition to the above, we have beaten The Black Watch and the 4th Divisional Signals, and lost to the Royal Artillery.

Below are appended the scores of our chief matches:—

2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. TRINITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE.

Played at Colchester on April 30th, 1932.

TRINITY HALL.

G. Hyde lbw b Hudson	...	...	...	0
A. McLean c Hudson b Addinall	...	...	...	29
J. Philips b Addinall	...	...	...	26
A. Cowper b Stephenson	...	...	...	4
K. Bradden c Reid b Hudson	...	...	...	14
J. Simon b Stephenson	...	...	...	24
J. Pott b Whinney	...	...	...	22
J. Hedley c Reid b Stephenson	...	...	...	13
A. Connel run out	...	...	...	2
E. Weatherly not out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	9

Total (for 9 wks.) ... 143

Bowling.—Hudson 2 for 51; Kemp 0 for 26; Stephenson 3 for 12; Winterburn 0 for 9; Addinall 2 for 16; Whinney 1 for 20.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Capt. Whinney c Simon b Hedley	...	...	...	2
Lieut. Reid b Philips	...	...	...	17
Lieut. Stephenson c Weatherly b Connel	...	...	...	9
Lieut. Hudson b Cowper	...	...	...	3
Lieut. Green b Hedley	...	...	...	0
Lieut. Gilbert c Simon b Connel	...	...	...	28
Sergt. Kemp c Hedley b Simon	...	...	...	8
Major Lyon b Connel	...	...	...	6
Sergt. Addinall b Philips	...	...	...	8
Pte. Winterburn b Philips	...	...	...	17
Pte. Robinson not out	...	...	...	9
Extras	...	...	...	11

Total ... 121

2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

Played at Cambridge on May 7th, 1932.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
Capt. Whinney b Whittaker	6
Lieut. Stephenson lbw b Rees	57
Lieut. Reid b Davies	31
Lieut. Hudson c Davies b Champress	7
Lieut. Gilbert b Rees	7
Major Lyon c Rees b Lewis	11
Lieut. Heywood c Rees b Davies	21
Major Paul st Brain b Dudley	9
Sergt. Addinall b Rees	28
Sergt. Kemp not out	11
Pte. Winterburn b Rees	5
Extras	5
Total	202

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.

C. R. Morrison c Winterburn b Stephenson	35
C. J. W. Davies c Gilbert b Kemp	45
C. R. K. Whittaker not out	78
F. C. Daniels c Winterburn b Whinney	3
M. Brain not out	23
Extras	23

Total (for 3 wks.)

Bowling.—Hudson 0 for 50; Stephenson 1 for 21; Addinall 0 for 17; Winterburn 0 for 37; Kemp 1 for 35; Whinney 1 for 24.

2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* WITHAM C.C.

Played at Witham on June 2nd, 1932.

WITHAM C.C.	
C. J. Round b Addinall	22
C. P. Hamilton c Stephenson b Addinall	59
A. E. Wright lbw b Stephenson	10
Lieut.-Col. Wilson c Lyon b Whinney	3
C. N. Wright c Reid b Kemp	23
H. W. Radford b Winterburn	0
Lieut.-Col. Smith b Stephenson	5
Dr. Reddington not out	10
J. Clover c and b Reid	12
Extras	19

Total (for 8 wks.)

Bowling.—Green 0 for 25; Stephenson 2 for 27; Kemp 1 for 24; Addinall 2 for 26; Whinney 1 for 21; Winterburn 1 for 15; Reid 1 for 5.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Lieut. Stephenson lbw b Wright	8
Lieut. Green b Wright	1
Lieut. Reid b Wilson	0
Capt. Whinney b Wright	14
Sergt. Addinall c Round b Wilson	8
Major Lyon c Hamilton b Wilson	10
Pte. Broadbridge b Wilson	5
Major Paul b Wright	1
Pte. Winterburn b Wright	0
Sergt. Kemp c Wilkinson b Wilson	0
Cpl. Wilson not out	1
Extras	2
Total	50

2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* TRINITY HALL,
CAMBRIDGE.

Played at Cambridge on June 7th, 1932.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
Lieut. Stephenson b Simpson	94
Pte. Winterburn b Hyde	12
Lieut. Reid b Hyde	0
Lieut. Hudson c Lawrence b Hyde	0
Lieut. Green c Lawrence b McKinnon	4
Capt. Whinney c McKinnon b Simpson	37
Sergt. Addinall b McKinnon	20
2/Lieut. Weston not out	23
Bdsn. Gilbert c Pott b Simpson	0
Pte. Robinson b Simpson	0
Bdsn. Relysly run out	0
Extras	14
Total	204

TRINITY HALL.

F. W. Simpson c Hudson b Stephenson	2
A. S. Lawrence c Whinney b Stephenson	7
A. D. Maclean b Winterburn	29
J. E. Simon b Stephenson	2
R. K. Nuthall b Addinall	7
A. H. Connell lbw b Hudson	32
G. Hyde lbw b Winterburn	0
G. E. Pott b Hudson	6
N. McKinnon not out	5
W. H. McMillan b Hudson	0
A. H. Stewart b Hudson	0
Extras	12

Total

Bowling.—Stephenson 3 for 14; Hudson 4 for 29; Addinall 1 for 19; Whinney 0 for 15; Winterburn 2 for 13.

2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* H.M.S. "GANGES."

Played at Shotley on June 18th, 1932.

H.M.S. "GANGES."	
Lieut. Simms c Robinson b Addinall	0
Lieut. Robinson lbw b Reid	72
Lieut. Day b Addinall	2
Lieut. Bliss lbw b Whinney	14
P.O. Clarke b Winterburn	19
Lieut. Evershed c Robinson b Winterburn	4
Capt. Hardman-Jones b Addinall	2
Mr. Taylor c Gilbert b Addinall	8
S.B.A. Tatler b Winterburn	3
Mr. Rees not out	0
Mr. Cooper b Winterburn	0
Extras	6

Total

Bowling.—Addinall, 4 for 40; Whinney, 1 for 22; Thompson, 0 for 20; Winterburn, 4 for 28; Reid, 1 for 14.

2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Lieut. Gilbert c Evershed b Taylor	6
Pte. Addinall c Bliss b Cooper	16
Lieut. Reid b Cooper	0
Capt. Whinney b Taylor	3
Major Lyon b Taylor	20
2/Lieut. Weston b Rees	44
Pte. Winterburn c and b Cooper	49
2/Lieut. Man c Robinson b Cooper	4

Dmr. Thomson c Cooper b Taylor	14
Lieut. Wray not out	6
Pte. Robinson b Cooper	1
Extras	12
Total	175

ATHLETICS.

The season of athletic competition, as far as the Battalion is concerned, is over, and perhaps to some it may appear that the results are disappointing. Except that in certain events results did not come up to expectations, there is no reason for long faces and much cause to anticipate a gradual advance in the future.

Before saying more of the future we will dispose of this year's events shortly. These have been Battalion Sports, a match *versus* the 4th Divisional Signal Company; Garrison Sports, a match *versus* the Royal Fusiliers, and lastly the Command Sports.

H.Q. Wing having been divided into two on arrival home there were six companies this year. Of these C (M.G.) were the favourites, as they were better off both numerically and in experience, whilst A, B, and D Companies could only, with the greatest difficulty, find enough men to raise a team.

In these circumstances, although we congratulate C (M.G.) Company on their convincing victory we feel that A Company's effort in gaining second place and being as near as they were to the winners deserves special mention.

The actual running, jumping and throwing were not of a very high standard, but this was not surprising as very little training had been possible. However, the two days' competition was interesting as it gave us some idea of what material we had for this season, particularly in some of the field events which were included for the first time, and there were several good finishes.

We missed the familiar figures of Coker and Woodley this year, and one or two others who have run well in the past were but shadows of their former selves. In the circumstances it was pleasing to see one or two boys and recently joined men running in promising style, and to find that several Officers, N.C.Os. and men, whom we have got accustomed to see performing in good fashion, were still retaining their old form.

We were fortunate in having a reasonably fine day as the weather had been very unsettled for some days before. But despite the better weather only a rather scanty gathering attended the Officers' "At Home" to the past and present officers of the Regiment.

After the Battalion Sports and before the Garrison ones we had a match with the 4th Divisional Signal Company, and a very enjoyable and interesting afternoon resulted. The result hung in the balance until the last event.

The Garrison Meeting took place on May 30th and 31st, and we were not dissatisfied in running the K.S.L.I. close for third place, and in winning the long jump, hurdles and pole jump. Pte Kemp, too, by making the best individual throw in the javelin, 149 ft. 7½ in., deserved to be in a winning team, but Pte. Mew was unable to give him sufficient support to bring this off.

L./Cpl. Poulter, apart from helping Pte. Mew to win the pole jump, had the satisfaction of doing better than he had hitherto done in public, and in doing so showed great improvement in style, and possibilities of still further advance.

A day or two before the Garrison Sports a draft arrived from the Depot, and we were delighted to find a really useful distance runner amongst them in Pte. Jacques. He was immediately included in the team, and ran very well in both the mile and three miles, although he had not had any real training. Incidentally, he is not the only man in that draft who can run, and we hope that with proper training, one or two more will be running well next year.

On June 13th we had another excellent afternoon's sport with the Royal Fusiliers, winners of the Garrison Meeting.

This time, as neither unit was at full strength, and also to make a variety, the match was run with three strings from each unit in all events, the first four counting 4, 3, 2, 1.

Considerable added interest was derived from the presence of Lieut. Batten, who came down to run for us especially, as he had promised to assist us in the Command Sports. He was just beaten by inches in the 100 yards after a rotten start. The winner's time was 10.5 sec.

In the 440 he was not pushed, but strode round in a most heartening fashion. L./Cpl. Knights showed a very fine turn of speed over 80 yards, but was not quite fit enough to keep it up, and ended fourth in the 100, and similarly, Cpl. Warnes, through lack of experience, spoilt his chances of getting second in the 440.

Pte. Jacques ran well to end second in the mile, and Lieut. Else jumped in improved form; whilst L./Cpl. Poulter again improved, and tied for first place with 9 ft. 9 in.

Altogether, though we lost as we had anticipated, the results were encouraging.

On June 22nd and 23rd we took part in the Command Meeting. The result, 6th, may appear disappointing at first sight, but there is more in it than meets the eye, and when all the obstacles that have had to be encountered this year and the progress made despite them are considered, we think that the remark of one expert, "that the Battalion had put up a very good show," was not undeserved.

As it was we turned the tables on the K.S.L.I. decisively, and but for one or two notable failures to produce the usual form they had been showing in practice, we should have gained some more valuable points, which would have put us higher.

Ignoring the disappointments, largely due to inexperience, we at any rate had the satisfaction of gaining second place in the 880 and hurdles (although we were without Lieut. Stephenson in the latter event), and third in the pole jump. In this event Pte. Mew unexpectedly failed 9 ft. 6 in., and L./Cpl. Poulter was unlucky to injure his shoulder at the same height, and had to be stopped jumping in consequence.

Pte. Kemp was second individual in the javelin with 141 ft. odd, and actually beat this with his last throw, but it was disallowed as he touched the far side of the line.

Pte. Jacques was well up in the three miles and mile once more, but his companions have still to increase their pace and strengthen up. L./Cpl. Knights and L./Sergt. Harper ran better than they have run this year, but in the mile relay the effects of Larkhill and Netheravon were noticeable, and Lieut. Batten was therefore given more than man could do.

L./Cpl. Brown showed steady improvement in the hammer with 92 ft., and actually passed the 100 mark, only to spoil it by allowing his little finger to escape from the magic circle.

Altogether the results showed that systematic steady trainings and experience are essential if results are to be obtained, but that given this plus sound advice, great progress can be made.

And here we must say a word about Q.M.S.I. Hill.

By the kind consent of O.C. Depot, Q.M.S.I. Hill started to come down from the Depot for week-ends, and he immediately inoculated all he came in touch with a special athletic serum of enthusiasm and knowledge. Both to runners and field event men his coaching was invaluable, and keenness increased rapidly with knowledge, but the benefit we derived this year is small compared with the effect it will have we hope next year, when the knowledge we have gained this year can be passed on.

On behalf of the Battalion in general and all those interested in athletics in particular, we have to record our gratitude to him for his great assistance.

I fear this is rather long, but as it is our only contribution in the year I will encroach just a little further and conclude with this advice:

Don't think that this year is the best you or the Battalion can do.

Don't leave the hammer and shot to rust in the mud.

Don't let the pole sprout branches in the store.

Don't forget to try to improve your style whenever you get a chance of running.

Don't wait until after the Battalion Sports to start training next year.

Don't forget to pass on any tips you have gained this year to those less experienced.

BATTALION SPORTS RESULTS.

440 Yards Relay.—1, C (M.G.); 2, D; 3, B; 4, A; 5, Q; 6, G.

880 Yards Relay.—1, C (M.G.); 2, D; 3, B; 4, A; 5, Q; 6, G.

One Mile Relay.—1, C (M.G.); 2, D; 3, B; 4, G; 5, Q; 6, A.

Two Miles Relay.—1, Q; 2, C (M.G.); 3, D; 4, A; 5, B; 6, G.

Three Miles Team.—1, Q; 2, C (M.G.); 3, G; 4, D; 5, A; 6, B.

One Mile Team.—1, C (M.G.); 2, Q; 3, D; 4, G; 5, A; 6, B.

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

Hurdles.—1, G; 2, A; 3, C (M.G.); 4, D; 5, B.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Totals: C (M.G.), 142; A, 112; Q, 100; D, 95; G, 69; B, 68.

GARRISON SPORTS.

The Battalion occupied the following places in the Garrison Sports:—

Long Jump, 1st; Three Miles, 4th; Hammer, 4th; Discus, 4th; Shot, 4th; 880 Yards, 5th; Mile Relay, 2nd; 440 Yards, 4th; Hurdles, 1st; Javelin, 4th; Boys' Race, 2nd; Two Miles, 5th; Mile Team, 4th.

3rd BATTALION (PRE-WAR) MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.) REUNION DINNER.

A REUNION Dinner of the 3rd Bn. Middlesex Regiment was held at the "Goat and Compasses" Hotel, Euston Road, on May 14th, 1932.

Mr. G. Kerswill (late R.S.M.) who conceived the idea, must have felt very gratified on seeing eighty members and wives gathered together to renew acquaintances and enjoy a most excellent dinner—(a menu of memories).

Colonel Drew, who took the chair, whilst ruminating on the Battalion from its inception, awakened memories when

he mentioned the names of the officers who had commanded the Battalion, and the numerous stations visited. He also referred to the fact that, "Although we had gathered together as the 3rd Battalion, we must remember that we are 'Die-Hards,' first and foremost."

Colonel Drew, on behalf of all present, thanked Mr. Kerswill on his very fine effort and painstaking work in bringing so many together, and in providing such an excellent turnout.

In reply, Mr. Kerswill thanked the company for their appreciation, but said that as great as a success the whole had been, this could not have been such, had he not been so admirably assisted by the many members who very generously and readily subscribed to the Dinner Fund.

After dinner, tables were cleared and room made ready for those who wished to dance, but many had too much to recount since they last met; others made merry around the piano, with songs more ancient than modern! Time went all too quickly.

Every guest present received a souvenir of the occasion from the committee, of a propelling pencil, suitably inscribed with "3rd Battalion Reunion Dinner, 14th May, 1932."

The undermentioned were present:—

Lieut.-Col. Drew, Major English, Capt. G. Johnson, Lieut. and Mrs. Carvell, Mr. and Mrs. Clelland, Mr. and Mrs. Wallis, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. Blackman, Mr. and Mrs. Easter, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, Mr. Burns Roots, Mr. and Mrs. Daly, Mr. and Mrs. North, Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth, C.S.M. and Mrs. Rand, Mr. and Mrs. Kerswill, Mr. and Mrs. Baldry, Mrs. Capel, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Stannett, Mr. and Mrs. Bevis, Mr. Beazley, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Muggridge, Mr. Storey, Mr. Brown, Mr. Riddell, Sergt. and Mrs. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Horner, Mr. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, Mr. D. Sullivan and Mr. Rabey.

L. L. C.

LOOKING BACK.

124, Clyde Street,
Wellington,
New Zealand.
May 28th, 1932.

The Editor THE DIE-HARDS.

Dear Sir,

Seventy-six years ago to-day the Die-Hards left the Crimea for Malta. I enclose an item I put in the *Evening Post* which I feel sure you will find room for in your next issue; it is rather stale news but feel sure it will be well received, but I doubt if there are many who can recall the event. For my years I feel that I am fairly fortunate as regards my health. The other old veteran, Michael Gill, is still hanging on. I very much regretted to learn of the death of Sir C. M. Clarke. We had corresponded occasionally ever since I left the Regiment in 1867, and I saw much of him when on the two visits a few years back.

My best wishes to THE DIE-HARDS.

Yours, etc.,

E. BEZAR,

Late Colour-Sergt. 57th Regiment.

(To the Editor.)

"Sir,—Seeing that 'The Post' takes pleasure in reproducing interesting articles after fifty years, I ask you to kindly find space for this letter relating to an event that took place some years prior to the birth of the 'Evening Post.' "Seventy-six years ago to-day (24th) the British Army in the Crimea, 50,000 strong, held their final grand review on the plains of Balaklava to celebrate the 37th birthday of our great Queen Victoria. New uniforms had recently been issued, so they looked their very best; added to this was the presence of the Allied commanders and their brilliant staff, also our late enemy. Thousands of the Allied armies were spectators, and the scene was one to be remembered to their last days. Little did the writer think he would be writing of the event far away in the extreme outpost of the great Empire 76 years hence. There are only three now living who were present, and they are in this Dominion. They are:—Veteran Sanbrook, of the 14th

Regiment, aged 97 years; Veteran M. Gill, and the writer. Gill is in his 96th year, and the writer in his 95th. Four days after the great review those three quitted the Crimea on the same steamer, the Etna. The whole of the 57th Regiment, the Die-hards, and two companies of the 14th Regiment went to Malta.

"Great as the 'review' was, it will not go down in history as will another event which thrilled the world in the same locality eighteen months previously—the Charge of the Light Brigade.—I am, etc.,

"E. BEZAR,

"Late Colour-Sergt. 57th Regiment."

DEPOT NOTES.

THE Whitsun holiday period from May 13th to May 17th enabled most of the Depot Staff and recruits to enjoy a spell of leave, and Whit Monday (May 16th) coincided with Albuhera Day, a holiday granted on the King's Birthday, June 3rd.

On June 4th, the day on which the King's Birthday was officially celebrated, a ceremonial parade was held, and three cheers were given for His Majesty.

The Area Commander, Major-General H. R. Peck, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., accompanied by the D.A.A. and Q.M.G., Bt. Lieut.-Col. L. D. Hickes, O.B.E., M.C., visited the Depot on May 30th, on which day a practice mobilization test took place, the recruits taking the part of the reservists.

The Commanding Officer represented the Depot on the occasion of the burial of the late General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, whose ashes were interred on May 25th, and on June 10th Lady Mansfield Clarke visited the Depot and handed over for the museum some most interesting and historic items, a list of which will be found elsewhere in this number.

The four Middlesex Cadet Battalions are now allied to our Territorial Battalions, and the Depot has been providing instructors each Sunday for the Cadet N.C.Os. of the 3rd Battalion. These cadets, who are drawn chiefly from the neighbourhood of Willesden, have shown great keenness at their work on the

Barrack Square. On May 5th the Depot was visited by the D.D.M.S. Eastern Command, who inspected the Recruits in the Gymnasium, and expressed himself pleased with what he saw.

On May 25th we had a visit from Colonel C. G. Maude, O.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., the Command Education Officer.

On June 23rd a party of nine recruits visited certain of the ships of the Royal Navy at Chatham Dockyard, over which they were conducted. This was arranged under the new arrangement of co-operation with the Royal Navy, and was much appreciated. We hope to send another party on July 14th, and several more during the autumn and winter months.

The Supplementary Reserve of Officers has received an addition in the person of 2/Lieut. J. H. R. Sherwin, who has recently commenced his Preliminary Training at the Depot, and to whom we extend a welcome. We congratulate Lieut. L. D. Cowley, who was promoted Lieut. in the Supplementary Reserve on April 12th.

We extend a hearty welcome to Lieut. N. G. Gilbert who has just joined the Depot from the Home Battalion for a tour of duty.

Ladysmith squad left us on drafting to Colchester on May 28th, and the present senior squad Albuhera are due for drafting on July 16th.

CRICKET.

So far our cricket results have been poor and we have only won one match, but that was an important one, being against the Depot of the Royal Fusiliers. Our match against the other Depot—that of the East Surreys—was a very good one, and we were only just beaten.

We hope for better results to come now that our team has been strengthened by Lieut. Gilbert, 2/Lieut. Sherwin and Pte. Addinall.

We owe thanks to Capt. Worton, Lieut. Hudson and Lieut. Franklin, and to various officers, N.C.Os. and men of the 2nd Battalion who have helped us on various occasions. The outstanding recruit of the year is Pte. Allen, who has bowled and batted well on several occasions. His 6 wickets for 29 runs against the Royal Fusiliers Depot, includ-

ing a "hat trick," being his best performance.

FOOTBALL.

The Inter-Ranks Football League was not completed when the last notes were given below. Although the first two places in the League were not filled by Recruits' squad teams, the latter on the whole did very well and put up many excellent performances. A great deal of promise has been shown by many players, and especially by Pte. Delaney who only came to the Depot just before the end of the season and, therefore, was unfortunately only seen in a few games, showed himself to be a centre-forward of considerable ability.

The Inter-Room (six-a-side) Tournament was won by Somme 1 Room, the next fair places being held by Somme 2, Albuhera 11, Albuhera 9, and Nivelle 8.

A number of matches have already been arranged for next season, including fixtures with Westminster, Highgate and Aldenham Schools and it is hoped that the season will prove both successful and interesting.

INTER-RANKS LEAGUE—1931-32.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Corporals	8	7	0	1	27	7	14
W.Os. and Sergts.	8	6	2	0	32	11	14
Somme	8	4	1	3	22	15	9
Nivelle	8	4	0	4	19	25	8
Albuhera	8	3	2	3	17	24	8
Depot Staff	8	2	2	4	22	18	6
Mons	8	2	2	4	18	20	6
Ladysmith	8	2	0	6	15	23	4
Ypres	8	1	1	6	8	37	3

SHOOTING.

Monthly shoots were held during April and May and proved successful, being very well attended. The Inter-Pair Knock-out Competitions were especially popular. The results were as follows:—

APRIL SHOOT.

Sealed Handicap.—Series (a), on Thirty Yards' Range: 1. Sergt. Wright; 2. Pte. Chesson (Ladysmith); 3. Pte. Ager (Ladysmith). Series (b), on Miniature Range: 1. Pte. Simkins; 2. Pte. Chapman; 3. Pte. Towler.

Lucky Snapshooting.—Series (b): 1. C.S.M. Hart; 2. Sergt. Paterson; 3. Pte

Knight. Series (b): 1, Pte. Young; 2, Pte. Phillips; 3, Pte. Hatfield.

Rapid Fire Competition.—1, C.S.M. Hart; 2, Sergt. Wright; 3, Cpl. Smith.

Inter-pair Knock-Out Competition.—Firing at Clay Pipes: Winners, Ptes. Willer and Jaques; runners-up, R.S.M. Davis and Pte. Atkinson.

The competitions were open, in Series (a), to the Depot Staff and to recruits of Ladysmith Squad; in Series (b) to recruits of Albuhera Squad.

MAY SHOOT.

Lucky Snaphooting.—Series (a), on Thirty Yards' Range (open to Depot Staff and recruits of Ladysmith and Albuhera Squads): 1, Pte. Hinton; 2, Pte. Hatfield (Albuhera); 3, L./Cpl. Avery. Series (b), Miniature Range (open to recruits of Mons and Ypres Squads): 1, Pte. Waters (Ypres); 2, Pte. Turner (Mons); 3, Pte. McAndrew (Ypres).

Rapid Fire Competition.—Open to W.Os. and N.C.Os. of Depot Staff: 1, L./Cpl. Avery; 2, Sergt. Wright. Open to privates of Depot Staff and recruits of Ladysmith and Albuhera Squads: 1, Pte. Turner (Ladysmith); 2, Pte. Gardner (Ladysmith); 3, Pte. Chapman (Albuhera).

Deliberate Practice.—On Miniature Range. Open to recruits of Mons and Ypres Squads: 1, Pte. Buckle (Ypres); 2nd, Pte. O'Connor (Mons); 3, Pte. Young (Mons).

Inter-pair Knock-Out Competition.—Firing at Clay Tiles (open to Depot Staff and recruits of Ladysmith and Albuhera Squads): Winners, Ptes. Gigg and Staveley; runners-up, Ptes. Bond (Ladysmith) and Knight.

A team from Ladysmith Squad was taken on April 21st to fire against a team of the Royal Fusiliers. Our opponents proved to be considerably above the average, and defeated us rather easily. Our team failed to do themselves justice, and should have done better, but at the same time the losing score was higher than several winning scores on previous occasions when the practices were fired. Scores:—Ptes. Gigg, 67; Chesson, 59; O'Doherty, 42; Sayers, 50; Rundle, 67; Atkinson, 44; Soden, 36; Walker, 67; total, 432 points. Depot, The Royal Fusiliers: 495 points.

Another match has been arranged with the Royal Fusiliers for July 27th, when

we hope to reverse this result with a team from Mons and Ypres Squads.

The Depot has entered for the A.R.A. 30 Yards' Range Competition, the scores for which are contributed by a Depot Staff team and the two best pairs of recruits from squads which are in training between March and November. Continuity of interest is thus maintained, as each squad has a chance of getting one pair into the team. Up to now Ptes. Gigg and Chesson have been selected to fire for Ladysmith Squad, and Ptes. Chapman and Hatfield are about to fire for Albuhera.

C.S.M. Hart entered from the Depot for the Army Championship at Bisley. It was not anticipated that he would be able to secure a place in the Army Hundred owing to the lack of facilities here for practice on open range. However, he only failed to do so by a small margin, and the experience gained should stand him in good stead in future years, when it is hoped that further entries from the Depot will be possible.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

During the past quarter, the order of the day, thanks to the committee responsible, has been entertainment, entertainment, and again, entertainment.

Each week on early closing day the members and their wives have participated in a "flying rummy" or "cent-et-un against the clock" tournament, and to date, R.S.M. Davis and his wife head the list of successful chasers of the elusive deuce, or "he who sits like that."

Fortnightly, on Saturday evenings (in order that our honorary members and friends might enjoy that extra of repose on Sunday morning), whist drives and dances have been held, and the results, both from a point of view of attendance and enjoyment derived, have been highly gratifying to those concerned in the running of these functions. Among the successful prize-winners the one whose accomplishments stand out most clearly is Mrs. Bishop. Having found her feet as a fortunate competitor, may she have the same luck in finding the feet of the guaranteed "Lisle thread."

Once a month after the onerous duties of "the usual monthly Sergeants' Mess Meeting," the members have disported

themselves in "pagal" tournaments (see Notes on the N.W. Frontier, 1908), in which the members displayed their skill or lack of same in the lesser known, but at the same time nevertheless exhausting, Glory Hole Sports and Pastimes. That brings to mind the only complaint that has been heard during the quarter—the single member who moaned because the egg sandwiches provided were not made from Empire cockerel eggs.

On the glorious 1st of June, about three hours before daybreak, or so it seemed to some, a gay party—complete with hats, civilian, collars, stiff, and ties, multi-coloured—left the Mess for the Downs so free. An account of their doings and mis-doings will be found elsewhere in this issue.

On Sports Day a "social" was held in the Mess in the evening, and thanks to the efforts of the concert party of Miss March (she "came over" like the proverbial lion and went out like the proverbial lamb), and also of various members who danced, sang and stuttered, the evening was a fitting conclusion to an enjoyable day.

On Saturday, July 2nd, the members of the Mess were invited to the Old Comrades' At Home Tea on the cricket ground, and the Mess reciprocated by welcoming them to a N.C.Os. dance in the evening. It was a pleasure on the same day to entertain a party from the Sergeants' Mess of the Home Battalion. It is to be hoped that occasions like these, when the old comrades and the members of the two Messes may meet, will occur frequently in the future.

In the realms of sport we managed, after a close race with the Corporals' team, to bring the Inter-Mess Relay Shield back to the Mess after its being absent seven years. It is regretted that it could not be filled owing to our star runner straining his ankle marking time while "running" the furlong.

On the tennis court the rackets of the devotees are in full swing. With regard to the gentler sex they do not always swing in the right direction, and there is frequently the danger of a sliced ear or a cut in the face if one happens to poach a trifle in the very mixed doubles. The weather at certain times having been somewhat warm, stockings have been discarded: in view of the proximity of

the dining room to the court, let us hope that the temperature does not rise too high, or the dining members may lose their appetite and

Our congratulations are offered to C.Q.M.S. Sadler on his promotion, and we hope his "obs" during his tour of duty in the Home Battalion will be few.

Sergeant O'Brien, who will be remembered for his prowess on the field of sport, has left us for civilian life, and is now engaged in the more strenuous game of postman's knock. Our good wishes go with him.

We welcome to the Mess from the Home Battalion, Sergt. Russell, and on promotion, Lance-Sergeants Allchorne and Newstead. Too short a spell has the latter been with us—we wish him the best of luck at Colchester.

Should you wish to ring us, our 'phone number is—Finchley 3873.

CHAUVE QUI PEUT.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

Since the last notes appeared the football season has drawn to (for us) a successful close, we having finished at the top of the Depot league. Recently, we have had little sport, but enjoy our occasional games of passball, at which we have yet to be beaten.

On Friday, July 1st, the Depot held their sports, and, as usual, the club were well to the fore. We congratulate Cpl. Overy on his excellent running that day.

On Friday, June 17th, we entertained the privates of the staff in a darts and billiards tournament. Everyone enjoyed a thoroughly good evening. The result was a win for us by five games to one, in each series. On July 2nd the "Old Comrades" gathering took place, and an N.C.Os. dance successfully concluded the day.

We congratulate L./Cpls. White, Overy, Soden and Maloney on their recent promotion, and are sorry to lose Cpl. Newstead (to the higher Mess) on his promotion to L./Sergt.

We have said farewell to Cpls. Wood, Davis and Smith, who have left us for the Battalion in Colchester, and welcome in their stead, L./Cpls. Clarke, Elcome, Byrne and Knight, and trust they will enjoy a pleasant tour here.

BLANCO.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB.

Owing to the departure of our President, Mrs. Moore, these notes will be brief, but we will put in as much as possible.

We held a whist drive and dance during April, the prize-winners being:—Ladies: 1st, Mrs. Easton (pair of cushions); 2nd, Mrs. Bishop (table cloth). Gents: 1st, Sergt. Regan, R.A.S.C. (pair of gloves); 2nd, Mr. G. O'Brien (smoker's set).

Our second whist drive and dance, held on June 24th, though not well attended, proved enjoyable for those who came. The prize-winners were:—Ladies: 1st, Mrs. H. Davis (half-set tea service); 2nd, Mrs. Bishop (table centre). Gents: 1st, L./Sergt. Kruck (wristlet watch); 2nd, Pte. Delaney (suit case). Booby prizes: Mrs. Finch (powder box); Pte. Snell (pair of braces).

Thanks to the kindness of Mr. Lovering and his band, a most successful dance was held on May 27th. On this occasion the work of the President and Committee was truly rewarded. Owing to able assistance rendered by R.S.M. Davis, Sergts. Wright and Bishop, shooting practices have taken place on the 30th range, at which our members are endeavouring to equal the abilities of Miss K. Foster (King's Prize Winner). We sincerely hope that more members will soon take up this most enjoyable pastime. Now that the summer has proved such a success for our tennis enthusiasts, and we lack outdoor facilities for functions, we have decided not to hold any more indoor functions till October, when we hope to make greater successes of our future whist drives and dances. Cheerio, till next issue.

R. K.

GAZETTE.

POSTINGS.

6191923 Cpl. H. Frewin: Posted to Depot from 2nd Battalion for a tour of duty, 21/5/32.

6198740 Cpl. V. Cooper: Posted to 2nd Battalion, 21/5/32.

6188455 C.Q.M.S. W. Sadler: Posted to 2nd Battalion, 11/6/32.

6194103 Sergt. A. Russell: Posted to Depot from 2nd Battalion for a tour of duty, 11/6/32.

6188948 L./Sergt. G. Newstead: Posted to 2nd Battalion, 1/7/32.

6194972 Cpl. F. Davis: Posted to 2nd Battalion, 1/7/32.

6196807 Cpl. F. Smith: Posted to 2nd Battalion, 1/7/32.

6197757 Cpl. J. Hood: Posted to 2nd Battalion, 1/7/32.

6195684 L./Cpl. H. Clarke, 61997761 L./Cpl. H. Elcome, 6196720 L./Cpl. E. Byrne, 6195975 L./Cpl. F. Knight:

Posted to Depot from 2nd Battalion for a tour of duty, 1/7/32.

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

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

6200354 Pte. Edwards, 6200330 Pte. Lewis, 6200334 Pte. May, 6200339 Pte. Outten, 6200314 Pte. Powell, 6200349 Pte. Towler, 6200360 Pte. Bowditch, 6200367 Pte. Payne, 6200357 Pte. Simmonds, 6642485 Pte. Quigley, 807704 Pte. Wood, 6200371 Pte. Bruniges, 6200337 Pte. Cornford, 6200381 Pte. Ellingworth, 6723206 Pte. Waters, 6200337 Pte. McAndrew, 6200392 Pte. Collis, 6200390 Pte. Coombes, 6200502 Pte. Davis, 6200501 Pte. Davidson, 6200389 Pte. Delaney, 6200503 Pte. Firth, 6200394 Pte. Hall, 6723136 Pte. Eastland, 6200395 Pte. Lawrence, 6200515 Pte. Read, 6200505 Pte. Phipps, 6200506 Pte. Nicholls, 6200396 Pte. Pullen, 6200398 Pte. Tye, 6200515 Pte. Read, 6200397 Pte. Studer, 6711825 Pte. Shrub, 6200532 Pte. Everett, 6200529 Pte. Pearson, 6200386 Pte. Veryard, 6200343 Pte. Fuller, 6200351 Pte. Perry, 2027665 Pte. Gregory, 6200363 Pte. Berry 6200353 Pte. Connick, 6200393 Pte. Green, 6700471 Pte. Jones, 6843451 Pte. Hayden, 6200537 Pte. Bridge, 6200539 Pte. Durham, 6138673 Pte. Hurren, 6200542 Pte. Islip, 6200527 Pte. Jones, 6200514 Pte. Mazzoni, 2313254 Pte. Osborn, 6200518 Pte. Powers, 6200528 Pte. Rae, 6200540 Pte. Rathbone, 6200531 Pte. Theed, 6200516 Pte. White.

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

6200153 Pte. Bromley, 6200516 Pte. Green, 6200199 Pte. Chapman, 6196256 Pte. Gigg, 6200308 Pte. Grant, 6200317 Pte. Rundle, 6200198 Pte. Sayer, 6200310

Pte. Wright, 6200358 Pte. Marsh, 6196964 Pte. Day, 6200340 Pte. Turner, 6200348 Pte. Young.

The undermentioned were awarded 1st Class Certificates during the past quarter:—

6197757 Cpl. J. Hood, 6200352 Pte. D. Chapman, 6199260 L./Cpl. Overy.

DERBY DAY.

Like many other Units, the Members of the Sergeants' Mess took Derby Day for the occasion of an outing, and a right royal time was enjoyed by all who had the good fortune to attend, and although a little worn out at the end of the day, all quickly discarded their racing kit on return to Barracks, and assembled in the Mess for a Social.

A char-a-banc was the means of conveyance, and was well loaded with all the good things the organizer could lay his hands on.

The clerk of the weather, being in good mood, decided to allot us a good day, and at 8.15 a.m. we left the Barracks, all in good spirits, and arrived at Epsom about 11 a.m. and pitched our camp.

Orders for the day were then issued as follows:—

You can all hop it till 12 noon, when lunch will be ready.

Nobody was late getting back to camp, for the spread arranged was excellent, and appeared to be envied by all and sundry passers-by, who seemed to enjoy the look of the grass table as we did whilst putting away the contents.

After lunch we all divided into different directions to beat the Bookies, but with the exception of a couple of seasoned punters, I think the Bookies beat us. Some experienced the unsatisfactory venture of giving their money to a Welsher, and Johnny Walker (not the caterer) will be long remembered in the Mess.

During the journey to and from the glorious Downs we all joined in a musical recital led by C.S.M. Hart on his uke, assisted by Ernie Shaw with his bones! An effort was made to include the Mess piano on the chara, but owing to the rotund figures of some of the members, this was impossible.

I expect readers of these notes will want to know who constituted the party, and as members are always anxious and delighted to be mentioned in despatches, here they are:—

R.S.M. and Mrs. Davis, Q.M.S. and Mrs. Baldwin, Q.M.S.I. Hill (A.P.T.S.), C.S.M. and Mrs. Hart, C.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Clarke, Sergt. and Mrs. Benwell (A.E.C.), Sergt. and Mrs. Bishop, Sergt. and Mrs. Paterson, Sergt. Beaveridge, Sergt. Shaw, L./Sergt. Paterson, L./Sergt. and Mrs. Swadling, L./Sergt. Scott, L./Sergt. Kruck, L./Sergt. Allchorne, Mr. and Mrs. Edmunds, Mr. and Mrs. Kerswill, Mrs. Honeybun, Mrs. Glover and Mrs. Henty, who would like, through the medium of the JOURNAL to pass a hearty vote of thanks and appreciation to Q.M.S. Baldwin for arranging such a glorious outing. He, to use his own words, was well paid for his work by the happy result!

Before closing I would like to add that the betting instinct of some of the ladies was a revelation, for they went about their business in a really first-class punter's manner.

I am indebted to Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs. Clarke for the excellent snaps which appear in this issue.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30TH, 1932.

Amount of grants and loans made: £149 14s. 8d.

Other grants and loans specially sanctioned by the Executive Committee: £31 4s. 6d.

Number of cases dealt with: 239.

Number of cases assisted: 128.

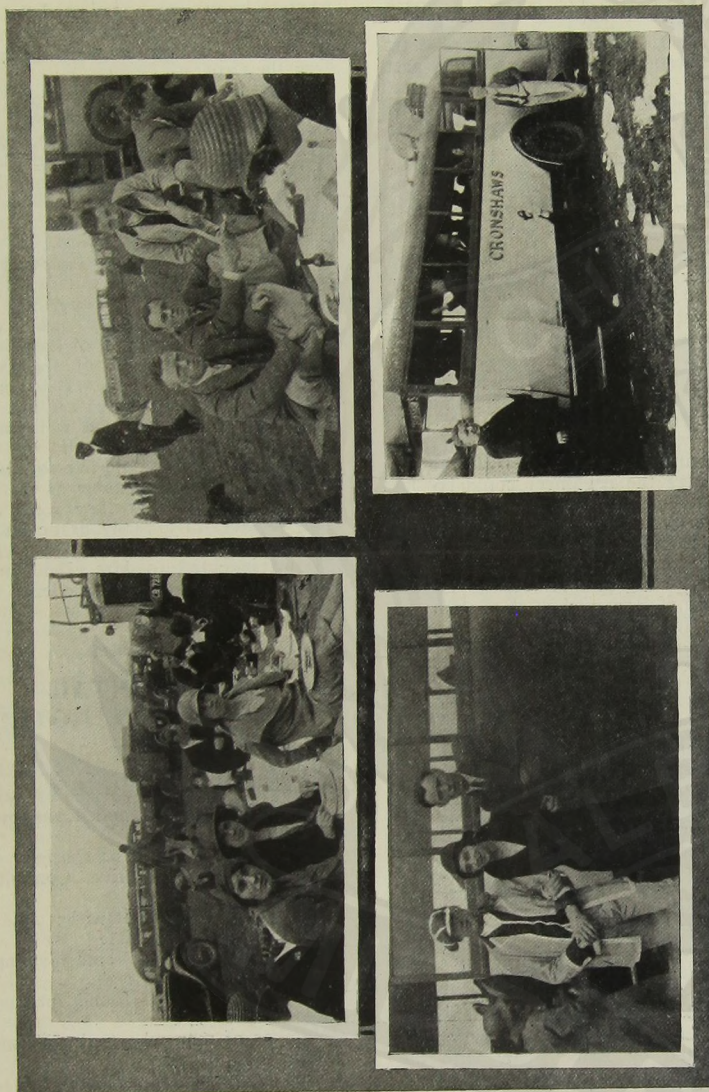
Number of men registered for employment: 121.

Number of men found permanent employment: 7.

Number of men who took up employment: 7.

Number of parcels sent out by Ladies' Guild: 13.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Central London Recruit-



DERBY DAY.

ing Zone, Whitehall, S.W.1., on April 27th, 1932. Present:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair), Brig-Generals R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G., and F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Hon. Treasurer), Lieut.-Col. G. W. H. Tupper, T.D., Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C. (Hon. Secretary), Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. A. N. Overell (representing 1st Battalion), R.S.M. C. Davis, R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley, C.Q.M.S. L. Clarke, Mr. W. Blackwood, Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., Mr. F. E. Holmes and Major E. H. Amor (Assistant Secretary).

The Hon. Auditor's certificate for the accounts for the year 1931 was received, and the accounts finally passed.

The draft of the Annual Report for 1931 was approved, and it was decided that copies should be sent to all subscribers to the Regimental JOURNAL who do not subscribe to the Association.

A donation from the JOURNAL Account to cover the debt of the Entertainment Fund was approved.

The report of the Sub-Committee appointed to inquire into the working of the Regimental Association was received, and the recommendations adopted with certain modifications. The most important decision was the sanctioning of a donation of £100 a year for at least three years to the National Association for employment of regular sailors, soldiers and airmen, towards the cost of opening a branch office in the neighbourhood of Willesden, and the appointment of a special job-finder. A further decision was that the JOURNAL Account should make a quarterly donation of £10 towards the Association Funds, in recognition of the fact that all the JOURNAL business is conducted in the Association office. (The N.A. for Employment of R.S.S. and A. have already appointed the job-finder and a clerk for the new office, and negotiations are proceeding for suitable premises).

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Captain Foster and the members of the sub-committee for their labours.

The Chairman referred to the death of General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke,

G.C.B., G.C.V.O., and the committee stood in silence as a tribute to his memory.

SUMMER GATHERING.

The Old Comrades' Summer Gathering was held at Mill Hill on Saturday, July 2nd, when there was a good muster of members, who, in many cases, were accompanied by their wives and families.

The occasion was the last day of the Regimental Cricket Week, and a match between the Regiment and the Sandhurst Wanderers was in progress. The proceedings were enlivened by the Band of the 2nd Battalion.

Among the visitors were Major-General Ramsay, Lieut.-Colonel Hayes, and Captain Foster.

Teas were provided for 245 persons.

MALAYA BRANCH.

The following letter has been received from the Hon. Secretary of the above Branch:—

DRILL HALL,
SINGAPORE.

May 25th, 1932.

DEAR SIR,

We held our Annual General Meeting and Dinner at the Adelphi Hotel on May 14th, 1932. I have enclosed a menu card, statement of accounts, and copy of the meeting's minutes, abstracts of which I should like inserted in THE DIE-HARDS doings. I have also enclosed a copy of a meeting held in April, by which you will see that it was decided this year not to send to our home branch the usual £10. My Committee are more than sorry that this step had to be taken, but, as you will see, we have already helped one of our members, and we are afraid more help may be required, although personally I do not think so, because most of our members are in fairly safe jobs.

When published, will you make the following amendments in the Regimental Association of the Middlesex Regiment's Annual Report:—President: For Lieut.-Col. B. A. Thompson, read Mr. E. A. Lickfold, and add: Vice-President, Mr. J. Schooling.

You may notice that we had two less at the Dinner this year, but it is not because we have decreased in numbers.

Mr. G. A. Stephenson is in Singapore again, and promised to attend, but, unfortunately, had to go up-country. Mr. E. D. Lindon is back from Malacca and was coming. I have not heard his reasons for not turning up yet, and our President-Elect (Lickfold) won the third prize on the big Sweep (\$4,000), so I leave you to guess the rest.

Two new members joined us this year. They are C.S.M. H. Farrow, who has taken up the appointment of R.Q.M.S. in Penang, and C.S.M. J. H. Tungate, D.C.M., who is in Malacca. They are both attached to the Straits Settlements Volunteer Force for three years, and as I am the Quartermaster of the same Force I shall be seeing them often.

Wishing you and the Association all the best,

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) A. J. PHARAOH,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,
Regimental Association of the Middle-
sex Regiment (Malaya Branch).

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Election of officers and Committee for
1932-33:—

President—Mr. A. E. Lickfold.

Vice-President—Mr. J. Schooling.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—Mr.
A. J. Pharaoh.

F.M.S., North—Mr. T. Wayte.

F.M.S., South—Mr. W. L. Wood.

Singapore—Messrs. E. J. Goldsmith
and J. Peckney.

Penang—R.Q.M.S. H. Farrow.

Malacca—C.S.M. J. H. Tungate,
D.C.M.

It was proposed and seconded that a cable be sent to Lieut.-Col. B. A. Thompson and the Home Branch conveying our best wishes.

Mr. Pharaoh pointed out the great loss the Malayan Branch had sustained owing to the retirement of the late President (Lieut.-Col. Thompson) and Mr. W. H. Follenfant, and wished them the best of luck.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 18TH, 1932.

It was decided that £5 be remitted to the Association at home this year.

The following telegram was received from the Malaya Branch on Albuhera Day:—

"W.P.A., 184, Singapore, 16, 15, 1131.

"D.L.T., Chairman, Middlesex Association, Mill Hill, London.

"Best wishes from us all.—Secretary, Middlesex Association, Malaya."

7th BATTALION NOTES.

BY the time these notes appear we shall have completed the training which we are carrying out in lieu of annual camp. There is no doubt whatever that the cancellation of annual camp this year has been keenly felt by us all, but the excellent spirit in which this has been received reflects great credit on all concerned, as the attendances at our social functions have not diminished in any way, and the attendances at drills have only slightly decreased. Of course, the nearer the annual training period draws, the more we shall think of the camps that are gone, and, like Wilkins Micawber, the scenes and events of the past will afford us gratifying emotions. A full account of our three days' Battalion Training and Specialists' Training will appear in the next issue.

On April 14th the 132nd Infantry Brigade Inter-Battalion Rifle and Lewis Gun Competition took place. The Tottenham Company (as for many years previously) represented the Battalion, and put up an extremely fine performance. Not only were this team top in the aggregate, but they made the highest points in both the Rifle and Lewis Gun Competition. The teams deserve the greatest praise, for in order to arrive at this high standard of efficiency, they put in a great deal of hard work during the winter months. The following constituted the teams:

Rifle Team: Sergt. Lenney, Cpls. Beale and Duck, L./Cpls. Bundy Allinson, Wade and Tassell, Ptes. Brown and Oxley.

Lewis Gun Team: Cpls. Lambert and Sutton, L./Cpls. Hobrough and Kernot, Ptes. Loxton, Morley, McGee, Desborough and Warren.

One cannot let this opportunity pass without thanking Lieut. G. C. D. Scott Lowe and Sergt. Whiting for their energies in training the Rifle and Lewis Gun Teams respectively.

Two Tactical Exercises were held in the month of April, both at Totteridge. At the first, 15 Officers attended, and at the second, 15 Officers and 51 N.C.Os. The knowledge gained should be of great help to all those attending Summer Training.

On April 28th the Machine Gun Company were judged in the Annual Inter-Unit and Machine Gun Competition. The result achieved—third place—came somewhat as a disappointment, as we were rather led to believe that the team this year were "just the stuff." The members of the team, however—optimistic as ever—are fully confident that they can make up the points lost in the Drill Hall on the ranges at Rainham on July 17th. We shall see!

Whit Sunday saw considerable activity in the Battalion. The Signallers and Transport did very useful work at Hornsey, and the majority of the Personnel of the Company visited Rainham for practice, having in view the Battalion Rifle Meeting on Sunday, the 22nd.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting this year can be classed as one of the most successful that has ever taken place. The shooting, generally, showed a considerable advance, and we shall be very disappointed if we do not repeat our successes of last year, at the Brigade Rifle Meeting at Purfleet on July 17th. The following are the detailed results:—

Lee Memorial Shield:

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| 1. B (M.G.) Company, Enfield | 878 pts. |
| 2. D Company, Tottenham | 870 " |
| 3. C Company, Hornsey | 807 " |
| 4. A Company, Highgate | 704 " |
| 5. H.Q. Company, Hornsey | 398 " |

(For one Competition only.)

Arnold White Cup:

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| 1. H.Q. Company | 398 pts. |
| 2. D Company | 391 " |
| 3. B Company | 389 " |
| 4. C Company | 386 " |
| 5. A Company | 367 " |

Hornsey Vase:

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| 1. B Company | 278 pts. |
| 2. A Company | 249 " |
| 3. C Company | 242 " |
| 4. D Company | 204 " |

Volunteer Cup:

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| 1. D Company | 275 pts. |
| 2. B Company | 212 " |
| 3. C Company | 179 " |
| 4. A Company | 124 " |

Officers' Cup:

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| 1. 2/Lieut. B. J. Paul | 70 pts. |
| 2. Capt. S. A. W. Brown | 63 " |
| 3. Lieut. R. Bartram | 59 " |

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Cup:

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| 1. Sergt. Webb | 68 pts. |
| 2. Sergt. Thomas | 65 " |
| 3. Sergt. Rockall | 56 " |

Marksmen's Cup:

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| 1. Pte. Heard | 60 pts. |
| 2. Pte. McGee | 55 " |
| 3. Pte. Williams | 53 " |

Lewis Gunners' Cup:

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| 1. Pte. Freeman | 63 pts. |
| 2. Pte. Baker | 63 " |
| 3. Cpl. Powell | 60 " |

Enfield Cup:

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| 1. Pte. Hemingway | 49 pts. |
| 2. Pte. Wood | 45 " |
| 3. Pte. Powell | 39 " |

The Machine Gun Inter-Sub-Section Competition was won by L./Cpl. Webster's Sub-Section, but the scores in this event were very disappointing.

At the conclusion of the Meeting the prizes were distributed by Major H. A. Murray in the absence of the Commanding Officer, who, we regret, had not made sufficient recovery to be present.

Since the Meeting took place great keenness has been shown by the winning teams, for on each Sunday a bus load has proceeded to the ranges for practice, and some excellent scores have been made. We hope the fruits of their energies will be borne at the Brigade Rifle Meeting.

Wednesday evening, June 15th, was the date selected for the Annual Miniature Range Shoot, Officers v. Sergeants. The Sergeants repeated their success of last year, and won by a margin of thirteen points. Neither team, however, can be congratulated on their shooting. The customary supper, at which the Officers entertained the Sergeants, was preceded by another competition (not a miniature range one), at which the Officers were successful, beating their opponents by "one straight pint." At the conclusion of supper the Commanding Officer welcomed the Sergeants to the Mess, and congratulated them on their miniature range victory. Full details of the scores are:—

Officers:		Pts.
Lieut. N. E. T. Christodoulo	...	50
Lieut. A. K. Johnson	...	39
Lieut. G. C. D. Scott Lowe	...	35
Lieut. C. Denton	...	31
Lieut. R. Bartram	...	21
Capt. S. A. W. Brown	...	18
Capt. W. E. Pringle	...	14
2/Lieut. B. J. Paul	...	6
Total	...	214
Sergeants:		
Sergt. Knight	...	47
Sergt. Parker	...	44
Sergt. Rockall	...	39
R.Q.M.S. Roberts	...	27
Sergt. Endersby	...	19
Sergt. Thomas	...	18
Sergt. Porter	...	18
Sergt. Webb	...	15
Total	...	227

We are delighted to record in this issue the excellent progress in the Band, both as regards numbers and musical capabilities. There is no doubt that our new Bandmaster, Mr. S. Laing, is largely responsible for this, and we can confidently say that our Band now compares most favourably with any Territorial Band. On June 18th they took part in a Band Contest at the Ealing Hospital Fete, and were a very good second to the 9th Battalion Band, whom we congratulate on their performance. Our Drums also attended the Fete, and were awarded third place. What they lacked in numbers was undoubtedly forthcoming in proficiency, and if we could only double the strength we should possess an excellent Corps of Drums. We cannot finish our notes on this subject without congratulating Drum-Major Silvey, Sergt. Bangay, Dmrs. Savage and Gibbey, and a few of the older hands on their untiring energies to try and produce the goods at this Fete; also Lamprell for carrying out the duties of Drum-Major.

On Saturday, the 18th inst., the Band performed its first official engagement, this being at the Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party at his house in Highgate. There is no doubt whatever that their performance there was excellent in every way.

The undermentioned have attended courses of instruction or attachments during the past three months:—

2/Lieut. G. D. Irving, 2/Lieut. J. R. Spooner, C.Q.M.S. Bryan, Sergt. Knight,

A Company, L./Cpl. Rymill, A Company, and L./Cpl. Bundy, London District School. Sergt. Lenney, C Company, and Cpl. Hall, C Company, Cinema Operators' Course, Colchester. 2/Lieut. J. R. Spooner, Attachment to 2nd Bn., Colchester. Lieut. C. P. Gliksten, Horse Transport Course, Aldershot.

Congratulations are extended to the undermentioned on passing their Promotion Examinations:—

Capt. H. G. Arnold to Major.
Lieut. A. K. Johnson to Captain.
Lieut. G. C. D. Scott Lowe to Captain.
Lieut. C. P. Gliksten to Captain.

We welcome 2/Lieut. Clarke, on first appointment, and B Company on their acquisition.

Finally, we most heartily congratulate Major H. A. Murray on his promotion to Lieut.-Colonel, Capt. W. E. Pringle on his promotion to Major (he has been in process of developing the Field Officer's figure for some years now), and to Lieut. N. E. T. Christodoulo to Captain.

On the evening of May 18th the Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants of the Battalion listened with absorbing interest when our Honorary Colonel, Colonel E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., D.L., A.D.C., lectured at Headquarters, Hornsey, on "The Battle of Neuville Vitasse, 9th April, 1917." The lecturer, with perfect mastery of description, took us through each successive phase of that momentous struggle, and for almost two hours we seemed to live through that terrific and immortal episode of our Battalion's history. No military lecture can lend itself to elegant delivery or ornamental trimmings, and, if Colonel King's discourse was no exception to this rule, there was a certain grandeur in its forcefulness which vividly impressed us.

H.Q. WING.

The various groups comprising H.Q. Wing have been training very busily during the past few months, but it is rather difficult to record any outstanding event which has happened to the Wing as a whole. At the recently held Battalion Rifle Meeting we somewhat shook Companies by winning the Inter-Company Team Shoot, and, having made a start in

that direction, we hope to do still better next year. Certain jealous Companies accuse us of having all the "old sweats" in the team, but there is a well-known tag about "old soldiers," and, anyway, we have won it! The team has since been practising very hard for the Brigade Meeting, where it hopes to acquit itself well.

We were well represented at the Officers' and Sergeants' Supper, held recently, and our only note of sadness is that "Chilly" wouldn't sing to us, and so all present were robbed of a rare treat.

We welcome to the fold 2/Lieut. J. R. Spooner from Highgate, who is exploring the mysteries of Signalling; and we wish him every success in his new line of business.

Another newcomer to whom we extend a hearty welcome is the Bandmaster, Mr. S. Laing, who is bustling about with so much energy, that at times he makes us dizzy.

In conclusion, we would just say that there are several members of the Wing whom we should like to see more often, and we would remind them that, although there is no camp this year, there is plenty of work to be done at Headquarters, and that a cancelled or curtailed Summer Training is no excuse for a perpetual state of coma.

SIGNALLERS.

The Signal Section has been working very hard, and hope to reap the reward of their labours at the classification test in the near future. They have recently received a very useful member—Sergt. Hill—who has transferred from the Royal Corps of Signals (T.A.), and with his assistance and that of the Regular Instructor, they hope to put up a good show. Extra training was done at Easter and Whitsun, and much useful work accomplished. Apparently not the least useful part of the work was the S.Os. excursion into the realms of high finance and accountancy.

TRANSPORT.

At Easter, those of the Transport Section who were not busy preparing Gargantuan Meals, turned themselves into house decorators. As a result of their efforts, nobody is allowed in the transport shed after visiting the canteen, lest their

breath should stain the paint and distemper. It really is a sight for the Gods! At Whitsun the decorating and cleaning operations were suspended at intervals, so that members could be introduced to the two noble-looking horses that appeared on the scene. Many interesting things were explained, including which end to put the bridle, so that we are tempted to hope that when we do go to camp, there will be less of those distressing incidents arising through officers' chargers being sent on parade with self-reversing saddles.

Although we have specially mentioned the two extra training periods, we do not overlook the good work done on ordinary parade nights, week in, week out, and if the Section fail to carry off the Albuhera Cup next year, it will not be for lack of keenness and hard work.

We eagerly await the return of the T.O. from another of his frequent attachments, as there are many things we wish to know, e.g., the exact object of a piece of straw held in the mouth, whilst grooming?

BAND.

The past few months have been full of note for the Band (quite unintentional!). Major H. A. Murray has handed over the Band Presidency to Captain W. E. Pringle, M.C., and we cannot let the occasion pass without thanking Major Murray for the immense amount of work he has put in on behalf of the Band during the last eighteen months.

To raise a Band and steer it through the early and stormy days of its life is a task calling for constant care and attention, and unremitting hard work behind the scenes, and it is almost entirely due to Major Murray's efforts that the Band to-day is in such a healthy condition. We wish Major Murray every success in his higher office, and extend a hearty welcome to Captain Pringle, whom we feel sure will carry on Major Murray's work and traditions in the best possible manner.

Another event of the greatest importance to the Band is the appointment of Mr. S. Laing as Bandmaster. Some of us knew Mr. Laing previously, and those of us who did not, have already felt the remarkable results of his long experience and personality.

We secured second prize at the Band Contest at Ealing recently, and for almost our first public appearance, we feel that that is not too bad. We were warmly complimented upon our performance at the Highgate School Sports, and again at the Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party, and this fills us with hope for the future.

DRUMS.

The Drums have been carrying on with their work, but we regret that it has largely been left to a few of us, and that many of our members seem to have forgotten our existence. We worked hard in preparation for the Ealing contest, but the small turn-out on that occasion was rather disheartening.

We hope by the next time these notes appear to be able to report that the Drums have regained their recent state of keenness and efficiency.

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A COMPANY (HIGHGATE).

There has been little to record during the past few months, so our notes will be, mercifully for all readers, very short.

2/Lieut. J. R. Spooner appears to be more interested in the Signallers than in the P.B.I., and is, at present, attached to the 2nd Battalion at Colchester. Sergt. Knight and L./Cpl. Rymill have just completed a Drill Course at the London District School of Instruction; while L./Cpl. Rymill went on to complete a Tactics Course there as well. We are pleased to place on record that they have both obtained a satisfactory report, with the result that the former has gone all "Guardee," and the favourite sport at Highgate now appears to be performing the pile arms from the recover, and other curious and little-known evolutions.

At the Battalion Rifle Meeting the Company did not meet with the success of the previous year, although the L.G. team did quite well, and have been chosen to represent the Battalion at the Brigade Rifle Meeting. We offer our heartiest congratulations to B (M.G.) Company on winning the Lee Memorial Shield, closely followed by D Company.

Our strength is being maintained, but, as usual, we should like a lot more recruits.

As a result of the new rules of the

Barrel Club, the fund has risen considerably; the standard of morality in the N.C.O.s' Canteen is better (or worse), whichever way you like to take it, and a motion that the O.C. Company and the U.S.I. at Highgate should hit the West End a crack on the proceeds, has been turned down by the members by a large number of votes to two.

B (M.G.) COMPANY.

When our last notes closed we had just returned from a rather sticky Easter week-end at Rainham. We mentioned the Perring Cup, and our endeavours to get that cup this year. Part I of this competition took place in our Drill Hall on April 28th, and although we were not top scorers by some fifteen points, we are not at all despondent as to our chances of obtaining enough points in Part II to wipe out this deficiency.

Our greatest achievement during the last quarter was certainly our effort at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, held at Rainham on May 22nd, 1932. On this day we succeeded in regaining the Lee Memorial Shield. We are especially pleased to have beaten the three Rifle Companies, for this trophy, as this is undoubtedly a Rifle Company "Pot."

On Saturday, June 18th a party of us went down to Aldershot to be present at the final performance of the Tattoo. We were ably escorted by twenty officers and men of the Enfield Police. The show was voted a great success, but those members who travelled back on the top deck of an open bus, found the night air a trifle cool. The only blot being one, Pte. Ward, who thought that "Mufti" meant Khaki "walking out dress." Since then we understand several members have told him the difference.

We extend a very hearty welcome to Mr. A. C. Clarke, who has just been gazetted to this Battalion, and posted to our Company. We hope he will be very happy with us.

Another welcome return is that of our Company Commander, Captain Arnold, who has, we are glad to say, completely recovered from his recent operation. He authoritatively states that the little rhyme which begins, "Little Guy is much improved," does not apply to him.

We greatly regret that we are losing a

very old and valued member of the Company in Sergt. Cutting, who goes to D Company as C.S.M. Our loss is D Company's gain, and we wish him all the best in his new home. We hope he will revisit his old haunts frequently.

On Tuesday, June 28th, we held our general meeting, at which the usual "grouses" and "moans" had their annual outing!

We close, hoping that all members will have done their job and backed the Battalion up at our short Annual Training—and enjoyed it.

C COMPANY.

So much has been said in the past of the curious evolutions performed by bullets when fired from C Company rifles, that our great improvement in musketry has surprised even ourselves. The three leading companies at the Battalion Rifle Meeting were so close that we do not mind being placed third. We hope we may show up even better in the Brigade Meeting. We must congratulate Pte. Hemmingway on having the best individual score in the Young Soldiers' Competition. The "not-quietes" in individual competitions were: Captain S. A. W. Brown, second in the Officers' Competition; Cpl. Powell, third in the Lewis Gun; and Pte. 83 Williams, third in the Marksmen's Cup.

The course season being at its height, Sergt. Porter is away on a Lewis Gun Refresher at L.D.S.I. Col. Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) Bryan follows him shortly on a Senior N.C.O.'s course; whilst L./Cpl. Hall has just returned from Colchester, where, as far as we can gather, he has been learning how to run a cinema.

Another way in which our madness has shown itself is in the recently-formed Swimming Club. The Band, having challenged us at water-polo, we understand that L./Cpl. Hall has arranged a little boxing practice.

C.S.M. Allin is laid up with acute bronchitis, but hopes soon to be fit for duty.

Our congratulations to Cpl. Powell on his recent promotion.

We cannot close without wishing the Adjutant good luck on his return to his own regiment. We understand he will

be relieved by Lieut. Walden, from the 2nd Battalion, and we extend him the usual hearty welcome.

D COMPANY.

The fact that we are having no camp this year has rather damped the enthusiasm of some of our members. We understand that we are not the only ones to suffer in this way, but, nevertheless, we should like to see a few of the unfamiliar faces now and again. By the time these notes are published we will have had our three days extra training, and we hope that our numbers on parade will be up to our usual standard.

The Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition took place on April 14th. Our teams put up a fine score to win the show by nearly 8 points. We think we deserved to win, as we have only been a fraction of a point behind the winners for the last few years. Full particulars of the scores are published under "Battalion Notes." The rifle scores were rated up to 100, and our average was 84.72 per cent., and with the Lewis Gun team averaging 70.33, our total score was 155.05 out of a possible 175.

At the Battalion Rifle Meeting we were not so clever. The High Sheriff's team, after being a long way behind in the first practice, put up a good score in the second practice, and obtained second place—7 points behind H.Q. Company. The Lewis Gun team did not distinguish themselves, and had they made anything like their usual score, we would have retained the Lee Memorial Shield. The Young Soldiers' team won the B.S.A. Guns Competition, and we are backing them to win again at the Brigade Rifle Meeting. Our old shooting rivals, B Company, are to be congratulated on winning the Lee Memorial Shield, but they will have to "watch their steps" next year. A good number of the Company have been attending practices each Sunday at Rainham in preparation for the Brigade Meeting.

On May 1st an N.C.O.s' Tactical Exercise was held at Totteridge. A very interesting and instructive day was spent in spite of the proximity of that very pleasant Hostelry—The Orange Tree.

Sergt. Lenney and L./Cpl. Bundy attended a Tactics Course at the L.D.S.,

and the former was attached to The Black Watch, at Colchester, for an eight-day course in cinema operating. 2/Lieut. G. C. D. Scott Lowe recently passed his promotion examination.

Congratulations to C.S.M. Cutting on his promotion and appointment to D Company.

We have held two dances since the beginning of April, and both were well attended. A new band was tried out, and was much appreciated by the large gathering present. Unfortunately, a certain lady attached to the band burst into song now and again, and this was the signal for general community singing.

On June 17th a party of 32 members of the Company proceeded to the Alder-shot Tattoo. This was a very enjoyable trip, and in future will be an annual event to which many will look forward. On the way down the coach surprisingly maintained its equilibrium, in spite of the rush from side to side to view the "local sights." Nobody was allowed to go to sleep coming home, which was chiefly due to Pte. "Smiler," who handled his "cosh" with great dexterity.

The painters have been at work inside and outside the Drill Hall, and everything looks very clean. We can now lean against the doors in our best suits without fear of getting dirty.

Finally, we would like to congratulate the Band on their performance in the Competition at Ealing. For those present it was difficult to believe that our Band could have made such an amazing improvement, and we wish Mr. Laing every success for the future.

8th BATTALION NOTES.

HEARTIEST congratulations to Lieut. (Qr.-Mr.) S. A. Cox on so quickly returning to duty after a severe accident. The number of nurses in attendance, consultations of doctors, cylinders of oxygen and the usual paraphernalia of a druggist store, made one anticipate the worst.

The following are to be congratulated on passing their promotion examination:

Subject (c) (i): Captain Max Summers, Captain R. E. Warlow and Captain G. Hartley, obtained .8.

Subject A: Lieut. D. R. Pattison and 2/Lieut. E. C. A. Wheeler.

Congratulations and thanks are also extended to Sergt. Reeve, the Officers' Mess Sergeant. His effort at the Alder-shot Tattoo, when he provided supper for 33 officers and their friends, was much appreciated. His admirable arrangement for the Officers' Ball left nothing to be desired, and he thoroughly deserves the congratulations which were showered on him on this occasion.

D Company have again distinguished themselves. Their mass attendance at the Royal Military Tournament not only gave tone to the performance, but was undertaken in the nature of a reconnaissance in force, with a view to appearing, one day, as representatives of the Territorial Army.

The 44th (H.C.) Divisional Cross-Country Run was held this year at Knole Park, Sevenoaks, on April 9th. Weather conditions were not good for cross-country running, the ground being soft and spongy. From the start the team packed, and are to be congratulated on winning the event by a considerable margin of points. The result was as follows:—

- 1st, 8th Middlesex Regiment, 69 pts.
- 2nd, 4th Bn. R. W. Kent Regiment, 83 pts.
- 3rd, 4th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 96 pts.
- 4th, 5th Bn. the Queen's Royal Regiment, 123 pts.
- 5th, Cinque Ports, 204 pts.
- 6th, 7th Bn. Middlesex Regiment, 225 pts.
- 7th, 5th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, 235 pts.
- 8th, 234th Battery R.A., 281 pts.
- 9th, 58th Battery R.A., 282 pts.

Team: L./Cpl. F. E. Dowler; Ptes. W. E. Budden, L. Kendall, J. Sheppard, A. Webb, L. Loveridge, W. J. Crump, J. Wilkinson, F. C. Smith and V. A. Ing.

D Company were selected to represent the Battalion in the 132nd Infantry Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition, and were awarded second place; the 7th Battalion producing the winning team.

While congratulating the winners, we warn them it is only on temporary loan,



8TH BATTALION CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM.
Winners, Divisional Cross-Country Run.



8TH BATTALION TEAM.
Winners of 132nd Infantry Brigade Miniature Range Fire Direction Shield.

and the placings for first and second place will be reversed in the 1933 competition!

The Officers' Ball was held at Hounslow on May 6th, 1932, and was well attended. The Ball is now an annual event, and is certainly one of the attractions of the season.

The Signallers and Rangetakers are devoting their Sundays to extra training, and it is anticipated that as a result an increased number will classify and qualify this year.

The Annual Weapon Training Course was fired at Bisley on Sundays, May 8th, 22nd and 29th, and June 12th, 1932. The weather has been kind and in consequence the attendance has greatly improved.

The Old Comrades' Reunion Dinner was held at Hounslow on Wednesday, May 25th, 1932, and by kind permission of the Editor, *The Middlesex Chronicle*, the following account is published:—

8TH MIDDLESEX OLD COMRADES. REUNION OF TERRITORIALS WHO SERVED IN THE WAR.

With formality and speechmaking restricted to the minimum in order to give the company the fullest opportunity of spending the evening in free and easy style, the Annual Reunion Dinner of Old Comrades of the 8th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (T.A.), which was held in the Headquarters Drill Hall at Hounslow on Wednesday, ranked as one of the most enjoyable and successful of the post-war series. The occasion was one on which ex-Territorials, who had worthily upheld the traditions of the "Die-Hards" of Albuhera fame, became reminiscent about their experiences in the Great War of 1914-18, and in a brief but impressive spell of silence remembered the comrades who made the supreme sacrifice, and whose names are carved on handsome oak panelling in the entrance porch of the Drill Hall.

The dinner was preceded by a meeting of the Old Comrades' Association, at which members adopted a satisfactory annual balance sheet, re-elected the committee, and passed hearty votes of thanks to Lieut.-Col. W. H. Parmeter (Commanding Officer of the Battalion) and Capt. J. E. Dobbs, M.C. (Adjutant), in recognition of their work for the Association.

Capt. G. W. Tremlett, a highly popular officer of the 1st/8th Battalion during the war, travelled by aeroplane from France to take the chair at the festive board, and was given a most enthusiastic ovation by an assembly of about 120. He was supported by Col. W. Garner, C.M.G., T.D., D.L. (Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, which he commanded in the early part of the war), Col. Parmeter, Col. A. M. O. Anwyl-Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (Secretary of the Territorial Army and Air Force Association of Middlesex), Col. L. C. Dams, T.D., who raised and commanded the war-time 2nd/8th Battalion, Major T. South, Major R. B. Hirst, Capt. G. Byham, M.C., G. Hartley, Dix Perkins, R. E. Warlow, and J. E. Dobbs, and Lieut. F. C. Davey.

The catering was entrusted to Richardson & Sons, and the company partook of an excellent repast, to the accompaniment of selections by the Battalion Band, under the conductorship of Bandmaster A. S. Groves, the programme consisting chiefly of war-time tunes.

After tributes of loyalty and affection had been paid to the King and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (Colonel-in-Chief of the Middlesex Regiment), Capt. Tremlett thanked the members for inviting him to preside, and expressed his great pleasure at meeting so many old friends. A veterans' reunion was a function at which formality should be put aside, he said, for Old Comrades liked to talk to each other about old times. Submitting the toast of "The Regiment," he said that the Old Comrades wished the present members the best of luck, and hoped that the latter would not have to face such experiences as they had been through. He trusted that the Old Comrades would stick together and always do their best to attend the annual reunion.

The toast was given with the Band playing the Regimental March, "Sir Manley Power."

Col. Parmeter assured the gathering how much he appreciated the assembling of Old Comrades at Headquarters, and said he felt that they could do a great deal for the Battalion. The Officers, Warrant Officers, N.C.Os. and men now serving were doing their utmost to keep up the traditions which the old members made for the 8th. Many of those old members

had sons who were approaching manhood, and they would help the Battalion, for which they had done their best in the past, by giving their boys to it to-day. If they did that the 8th would come out on top. (Applause.)

Proposing "Absent Comrades," the Chairman feelingly referred to the "jolly good fellows" who fell in the war or who had passed away since, and made an appeal to survivors to keep up their attendance at the annual gatherings. Visualizing the time when only about half-a-dozen would remain to attend the reunion, he remarked, amid laughter, that that remnant would probably have to face a battery of Press and cinematograph cameras, but unless the Old Comrades kept together while they were numerous that "glorious finish" would never be realized. Let them make the gatherings as cheerful as possible, for without cheerfulness there must be disintegration. They had something in common which nobody could take away from them. As the years went by they found that when they began to speak of the war in the presence of their new friends and families they were immediately told to shut up—(laughter)—and it was only among Old Comrades that they could talk about their experiences. (Applause.)

Col. Passingham acknowledged the toast of "The visitors and guests," and spoke of the *esprit de corps* prevailing throughout the Regular and Territorial Battalions of the Middlesex Regiment, and also among the Old Comrades.

Col. Garner, Major South and Col. Dams followed with short speeches, in which they voiced their pleasure at meeting old pals, and at the call of Major South the company drank to the health of Capt. Tremlett, the toast being accorded with musical honours and cheers.

Capt. Dobbs said he hoped that next year the attendance would be double the size of the present gathering. Members of the Association could assist by informing other Old Comrades of the date for which the reunion was arranged, and it would also be helpful if those who had not been notified of this year's event would send their addresses to Hounslow Drill Hall.

On June 12th the Battalion held a Rifle

Meeting, firing the following competitions:—

High Sheriff's.—1, D Coy., 373 points; 2, H.Q. Wing, 297 points; 3, A Coy., 251 points; 4, B Coy., 226 points. Highest individual score: L./Cpl. Jarvis, D Coy.

Young Soldiers.—1, D Coy., 228 points; 2, B Coy., 194 points. Highest individual score: Part I, Pte. Ralph, A Coy., 19 points; Part II, L./Cpl. Hollands, B Coy., 14 points; Part III, Pte. Newell, H.Q. Wing, 19 points.

Lewis Gun.—1, C Coy., 293 points; 2, A Coy., 268 points; 3, D Coy., 193 points. Highest individual score: Pte. Snelling, C Coy., 72 points.

Machine Gun.—Winning team, No. 2 Section, Capt. Bartlett, 320 points; highest individual score, Pte. Phillips, 54 points.

Col. Bott's Cup (Officers).—Winner, Major R. B. Hirst, 57 points.

The Officers and N.C.Os.' Smoking Conference on June 29th was a huge success. Everybody enjoyed themselves and departed very merry and bright at about 11 p.m.

A COMPANY.

We are very pleased to be able to state that the attendance at our last dance, held at the Drill Hall on Saturday, May 14th, was very much on the up grade. The Officers who attended were Major R. B. Hirst (Company Commander), 2/Lieut. K. T. V. Russell, and 2/Lieut. K. E. Turner. An increase in the number of other ranks of the Company was also noticeable, and a good number of local residents were in attendance. This fact alone is great encouragement to the Dance Committee, who, through the sad experience of the past few months, were of the opinion that dancing at the Drill Hall was at a dead end through such a lot of local opposition and other reasons.

We cannot say that the Dance was a financial success, however. We hope to build up the framework of the social side of the Company in a short time by introducing the right class of people, and by keeping our functions at the Drill Hall as select as possible.

The Annual Musketry Course was fired on the following dates this year:—May 8th, 22nd and 29th, and June 12th. A new

experiment was tried out by way of detailing so many of each grade of the Company to fire on given dates. In the case of this Company, the experiment was an entire success, and all members thus detailed turned up on the day of firing to a man. This gives us the leading position in respect to the numbers fully exercised in musketry, 97 per cent. having fired their musketry course.

Will the figure given above be beaten by D Company before the end of the years? (You are welcome to try, Don!)

The Battalion Rifle Meeting took place at Bisley on June 12th, and we offer our congratulations to Major R. B. Hirst, O.C. A Company, on his winning the Officers' Cup; also Pte. Ralph on securing the highest score in Part I of the Young Soldiers' Competition. Pte. Ralph will help to improve the team at the Brigade Rifle Meeting at Purfleet on July 17th, so we wish him and the team the very best of luck.

We wish to congratulate L./Sergt. W. Abbott and Cpl. R. Handman on their promotion to Sergeant; also Ptes. G. Lonsdale, E. Durban and A. L. Ashton on their appointment to paid Lance-Corporals.

Summer training will be carried out from July 30th to August 2nd. These four days will help us to blow the cobwebs off our chests, seeing we have no annual camp to look forward to or cheap digs to arrange. However, we sincerely hope that the weather clerk will be very kind to us, and that no deep depression will be hovering over the further corner of the heath, necessitating the issue of ground sheets, mark 1, 2, or 3, for use in inclement weather, to be put on immediately you are *wet*. MOLESEY.

B (M.G.) COMPANY.

The Annual Prize-giving took place at the Drill Hall on Friday, April 8th, before a large and distinguished gathering. The Mayoress of Ealing (Mrs. Stowell) distributed the cups and prizes to the following recipients:—Willoughby Garner Platoon Efficiency Shield, No. 5 Platoon, 2/Lieut. E. F. H. Miskin; George Clarke Section Efficiency Shield, No. 5 Section, L./Cpl. J. Owens; Town Prize N.C.Os. Efficiency, Cpl. R. E. Evans; Ladies of Ealing Trained Men's Efficiency Cup,

L./Cpl. Castle; Recruits' Cup, Pte. W. Crump; Long Service and Efficiency Cup, C.Q.M.S. Manester and Sergt. Tripp; Summers Cup for Rangetagers, L./Cpl. Castle; Johnson Cup for Smartest Turn-out, L./Cpl. Owens; Stowell Sports Cup, Pte. Tombleson; Captains' Cup, Pte. Crump; Junior Challenge Cup (Boxing), Pte. Bridges; Skinner-Cox Recruiting Cup, Pte. Bond.

A number of second prizes were awarded, and silver medals were presented to N.C.Os. and men who competed for and won the Brigade Machine-gun Trophy. Each member of the Company team who won the Battalion Fire Direction Competition received a silver spoon.

Our Company Commander, Major H. C. Ellis, gave an interesting report upon the progress made during the year, and stated that he hoped before long our numbers would reach three figures, and we are pleased to say our strength is now 102.

The Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. Parmeter, in a few well-chosen words, gave a hearty welcome to the Mayor and Mayoress in passing a vote of thanks. Refreshments and dancing until midnight brought the evening to a very successful close.

We are going ahead with our training, and our evening parades are well attended, particularly those held in uniform, when points are awarded for the Johnson Cup.

In the recent Battalion Winter Weapon Training Competition we took second place, and our young soldiers' team secured a similar position at the Battalion Rifle Meeting at Bisley on June 12th. Congratulations to D Company on winning both these events. In the Machine-gun Shoot, Cpl. Bartlett's Section proved easy winners, with a score of over 300.

Our rangetakers are having additional training on Sunday mornings in the vicinity of Hanger Hall, where an ideal and private piece of ground has been secured, from which the whole of Harrow, Wembley, Sudbury, and districts can be seen.

Our Cricket Club is now in full swing, and we have matches arranged for nearly every week-end.

2/Lieut. Miskin attended a Machine-gun Course at the London District School of Instruction, and Lieut. Warrell is fill-

ing a vacancy in the division for a course at Woolwich in August.

C COMPANY.

Before writing, the general news in this edition, there is one S.O.S. we would like to announce: "Lost by D Company the honour of winning the Lewis Gun Challenge Cup Competition in the Battalion Rifle Meeting at Bisley on Sunday, June 12th, 1932. If anyone would like any information as to its whereabouts, please apply to us. (We have it.)"

Yes, gentle readers, although the above statement appears strange in print, it is an undisputed fact, and we, the "Farmers' Boys" of the Battalion, have wrested that honour from "almighty D," but we sincerely offer our heartiest congratulations to D Company in winning the High Sheriff's Shield and Young Soldiers' Competitions. Unfortunately, we did not enter a young soldiers' team owing to unavoidable absence and lack of numbers, otherwise a different end may have resulted in the final placings. We congratulate Pte. Snelling on winning the Battalion Prize for obtaining the highest score in the Lewis Gun Competition.

We have now completed the Annual Musketry Course for this year, and were favoured with excellent weather on three of the four Sundays allotted, and according to the numbers of firers and the scores obtained by them it seems that we have managed to retain the cup for the best shooting company. Anyhow, we are hoping for the best.

Signalling appears to have taken precedence in the training, and the gentle breeze that is caused by the "Flag-bashers" disturbing the humid atmosphere of the Drill Hall on these sultry summer evenings is greatly appreciated by the remainder of the parades, who are trying to master the intricate details of Lewis gun stoppages.

Under the able tuition of L./Sergt. Wright, the Company Signalling Class is progressing quite favourably, and have now attained the stage when all signallers converse in dots and dashes.

On May 25th a selected few of the Company, together with some local Old Comrades, attended the Old Comrades' Reunion Dinner at Hounslow, and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The

excellent catering and the witty remarks of the Chairman, coupled with his cheerful disposition, helped immensely towards the success of the evening.

Contrary to expectations, we are running a cricket team again this year, and commenced the season with a loss to A Company by 81 runs. We are not dismayed by this unexpected reverse, and we hope that our fixtures with other companies will be as jovial and enjoyable as our recent fixture with A Company.

D COMPANY.

With many blushes and, in spite of the thinly-veiled sarcasm of other companies, we feel bound, in justice to ourselves, once more to set forth our recent triumphs, although all other companies were at full strength in the various competitions which have taken place.

In the Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition the Company represented the Battalion and came second. Congratulations to the 7th Battalion, who succeeded in beating us.

During the last month or so almost all other work has been suspended in the training of teams for both the miniature and open range, but the time spent in such training has been well spent. D Company were first in the Battalion Recruits' Miniature Range Competition, and we heartily congratulate Pte. H. Woods on winning the cup for the highest individual score, after a tie with Pte. Mills (A Company) and Pte. Gregory (D Company).

At the first Battalion Rifle Meeting, held in glorious weather at Bisley on June 12th, D Company succeeded in winning the High Sheriff's Competition and the Young Soldiers' Competition. L./Cpl. Jarrett obtained the highest score in the Battalion. We are very glad to be able for once to congratulate C Company on wrestling from our grasp the Lewis Gun Competition.

In the absence of Annual Training this year, some N.C.Os. and men are keenly looking forward to a week at the Depot, where they are always sure of a pleasant time.

We are now engaged in putting on "spit and polish" for a guard of honour at Ashford on July 13th—one of those

occasions when one feels a cut above the civilian spectator.

Before closing these notes we extend our heartiest congratulations to our Company Commander (Capt Hartley) on passing his promotion examination in subject (c) (i) at Woolwich.



9th BATTALION NOTES.

THE first notable event after Easter was the Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition. In this we were represented as usual by D Company, who had won the competition for the previous five years in succession. This year, however, although their Lewis gun work was up to standard, their shooting, especially in the application practice, was poor, and this, combined with the improvement in the other teams, was responsible for their failure to repeat their previous performances. We look to D Company for a great effort next year to regain their usual place.

On April 27th B Company had their turn, and were judged in Part I of the Machine-gun Competition. The result of this was rather disappointing also, as one section failed to get on to the target, thus losing many marks for fire effect. Their remedying of stoppages was very good, however, and they finished second to the 5th Royal West Kent Regiment, but were eleven points behind, exactly the same number as they were behind the 8th Battalion last year.

This means that they will have to do some extraordinarily good shooting at the Brigade Rifle Meeting to make up the leeway. The task proved too great last year, but high hopes are being entertained that they will pull it off this time.

As a consolation for our defeat in the semi-final of the T.A. Football Competition by the ultimate winners of the cup, we finished top in the Hammersmith and District League this year for the first time, after being runners-up for three years. Next year we shall be playing in Division I of the league, and hope to win that also.

To wind up our successful boxing season a match was arranged on May 5th at Headquarters with the R.A.F.,

Northolt, who were the winners of Division II of the R.A.F. Inter-Unit Competition. Unfortunately, we were not at full strength for this, as Townes, Moors and Waters were all unable to fight for us, and we were defeated eventually by 17 points to 14 after a very good evening's fighting. Air-Marshal Sir Geoffrey Salmond, who was present, very kindly gave away the prizes.

Owing to lack of money being forthcoming from the training grant, we have had to cut down our tactical exercises this year. However, an officers' exercise was held in the neighbourhood of Tring on May 7th and 8th, which was very successful and interesting. On May 29th an N.C.Os.' exercise was held over the same ground, but the weather was most unkind, and after doing the first two problems in pouring rain we had to abandon the exercise at lunch time as everyone was wet through.

As Albuhera Day this year fell on Whit-Monday, the celebrations and annual prize distribution took place on Wednesday, May 18th. Major-General H. R. Peck, our Divisional Commander, very kindly gave away the prizes. The following extract is published by permission of the *Willesden Chronicle* :—

9th MIDDLESEX PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

ALBUHERA DAY CELEBRATION.

The annual prize distribution of the 9th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment took place on Wednesday evening at the Drill Hall, Pound Lane, when the celebration of Albuhera Day was held, postponed from Whit-Monday.

This day, or the nearest possible one, is always celebrated in this fashion by the Regiment, as it was at the Battle of Albuhera, in the Peninsular War, that the Regiment earned its historic title of "The Die-Hards."

The prizes were distributed by Major-General H. R. Peck, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the 44th (Home Counties) Division, who was introduced by Lieut.-Col. G. W. H. Tupper, T.D., the Commander of the 9th Middlesex.

Col. Tupper, in introducing General Peck, said they appreciated very highly his presence with them that evening. They owed him a great debt of gratitude



9th BATTALION FOOTBALL TEAM, 1932.
Semi-Finalists, Territorial Army Football Cup, 1932. Winners, 44th (H.C.) Divisional Football Cup, 1929, '30, '31, '32.
Winners, Hammersmith and District League, Division II.

not only for his presence, but also for his sympathy and encouragement to the Battalion during the term of his command, which was now nearly at an end. The Territorial Army had been passing through the most difficult times for the past four years, and the General's help had been of greater value than he could say. Four years ago, the first cuts in grants had been imposed upon them, and the scaling down had been going on until at the moment there was nothing left to cut. Another blow had been directed at the holding of camps, but fortunately they had been able to carry on to a certain extent, in spite of the lack of outside help.

THIS YEAR'S CAMP.

"This year," said Col. Tupper, "Lord Salisbury has very kindly placed Hatfield Park at our disposal for the first week in August." (Applause.) The speaker appealed to any employers of labour who might be present to allow their men attached to the Battalion to have this time off in order to attend the camp.

Col. Tupper enumerated all the successes of the Battalion during the past year in all events of Brigade, Divisional, or Territorial Army nature. Details of these successes are given below.

He added that during the year considerable improvements had been made in the Drill Hall, in a number of departments, and he had to thank the Middlesex County Association for their help in this matter. He thanked General Peck once more, and extended his thanks to include Col. Harrison, the Brigade Commander, and Col. Passingham, the Secretary of the County Association. He also thanked the Old Comrades, who had given a large amount of support to the various activities of the Battalion.

Col. Tupper made a special reference to the wives of officers and other ranks, in which he said that it was not generally known that the success of the Battalion depends far more than is imagined on what the wives may or may not think about it. (Laughter.)

He closed by drawing attention to a number of distinguished local people present, including Mrs. H. B. Tate, M.P. for West Willesden, Sir Charles Pinkham, who was a very old friend of the Battalion, and Capt. Councillor H. Leigh Mossley, the Chairman of the Willesden District Council.

Major-General Peck, after presenting the prizes, thanked the company present for the reception given to him. He said that the War Office was at present taking a great interest in three questions affecting Territorials.

The first was the *liaison* between the Territorial Army and the Regular Army. He was pleased to say that at a recent camp held to test this, two Battalions had been selected from the Middlesex Regiment, one of them being the 9th Battalion.

TERRITORIAL OFFICERS.

The second point was the question of officers for the Territorial Army. He had told recruiting officers that the real national Army was the T.A., and said they should suggest this to the cadets at the O.T.C. parades they visited. He also suggested that they should invite some of these cadets to their Headquarters, and there give them fuller information.

The third point was that of recruiting. The Under-Secretary of State was anxious to get opportunities to talk to people in different neighbourhoods, in order to obtain their views on this point. He had also said that our best Ambassadors in the Far East had been the British soldiers. (Applause.)

General Peck stressed the importance of reading in order that officers might get the fullest knowledge of their subject. He recommended frequently Winston Churchill's "Eastern Front" to officers, and also some lighter literature as an offset. He found that his officers usually confined themselves to the lighter literature. (Laughter.)

He closed by congratulating the Battalion on their prowess and ability in the many fields of endeavour which they covered, and thanked them for the help, sympathy and hospitality they had always extended to him.

Three hearty cheers were given by the Battalion for Major-General Peck.

For three-quarters of an hour preceding the prize distribution, and for the dance which took place afterwards, the Battalion Brass Band supplied the necessary music in an able manner.

PRIZE-WINNERS AND BATTALION SUCCESSSES.

The following trophies won by the Battalion during the past year were presented:—

Middlesex Justices' Shield for Lewis Gun Teams, C Company; 44th Divisional (H.C.) Boxing Cup; 44th Divisional (H.C.) Football Cup (for third year in succession); 132 Infantry Brigade Boxing Cup; Kittoe Signalling Cup; Cheylesmore Cup, C.S.M. Todman, C Company; T.A. Band Trophy.

In addition, the following successes have been achieved:—

In football, the Battalion reached the semi-final of the Territorial Army Cup for the second year running.

In boxing, two of the Battalion's team reached the semi-final, and one reached the final of the T.A. Boxing Cup.

In signalling, the Battalion took second place in the Dartmouth Cup of the T.A. Competition, with 99.9 per cent., in 1930. Last year, so close was the scoring that, with 99.51 per cent., the Battalion dropped to fifteenth place.

The Battalion took second place in the T.A. Drums Competition.

Three officers entered for Tactical Courses. In these, Lieut. Mordue gained a distinguished mark, 2/Lieut. Gunston gained the highest marks on the course, and Lieut. Heffer received a highly favourable report. Nine non-commissioned officers also went in for the courses, and all gained very satisfactory reports.

The general prizes competed for within the Battalion were presented by General Peck as follows:—

Crowborough Cup.—Tie, D and Q Companies.

Best Company in High Sheriff's Competition.—H.Q. Wing.

Best Company Average in Lewis Gun.—C Company.

Best Company Average in Attendance at Drills.—Q Company.

Company which does best in T.A.R.A. Competition.—C Company.

Sherwood Shield for Winter Weapon Training Competition.—D Company.

Inter-Company N.C.Os.' Shield.—G Company.

Individual N.C.Os.' Cup.—Sergt. Robson, C Company.

W.O. and N.C.O. in Brigade Rifle Meeting.—C.S.M. Todman, C Company.

Private Soldier in Brigade Rifle Meeting.—Pte. Townsend, D Company.

Recruit in Brigade Rifle Meeting.—Pte. Porter, A Company.

Best Score by any Rank.—C.S.M. Todman, C Company.

Best Machine Gun Team.—No. 7 Platoon.

Transport Driver with Best Set of Harness.—Pte. Belton.

Section Leading Competition.—Cpl. Edwards, D Company.

Guard Mounting Competition.—D Company.

Scholl Cup (Company scoring highest points in Brigade Rifle Meeting).—H.Q. Wing.

L.G.O.C. Cup (best Signaller).—Cpl. Jackman.

British Legion Cup (best Machine Gunner).—Cpl. Drury.

Battalion Football Cup.—Q Company.

Battalion Boxing Cup.—D Company.

Best Bugler.—L./Cpl. Pocock.

Best Recruits' Score, Annual Musketry.—Pte. Foster, B (M.G.) Company.

Best Officer's Score in T.A.R.A. Competition.—2/Lieut. Gunston.

Inter-Company Lewis Gun Cup.—D Company.

Fire Direction Cup.—Cpl. Kent, D Company.

THOSE PRESENT.

Those present included Major-General H. R. Peck, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the 44th Division; Lieut.-Col. G. W. H. Tupper, T.D., Commanding the 9th Middlesex; Mrs. H. B. Tate, M.P., and Mr. Tate; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Samuel; Sir Charles Pinkham, O.B.E., D.L., J.P.; Capt. Councillor H. Leigh Mossley, Chairman of the Willesden Council; Councillor Miss M. E. Royle, J.P.; Councillor Dr. Joseph Bridges, M.A.; Councillor Salmond; Admiral Sir Reginald Tupper, G.B.E., K.C.B., C.V.O.; Col. G. H. Harrison (Brigade Commander) and Mrs. Harrison; Capt. H. E. Heffer, M.C.; Wing Commander Dore, R.A.F.; Rev. F. C. Chesnut-Chesney, M.A.; Lieut.-Col. W. H. Parmeter, Commanding 8th Middlesex; Col. J. L. Blumfeld, T.D., Hon. Colonel of the 9th Middlesex; Mr. A. W. Blake, M.I.E.E., M.I.Mech.E., Electrical Engineer for Willesden; Col. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (Hon. Secretary of the Middlesex County Territorial Army and Air Force Association), and

Miss Passingham; Col. G. Beach, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., former Commander of the 9th Middlesex; Lieut. C. F. Denton, of the 7th Middlesex; and Lieut. Councillor G. J. B. Furness, C.C., and Mrs. Furness.

Col. Kittoe was unavoidably prevented from attending.

After the distribution, the usual all-ranks' dance was held, and was a great success.

On May 30th, Lieut.-Col. Tupper and Lieuts. Sutcliffe, Mordue and Pearson attended the Levée at St. James's Palace.

Efforts are being made this year to improve the rifle shooting of the Battalion, which has not been up to the standard in recent years. In consequence, Rainham has become the objective of quite a few enthusiasts on Sundays, notably the H.Q. Wing team and young soldiers of A Company.

A Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Purfleet on Sunday, June 12th, with the object of stimulating interest in and improving the rifle shooting, and also of gaining some practice for the Brigade Meeting. We were fortunate in having a fine day for it, and the meeting proved most successful. It turned out to be a "benefit" for Bdsn. Carnell, who won the prize for the best private soldier, was second in the High Sheriff's Match, and scored the only pool bull of the day. L./Cpl. Patterson won the High Sheriff's Match with a score of 69.

The young soldiers' prize, after a tie between Ptes. Butler, Austin and Burns, all of A Company, was won by Pte. Burns.

The Inter-Company Tile Shoot, with teams from the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes, proved great fun, and a good deal of weight was lost by members of C and D Companies, who reached the final, which was eventually won by D Company. This competition was especially notable for the fine time put up by the Drum-Major between the 400 and 300 yards firing points, and he must now be counted amongst the Olympic probables for Los Angeles.

Another most successful innovation was having the Old Comrades to mark for us, which they did extremely well, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves into the bargain. Considering the quantity of beer

which was seen being carried into the butts, this is not surprising.

The Band and Drums again took part in the Band and Drum Competition at Ealing on June 18th. The Band was successful in retaining the Shield they won last year, and the Drums, after a tremendous struggle, tied with the 3rd London Regiment, who beat them last year. They are more determined than ever to win next year, and if the P.R.I. will fit them out with "Red" they regard it as a foregone conclusion.

A large number of officers and N.C.Os. have attended courses this year, and we congratulate Lieut. Gunston on gaining first place in a Tactics Course at the London District School, and Lieut. Heffer on his good report. Ptes. Bowers and Tweed have attended courses at the Army School of Hygiene at Aldershot, and both gained satisfactory reports, while Sergt. Cooper has been on a week's course to Colchester to learn how to become a cinema operator. In addition to these, six N.C.Os. have attended courses at the London District School, and more are booked for future courses.

The route march is being eagerly looked forward to, and we hope for a good attendance and, above all things, fine weather.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Bedwell on the birth of a daughter, and Major and Mrs. Fox on the birth of another recruit.

NINTH.

A COMPANY.

This quarter started with our defeat in the Winter Weapon Training Competition, but it has by no means damped our spirits, and we have the satisfaction of having worked hard, even if it was without success.

At the Boxing Match v. the R.A.F. our hope, L./Cpl. Treeves, was defeated after a very keen fight. Pte. Longstaff, in a return match against Pte. McCarthy, of D Company, was also beaten after a very good fight. The very happy way in which they fought greatly amused the spectators. The whole evening was a great success, and was greatly enjoyed by all who were present.

The Battalion Prize Distribution was held on May 18th, when, after the pre-

sentation and various speeches, the remainder of the evening was spent as an all-ranks' dance, which seemed to be a very satisfactory show.

Our young soldiers are to be congratulated on the very excellent way in which they have been working together during the past few months for the various rifle competitions. It is not often that one finds a complete team and reserves turn out for a practice shoot, but this happened on several occasions.

At the Battalion Rifle Meeting held at Purfleet on June 12th our young soldiers secured the top three places. In fact, the shooting was so good that Ptes. Austin, Butler and A. Burns finished with the same score, Pte. Burns eventually carrying off the cup and cash prize awarded.

Sergt. Cooper attended a special Kodascope Course at Colchester, and is now the official cine-operator and chief technical adviser on film work. He has been shattering so many of the secrets of film-faking that members of the Company are beginning to lose all interest in the "talkies."

B (M.G.) COMPANY.

This last quarter has been fairly quiet, and we have just carried on with training. We did have a fine day on which to fire our course at Rainham; a very welcome change, and one which was conducive to good results. We were all looking forward to an interesting day near Ivinghoe at our N.C.Os.' Tactical Exercise, but the rain descended and washed the scheme out in more ways than one. It was very disappointing to drive home—very wet—in brilliant sunshine, and meet everyone leaving London in the lightest of summer wear. It had been a lovely summer day in London.

Before we close, for lack of more news, we must say that we wish the 7th and 8th Battalions good luck for July 17th, as, although we want the Perrin Cup ourselves quite badly, if we cannot have it we at least hope that it will stay in Middlesex.

C COMPANY.

We are glad to say that our usual scribe has recovered from the attack of influenza which prevented him from writing these notes in the last issue, but, nevertheless,

he has found some other excuse for handing over the task.

Since the last time of going to press we have had a fairly busy time.

Once again we have to thank the Northolt Station of the Royal Air Force for the loan of their thirty yards open range, at which we have had several pleasant evenings. There has been some really good shooting, the results of which we hope will be the winning of the Middlesex Justices' Shield again, and, as last year, we were again shown round the Aerodrome to see the planes that are taking part in the Hendon display.

We heartily congratulate Pte. A. Pinner on his promotion.

The Battalion Shoot was held at Purfleet on Sunday, June 12th, and this year we had the Old Comrades marking for us. The marking was excellent, as was the weather, and also the beer (or, at least, so the Old Comrades said). In fact, everything was a great success.

Our Company and Old Comrades' Rifle Club have had a couple of friendly shoots, one against the British Legion, Harrow, and one against the Air Force. On both occasions we were just beaten, but we do enjoy these shoots, and only wish that more of the serving members would turn up for a shoot. The Albuhera Day Prize-giving and the Dance after at Pound Lane made a very enjoyable evening, but we are rather afraid that C.S.M. Todman nearly wore his boots out going up for cups and medals.

Our Company Dances and Socials are still going strong. We always seem to have a full house, and we always have an enjoyable evening.

On June 5th some of the Company and Old Comrades had a day out at Brighton. We are not quite certain of what happened, but the P.S.I. said that it was a good day, so 'nuff said.

Not to be outdone by B Company, we have taken up an after-parade pastime, but we are glad to say that it is of a more genteel nature than that indulged in by B Company, for it is nothing more violent than a Dart Club and Cork Club combined. Two cups are to be given to the Club, but it is uncertain whether these cups are for the person making the highest score or for the person who goes the longest without being fined, for, try as you will, it is almost impossible to

K. G. Livingstone, R. A. Salter, E. H. L. Sander, and J. W. Waterer, Lieuts. L. G. Bungard, S. J. Clark, F. Inwood, H. J. Snell, S. C. Stokes, C. H. Semple, J. E. Stones, F. Thomas, T. Theollier, and P. F. Tovey, and Dr. Farncombe.

THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX CADET ASSOCIATION NOTES.

LORD LIEUTENANT'S GARDEN PARTY.

On Saturday, June 25th, 1932, an "At Home" was given by Lord and Lady Rochdale at The Old Hall, South Grove, Highgate, N.

The "At Home" was held to raise funds for the County of Middlesex Cadet Association, and realized the unexpected figure of £201 6s. 6d.

In every respect the Garden Party was a great success, and we very much appreciated Lord and Lady Rochdale's kindness in giving the party.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. S. C. M. Smith, T.D., the Band of the 7th Bn. Middlesex Regiment played a programme of music on the lawn during the afternoon.

AFFILIATION.

On June 15th, 1932, War Office authority was received for affiliation to Territorial Army units, as stated below. In due course, these affiliations will be published in the Army list.

1st Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment, affiliated to 7th Bn. Middlesex Regiment.
2nd Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment, affiliated to 8th Bn. Middlesex Regiment.
3rd Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment, affiliated to 9th Bn. Middlesex Regiment.
4th Cadet Bn. Middlesex Regiment, affiliated to 44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

ANNUAL CAMP, 1932.

In the last edition of THE DIE-HARDS JOURNAL reference was made to the generous offer by the Colonel Commandant of the City of London Cadet Brigade, Col. P. Carlebach, C.M.G., T.D., for the Cadets of the Middlesex Brigade to join the City of London Brigade in their camp at Sandown, Isle of Wight, from July 30th to August 8th.

Up to the present 4 Officers and 100 Cadets have applied to proceed to camp, but we hope these numbers will be increased when the final lists are submitted.

ANNUAL INSPECTION.

Col. G. Beach, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., the Colonel-Commandant of the Middlesex Cadet Brigade, is carrying out the Annual Inspection of units on the dates stated:—

1st Cadet Battalion.

Christ's College, Finchley, 14/7/32.
John Lyon School, Harrow, 16/7/32.
Stationers' School, Hornsey, 21/7/32.

2nd Cadet Battalion.

Priory School, Ealing, 8/7/32.
Drill Hall Company, Ealing, 17/7/32.

3rd Cadet Battalion.

At Highgate, 10/7/32.

4th Cadet Battalion.

At Stamford Brook Lodge, 3/7/32.

JUNIOR OFFICERS AND N.C.OS.' CLASSES.

Early in June an application was forwarded to the Officers Commanding The Depot The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) and Depot The Middlesex Regiment requesting consideration of a proposal to hold classes of instruction on certain Sundays in June and July for Junior Officers and Cadet N.C.Os.

The classes have been popular, and the Cadet Officers and N.C.Os. have benefited from the instruction in every way.

The programme included the following subjects:—Squad and Platoon Drill, Map Reading, Musketry and Arms Drill, and the Principles of Inspection and Turn-out.

We are all most grateful to Lieut.-Col. F. W. Bewsher, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Commanding Depot The Royal Fusiliers, and Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., Commanding Depot The Middlesex Regiment, for all they have done for us in arranging programmes of work and for generally helping the Cadet movement by organizing these classes.

VISITS TO NORTHOLT AERODROME.

By kind permission of the Officer Commanding R.A.F. Station, Headquarters, Northolt (Wing-Commander R. R. Park, M.C., D.F.C.), units have been allowed

to visit the Aerodrome at Northolt in parties of forty.

The following programme has been generally adhered to when parties arrived:—

15.00 hours.—Arrive and met at Guard Room by Orderly Officer.

15.05 hours.—Visit R/T Cabin.

15.20 hours.—Assemble at Watch Office to witness aerobatics by one "Bulldog."

15.30 hours.—Parties split up and proceed as follows:—

No. 1 Party visit Hangars, commencing at No. 41 Squadron and working west.

No. 2 Party visit Hangars, commencing "B" Flight, 24 Squadron, working east.

No. 3 Party inspect A.R.S. and work west, finishing up at No. 41 Squadron Hangar.

16.20 hours.—Three parties assemble Station Headquarters for departure.

Officer Commanding No. 41 (F) provides the following:—

(a) One "Bulldog" and Pilot for five minutes' aerobatics, commencing 15.20 hours (minimum height 1,000 feet).

(b) One "Bulldog" for R/T work with ground station, 15.05 to 15.20 hours.

The visits have been greatly appreciated, and we hope to be permitted to continue this good work after this year's camp.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION.

We are glad to have the assistance of the following new members on our Association:—Brig-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., (Colonel of the Middlesex Regiment), Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, A. H. Norris, Esq. (representing Willesden Petty Session Division) vice H. Lloyd-Williams, Esq., resigned.

NOTICE.

BALANCES OF DECEASED OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS UNDISPOSED OF.

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Parker, C., Pte., Middlesex Regiment	74 1 6

CORRESPONDENCE.

ARMY AND NAVY CLUB,
PALM MALL, S.W.1.
July 9th, 1932.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

My wife has lately returned from a voyage to Australia for her health, and she has given to me a glowing account of the great kindness and general hospitality extended to her at Melbourne by Col. J. J. McKenna and the officers of the 57th/60th Bn. Australian Military Forces and their families.

I feel sure that all ranks of the Regiment will be pleased and proud to have this proof that such a fine and pleasant spirit still governs our relations with our brother officers in the Australian Military Forces.

I mentioned this in thanking Col. McKenna, and I further asked him to remember that we should be delighted to entertain any members of our sister Regiment who may at any time find themselves within reach, either in this country or abroad, and also to give them any possible assistance within our power which they might require.

I will be grateful if you will kindly publish this letter in the correspondence columns of the next issue of the Regimental Journal.

I am, sir,

Yours faithfully,
G. C. BUCKNALL.

CHARLEMONT FORT,
MOY.
June 14th, 1932.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

I herewith send you an interesting letter which I have just received from

Australia. It is so interesting to me that I decided to send it to you, with a request that you should reply in your JOURNAL thereto. Yes, I well remember his father (an old Die-Hard) and also his mother. You will please thank Mr. Coughlan through your columns on my behalf, and
Oblige, sir,

Most respectfully yours,
JAMES MOONEY,
(late) 57th Regt.

NATIONAL CLUB,
12, QUEEN ANNE'S GATE, S.W.1.
May 14th, 1932.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

The other day I received from my old soldier servant, now Sergt. E. Kennedy (retd. N.Z. Permanent Staff), of 163, Vauxhall Road, Devonport, New Zealand, the enclosed cutting from the *New Zealand Herald* of March 29th, 1932. He asked me if the 57th Regiment was still in existence, and if the cutting would interest it. In case it should do so I pass it to you.

Yours faithfully,
G. B. MACKENZIE,
Brig.-General.

"DIE-HARDS" DEPART.

ANNIVERSARY RECALLED.

"Herald," March 29th, 1932.

An anniversary of interest in the history of the Maori Wars falls to-day, for it was on March 29th, 1867, that the left wing of the 57th Regiment, familiarly known as "The Die-Hards," embarked to return to England. Their departure meant that only one British regiment remained in the country, and indicated the view of the Home authorities that, so far as internal fighting was concerned at any rate, New Zealand could look after herself.

As signifying an increasing degree of independence for the colony the departure of the Regiment was welcomed, although the men had won a warm place in the popular regard. As they marched

through the streets from the Albert Barracks to the wharf, headed by the Regimental Band, the citizens gathered in full force to give them a parting cheer. The number of those leaving was about 300 officers and men.

The eulogy passed upon them by the *Herald* of that day was that they had "seen great work and done good service in New Zealand, for which the colonists will be ever grateful, and in no single instance were these gallant fellows found amiss when wanted."

May 19th, 1932.

DEAR SIR,

Very many thanks for your letter, dated 14th instant, enclosing a cutting from the *New Zealand Herald* of March 29th last.

This will be reproduced in our next (August) issue.

Yours faithfully,
T. S. WOLLOCOMBE, *Major*,
Editor

Brig-General G. B. Mackenzie,
National Club,
12, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

OBITUARY.

JOHN ADAIR.

Information has recently been received of the death of this veteran of the 57th Regiment on January 17th, 1931.

Mr. Adair was discharged to pension many years ago in the rank of Quartermaster-Sergeant (Paymaster-Sergeant), and was in possession of the New Zealand Medal, the South African Medal with clasp for 1870, and the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct.

Mr. Adair, who resided in Cork, was a regular subscriber to this JOURNAL, and had paid up to and for the last issue. It was on sending a reminder that his subscription had expired that a letter was received from a relative notifying his death.

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

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1st and 2nd Battalions
(Regular).

Lt.-Colonels (2).

Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. (1)
28/2/28
1/1/18

Stanley-Murray, H. E., M.C.
25/5/28

Majors (8).

Browne, M., M.C. (s.c.) (2)
23/9/24
1/1/19

Brown, G. L., D.S.O. (1)
28/9/24
3/6/15

Jeffery, W. W. (1) 16/12/24
Slane-Stanley, L. F. (1)
30/7/26

Tidbury O. H., M.C., p.s.c.
5/1/27
3/5/27

Pargiter, L. L., D.S.O. (1)
28/9/28
3/6/19

Woolcombe, T. S., M.C. (2)
10/12/28
3/6/18

Lyon, N. H. B., M.C. (2)
26/1/32

Captains: (14)

Nennham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c.
s. 30/4/15
bt. maj. 6/10/16

Thorpe, J. R. [1] s. 23/1/16
Saville, H. B. W., M.C. (1)
3/2/32
1/10/15

Phillips, H., M.C. (1) Adj. 28/8/16

Bucknall, G. C., M.C., p.s.c.
s. 30/8/16
bt. maj. 3/6/10

Paul, H. W. M., O.B.E., M.C.
(s.c.) (2) 26/8/16
H. maj. 1/10/16

Horrocks, B. G., M.C. [1] s.c.s. 11/1/17

Haydon, C. W., M.C., c.o. 28/1/17

Lawrence, F. A. L. (2) 7/3/17
of the Court, S. F. W. M.C. (1)
Whitney, C. T., M.C. (2) 28/9/20

Procter, N. P., M.C. (2) Adj. 14/1/21

Lions, E. F., M.C. (1) 18/2/22

Manson, E. P., M.C., t. 26/6/26

Roherty, W. L., M.C. 1/5/27

Mirans, S. M. C. (1) 9/5/27

Rackham, B. B., M.C. (1) 9/5/27

Weller, A. V. (1) 9/5/27

Pain, E. T. (2) 15/5/27

Kempster, G. W. (2) d. 20/4/28

Dobbs, J. E., M.C., t. 28/9/28

Jones, W. H. V. (2) 10/12/28

Hedgcock, S. F. (2)

Parker, F. G. (1) 10/12/28

Overall, A. N. (1) d. 10/12/28

(Subalterns 34).

1st and 2nd Battalions—
contd.

Lieutenants.

Clowes, J. H. (1) 1/11/18
Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O. (2)
27/8/19

Clayden, H. W. (1) d. 27/8/19
Honnell, H. A. W., M.B.E. (1)
24/10/19

Clark, S. J. (2) 2/12/20
Walden, F. (2) 21/2/20
Heywood, E. L. (2) 21/2/20
Ayscough, E. S. M. (2) 21/2/20

Reid, J. G. E. (2) 18/7/21
Hudson, E. V. (1) Phys.
27/8/27

T. Eng. Staff 17/12/21

Musellwhite, C. C. (1) 16/7/22

Cubitt, D. V. (2) 24/12/22

Tuckey, P. E. C. (2) 14/7/23

Worton, J. B., t.
Gordon, I. D. S. 14/7/23

Adj. 10/9/29 14/7/23

Crawford, M. o. (1) 23/12/23
Newton, W. C. (1) 30/8/26

C Jacob, M. A. (2) 30/8/26

Goulden, G. A., c.o. 29/12/27

Gilbert, N. G. (2) 4/2/29

Baldwin, C. M. (2) 4/2/29

Else, F. H. (2) 21/2/29

Hieraphath, L. H. J. de la M.
(1) 1/9/30
Stephenson, J. W. A. (1) 2/3/31

Powell, P. D. ff. (1) 2/3/31

Mackenzie H. (1) 30/8/31

Chattay, W. H. P. (1) 31/8/31

Batten, K. H., u. (1) 31/8/31

Green, A. E. (2) 31/1/32

Ferguson, W. M. (2) 31/1/32

2nd Lieutenants.

Sword, W. W. D. (1) 29/8/29
Man, A. M. (2) 30/1/30
Marsh, H. (1) 30/1/30
Gall, J. P. (1) 28/8/30

Weston, G. P. L. (2) 29/1/31

Gwyn, R. A. (1) 29/1/31

Bellers, R. C. H. (1) 29/1/31

Beadnell, L. C. (2) 27/8/31

Adjutants.

Procter, N. P., M.C., Capt. (1) 28/9/20

Phillips, H., M.C., Capt. (1) 24/7/31

Quarter-Masters (3).

English, J., d. 28/8/14
maj. 28/8/29

Clark, A. W., lt. (1) 26/2/29

Guscott, R. T., lt. (2) 22/1/30

5th Battalion (Militia).

6th Battalion (Militia).

Captains.

×Josephs, L. H. O. 22/4/14
×Graham-Toler, L. J., M.C.
23/10/15

×Pechell, H. C. 1/1/17

7th Battalion (Territorial).

Drill Hall, Priory Road,
Horsney, N.8.

Hon. Colonel.

×King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D.
(Col. Terr. Army) A.D.C.
t.d. 13/8/25

Lt.-Colonel.

×Smith, S. C. M., T.D., t.a.
18/3/29
31/12/24

Majors.

×Murray, H. A. t.a. 19/3/29
×Bower, G. A. H., M.C.
14/3/30

Captains.

×Pringle, W. E., M.C. 7/7/28

Arnold, H. G. 1/3/30

Brown, S. A. W. 27/3/30

Pratt, S. M. 28/3/30

Lieutenants.

Christodoulou, N. E. T.
Bentley, P. H. B. 5/4/30
Johnston, A. K. 12/12/31
Law, G. C. D. S. 28/1/32
Glikstein, C. P. 12/2/32

2nd Lieutenants.

Paul, B. J. 29/3/30
Benfield, P. H. B. 5/4/30
Spooner, J. G. 3/12/30
Spencer, J. R. 25/4/30
Irving, G. D. 18/7/31
Catt, R. G. 26/7/31
Clarke, A. C. 22/6/32

Adjutant.

×Ford, H. E. R., M.C.,
Capt. Worc. R. 1/3/28

Quarter-Master.

Denton, C. F., lt. 17/4/31

Adjutant.

Cadet Unit affiliated
1st C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.

8th Battalion (Territorial).

Drill Hall, Hanworth
Road, Hounslow.

Hon. Colonel.

×Garnier, W. C.M.G., T.D.
(Lt.-Col. late T.F. Res.)
t.a. 5/4/21

Cadet Unit affiliated
1st C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.

8th Battalion (Territorial)—
contd.

Lt.-Colonel

×Parneter, W. H., t.a.
11/6/30

Majors.

×Hirst, R. B. 25/2/31
×Ellis, H. C., O.B.E. 9/2/32

Captains.

Maddox, S., M.B.E. 8/12/29

Warlow, R. E. 26/11/30
Hartley, G. 10/1/31

Lieutenants.

Pattison, D. R. 10/9/30

Warrell, W. R. 13/11/24
5/2/31
13/12/28

Mayer, R. W. 1/12/31

2nd Lieutenants

Cloutte, J. L. H. 28/12/29
Russell, K. T. V. 5/3/30
Wheeler, E. C. A. 1/3/30
Marks, T. L. 16/4/30
Miskin, E. F. H. 21/5/30
Sadler, E. C. K. 4/6/30
Davey, F. C. 28/6/30
King, M. C. D. 10/12/30
Blair, N. M. 7/11/31
Turner, K. E. 3/3/32

Adjutant.

×Dobbs, J. E., M.C., Capt.
Midxx. R. 1/10/29

Quarter-Master.

Cox, S. A., lt. 25/4/31

[Uniform—Scarlet.
Facings—Lemon Yellow.]

Cadet Unit affiliated
2nd C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.

9th Battalion (Territorial).

Drill Hall, Pound Lane,
Willesden, N.W.10.

Hon. Colonel.

×Blumfeld, J. L., T.D.
(Col. late T.F. Res.), t.a. 10/1/22

Lt.-Colonel.

×Tupper, G. W. H. T.D.,
t.a. 17/8/29
1/12/29

Majors.

×Lamont, J. N., M.C., T.D.,
t.a. 17/8/29

×Fox, G. L. 14/3/30

Captains.

×Sherwood, H. T. D. 26/10/22
31/7/20
13/12/17

Hardcastle, H. K. 17/8/20
Hogg, F. G. 12/8/20

Hewson, A. S. 20/3/30

Adjutant.

×Manson, E. P., M.C.,
capt., Midxx. R. 17/12/31

9th Battalion (Territorial)—
contd.

Lieutenants.

Wright, L. C. 24/12/23
Heffer, H. 17/3/26

Furness, G. J. B. 30/7/26
Coubro, T. P. 2/6/27

Gray, H. W. W. 24/3/29
Sutcliffe, B. L. 24/7/26
Townell, S. H. 11/2/30

×Bedwell, L. H. 18/1/31
Mordue, L. J. 5/12/31
×Petrie, A. G. 1/2/31

2nd Lieutenants.

Gunston, C. W. A. 1/7/20
Exeter, G. A. M. 14/2/31
Pearson, M. F. 2/3/32

Adjutant.

Worton, J. B., t., M.D.
R. (emp. Capt., T.A.)
21/12/30 21/12/30

Quarter-Master.

×Wright, W. S. (Lt. ret. pay), (Res. of Off.), 20/5/29
capt. 20/2/32

[Uniform—Scarlet.
Facings—Lemon Yellow]

Cadet Units affiliated
3rd C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.

Supplementary Reserve.

Category B.
Subalterns (9)

Lieutenants.

Jupp, C. F. 14/10/30
Morley, J. F. 24/10/31
Wilcox, G. L. M. R. 5/12/31
9/2/29

2nd Lieutenants.

O'Dowd, P. L. 20/8/30
Willoughby, R. W. H. 23/6/31

Ocle, H. D. 1/8/31
Clifton, P. A. 22/8/31
Biggs, K. R. McK. 28/10/31

Sherwin, J. H. R. 25/6/32

Territorial Battalions
affiliated to the
Regiment.

7th City of London Regt.
(Post Office Rifles).

24, Sun Street, Finsbury
Square, E.C.2.

×Roberts, W. L., M.C.,
capt., Midxx. R. 4/12/30

19th London Regt.
(St. Pancras).

The figure of St. Pancras.

76, High Street, Camden
Town, N.W.1.

Adjutant.

×Manson, E. P., M.C.,
capt., Midxx. R. 17/12/31

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

NOTICE.

Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. are, in their own interests, requested to write direct to the Adjutant, 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, Colchester, Essex, should they observe any omission or error in the Seniority Roll of the Home Establishment.

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
Sgt. E. Hazledene ...	5/4/26	Cpl. A. Nicholls ...	18/9/31
Sgt. W. Bennett ...	19/6/26	Cpl. F. Connert ...	30/9/31
Sgt. T. Tiller ...	1/7/26	Cpl. J. Robinson ...	24/11/31
Sgt. G. Cliff ...	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
*Sgt. R. Challis ...	30/10/27	Cpl. C. Pantling ...	19/1/32
*C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. Misso ...	19/1/32	Cpl. G. Bayford ...	21/1/32
*Sgt. H. Thomas ...	5/3/28	Cpl. A. Cladd ...	28/1/32
*Sgt. A. Stenning ...	23/2/29	Cpl. J. Donegan ...	4/2/32
Sgt. J. West ...	15/1/30	Cpl. G. Barnett ...	26/8/27
*Sgt. W. Northcott ...	25/2/30	L./Cpl. E. Rochester ...	14/9/28
Sgt. C. Soper ...	17/12/30	L./Cpl. A. Allison ...	5/6/30
*Sgt. G. Blake ...	10/1/31	L./Cpl. G. Jeffree ...	30/6/30
*Sgt. C. Kennett ...	16/1/31	L./Cpl. W. Belcher ...	20/8/30
*Sgt. L. Honeybun ...	13/8/31	L./Cpl. R. Blackman ...	21/8/30
*Sgt. L. Priddy ...	18/9/31	L./Cpl. T. Castle ...	20/10/30
*Sgt. S. Thompson ...	30/9/31	*L./Cpl. P. Ward ...	17/11/30
Sgt. R. Bayles ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. E. Wadsworth ...	17/11/30
Sgt. L. West ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. E. Whichello ...	29/11/30
*Sgt. C. Painter ...	19/1/32	L./Cpl. F. Gardiner ...	11/12/30
*Drum-Major D. Drew ...	22/1/32	L./Cpl. G. Endersby ...	11/12/30
Sgt. F. Donovan ...	4/2/32	L./Cpl. L. Jerman ...	30/12/30
L./Sgt. R. Glover ...	1/8/28	L./Cpl. C. Clark ...	3/1/31
L./Sgt. H. Hull ...	26/11/31	L./Cpl. A. Moore ...	1/1/31
L./Sgt. A. Mason ...	16/1/31	L./Cpl. H. Chillery ...	23/1/31
*L./Sgt. (O.R.C.) P. Hale ...	31/10/29	L./Cpl. A. Lane ...	2/2/31
L./Sgt. J. Little ...	26/11/31	L./Cpl. A. Windows ...	18/2/31
L./Sgt. F. Chasney ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. W. Watts ...	22/3/31
Cpl. L. Williams ...	8/8/29	L./Cpl. M. Duddy ...	23/3/31
L./Sgt. W. Bean ...	1/9/31	L./Cpl. K. Jacob ...	1/4/31
Cpl. A. Lawrence ...	26/9/28	L./Cpl. K. Simpson ...	24/4/31
L./Sgt. J. Ayres ...	18/9/31	L./Cpl. L. Roseblade ...	29/4/31
L./Sgt. P. Edwards ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. F. Britton ...	11/6/31
*L./Sgt. R. Chaplin ...	19/1/32	L./Cpl. F. Thorn ...	16/6/31
L./Sgt. E. Edmunds ...	4/2/32	L./Cpl. L. Mallard ...	14/7/31
Cpl. J. Chillery ...	20/3/30	*L./Cpl. H. Game ...	23/7/31
Cpl. L. Beck ...	9/4/30	*L./Cpl. T. Brind ...	13/8/31
Cpl. F. Payne ...	11/4/30	L./Cpl. P. Hopwood ...	29/8/31
Cpl. J. Smith ...	28/4/30	L./Cpl. W. Gadsden ...	29/8/31

* In possession of First Class Certificate of Education.

Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.
L./Cpl. F. Dell ...	2/9/31	Unpaid :—	
L./Cpl. A. Willis ...	15/9/31	L./Cpl. J. Robinson ...	5/1/31
L./Cpl. G. Sach ...	30/9/31	L./Cpl. T. Fitzgerald ...	23/7/31
L./Cpl. W. Lambert ...	2/1/32	L./Cpl. V. Simpson ...	7/7/31
L./Cpl. G. Brewer ...	2/1/32	L./Cpl. L. Image ...	11/7/31
L./Cpl. S. Sibley ...	2/1/32	L./Cpl. A. Brown ...	1/9/31
L./Cpl. R. Abell ...	2/1/32	L./Cpl. W. Lane ...	5/9/31
L./Cpl. L. McDowell ...	2/1/32	L./Cpl. R. Bowden ...	22/9/31
L./Cpl. G. Wordley ...	2/1/32	L./Cpl. E. Staley ...	25/9/31
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