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Home Counties Area.

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

"Mysore," "Seringapatam," "Albuhara," "Ciudad Rodrigo," "Badajoz," "Vittoria," "Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Nive," "Peninsula," "Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "New Zealand," "South Africa, 1879," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1900-02," "Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Ypres, 1915," "Suvla," "Jerusalem," "Mesopotamia, 1917-18."

"Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "Aisne, 1914," "18," "La Bassée, 1914," "Armentières, 1914," "Neuve Chapelle," "Gravenstafel," "St. Julien," "Frezenberg," "Bellewaarde," "Anvers, 1915," "Loos," "Somme, 1916," "18," "Delville Wood," "Pozières," "Ginchy," "Elers-Courcellette," "Morval," "Thiepval," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre, 1916," "18," "Bapaume, 1917," "18," "Arras, 1917," "18," "Vimy, 1917," "Scarpe, 1917," "18," "Arleux," "Messines, 1914," "17," "18," "Ploeghem," "Langemarck, 1917," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Broodseinde," "Poelcapelle," "Passchendaele," "St. Quentin," "Rosières," "Avre," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazebrück," "Bailleul," "Kemmel," "Schepenberg," "Canal du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Valenciennes," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Italy, 1917-18," "Struma," "Doinar, 1918," "Macedonia, 1915-18," "Landing at Suvla," "Scimitar Hill," "Gallipoli, 1915," "Rumani," "Egypt, 1915-17," "Gaza," "El Maghar," "Jericho," "Jordan," "Tell Asur," "Palestine, 1917-18," "Murmans, 1919," "Dukhovskaya," "Siberia, 1918-19."

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2nd Bn. (77th Foot) ... Colchester.
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6th Bn. (R. East Middlesex Mil.) ... Mill Hill.
Depot—Mill Hill. Record and Pay Office—Hounslow.

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

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The Wentworth Regiment ... Dundas, Ontario.
The Middlesex Light Infantry ... Strathroy, Ontario.

Allied Battalion of Australian Infantry.

57th Battalion ... Preston, Victoria.

Allied Regiment of Dominion of New Zealand.

The Taranaki Regiment ... New Plymouth.

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Colonel:

Brig.-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Officer Commanding Depot:

Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C.

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EDITORIAL



WE congratulate Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., on being appointed to the command of the Malton Brigade, Territorial Army.

* * *

We also congratulate Lieut.-Col. L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., on his promotion to command the 1st Bn. Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

* * *

The wedding of Lieut.-Col. John English and Miss Eileen Wright took place

at the Church of St. Michael and St. Martin, Bath Road, Hounslow, on Saturday, January 14th.

* * *

In the account of the Old Comrades' Annual Dinner in this issue there is a remark concerning the attendance of Old Comrades, including Old Officers. It is felt that the attendance might be better, and past Officers and others are strongly urged to make an effort to be present at the next gathering of this sort on November 4th, 1933.



REGIMENTAL FIXTURES.

June 26th to July 1st.—Cricket Week (June 26th, v. Criptics; 27th, v. Col. Airey's XI; 28th, v. Free Foresters; 29th, v. I Zingari; July 1st, v. Hampstead C.C.).

June 29th.—Officers' Club Dinner.

June 30th.—Old Comrades' Summer Gathering at Depot and Depot Sports.

Nov. 4th.—Annual General Meeting of the Regimental Association and Old Comrades' Annual Dinner. Place to be notified later.

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



REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

DURING the past quarter the Regimental Museum has been visited by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, and by the Commander, Home Counties Area, on the occasions of their inspections of the Depot. They both expressed satisfaction with the manner in which the Museum is now arranged.

Ten of the uniform tunics, which have been given to the Museum, have

THE LAST CAMPAIGN OF LIEUT.-GEN. SIR THOMAS PICTON, K.G.C.B.

(COLONEL OF THE 77TH REGIMENT FROM 1811 TO 1815, WHEN HE WAS KILLED AT WATERLOO.)

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The other day I came across Robinson's "Memoirs of General Picton" (2 volumes), and as he was Colonel of our 2nd Battalion, I thought some extracts from it relating to the Waterloo campaign, when he was killed, might be of interest to the readers of THE DIE-HARDS Journal. In the Officers' Mess of the 2nd Battalion is a picture of General Picton (a copy of which is in the "Records of the 77th Regiment," by the late Major H. Woollright), and I remember General Kent telling me that he had shown the picture of General Picton to his sister, who said it was a very good likeness of her brother, and that as far as she knew it was the only picture of him ever painted.

At the end of the Peninsular campaign General Picton retired into civil life, and went to live at his seat in Wales. During the Peninsular campaign he commanded the 3rd Division (known as the fighting 3rd) in which the 77th Regiment formed a part of the 2nd Brigade. At the siege of Badajoz, the 3rd Division captured the Castle, and at the battle of El Bodon the 5th Fusiliers and the 77th Regiment were complimented by the Duke of Wellington by a special Army order.

In 1815, when Napoleon escaped from Elba and raised his standard in France, the note of warlike preparation was sounded in all directions. General Picton was ordered to join the Army in the Netherlands under the Duke of Wellington's command. Sir Thomas Picton had a presentiment that this would be his last campaign. On his arrival at Brussels he was appointed to the command of the Reserve, consisting of about 10,000 men, his particular command being the 5th Division. This Division was ordered to support the Army of the Netherlands in case the French should attack the position at Quatre Bras. As anticipated, the French made an attack upon the troops of the Netherlands early in the morning of June 15th, and forced the Belgians to

been placed on dummy figures, for which we are indebted to Messrs. John Jones, to whom we wish to express our thanks. The same firm has promised to present a case to contain the Coatee of Capt. Audley Lempiere.

All the medals presented to or bought for the Museum have been collected together in one case. Recruit Squads are now taken round the Museum in their seventeenth week of training.

We would like to draw the attention of readers to the fact that the Museum is now in good order and contains many interesting exhibits, and it is hoped that as many people as possible will make a point of visiting it in the near future, and at least during the summer—and cricket week.

The following have been presented to the Museum during the quarter and are acknowledged with many thanks:—

1st Battalion.—Programme of Presentation of Colours Ceremony, 1931, from O.R.Q.M.S. Baldwin.

4th Battalion.—Series of photographs, France, 1915, some taken in the front line, from Col. Bridgman.

(These have been put in an album.)

57th Foot.—Medals; South Africa, 1879; Meritorious Service; Long Service and Good Conduct. Uniform. Books, photographs and documents. Tenor Drum, sixty years old. (All were the property of the late Qr.-Mr. Sergt. E. J. Warren, and were presented by his sister, Mrs. Lopresti.

Signed copy of "Steady the Drums and Fifes," presented by the Officers' Club.

A large album has been bought, in which all the loose photographs which have been given to the Museum will be inserted.

We are anxious to procure a photograph of the late General Sir William Gatacre for the Museum, and hope that any reader who knows where one may be obtained will write to the Editor.

Picture of Group of Colours of six Battalions of the Regiment. Presented by Mr. W. T. Nash.

Christmas 1932 number of Brett's Annual (New Zealand). Presented by Mr. J. C. Coughlan.

give way, but at that moment the British Colours were seen advancing in the distance through the standing corn.

Sir Thomas Picton, as he approached the field with his Division, heard the increasing fire and pushed on, and so reached Quatre Bras before any other British Force. Before half-past two in the afternoon 14,000 men were in the field. The force which the French, under Marshal Ney, had to attack the position was 40,000 men, and for nearly two hours Sir Thomas Picton's superb division was singly engaged and bore the brunt of the battle. Every man fought with desperation, Picton himself amongst his soldiers calling upon them to stand firm, and wherever death was thickest there could he be seen encouraging and exhorting his men to be firm.

After the French Infantry were repulsed their Cavalry came down to the charge, and the English were instantly formed into squares, and then it was that Picton's calmness and penetration were conspicuous in watching and directing every movement. A furious onset was made by the French Lancers, but they were again repulsed, and General Picton ordered the squares to advance as the enemy were giving way. He himself led them to the charge, and they drove the French from their position with great loss. Towards evening fresh troops arrived at Quatre Bras, and the struggle was continued until dusk with unabated fury.

While this battle was being fought by Ney, Napoleon himself, with the remainder of his Army attacked the Prussians in the neighbourhood of Ligny. Blücher and his soldiers fought long and bravely until the approach of night, when the French succeeded in forcing the Prussian Army to abandon the field.

After the battle of Quatre Bras, General Picton observed to his A.D.C., Capt. Tyler, that he never had had such a hard day of fighting, and added "I shall begin to think that I cannot be killed after this."

At ten o'clock on the morning of the 17th the allied forces were falling back upon the field of Waterloo, and before night the Army was in position, and the soldiers were ordered to sleep upon their arms.

The morning of the 18th was wet, but between 9 and 10 a.m. the weather became clear. Picton was on the field at daylight—watching the movements of the enemy. At half past eleven the battle began by an attack of the French on the château of Hougomont, which was in fact the key of the British position, and its loss would have exposed the whole line of the Allies.

Picton, with his superb Division, was posted on the road to Wave, behind a straggling hedge. The French columns were marching close up to the hedge; the English advanced to meet them, and the muzzles of their muskets were almost touching. Picton ordered Sir James Kempt's brigade forward, and they bounded over the hedge and were received with a murderous volley which fearfully thinned their first line. Picton therefore ordered General Park's brigade to advance, and with a cry of "Hurra, hurra" he placed himself at their head, and led them forward. According to the Duke of Wellington's despatch "This was one of the most serious attacks made by the enemy on our position." To defeat it was therefore of vital importance to the success of the day. Picton knew this, and doubtless felt that his own presence would tend greatly to inspire his men with confidence. He was looking along his gallant line, waving them on with his sword, when a ball struck him in the temple and he fell back on his horse, dead. Capt. Tyler, his A.D.C. seeing him fall, dismounted, and ran to his assistance. With the aid of a soldier he lifted him off his horse, but all assistance was in vain—the noble spirit had fled. As long as the name of Waterloo shall be repeated with national exultation, so long will Picton's death be remembered as one of the noblest sacrifices by which the victory was purchased.

Upon looking at the dress of Sir Thomas Picton a few hours after his fall, it was observed that his coat was torn on one side. This led to a further examination, and then the truth became apparent that on the 16th he had been wounded at Quatre Bras, and a musket ball had struck him and broken two of his ribs besides producing some further bodily injuries, but expecting that a severe battle would be fought within a short time, he kept his wound secret, and only divulged it to an

old servant with whose assistance he bound up the wound.

The following brief recapitulation of Sir Thomas Picton's death was made by General Gascoyne in the House of Commons on June 29th: "In the battle of Quatre Bras, previous to the great victory of the 18th (Waterloo), he, Sir Thomas Picton, had been dangerously wounded. From the moment he had left this country until he joined the Army he had never entered any bed—he had scarcely given himself time to take any refreshment, so eager was he in the performance of his duty. After the severe wound which he had received he would have been justified in not engaging in the action of the 18th, where he afterwards fell gloriously at the head of his division, maintaining a position which, if it had not been kept, would have altered the fate of the day which now occasions such well-founded rejoicings."

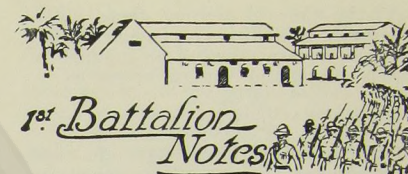
His body was brought to England and interred in the family vault in the burial ground of St. George's, Hanover Square, and a bust was erected in the north-west transept of St. Paul's Cathedral, on a marble column, with an emblematic group consisting of Fame, Genius and Courage, and the following inscription:—

"Erected at the public expense,
To Lieut.-General Sir Thomas Picton,
K.G.C.B.

Who after distinguishing himself in the victories of
Busacos, Fuentes de Onoro, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Vittoria, the Pyrenees, Orthes and Toulouse,
terminated his long and military services
in the ever memorable battle of Waterloo

To the splendid success of which
His genius, and valour eminently
contributed,
On the 18th of June MDCCCXV."

G. W. W. S.



ON the whole we were very lucky to get fine weather for Battalion Training, and apart from one rainstorm, which caught us on the plains of Sarafand, we thoroughly enjoyed the operations.

The Battalion is keeping up its marching training by going on route marches twice a week, so as to keep fit for the second half of Battalion and Brigade training in Egypt, in February and March, 1933.

A large contingent from the Battalion attended the Armistice Service, which took place in the beautiful surroundings of the British War Cemetery on the Mount of Olives.

The annual inspection this year was carried out by Brigadier H. M. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the Cairo Brigade, on October 21st, and he was also present for the first scheme on Battalion Training.

The Palestine Inter-Services Boxing Tournament took place on November 18th, and we should like to take this opportunity to congratulate all those concerned in winning the Challenge Cup.

We were all very sorry to lose Major and Mrs. Pargiter, who sailed for England on November 11th. Major Pargiter is to take over command of the 1st Battalion The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, and we wish them all the very best in their new Regiment.

Lieutenant H. F. Mackenzie left us on December 10th and went back to England, where he is going on a long Ordnance course. We also hear that Lieut. J. H. Clowes is leaving Cairo, where he was Garrison Adjutant, to return home for attachment to the Royal Army Pay Corps.

We are very pleased to hear that Major H. B. W. Savile, M.C., Capt. B. G. Horrocks, M.C., and 2/Lieut. L. C. Beadnell will soon be joining us at Cairo, as we are now becoming very short of Officers.

At the time of writing these notes, Christmas festivities are imminent, and we have a very crowded programme of dances, plays, and concerts before us.

BOXING.

On November 18th, 1932, the first Inter-Services Boxing Tournament of Palestine was held at the Eden Cinema, Jerusalem, before a large audience. His Excellency the High Commissioner very kindly came to give the prizes away. This Tournament, which it is hoped will be held annually, was this time contested for by the 1st Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers, the 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, The Royal Air Force, Palestine and Transjordan, and the Palestine Police Force.

Each team consisted of one man of each weight, including a Fly-weight, and after a very close contest the cup was won by the 1st Middlesex Regiment, with 20 points; Palestine Police second with 18 points; The Royal Air Force third with 15 points, and The Royal Scots Fusiliers fourth with 12 points.

L./Cpl. McGrady is to be congratulated on winning the Middle-weight Series after beating two very experienced boxers, both of whom were considerably heavier than he was. Although this was the only weight we won we managed to get the following into the finals:—

Heavy-weight.—L./Cpl. Gadsden.
Light Heavy-weight.—L./Cpl. Chillery.
Light-weight.—L./Cpl. Parker.
Feather-weight.—Pte. Wildin.
Bantam-weight.—L./Cpl. Allison.
Fly-weight.—L./Cpl. McLeod.

We congratulate all these on an excellent performance. Pte. Francis, our Welter-weight entry, was unfortunately very narrowly defeated on points after one of the best contested fights of the evening.

Although we only produced one weight winner, the team fought as a team should and it was this that gave us the ultimate victory.

BATTALION NOVICES' INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION.

This competition was held at Talavera Barracks, Jerusalem, on November 28th, 29th and 30th and December 1st. Great

keenness was displayed, as is proved by the fact that all companies produced full teams, which necessitated over ninety fights. The boxing was of an excellent standard and plenty of young talent was brought to light.

We congratulate all boxers, whether winners or losers, on producing an excellent performance, and hope that all those that were not lucky this time will have another try next year.

We congratulate C Company on winning the competition fairly easily. B Company were second, H.Q. Wing third, A (M.G.) Company fourth, and D Company fifth.

The Commanding Officer very kindly gave out the prizes, and in a short speech said some very encouraging words.

The results:—

Heavy-weight.—Pte. Cox, B Company. Runner-up: L./Cpl. Adams, A (M.G.) Company.

Light Heavy-weight.—Pte. Garnish, C Company. Runner-up: L./Cpl. McDowell A (M.G.) Company.

Middle-weight.—Pte. Dobson, B Company. Runner-up: Pte. Bell, C Company.

Welter-weight.—Pte. Lusty, D Company. Runner-up: Pte. Price, C Company.

Light-weight.—Boy Rowntree, H.Q. Runner-up: Pte. Hiscock, H.Q.

Feather-weight.—Pte. Parker, C Company. Runner-up: Pte. Johns, A (M.G.) Company.

Bantam-weight.—Pte. Kirby, A (M.G.) Company. Runner-up: Pte. Stone, B Company.

We are holding the Open Individual and Inter-Company Team Championships when we get to Cairo. At the moment our Battalion Army Cup Team is in training, as it has been entered in the Egyptian Command Inter-Unit Championship commencing early in January. We wish them the best of luck.

A (M.G.) COMPANY.

Since our last gentle intrusion into the realms of journalism we have been collecting material which may, or may not, go down to posterity as important history.

In accordance with a very excellent plan of entertainments we produced, in our turn, a very successful concert under the able leadership of Lieut. Chattey and

Cpl. Snell. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Gwatkin, of the Palestine Post Office, for his most generous assistance in supplying costumes and make-up.

In the sports line we have been doing things both good and not so good. In the football world we have taken part in the following events. In the Inter-Services League, in which we have, to date, played five games (winning two and losing three), we lost to the R.A.S.C., R.A.F., and the Police Depot, after beating the latter in the away game, and our H.Q. Wing by 3—2 and 7—2 respectively. In the Chancellor Cup we beat H.Q. in the first round, after a draw of nil all, by 6—1, and were in turn knocked out by the District Police with a score of 3—2 in the second round. In the Inter-Platoon Knockout we have to congratulate No. 1 Platoon on winning the championship against No. 13 Platoon, D Company, with a score of 4—1. Pte. Broughton (55), although a new player, has shown considerable talent at centre-half, and we hope he will continue to improve.

At Hockey we have been only partially successful as far as we have up to now participated. In the Inter-Platoon Knockout our best Platoon, No. 4 Platoon, was knocked out by No. 12 Platoon, C Company, at Sarafand, and the Inter-Section Knockout was broken by Battalion Training, but while it lasted we had some very enjoyable afternoons. In the Company Hockey League we are still going strong, having beaten D Company by 4—1 and H.Q. by 3—2. Here credit is due to our halves, Messrs. Clark, Frost and Ives, for their splendid efforts.

Boxing has been plentiful, we have taken part in the Inter-Services Championships, in which we had two representatives, L./Cpls. Parker and McLeod in the finals. We congratulate them on their fine performances. In the Novices' Boxing Tournament four of the Company fought their way up to the final stage. Pte. Kirby won his weight in fine style, and on this achievement we heartily congratulate him and wish him many more successes in this manly sport. After leading the Battalion in boxing for four years we regret that this year the leadership goes to another company. We offer our congratulations to the winners and warn them that next time we will do our best to relieve them of the honour. We

thank C.S.M. Fleming for his good work and untiring efforts in the training of the Company boxing teams.

During Battalion Training we upheld the traditions of the Army, in spite of the elements, and that doughty old warrior, Sergt. Hull, managed to get himself mentioned in despatches. (Cheers.) The old song, "It ain't going to rain no more," proved itself to be a downright lie on one very memorable occasion, and web feet would have been an acquisition.

We have, during this quarter, been supplying the Detachment at Nablus. Three of our Platoons have now had that distinction. Nablus is the hot-bed of Palestinian intrigue, but our comrades have managed to amuse themselves regardless of this.

Although writing in anticipation, this Christmas, our first in the East, has every promise of being a glorious one. We will, perhaps, be able to write further on this subject in the next issue.

Our good wishes go with Capt. B. B. Rackham, M.C., who has left us to take command of B Company, and with Sergt. Rogers, who has gone to train new blood at the Depot. Our losses are very obviously someone else's gain.

Preparations are under weigh to get the Battalion to Cairo, and we are all looking forward to our new station. The married members are so pleased at the prospect of meeting their better halves (?) again that they find it hard to keep their minds on every-day affairs.

The Company are now working overtime to attain a high standard of efficiency with that terrible weapon called the Yo-Yo, and it has been suggested that a Cadre Training Course on this weapon be instituted.

During the recent boxing our boxing trainer was seen time after time, night after night, giving advice to his champions in the ring, and by the bloodthirsty movements of his hands it was easy for the spectators to guess what that advice was. We pass it on in metre to our readers, in the hopes that it will serve to make life more unpleasant for people who annoy them:—

Just measure your punches, Johnny.

Don't swing like a creaky old gate;

Don't lash out your arms, wildly, silly,

And start all your punches too late.

Your efforts will all be in vain,

No blow sporific you'll plant.
A swinger and slammer's insane—

Good horse-sense should tell you you
can't.

Remember, it's distance you measure,

And time is an element, too.
Therefore a good punch is a treasure
Whenever you time it right through.

So, measure your punches, Johnny,

Don't rush in and swing from the hip.
Or an uppercut may knock you silly—
That's the reason I give you this tip.

ACK EMMA GEE.

A (M.G.) COMPANY *v.* M (M.G.) COM-
PANY, ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS.

In the last issue we described the sports fixtures of the above companies at Haifa. The return meeting, held at Jerusalem, is now an accomplished fact.

The R.S.Fs.' team arrived in Jerusalem on Wednesday, October 5th, and were joyously received. They spent the evening of that day settling in and introducing themselves to the remainder of the Company.

The following day, Thursday, was devoted to a tour of Jerusalem and a cricket match. The tour of Jerusalem took place in the morning, Padre Warner, R.A.F., very kindly conducting the party round the historical places of the city. The cricket match was played in the afternoon, and owing to the stalwart hitting of Cpl. Bullock we won by a comfortable margin.

Friday morning was filled by a tour of Bethlehem under the guidance of Cpl. Snell, and the afternoon by a football match which, after a very good game, we won by three goals to two. The evening was set apart for the Billiards Tournament, which ended in a draw and materially assisted in the enjoyment of the dinner which followed.

The last sports day, Saturday, was used in the morning for field events, in which our guests proved faster than us and beat us by two events to one. The afternoon was occupied by a hockey match, and a more enjoyable game to watch, or play, would be difficult to find. In this we were again successful, winning by three goals to nil. The evening of this day was left

free for the teams to fill as they wished. It seemed that the wishes of all concerned ran in the same groove, and small parties were, later in the evening, to be seen seeing each other home in true Scottish style.

On Sunday morning the Regimental Bus was placed at the disposal of the team, and a very enjoyable drive round the city was the result. The time set for the departure of our guests arrived and we saw them off about 2 p.m. with many mutual expressions of regret and everlasting friendship.

Both teams are now looking forward to repeating these sporting visits at some later date, and in some other station, with pleasurable anticipation.

ACK EMMA GEE.

GLIMPSES OF PALESTINE.

GOLGOTHA—JERUSALEM.

Jerusalem, a magic name, abounds with historical interest, each little part of the city having its own particular sites and stories connected with Biblical times.

The city has, during its somewhat chequered career, been destroyed by enemy and earthquake about seventeen times. Therefore, one is bound to treat the stories told and the places seen, rather as one treats the legends of King Arthur's Knights.

Tourists to the Holy Land, even though guided by capable guides, see only the most imposing and important of Jerusalem's treasures, and it is left for those residing for longer periods than the tourist season to find the rest.

Having in mind that famous hymn

"There is a Green Hill far away,
Without a city wall,"

we start to investigate the historic connection. This leads us to follow the walls of the ancient city, just to discover what was "without" the city during that time. We also have to take into consideration the laws of the Roman and the Hebrew, as far as they concern capital punishment. Geographical features are also of extreme importance but, unfortunately, earthquake and man's passion for destruction have made this a difficult ally.

There is no shadow of doubt that the city has had three walls previous to the present one. The first wall enclosed a

very much smaller area than that taken up to-day. Then a new suburb was built to the north side of the city and the second wall was built to enclose this. The present wall is on the site of this second wall. The third wall was built by Herod about the year A.D. 41 and is considerably further northwards of the second or present wall. Therefore we can take the second wall as being that which enclosed the city in Our Lord's time.

The laws of the country regarding executions differed somewhat, inasmuch as the Romans used the method of crucifixion and the Hebrews that of stoning, but there is reason to believe that the Romans respected the Hebrew Law that all executions would take place outside the walls; this was in any case necessary owing to the lack of space inside for a public execution, and it was judged necessary to make them all public exhibitions.

Taking another quotation as a guide we find outside Damascus Gate the place of stoning. This is a cliff about fifty feet high, and the remarkable rock features on the face of it, which definitely resembles a decayed skull, have probably had some effect on its name. The Hebrews named it "Golgotha," which means "the place of a skull." Here the Jews took their victims to be stoned and threw them from the top of the cliff. Then any sign of life that remained was hammered out with stones.

The Bible says, "He was taken to a place outside, but nigh on to the City." This, in conjunction with "There is a Green Hill," and we are led to a green hill, with a cliff, some semblance of a skull and a garden near by, in which can be seen a Jewish Sepulchre with some interesting features which go to strengthen the possibility of the story attached to it.

This tomb is definitely of Jewish construction, of the type which one would expect a rich man to own for his family and himself. First of all, it had never been used; this is brought out by the fact that it is unfinished. The only finished portion is the place for a grown-up person, complete with head space, a special feature which seems to bear out the statement that the Head Clothes lay in a place by themselves. At the head and foot of this portion there are large flat rocks on which angels could have sat.

The unfinished portions are, another place for an adult and one place for a child. A kind of ventilator is cut through the solid rock in such a position that the sun would strike on the person in the completed space at dawn, thus allowing anyone to see inside in the half light of the early morning.

This garden is called "The Garden Tomb." The Hill is called, among many other names, "Gordon's Calvary," General Gordon having greatly assisted in the discovery of it, during his stay in Palestine. It has also a long Arab name, the translation of which is "The Rent," because of a large rent in the hill supposed to have been caused by the earthquake which shook the City on that first Good Friday.

The whole is situated in the apex formed by two Roman roads, one leading north to Nazareth and one leading east to Jericho, with the main road into the City, and it is certainly prominent enough to suit the requirements of a place of public execution.

Whether this is actually the site of the crucifixion and the burial place of Our Lord or not is a matter for conjecture. It certainly is the only quiet and peaceful place, made pleasant by a well-kept garden, in this noisy and strangely populated city.

W. SNELL.

B COMPANY.

Since our last notes the command of the Company has once again changed hands, and we offer our congratulations to Lieut.-Col. L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., on his promotion, and wish him every success in his new command. We welcome in his stead, Capt. B. B. Rackham, M.C., and sincerely hope that his stay with us will be a very happy one.

The first item of interest to take place during the last quarter was the advent of the "Busy Bees" Concert Party. This concert, under the strict eye of our very harsh critic, C.S.M. Brockman, was brought about by some hard work by Sergts. Bennett and West, and Pte. Francis, and some very earnest work in the way of rehearsing by all concerned. The space at our disposal does not allow for a detailed account of the programme, but the names of those concerned in the

performance were: Sergts. Bennett and West (Sorbo and Sox), Cpls. Herbert, May and Sheffield, L./Cpls. Jacob and Stripe, Ptes. Francis, Coles, Calvert and Noble, and the "Four Dumb Brothers," Ptes. Burton, Casey, Price and Nelson. We thank Pte. Dilley of H.Q. Wing for tickling the wires, and also Mr. Gwatkin for his masterful handling of the make-up. His ability with the grease-paints was proved without a doubt when he converted "Bogey" West from an ordinary looking individual to an old man of sixty. The appreciation shown by the audience for our efforts, was a great reward for the hard work put in at rehearsals.

Following the concert the next form of entertainment was supplied by Battalion Training. This in brief, consisted of a march to Sarafand, via Enab, Latrun and Ramleh, three Battalion Schemes, a thorough soaking on a night operation, the seriousness of which was lessened by a rum issue, the Battalion Rifle Meeting which found us prizeless, and finally the march back to Jerusalem.

Sport is showing signs of improvement, and although we were beaten in the first rounds of both the Platoon Hockey and Football Knockouts we are doing well in the Inter-Services Football League, the team, under the expert hand of Pte. Hatchett, having so far achieved the following figures in the League: Played 7, Won 3, Drawn 3, Lost 1, goals for, 10; goals against, 7; points 8. Quite a satisfactory achievement.

Our Novices showed their skill as well as pluck in the boxing tournament, and although finishing nine points behind C Company they gave the Company a helping hand towards the Albuhera Shield by finishing second. We thank and congratulate our new champions, Dobson and Cox, and regret the fact that Pte. Stone was unable to complete his fight in the final owing to an injured leg, as at the time the injury occurred he was leading on points. Others to be congratulated are Ptes. Harber, Hutchins and Ludlow, all of whom managed to reach the semi-finals, only to admit defeat at the hands of more experienced boxers. While on the subject of Boxing, one must not forget that the Company feel very proud of their two Battalion boxers, Pte. Francis and L./Cpl.

McGrady, the latter being the only member of the team to win his weight and earn the title of Champion of Palestine. Well done, Mac.

By the time these notes appear in the Journal we will be in our new home in the Citadel at Cairo. Many of us will be sorry to leave, as by doing so we leave behind some good friends who have done much to improve our comforts during our stay in Jerusalem. In wishing Mr. Bowden, Mr. Gwatkin and Mr. Lakin good-bye, we offer them hearty thanks for all they have done, and sincerely hope that we shall one day have the pleasure of again meeting them.

We congratulate L./Cpls. Holloway, Parrish and McGrady on their appointments, and welcome Cpl. Payne to the Company. Sergts. West and Bennett have been rewarded for their efforts in the concert by being selected for parts in a play to be produced by the Officers, "French Leave," and we look forward to a good performance by Cpl. Sykes and Pte. Jenks.

In conclusion, we wish all members of the British Army a bright and cheery New Year.

C. W.

C COMPANY.

Since we look upon ourselves as the local inhabitants of the Range, we feel it would be irksome to dwell upon it further. In passing, however, we must mention that we have taken an active part in three rifle meetings, besides firing our own classification, and classifying two companies of the Royal Scots Fusiliers. In the Battalion Rifle Meeting, 9 and 10 Platoons distinguished themselves by taking 3rd and 4th places respectively.

From October 24th till the end of the month we had the pleasure of entertaining the Battalion at Sarafand during Battalion Training. At the outset we tried to stop them coming further than Latrun, but the General Staff decided that our methods were altogether too primitive, whereupon we turned back at full speed, and took our revenge upon them by judiciously consulting our Yo-Yo gods, who obligingly flooded them out of their tents. However, our Samaritan instincts prevailing, we then took them under the shelter

of our wings and dozed happily together until the effects of the room had worn off. In our anxiety to complete the part of the perfect host, we accompanied them back as far as the first night's halting place, and bade them good-bye on the following morning.

At the time of writing we are in the middle of a very successful football season, having lost only two matches, ten having been won and five drawn. In the Jaffa District of the Chancellor Cup we first defeated the R.A.F., Ramleh, 3-0, after a replay, next the Jaffa Police, 3-0, and in the final round the Royal Signals, 4-3. In the semi-final proper we were unfortunate in being beaten 1-0 by the R.A.S.C. (winners of the Jerusalem District). In the Inter-Services League we have been equally successful, losing only one match—to the R.A.F., Ramleh, who are at present leading in this district, we ourselves being second.

In the Inter-Platoon football, No. 10 Platoon beat No. 12 Platoon, and No. 9 Platoon beat No. 11 Platoon. In the final, after extra time, No. 10 Platoon were narrowly beaten by No. 9 Platoon.

No. 9 Platoon, who, after defeating the Band, were in turn knocked out by No. 1 Platoon of A (M.G.) Company at Jerusalem.

No. 11 Platoon won the Hockey Knock-out after a very fierce tussle with No. 9 Platoon, and have, so far, beaten No. 3 Platoon A (M.G.) Company. Owing to the Advance Party having gone to Cairo, the final will not be played off before the move. We are having several Company hockey matches, having joined the district league, and the practice should stand us in good stead when the Inter-Company matches start.

For the second year in succession we won the Novices' Boxing Competition. This time there was no one to touch us, and we won by the large margin of nine points, winners of their weights being:—Ptes. Garnish (Light Heavy-weight) and Parker 50 (Feather-weight). Runners-up: Ptes. Price (Welter-weight) and Bell (Middle-weight). Great praise is due to L./Cpl. Markham for the way in which he moulded the team and chaperoned it to victory.

Our latest activity consists in reaping from the stop-butts the leaden harvest

which we sowed with such pain throughout the autumn.

CORK.

D COMPANY.

FOOTBALL.

It is not in any way due to lack of talent that the Company has failed to achieve better results in this branch of sport. From the touchline one judges the main fault to be due to lack of combination on the part of the forwards, who are apt to attempt too much on their own. If forwards and half-backs take note of this and act accordingly in future games they will find it easy to achieve better football.

In the first round of the Chancellor Cup the Company met the R.A.S.C., and after a very determined effort were defeated by the odd goal in three. This performance was creditable, since the R.A.S.C. probably have the best team in this competition and look to win it.

The Inter-Services League games, of which six have now been played by the Company, have not been favourable to us, since, so far, we have only drawn one and lost the rest. The same result marks our play in the Inter-Company League, five matches having been played so far, one having been a draw, and the rest, narrow-margined losses. But the play has been of a good standard nevertheless. In the Inter-Platoon Competition, No. 13 Platoon won the Company Division and made its way into the final round with ease. The meeting with No. 1 Platoon resulted in a loss of four goals to one. The play was of a sufficiently high standard to make it a keen struggle, but a lack of co-ordination between players of No. 13 Platoon in the second half lost them the game.

HOCKEY.

No. 13 Platoon has also gained credit in the Inter-Platoon Hockey Competition by reaching the semi-final round, after winning the Company division and beating No. 7 Platoon in the first round proper. In the semi-final, No. 13 and No. 17 have already drawn twice. A further replay, we hope, will take No. 13 into the final.

The Company hockey team has only played one game so far; this was against A (M.G.) Company, and was lost by three goals to nil.

NOVICES' INDIVIDUAL BOXING.

In this Competition, which was held at the end of November, the Company did not fare so well as it formerly has done. Despite a full team of stout-hearted novice boxers who gave of their very best, we had to be content with the last place, but we shall not occupy the same place next year.

Pte. J. Lusty is congratulated on the very fine performance of winning the Welter-weight in this tournament. One would like to mention the whole team by name, but space does not permit. However they are all commended on putting up a sportsmanlike display of boxing.

CONCERT PARTY.

It is unfortunate that the early move of some of the players to Cairo prevented D Company from giving a concert as other Companies have done, but we hope that our time spent in rehearsals will not be wasted, and that our concert will achieve success at Cairo as soon as possible. In this connection we thank 2/Lieut. Marsh for his efforts in organizing it.

APPOINTMENTS.

We congratulate the following N.C.Os. on their recent appointments: L./Sergt. Williams, L./Cpls. Bayly, Harewell and Hughes.

Yo-Yo.

Kite fliers and key bangers are now easily back numbers, for Yo-Yo's are in full swing. So keen at this pastime have members of the Company become that even the lids of blacking-tins and cakes of soap have been fashioned to substitute the orthodox wooden invention. What a diversion it is, to be sure! It passes away the hours on guard and the minutes between parades, and is even a form of amusement for august Sergeant-Majors in between bouts at boxing matches.

OTHER THINGS.

Where will D Company rally when they get to Cairo?

"DON."

H.Q. WING. SIGNALLERS.

Classification once again has passed, and congratulations are extended to those who passed, and sympathy to him that failed. Hard luck to fail after six months' "swot," but such are the fortunes of some. Of the 36 which passed, Pte. King, for the second year in succession, came out top, but he was only a fraction of a mark above the fourteen who tied for second place.

The section reading aggregate finally finished at 99.4, a very good result.

Battalion Training, which this year was fairly light, helped to pass away a couple of weeks. Much has been said of this elsewhere in this book, so we refrain from mentioning the wonders of rocks, stones, and more rocks, to prevent boredom.

Cpl. Bayford has a fine following in his next undertaking as "Film Magnet," as everyone promises wholehearted support—PROVIDING Garbo films get precedence to all others (except uncensored ones, of course). The Garbo fans seem definite about this. Is it because one member of the section knows (as he states) how this great artiste rose to fame?

The Novices' Tournament finished showing H.Q. having third place. Naturally we were well represented, and "Hissy" did wonders. Joe was unfortunate, having simply putrid luck; however, he lives to fight again, and it is hoped he has better luck next time.

In conclusion, we extend our best hopes to Ptes. Cook, Lyall, Rose, Perkins and Bristow on their entry into the group, and best wishes to the "Sigs." at Home.

"DOTS."

DRUMS.

Continuing our notes of the last issue, we congratulate the Drums on upholding a good standard on their W.T. Course. Congratulations are extended to L./Cpl. Crawshaw, who finished up by being Company Shot, also to T. Stockley, who aided the Battalion when firing in the Palestine-Trans-Jordan Competition.

Battalion Training took place a little while back, and "Intelligent Ted" forgot his noble steed, and used some other

means of conveyance. Many Drummers were wishing that they could have joined the mounted section, but cheered themselves up with the idea of, there's a good time coming, which did, in the tune of "Sheeta," and that somewhat damped their feelings, to say nothing of themselves.

On the whole, everything went off quite all right, and the Band and Drums met the Battalion on the latter stages of their day's march, playing them in.

We were very unfortunate at the time of the Platoon Knock-out, having some of our star players away from us, which left us very weak in both the hockey and football. We drew with the Signals, 1-1 in the first game of football, and lost 2-0 in the replay, after a hard game. In the hockey we met our old friends, the "Bag of Sand," and drew 1-1. In the replay the "Bag of Sand" introduced the sand, leaving Ben to try and discover how fourteen goals got past him with only one reply. Perhaps "Bert" may spill the secret. But nevertheless, the Band congratulated the Drummers upon dying hard and fighting to the end. But we believe in the old quotation, "revenge is sweet."

At present we are trying to get a real side together in both football and hockey whereby we can go to Cairo and hold our end up.

We must congratulate the Drummers who participated in the Novices' Boxing, especially Dmr. Elms, who lost to a good man after a jolly hard fight. May success meet him in the future.

We regret to announce the death of L./Cpl. Smith, which occurred at Palestine General Hospital on September 25th. A very good N.C.O., and one who is missed greatly by all the Drums.

Before these notes appear we will have moved and be settled down in the Mecca of the East. We are all looking keenly towards it, and hope that our stay will be a happy one.

"SNAKE CHARMER III."

BAND.

"Roll on Cairo" one hears these days. Maybe we will have a different tale to tell in our next issue. Unfortunately, we are not taking our famous "Butte" with us, he having (like the Rajah he is) paid

over a huge sum to be allowed to spend Christmas in "Blighty." However, we wish him luck; no doubt we shall miss all his experiments. You see, 2nd, we can claim the Rajahs already.

During September we paid a return visit to Haifa as guests of the Band of the Royal Scots Fusiliers. We spent a very happy three days, and played them cricket and football. We were again vanquished at cricket, probably due to our exertions, swimming, and the long climb over Mount Carmel, during the morning of the match. At football, a very interesting match resulted in a draw, 1-1.

We have, for the second year, represented H.Q. Wing in the Platoon Football and Hockey Knock-out.

To date, we are out of the football, being beaten by No. 9 Platoon by a narrow margin.

In the Hockey, a second replay was necessary with No. 13 Platoon—and still a draw—but we sincerely hope to be in the final. Platoon teams are much stronger this year for we won both competitions last season.

Congratulations are due to all those who took part in the Novices' Boxing, especially Boy Rowntree, who won his weight in the Light-weight Competition. We are glad to see the young element making a name for itself.

"FLAT PITCH."

"DETAILS."

By the time these notes appear in print the Battalion will have settled down in Cairo and there is no doubt that all the places marked "out of bounds" to troops will have been well inspected by them.

The advance party of the Battalion left Jerusalem on December 2nd, and many envious eyes followed them out of the barracks, but Palestine will soon be a thing of the past, all good or bad things have to come to an end sometime—so has our tour of duty in Palestine. During October and November, Battalion Training was in full swing, the march to Sarafand daunting many of our group. Still, at the conclusion we are pleased to say, the "Details" knew that everything they did was just as much as was required of them, especially the feat of "scrounging" on the lorries.

In the realms of sport the group has acquitted itself creditably. At football our team has handed out a few sweep scores against other groups, and, of course, has tasted a few "knock-out" drops. The credit for our good showings belongs to our one and only "Yo-Yo" expert, ably assisted by ten men who always put their hearts in the game. The Band put paid to our hopes once again of the chance we had of winning the Inter-Platoon Knock-out Competition, but we hope that the tables will be turned next year. Three of the group, Ptes. Bland, Parsons and Long 65, have represented the Company at football, and rumour says that the former might soon be in Battalion colours.

Owing to Company transfers our hockey team was not so strong as last season, but the fighting spirit was still there, it being the Signal Section who managed to put us out of this competition by three goals to two. This was a game won (or should we say, lost) by words.

In the Battalion Novices' Boxing our entries made quite a good showing, bringing a good number of points to augment the Company total. Pte. Hope did exceedingly well to reach the semi-final of the Welter-weight, but was beaten after a hard fight by Pte. Lusty, D Company, the ultimate winner of this weight.

In conclusion, we hope that prohibition does not come into force in England before our Bob's time is up.

OVEREMPLOYED.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

CAIRO.

We cannot commence with "Here we are at Cairo" because the script for this edition of the Journal was prepared in Palestine. We are due for Egypt on January 17th, 1933, and hope to give a short account of our new station in the next issue.

CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR.

Although they will be somewhat belated by the time they appear in print, the Warrant Officers, Colour-Sergeants and Sergeants tender to one and all hearty greetings for Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

MEMBERS' FAMILIES.

It is understood that the major section of the married members are saving themselves for a real Christmas dinner on or immediately after January 19th, 1933, when Cairo will be greeted with the smiling faces of members' wives and families, who arrive from home and move into married quarters at the Citadel about that date.

BATTALION TRAINING.

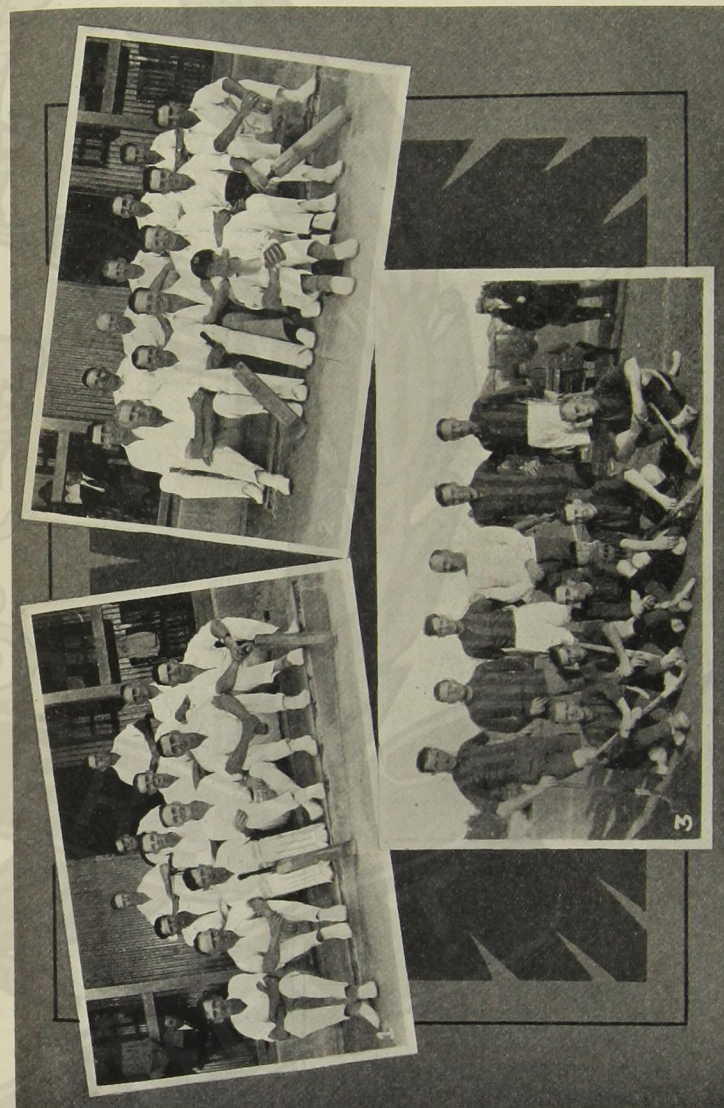
One of the chief events which marked the passing of this Quarter was the period of Battalion Training from October 23rd to November 3rd, when the Battalion route-marched to Sarafand, a Detachment Station 32 miles from Jerusalem, for a fortnight in camp, and marched back to Jerusalem. Two days after arrival in camp, one of Palestine's sudden rainstorms washed the camp almost completely out. The Battalion was away on a training exercise at the time, and those of us who returned to find a dry kit or a tent with perpendicular pole were extremely lucky. Only a small contingent of the members remained to "hold the fort" at Jerusalem; the native assistant cook had a pleasant time catering for them. The first cook was not missed in the least.

DEPARTURES.

C.Q.M.S. Wilcockson and Sergt. Clift have now left us for A.V.T.Cs. at Home. The good wishes of all members go with "Johnny" and "George"—may the best of luck attend them in civil life. Before leaving, these two members were presented with a token of remembrance in the form of a Westminster mantel-clock, suitably engraved. Sergts. Kennett and Rogers left on the *Neuralia* with C.Q.M.S. Wilcockson for a tour of duty at the Depot, in relief of Sergts. Paterson and Kruck, who are due to join us in January, 1933—and that did not exhaust the list of homegoers! Sergt. Priddy, selected for a course of instruction at the Small Arms School, Hythe, kept them company. It is doubtful if we shall see him again before the next trooping season, as his course does not terminate until the last day in March.

"ON THE GREEN."

Only one tournament on the billiard table was held this quarter—that for the



1.—Mr. COXON'S CRICKET ELEVEN. 2.—Mr. BURT'S CRICKET ELEVEN.
3.—SERGEANTS' MESS HOCKEY TEAM.

half-yearly holder of the Mess Billiards Challenge Cup. On the eve of his departure for U.K., C.Q.M.S. Wilcockson beat Sergt. Thompson in the final, and a further laurel to him, in the shape of his name engraved on the cup will help to remind us all of him. The celebrations that evening were dual.

"OLD SOLDIERS."

We congratulate Sergt. Blake on gaining his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and we take this opportunity of congratulating, too, O.R.Q.M.S. Baldwin at the Depot for his similar acquisition.

CRICKET.

The cricket ground on the barrack square was acquired, during a lull in its use towards the end of the cricket season, by the Mess for a game between two sides composed of members. As a departure from the usual serious game one expects to witness, spectators were given a hearty laugh throughout the afternoon when "Mr. Coxon's side" beat "Mr. Burt's side" by only a few runs.

ROUNDERS.

With an empty afternoon and a huge barrack square available, two teams from the Mess, armed with cricket stump and tennis ball, turned out for a spot of rounders. To be an all-round athlete these times, it is apparent that one must be conversant with this growing pastime which threatens to become popular.

HOCKEY.

Since the Mess has acquired its own playing colours, challenges have been thrown far and wide for hockey matches. The Corporals were the least reluctant to meet our "hard-hitting" team, and a game with them on the Jerusalem Sports Club Ground resulted in a draw—one all. A return match with them on the same ground a week later surprisingly resulted in the same score. Further fixtures are eagerly awaited.

"SERVICE DRESS."

We are anxious to know, with reference to the article under the heading "Confidential," in the Depot Sergeants' Mess Notes in the last issue, whether the Service dress worn by the member referred to was new, or whether it was the same suit worn by him for a photograph

of 1st Battalion members taken at Colchester, and if so, whether the said suit is due to be returned to its rightful owner.

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"T'ION! EYES RIGHT!"

The following verses need no dedication:—

To call your atten 'T'ION
I'd just like to men 'T'ION
That a little preven 'T'ION,
Well used is wise.
Corrected vis 'T'ION
May cause deris 'T'ION
But what's the addi 'T'ION
Of a pair of glass eyes?

Now some have a no 'T'ION
That with eye-baths and po 'T'ION
And gallons of lo 'T'ION,
The sight simply grows;
But with a little detec 'T'ION,
Will discover perfec 'T'ION,
There must be connec 'T'ION
'Twixt ears and the nose.

The sight needs correc 'T'ION
Said the optical sec 'T'ION
Following inspec 'T'ION
Of the R.S.Ms. eyes.
So with careful selec 'T'ION
From a numerous collec 'T'ION,
He now has protec 'T'ION
From insects and flies.

With his permiss 'T'ION
I made his decis 'T'ION,
I told him his vis 'T'ION
Was a thing of the past;
At one long audi 'T'ION
I proved the commiss 'T'ION
Now it's not supposi 'T'ION,
He wears them at last!

ISINGLASS.

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CORPORALS.

Since the last notes were published, there has not been much happening in the Mess.

We spent a very enjoyable evening with the Sergeants, when we challenged them to a Billiard and Snooker Tournament. We heartily congratulate the Sergeants on proving to be our masters at both, but when certain members have studied and practised Newman's diagrams

more keenly, we hope to revel in our revenge.

The Sergeants challenged us to a game of hockey, the result being a draw, one all, after a very good game. But for the Sergeants' left-back having a good knowledge of offside tactics, they might have had a woeful tale to tell. In a return match, both teams were keen on giving away eggs, and the Sergeants produced a far stronger team, whilst the Mess team was weakened considerably, but again the result was a draw, one all, after a very good game—thanks to the excellent form of L./Cpl. Chillery and Cpl. Dyson.

The Mess was very well represented in the Novices' Boxing Competition recently held, and we congratulate L./Cpl. Adams and L./Cpl. McDowell, on being runners-up in their respective weights, and wish them the best of luck to go one better next time.

We congratulate L./Cpls. Holloway, Parrish and McGrady on their recent appointments. We also congratulate the latter on his excellent performance in winning his weight in the Inter-Services Boxing Championship recently held.

EDUCATION.

Despite frequent changes in the Educational Staff of the Battalion during our sojourn in Palestine, much good work has been done by Sergts. Priddy and West, Cpls. May and Snell, and L./Cpls. Stock, Jacob and Simpson in this all-important branch of military training.

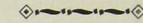
During the first nine months of the year 96 Second Class Candidates were successful in obtaining certificates, while the number of uncertificated has been reduced to four—a creditable achievement.

There were no candidates ready to try their skill at the March, 1932, Examination for First Class Certificates, but for the October Examination 12 were presented, and another four came forward for the Special Certificate. Results of these examinations are not yet to hand; a fair percentage of successes is, however, anticipated.

Great interest is shown in the results of weekly tests of First and Second Class Candidates. These are compiled as League Tables, and each category has a first, second, and third division. Rivalry

is keen, and the press of candidates about the blackboards when results are posted up is sufficient proof of the popularity of the scheme. It is a noticeable fact that the biggest student in the class of "Firsts" has, like Atlas, taken on the strenuous task of supporting the rest of the class on his ample shoulders.

BRAINS.



ARMISTICE DAY.

A SERVICE was held, as in previous years, at the Regimental War Memorial in Mill Hill Barracks, on Armistice Day.

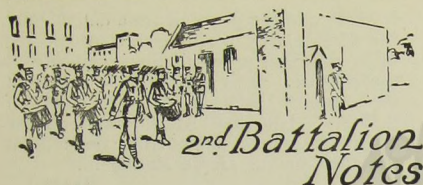
The Colours of the 7th and 9th Battalions of the Regiment and of the 19th London Regiment were carried on parade and the fourth side of the Memorial was occupied by the Colour party of the Hendon Old Contemptibles' Association carrying Colours which had recently been presented by Lord Rochdale. To his great regret, Mr. Sheehan was unable to officiate at the service owing to illness, but he sent a capable substitute.

The following wreaths were laid:—

1st Battalion, by Capt. A. N. Overell.
2nd Battalion, by Lieut. P. E. C. Tuckey.
Depot, by Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C.
Territorial Association, by Mr. De Salis.
Regimental Association, by Col. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L.
5th Battalion, by Mr. G. Kerswill.
6th Battalion, by Mr. H. Hewitt.
7th Battalion, by Major W. E. Pringle, M.C.
9th Battalion, by Capt. J. R. B. Worton.
11th Battalion, by Lieut.-Col. J. English.
7th and 8th Battalions, City of London Regiment, by Major R. J. Hunt.
19th Battalion, London Regiment, by Major W. W. Dove.
Hendon Old Contemptibles' Association.

Several private wreaths were also laid on the Memorial.

A wreath was laid by the Old Comrades Association of the 12th Battalion at night.



IN reading contributions to the Journal it is often noticeable that writers start by saying they have little to report. In the present case we feel that there is a great deal to write about, and our difficulty will be to make our comments brief enough to satisfy the Editor.

The winter-time is always a busy time as far as games are concerned. Hockey, soccer, rugby and boxing all come together, and, in addition, we have to be prepared to find and train cross-country running teams for the spring. Hockey is reported elsewhere, but the other three sports are not mentioned separately, so it will not be out of place to mention our activities in them.

There is no doubt that our Boys have been most successful this season at soccer. They reached the third round of the Army Cup (Boys)—no mean achievement, and one of which they are justly proud. They went down to the Boys of the Welsh Guards, whom they played at Windsor. The final score was 3—2. The Battalion team entered for the Army Cup and was beaten in the first round when playing against the 21st Medium Battery, R.A. There are two local competitions in which our team is entered, but we are not very hopeful of finishing at the top of either of them. It must be remembered that this is our first full season at home, and when choosing soccer teams, as in all other games, we still feel the loss of those who left the Service to go to civil life after the Battalion reached home, and of those three hundred who left us to join the 1st Battalion.

It is of no use bemoaning the shortage of men, however. What we must do is to seek out our hidden talent, especially among the newly arrived drafts from the Depot, and train the newcomers to take the places of those we relied on in our palmiest days.

Our rugby team has undergone very considerable changes since those matches

against the Arabians in Khartoum. Also the conditions under which the game is played are greatly altered. No longer the flooded field by the Nile bank where the undergrowth often hid the ball, and where one's foot sometimes slipped into a crack in the sun-baked earth. No; practically the only drawback to our Colchester rugby ground is that it is not close enough to barracks, and in consequence the team often misses the cheers and moral support of onlookers who would attend a match nearer barracks. We played the 2nd Bn. The Black Watch in the first round of the Army Cup, and, in spite of a lead in the early part of the game, we were beaten by 8 points to 5.

Lieut. Else is to be congratulated on being chosen to play for the Army on several occasions recently.

The boxing season opened with a Novices' Individual Competition, in which there were many entries and several good fights. Then followed the Inter-Unit Novices' Team Competition. Our team met the Royal Fusiliers, whom we found to be so far our superiors that they beat us by 10 fights to 5. Next came the Inter-Unit Open Team Competition, when the team of the 4th Hussars beat ours by 25 points to 20. We were glad to see Lieut. Else fight in both these team events, in the second of which he gained the verdict over a boxer of greater experience. With more training and experience he should be a useful member of our teams in the future.

In order to find what boxing talent may lie hidden in the Battalion, an All Ranks' Novices' Competition was held during November for all those with less than five years' service. We certainly found a great deal of talent, sometimes in unexpected quarters, and especially during the earlier stages of the competition there were some very tough scraps.

In spite of having employed a well-known professional boxer to instruct our teams, there can be no doubt that the results were disappointing. The fault does not lie with the instructor—he has many successes as a trainer to his credit. Rather, we are forced to conclude, it is due to the lack of keenness to train and, in some cases, the unwillingness to “take a tip” on the part of the boxers themselves. Perhaps the hours originally set apart for training were a little too exact-

ing. If that is the case, it will no doubt be borne in mind in the future.

Major Thorp rejoined the Battalion in December after a long period during which he has been employed on duties connected with the Auxiliary Forces in India. Our congratulations are due to Lieut. Reid on obtaining a “Distinguished” report on his course at the Small Arms School, Netheravon.

Cadre courses for young officers and N.C.O.s are a recent innovation in the Battalion. The students learn how to teach weapon training, anti-gas defence, drill and physical training. The results are already noticeable throughout the Battalion, and it is obvious that such courses must have a good effect so far as standardization of training is concerned.

Educational training, after its summer slump, is coming into its own again and proves a bugbear to some, and possibly a boon to others. At least, the forty-odd men who have just obtained their 2nd Class Certificates will agree with the latter statement when they begin to collect their increases of pay. There are very few in the Battalion who have not gained 3rd Class Certificates—mostly boys, and they can be numbered on the fingers of one hand—but the scarcity of holders of 1st Class Certificates is a drawback. It limits too much the choice of candidates for appointment to C.Q.M.S., and for promotion to Warrant rank.

There is one thing that is noticeable to all of us, especially those who have served abroad. We refer to the weak strength of the Battalion. It is always a handicap, whether from the point of view of work or of games. If only half those who are now enjoying their annual furlough could each obtain one recruit for the Regiment, what a difference it would make to our activities in the near future, and, bearing in mind the recruiting award, what a profitable undertaking from the recruiter's point of view.

A COMPANY.

Since our last quarter's notes were published nothing really startling has happened within the Company.

Having completed our Annual Training for 1932, we had a brief spell of ordinary duty and then opened the Individual

Training season of the Battalion for 1933, this occupying the whole of November, when the usual musketry, wiring and physical training parades were carried out. At the end of this training the whole of the Company proceeded on their annual furlough, the first for many years, so everybody took full advantage of it.

As regards sport within the Company, nothing has really happened owing to the difficulty of finding teams, as our numbers are so small, but we have a number of representatives of the Company in the different Battalion teams.

As regards our officers, Major J. R. Thorp has taken over command from Major N. H. B. Lyon, who is now Second-in-Command of the Battalion. Lieut. Heywood has returned to A after doing duty with other companies since 1919. Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon has joined us from the Depot, and 2/Lieut. Whiting from Sandhurst. With this combination for training and sport, more news may be forthcoming in our next notes.

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B COMPANY.

We feel that it is our first duty to bid good-bye to three old members of the Company, namely, Ptes. Evans, Wisbey and Page. The Company Office and Storeroom bear an unfamiliar aspect without the former two, although we feel sure that their successors will carry out their rôles very efficiently. We wish all three the best of luck in civilian life.

C.S.M. Colbourne has also gone, but not far, however, as he has only moved over to H.Q. Wing, and in his place we extend a hearty welcome to C.S.M. Clarke from the Depot, and also to L./Sergt. Bean, who has been invalided home from Palestine. (No more illnesses, please!)

We are glad to say that the Company is once more proving itself victorious in many branches of sport, for we have wrested the title of Best Shooting Company from our neighbours, A; while, in addition to meeting with pronounced success in our football matches, we have carried off the darts championship and the handsome trophy gives our newly decorated Company Office a finishing touch. (We trust our team only practise in non-parade hours.)

We have sent numerous N.C.Os. to the Battalion Cadre and we are looking forward to seeing the results reflected in our barrack rooms. (They should know how to shift the coalboxes, at any rate!)

Finally, we should like to extend very hearty congratulations to the following on their success in obtaining 2nd Class Certificates of Education. May they soon reap the rewards of their labour. The successful candidates were:—

L./Cpls. Powell and Woods, and Ptes. Alexander, Edwards, Leahy, Outten, Perry, Stagg and Simkins.

C (M.G.) COMPANY.

We received a draft from the Depot on November 12th, and from the keenness they display it would seem that they enjoy life as machine gunners. Unfortunately we have been unable to devote as much time to training as we should have liked owing to the number of Garrison employees requiring reliefs for furlough. The Company went away on leave in three parties according to their length of service with the Battalion. The latest arrivals left on December 23rd, and all rejoined on January 3rd. We shall have much to do to prepare for Concentration this year, but we hope that all ranks will settle down to hard work as soon as the festive season is over.

Though rather late, we take this opportunity of wishing all ranks of the Regiment all the best for the New Year, and hope that they enjoyed Christmas.

We must congratulate Lieut. Reid on obtaining "Distinguished" at Netheravon, and Cpl. Brown on his "Q.I." Capt. Jones and Sergt. Johnson have just rejoined from the same school, and we are in hopes of two more "Ds." Cpl. Marshall is also to be congratulated on his "D" at the School of Education.

We regret to say that our Company Commander, Major Paul, has left us for a Staff appointment. Though only with us such a short time, about six months, he made a vast improvement in the Company. At work and at play he displayed great interest, and always gave every assistance. We wish him well in his new sphere, but look forward to his return. Capt. Jones has taken over command of the Company, and will commence his duties on return from leave.

Several old members have left us to try their luck in civil life. We wish them all the best, and hope they enjoy their new life. C.

D COMPANY.

We have now completed our first year at home. Looking back, it has been almost like starting a new life so far as the Company is concerned. Hardly any of the old D Company, outside senior ranks, remain with us. But youth will be served, and we look forward with interest to watching the progress of the Company.

The past quarter has been full of action right up to December 5th, when all who were available took their annual leave.

A boxing competition for all officers, N.C.Os. and men with under five years' service was held in November. It took a long time to complete, but some promising novices were found. Two representatives of the Company, Ptes. Short and Barker, found themselves in the finals, and after really good bouts just lost on points.

This was followed by the Inter-Unit Competition (Colchester Garrison), and four of the Company represented the Battalion: Sergt. Donaldson, L./Sergt. Livens, Cpl. Warnes and Pte. Mullett. Donaldson and Livens won; Warnes and Mullett losing to more experienced boxers. This was Pte. Mullett's first appearance in this class of competition, and he did well to give us hopes of better performances when experience is gained.

An absorbing item was the Inter-Company Darts Competition, honours going to B Company, who defeated D Company in the finals.

Football is just alive, and only just! We have not added to the roll of Battalion players any more likely representatives. In fact, our numbers are so small that it is hard to form a Company team and get regular fixtures.

The beginning of the New Year will see our first draft leave for the 1st Battalion. We hope they will have a happy tour and will foster the memory of good old D.

We are running very high in the Marriage Stakes. We extend our congratulations to all concerned, and wish all a happy life free from trouble.

H.Q. WING.

After exactly twelve months in Colchester a review of our experiences during our first year at home would be appropriate. We arrived home in December, 1931, a sadly depleted Wing, with Lieut. E. M. G. Wray, D.S.O., as Wing Commander. He handed over the command to Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson, who in turn gave way to Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe. Although Capt. Hedgecoe was with us only two months, he guided the Wing through rough weather skilfully, and many were the improvements under his regime, the most noticeable being in the dining-halls.

A new Wing Commander arrived late in February in the person of Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C., who carried on with the good work that Capt. Hedgecoe had started. Lieut. F. Walden was posted to us during the summer, but we saw very little of him, as up to the time that he was appointed Adjutant to the 7th Battalion he was attached to the R.A.

Capt. Savile has now handed over to Capt. N. P. Procter, M.C. (what a capture for the Wing hockey and cricket teams!) after nearly ten months as Wing Commander. We are very sorry to lose him, but at the same time are pleased to know that Capt. Procter is able once again to take part in the Wing's activities. Capt. Savile will be proceeding abroad shortly, on promotion to Major, and he takes with him our very best wishes and heartiest congratulations.

In the world of sport there is nothing to report except that we have supplied a full quota to the various Battalion teams.

The officers now in the Wing who will be of great assistance in sports are:—

Major N. H. B. Lyon (cricket), Capt. N. P. Procter (cricket and hockey), Lieut. S. J. Clark (swimming), Lieut. F. H. Else (cricket, boxing and rugger), Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson (cricket, rugger and hockey), and Lieut. & Qmr. R. T. Guscott (swimming). Oh, boy, what a plunge!

The most notable departure is C.S.M. W. Beasley, who has left us for civilian life. The whole Wing misses his genial features and stalwart figure. Good luck, Sergeant-Major, and "Get that hair cut." Another old Winger who has left us for a tour of duty at the Depot is C.Q.M.S.

C. King, and we wish him the best of luck. A draft of seven recently joined us from the Depot, and are being trained as drummers. We take this opportunity of welcoming them and other newcomers to the Wing, the chief ones being C.S.M. R. Colbourne and C.Q.M.S. F. Stacey.

The Boys' Notes are unavoidably held over this quarter owing to Yob II being at present on furlough.

And now to close down, wishing all members of the Regiment a happy New Year.

WINGER.



BAND.

Once more we take up pen and paper, but first of all we ask you to excuse us this time, as our usual scribe is out hiking—at least, he will be when he runs short of conkers.

The Band are at present on furlough, so no doubt they are tasting the sweetness of life, but there are a few who are staying behind, and they have managed to click for an Employed job. Hookie is delf man, but he cannot grip that kind of work, hence the breakages. Snod is in the same department, but, judging from the numerous complaints about cold water, Snod never will be a stoker. Steve has inked himself as M.O.'s orderly, but nobody is dead so far, for the simple reason that he has not yet taken over his employment, but when he does—nuff sed! Then there is poor old Spargo; he is tucked away in the Band Store surrounded by pots of Gloy and brushes. He tells us that he dreams of torn music, Gloy, brushes and intervals; long week-ends to recuperate, but a few deft strokes with the brush, and a new journal appears; so a pass in time saves ten journals of music.

Holt has left us for civilian life, and we are sorry to lose him, but take this opportunity to wish him the best of luck. Also we must offer our congratulations to Bdsmn. Stretton, Hayes and Raynor on their appointments to Lance-Corporals.

The boys' prowess at football will no doubt appear in the Battalion notes. The Band have not had any games during the past quarter, but hope to make up for it during the next. L./Cpl. Hayes, Bdsmn. Pinner and Walker have all appeared for the Battalion at hockey, so we have a good foundation for a team next year.

Well, folks, we shall have to close our books now, so we conclude by wishing all members of the Regiment a very Prosperous New Year.

FLAT PITCH.

P.S.—Musical definition: *Interval*.—Space between a long week-end and Garrison Duty Band.

DRUMS.

At the time of writing these notes we are about to lose our Wing Commander, Captain Savile, who we hear is going to join the 1st Battalion. Well, Sir, we wish you the very best of luck, and thank you for the great interest you have taken in all groups of the Wing during your tour of duty as Wing Commander. At the same time we welcome our late Adjutant, Captain Procter as Wing Commander, and trust his stay will be a long and pleasant one.

By the time these notes are in print some of our Boys will be on the way to join the 1st Battalion in Cairo. We shall be sorry to lose them, as some of them are members of our Boys' Football Team who have done wonderfully well by getting into the third round of the Army Cup (Boys). Congratulations, Boys!

Of the Drums, we lose Boys Williams and Whittington, both of whom we are confident will make good flute players. We welcome to our group, Dmr. Mitchell, who has joined us after being invalided home from abroad. Seven of the last draft from the Regimental Depot have joined us, and we hope they are budding musicians.

We congratulate Pte. Pullen (who joined us with the draft), on being tried in the Battalion Football Team. We have quite a number of the group doing well

in sports. The following have represented the Battalion:—

Dmr. Jones: Football and Cross-Country.

Dmr. Thompson: Hockey.

Dmr. Mew: Athletic Sports and Boxing.

Dmr. Jaques: Cross-Country.

Dmr. Morrison: Cross-Country.

Dmr. Girdlestone is to be congratulated on getting into the final of the Novices' Boxing.

Dmr. Orchard is leaving us for civilian life, and with him go our best wishes. We are sorry to lose him.

Boys Burrell and Salmon have joined us from civilian life, thus completing our establishment of Boys.

We hope in our next notes to show some good results in the sports line, as we are now getting back to our old strength again, after having a struggle to hold our own since leaving Khartoum.

Best wishes to all members of the 1st Battalion Drums.

SIGNAL SECTION.

What? JOURNAL notes already? Here you are then. Not much of them, but let's hope they'll do.

Nothing very exciting has happened this quarter, *sans* sports, *sans* riots, *sans* everything but a new class. That in brief is the state of the section.

Cpl. Hawkins has just rejoined us after an A.I.'s. Course at Catterick. Cpl. Buckland has our hearty congratulations on his promotion. (Oh! those parade states.)

2/Lieut. Man and Cpl. Day will be proceeding to the Signal School at Catterick shortly. (Does that mean we are to lose Lieut. Stephenson in the near future? We sincerely hope not.) We hope that they will both do well there.

The new class (with the usual one or two exceptions) are doing very well indeed. We hope they will reach the high standard set by the old hands, which (though I say it as shouldn't) is certainly a hard task, but then nothing is impossible according to the Iron Duke.

We have noticed that organized games have been conspicuous by their absence lately, but several of the new class did quite well in the recent Novices' Boxing Tournament.

Smith (10) has now settled down to civilian life, and we hear he is doing very well as goalkeeper for a Kent Junior League Club, which anyone who saw his performances for the section in Khartoum can readily believe.

Congratulations to L./Cpls. Walker and Sargent on getting their pay, and to Pte. Bartlett on getting a cushy (?) job as company storeman.

Pte. Wigg has done what seems to be the right thing in these hard times—extended his service to complete twelve years' colour service, and in doing so has clicked for a job as Quartermaster's Clerk. We wish him luck, and know that he will make his job his first consideration, for the job just suits his temperament.

The employed stole a march on us last quarter by being first with New Year greetings, but better late than never, so we will now close with best wishes to all members of the Regiment for a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

VIC EDDY.

EMPLOYED GROUP.

News this quarter will have to be limited, the majority of our members being on furlough, just back from furlough, or looking forward to it.

We offer our congratulations to L./Cpls. Tydeman, Eldridge and Eldrett on being paid for their appointment, and remind them there are more "ninepences" in the "Exchequer coffers" for them to gain. May they reign long, and continue to succeed.

We have lost an old friend in C.S.M. Beasley, who has gone to "Civvy Street," and wish both him and his wife the best of luck in their new sphere. (We wonder if there are any Ecclesiastical Returns to be rendered in civilian life.) Another departure from the family is C.Q.M.S. King, who has gone to the Depot for a tour of duty. Our best wishes go with him and his family. We welcome to the family circle, C.S.M. Colbourne and C.Q.M.S. Stacey. The Sergt.-Major is no stranger to the Wing, but we believe this is the Quarter Bloke's first appearance in it. We trust that they will find us only too willing to do our bit towards making their stay in the Wing as pleasant as possible.

No news has been received from Ptes. Simms and Brazier, but we hope they are doing well on their Vocational Training Course, and that they have not entirely forgotten the Group, alias the "Uberoi Boys." "Toff" is sweating on the top line for his Course, and we hope, for his sake, he gets it, though we are bound to miss him.

We have a surprise in store for the dear reader, ssh! "Robbe '29" is courting, which means that some tradesman in Colchester must be faced with a sudden decline in trade.

It is not too late to wish all the Boys of the Group a Happy New Year, and we hope they had the best that Christmas could offer. Perhaps next quarter our notes will be on a larger scale, at least, we hope so.

THE EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

If we take events in the proper sequence, our notes for this quarter's JOURNAL must open with an account of the Kent Cup Shoot for this year, which was held on October 7th last. We have almost forgotten about it by this time, but someone has been careful enough to preserve the results, and they are published below. Three practices were fired—the first five rounds kneeling, the second ten rounds rapid in two minutes, and, going from the sublime to the ridiculous, the third practice was five rounds rapid in thirty seconds. The committee had in the first place decided upon some weird practice at 500 yards to finish up with, but fortunately time and the failing light combined in making this impracticable. The whole of the Mess, with the exception of the two members who were on leave, turned up to compete, and there were several prizes. The list is as follows:—

AGGREGATE SCORES.

1st Prize.—L./Sergt. Cooper.

2nd Prize.—Sergt. Mewett.

3rd Prize.—C.S.M. Simmonds.

4th Prize.—Sergt. Kemp.

5th Prize.—C.S.M. Peck.

6th Prize.—C.S.M. Hewett.

7th Prize.—Sergt. Champion.

8th Prize.—C.Q.M.S. Stacey.

9th Prize.—Sergt. Short.

10th Prize.—Sergts. Jones and Hows tied.

HIGHEST SCORE IN EACH PRACTICE.

Practice No. 1.—C.S.M. Hewett. Score of 14.

Practice No. 2.—C.S.M. Simmonds and Sergt. Mewett tied with a score of 37 each.

Practice No. 3.—L./Sergt. Cooper. Score of 18.

PRIZES FOR HIDDEN NUMBERS AT EACH PRACTICE.

Practice No. 1.—Sergt. Cartwright.

Practice No. 2.—R.S.M. Ward and C.Q.M.S. Hills tied.

Practice No. 3.—Sergts. Trestain and Ison tied.

Sergt. Mason had the honour of winning the wooden spoon, and the Bandmaster ran the sweepstake, which was split up into several prizes. We congratulate L./Sergt. Cooper, whose name figures twice in the prize list. It is very satisfactory to see a young member of the Mess doing so well at his first shoot.

The next event worthy of recording is the Old Comrades' Dinner, to which the Mess sent a large contingent. They all enjoyed themselves immensely, and arrived home about 2 a.m. quite fit for Church Parade that morning (but perhaps the R.S.M. thought otherwise). We prophesied in our last notes that entertainments within the Mess would be considerably bucked up during the cold season, and we are glad to be able to record the fulfilment of the prophecy. A monthly dinner and monthly whist drive have been inaugurated. The dinner in November was the first of the series, and the whist drives and dances for both October and November were well attended, and very successful. The Battalion leave period has interfered with those due to be held in December, but they will be re-commenced after the leave period, and continue throughout the season. The dinners have come to stay, and will be a permanent institution in the Mess throughout the year.

We should like to take this opportunity of welcoming C.S.M. Clark and C.Q.M.S. Jones, from the Depot, and of wishing C.Q.M.S. King the best of luck during his tour there. Our congratulations to Sergt. Johnson on his promotion to substantive rank. C.S.M. Beasley has left us

for civilian life, and the best wishes of the Mess go with him.

HOCKEY.

Even to the most optimistic, the hockey prospects, at the beginning of the year, cannot have been very encouraging.

The standard of hockey in the Battalion teams had not been high for some years, and the enormous efflux, during the past year, of people who knew anything about hockey made it seem a well nigh impossible task to find a team; and to find two teams for a trial game was a work of art.

However, we found that there were just enough and one or two over, and as all these are very keen, the first half of the season has been pleasant if undistinguished, and if we have to record more losses than wins, at any rate, practically all the games have been reasonably level and never too one-sided to be enjoyable.

The calls of Soccer and Rugger on our meagre numbers have been a great handicap to team building, especially as Lieut. Heywood, 2/Lieut. Man and Cpl. Buckland have been conspicuous by their absence most of the season.

In the first round of the Army Cup we drew our next-door neighbours, the Black Watch. We had lost to them twice previously with rather weakened sides, but, as anticipated, the addition of Lieut. Heywood, Sergt. Dean and Cpl. Buckland levelled the two sides up, and a draw 1—1 to the first game was a very suitable end. Great credit was due to Sergt. Cartwright at right-back for the very excellent way he prevented any effective combination between their centre-forward and inside-left, and it was most unfortunate that he injured his knee so badly that he had to retire to hospital the next day, and was out of action for the replay.

The second game started off in great style, as we were two goals up in a very short time. Unfortunately, that ended our scoring, and although we changed over with a lead of one goal, the Black Watch gradually crept up and passed us, whilst we missed our rare chances, and the end came with balance of one goal on the wrong side as far as we were concerned. It is no use dealing in "ifs and ans," for though the absence of Sergt. Cartwright may have worried the defence, Cpl. Cross,

his understudy, played quite well, and Pte. Hunter played distinctly better than usual. The real trouble is lack of constructive work in the attack and bad passing, added to which our opponents having realized that Lieut. Heywood should not be left to run loose on his own, consequently sat tight on him.

The next thing is to look forward to next year and spend the rest of the season building up a team for the future. And here we look to Company Sports Officers to get busy with the training of the young soldiers as they arrive. Grounds are short, but with enterprise a good deal of progress can be made.

THE OLD COMRADES' DINNER.

No-one present at the Central Rooms, Marylebone, on November 5th, could have failed to enjoy himself at one of the most pleasant functions of its sort the writer can remember. The dinner was good, the service remarkable considering the large number present, and the speeches were well delivered, and very much to the point. But it was noticeable that the meeting of the Association which preceded the dinner was badly attended.

A meagre few put in an appearance to hear Colonel Passingham tell us of the satisfactory financial state of the Association considering the bad year we have experienced. Surely a meeting of this nature is the very one at which all Old Comrades should be present. It is here they can voice their views and hear what has been done for their welfare.

The writer is convinced only good would come if the more fortunate Old Comrades who are in a job could hear some of the difficulties of finding employment. They could then explain to their less fortunate friends the tasks the Association has to surmount.

The writer was struck by the absence from the dinner altogether of retired officers other than those who attended the dinner in an official capacity, and this absence was noticed by the Old Comrades, several of whom were heard to ask: "Where is General (Colonel or Captain) So and So? He always used to attend. Why doesn't he come now?"

The oldest Comrade in the room, who enlisted in 1870, travelled 56 miles to

attend the dinner. Surely others can follow his example.

It was noticeable how very much the 1st Battalion representatives were in the majority. Where were the old 77th and 2nd Battalion representatives? It seems that the 1st Battalion, having been home since 1913, has fostered the spirit of the Old Comrades' Dinner—and right well they have done it. It is suggested that the 2nd Battalion might do the same. The writer maintains that the time has arrived when more attention should be paid to these dinners, which do so much to foster the good spirit of comradeship, friendship and unity, on which Lord Rochdale, in his speech, laid such great stress.

THE BROMHEAD FLAG.

We print below an extract from the *Edinburgh Evening Courier*, of Monday, January 13th, 1823. The flag, which has been carefully preserved and is mounted in a glass-fronted case, has been loaned to the officers of the 2nd Battalion through the kindness of Lady Robertson, whose ancestor Colonel Bromhead was.

Extract from the *Edinburgh Evening Courier*, of Monday, January 13th, 1823.

"On Saturday, COLONEL BROMHEAD retired from the Command of the 77th Regiment, now at the Castle, and which he had held for 14 years. Perhaps no Officer ever retired from such a situation in which he was more regretted, and this was testified on the present occasion by a feeling and a display of attachment on the part of the soldiers which we never before witnessed. It was a proud memorial to the gallant Officer of the affection of his soldiers and of the fidelity with which he had discharged his duty to them. In the Castle the horses were taken from the Colonel's carriage, which was decorated with laurels, ribbons, etc., and it was drawn by the soldiers through the principal streets, while they cheered repeatedly, which was re-echoed by the populace. The bugles of the Regiment were in front and played several National airs, and immediately before the carriage, a flag was carried by a Serjeant, bearing the following inscription:—

"77th Regiment. COLONEL BROMHEAD, the Friend of a Soldier,

retiring to private life, after 29 years of faithful service to his King and Country.'

"Another flag was carried by a Serjeant in rear of the bugles. The carriage was carried two miles out of the city when the horses were replaced, and the gallant Colonel made an appropriate and a very affecting speech to his brave companions in arms. He was deeply affected by the occasion."



REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1932.

Amounts of grants and loans made: £170 4s. 7d.

Grants and loans specially sanctioned by Committee: £7 os. 6d.

Number of cases dealt with: 276.

Number of cases assisted: 141.

Number of men registered for employment: 39.

Number of men found permanent employment (a) Association: 2; (b) Acton Branch: 7.

Number of men found temporary employment (a) Association: Nil; (b) Acton Branch: Nil.

Number of married couples found employment: 1.*

Number of men who took up employment: 9.

Number of parcels sent out by Ladies' Guild: 19.

*To take up employment on January 16th, 1933.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, S.W.1, on October 26th, 1932. Present:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair); Brig.-Generals F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G.; Lieut.-Cols. W. H. Samuel and F. S. Steed, O.B.E., D.C.M. (Hon. Treasurer); Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C. (Hon. Secretary); Capts. H. E. Foster, G. W. Kempster, 2nd Battalion; A. N. Overell, 1st Battalion; F. Walden, 7th

Battalion; and J. B. Worton, 9th 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).

It was decided that the cost of wreaths for funerals should, in future, be charged against the Memorial Fund.

An annual donation of £5 was sanctioned from the General Fund to the Memorial Fund.

An expenditure of £1 10s. 9d. for the restoration of a 4th Battalion grave at Ismailia was sanctioned from the Memorial Fund.

The selection of a candidate for a vacant Cottage Home, *vice* Mr. H. Lowen, deceased, was left in the hands of the Standing Sub-Committee.

The Standing Sub-Committee selected Pensioner Alfred R. Sparkes for the tenancy of the vacant Cottage Home. Mr. Sparkes, who served for 23 years and 7 months in the Middlesex Regiment, was discharged as medically unfit for further service in May, 1929, and is medically unfit for any employment. He served throughout the Great War, 1914-1918, and received the three medals. He also has the medal for Long Service and Good Conduct.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Great Central Hotel on Saturday, November 5th, when Brig.-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment, who presided, presented the Annual Report for 1931. Colonel Passingham, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, spoke of various matters connected with the report and the working of the Association. The report was adopted. The attendance was small, due, as usual, to the Old Comrades' Dinner, which was to take place immediately after the meeting, members evidently preferring to meet their comrades at once instead of sparing a few minutes for what is really a most important item of the evening.

THE OLD COMRADES' ANNUAL DINNER.

The Old Comrades' Dinner was held at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, on November 5th, 1932.

The evening was voted a great success as far as the rendezvous, the dinner itself, and the waiting were concerned, but it was felt that a good many more Old Comrades, and particularly Old Officers, might have attended.

The total number present was two hundred and thirty-five, and they appeared to be thoroughly enjoying themselves. The Colonel of the Regiment, General Heath, presided, and was supported by Brig.-General Rowley, Colonel Passingham, Lieut.-Colonels Browne, Parmeter and Murray; Major Wollocombe and Capt. Foster.

After the usual loyal toasts, General Heath proposed the toast of "The Regiment," and later that of "The Guests." In his speech he referred to the work of the Regimental Association, and to the fact that Lord Rochdale had consented to become a Vice-Patron of the Association.

The Guests of the evening were Lord Rochdale, the Lord Lieutenant of the County and Vice-Patron of the Association, Lieut.-Colonel M. F. Kittoe, High Sheriff of the County, Mr. C. F. De Salis, Chairman of the T.A. Association, Mr. G. Marlow Reed, Chairman of the Middlesex County Council, and, though asked, Mr. E. S. W. Hart, Clerk of the Middlesex County Council, was unavoidably absent. Two other guests were Mr. R. E. Ryder, V.C., and In-Pensioner G. Howell.

Lord Rochdale spoke of the good work done by the Association in keeping everyone together, and congratulated the Middlesex Regiment on the excellent feeling that existed between its Regular and Territorial Battalions, which was of such great importance in these times when our Regular Army had to be reduced to the minimum.

Mr. Marlow Reed spoke of the pride of the County in its Regiment, and said that the Middlesex County Council were anxious to work in with the Regiment as far as they could.

Mr. R. J. Stephens proposed the toast of "The Officers."

Telegrams were received from His

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

The Band of the 2nd Battalion was in attendance, by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel Browne and the Officers of the Battalion, under the direction of Bandmaster H. Clibbens. They are heartily congratulated on their performance.

Amongst those present, in addition to those mentioned above, were the following:—

Colonel Cuthbertson; Lieut.-Cols. Bethune, Samuel and Steed; Majors Anderson and Lyon; Capts. Carstin, Hedgecoe, Johnson, Manson, Pain, Procter, Richards, Rosam, Savile, Sutherland and Walden; Lieuts. Ascough, Baldwin, S. J. Clark, Cox, Cross, Douthet, Else, Guscott, Johnson, and Stephenson; 2/Lieuts. Peel, Western and Whiting; Messrs. Alchorne, Bagge, H. A. Bailey, C. W. Bailey, W. Bailey, Baldry, Baldwin, W. C. Barnes, Barton, B. Bateson, B. Bedward, W. Blackwood, W. Bennett, A. Glinco, Boen, J. Boothby, J. F. Boothby, J. Bray, Brett, W. Brockis-Warren, H. Brown, A. Budd, F. Budd, C. Caterer, E. C. Champion, J. Chivers, W. J. Clark, A. Clelland, Colbourne, A. B. Coldicott, Cooper, A. M. E. Crathern, Crosswaite, G. Grove, W. J. Dalby, R.S.M., C. Davis, C. B. Dellow, R. Denison, C. Denton, W. G. Dines, Hugh Doherty, Donaldson, Doubleday, H. G. Duncan, A. E. Dunkley, W. A. Ellis, R. E. Evans, W. D. Fitzgerald, W. Follenfant, W. Foxwell, S. F. Fricker, J. W. Frost, E. R. Furniss, A. C. Furse, C. Gibson, E. Godbold, J. Goodall, B. Gorman, W. Gould, R. T. Green, Sergt. Green, C. M. Guess, G. W. Hanks, B. A. Hardy, E. J. Hardy, Sergt. Harper, H. Hart, J. Hart, S. Hemsley, T. A. J. Hicks, Hill, C.Q.M.S. Hill, J. Hobson, W. Hollingsworth, Holt, E. Howard, F. Howe, F. E. Holmes, W. Huggins, J. G. P. Hunt, Sergt. Ison, Izzard, H. J. Jackman, Jacques, E. F. James, R. Jenkins, H. J. Kennedy, G. W. Kerswill, G. Kew, W. M. King, F. A. Kingham, A. W. Knight, G. Knock, Kruck, J. H. H. Lambourne, L. Laxton, T. M. G. Lewis,

L./Sergt. Levins, R. Lucas, T. R. Mackenzie, M. Mackie, Cpl. Maloney, J. H. Marsh, W. Martin, L./Cpl. Marsdale, W. McCarthy, W. A. Meachen, H. E. Meadley, Sergt. Mewett, W. H. Morrisons, R. North, H. J. Ormiston, G. W. Palmer, W. T. Palmer, A. J. Parker, Sergt. Parsler, C.S.M. Peck, R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley, Sergt. Quick, Sergt. Ramsay, Read, H. Reeves, C. F. Roberts, H. E. B. Rose, W. Rouse, Rundle, C. A. Rush, Sergt. A. Russell, C.Q.M.S. Sadler, D. B. Sanders, Sergt. Scott, F. L. Schaper, Tom Sewell, C. Shaw, E. Shaw, G. Shaw, Sergt. Sheriff, Sergt. Shorth, Simmonds, Cpl. Smalbridge, E. Smith, S. Smith, W. A. Smith, W. Stannett, A. Stephens, R. J. Stephens, G. Sullivan, Sergt. Treستان, E. G. Tulley, A. Vivian, L. Vivian, R.S.M. Ward, G. Warner, B. G. Watkins, C.Q.M.S. West, A. Weston, H. Wheatley, R. C. Whiting, A. J. Wilson, F. W. Wiss and C. P. Young.

The Old Comrades' Dinner for 1933 will be held on Saturday, November 4th.

QUARTERLY CONCERT.

A most appreciative audience assembled at the A.O.D. Memorial Institute, Lamb's, Conduit Street, Holborn, on Saturday evening, January 7th, when, by arrangement with Madame Ghita Corri, Eddie Hepworth's Company, "The Happy Family," gave a very cheery concert.

The Company certainly lived up to their name, and all present were loud in their praises.

Mr. F. E. Holmes presided as usual, and at the conclusion of the concert, spoke of the possible cessation of these functions owing to the meagre attendance. Captain G. W. Kempster also spoke, thanking Madame Corri, the Chairman and the artistes for the excellent entertainment provided.

Among those present, in addition to those already mentioned, were Lieut.-Col. Samuel; Majors Money and Amor; Mr. F. E. Molz; Mr. E. G. W. Amor, R.S.M. Davis; and about ninety others, including many ladies.

The new meeting place proved to be very suitable, easily accessible and convenient in every respect. It is thought that the finding of a suitable place will probably solve the problem of these

gatherings, which have undoubtedly suffered through the frequent changes of venue.

A collection made during the interval realized the sum of £1 os. 6d., which will go towards the expenses of the concert.

DEPOT NOTES.

ONLY one Squad of recruits has proceeded from the Depot to the 2nd Battalion during the past quarter; this was Nivelles (Squad Commander, Sergt. Beaveridge), which left here on November 22nd.

We were very sorry to lose this Squad, and the recruits who formed it are to be congratulated on the excellent standard, both in work and games, which they attained here. Twelve of the Squad were awarded Second Class Certificates of Education before leaving—none were uncertificated. The shooting average (Table "A," Part 3,) was the highest ever recorded here; whilst the G.S.O. for Physical Training, Eastern Command, stated that this Squad gave the best performance in its P.T. Test which he had seen at any Depot for many years. A photograph of a demonstration given by this Squad appears elsewhere in this issue.

Pte. Davidson, of Nivelles, is to be warmly congratulated on obtaining his Special Certificate of Education, whilst at the Depot.

The next two Squads to proceed to Colchester were Somme (Sergt. Bishop), on January 2nd, 1933, and Ladysmith, at the end of that month.

The usual Armistice Day Memorial Service was held on November 11th at the Regimental War Memorial. An account appears elsewhere.

The Annual Inspection of the Depot by the Area Commander, who was accompanied by the D.A.A. and Q.M.G., took place on October 13th. The Depot Staff and Recruits were formed up on the Square, and after the parade had been dismissed, the Area Commander inspected the barracks and saw the Recruits at their normal training.

The General Officer Commanding, Eastern Command, accompanied by Brig. Hunter and Lieut. W. A. H. Maxwell

(A.D.C.), visited the Depot on October 25th.

We are in the middle of a successful football season, and both Depot and Recruits' teams have had several interesting matches. There have also been several successful Boxing Meetings and two contests with outside Units. In both these forms of sport a considerable amount of talent has been discovered.

carried through at the Depot this season, and a number of matches have been arranged for the New Year. Unfortunately, the weather has not been too kind, and three matches have had to be postponed or cancelled, a great handicap to football here being the fact that the lower ground dries so slowly, owing to lack of drainage and to the prevalence of clay, a disadvantage, however, which is



[Photo: Nellie Milner, Mill Hill.]

NIVELLE SQUAD PHYSICAL TRAINING DEMONSTRATION.

November, 1932.

The weekly whist drives and fortnightly dances have been held throughout the winter, and have been well patronized.

Since the above notes were written, news has been received that Ladysmith Squad has broken the shooting record, made by Nivelles, with an average of 75.8 for Table "A," Part 3. The two highest scores—99 and 97, by Ptes. Clark and Parker respectively—are believed to be the best ever recorded at the Depot.

FOOTBALL.

An interesting and on the whole successful programme of matches is being

common to all football grounds in this neighbourhood.

There has been a scarcity of good footballers amongst the N.C.Os. and men of the Depot Staff this season, and in consequence the Depot side has had to rely on Recruits to a greater extent than has probably been the case in past years. These Recruits have invariably shown up well, but have often suffered through lack of inches or experience.

The full Depot team has only played five matches, the results of which have been as follows:—

v. R.A.F., Stanmore, at Stanmore.—Lost 1—2.

v. "F" Battery, R.H.A., at Regent's Park.—Won 5—1.
v. Depot, Royal Fusiliers, at Mill Hill. Lost 1—3.
v. Depot, East Surrey Regiment, at Kingston.—Drew 4—4.
v. R.A.F. Stanmore, at Mill Hill.—Won 4—1.

In the match against the Royal Fusiliers we had a depleted team, but the

v. Aldenham School.—Drew 2—2.
v. Westminster School.—Won 4—2.
v. Highgate School.—Won 6—2.

These matches have proved most enjoyable, and have afforded valuable experience to the Recruits; Westminster School has promised to play us at Mill Hill in January, and it is hoped next season to extend our programme by matches with other Schools.



(Photo: Nellie Milner, Mill Hill.)

DEPOT RECRUITS' FOOTBALL TEAM, 1932.

Standing—Ptes. Clark, Thomas, Theed, Bridge, Crowhurst, Head and Garwood.
Sitting—Ptes. Izzard, Crossthwaite (Captain), Major Wollcombe, Ptes. Lake and Fergusson.

defeat was most disappointing, and entirely due to bad positioning on the part of our backs in the second half. For the match at Kingston it should be mentioned that our opponents' team consisted entirely of N.C.Os. and Depot Staff, whereas we had seven young Recruits playing. In the second match against the R.A.F., we had six Recruits in our team.

The Depot "A" team, consisting of Recruits, with two or three N.C.Os. to steady the side, has played three matches with School Second Elevens, with the following results:—

The Recruits' team has been very strong, and we wish that more matches could be found for it. Results are as follows:—

v. Depot, East Surrey Regiment, at Mill Hill.—Drew 3—3.
v. 8th Hussars, at Hounslow.—Won 4—1.
v. Depot, East Surrey Regiment.—Won 14—1.

The Royal Fusiliers match had to be postponed owing to their ground being unfit for play.

In the first match our opponents included some older players from their Depot Staff in their team.

It was feared that our side might deteriorate after the departure of Nivelles Squad, and especially Ptes. Delaney, Pullen and Tye, in November, but capable substitutes have been found, except, perhaps, at centre-forward, and the team constituted as under is probably the strongest Recruits' team which we have had at the Depot for a very long time:—

Pte. Theed (Somme); Ptes. Izzard (Ladysmith), and West (Mons); Ptes. Bridge (Somme), Crossthwaite (Ladysmith) and Clark (Ladysmith); Ptes. Crowhurst (Ladysmith), Fergusson (Somme), Lake (Albuhera), Head (Ladysmith), and Thomas (Ladysmith).

Ptes. Hudson (Mons), and Garwood (Somme), have also played inside and centre-forward for Recruits' and Depot teams.

Of these players the best are perhaps Ptes. Crossthwaite and Crowhurst; the former, who looks every inch a footballer, possesses a real knowledge of the game, and should become a most useful player; the latter has pace and shoots well. Both he and Thomas are above the average on the wings, and are excellent corner-kickers, but after easy successes in one or two matches, they are now too apt to try and score on their own. There is still too great a tendency on the part of most of the team to put the ball in the air when passing, and the value of long, low, passes up the field and to the wings does not seem to be realized. The inside forwards should try to go hard and straight for goal, and follow the example of Pte. Head, who has shown courage and resource in each game in which he has played. We have been rather handicapped by not being able to find a goalkeeper of the usual size for the position, though Pte. Theed has played most pluckily, and not by any means without success.

At present, though forwards and half-backs are abundant, we are definitely short of good backs and goalkeepers, and it is hoped that the Recruits of the junior Squads will note this.

We are grateful to the Mill Hill Non-Scripts, a team composed of masters from

the School—including players of considerable experience—aided by Captains Walden and Worton, and Lieut. Gilbert, who have played several matches with our teams and have defeated the Sergeants and Corporals, but have not yet succeeded in beating the Recruits. The usual All Ranks' and Six-a-Side Leagues have been in progress throughout the season, and there has been a very healthy spirit in all the Depot football, especially amongst the Recruits, the results of which we hope will be manifested in satisfactory news of our Recruit players after they have left us.

During the season, C.S.M. Hart, Cpl. Clarke and Pte. Knight have qualified as Class Three Army Referees, and L./Cpl. Burgess is expected to qualify shortly, having passed a portion of his test.

SHOOTING.

The Annual Christmas Shoot was held at the Depot on December 15th, 1932. The main event was the Depot Individual Championship.

C.S.M. Hart started a strong favourite, and maintained his reputation. Pte. Eastland, a Recruit from Somme Squad, is to be congratulated on obtaining second place. Sergt. Harper was third, one point behind. Pte. Barton and Pte. Clarke should also be congratulated on being placed in the first dozen. It is very encouraging to find Recruits well up amongst competitors who have had many more years' training and experience.

The results are appended:—

DEPOT INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

	Score.
1. C.S.M. Hart.	75
2. Pte. Eastland	69
3. Sergt. Harper	68

The Inter - Mess Shoot, between teams of four from the Officers, Sergeants, Corporals and Privates, proved a very exciting competition. The result was in doubt until the last practice, when C.S.M. Hart fired magnificently in the Snap Shooting practice, and decided the issue in favour of the Sergeants.

Here is a table of results:—

OFFICERS.				
	Appli- cation.	Rapid.	Snap.	Total.
Lieut.-Colonel English ...	17	30	9	56
Capt. Kempster...	19	31	9	59
Lieut. Clayden ...	20	32	9	61
Lieut. Gilbert ...	17	32	14	63
				239
SERGEANTS.				
	Appli- cation.	Rapid.	Snap.	Total.
R.S.M. Davis ...	14	27	9	50
C.S.M. Hart ...	18	32	19	69
Sergt. Harper ...	15	36	16	67
L./Sergt. Swadling ...	17	35	9	61
				247
CORPORALS.				
Total ...				183
PRIVATES, D/S.				
Total ...				173

On the Miniature Range, the Recruits' shooting resulted as follows:—

1. Pte. Bird; equal 2, Pte. Baxter and Pte. White.

In addition to these straightforward practices, numerous handicap and lucky practices were fired.

During the shooting, Captain Overell and his army of "Swindlers" ran a number of "Fun-Fair Sideshows." These proved very popular, and financially successful. With the profits from this branch, we were able to augment the shooting prizes, and place the rifle club on a sound financial basis.

In closing, a vote of thanks should be accorded to S.I.M. Wright.

To run a successful show, as this meeting proved to be, it means that a vast amount of preparatory work must be done. Sergt. Wright and his staff spent many weary hours getting the various sideshows running.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity of thanking the 19th London Regiment for so kindly lending us their marquee, to guard us against the December weather.

BOXING.

During the past quarter, three boxing tournaments have been held. A combined team of Depot Staff and Recruits fought the 18th Company, R.A.M.C., on October 29th. A report published in the *Hendon and Finchley Times and Golders Green Guardian*, is appended:—

"DEPOT THE MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.)
v. 18TH COMPANY, R.A.M.C.

"On Saturday evening, at the Barracks, Mill Hill, over 200 people witnessed an interesting boxing competition between the Depot, the Middlesex Regt. (D.C.O.) and the 18th Company, R.A.M.C., from Millbank Military Hospital, London. The R.A.M.C. won with 20 points to 19.

"Some very spirited fighting was seen, and the result reflects great credit on the Depot team, when it is realized that more than half their team was composed of young Recruits. For the winners, L./Cpl. Cole, S./Sergt. Stroud and Pte. Peel were especially prominent; whilst amongst the Middlesex team, Ptes. Collison, Delaney and Tyler deserve special mention. The latter, although winning fairly easily on points, was not quite strong enough to keep up the tremendous pace of the fight to the finish. He was unfortunately knocked out thirteen seconds from the end of the last round. Pte. Pringle, R.A.M.C., fought very pluckily against Pte. Delaney, of the Middlesex Regt. No quarter was given or expected. Pte. Pringle was awarded 'The Best Loser's' prize.

"The *pièce de résistance* of the whole evening came during the interval, when 'Dusty Miller,' ex-Imperial Services welter-weight champion, and S. I. Haslam, A.P.T.S. fly-weight champion of the Army, gave a 'Black and White' demonstration. By a series of short rounds the audience were shown the right and wrong way to box and deliver blows. The method of scoring points, as used in the Services, was also explained. After their very instructive and useful demonstration, these two famous boxers gave the spectators a special treat in the form of three earnest rounds of boxing. These three rounds were specially useful to Haslam, since he has been selected to box for the British Army this week against Wales.

"Before the Commanding Officer, Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., presented the prizes, he made an apt speech, congratulating the boxers on giving the audience such a very good display of clean, hard fighting, and also 'Dusty Miller' and S. I. Haslam on their clever and extremely instructive demonstrations. Everyone voiced that they had had an enjoyable evening's sport.

"The officials were: Referee, Lieut. E. V. H. Hudson; judges, Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., Capt. G. W. Kempster, Capt. A. N. Overell, Lieut. H. W. Clayden and Lieut. N. G. Gilbert; time-keepers, Lieut. P. E. C. Tuckey and O.R.Q.M.S. Baldwin; M.C., R.S.M. Davis; chief whip, C.S.M. Hart; ring manager, Q.M.S.I. Hill, A.P.T.S.; recorder, Sergt. I. Benwell.

"Following are the competitors, the first named belonging to the R.A.M.C.:

"*Feather-weight.*—S./Sergt. Stroud beat Pte. Knight; Pte. Cohen lost to L./Cpl. Armstrong; Pte. Lowe lost to Pte. Head.

"*Light-weight.*—Pte. Cole beat Pte. Tyler; L./Cpl. Taylor beat L./Cpl. Berks; Pte. Preston lost to Pte. Zelly.

"*Welter-weight.*—Cpl. Brewer lost to Pte. Collison; Pte. Pringle lost to Pte. Delaney; Pte. Tindsley lost to Pte. Matthews; Pte. Wilde beat Pte. Robinson.

"*Middle-weight.*—L./Cpl. Cole beat Sergt. Russell; Pte. Portman beat Pte. Winstanley; Pte. Peel beat Pte. Izzard."

At the end of November an Inter-Squad Tournament was held. The boxers were divided into two classes: Class I, those men who would be available to box for the Depot in the Eastern Command Inter-Depot Competition; and Class II, the remainder.

Mons Squad, who at that time, were the junior Squad, particularly distinguished themselves. This meeting was held as a preliminary to a boxing match which had been fixed up three weeks later with the R.A.S.C. from Woolwich. Quite an amount of new talent was discovered. Ptes. O'Keefe, Roden, Hudson and Vickers were prominent. These four men should prove very useful when the time comes for the Depot to compete in the Inter-Depot Tournament. The following is a list of results:—

Middle-weight, Class I.—Pte. Vickers beat Pte. Fallone.

Feather-weight.—Pte. Hudson beat Pte. Lake.

Welter-weight.—Pte. O'Keefe beat Pte. Clark.

Light-weight.—Pte. Zelly beat Pte. Scudder.

Welter-weight, Class II.—Pte. Robinson beat Pte. Trinder.

Light-weight.—Pte. Head beat Pte. Tarnier.

Middle-weight.—Pte. Winstanley beat Pte. Breen.

Welter-weight (Depot Staff).—Pte. Collison beat Pte. Maskell.

On December 13th, the Depot were very narrowly defeated by the R.A.S.C. from Woolwich. Each team won six fights, but one of our losers was disqualified. Unfortunately, owing to injuries, they were unable to bring their full team of fourteen. Consequently, Ptes. Collison and Tarnier were without fights. Pte. Collison is one of our best performers, and perhaps his fight might have swayed the result in our favour. Nevertheless, the Depot fielded eight Recruits in their team of twelve and so we are very pleased with the result.

It may be noted that our opponents were beaten by the narrow margin of 7—5 by the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, only the week before.

A list of results is appended, the Recruits being marked with a star, the first named in each case being our entrant:—

Bantam-weight.—L./Cpl. Armstrong beat L./Cpl. Hassock; *Pte. Hudson beat Pte. Thomas; *Pte. Murray beat Boy Edwards.

Light-weight.—L./Cpl. Berks lost to Pte. Leighton; *Pte. Zelly lost to Dvr. Enbrey; *Pte. Head beat Dvr. Ellis.

Welter-weight.—*Pte. Tyler lost to L./Cpl. Russell; *Pte. O'Keefe beat Dvr. Hawkins; *Pte. Roden beat Dvr. Plummer.

Middle-weight.—Pte. Matthews (disqualified) lost to L./Cpl. Adams; *Pte. Clarke lost to Dvr. Farris; *Pte. Vickers lost to L./Cpl. Chantry.

We have arranged a return match with the R.A.S.C., to take place at Woolwich, in the middle of January.

We should then be able to select our representatives for the Inter-Depot Championship.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Of all the happenings, great and small, during the past quarter, the one which stands out most prominently in our memory is the Reunion of Comrades, both old and new, which took place in the Mess on Armistice Day. After the

Memorial Service all and sundry adjourned to the Mess, where "Standing" Room was the order of the day, and elbow room was at a premium. In the evening an impromptu social was held, and later, as is always the custom, the 12th Battalion Old Comrades were entertained. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent, and one member was heard to remark that siphon work at night and cypher work twelve hours later did not seem to be compatible.

Although not yet quite completed, the results of the "Annual Ball Quadrathlon" must be announced as far as possible. Perchance the term is a little vague, but the explanation is that it comprises a four-fold competition of the ball variety, which in future is to be a yearly event. There are four phases, *viz.*—tennis ball, billiard ball, snooker ball and cartridges ball.

In the shoot the successful aspirants were Col./Sergt. Clarke, Sergt. Jones and L./Sergt. Swadling. Our budding "William Tells" did not shine, and were not in evidence in the "First Hundred," and the recipient of the wooden spoon, SKULI KHAN, firing under adverse conditions, still maintains that "the pen is mightier than the sword, lance and revolver, and even the rifle and light automatic."

On the tennis court we expected our "star turn" to carry off the trophy, and the punters' support was fully justified when, in the final, R.Q.M.S. Pilley defeated Sergt. Wright.

On the billiard table the "Three-star tip" became "ungummed," and O.R.Q.M.S. Baldwin succumbed gracefully and generously in defeat to Sergt. Paterson in the three-ball game, and as these two worthy exponents of the art are matched in the final of the 22-ball game, there is an open book (the other one has four padlocks, one at each corner), on Paterson's chance of bringing off the winter double. (Possibly, the racy style of the pregoing has been induced by the "back to the land" scheme just evolved at the Depot. A piggery has been installed, and the Depot Pioneer is busily engaged in making "pokes," so that the porcine beasts may be disposed of at a handsome profit.)

Whist Drives and Dances, which have proved very successful, have been held at regular intervals, and the usual monthly "pagal post mess tournament" is still

very popular, although all members are not yet quite proficient in the finer movements of "Sorry."

The Mess Shooting Team must be complimented on retaining the Depot Shooting Cup, and C.S.M. Hart and Sergt. Harper likewise for finishing first and second respectively in the Depot Championship Shoot.

Our congratulations and good wishes go with C.S.M. Clarke and Col./Sergt. Jones, who, on promotion, left us for the Battalion. (A copy of S.T.B. Regs. with special reference to paragraphs in "Transport-Packing and Loading," is being dispatched per Cart, A.T., to the former.) We welcome Clr./Sergt. King, and Sergt. Harper, who have arrived in relief of Clarke and Jones. How restful must the Depot seem after years and years and years in foreign climes.

On December 21st we had the pleasure of welcoming three tourists who had availed themselves of the "Miniature Military Mediterranean Course," and have just returned. These were Sergts. Rogers and Kennett, who are posted here for a tour, and Sergt. Priddy, who is on a course. (Imagine a troop-deck Sergeant who did not discover his own deck until the trooper reached the Needles—the trip is hardly long enough.)

By the time these notes appear, Sergt. Paterson will have left us for Egypt. We wish him and the families who are going out unaccompanied, *bon voyage* and Goodspeed.

P. R. C.

CORPORALS' NOTES.

Here's wishing everyone a belated Happy New Year.

Continuing the good wishes, we trust that the new members among us will enjoy their stay at the Depot.

We congratulate Cpl. Elcome on his promotion, and regret losing him and Cpl. White upon their transfer to the Battalion.

Congratulations are also extended to Cpl. Frewin and L./Cpl. Knight on their marriages.

Social functions have been numerous of late, All Ranks' Dances, Whist Drives and Boxing Tournaments combining to keep our minds, hands and feet busy. We, however, managed to select an evening—

November 12th—upon which, strange to relate, we were able to hold a dance without clashing with another event. We were pleased to have the company of two Corporals from the Home Battalion, who voted the dance a success. Our only regrets are that more were not able to attend.

Turning to sport, we are keeping the flag flying by remaining unbeaten in the Depot Football League; people are getting in the habit of asking how many we won by!

It is regretted that the Corporals of the Home Battalion could not play us on the day of the dance, but perhaps this may be remedied before the season ends.

The Annual Christmas Shoot was held on December 15th. We were third in the Inter-Mess Shoot Competition.



7th BATTALION NOTES.

SINCE our Drill Halls re-opened in October, after the post-camp closing down, training has proceeded with renewed enthusiasm. We certainly restarted with a flourish, because we were privileged to provide a Guard of Honour, with Band and Drums, to His Royal Highness Prince George, when he opened the North London Exhibition, at the Alexandra Palace, on October 15th. Captain S. A. Wilson Brown was in command, Lieut. A. K. Johnson carried the Colour, and Lieut. G. C. D. Scott Lowe was Subaltern of the Guard. His Royal Highness Prince George inspected us, accompanied by Major Humphrey Butler and the Lieutenant and High Sheriff of the County of Middlesex. Everything went with a swing, without a hitch, and yet one more Guard of Honour to a Member of the Royal Family was added to those which already grace our Battalion's history. When real harmony and faultless deportment attend a great ceremonial parade such as this, these features amply reward the inevitable foresight and, perhaps, anxious endeavour which are behind the scenes. Each member of the Guard of Honour has received a suitable souvenir of the occasion in the form of a handsome printed record containing his name.

Then came Sunday, November 6th, when we held our Annual Armistice Church Parade, and attended the Commemoration Service at Hornsey Parish Church. The attendance of members of the Battalion was much better than last year, but we feel that we must repeat, if in slightly different form, our remarks which appeared in the columns of this JOURNAL twelve months ago: "Why does not every serving member of the Battalion strive to come forward and join this Parade, to give significance to the day, and perpetuate the memory of those to whom we owe so much of our national and personal well-being?"

The Old Comrades of the Battalion turned out in creditable numbers, and were commanded by Colonel S. Cedric Smith, T.D., late Colonel of the Battalion. The Service was conducted by the Rev. H. C. Montgomery-Campbell, M.C., M.A., Chaplain to the Battalion, and the sermon was preached by Colonel The Rev. C. A. S. Page, D.S.O., M.C., who was at one time Adjutant to the Battalion.

The Annual Armistice Day Commemoration Service at Mill Hill was attended by Major W. E. Pringle, M.C., Captain S. A. W. Brown, Captain F. Walden and Captain R. Bartram; and Lieut. G. C. D. Scott Lowe carried the Colours. Twenty Other Ranks were also present.

On Sunday, November 13th, Captain N. E. T. Christodoulo, Captain R. Bartram and forty Other Ranks attended the Mayor's Sunday Church Parade and Service at Hornsey Parish Church, and thus helped to continue one of our old Borough traditions.

On December 17th our Band discoursed a programme of music before an audience of more than a thousand people, at the Alexandra Palace. It is the belief of many who were present, and qualified to judge, that our Band will soon take its place amongst the best brass bands of North London. From our own point of view the *esprit de corps* which actuates their work is helping towards this much-desired goal. Each man plays well his part, both as a musician and as a member of the Battalion.

To our intense disappointment we have lost the Albuhera Trophy to the 9th Battalion, and while we felicitate the winners, we confess that the unpleasant fact of our loss makes us more than sigh,

"Alas, for the hopes unrealized!" because it will induce us to make a terrific effort to regain the trophy next year.

Double laurels have fallen to D Company; they have won both the King Cup and the Warner Drill Cup. But victory of this kind has the good old healthy consequence in sporting rivals—it impels to greater excellence.

Since the last notes were published we were very sorry to have lost Captain S. M. Pratt, who has been transferred to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, and we only hope that, should he come to live in or near London again, he will carry on working with the Battalion. In his place Lieut. R. Bartram has been promoted, and we take this opportunity of offering him our heartiest congratulations.

A COMPANY.

Since the last issue of our Company notes, which are, of course, eagerly awaited by every reader of this JOURNAL, we have had a lively time. In the first place, the Guard of Honour to H.R.H. Prince George, at the Alexandra Palace, will doubtless be dealt with elsewhere, but we take this opportunity of congratulating all Ranks of the Company, who attended, on their smartness and exemplary turn-out, credit being particularly due to C.S.M. Stevenson for his untiring work in this respect.

On Armistice Sunday we were able to produce on parade the strongest Company by percentage, while some of our members were able to get up to the Depot and represent the Battalion at the Armistice Day Service.

We are glad to welcome back to the fold Sergt. Endersby and Cpls. Law, Altria and Edwards, who have been on a W.T. Course at Hornsey for the past few weeks, and from results obtained they have put in some hard work. To Sergt. Endersby congratulations and commiserations are extended—congratulations on the high marks he obtained, and commiserations that he missed a "D" by 3. Congratulations are due to L./Cpl. Porter on his recent appointment.

Turning from the strictly military, we can now be "matey." At a "Barrel Club" Dinner recently held, fully pyrotechnic effects and noises were provided, the diners being dressed in S.D.,

plus "battle bowlers" and gas masks; while the canteen was made to resemble a dug-out. After a rum issue, we had bully beef and biscuits, pickles, cheese, etc., the whole being illuminated by candles stuck in bottles. When the dinner was over, the canteen was made into an estaminet, and the real business of the evening started. We will pass over this part, except to say that 20 members got rid of 21 gallons of beer!

On December 11th, four badminton pairs from the Company opposed a team from one of the clubs which use the drill hall, and though beaten by the large margin of 15 matches to 1, we had such a time that makes us look forward to the next meeting.

Before leaving off we must congratulate D Company on winning the King Cup. Some of their shooting was phenomenal. Our ammunition stands in a class of its own. Normal trajectories are nothing in its young life; the usual method of its progress to the bull [*sic*] being along the floor. But we do not resent the remark of a member of B (M.G.) Company, who complained that the cork in his rifle hadn't any string on it.

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Bounty night passed off very noisily, but the police had little difficulty in controlling the crowds, and no arrests were made that we heard of.

Is *your* name "WIMPOLE"? If so, join A Company, drink your beer, and you will be certain of your bounty in December.

B (M.G.) COMPANY.

Once more our quiet quarter has come and gone, and ere long we shall again be practising for the Perring Cup, certainly before these notes are published. Five of our N.C.Os. have been working very hard on a Cadre Course, and with very good results. Sergt. Thomas got a "D," and two out of the other four, 1st Class Certificates, the remaining two getting 2nd Class Certificates. Congratulations! C.S.M. Jones is to be congratulated on the way he handled the Course.

Church Parade was held on November 6th, and we are glad to say we had the largest Parade of any Company; a great improvement on last year. The Battalion

Band is to be congratulated on their performance, both inside and outside the church.

Training for the Boxing is going on under Sergt. Parker, our veteran fighter. Whilst talking about Parker, we learnt that on Monday, December 12th, he took the "full count" for the first time in his life. We regret this was slightly more serious than a straight left—a brick fell off the top of a building and caught Parker a swinging right to the side of the head. We are happy to say that he is now well on the way to recovery. We are trying to turn this story round so that it reads as a good omen for the Battalion Boxing. Anyway, good luck to all the contestants!

Socially we have been very quiet this season so far (*i.e.*, up to Christmas), owing to our passion for economy, but we hope to be able to report something in our next issue. Because of the time which elapses between the writing and publication of these notes, we are unable to say anything of the following, which take place between this time—Byrne Cup, Battalion and Brigade Boxing, "Kids' Party," New Year's Eve, N.C.Os'. T.E.W.T., and one or two other minor excitements.

On December 18th some of us went up to the "Ally Pally" to hear the Battalion Band give a concert which we thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Laing and his men certainly deserved the praise that everyone showered upon them.

We nearly forgot to mention the King Cup. Unfortunately, D Company proved too good for us this year, and in putting up 467 to beat us by 21 points, they struck what we believe is a record score for this competition. Congratulations to D on winning the trophy. Our team as a whole shot consistently well during all the matches, and are to be congratulated on their performance.

Poor old Machine Gun Company! The Battalion as a whole now think that we walk about all day sucking a piece of straw and making unintelligible noises and signs. What will they think when we start talking about Mortars? We have just got to the stage when the words "Machine Gun" bring some sort of gleam of intelligence to the eye of most members. Now we start all over again to learn about another new weapon. To

crown the whole proceedings we should be issued with the new "hikers' " service dress. Think how sweet we should look with a piece of straw stuck into one of those "dinky" little deer-stalkers. Gurrcher! !

Our Company Commander has appeared in the past half-dozen issues of the Magazine as either just leaving the Company or just deciding not to leave, and we have spent much time and ink either condoling with him and weeping over our loss, or jumping for joy because he is returning. Now this time it seems that he is really going, and all we shall say to him is: "Best of luck to you and your fiancée, and may everything you want come your way. May each succeeding year bring you more happiness than the last, and, don't forget to come and see us sometimes."

Should anyone see a couple of silver cups wandering about the countryside, we shall be grateful if they will spank them hard and send them home. They wandered away one evening early in December, and are still (December 20th) reported missing. Alternatively, should anyone see the cups keeping company with any persons other than their rightful owners, to wit ourselves, perhaps they will bring the party to visit us—the financial loss is small, the sentimental loss great.

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We offer our most sincere congratulations to Captain Richard Bartram on his recent promotion. We wonder if A Company realize their good fortune. We hope they do.

C COMPANY.

Having re-assembled after our annual convalescence, we were faced with the prospect of winning the Warner Drill Competition. Apparently we did not do our facing very well, as we landed a bad third. Not being Machine Gunners, we were allowed only one try.

Good shooting badges have recently been awarded to Sergt. Porter as best Company rifle shot, and Pte. Burnett as best L.A. shot. Col./Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) Bryan tied with Sergt. Porter.

In spite of our improved shooting we were placed only third in the Inter-Company miniature range shoot. We lost to

B (M.G.) and D Companies, but managed to beat H.Q. Wing and A Company. We scored an aggregate of 1591, and had 1498 scored against us. Our aggregate might have been higher if A Company had not substituted some form of mechanical paper pellet for the ammunition.

Sergt. Powell, L./Sergt. Nolan and L./Cpls. Leggett and Newman have just returned to duty on passing out from the W.T. Cadre. Congratulations to Sergt. Powell on obtaining a D.

Under the guidance of Pte. Valentine a S.M.R.C. Rifle Club has been formed in the Company. We learn that their first match with the Hornsey National Reserve Rifle Club resulted in a loss. The Club very kindly presented a spoon to L./Cpl. Williams for the best score in our team.

Boxing is the next item on the list. Although we hold the cup at the moment, we shall have a stiff job to retain it.

We are sorry to hear that 2/Lieut. B. J. Paul is leaving us to join the R.A.F. at Abu Sueir. We wish him the very best of luck, and welcome a newly-appointed officer in his place—Mr. I. W. H. Smith.

D COMPANY.

The writer of these notes, in an endeavour to put together the usual uninteresting nonsense which he serves up for the Regimental Magazine, has been delving into past issues of "THE DIE-HARDS." The quarter under review has usually been described as "quiet" or "uneventful." Were he to describe the past few months in a similar strain, many members of the Company would be enquiring the exact definition of "work," for there is no doubt that since September we have had "a mouthful."

Until October 13th, many of the Company were polishing up their drill for the Guard of Honour to Prince George. Several practice parades were held at H.Q., and evidence of the hard work put in was provided when the whole ceremony went off without a hitch. It is whispered that one or two only attended in order to change some ill-fitting part of their uniform.

Then came two of the most important Battalion competitions—The Warner Drill Cup and The King Cup. We won the first fairly comfortably with 74 per cent., B Company being runners-up with 44 per

cent. This is the second year running in which we have held this cup, and we hope to have a long series of "ditto" inscribed down the side of the pot. (Reason: No. 2: It holds the most beer by a long chalk!)

We had to fight every inch to regain the King Cup. We used to regard this trophy as being part of the Company property, and it was due to the astonishing all-round improvement in shooting in the Battalion that we lost it in 1930. In 1929, when we held the King Cup last, we scored 1594 against our opponents' total of 1109. This year the scores were respectively 1772 for, and 1508 against. In the match *v.* C Company, we beat the Battalion record score by notching up 450 points, but this did not last long as we compiled a score of 467 against B Company, the team averaging 52 out of a possible 60. Sergt. Lenney again proved the most reliable shot, with an aggregate score of 213, with L./Cpl. Stokes and Pte. Simpson second with 206. Pte. Coomber, who only joined the Company in June, fired consistently well to score 205, and it is worthy of mention that the average score per man in the whole series was just a fraction under 50. On this form we have high hopes of retaining the Brigade Winter Weapon Training Cup.

On Saturday, October 22nd, Lieut. Scott Lowe, C.S.M. Tibble and Cpl. Bundy attended the Middlesex Guildhall, when the Middlesex Justices' Shield was presented to the Battalion. We were also quite well represented at the Regimental War Memorial at the Depot on Armistice Day.

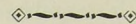
It is customary to deplore the poor attendance of members of D Company on the Church Parade, and this year was no exception, only a third of the Company turning out. Unexpected musical notes proceeded from some mouths in the hymns in church, and we can only assume that the presence of the Band inspired this phenomenon. Whilst on the subject, we should like to take the opportunity of congratulating Mr. Laing and the whole Band on their fine show at the Alexandra Palace on Sunday, December 17th, when they entertained an audience of over a thousand with a first-class programme.

The first dance of the season at Tottenham took place on Saturday, November 19th, and was a success in

every way. Owing to the economy campaign we are not able to have as many of these functions as we should like, but we nevertheless hope to have a couple more before the summer.

Finally, we wish all Die-Hards, at home and abroad, the very best for 1933.

HOTSPUR.



8th BATTALION NOTES.

THE quarter under review has been a particularly active one for all ranks in the Battalion.

N.C.Os.' training commenced during the first week in October, and terminated on December 23rd. The average attendance has been surprisingly good, the more junior N.C.Os. showing considerable promise.

The Battalion has at last regained the 132nd Infantry Brigade "Kittoe" Signalling Cup. The Signal Section and Company Signal Detachments are to be heartily congratulated on their fine achievement. During the year, 30 Signallers classified, many first-year men passing the second year standard. The Brigade results are as follows:—

7th Bn. Middlesex Regt., 19 qualified.
8th Bn. Middlesex Regt., 30 qualified.
9th Bn. Middlesex Regt., 16 qualified.
5th Bn. R. West Kent. Regt., 10 qualified.

The Brigade Commander carried out his Annual Inspection on October 6th, 1932. A word of thanks is due to the Quartermaster and all P.S.Is. for the excellence of their particular departments. The cleanliness of the drill halls deserves particular mention; they were as clean, if not cleaner, than regular barrack rooms on a G.O.C.'s inspection. The Brigade Commander's report was very complimentary, and the hard work was apparently appreciated.

The Miniature Range Fire Direction Competition was fired at Battalion Headquarters on December 20th, 1932. B (M.G.) Company were the winners for the second year in succession. This rather proves that time devoted to "indication and recognition" is seldom wasted. The results are as follows:—

1. B (M.G.) Coy. ...	46 pts.
2. D Coy. ...	44 pts.
3. A Coy. ...	44 pts.
4. H.Q. Wing ...	26 pts.
5. C Coy. ...	24 pts.

D Company won on re-shoot.

D Company has been selected to represent the Battalion in the Brigade Competition; the Machine Gun Company is not eligible to compete.

A Church Parade was held at Ealing on November 6th. Fourteen officers and 160 Other Ranks attended.

On November 11th, a special Armistice Day Service was held at the Battalion War Memorial, Hounslow. The Editor of the *Middlesex Chronicle* has kindly consented to the publication of the following:—

"TERRITORIALS' ARMISTICE DAY PARADE.

"YESTERDAY'S SERVICE AT HOUNSLOW DRILL HALL.

"Detachments from all Companies of the 8th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, T.A., paraded outside the Drill Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow, yesterday morning for an Armistice Day Memorial Service, in which ex-members of the Battalion, a party from Hounslow Branch of the Old Contemptibles' Association, and members of the general public also took part.

"The Battalion was under the command of Major R. B. Hirst, and the officers of the Colour party were 2/Lieuts. E. C. K. Sadler and M. C. D. King, the former carrying the King's Colour, and the latter the Regimental Colour. Music was rendered by the Battalion Band, under the direction of Bandmaster A. S. Groves.

"Rev. G. H. Bateman (Chaplain to the Forces of Hounslow Garrison) conducted the service, which began with the singing of Rudyard Kipling's 'Recessional.' Following prayers and the reading of the Lesson from the 44th Chapter of the Book of Ecclesiasticus, the hymn 'O God, our help in ages past,' was sung, and the observance of the Two Minutes' Silence was preceded by the sounding of the 'Last Post' and ended by 'Reveille,' Sergt. W. T. Henson being the bugler. During the silence the Battalion flag was flown at half mast, and the colours were dipped.

"While the hymn 'The Supreme Sacrifice' was being sung, wreaths of laurel leaves and poppies were laid at the foot of the Battalion War Memorial in the porch of the Drill Hall by Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Parmeter (Commanding Officer), Colonel W. Garner, C.M.G., T.D., D.L. (Hon. Colonel of the Battalion) and others, including a disabled ex-Service man, ex-Corporal S. S. Walter, late of the East Surrey Regiment, who deposited a token from the Old Contemptibles 'In memory of our fallen Chums.' The other emblems were from officers of the 8th Middlesex, all ranks of the Battalion, and the various Companies, and there was also a token from the widow and children of 2/Lieut. C. H. Stead, who was killed in action on April 25th, 1915.

"In his address, Rev. G. H. Bateman said that in these hard days when it was taking a very long time to get anything of the fruits of peace, people needed such an occasion as that service to remind them of how those fellows of whom they were thinking, and who laid down their lives for King and Country, 'stuck it to the end,' and that they were to be loyal to them. They, too, were not going to be discouraged, but were going to 'stick it to the end' to bring about that state of peace, happiness and joy for which those fellows gladly laid down their lives. The question they ought to ask themselves was: 'Are we loyal to them?' It was not enough that they should merely stand on the defensive. The best way to defend was to attack. Therefore, let them go forward, strengthened and encouraged by the thought of the love shown by those men who gave their lives for them. They could be loyal to those fellows by loyalty to home and family, loyalty to their nation and empire, all pulling together, and by loyalty to God. The meaning of the Cross of Christ was summed up in the words: 'Love to the uttermost,' which should be their motto as they went forward in the future, knowing that their labour was 'not in vain in the Lord.'

"The assembly sang the hymn, 'Praise my soul, the King of Heaven,' and after the Chaplain had offered a prayer for the British Empire and pronounced the Blessing, the service closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

"Captain J. E. Dobbs, M.C., Adjutant of the Battalion, had charge of the arrangements for the observance."

Owing to a rash promise, the Battalion Boxing Team fought the R.A.S.C. team at Feltham on November 3rd. The team was outclassed in almost every bout, but the courage and determination exhibited by our men was proof positive that first-class material is available and a good spirit exists in all Companies. Details of individual fights will probably appear in all Company notes.

The Fenton Boxing Trophy has again been awarded to Headquarter Wing. On December 7th the preliminary bouts in the Novices' Competition were fought off, and the finals were held on December 14th; the Battalion Championships being held on January 7th.

Company points are as under:—

	Novices.	Battalion Championship.	Total.	Placing.
A Company ...	13	5	18	3rd
B Company ...	31	2	33	2nd
C Company ...	9	2	11	4th
D Company ...	8	2	10	5th
H.Q. Wing ...	36	15	51	1st

The Officers' Annual Reunion Dinner was held at Headquarters on October 12th. It was an unqualified success—many officers attending who have not been near the Battalion since the war. All deeply regretted that Colonel Peake could not attend; it is hoped he will be present next year.

The Battalion Prize Distribution was held on the twelfth night (January 6th)—Major-General H. R. Peck, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., kindly consenting to distribute the prizes. The Battalion attempted to combine the giving of prizes with a farewell to General Peck, who relinquished command of the 44th (H.C.) Division *w.e.f.* on January 7th, 1933.

General Peck dined with the officers before distributing the prizes. His kindly references to the Battalion's past activities and his wishes for its future successes were much appreciated.

By the courtesy of the Editor of the *Surrey Comet*, a detailed account of the Prize Distribution is republished:—

LEARN WAR CUNNING.

ADVICE TO 8TH BATTALION MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

You must learn war cunning, as well as learning to use your brains. The old

idea that a soldier's noblest duty is to die for his country is all wrong. It is a soldier's duty to see that as many of the enemy as possible die for their country."

Major-General H. R. Peck, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., General Officer Commanding 44th (Home Counties) Division, made this statement at the Annual Distribution of Prizes to the 8th Battalion, the Middlesex Regiment, at the Drill Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow, on Friday last week.

A large number of officers and representatives of the civic authorities attended, and after the speeches and prize-giving, a dance took place for officers and all ranks.

Among those present were the Mayor and Mayoress of Heston and Isleworth (Alderman and Mrs. H. J. Nias), Brig.-General R. M. Heath (Colonel of the Middlesex Regiment), Col. W. Garner (Colonel, 8th Battalion) and Mrs. Garner, Col. G. H. Harris (Commanding Officer, 132nd Infantry Brigade), Col. A. Hickey (G.S.O., 44th Division), Col. H. C. Wortham, Col. and Mrs. A. A. Passingham and Miss Passingham, Lieut.-Col. G. W. H. Tupper, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Parmeter (Commanding Officer, 8th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment) and Miss Parmeter, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. L. C. Dams, Lieut.-Col. W. F. K. Newson, Lieut.-Col. Francis, Lieut.-Col. and Miss Heanley, Major T. S. Wollocombe, Major and Mrs. R. Neil, Major T. South, Major and Mrs. Cotter and Miss Cotter, Major and Mrs. R. B. Hirst, Major and Mrs. H. C. Ellis, Capt. J. E. Dobbs (Adjutant, 8th Battalion) and Mrs. Dobbs, Capt. and Mrs. M. H. Summers, Capt. and Mrs. S. Maddex, Capt. R. E. Warlow, Capt. G. Hartley, Capt. and Mrs. Gough, Lieuts. D. R. Pattison, W. R. Warrell, S. A. Cox, R. Mayer, J. L. Cloutte, K. Russell, E. Wheeler, T. Marks, E. Miskin, E. Sadler, N. Blair and K. Turner, Mrs. and Miss Murray-White, Mrs. Francis, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fenton, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Willoughby Garner, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stowell, Mr., Mrs. and Miss F. Hall-Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Hannaford, Mr. and Mrs. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Cook, Mr. Pye, Miss Price, Mr. and Mrs. May, Mr. and Mrs. Morland Parsey, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Blair,

Miss Warlow, Mr. and Mrs. Porter, Mr. J. W. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Miskin, Miss Tenton and Miss Ashbridge.

SUCCESSFUL RECRUITING.

Colonel Parmeter said that Major-General Peck's visit was an exceptional one, because it was the last night of General Peck's command. They had a tremendous amount for which to thank General Peck, and their training had progressed considerably under his command. He also welcomed Brigadier-General Heath, who had recently been appointed Colonel of the Regiment.

The cancellation of the annual training had been a terrible blow to all units, he said, but in spite of losing the camp, the officers and men had supported the Battalion well, and it was a remarkable effort to get 120 officers and men to attend the training at Mill Hill. Recruiting had been remarkably successful in the circumstances. They had secured 101 men, and at the end of the year they had 20 officers and 502 other ranks. Sixteen men had joined the regular army, and they had lost 100 men owing to discharge. That last figure was too many. Once a man signed on for four years, his objective should be to serve for twelve years, and get the territorial efficiency decoration. If only the men would remain, there would be no difficulties in recruiting.

Col. Harrison spoke of the sterling qualities of General Peck, and, with reference to the annual training, he said that in spite of the removal of this great incentive to men to join the territorials, the year had been a successful one. He felt convinced that in future they would have the camp. He had a great belief in the influence of the wives and sweethearts of the men, both in regard to recruiting and attendance at camp, and he urged the women to do all they could to persuade the men to join and attend camp. The Army was a man's life, although men were in many jobs nowadays, which were far from men's work.

General Peck complimented the Battalion upon their successes. It would require six months at least to fit the Territorial Army for service, he said. They had to learn war cunning, as well as how to use their brains. It was no use men getting killed, and the men who

would replace the present "Terriers" would have no experience of arms.

Colonel Garner proposed a vote of thanks to General Peck for presenting the prizes, and General Heath seconded.

The Regimental Band, which played selections during the evening, also played for dancing. Before General Peck left the hall the company sang "For he's a jolly good fellow," and as he left the drill hall they sang "Auld Lang Syne."

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The prizes were distributed as follows:

Ladies' Cup (highest score Lord Lieutenant's Competition at Brigade Rifle Meeting).—Pte. Arthurs (H.Q. Wing), 64 points.

Colonel Bott's Cup (Officers, highest score, ditto).—Major R. B. Hirst.

Battalion Cross-Country Cup.—D Company (Uxbridge).

Major Law's Challenge Cup (Company with highest percentage of efficient).—H.Q. Wing.

Battalion Challenge Cup (highest points in Annual Weapon Training).—C Company (Staines).

Signalling Cup (highest points in Annual Classification Tests).—L./Sergt. E. Wright (C Company, Staines), and Cpl. F. Woodall (H.Q. Wing).

Colonel Dams's Weapon Training Cup (highest points Winter Weapon Training).—D Company (Uxbridge).

Ladies of Whitton Challenge Cup (highest points in High Sheriff's Competition).—H.Q. Wing.

Montgomery Memorial Cup (highest points in all competitions, Battalion championship).—1, D Company (Uxbridge), 26 points; 2, B Company (Ealing), 24½; 3, A Company (Hampton), 24; 4, H.Q. Wing, 21; 5, C Company (Staines), 12½.

Colonel Bott's Cup (highest points in Brigade Lewis Gun Competition).—D Company.

Miniature Range Shield.—B (M.G.) Company (Ealing).

Recruits' Miniature Range Cup.—Pte. H. Woods, D. Company (Uxbridge).

Fenton Boxing Cup (Battalion Boxing Competition).—H.Q. Wing.

A Special Cup was awarded to L./Cpl. Crump, of B Company (Ealing), who had

attended 225 drills. Owing to the cancellation of the annual camp, the following trophies were not competed for: Colonel W. Garner's Efficiency Cup, Gamage's Football and Cricket Cups, Herbert Cup, and the Isleworth Cup.

B. M.

We desire to take this opportunity of congratulating Lieut.-Col. L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., on attaining command. All ranks, 8th Battalion Middlesex Regiment, have much to thank him for; his help and advice during Brigade and Individual Tactical Exercises, the ready hospitality extended to us during our Easter and Whitsun Training, and the close liaison he so actively assisted in establishing between the Battalion and the Depot. We wish both him and Mrs. Pargiter happiness and success in their new Regiment.

Congratulations are also extended to Lieut. Cloutte on his recent promotion, and to the following, who have passed courses as stated:—

2/Lieut. E. F. Miskin: Vickers Machine Gun.

2/Lieut. M. C. D. King: "Tactics." C.S.M. C. Cooke, D.C.M.: Rifle and Lewis Gun.

Sergt. F. Nash: Lewis Gun.

L./Cpl. F. H. Opie: "Barr and Stroud."

H.Q. WING.

So much has been taking place since Vol. IV, No. 6 was published that we must refer to that useful little book, the Regimental Diary, and see what the principal engagements were. The first we come to is:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH.—BATTALION TACTICAL EXERCISE.

This was an interesting Inter-Communication Scheme held in the vicinity of Aldershot, chiefly for the benefit of the Signallers and runners, and proved very instructive to all concerned. All messages to and from Battalion Headquarters travelled expeditiously and accurately. Operations ceased about 4 o'clock, when an excellent tea was provided, and all ranks left for home in the best of spirits.

NOVEMBER 6TH.—BATTALION CHURCH PARADE.

The Band, Drums and other members of the Company paraded at Ealing Drill Hall, and on the way to the Parish Church the Battalion marched past the Mayor of Ealing, who took the salute. On return to the Drill Hall, refreshments were served.

NOVEMBER 8TH.—CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING.

This was well attended, and our Company Commander was in the chair. The Hounslow branch of the Legion of Frontiersmen were welcomed as Honorary Members.

NOVEMBER 11TH.—ARMISTICE SERVICE AT HEADQUARTERS.

This impressive ceremony was held before the Battalion War Memorial in the presence of a large gathering of past and present members, relatives and friends. In departure from the usual custom, our wreath was laid by the youngest and smallest boy in the Company, and it was pleasing to note that the many beautiful wreaths were all the workmanship of the British Legion Poppy Factory.

DECEMBER 7TH.—NOVICES' BOXING COMPETITION.

This provided an evening of enjoyment and thrills. Our team, under the able tuition of Mr. Bunn (late R.A.F.), showed marked improvement, but at the end of the evening B Company led us by 8 points and looked like certain winners, but in the finals held the following week, we passed their total by five points, and thus won the Fenton Cup for the second year in succession. Pte. Beecham and Dmr. Garret both won their fights with a knock-out. The cup and many individual prizes were presented by the Officer Commanding the R.A.S.C., Feltham, who are past masters of the noble art.

We are now busy with N.C.Os.' and Recruits' training, and our team for the Battalion Fire Direction Competition has been doing useful work on the landscape targets.

Hearty congratulations to 2/Lieut. Cloutte and his Signallers on winning the Brigade Signalling Cup, but we are not going to give the CLOU-TTE their success.

Our dances are still drawing good crowds on Saturday nights, and our new spot light and other attractions are proving very popular with our patrons.

The Football Club is still progressing, and on several occasions we have fielded two teams. In a friendly game with the Depot, Royal Fusiliers, we proved victorious.

In conclusion, we wish all our readers a Prosperous New Year, and to those who have the misfortune to be in the ranks of the unemployed, we would add a word of encouragement and good cheer in the sincere wish that good fortune will favour them in 1933.

A COMPANY.

Since our last notes, N.C.Os.' Training has started, and has been enjoyed by all those who attended the classes. This finished on December 24th. On January 9th Individual Training commenced, and this is where the N.C.Os. will show us what they have learnt on their classes.

In the Novices' Boxing Competition the Company came third, and we cannot grumble at this, considering that we only had four entries, but we congratulate all the men who took part, especially Pte. Warden on winning his weight.

The Fire Direction Competition took place at Hounslow on Tuesday, December 20th. The result was very close for first and second place, only two points dividing the issue. We tied for second place with D Company, and we are pleased to note that we have started to make D Company look to their laurels. We hope that the Uxbridge Company will do the necessary thing and retain the Brigade Trophy for the Battalion again this year.

Going to the social side, we have now started to run a social every Saturday evening, inviting all wives and friends. This has been very successful, and we shall carry on with these through the winter months.

On Saturday, December 17th the finals of the Billiards and Darts Tournament were played; also there was a shoot on the Miniature Range; this was a great success. After the tournaments, a social was held and enjoyed by everyone present.

The results of the tournaments were as follows:—

Billiard Tournament. — Winner: L./Cpl. Bullen; runner-up: C.S.M. Seymour.

Dart Tournament.—Winner: Sergt. Abbott; runner-up: Pte. Boyce.

Miniature Range Shoot (Silver Spoon). —Winner: L./Cpl. Jennings, with a score of 18; runner-up: Cpl. Owen, with a score of 16.

We welcome among us C.S.M. and Mrs. Wade, our new P.S.I. from Uxbridge, and hope that they will enjoy a pleasant tour of duty with us. "Don" Company's loss is our gain. C.S.M. and Mrs. Croning have left us to rejoin The Buffs, at Shorncliffe, and we wish them every success for the future.

B (M.G.) COMPANY.

It is with much regret that we hear of Captain Maddex's illness, and we wish him a speedy recovery and an early return to the Company. At the same time, the best of luck to Lieut. Warrell, who has taken over command.

2/Lieut. Miskin has just completed a Machine Gun Course at the London District School of Instruction.

Heartiest congratulations to L./Cpl. Opie, who has taken a Course at the Military College of Science, Woolwich, and has returned a Qualified Instructor of Barr & Stroud rangefinder.

We have just completed our N.C.Os.' training programme, and we are now eagerly waiting for January 9th, when we commence our individual training.

For the second time in succession we have succeeded in winning the Fire Direction Trophy, and we must congratulate the team, also C.S.M. Nash, who has put in a really hard spot of work with them. Here's looking forward to that Perring Trophy. Being an M.G. Company, we are not able to represent the Battalion in the Brigade Competition, and so A and D Companies (who both obtained 44 points to our 46), had to shoot off. We congratulate D Company, and wish them the best of luck.

Turning to the lighter side, we were runners-up in the Battalion Novices' Boxing Competition, obtaining 31 points

against H.Q. Wing's 36 points. Well, we must get it next year.

Football is going very well, and we are second in the Chiswick League by only two points, so we have a good chance of "heading" it.

Dances are going strong, and we seem at last to have overcome a good deal of the local-attractions opposition.

To conclude, congratulations to the Signalling Section on a very fine piece of work in winning the Kittoe Signalling Cup, which is open to the Brigade.

May we also wish the Officers, W.Os., N.C.Os. and Other Ranks of the Middlesex Regiment and affiliated Regiments the very best of luck in the New Year?

C COMPANY.

To commence with we have had no change of command this quarter, nor change of Permanent Staff, as has been the custom lately.

Our first piece of news is that the Staines Branch (C Company) Old Comrades, held their first meeting on October 24th, and arranged their winter games, which are going strong to date.

Badminton is the *pièce de résistance* in the Company at present, and any readers are invited to come along and test their skill; our slogan is, "Let 'em all come."

On October the 6th we "toed the line" for the Brigade Commander's Inspection, which passed off O.K., with the usual preliminary "wind up."

On October the 30th we rather got out of our "depth."

The Battalion Communication Scheme was a very good lesson to us all. Our Company Commander proved a thorough tactician, and we all feel sure that it was a jolly good obstacle race, but there were no barrels to "get through." We were quite O.K. in length, but failed in depth.

One casualty occurred, Pte. Bantick (a most noble runner) completely disappeared in what he must have thought an enemy crater, but it was only a rabbit hole! The Battalion stretcher-bearers dealt very efficiently with this case, but "arf a mo," let us not forget our P.S.I.—he also fell! But being somewhat "En bon point," he did not quite fit the hole (cheers). I feel I must record that "Bob" held the fort most nobly (down, down, down in the hollow).

On November 3rd we were represented at Feltham for the Boxing, R.A.S.C. v. 8th Battalion Middlesex Regiment. Congratulations to Cpl. Reed for putting up such a jolly good show. (Hard luck, Reed), and well tried "Wellbelove," you had a hard nut to crack.

Dancing is in full swing, and weekly dances are the vogue at present. We opened the season with a Carnival Dance, which was a success both socially and financially, the latter, of course, being an important factor.

D COMPANY.

(UXBRIDGE.)

Once again this renowned Company (ahem!) goes to press, with a clashing of cymbals and a banging of drums, although, now the racket has concluded with a grand finale, we are just as puzzled as you are, as to why.

The tragedy we prophesied in our last notes has come to pass—C.S.M. Wade has left us. Need we say more on such a heart-rending subject? We had hoped for further conquests and greater triumphs from the lead of this doughty warrior, but it was not to be.

But the sun only sets to rise again (which, although we stand open to correction, we believe is quite original), so, Sergt.-Major Barber, of the Grenadier Guards, we bid you welcome, as the phoenix rising from the ashes, and, although we know and realize the immense difficulties that arise on taking over the duties of P.S.I. in a Company that has such a high standard to maintain (we hate to boast!), we feel confident within ourselves that this standard will be maintained, and, we hope, still further raised.

Why is it that our celebrated C.S.M. S—s will persist in putting the Company "off their stroke" with glorious exhibitions of English manhood at its best? At least once a week he orders the Recruit Squad to undress, throws off his own jacket, waistcoat and other things that must not be mentioned in the presence of ladies, and, with sleeves rolled up, teeth interlocked, an unsuspecting moustache curling with a kindred enthusiasm, chest bared to the biting elements, he immediately commences to bound about the Drill Hall, making periodic leaps into

the air, which we have heard him describe as "running on the spot."

The Company bar receipts, we are glad to say, have risen considerably. Is there any connection?

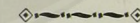
Our N.C.Os. have completed an intensive Course of Training under S.M. Wade, and later, S.M. Barber, and have acquired a further, and strengthened an existing, store of knowledge, which will, of course, put fresh life into the Company, whilst they will have found a new confidence in carrying out their duties.

Congratulations to Pte. Yarnold on winning his weight, welter, in the Battalion Boxing Competitions, the finals of which were held on December 14th. This was an exceptionally plucky and well-fought fight. Congratulations once again, Pte. Yarnold.

In the Battalion Fire Direction Competition, which was held on December 20th, we at first tied with A Company for the second place, B Company being the winners, and in the subsequent re-fire beat them by a small margin, thus being runners-up. We shall therefore be representing the Battalion in the Brigade Competition.

In our last notes we kindly offered to give free advice on how to make a dance pay, but cannot record a single response. This is petty. Be big. There need be no fear, as all information is sent in a plain wrapper. It has just occurred to us that perhaps somebody is making more money than we are out of dances. In that case, kindly write to us immediately, and do not wait to put on the plain wrapper. Thank you.

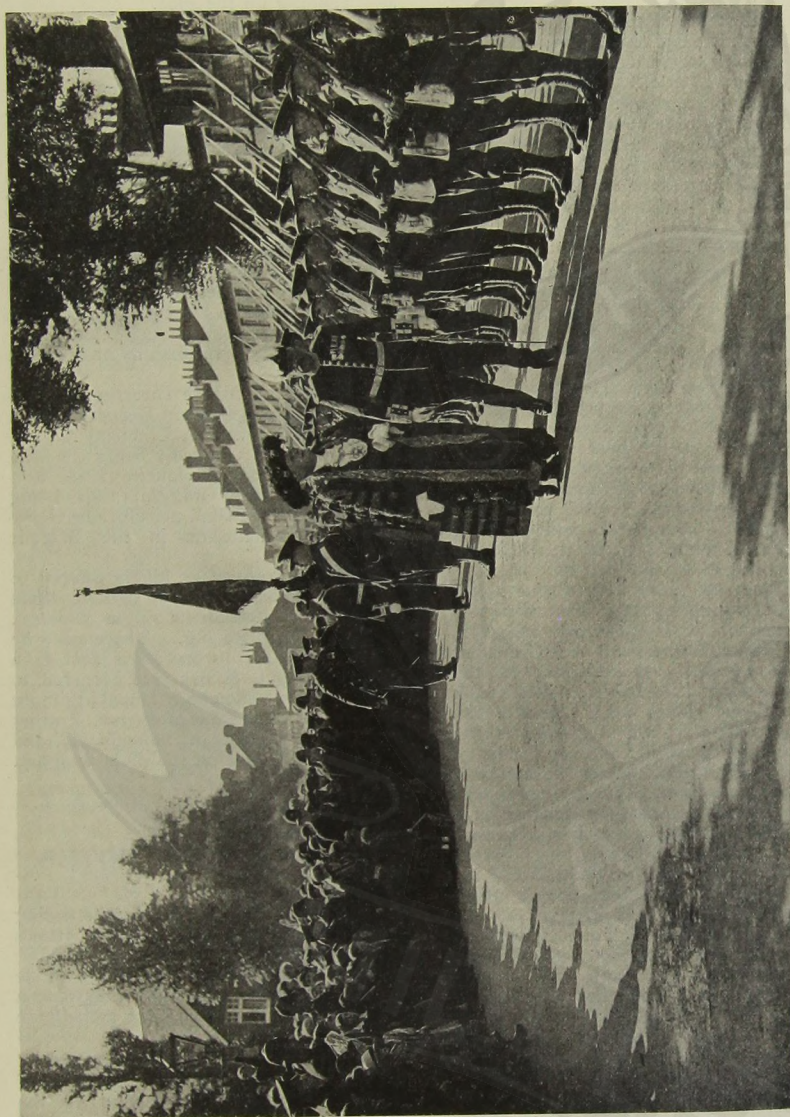
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9th BATTALION NOTES.

THERE is very little of outstanding interest to write about in this quarter's news. Recreational training, boxing training, N.C.Os.' classes and sand-table exercises have been in full swing, and a good deal of benefit has been gained, we hope.

A tactical exercise for officers was held on October 9th in the neighbourhood of Hemel Hempstead, but owing to the financial depression this was limited to one day only, and so certain officers were



9th BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT GUARD OF HONOUR AT HENDON
On the occasion of the Charter being presented by the Lord Mayor of London, September 26th, 1932.

unable to indulge their passion for a game of skill and chance in the local hostelry the night before. Apart from a heavy shower or two of rain, it was one of the most successful exercises yet done, and several new and unusual problems were set and solved.

The Brigade Commander was good enough to visit us on this occasion.

The Albuhera Cup returned to us last autumn after a good deal of hard work by Sergt. Bungay and his stalwarts of the Transport Section. As there was no Annual Camp last year, the cup was awarded for the best-kept sets of harness. The harness was duly judged by Lieut. Clayden, of the Depot, in October, and we were successful by a narrow margin of points, the 7th Battalion being second. Our congratulations are offered to Sergt. Bungay and his men.

Major Lamont and Capt. Sherwood attended courses at the Senior Officers' School, Sheerness, in October and November respectively, and have returned full of knowledge—in fact, Capt. Sherwood is now able to appreciate *any* situation.

On Armistice Day the service at the Depot was attended by the Colour Party and a small party of N.C.Os. and men.

Our own Armistice service was held on Sunday, November 13th, at Headquarters, and was conducted by the Rev. A. G. Smith, Vicar of Willesden. Besides members of the Battalion and their friends, the service was attended by a large party of Old Comrades and by X Division, Special Constabulary.

After the service the parade marched to St. Mary's Church, where the Commanding Officer laid a wreath on the Memorial.

The Battalion football team, after a very promising start in Division I of the League, have been sadly handicapped by injuries and other causes, and have not been doing too well lately. However, we hope things will be all right by January 7th for the Divisional Cup final, when we play our old opponents, the 4th Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment, at Horsham. A second eleven has been started this season, and, after a rather chequered career to begin with, has now settled down and is doing well.

On December 12th an Officers' and Sergeants' Mess dance was held at Pound Lane, and was an unqualified success,

about 120 attending. The opportunity was taken to present C.S.M. Fitzgerald with a medal for his distinguished services at Hatfield Park in August, the presentation being most ably carried out by Major G. L. Fox.

The Christmas Shoot at Pound Lane was held as usual, and, considering the hard times, an extremely good assortment of prizes was collected, largely owing to the generosity of our friends in the neighbourhood and the energies of those members of the Battalion who take their little books round.

The Prize-giving was well attended, and every competitor received a prize.

NINE.

A COMPANY.

During the past three months there do not seem to be any outstanding events of special importance to record. Everybody has been steadily carrying on with the usual varied programme.

An N.C.Os.' Promotion Course was carried through which terminated in the usual examination held just before Christmas. Whether the festive spirit had already seized upon the entrants or not we do not know, but the results were not up to the customary standard.

As usual, the Christmas Shoot was held during the week prior to Christmas, and turned out to be quite the usual interesting and, for the prize-winners, financial success.

We are now in the throes of the Winter Weapon Training, and these notes would not be complete without mentioning this annual period of concentrated effort.

At present all members of the Company are striving to help peg out a claim at the top of the list.

Several members of the Company have recently taken courses at the London District School, Mr. Mordue taking a promotion course, and Sergeants Cooper and Impey have successfully completed both rifle and Lewis-gun courses.

We are pleased to see A Company making such good use of the excellent opportunity to bring fresh knowledge and ideas into the Company. The more members who go on these courses the more it should add to the general increase in efficiency.

ACK.

B (M.G.) COMPANY.

The past quarter has been spent largely in recreational training, shooting on the miniature range, and the training of N.C.Os. and future N.C.Os.

The recreational training has consisted chiefly of handball, and we had an Inter-Platoon Knock-out Competition which produced some excellent games and was won by No. 5 Platoon, who beat No. 6 Platoon by 15 goals to 9 after a most spirited contest. The season ended with a match, the Officers, Corporals and Privates v. the Sergeants and the Lance-Corporals, which was won by the Officers, Corporals and Privates by four casualties to none!

The work on the miniature range has proved that we have considerable hidden talent in the Company, and here again an Inter-Platoon Competition was won by No. 5 Platoon, who beat No. 7 Platoon by 136 points to 124. We hope that the practice which members of the Company obtained in the competition proved useful to them in the Christmas Shoot.

One of the chief events of the past quarter was the formation of a second football eleven, which has been very well supported by B Company, who provide nearly half the players. It is hoped that the players will remember that they owe a very great debt of gratitude to Mr. Furness for the immense amount of work he has done to get the team going, and that the second eleven will acquire as great popularity as the first eleven has earned.

The results of the N.C.Os.' and promotion examination held at the end of December were very gratifying to all concerned. Every entrant passed, and Sergt. Jones and Pte. Smith certainly deserve to be mentioned for obtaining 95.8 per cent. and 75 per cent. in their respective classes.

C COMPANY.

Well, here we are again with the usual scribe on the usual sick list, so our notes will be on the brief side.

First of all, we congratulate L./Cpl. Jones on passing the promotion examination for Sergeant, and L./Cpl. Bass on his fine effort (only just failed). Better luck next time, Bass.

We have commenced to transfer the Old Comrades back as serving members, the first on the list being our latest recruit, F. Mascall, and as soon as he improves his shooting we will have F. Fennemore.

Our Dart Club has just finished the second half of the Cup Tournament, the cup being won by Cpl. Campkin. The first was won by Sergt. Carter, and both cups were presented by Col. Harrison.

Our Company and Old Comrades' Rifle Club have been doing very well lately, the following being the results:—

Matches fired, 10; won, 6; lost, 4; points, 12.

As usual, we had a strong parade for Armistice Day, having on parade forty serving members, seventy Old Comrades, and twenty-seven drummers. Col. Blumfeld, T.D., Lieut.-Col. Tupper, T.D., and Capt. J. R. B. Worton honoured us with their presence, and everything went off perfectly, special comment being made on the smartness of the four sentries, who were C.S.M. Todman, C.Q.M.S. Linthwaite, Cpl. Campkin and Pte. Swansbury; and the turn-out of the drummers.

After the parade, tea was supplied by a band of willing workers headed by Mrs. Sherwood. This is the one time of the year that the Company Commander likes to feed his Company at his own expense.

The next thing of note was the Annual Company Dinner, when 116 attended and we were honoured by the presence of Col. Harrison (Commander of the 132nd Infantry Brigade), Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham (Secretary of the Middlesex T.A. and A.F.A.), our Hon. Colonel, Col. J. L. Blumfeld, T.D., our Commanding Officer, Col. G. W. Tupper, T.D., the Chairman of the local Council, and several other officers of the Regiment.

To write a full account would take up all the writer's time, so I will just say it went as C Company shows always do.

Christmas, with its Company Shoot, etc., went just as well and so did all my money. I must now retire to practise on the dart-board.

PICKLE WINNER.

D COMPANY.

We started this quarter in grand style, with two inspections—the annual inspection by the Brigadier, followed two days

later by the Director-General of the Territorial Army. Of course, the usual wind was blowing, which turned into a gale when the viewers arrived on the same day as the General.

All's well that ends well.

Armistice Day last year was celebrated as usual. We again found four mourners for the service at the Hendon Memorial. The soldiers (complete with steel helmet) this year were: Sergt. Kent, Cpl. Meek, L./Cpl. Large and Pte. W. Heath. A very nice tea was provided by the Ex-Service Men's Club in the Broadway, and I am sure that we all did ourselves very well. Our P.S.I. is very fond of celery, so they say.

A few of the Company attended the memorial service at the Depot on the 11th and some of them were missing during the afternoon. Perhaps Mr. C. Beattie, one of the Old Comrades, could tell us where they went?

Our dances are going with a swing this year, which is due, I think, to the energy put forth by the Committee. We are still waiting for the day when some members of the companies at Pound Lane condescend to pay us a visit. They are at all times welcome.

We held our annual Christmas Shoot on December 22nd, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. By the generosity shown by our local residents, we were able to award prizes to every member of the Company who competed, plus all ladies present. Over sixty prizes were distributed by Lieut. Townell at the conclusion of the shoot. Our O.C. Company was unavoidably absent on this night of nights.

Miss Gosling very ably rendered selections on the piano during the evening.

Four of our junior N.C.Os. attended the promotion examination which was held at Pound Lane during December. One of them was successful, while the other three failed in one subject only. Better luck next time.

We congratulate Pte. Weaterton on reaching the final of the Open Competition at the Stadium Club (light heavyweight), and hope to hear more of him in the near future.

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H.Q. WING.

I have not much to record this quarter, as the period just passed is a slack one for the Wing, not in the way of drills, but in regard to things of interest. One thing I must not let pass unnoticed is the winning of the Albuhera Cup by the Transport Section on which the whole of the Wing offer their heartiest congratulations to Sergt. Bungay and to his merry band of workers. Well done, Jim.

The next event of any importance was the Christmas Shoot, for which there was a good entry from us, and we managed to supply ten winners out of the first twenty-five, including the first-prize winner, but who it was "No names no pack-drill."

We must congratulate the Adjutant and his staff on the wonderful turn-out which met our eye on Friday evening, December 16th, when the prizes were distributed by Lieut.-Col. G. W. H. Tupper after a short speech.

We wish our Battalion football team all the best of luck in the final of the Divisional Football Cup, and hope they repeat their good performance of last year. We have heard, however, a very good account of our opponents, who have not lost a match in the Horsham League, and hope our team will not treat them too lightly, as the 4th Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment have got a couple of defeats to wipe out.

WINGER.

THE COUNTY OF
MIDDLESEX CADET
ASSOCIATION NOTES.

WE deeply regret to report the death of the Rt. Hon. Sir Herbert Nield, K.C., D.L., who was one of the six members nominated by the President.

Sir Herbert Nield was keenly interested in the youth of the country, and his sound advice and help will be greatly missed.

ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY.

We are very glad to announce that Sir Robert Waley Cohen has very kindly lent us the grounds of his home, Caen Wood Towers, Highgate, N.6, for our Annual

Garden Party, which will take place on Saturday, May 27th, 1933.

PLAY.

We are also glad to announce that Mrs. Marsden-Smedley (daughter of General Sir Reginald Pinney), who gives a play for charities every year, has very kindly included the Middlesex Cadets in her list for 1933.

The play will be held at the Imperial Institute Theatre, Exhibition Road, South Kensington, during the week February 13th to 18th.

It is hoped that both the garden party and play will be largely supported, and help to raise the funds of our Association, which at present are at a very low ebb.

APPOINTMENTS.

(a) It is with the greatest pleasure that we announce that Capt. H. E. Foster (late The Middlesex Regiment) has very kindly agreed to serve on our Association as one of the members nominated by the President, *vice* the late Sir Herbert Field, K.C., D.L.

Very few officers are better known than Capt. H. E. Foster. He has devoted a great deal of his time for the good of the Regiment.

(b) Capt. R. Paiba has also very kindly agreed to serve as a co-opted member of the Association.

COMPETITIONS.

LUCAS TOOTH COMPETITION (DRILL, WITH AND WITHOUT ARMS).

The following is the result of the Lucas Tooth Competition in the County of Middlesex for 1932:—

UNIT.	POINTS	O.C. COMPANY.
<i>School Teams—</i> (H.P.S. 250).		
John Lyon School, Harrow	244	Major W. Wilson.
Christ's College, Finchley	220	Capt. H. W. Turl.
Primory School, Ealing	210	Major W. F. Morris, M.C.
<i>Non-School Teams—</i>		
C Coy., 3rd Cadet Bn. ...	190	Capt. P. Thompson.
4th Cadet Bn. ...	185	Lt.-Col. H. H. White, M.C.
A Coy., 3rd Cadet Bn. ...	*	2/Lieut. Magnus Goodfellow.

* Disqualified on account of Team being incomplete.

John Lyon School won the shield again in 1932, and C Company, 3rd Cadet Battalion, the cup presented by the Associa-

tion for competition among the non-school teams.

Capt. G. J. Leatham judged the competition.

LADY WEST MEMORIAL SHIELD COMPETITION (PHYSICAL TRAINING).

The John Lyon School, Harrow, are again the winners of the first phase of the competition in the County of Middlesex, and thus become the County Champions.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S SHIELD (BOXING).

The 2nd Cadet Battalion Middlesex Regiment are the winners of the first phase of this competition, and will meet the Frimley and Camberley Cadet Corps in the second phase (Command Championships).

TERRITORIAL ARMY AND AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION OF THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

66, VICTORIA STREET, S.W.1.

January 18th, 1933.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

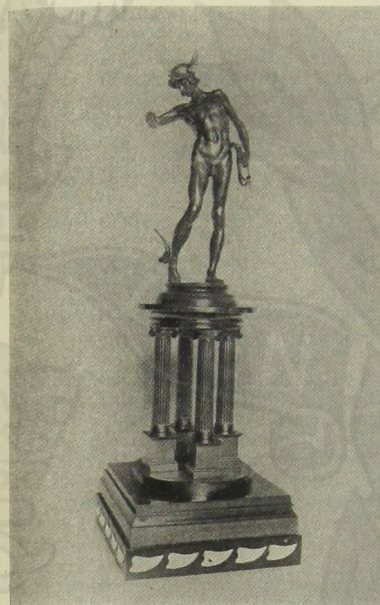
Thank you for your letter dated 12/1/33.

I have been unable to obtain a photograph of the Esher Trophy. I am, however, sending you a copy of the letter received from the Private Secretary to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, conveying the congratulations of His Royal Highness to 604 County of Middlesex (Bomber) Squadron, Auxiliary Air Force, on the achievement.

The Esher Trophy is competed for annually by all squadrons of the Auxiliary Air Force. There is great keenness in the progress of the competition, marks being awarded for air topography, bombing, flying, wireless, and general efficiency.

Yours faithfully,
A. ANWYL PASSINGHAM, Colonel,
Secretary.

[The photograph has since been obtained, and is reproduced at the head of next page.—ED.]



R.A.F., announced that No. 604 County of Middlesex (B.) Squadron had won the Lord Esher Trophy.

He eulogized the work of the Squadron, and congratulated Wing-Comdr. A. S. W. Dore on the achievement by the Squadron under his command.

The trophy is competed for annually by all squadrons of the Auxiliary Air Force, marks being awarded for air topography, bombing, flying, wireless, and general efficiency.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Association, heartily congratulated 604 (B.) Squadron on their magnificent achievement.



CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BARRACKS,
MILL HILL

January 1st, 1933.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

Reading through the diary of my great-uncle, Capt. W. Webber, the other day, I came across the following, which may interest readers of THE DIE-HARDS, as it shows what a lot was thought of the importance and glory of the victory of the Battle of Albuhera by the Army of the time. Capt. Webber was in the Royal Artillery, and the extract printed below was under the date May 16th, 1813. He was then at Plasencia in Estramadura, Spain:—

"The anniversary of the battle of Albuera [*sic*] was celebrated by the troops here with great festivity. The streets appeared like groves, as from every window the soldiers had suspended large boughs of trees, which almost reached the ground.

"The Army had been so well paid lately that every man had plenty of money, and wine and music were the order of the day. The Officers had grand Dinner Parties, and the inhabitants seemed to participate in the general sentiment."

Yours faithfully,

T. S. WOLLOCOMBE.

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"ST. JAMES'S PALACE, S.W.

"December 16th, 1932.

"DEAR AIR COMMODORE FOSTER,

"The Prince of Wales, as Hon. Air Commodore-in-Chief, Auxiliary Air Force, is interested to hear that the Esher Trophy has been won this year by No. 604 (County of Middlesex) Squadron.

"His Royal Highness would like you to convey his congratulations to Wing-Commander Dore and the Squadron on this achievement.

"Yours sincerely,

"(Sgd.) GODFREY THOMAS.

"Air Commodore W. F. MacN. Foster, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C.,

"33, Tavistock Place, W.C.1."

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T.A.A. MINUTES.

November, 1932.

THE LORD ESHER TROPHY.

Air Commodore W. F. MacN. Foster, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., Air Officer Commanding No. 1 Air Defence Group,

THE FORT,
MOY, CO. TYRONE.

November 2nd, 1932.

To the Secretary, Dinner Committee,
The Middlesex Regiment, London.

SIR,

From the King's and Queen's in the North of Ireland an old Die-Hard writes to thank them for their invitation card received for November 5th. Sorry that I will not be present on the occasion except in spirit, as I am now well into my 83rd year. I served 22 years with that old Regiment known by fame as the Die-Hards. All these years were most happy for me; wherever they were so was I. My first Colonel was Logan, C.B. My wife, Mrs. Mooney, was with me in the Regiment for twelve years. I left in 1889 to take a situation with the Earl of Charlemont.

I am pleased to say that I am still at my post. Wishing you a happy time amongst all Old Comrades.

Should anyone at the Dinner remember me, I should be delighted to receive a line from him.

I beg to be excused for my unavoidable absence, and remain, as always,

JAMES MOONEY,
Late 57th Regiment.
(A constant reader of THE
DIE-HARDS Journal.)

CHARLEMONT FORT,
MOY, CO. TYRONE.
December 29th, 1932.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

I enclose subscription for Journal for 1933. I beg to thank the Secretary of the Annual Dinner Party held at London on November 5th for the kind invitation I received to attend. I regret my inability to be present in consequence of distance and my advancing years. I have now reached my 83rd year. I am still in harness, in the employment of the late Earl of Charlemont.

Mrs. Mooney and self, I am pleased to say, are both in fairly good health, and we would be glad to hear of any old Die-Hard who served with me in the 57th. Mrs. Mooney served with me in the Regiment for twelve years.

Very sorry to see the death of an Old Comrade, George Bath, of the Band, in your last issue.

In conclusion, perhaps I should mention my having sent a letter of apology to the Secretary for my non-attendance at the Dinner Party of the Comrades, but perhaps he may have overlooked it.

I still remain a faithful old Die-Hard.

I am, sir,

Yours, etc.,
JAMES MOONEY.

104, ST. JOHN'S ROAD,
UPPER HOLLOWAY,
LONDON, N.19.

November 15th, 1932.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

It has been suggested to me by an old friend of the family and an old comrade of my late husband that you may care to accept the enclosed paragraph with a view to inserting it in your Gazette. If such should be your wish, you have my full permission to use all or such of the same as you may deem necessary.

There are, however, two small mistakes that should be corrected. The first is that my husband was discharged at Buttvant and not at Limerick as stated in the paragraph. Secondly, the sons-in-law are not all now serving, but have served in His Majesty's Forces.

Should you insert this in your Gazette I should be extremely grateful if you would inform me of same, also of the cost, as it is desire of each member of the family to possess one of these.

I am,

Yours respectfully,

MARY JANE BATH.

[The cutting referred to appears under
Obituary.—Ed.]

123, DRUMMOND STREET,
CARLTON, N.3.
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.
November 30th, 1932.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

Here is wishing the Regiment all the compliments of the season from the mother and myself.

Following closely on this you should receive this year's Christmas Annuals of the *Auckland Weekly News* and *Brett's Annual*.

Since my last letter (February, 1932) we have read in your obituary columns of

the death of two more old-time members of the 57th during the Maori Wars, 1861-66, viz., General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke and ex-Paymaster-Sergt. John Adair, both of whom my mother knew very well, and she was deeply grieved on hearing they had passed over to the Great Beyond, especially so as regards Sir Charles, for whom she had a great admiration.

She is beginning to fancy that we must be about the only survivors of the Regiment of that period, with perhaps the exception of ex-Clr.-Sergt. Bezar, of Wellington, New Zealand, and for Pte. Michael Gill, also of New Zealand—at any rate, of those members who left for home stations in 1867.

Whilst on this subject, in your No. 5, August, 1932, there appears in your correspondence columns a reprint from the *New Zealand Herald* of March 29th, 1932, giving an account of the Left Wing of the Die-Hards leaving Auckland on March 29th, 1867 (sixty-five years previously) for England after an absence on foreign and active service for a considerable number of years.

As the name of the vessel in which this wing of the Regiment sailed was not given, I wrote to the Editor of the *Herald*, who kindly supplied the information, which is attached here:—

"J. C. C. (Melbourne, Victoria).—The 57th Regiment (left wing) departed by the hired transport ship *Maori* on March 29, 1867, and the headquarters corps embarked on the hired transport *Electra* on April 10, 1867."

I may mention that the latter date is of special interest to us, inasmuch that it fixes exactly the day on which Headquarters (to which we belonged) embarked on the old *Electra*, and we are perhaps, with the exception of Col. Charles J. Matthews (retired), probably the sole survivors of that voyage round the Horn in the winter of 1867.

The Col. Matthews mentioned was one more of the 57th born in the Regiment, being a son of Paymaster-Major Matthews. He was gazetted Ensign, and joined up during the New Zealand campaign to fill vacancy caused by death and promotion.

In connection with this family, it is interesting to relate that the Colonel's father was Paymaster of the Regiment when my father enlisted at Corfu in 1854, and sub-

sequently through Crimea, India and New Zealand periods, and the *Electra* on this voyage home. He died and was buried at Devonport during service.

My father's mother nursed the Major's family in India, Corfu and the Depot during the absence of the troops at the Crimea and afterwards at Malta.

By a strange coincidence, my father's sister (wife of Drum-Major Tom Brisley) also looked after the younger members of the same family in India and New Zealand. One child whom my mother remembers well was the youngest daughter named Mabel.

The last we saw of Col. C. J. Matthews (who was affectionately known to the Die-Hards as Charlie) was in Ceylon, where he became A.D.C. to Major-General John Street—another old-time officer of the 57th in the Crimea—the G.O.C. the Forces at that time (1875).

The chance appearance of a name always seems to bring on such a flood of reminiscences, each one adding to the volume until they grow to such an extent that I often wonder if we are not getting wearisome to your readers. If so, the blame must be attached to the fact that we have, as a family, such a long record with the glorious old Regiment that we never tire of talking about the old days or of hearing about its whereabouts, which I see is at present in the Holy Land.

The mother regales me so often with accounts of incidents which occurred during her sojourn with the 57th for fourteen years or so that, although not old enough to participate at the time, I sometimes fancy that I was present.

Again wishing you all a good and merry time during the festive season,

Yours faithfully,

J. CLEMENT COUGHLAN.

WINONA,
ONTARIO.

December 8th, 1932.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

This is to acknowledge receipt of one leather Diary of the Middlesex Regiment.

Thanks very much for sending this. It is especially interesting, because of the abbreviated history in the first few pages.

Yours faithfully,

ARMAND SMITH, Lieut.-Col.,
Commanding The Wentworth Regt.

BALANCES OF DECEASED SOLDIERS UNDISPOSED OF.

Philipson, N. R., Sergt., Middlesex Regiment—£22 7s. 11d.

OBITUARY.

HENRY CHARLES GREGORY.

WE regret to announce the death of this Old Comrade, who passed away on December 6th, 1932, aged 60 years.

He enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment in January, 1889, and was discharged in the rank of Sergeant on January 27th, 1902. He re-enlisted in 1915 and served in France with a battalion of the Regiment, being finally discharged in 1919. He was in possession of two medals for the South African War and two for the Great War.

Gregory was employed at the Depot for several years as Master Tailor before the war.

The interment took place at Alperton Cemetery on December 10th, after a service at Wembley Church, and was attended by many relatives, also by thirty-eight members of the uniform staff of Stonebridge Park Depot, M.E. Tramways, where Gregory was employed in recent years. The detachment, which included ex-Sergts. Harrison, Morris, Wells and Whitehead, furnished the bearers and escort. A Sergeant from the Depot attended with a wreath from the Regimental Association.

We tender our sympathy to the widow and sons and daughter.

THOMAS GRIST.

We also regret to announce the death of ex-Sergt. Thomas Grist, of the 1st Battalion, on December 10th, 1932. The funeral took place at Feltham on December 23rd. His death was not heard of in time to admit of any representative of the Association attending.

Grist enlisted in the Hampshire Regiment in 1882, but, early in 1883, was claimed into the Middlesex Regiment by his brother, Sergt. Arthur Grist, a Zulu

War veteran. He was discharged to pension in 1905.

He leaves a widow and three sons and three daughters, to whom we tender our sympathy.

GEORGE BATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Bath, of 104, St. John's Road, Upper Holloway, which occurred recently in his 83rd year. The funeral took place at Finchley Cemetery.

Mr. Bath was known to many people in Upper Holloway, where he had lived since 1910. He was born in Tavistock, Devonshire, and enlisted at the age of 19 years in the 57th Middlesex Regiment in 1869. He served as a trombone player in the Band of the old Die-Hards, and took part in the Zulu War of 1879. He was very popular among both the officers and men of the Regiment, and when he had finished his twenty-one years' service, the last years of which were spent in Dublin and Limerick, they gave him a silver teapot and a cruet as a mark of their esteem.

He then returned to Tavistock to follow his occupation of a blacksmith, and became the foreman of the night blacksmiths' shop during the construction of the Devonport naval base in 1902. He created a record during his period at Devonport by never losing a minute of his working-time. During the war he worked at the Lotts Road power station, where he remained until he was 73 years of age.

Mr. Bath leaves a widow, a son, eight daughters, seven of whom are married, and sixteen grandchildren. One son was killed in the war. He was very proud of his sons-in-law, all of whom are serving in the Army or Navy. One of his daughters, Mrs. H. White, has a family of six in Bermuda.

The chief mourners at the funeral were Mrs. Mary Jane Bath (widow), Mr. George Bath (son), Miss Amy Bath (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Holwill, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brierley, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Gore, Mr. and Mrs. Fry, and Mr. and Mrs. Childs (daughters and sons-in-law), Mrs. B. M. Johnson (grand-daughter), Mr. Johnson and Mr. W. H. Brierley (grandson).

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

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1st and 2nd Battalions (Regular).	1st and 2nd Battalions—contd.	7th Battalion (Territorial).	8th Battalion (Territorial)—contd.	9th Battalion (Territorial)—contd.
Lt.-Colonels (2).	Lieutenants—contd.	Lt.-Colonel.	Lt.-Colonel.	Lieutenants.
Brown, M., M.C. (s.c.) (2)	Clark, S. J. (2), Adj. 21/2/20	Drill Hall, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.8.	×Parneter, W. H., Lt. 11/6/30	Wright, L. C. 24/12/23
28/9/32	Walden, F., Lt. 21/2/20	Hon. Colonel.		Heffer, H. 17/3/26
Brown, G. L., D.S.O. (1)	Heywood, E. L. (2) 29/2/20	×King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D. (Col. Terr. Army) A.D.C. 13/8/25	Majors.	Furness, G. J. B. 30/7/26
28/9/32	Ayscough, E. S. M. (2) 20/12/20		×Hirst, R. B. 25/2/31	Coubro, T. P. 23/6/27
	Reid, J. G. E. (2) 18/7/21		×Ellis, H. C., O.B.E. 9/2/32	Gray, H. W. W. 24/3/29
	Hudson, E. V. H. (Phys. Trng. Staff) 17/12/21			Sutcliffe, B. L. 24/7/26
Majors (8).	Musselwhite, C. C. (1)	Lt.-Colonel.	Captains.	11/2/30
Jefford, W. W. (1) 16/12/24	Cubitt, D. Y. (1) 24/12/22	×Murray, H. A., T.D. 22/6/32	Maddex, S., M.B.E. 8/12/29	×Bedwell, L. J. 18/1/31
Stane-Stanley, L. F. (1) 30/7/26	Tuckey, P. E. C. (d. Adj. 10/7/32) 14/7/23		Warlow, R. E. 26/11/30	×Petrie, A. G. 5/12/31
Tribury, O. H., M.C., p.s.c. 5/5/27	Worion, J. B., Lt. 14/7/32	Majors.	Hartley, G. 10/1/31	Gunston, C. A. 1/7/32
3/6/18	Gordon, I. D. S. (2) 14/7/23	×Bower, G. A. H., M.C., T.D. 1/4/30		2nd Lieutenants.
Widdcombe, T. S., M.C. (2) d. 10/12/28	Crawford, M. O. (1) 23/12/23	×Pringle, W. E., M.C. 22/6/32	Pattison, D. R. 10/9/30	Exeter, G. W. M. 14/2/31
3/6/16	Newton, W. C. (1) 30/8/26		Warrell, W. R. 13/11/24	Pearson, M. F. 2/3/32
Lyons, N. H. B., M.C. (2) 26/1/32	Jacob, M. A. (2) 30/8/26		Mayer, R. W. 11/2/31	Adjutant.
28/9/32	Goulden, G. A., c.o. 29/1/27		Cloutie, J. L. H. 28/12/32	Wooton, J. B., Lt. Middx. R. (temp. Capt. T.A. 21/12/30)
3/6/19	Gilbert, N. G. (2) d. 4/2/29			Quartermaster.
3/6/19	Waldwin, C. M. (2) 30/8/29			×Wright, W. S., (Lt. ret. pay), (Res. of Off.) 20/5/29
3/6/19	Elise, F. H. (2) 30/8/29			capl. 20/5/29
3/6/19	Heraopath, L. H. J. de la M. (1) 1/9/30	Captains.		[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.
3/6/19	Stephenson, J. W. A. (2) 2/2/31	Arnold, H. G. 1/3/30	2nd Lieutenants.	
3/6/19	Powell, P. D. fl. (1) 2/2/31	Brown, S. A. W. 27/3/30	Russell, K. T. V. 5/2/30	Cadet Units affiliated 3rd C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.
3/6/19	Mackenzie, H. F. (1) 30/8/31	Christodoulo, N. E. 1. 22/6/32	Wheeler, E. C. A. 1/3/30	Supplementary Reserve.
3/6/19	Chattey, W. H. P. (1) 31/8/31	Bartram, R. 1/12/32	Marks, T. L. 16/4/30	Category B.
3/6/19	Green, A. E. (2) 31/1/32		Miskin, E. F. H. 21/5/30	Subalterns (9)
3/6/19	Ferguson, W. M. (2) 31/1/32		Sadler, E. C. K. 4/6/30	Lieutenants.
3/6/19	Sword, R. W. D. (1) 29/8/32		Davey, F. C. 28/6/30	Jupp, C. F. 14/10/30
			King, M. C. D. 10/12/30	Morley, J. F. 24/10/31
			Blair, N. M. 7/11/31	Wilcox, G. L. M. R. 5/12/31
			Turner, K. E. 3/2/32	Cowley, L. D. 5/12/31
				2nd Lieutenants.
				O'Dowd, P. L. 20/8/30
				Willoughby, R. W. H. 22/8/31
				Clifton, P. A. 28/8/31
				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.
				Adjutant.
				×Roberts, W. L., M.C., capt., Middx. R. 4/12/30
				19th London Regt. (St. Pancras).
				The figure of St. Pancras 76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1.
				Adjutant.
				Hardcastle, H. K. 13/7/27
				Hogg, F. G. 17/8/29
				Hewson, A. S. 20/2/30

SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.Os. FEBRUARY, 1933.

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. Moir ...	20/2/31
*Bdmr. A. Judge ...	12/4/31	Cpl. H. Ramsden ...	1/4/31
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) A. Finch ...	13/6/28	Cpl. E. Wilson ...	9/7/31
*Q.R.M.S. E. Crouch ...	28/4/29	Cpl. G. Herbert ...	20/7/31
*C.S.M. G. Anderson ...	20/10/30	Cpl. L. Sheffield ...	24/7/31
*C.S.M. A. Russell ...	1/4/31	Cpl. J. O'Neill ...	13/8/31
*C.S.M. E. Burt ...	13/8/31	Cpl. A. Stone ...	2/9/31
*C.S.M. B. Brockman ...	10/12/31	Cpl. S. Phelan ...	15/9/31
*C.S.M. E. Fleming ...	10/12/31	Cpl. A. Nicholls ...	18/9/31
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) S. Steadman ...	23/7/23	Cpl. F. Connell ...	30/9/31
Sgt. W. Christie ...	1/5/20	Cpl. C. Bolton ...	10/12/31
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) J. Wilcockson ...	10/6/27	Cpl. J. Thirkettle ...	10/12/31
Sgt. V. Osterholm ...	18/10/23	Cpl. C. Pantling ...	19/1/32
Sgt. H. Griffin ...	11/6/24	Cpl. G. Bayford ...	21/1/32
*C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Raindle ...	10/12/31	Cpl. A. Cladd ...	28/1/32
Sgt. E. Hazledene ...	5/4/26	Cpl. J. Donegar ...	4/2/32
Sgt. W. Bennett ...	19/6/26	Cpl. T. Castle ...	23/6/32
Sgt. T. Tiller ...	1/7/26	Cpl. R. Blackman ...	26/7/32
Sgt. G. Clift ...	9/2/27	L./Cpl. E. Rochester ...	26/8/27
*C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) E. Robbins ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. A. Allison ...	14/9/28
*Sgt. R. Challis ...	30/10/27	L./Cpl. G. Jeffree ...	5/6/30
*C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. Misso ...	19/1/32	L./Cpl. W. Belcher ...	30/6/30
*Sgt. H. Thomas ...	5/3/28	*L./Cpl. P. Ward ...	20/10/30
*Sgt. A. Stenning ...	23/2/29	L./Cpl. E. Wadsworth ...	17/11/30
Sgt. J. West ...	15/1/30	L./Cpl. E. Whichello ...	17/11/30
*Sgt. W. Northcott ...	25/2/30	L./Cpl. F. Gardiner ...	29/11/30
Sgt. C. Soper ...	17/12/30	L./Cpl. G. Endersby ...	11/12/30
*Sgt. G. Blake ...	10/1/31	L./Cpl. L. Jerman ...	11/12/30
*Sgt. L. Honeybun ...	13/8/31	L./Cpl. C. Clark ...	30/12/30
*Sgt. L. Priddy ...	18/9/31	L./Cpl. A. Moore ...	3/1/31
Sgt. S. Thompson ...	30/9/31	L./Cpl. H. Chillery ...	16/1/31
Sgt. R. Bayles ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. A. Lane ...	23/1/31
Sgt. L. West ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. A. Windows ...	2/2/31
*Sgt. C. Painter ...	19/1/32	L./Cpl. W. Watts ...	18/2/31
*Drum-Major D. Drew ...	22/1/32	L./Cpl. M. Duddy ...	22/3/31
Sgt. F. Donovan ...	4/2/32	L./Cpl. C. Jacob ...	23/3/31
*Sgt. E. Paterson ...	18/2/32	L./Cpl. L. Roseblade ...	24/4/31
*Sgt. H. Kruck ...	24/8/32	L./Cpl. F. Britton ...	29/4/31
L./Sgt. R. Glover ...	1/8/28	L./Cpl. F. Thorn ...	11/6/31
L./Sgt. H. Hull ...	26/11/31	L./Cpl. L. Mallard ...	16/6/31
L./Sgt. A. Mason ...	16/1/31	L./Cpl. H. Game ...	14/7/31
*L./Sgt. (O.R.C.) P. Hale ...	31/10/29	*L./Cpl. T. Brind ...	23/7/31
L./Sgt. J. Little ...	26/11/31	L./Cpl. P. Hopwood ...	13/8/31
L./Sgt. F. Chasney ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. W. Gadsden ...	29/8/31
L./Sgt. J. Ayres ...	18/9/31	L./Cpl. F. Dell ...	2/9/31
L./Sgt. P. Edwards ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. A. Willis ...	15/9/31
*L./Sgt. R. Chaplin ...	19/1/32	L./Cpl. G. Sach ...	30/9/31
L./Sgt. E. Edmunds ...	4/2/32	L./Cpl. W. Lambert ...	2/1/32
L./Sgt. J. Chillery ...	22/8/32	L./Cpl. S. Sibley ...	2/1/32
L./Sgt. L. Williams ...	3/10/32	L./Cpl. R. Abell ...	2/1/32
Cpl. A. Lawrence ...	26/9/28	L./Cpl. L. McDowell ...	2/1/32
Cpl. L. Beck ...	9/4/30	L./Cpl. G. Wordley ...	2/1/32
Cpl. F. Payne ...	11/4/30	*L./Cpl. C. Benningfield ...	2/1/32
Cpl. J. Smith ...	28/4/30	L./Cpl. J. Howie ...	2/1/32
Cpl. E. Zetter ...	15/4/30	L./Cpl. A. Cokeley ...	2/1/32
Cpl. C. Ives ...	16/8/30	*L./Cpl. J. Painter ...	31/1/32
Cpl. S. Green ...	17/10/30	L./Cpl. J. Groves ...	28/1/32
Cpl. H. Padgett ...	1/1/31	L./Cpl. W. Sampford ...	4/2/32
Cpl. R. Simmons ...	3/1/31	L./Cpl. A. Keeler ...	7/3/32
*Cpl. W. Snell ...	10/1/31	L./Cpl. R. Kent ...	11/4/32
*Cpl. C. May ...	16/1/31	L./Cpl. L. Image ...	6/6/32
Cpl. S. Bullock ...	23/1/31	L./Cpl. A. Brown ...	16/6/32

* In possession of First Class Certificate of Education.

Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.
L./Cpl. R. Bowden ...	23/6/32	L./Cpl. C. Hawkesworth ...	16/8/32
L./Cpl. E. Staley ...	26/7/32	L./Cpl. H. Ormes ...	16/8/32
L./Cpl. F. Mills ...	30/9/32	L./Cpl. J. Urquhart ...	16/8/32
L./Cpl. J. Robinson ...	1/11/32	L./Cpl. T. Bayly ...	16/8/32
Unpaid:—		L./Cpl. G. Parker ...	25/8/32
L./Cpl. C. Adams ...	16/1/32	*L./Cpl. W. O'Connor ...	25/8/32
L./Cpl. J. Stickley ...	16/1/32	L./Cpl. W. Harewell ...	25/8/32
L./Cpl. H. Burrows ...	20/1/32	L./Cpl. J. McLeod ...	25/8/32
L./Cpl. F. Crawshaw ...	9/2/32	L./Cpl. H. Hughes ...	25/8/32
L./Cpl. F. Munday ...	7/3/32	L./Cpl. T. Stallard ...	25/8/32
L./Cpl. A. Smith ...	12/3/32	L./Cpl. F. Markham ...	25/8/32
L./Cpl. H. Payne ...	12/3/32	L./Cpl. H. Collier ...	25/8/32
L./Cpl. J. Baldrey ...	12/3/32	L./Cpl. C. Keefe ...	25/8/32
L./Cpl. V. Thomas ...	11/6/32	L./Cpl. H. Holloway ...	17/11/32
L./Cpl. H. Naylor ...	11/6/32	L./Cpl. J. McGrady ...	17/11/32
*L./Cpl. F. Stock ...	23/7/32	L./Cpl. E. Parrish ...	17/11/32

2nd BATTALION (Home Establishment).

NOTICE.

Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. are, in their own interests, requested to write direct to the Adjutant, 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, Colchester, Essex, should they observe any omission or error in the Seniority Roll of the Home Establishment.

Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
*R.S.M. C. Davis ...	Depot	13/4/29	*Sgt. H. Short, M.M. ...	2nd	21/2/29
*R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M. ...	2nd	18/3/31	Sgt. A. Jones ...	2nd	8/4/29
*Bdmr. H. Clibbens ...	2nd	22/2/24	Sgt. A. Boen ...	2nd	13/4/29
*R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley ...	Depot	7/3/26	*Sgt. C. Donaldson ...	2nd	24/5/29
*R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher ...	2nd	31/3/30	Sgt. R. King ...	Supnmy., Fire	
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) B. Baldwin ...	Depot	2/7/30	Bde., Bordon	5/7/29	
C.S.M. W. Beasley ...	2nd	30/1/15	Sgt. G. Sheriff ...	2nd	9/12/29
*C.S.M. H. Rand ...	9th	28/1/25	Sgt. F. Nash ...	8th	11/12/29
*C.S.M. G. Goodall ...	9th	4/6/25	*Sgt. A. Russell ...	Depot	16/2/30
*C.S.M. J. Hart ...	Depot	20/1/26	*Sgt. W. Tibble ...	7th	17/10/30
*C.S.M. C. Cook, D.C.M. ...	8th	15/8/26	*Sgt. W. Green ...	2nd	27/12/30
*C.S.M. T. Smith ...	19th London	28/2/28	Sgt. J. Quick ...	2nd	23/4/31
*C.S.M. F. Peck ...	2nd	18/2/29	*Sgt. W. Kemp ...	2nd	19/1/32
*C.S.M. R. Colbourne ...	2nd	13/4/29	*Sgt. E. Patterson ...	Depot	18/2/32
*C.S.M. C. Goodall ...	8th	28/4/29	Sgt. H. Cartwright ...	2nd	27/3/32
*C.S.M. F. Stevenson ...	7th	4/1/30	*Sgt. R. Parsler ...	2nd	1/4/32
*C.S.M. H. Hewett ...	2nd	19/4/32	Sgt. J. Harper ...	2nd	19/4/32
*C.S.M. L. Simmonds ...	2nd	3/9/32	Sgt. (O.R.S.) F. Deane ...	2nd	10/6/32
Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. King ...	2nd	26/5/26	Sgt. C. Trestain ...	2nd	14/6/32
Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) L. Hills ...	2nd	2/11/26	Sgt. J. Ramsey ...	2nd	23/6/32
Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. West ...	2nd	22/2/28	Sgt. S. Smith ...	2nd	30/7/32
Sgt. H. Glover ...	2nd	1/5/20	*Sgt. H. Kruck ...	2nd	24/8/32
*Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Saddler ...	2nd	19/4/32	Sgt. R. Smith ...	2nd	2/9/32
Sgt. H. Tisdale ...	7th London	22/1/22	Sgt. J. Scott ...	2nd	3/9/32
Sgt. R. Mewett ...	2nd	12/12/23	Cpl. E. Wright ...	2nd	26/4/26
Sgt. E. Shaw ...	Depot	19/1/24	L./Sgt. H. Ison ...	2nd	27/12/29
Sgt. H. Campbell ...	9th	16/2/24	(Cpl. 9/2/28)		
*Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) L. Clarke ...	Depot	15/1/30	Cpl. W. Webster ...	2nd	12/4/28
Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	Depot	28/1/25	Cpl. W. Chalkley ...	2nd	26/4/28
*Sgt. E. Jones ...	Depot	1/3/25	Cpl. F. Davis ...	2nd	7/11/28
Sgt. S. Mason ...	2nd	2/2/26	Cpl. R. Wilson ...	2nd	24/8/29
Sgt. J. Bray ...	Depot	9/2/27	L./Sgt. A. Brett ...	2nd	1/4/32
Sgt. A. Wright ...	Depot	10/2/27	(Cpl. 28/1/30)		
Sgt. W. Harwood ...	2nd	17/8/27	*Cpl. J. Hood ...	Depot	25/2/30
Sgt. S. Bishop ...	Depot	24/11/27	*L./Sgt. G. Newstead ...	2nd	14/6/32
*Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) F. Stacey ...	2nd	3/9/32	(Cpl. 20/4/30)		
*Sgt. F. Denchfield ...	2nd	20/3/28	*L./Sgt. V. Cooper ...	2nd	23/6/32
Sgt. A. Webb ...	19th London	15/5/28	(Cpl. 1/5/30)		
Drum-Major H. Poulter ...	2nd	13/10/28	Cpl. H. Taylor ...	2nd	8/5/30
*Sgt. C. Champion ...	2nd	1/1/29	L./Sgt. A. Allchorne ...	2nd	14/6/32
*Sgt. A. Jones ...	7th	18/2/29	(Cpl. 15/5/30)		

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L./Sgt. E. Patterson ...	Depot	2/9/31	L./Cpl. S. Day ...	2nd	15/6/31
	(Cpl. 8/6/30)		L./Cpl. J. Harris ...	Depot	10/7/31
L./Sgt. L. Johnson ...	2nd	18/2/32	L./Cpl. A. Baxter ...	2nd	24/7/31
	(Cpl. 25/10/30)		L./Cpl. W. Hathaway ...	2nd	24/7/31
L./Sgt. A. Hows ...	2nd	27/3/32	L./Cpl. H. Buckland ...	2nd	29/8/31
	(Cpl. 25/10/30)		L./Cpl. A. Tuckfield ...	Depot	18/9/31
L./Sgt. A. Whitcombe ...	2nd	30/7/32	L./Cpl. A. Bird ...	Depot	28/12/31
	(Cpl. 31/10/30)		L./Cpl. E. Brown ...	2nd	28/12/31
L./Sgt. B. Bedward ...	Depot	24/8/32	L./Cpl. E. Mead ...	2nd	28/12/31
	(Cpl. 19/11/30)		L./Cpl. A. Marshall ...	2nd	28/12/31
L./Sgt. F. Livens ...	2nd	2/9/32	L./Cpl. W. Ayles ...	Depot	19/1/32
	(Cpl. 20/1/31)		L./Cpl. A. North ...	2nd	4/3/32
L./Sgt. R. Jenkins ...	Depot	3/9/32	L./Cpl. A. Gurr ...	2nd	27/3/32
	(Cpl. 17/2/31)		L./Cpl. A. Wray ...	2nd	13/4/32
Cpl. A. Etheridge ...	2nd	28/4/31	L./Cpl. W. Goodall ...	2nd	13/4/32
Cpl. F. Smith ...	2nd	25/6/31	L./Cpl. A. Cross ...	2nd	15/4/32
L./Sgt. E. Swadling ...	Depot	3/10/31	L./Cpl. E. Elcome ...	Depot	19/4/32
	(Cpl. 2/10/31)		L./Cpl. H. Marshall ...	2nd	25/4/32
Cpl. E. Jennings ...	2nd	28/12/31	L./Cpl. F. Knights ...	2nd	28/4/32
Cpl. S. Moore ...	2nd	28/12/31	L./Cpl. E. Byrne ...	2nd	2/5/32
Cpl. F. Gribble ...	2nd	19/1/32	L./Cpl. C. Holmes ...	2nd	17/5/32
*Cpl. H. Frewin ...	2nd	18/2/32	L./Cpl. J. Burgess ...	Depot	30/5/32
Cpl. E. Warnes ...	2nd	4/3/32	L./Cpl. R. Harman ...	2nd	1/6/32
*Cpl. H. Dujardin ...	2nd	27/3/32	L./Cpl. R. Outram ...	2nd	5/6/32
Cpl. E. Bennett ...	2nd	1/4/32	L./Cpl. E. Leonard ...	2nd	13/6/32
Cpl. F. Housden ...	2nd	15/4/32	L./Cpl. F. Knight ...	Depot	13/6/32
Cpl. (O.R.C.) J. Miles ...	2nd	13/6/32	L./Cpl. R. Hatt ...	2nd	13/6/32
Cpl. B. White ...	Depot	17/5/32	L./Cpl. W. Evans ...	2nd	13/6/32
Cpl. W. Flude ...	2nd	30/5/32	L./Cpl. B. Armstrong ...	Depot	13/6/32
Cpl. P. Maloney ...	Depot	1/6/32	L./Cpl. J. Johnson ...	2nd	14/6/32
Cpl. R. Soden ...	2nd	13/6/32	L./Cpl. E. Buck ...	2nd	14/6/32
Cpl. L. Gromm ...	2nd	13/6/32	L./Cpl. W. McEnery ...	2nd	23/6/32
Cpl. H. Walker ...	2nd	13/6/32	L./Cpl. J. Walker ...	2nd	23/6/32
Cpl. R. Overy ...	Depot	14/6/32	L./Cpl. A. Drane ...	2nd	28/6/32
Cpl. R. Smallridge ...	2nd	14/6/32	L./Cpl. D. Walker ...	2nd	30/7/32
Cpl. W. Brown ...	2nd	23/6/32	L./Cpl. J. O'Neill ...	2nd	5/8/32
Cpl. F. Hawkins ...	2nd	28/6/32	L./Cpl. J. Bromley ...	2nd	6/8/32
*Cpl. J. Bond ...	2nd	29/6/32	L./Cpl. E. Soden ...	2nd	17/8/32
*Cpl. P. Doubleday ...	2nd	2/7/32	L./Cpl. A. Gigg ...	2nd	17/8/32
Cpl. L. Grainger ...	2nd	30/7/32	L./Cpl. H. Sayer ...	2nd	19/8/32
Cpl. W. Day ...	2nd	5/8/32	L./Cpl. D. Chapman ...	2nd	24/8/32
Cpl. C. Gatehouse ...	2nd	6/8/32	L./Cpl. G. McKay ...	2nd	2/9/32
*Cpl. H. Parnell ...	2nd	17/8/32	L./Cpl. E. Fuller ...	2nd	3/9/32
Cpl. W. Makewell ...	2nd	17/8/32	L./Cpl. G. Grant ...	2nd	25/9/32
Cpl. J. Riches ...	Depot	19/8/32			
Cpl. A. Thorne ...	2nd	24/8/32	Unpaid —		
Cpl. H. Clarke ...	Depot	2/9/32	L./Cpl. D. Baker ...	2nd	9/10/31
Cpl. W. Poulter ...	2nd	3/9/32	L./Cpl. W. Patterson ...	2nd	29/8/32
Cpl. W. Murcott ...	2nd	25/9/32	L./Cpl. C. Carpenter ...	2nd	12/9/32
L./Cpl. P. Oliver ...	2nd	5/6/30	L./Cpl. H. Webb ...	2nd	20/9/32
L./Cpl. A. Smith ...	2nd	28/4/31	L./Cpl. A. Drake ...	2nd	22/9/32
L./Cpl. G. Frost ...	2nd	14/5/31	L./Cpl. T. Sargent ...	2nd	27/9/32
L./Cpl. A. May ...	2nd	5/6/31			

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