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The Plume of the Prince of Wales. In each of the four corners the late Duke of Cambridge's Cypher and Coronet.  
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Africa, 1900-02," "Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Ypres, 1915," "17, '18," "Albert, 1916, '18," "Bazentin," "Cambrai, 1917, '18,"  
"Hindenburg Line," "Suvla," "Jerusalem," "Mesopotamia, 1917-18."

"Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "Aisne, 1914, '18," "La Bassée, 1914," "Messines, 1914, '17, '18," "Armentières, 1914,"  
"Neuve Chapelle," "Gravenstafel," "St. Julien," "Frezenberg," "Bellevue," "Aubers," "Hooke, 1915," "Loos," "Somme,  
1916, '18," "Delville Wood," "Pozières," "Ginchy," "Flers-Courcelette," "Morval," "Thiepval," "Le Transloy," "Ancre  
Heights," "Ancre, 1916, '18," "Bapaume, 1917, '18," "Arras, 1917, '18," "Vimy, 1917," "Scarpe, 1917, '18," "Arleux,"  
"Pillcken," "Langemarck, 1917," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Broodseinde," "Poelcappelle," "Passchendaele," "St.  
Quentin," "Rosieres," "Avrè," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazebrück," "Baileul," "Kemmel,"  
"Scherpenberg," "Canal du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Valenciennes," "Sambre," "France and  
Flanders, 1914-18," "Italy, 1917-18," "Struma," "Doiran, 1918," "Macedonia, 1915-18," "Landing at Suvla," "Scimitar  
Hill," "Gallipoli, 1915," "Rumani," "Egypt, 1915-17," "Gaza," "El Mughar," "Jericho," "Jordan," "Tell Asur," "Palestine,  
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6th Bn. (R. East Middlesex Mil.) .. .. . Mill Hill.  
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The Middlesex and Huron Regiment .. Strathroy, Ontario.

#### Allied Battalion of Australian Infantry.

57th Battalion .. .. . Preston, Victoria.

#### Allied Regiment of New Zealand Military Forces.

The Taranaki Regiment .. New Plymouth.

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IT is with great regret that we have to announce the death at his home at "Ashworth," Guildford, on 26th February, of Brig.-General A. A. Garstin, C.M.G., a former Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion. At his specially expressed desire no obituary notice of his service will appear in THE DIE-HARDS, and for the same reason no wreath was sent to his funeral by the Regimental Association or the Officers' Club.

The funeral was attended by Major L. A. Newnham, M.C., and Lieut. J. E. F. Willoughby, representing the 2nd Battalion.

We tender our sympathy to our printers, F. J. Parsons, Ltd., of Hastings, on the loss they have sustained by the death of their Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. J. Parsons, on 22nd February.

We have to acknowledge with thanks the loan of five volumes of the *Die-Hards Doings* from the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion. Vol. I, Vol. II (2 copies), Vol. VII, and Vol. VIII.

Can any reader forward to the Editor, THE DIE-HARDS, a copy of No. 11 (November) of Vol. I of *The Duke of Cambridge's Own* (Middlesex Regiment) Regimental News for 1913?

All monthly issues except November of that year have been placed in the Regimental Museum, and if a copy can be procured the Volume will be bound.

It is published for information of all concerned that the Telephone Number of the Officers' Mess at the Depot has been changed. The new number is FINCHLEY 3387.

IT IS NOTIFIED FOR INFORMATION THAT THE DATES OF THE AUTUMN GOLF MEETING HAVE HAD TO BE CHANGED TO 9TH AND 10TH OCTOBER, AT LIPHOOK.

## OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

## GOLF

## THE SPRING MEETING

Partly because the printers are screaming for these notes, partly because the compiler is in rather a flat spin, and partly because the rustle of paper and other signs of hurried packing get closer and closer, goading me on to get the job done ere it is too late and type-writer and I are rolled up in paper and dumped in one or other of the various categories of kit, I must apologise at once for any shortcomings.

As usual, the Spring Meeting was held at Hendon G.C., but what is most unusual is that the Present beat the Past on the first day, 8th April. Neither side was at full strength but, whereas the Present said, "We are not as strong as we might be, but nevertheless we will fight the good fight with all our might," the Past, with a weakness which the years and experience should have prevented, cried "Alas, we are undone, our Goliath, our bulwark, our Whinney is crooked," and with the exception of Heape and Coles they one and all surrendered to the Juveniles in the morning. What happened during the lunch interval is unknown, but it is to be assumed that the bulwark, though unable to play himself, had something to say to the venerable gentlemen of the Past with a result that they improved upon their morning work and ended the day defeated handsomely but not exterminated.

It was indeed a blow to the Past and the Meeting as a whole that Capt. Whinney was unable to play, but we were very glad that he came up to watch, photograph, and take over the receipt of customs, and we hope and expect that he obtained enough amusement out of a panoramic view of the whole meeting to compensate him partly for not playing himself.

The results were as follows:

MORNING			
Procter and Pain	0	Heape and Coles	3
Worton and Green	3	South and Anderson	0
Stephenson and Symes	10	Maitland and Cooper	0
Dillon and Jefferd	4	Samuel and Wright	0
AFTERNOON			
Worton and Jefferd	2	Heape and Cooper	0
Dillon and Symes	0	South and Coles	5
Procter and Green	6	Samuel and Anderson	0
Stephenson and Pain	0	Maitland and Wright	2
Total	25	Total	10

After the day's play the majority retired to the Depot Mess where, as usual, a most enjoyable evening was spent. A hearty vote of thanks will no doubt be passed at the Annual General Meeting to the O.C. Depot and P.M.C.

Normally it would be possible to say no more of the evening's entertainment, but on this occasion it is necessary to call attention to one incident which may be of use to other visitors to the Depot, as apparently some ghost or supernatural influence is at work in that building. As shortly as possible the story as told by the victim in this:

*Scene I:* He, one of the boys of the Old Brigade, went and changed in the room, boudoir, or suite of one of the resident Officers of the Depot. Having changed, he decided to take all his belongings downstairs to avoid going back later for them, and so together with his host he carried out this removal of bag, coat, hat (complete with feather), and scarf. These were laid out with care in the hall.

*Scene II:* Hour 10.30 p.m. Boy of the Old Brigade prepares to depart only to find that coat and hat (complete with feather) are missing. Furious, refusing all offers of other coats, hats (without feathers), he drives off into the night.

*Scene III:* Hendon Golf Club, 10 a.m. Still furious B.O.T.O.B. attacks humble hon. secretary and is quite positive of the correctness of Scene I.

*Scene IV:* Telephone box. Hon. secretary speaking to Depot Mess. "Will you ask whether a coat and hat has been found in Mr. 'X's' room?"

*Scene V:* Enter Mr. "X" with coat and hat (complete with feather) found in his room.

*Scene VI:* Reunion of B.O.T.O.B. with his feather.

Problem: How did the coat and hat get back to the bedroom? Did they fly back

aided by the feather? I can think of no other solution. This is an article on golf and not a meeting of the magic circle so we will return to golf.

The 9th April was Stephenson's day. He arrived a little late, having been to visit the grass on the cricket pitch, and was probably still singing "Twinkle, Twinkle little bat, how I wonder what you're at." However, with great versatility he switched from cricket to golf and probably encouraged by the number of divots flying through the air ahead, went on to play a most exemplary round of golf, which, we think, will make the handicapping committee of Hendon Golf Club speedily revise their original gift of a provisional 10 handicap; 39 out, 39 home, was very good going as this exceptionally wet winter made Hendon more difficult than for many years past.

After Stephenson, who won both scratch and handicap prizes, the remainder were very much also rans, although no less than 5 players tied for second place with 75 nett—Unwin, Green, Ormiston, Weston and Lieut.-Col. Wollocombe.

We had thought that Guscott was a likely winner, especially when we saw his tee shot at the 8th fly straight for the hole and lie down within a few feet, but apparently the accused putter was bewitched and even at this hole it refused to put the ball into the hole with less than three attempts. That sort of thing all the way round spoilt his chances. Our caddie informed us that a long Officer in blue would win as you could always pick out the winner on the first tee and this blue streak had at the first hole driven on to the edge of the green, and that with a handicap of 18. Our caddie was unabashed when his prophecy proved false, and was more or less justified by the afternoon result. The afternoon foursome was won by Else and Batten with a good score of 3 up, second place with all square very fitly being won by the veteran pair Cooper and Smith, the first named of whom was overdue to arrive in the prize list. The remainder were very much down. It had been hoped that a total of 30 competitors would have been reached this year, but casualties brought it down to 26. More and more are taking up the game and there are rumours of an influx of golfers from the 1st Battalion, so next year we can expect a record entry. All this is very disjointed, but we warned you it would be, and when you add to the interruptions of packing and departure the shock of becoming a criminal on the flight from Portsmouth and being



stopped by the cops for a crime against a traffic light—well, I ask you!

One final word. Remember 9th and 10th October at Liphook and send your entries to Capt. J. R. B. Worton at Mill Hill as early as possible.

## RESULTS

## MEDAL ROUND

Lieut. Stephenson	68	Lieut. Arnold	79
Lieut.-Col. Wollocombe	75	Lieut. Gliksten	79
Lieut. Weston	75	Capt. Worton	80
2/Lieut. Ormiston	75	Major South	82
Lieut. Green	75	Major Heape	83
Lieut. Unwin	75	Lieut. Symes	84
Lieut. Dillon	77	Lieut.-Col. Samuel	84
Major Anderson	78	Capt. Pain	85
Lieut.-Col. Coles	78	Lieut.-Col. Jefferd	85
Col. Maitland	79	Lieut. Guscott	86
Lieut. Batten	79	Capt. Hogg	88
		Capt. Clark	95

Also ran home without handing in their cards: Capt. Cooper, Major Procter, Capt. Else.

## RESULTS

## FOURSOMES v. BOGEY

1. Symes	8	7 down
2. Unwin	20	
3. Capt. Pain	16	8 down
4. Lieut.-Col. Jefferd	14	
5. Green	18	4 down
6. Stephenson	10	
7. Major Heape	5	8 down
8. Lieut.-Col. Samuel	14	
9. Ormiston	30	5 down
10. Major Anderson	16	
11. Capt. Clark	30	10 down
12. Lieut.-Col. Wollocombe	30	
13. Capt. Worton	15	3 down
14. Capt. Hogg	8	
15. Major South	8	all square
16. Capt. Cooper	18	
17. Major Procter	6	7 down
18. Lieut.-Col. Coles	18	
19. Col. Maitland	10	11 down
20. Guscott	30	
21. Batten	18	3 up
22. Capt. Else	10	
23. Weston	20	7 down
24. Dillon	12	
25. Arnold	2	5 down
26. Gliksten	17	

The Middlesex Regiment played the Hampstead Heathens at Knebworth Golf Club on Sunday, 11th April, and won by 8 matches to 4 on the day's play.

This was a most enjoyable day and one which has now become an annual fixture. Six of the matches finished on the 18th green. Much as we regretted the absence of Capt. Whinney and Major Procter, we much congratulate Lieut. Unwin and Lieut. Ormiston for stepping into the breach so successfully.

## MORNING

## Middlesex Regiment Hampstead Heathens

Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson (1 hole)	1	P. B. Berliner	0
Capt. J. R. B. Worton (2 plus 1)	1	L. L. Burtt	0
2/Lieut. T. G. Symes	1	P. A. Newman	1
Lieut.-Col. W. W. Jefferd	0	R. E. Moss (2 holes)	1
Lieut. A. E. Green	1	N. S. Atkinson	1
Lieut. G. P. L. Weston	0	G. P. Mead (2/1)	1
Lieut. E. J. Unwin	1	B. G. Atkinson	1
2/Lieut. J. W. G. Ormiston (3/2)	1	N. B. Smith	0
	4 1/2		3 1/2

## AFTERNOON

Lieut. Col. Jefferd and Lieut. Stephenson	1/2	Berliner and Burtt	1/2
Capt. Worton and Lieut. Unwin (5/4)	1	Newman and Moss	0
Lieut. Green and 2/Lieut. Symes (3/2)	1	Mead and B. G. Atkinson	0
Lieut. Weston and 2/Lieut. Ormiston (4/3)	1	N. S. Atkinson and Smith	0
	8		4

## ARMY OFFICERS' ART SOCIETY

The above Society is holding its Thirteenth Annual Exhibition at the R.B.A. Galleries, Suffolk Street, S.W.1, from 27th September to 9th October, 1937, inclusive. Receiving day will be Saturday, 18th September.

The Membership of this Society is open to Officers holding or having held permanent commissions in the Regular Army or Royal Marines.

The Society exists for the purpose of affording Officers interested in Art the opportunity of meeting, and also provides facilities for the exhibition and disposal of their works.

Any Officer interested is invited to communicate with:

The Hon. Secretary, Col. L. N. MALAN,  
10, Blenheim Road, London, N.W.8.

## REGIMENTAL FIXTURES

June 19th.—Depot Sports and Old Comrades' Gathering.

June 20th.—Cricket—v. Hampstead Heathens.

June 21st.—Cricket—v. Cryptics.

June 22nd.—Cricket—v. Metropolitan Police College.

June 23rd.—Cricket—v. Free Foresters.

June 24th.—Cricket—v. I. Zingari.

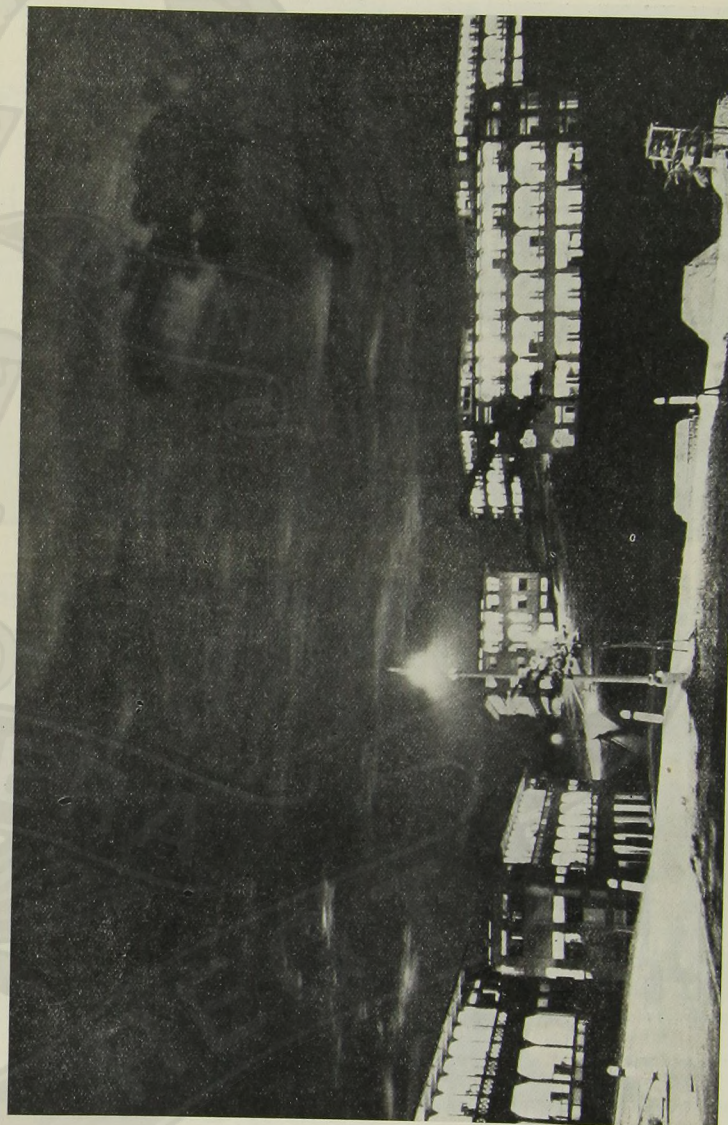
June 25th.—Officers' Club "At Home."

June 26th.—Cricket—v. Hampstead Cricket Club.

June 26th.—Officers' Club Tennis Tournament.

June 27th.—Officers' Club Tennis Tournament.

October 9th and 10th.—Autumn Golf Meeting, Liphook.

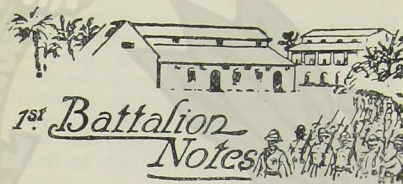


GILLMAN BARRACKS BY NIGHT





THE DINING HALLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY



It is unfortunate that circumstances should have so arranged themselves during the last year in Singapore that our training periods have not succeeded one another with the same regularity as they have done in other commands. Thus it was confusing to begin firing our Annual Weapon Training Course during the Collective Training season, and again our Individual Training had to be suspended for a time during the Command manoeuvres in February. We shall have more to say of the manoeuvres later, in the meantime, the last quarter has been fairly eventful.

On 12th December, the Battalion paraded with other units of the garrison on the ground of the Singapore Cricket Club, the "padang," for the proclamation of H.M. King George VI. The proclamation was read in English from in front of the Supreme Court by H.E. the Governor, and afterwards by interpreters in Malaya, Mandarin, and Tamil.

Christmas was celebrated by the Battalion in the traditional manner. Church parade was held in the barracks in the morning, and at dinner time the Commanding Officer and Company Officers visited the dining halls. We publish two photographs of the decorations in the dining halls, which show the admirable industry and artistic sense of the Battalion generally. The Administration Officer and messing staff also deserve great credit for their efforts on this occasion. In the afternoon and evening there were two shows at the Regimental cinema, which were well attended.

Boxing Day was also observed as a holiday; in the afternoon informal games and swimming sports were held with The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, and there was another cinema show in the evening.

Several Officers were away on leave at Christmas time. Major Phillips and Lieut. Gwyn visited Java, going first to Batavia, the capital, then to Bandoeng, the chief military centre of the Netherlands Indies, and afterwards spent three days at Garoet, where they saw the celebrated hot springs, and so to Wanosobo, where the famous temple, the

Bourabadoua, the last remains of Hinduism in the island, is to be found. Major Stewart, accompanied by Mrs. Stewart, went on duty to Siam, where he remained until 28th January. Lieut. Anson went up the west coast to Malacca, which has been described as "Malaya's only historic town," the temporary burying place of St. Francis Xavier.

On 31st December, the H.T. *Lancashire* called at Singapore, and 2/Lieuts. Langley and Pullman disembarked to join the Battalion. We welcome them heartily, and hope they will enjoy their new environment.

On the *Lancashire's* return journey, R.S.M. Newman embarked, on 17th January, to go home to the Regimental Depot. Mr. Newman has been with us for many years now, since 1930, and was as generally popular as he was indisputably capable; his personal keenness and smartness, besides his enthusiasm for the efficiency of the Battalion, did even more good than is realised. It is difficult to express how sorry we are to lose him, and Mrs. Newman, who will be missed particularly by the Regimental concert party, and we wish them the best of luck at the Depot, and wherever they may go afterwards.

Our principal activity since then has been the Combined Manoeuvres. Before giving an account of these we should mention two excellent lectures given in the Command series, by Col. A. E. Percival, G.S.O. I Malaya, the first on "Combined Operations, and Co-operation between the Services," and the second on "The Strategic Position of Singapore." Col. Percival is a very lucid speaker, and demonstrated clearly the importance of Singapore and the significance of the coming exercises in relation to a possible attack on the base.

The manoeuvres began on 1st February. The first alarm came in the morning, when a Platoon of "B" Company was sent hurriedly in lorries to repel a landing at Tekong, an island at the eastern entrance to the Johore Straits. The Battalion was also warned to be ready at an hour's notice, and the Intelligence Officer spent an uncomfortable night sleeping by the telephone box, but there was no alarm, and early on the morning of 2nd February we moved to our positions on the beaches in the Siglap sector.

After reconnoitring the beaches, the Battalion was withdrawn into Camp, and moved into position again when it grew dark. There was no attack on our sector the first night, although some ships were sighted. We heard



later that there had been a landing at Changi, in the east of the island, the day before, and an unsuccessful attempt to land at Pasir Panjong, in the right sector, during the night.

The next day was spent in camps and bivouacs along the road, and the Battalion again moved into position for the night. On this night the enemy ships got close in-shore near Siglap Volunteer Camp, and landed some Marines on two of the beaches in the left sub-sector; they afterwards withdrew. The enemy cruisers "shelled" the defences at long range, and withdrew next morning, and the manoeuvres came to an end.

This account, naturally, is concerned only with that part of the operations which affected the Battalion. A great part of the operations



ARMISTICE DAY

were at sea, where our aircraft attacked the enemy carriers, and from where the enemy ships "bombarded" the defences. The Battalion's part in the defence of Singapore is mainly passive, and, on a long sea front with little depth, very junior leaders have much responsibility.

The official conclusions drawn from the result of the exercises seems to be that Singapore is almost impregnable by a landing from the sea, and is only in danger from a surprise raid by aircraft.

During the manoeuvres, the 1st Battalion the 2nd Punjab Regiment was in Camp at Blakang Mati, and the newly-formed Malay

Regiment at Selarang, near the new barracks. The Johore Military Forces also took part in the exercises, and the Intelligence Section of the Singapore Volunteer Corps, so that nearly all the troops in Malaya were represented. The Punjabis and the Malays also found guards for Government House during this time; these guards have been found only by British troops since 1915.

We have seen much of the Malay Regiment (and Lieut. Whiting in particular), during the last few weeks, the Malays show a very keen spirit, and seem to make good natural soldiers. The Malay Regiment is affiliated to the Battalion for training, and we have sent several Officers, N.C.O.s, and men to help instruct in specialist work. On 27th January, a party of

Officers, British and Malay, and Malay N.C.O.s and men, visited the barracks, and appeared very interested in what they saw. In the evening they watched the Inter-Company team boxing for the "Albuhera" Shield, on the barrack square.

The boxing was won by "C" Company, with "D" Company second. As "D" Company won the Inter-Company rugby with "A" (S.) Company second, and "A" (S.) Company won the football, the competition for the "Albuhera" Shield seems likely to be severe.

Lieut. Gudgeon distinguished himself by playing rugby for the Army against Selangor,

in the final of the "Malaya" Cup, which Selangor won. Lieut. Gudgeon unluckily broke his thumb shortly afterwards, playing in the Annual North v. South match in Singapore.

The Battalion hockey team did very well in the Command Competition, and were only defeated by the R.A.F. after three replays. We congratulate them.

In the Inter-Services' Boxing, for the "Lowther Grant" Cup, we had five representatives in the Army team. The Competition was won by the Army, who beat the Navy in the final.

We continue periodically to hold the debates we mentioned in our last notes. The latest, on conditions of service in the Army, and their effect on recruiting, evoked some energetic expressions of opinion from the house. The subject is particularly interesting at the present time, when recruiting is much discussed in the Army and elsewhere. Unfortunately, the real solution of the recruiting problem is undiscoverable, being concealed in the minds of those who do not enlist.

The old open cinema has now been replaced by an enclosed building. This was formally opened on 17th February; on the same night the bachelor Officers entertained the married Officers and their wives to dinner in the Officers' Mess, and afterwards visited the first performance at the cinema.

Recently, the 57th Australian Infantry Battalion (The Merri Regiment), presented to us a set of three badges mounted on Australian wood. These are now in the Officers' Mess, and represent a much valued addition to the numerous associations which connect the two corps.

#### DRUMS

Since our last notes appeared in print much of interest has happened. Firstly, the Christmas festivities; we all had a very enjoyable time. The Cook Sergeant excelled himself, and the dining halls were tastefully decorated by a committee under C/Sergt. Hazeldene.

In the Platoon Football Knock-out we lost to No. 10 Platoon; we hope to do better in the hockey and cricket, particularly the latter. Unfortunately, Dmr. Amos has been transferred to the Band—our loss is their gain with a vengeance, he will be sadly missed at all sports.

After having been left behind by two ships this trooping season Dmrs. Smith and Poulton are leaving us at last. They sail on 11th March

on the *Dikwara*, we wish them a pleasant voyage and best wishes for their success in civilian life.

On 12th February, we returned to duty from a very enjoyable fortnight's leave; fishing and cycling, etc., were the order of the day and many hours were put in at the cricket nets; with the talent found we should do very well in the Platoon Knock-out.

While the Band were on leave the Drums deputised at the Officers' Mess on two occasions. Judging by the appreciation of our efforts the hours of practice were worth while after all.

L/Cpl. Butt has left the fold and has been transferred to "B" Company, we wish him success in his new sphere.

"B" NATURAL.

#### SIGNALS

Annual classification was held on 16th and 17th December last year and favourable results were obtained: 45 were tested in all, and 6 are to be congratulated on obtaining 100 per cent. reading in all instruments.

The Signal turnover takes place in January and we welcome 9 of the new class to the Section.

After several months of training, Lieut. Peal sailed home in the *Dikwara* in November, and we all hope he is doing well at the School of Signals, Catterick, and enjoying his stay in England. We welcome back Lieut. Bellers who has been attached to the staff for six months.

We have already lost one stalwart from the Section this Trooping Season, Pte. Sexton, who should now be safely home, and Ptes. Hiscock, McGann, and Passfield will follow very shortly. We wish them all the best of luck and prosperity in civilian life.

Our Platoon water polo team did well to reach the final of the Knock-out Competition where they were beaten by the Band 4—1. Our football team has been doing well and has not lost a match yet, so we hope for success in the Knock-out Competition just starting. At hockey we have not been so fortunate, but finished a season's play with a good game against The Malay Regiment Signal Section which we lost by 2—1.

The combined operations held in February have kept us very busy laying miles of cable in our Battalion sector; our work must have been well done as no break-downs occurred and



Signallers seemed quite popular for a change. We feel we made a useful contribution to the victory over "Blueland" and have, at least, saved the runners a lot of boot leather. The anti-climax of reeling in all the cable again is over and the Section is settling down to normal work again.

A new class of 20 is to be formed in March on the arrival of the new draft from the United Kingdom. We wish all friends in England the best of luck and cheer for 1937.

SATU.

### EMPLOYED GROUP

Having made our introduction into the realms of journalism and, up to date of going to press, received no indication that our endeavour was unsuccessful, we take heart and submit a further endeavour.

Much controversy has taken place lately regarding the livelihood of the soldier, which has resulted in the public becoming quite military-minded. Many rumours have reached Singapore and we are given to understand that in the near future the Army will be reorganised, such good things as higher rate of pay, better barracks, lower marriage age, more comforts, etc., being on the way.

The armaments race has reached Singapore; all have heard of the wondrous mass production of arms, etc., by other powers, and the renewed fortification of obsolete forts. This resulted in Singapore being tested by a Combined Operation in February. Singapore ("Blueland") being in opposition to "Redland." The whole scheme passed off quietly for the other ranks, much of the work falling on the shoulders of the higher command. Many changes have occurred during the last quarter. A first-class cinema showing five films a week has now been opened. This is of great benefit to all, as the evenings tend to drag by without some attraction with which the dreary hours may be passed away.

The ponging and jonging has now ceased; instead we have another, contract and auction bridge. Many bridge experts have laid dormant, so it appears, and have now risen to a glorious reign, for how long we cannot tell. The Portland Bridge Rules are not known in our sphere, but we are greatly honoured in having the services of a Culbertson at hand.

"Ginger" and "Curly Top" have now left us for "Civvy Street," we wish them both happiness and prosperity in dear old

"Smokey." Will "Curley Top" find cushions on the Embankment seats, we wonder.

In the realm of sports we did well, taking third place in the Cross-Country Running, many of the employed getting good places.

We reached the final of the Water Polo Knock-out being beaten by the Band, we have one consolation, the shield comes to the Wing.

We have reached the semi-final of the Platoon Football Knock-out and have great hopes of beating No. 16 Platoon, thus reaching the final.

It is with great reluctance that we say farewell till the next quarter.

INKSPLASHERS.

### BAND

Well, here we are at the end of another quarter, and there is so much to write about that I look like developing writer's cramp before I have finished.

To begin with our first Christmas in Singapore was all that could be expected, an excellent day was enjoyed by all, and the "New World" seemed crowded out with the different members of the Band.

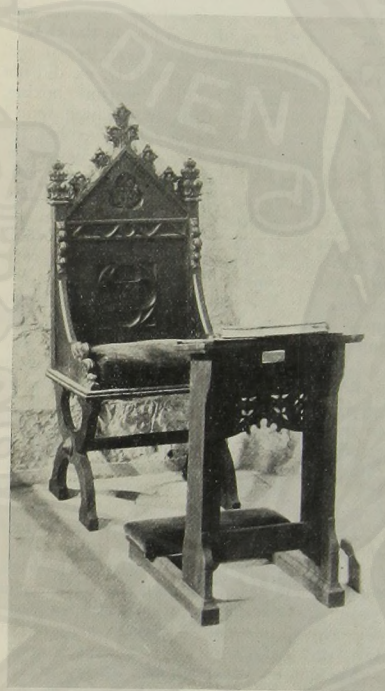
Just after the commencement of the New Year we began our local leave. We were granted five days extra because of Band engagements, and the inevitable rehearsals for beating of Retreat.

The leave made a refreshing break, the hire system of bicycles seemed to flourish very well and "civvy" topees were very much in evidence. One was given the impression that the big meal of the day would be fish, judging by the number of rods that were dug out, but evidently the fish in Singapore waters are more wise than those in the Suez Canal.

On the last day of our leave we said farewell to Bdmn. Cousin, who sailed for home on the *Lancashire*. He takes with him all the best wishes of the Band, and his boxing ability will be sadly missed by us all, also his keenness at hockey and football. We look forward to hearing from him when he has settled down.

By the time these notes are in print we shall have lost another member of the Band in "Nobby" Clark; to him also we say "all the best of luck in Civvy Street. He will have missed the good old Hampshire winter when he arrives home, but maybe he can do a bit of reducing over the summer.

Now we turn to sport. After our success in the Hockey Tournament we commenced the Platoon Water Polo Knock-out, and here once again we were successful, and won the competition very easily. A fair amount of the praise goes to the defence, for in the whole of the competition the team scored 38 goals with only one against, a very good performance, indeed. Every member of the team is to be congratulated on putting up such a fine effort.



The Moascar Chair

The next competition is the Platoon Football Knock-out, and here again we stand a very good chance now that Company players are allowed to play. We hope to make it the "hat trick."

Speaking (or is it writing?) of football, the Band now have six members training for inclusion in the Battalion first and second eleven soccer teams. The day may come when

a Band team represents the Battalion, who knows?

"Clargo" has been picked to play for the Combined Services against the Navy. We all congratulate him, and hope he holds his place throughout the season. One keen press critic describes him as the best goalkeeper in the Services in Singapore.

Just recently we did our part in the big combined operations, of which no doubt more is written elsewhere. It certainly was a big difference between the training in Egypt and here. Most of us were cycle orderlies, only eight being stretcher bearers. After the first day we had the impression we were on a rest cure. (Such is war).

We did find out how well mosquitoes thrive on bamber oil, or maybe someone had rubbed in the rum ration instead.

We welcome back to the Band Ex-Dmr. Amos, and hope that he soon settles down.

Bdmn. Goulding (60) returns from the School of Music in March. We welcome him and hope that his musical knowledge has expanded considerably.

As the last Band notes were sent in rather early we have to congratulate L/Cpl. Ure on his promotion last year, judging by the numbers of S.A.T. Vol. Number ??? that are lying around he must be after the other one.

In conclusion we send all the best to our friends at home, and add once again that we are always pleased to hear from them. Answers are prompt.

### "A" (S.) COMPANY

They say that the Army trains men for war. Well, we now find that this is not perhaps quite so, unless we have different kinds of wars these days. During the war in Singapore, in which we took a fair share, we discovered that a knowledge of swings, maypoles, and see-saws, which most of us got in our schooling days, was extremely useful. Sh! Shut up. That is a secret.

Of course, we do work sometimes, and we have just completed our A.M.G.C., and quite recently spent a very interesting week at Blakang Mati on a Concentration. Firing over the sea is a novel experience, and also a labour-saving stunt, as the lead is not recoverable.

The Novices' Boxing Tournament finished with us in third place, and, we are glad to say, enabled us to find some real hidden talent for future use. The Inter-Company Boxing also saw us in third place. Here, however, we may



class ourselves as a little unfortunate. Two of our best boxers had to retire from the competition through injuries after having won their first fights. The result might have been quite different had not this misfortune overtaken us.

At hockey we finished up as runners-up in the Inter-Company League. This shows no improvement on the previous year but, at least, we are holding our own.

In spite of a very poor effort in the first cross-country run, in which we finished fourth, we made a valiant effort to improve and were very successful in the remaining two runs, and eventually finished second in the competition.

Some very hard but good games of rugby saw us well up in the Inter-Company Rugby League. A memorable and exciting game with "D" Company finished up with "D" Company scoring in the last few seconds of the game, and thus put finished to our chances of winning the Rugby Shield. We finished runners-up.

As can be seen, we have had a successful sporting season, and we now hold a 4 point lead in the "Albuhera" Shield, and we have every hope of regaining that coveted prize.

The Platoons of the Company have done exceptionally well, and have enabled us once again to win the "Mons" Shield. The "Mons" Shield Competitions for 1937-8 have now commenced and No. 3 Platoon have already reached the final of the Platoon Football Knock-out. The final is due to take place in a few days, and we hope that they will be successful in retaining the Platoon Football Shield in the Company.

C.S.M. Russell has now left us for Ipoh, where he will serve as a W.O. Instructor to the Federated Malay Forces. We wish him and his family a very happy time, and all the luck in the world in his new station. Sergt. Williams is also leaving us shortly for a tour of duty at the Depot. We shall miss him very much, especially in the sports department.

We welcome Sergt. Northcott and Sergt. Bean to the Company, and we certainly hope that they will enjoy Singapore and our Company.

ACK EMMA GEE.

#### "B" COMPANY

Having once more been called upon for notes, we look back upon the last quarter and find a few successful achievements have sprung up from our numerous activities. Perhaps the most successful was hockey. Apart from sport, the Company kept up its good name during the

big defence scheme. Some of the Company seem to think that our C.Q.M.S. was out chasing the "phantom horse," because he was not seen by us for two days. I am reliably informed that he was attached to "B" Camp doing nothing more exciting than watching the pots boil.

We must congratulate the hockey team on winning the Company League. A very creditable performance, of which Sergt. Chillery and Pte. German must be proud, both these players having represented the Services this year. We were unlucky to lose to the H.K.S. in the Area Small Units Knock-out by one goal to nil in the final. Unfortunately, we did not have many entries in the Company boxing, which accounts for us only reaching fourth place. I am sure many will remember the excellent performance given by Pte. Berryman. He well deserved the best loser's prize, presented to him. In the boxing match the Battalion held against the Inniskillings, we had four entries, of whom Ptes. Head and Thornhill won their fights, the latter putting his man away in the first round. Although the other two entries, Pte. Pearson and L/Cpl. Gribble, put up a good show, they did not quite make sufficient points to win.

Aquatic sports in the Company seem to be getting little attention now, but we all hope for great things once the new bath is completed. In spite of the lack of training, No. 5 Platoon gained a few points for the Mons Shield by getting into the semi-final of the Platoon Water Polo. So far, in the Company League, we have beaten "C" Company and lost to "H.Q." Wing, and hope to obtain at least second place.

We have something to report on both the footballs—Rugby and Association. The rugger season has finished, and was not very successful for us, we only reached fourth place in the Company League.

The quarter has ended with the loss of some good comrades, who left for home in February. We wish them luck in civilian life.

These notes, during their journey home, will pass a new draft, which we are expecting in March. We are debating in the Company as to the suitability of calling them the "Coronation" or "Duff Cooper" draft. Whatever they are called, we hope to surprise the Battalion by producing some sporting talent, to replace this and next trooping season's home-goers.

We welcome to our midst Mr. Pulman, a new arrival from England. The Company are

looking forward to seeing big things performed by him in the field of sport.

Our skipper (Capt. A. N. Overell) has been experiencing a bit of rough weather, and, consequently, was admitted to hospital. Anyhow, we are happy to say he soon completed his overhaul, and found his land-legs once again, to resume the helm of our Company, who had missed his steady and true steering greatly during this enforced absence. One and all are sincerely glad he is back with us.

We were sorry to lose Ptes. Windsor and Howard, invalided, but feel sure they will soon be fit and strong once again in the near future. Cheerio!

#### "C" COMPANY.

The majority of events for the "Albuhera" Shield have now been played. Of these events, the most outstanding success of the Company has been in boxing. In the Beginners' Competition, the Company had the largest number of entries and winners. This paved the way to win, not only the Novices', but also the Inter-Company Team Competition. Our success has been largely due to L/Sergt. Roseblade, whose systematic training, energy, and keenness was a stimulus and an example to all. He is finishing his service in March, and his departure will be a great loss to the Company, for his interest is marked in all sports.

The Inter-Company Team Boxing Competition was an extremely exciting event; "D" Company were always close rivals. The Company started third favourite, took the lead at half-way, and held it to the end, through dogged determination shown by the team. There were some genuinely good bouts all through the tournament, and, of course, a few shocks that came as "bombshells." L/Cpl. Price, who for many years had been hibernating in dark corners, discarded his couch and bath chair and toed the canvas once more, only to lose to another such old timer in Sergt. Clark of "A" (S.) Company. Pte. "Bomber" Dowell was unlucky and followed the fate of L/Cpl. Price. These two fights had been regarded as certainties. Our downfall appeared inevitable. But there was much hidden talent which was not apparent at its face value only. A succession of surprises turned the odds definitely into our favour, where it remained to the finish.

We congratulate all the boxers who took part on their excellent performance. The following won through to the final:

*Light Heavy-weight*: Runner-up, Pte. Adams.

*First Middle-weight*: Winner, L/Sergt. Roseblade.

*Third Middle-weight*: Runner-up, Pte. Lever.

*Third Welter-weight*: Winner, L/Cpl. Ellis.

*Fourth Welter-weight*: Winner, L/Cpl. Bell.

*Second Light-weight*: Runner-up, Pte. Styles.

*Third Light-weight*: Winner, Pte. Commer.

We also congratulate the numerous Company boxers who have represented the Battalion in both the first and second teams. They were all prominent for the hard fighting and good sportsmanship they displayed.

At present the Company holds second position to "A" (S.) Company in the "Albuhera" Shield. There have been some disappointments in only reaching third place in hockey and rugby, though we were somewhat compensated by winning the cross-country. This event, which was run in the cooler season of November, December and January, was decided over three runs. The distance was only three miles but included swamps, hills, small mountains, jungle and five minutes smoke. But in one of the runs, which was later disallowed, many found a method of combating the topographical difficulties and the tropical climate by hopping lifts on lorries. However, in the three runs that did count "C" Company won the first two and were second in the third, thus winning the Shield with ease. Much of our success was due to the stalwarts of cross-country running, whose enthusiasm greatly helped the slower members of the Company. The first three home in each race were as follows:

*First Race*: 3, Cpl. Keefe; 4, L/Cpl. Boggis; 5, L/Cpl. Ellis.

*Second Race*: 1, L/Sergt. Roseblade; 3, L/Cpl. McCarthy; 5, Pte. Towler.

*Third Race*: 3, Pte. Wallis; 5, Pte. Mellor; 6, Pte. Thorn.

The rugger season, which opened with a flash of enthusiasm, gained many new players within the Company and reached a higher standard than previously maintained in Moascar. We had hoped to repeat our unbeaten record of Moascar, and our final position of third place came as a severe disappointment. The first league match against "B" Company was a rude shock, the Company losing by a penalty goal, 3—nil. To follow this we drew against "A" (S.) Company 3—3, which was



better but not good enough. However, a reaction set in among the players, especially the forwards, and in the next match against "H.Q." Wing we were able to win decidedly. We now had to meet "D" Company, an unbeaten team. In a game noteworthy for the vitality of the forwards, the Company won 3—nil. In this match Pte. Robinson, L/Cpl. Burrell and Pte. Izzard, who scored the try, were especially noticeable. In outside spheres the Company has had five regular Battalion players in L/Cpl. Burrell, Cpl. Robinson, Cpl. Keefe, Lieuts. Gudgeon and Hewitt. A word of thanks must be extended to Cpl. Robinson who was untiring in his enthusiasm and efforts at training the team. He is going to the 2nd Battalion and will be a great loss to us.

At hockey, the other major sport played recently, the Company were again third in the final positioning and repeated the record of the rugby XV in that they commenced badly but played well at the end and won. We had a good team which combined well but which was lacking the star performers so plentiful in other Companies. As it was L/Cpl. Watson was our only Battalion player. We shall be losing him to "H.Q." Wing shortly, which will be another great loss to the Company, especially in football.

We were very pleased for the return of Sergt. Paterson (36) from Egypt and L/Sergt. Painter from the United Kingdom. But we are extremely sorry to lose such a talented number of time-ex'ers. L/Sergt. Cladd and his cheerful disposition will be missed by all, as will also be those going home on the *Dilwara*; we wish them success in their new lives.

The Command Combined Exercise was welcomed as a break from the usual barrack routine and the amenities of "C" Camp were appreciated by all. C/Sergt. Misso was prominent in this department. Although the manning of the beaches was not extremely exciting, the numerous false alarms and approaches of "Submarine Carriers" kept most awake, especially the telephone orderlies. The hospitality afforded by the civilians was greatly appreciated, while the Singapore Volunteers are to be congratulated for the enthusiasm, for although not participating in the manoeuvres they were much "on the spot" and extremely interested in all things military.

We have been interested and highly elated by the recent reports of numerous army reforms for the purpose of encouraging

recruiting. Already the privilege of not returning to barracks until 1 a.m. has been bestowed. However, we are more attracted by the possibilities of increased pay, which will make possible the use of this privilege. A recent reform of a type has been instituted here, that is the debates. These mean that the soldier is allowed to exercise his constitutional privilege of "free speech" and air his views in public. Many of the "moans" and opinions expressed are very far from the subject of the debate, but, nevertheless, they are enlightening and highly amusing. The "Barrack-Room" Lawyer is in his element here.

Before closing we wish to congratulate 2/Lieuts. Gudgeon and Hewitt on playing for the Army Rugby XV, and L/Sergt. Roseblade in winning his fight in the Army v. Navy competition.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

The social life of the Mess has continued to flourish very well during the period of our stay here, and—marvellous to relate and contrary to all expectations—the Mess building is still standing!

Three main functions stand out in one's mind. First of all the farewell dinner and social to R.S.M. Newman, when he was the recipient of many mementos, secondly, the "Bachelors' Night" on Boxing Day, when the Celibates entertained the "Married Patds," and thirdly the farewell Medley Evening in honour of those who left on H.T. *Dilwara* on 11th March. To all of them, whether they be for Home Establishment, or civilian life, we extend our best wishes.

We understand that C/Sergt. Misso intends to purchase the splendid hotel the "Cat and Sparrow" at Little Puddington on the completion of his Colour service, and will always welcome old friends at the side door. (The hotel itself will not be open to the public for obvious reasons!)

On H.T. *Lancashire* arrived Sergt. Painter fresh (?) from six months' leave. He was immediately turned into an "education stiff," and has already left an indelible mark on his scholars!

We extend our heartiest greetings to R.S.M. H. Farrow, M.B.E., on his arrival to be our "tuan besar," and our heartfelt congratulations on his well-deserved promotion.

We have bid farewell to C.S.M. Russell, who has relieved R.S.M. Farrow on the Volunteer Force at Ipoh, and Sergt. Donovan, who has taken up a like appointment at Malacca.

Congratulations to O.R.Q.M.S. Fich on the birth of a son and heir, thus completing his "pigeon pair." (What about the "too old at 40" idea now, Bert?)

An 18-hole golf course has been laid down by the "Tiffy" around the Mess building, and is a very popular attraction.

screaming for copy, we will now ring down the curtain for another quarter.

#### RUGBY

Played 20, won 10, lost 8, drawn 2, points for 125, points against 106. This is a summary of the whole rugby season, and taking everything into consideration, it might be a lot worse.



(Photo: Straits Times, Singapore.)

#### BATTALION SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGBY TEAM Runners-up Singapore Seven-a-Side Tournament

We welcome to our fold C.S.M. Anderson, and Sergts. Bean, Northcott, and Soper. May their sojourn here be a pleasant one.

It is whispered that C.S.M. "Ben" Brockman intends purchasing the White City on his retirement in 1939 and opening the world's largest fun fair there, with Sergt. (Harry) Champion as general manager.

As the climatic conditions are beginning to take toll of your scribe, and the sub-editor is

The general standard among the boys has continued to improve, but there is still a general lack of scoring ability amongst the three-quarters in particular, throughout the Battalion. We have plenty of material amongst the forwards, and hope to see some in the Army team next season.

"D" Company won the Inter-Company League, with "A" Company runners-up, although on the whole there was little to choose



between any of the Company teams. Most of the matches developed into a stern and grim struggle between two very hard-working packs, with the three-quarters almost acting as mere spectators.

Lieut. Gudgeon is to be congratulated on regaining his place in the Army team as a centre three-quarter, and also on playing in the annual North v. South match, which draws down the curtain on the rugby season in Malaya.

We met with reasonable success in the Seven a-side Tournament, held at the S.C.C.



1st BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT D.C.O.

"C" Coy., Winners Inter-Company Team Boxing Championships, 1936-37, Singapore

Back Row—C.S.M. Thomas. L/Cpl. Bell. Pte. Newbury. Pte. Izzard. Pte. Adams. Pte. Lever.

Middle Row—L/Cpl. Ellis. Pte. Coomer. Pte. James. Lieut. Hewitt. Capt. A. V. Weller.

L/Sergt. Roseblade (Team Captain). Pte. Drake. Pte. Styles. Pte. Dowell.

Front Row—Pte. Maton. Pte. Dormer. Pte. Wise. Pte. Williams.

in January, and our "A" Team got into the semi-finals when they were beaten by the Volunteers, the eventual winners. Our "B" team also did extremely well in beating the S.C.C. "A" in the first round, and putting up a stern fight against the 9th Heavy Battery, R.A.

Results of Inter-Company League matches were as follows: "D" 6 points, "A" (S.) 5 points, "C" 5 points, "B" 3 points, "H.Q." 1 point.

The following were awarded their rugby colours for the season 1936-7: Lieuts. Powell,

Gwyn, and Beadnell, 2/Lieuts. Gudgeon and Hewitt, L/Sergts. Wadsworth, Macdowell, Bayley, and Moon, Cpls. Keefe and Robinson, L/Cpl. Burrell, Ptes. Jones, Berry and Jackson.

### BOXING

Since our last publication on this subject we have held within the Battalion a Beginners' Boxing Competition and also the Inter-Company Novices' Meeting.

In the latter Competition, we were treated to a fine Inter-Company spirit, and some quite good boxing was seen. Probably the most noticeable performers were Pte. Bell, Pte. Styles, L/Cpl. Pace and L/Cpl. Du Heume. The results were:

*Bantam-weight*: Winner, Pte. Wise ("C"); runner-up, Pte. Williams ("C").

*Feather-weight*: Winner Pte. Hughes ("D"); runner-up, Pte. Barrett ("B").

*Light-weight*: Winner, Pte. Styles ("C"); runner-up, L/Cpl. Du Heume ("D").

*Welter-weight*: Winner, Pte. Bell ("C"); runner-up, Pte. Ottley ("B").

*Middle-weight*: Winner, L/Cpl. Pace ("B"); runner-up, Pte. Harris ("A").

*Light Heavy-weight*: Winner, L/Cpl. Adams ("C"); runner-up, Pte. Palmer ("B").

Pte. Jones ("A") and Pte. Izzard ("C") entered for the fly and heavy-weights respectively, but being the only entries in those weights, did not get a fight.

The order of merit of the Companies was as follows:

1, "C" Company, 60 points and towards the "Albuhera" Shield 5 points; 2, "B" Company, 49 points, "Albuhera" Shield 4 points; 3, "A" Company, 45 points, "Albuhera" Shield 3 points; 4, "D" Company, 38 points, "Albuhera" Shield 2 points; 5, "H.Q." Wing, 0 points, "Albuhera" Shield 0 points.

The next item of interest on our programme for the season was a boxing match against The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. This took place on Monday, 21st December, in our own ring, and a large audience gathered from both units to witness what proved to be quite a high standard of boxing with many excellent fights. As the results showed, our team was sadly lacking in the heavier weights, but was very strong in the lighter ones. L/Sergt. Roseblade was sadly missed from the team. He was unable to fight owing to sickness. The result of this match was as follows:

### 1ST BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS

*Bantam-weight*: Pte. Stone beat Fus. McClay on points.

*Feather-weight*.—1st String: Pte. Noble beat Fus. Burns on points. 2nd String: Pte. Thornhill knocked out Fus. McCool in the first round.

*Light-weight*.—1st String: L/Cpl. Gribble lost to Fus. Long on points. 2nd String: Pte. Pearson lost to L/Cpl. Cooper on points. 3rd String: Pte. Head beat Fus. Dalton on points.

*Welter-weight*.—2nd String: Pte. Dowell lost to L/Sergt. Tracey on points. 3rd String: Pte. Rowntree lost to Fus. Reid on points after a close fight. 4th String: L/Cpl. Ellis beat L/Cpl. Drury on a technical knock-out in the third round.

*Middle-weight*.—1st String: Pte. Roberts lost to Fus. Hull on a technical knock-out in the second round. 2nd String: Pte. Watson lost to L/Cpl. Feulou on points. 3rd String: Pte. Cornford lost to Fus. McGilloway on a technical knock-out in the first round.

*Light Heavy-weight*.—Pte. Berry lost to Fus. Lee on points.

*Welter-weight*.—1st String: Cpl. McGrady lost to Fus. Stewart on points after a close fight.

The points scored by the two teams were as below:

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers .. 23  
1st Battalion Middlesex Regt. .. 19

The prizes were kindly given away by H.E. The General Officer Commanding.

On 21st, 22nd and 23rd January, the Inter-Company Open Boxing Competition was held. This was a good meeting, as there was a little more skill shown than in the previous meetings within the Battalion.

The winning team was "C" Company, with a total of 50 points, with "D" Company as close runners-up, with a total of 48 points.

The results were as below:

*Bantam-weight*: Winner, Pte. Smith ("A"); runner-up, Pte. Panting ("D").

*Feather-weight*.—1st String: Winner, Pte. Noble ("D"); runner-up, Pte. Murray ("A"). 2nd String: Winner, Pte. Stone ("A"); runner-up, Pte. Starkey ("B").

*Light-weight*.—1st String: Winner, Pte. Markham ("D"); runner-up, L/Cpl. Gribble ("B"). 2nd String: Pte. Head ("B"); runner-up, Pte. Geiste ("D"). 3rd String: Winner, Pte. Coomber ("C") (no entry from "D").

*Welter-weight*.—1st String: Winner, L/Cpl. Holdford ("H.Q."); runner-up, Pte. Dowell ("C") (medically unfit). 2nd String: Winner, Pte. Chacksfield ("D"); runner-up, Pte. Hobson ("H.Q."). 3rd String: Winner, L/Cpl. Bell ("C"); runner-up, Pte. Coleman ("B"). 4th String: Winner, Pte. Zelle ("H.Q."); runner-up, Pte. Lever ("C").

*Middle-weight*.—1st String: Winner, L/Sergt. Roseblade ("C"); runner-up, L/Sergt. Bayly ("A"). 2nd String: Winner, L/Cpl. Ellis ("C"); runner-up, L/Cpl. Lane ("D"). 3rd String: Winner, Pte. Rowntree ("D"); runner-up, Pte. Harris ("A").

*Light Heavy-weight*: Winner, Pte. Hutton ("B"); runner-up, Pte. Adams ("C").

*Heavy-weight*: Winner, Pte. Dean ("A"); runner-up, Pte. Cutts ("D").

The points scored by Companies were as follows:

1, "C" Company, 50 points; 2, "D" Company, 48 points; 3, "A" (S.) Company, 43 points; 4, "B" Company, 31 points; 5, "H.Q." Wing, 23 points.

Both Ptes. Berryman and Murray, who fought exceptionally good fights, received good losers' prizes.



At the time of going to press, a match for the second team is about to take place against The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers second team. The results are eagerly awaited, and we wish our team the best of luck.

Before closing, we must congratulate the following on representing the Army versus the Royal Navy in the "Lowther-Grant" Cup:

*Middle-weight (first string):* L/Sergt. Roseblade.

*Light-weight (second string):* Pte. Markham.

*Feather-weight:* Pte. Noble.

*Bantam-weight (first string):* Pte. Stone.

*Fly-weight:* Pte. Haynes.

We are about to suffer a serious loss in the boxing in the Battalion. Sergt. Roseblade is leaving us for civilian life; also Sergt. Clark. Sergt. Roseblade has, as captain of boxing, done a large amount for boxing in the Battalion, and as a trainer has produced excellent results. Sergt. Clark has spent many hours of his time in the training of the teams, and in assisting in the organisation of boxing meetings. We are also sorry to lose, only temporarily we hope, Cpl. McGrady, one of our best welter-weights. We shall miss them, and we wish them the best of luck.

We have already lost L/Cpl. Almond, who we understand intends to continue the sport in civilian life. We hope he has as much success in his new sphere as he has had in this Battalion.

We must now set about replacing these losses and our first step is to realise that boxing consists of a combination of "toughness," "brains," and "skill." We have the "toughness," there must be brains somewhere in the Battalion, now we must learn the "skill"!

#### "FAREWELL TO THE EAST"

For seven years I've been abroad, in various Eastern stations,  
Now the time has come when I return to my relations.  
And after all the sights I've seen out in these heated places,  
I'm quite content to go back home, to all the dear old faces,  
With memories of an Eastern sun and Oriental phases  
The only way I'll view the East is through my album pages.

I've walked the streets in Bethlehem, Jerus'lem  
and Old Nablus,  
I've been up to the Wailing Wall, and even to Tiberius.  
Old Jericho, the Sepulchre, the Mount of Olives, too,  
I've been inside the orange groves at Jaffa, that is true.  
And after seeing many things inside this "Holy Land,"  
I bid farewell to this fine place, to visit Pharaoh's Land.

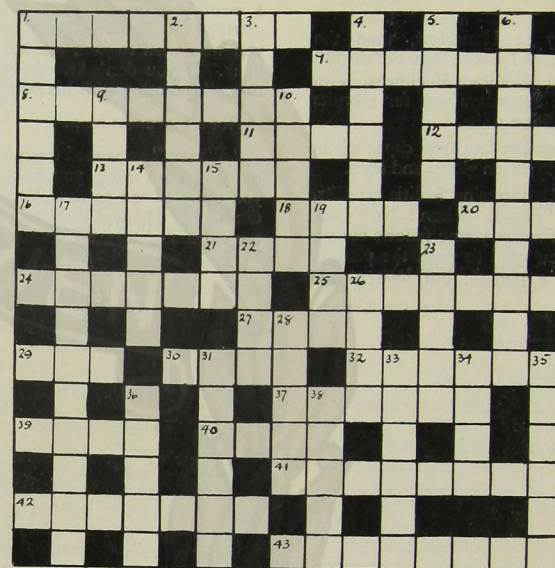
The desert sand of Egypt, oh! how I've sworn and cussed,  
How could they write such things in books, when all is filth and dust.  
The glorifying Arab, whom you see in picture books,  
When seen in close reality, a wash he needs, it looks.  
You take a walk through Cairo to view that beautiful Nile,  
But on arriving there, alas! you find it's not worth while.

To stay in Egypt just two weeks, you'll find it as in booklets,  
But do not penetrate too far inside old Egypt's secrets,  
For if you do you are sure to find it's not what you expected.  
The Egypt which you've seen in books is very well selected,  
I'll say no more about this land, I've mentioned quite enough,  
But having spent quite three years there I've seen both smooth and rough.

I waved goodbye to Egypt, and I came to Singapore,  
An island in Malaya, with a lovely coral shore,  
Where coloured birds and shady palms are beautiful to see,  
And sunsets of all colours cast reflections on the sea.  
But in spite of all its beauties I'm afraid it's not the place  
Whilst there is far more beauty in an English person's face.

A. J. NOBLE,  
"A" (S.) Company.

#### EDUCATIONAL CROSSWORD, No. 1



#### Clues Across

1. He formed the New Model Army.
7. Four in a ring, sixty in a second.
8. Defeated by Wellington on 18th June, 1815.
11. Battle honour won on 13th December, 1813.
12. French river in Maine.
13. Thirds in three and two thirds.
16. Defeated at Dunkirk in 1588.
18. Everybody has a family one.
20. Often found in wells.
21. P.T. makes a recruit so.
24. Start of a childhood, 9 down.
25. Never make your work this.
27. The date is mixed up.
29. City of Cambridgeshire.
30. Part of a triangle.
32. The children of this walked across a sea.
37. A Malay State.
39. Nelson defeated the French here.
40. Port of call on the all red route.
41. Famous Cornish landmark.
42. Not the favourable type of criticism.
3. Every man is when he enlists.

#### Clues Down

1. A Self-Governing Dominion.
2. China was this for protection.
3. Second half of a Crown Colony.
4. Descriptive of winter in Quebec.
5. The author of Rodney Stone.
6. Turkish town situated on the River Maritza.
9. A metrical composition.
10. The Battle of Sevastopol, September . . . 1855.
14. River in the Irish Free State.
15. River in Transvaal.
17. Town in the Punjab.
19. The remainder.
22. Common word in the history of the Empire, meaning, to give way.
23. Scottish county or town.
26. The first murderer.
28. What they do to bad schoolboys.
31. Where Clive defeated the French in 1757.
33. A topographical feature.
35. What Wolfe first did at Quebec.
36. The ——— Year's War.
38. Pass into law.

(The solution will appear in our next issue.—EDITOR.)



## NOT A MOVE!

(From the "Bromley and West Kent Mercury")

IT was in 1857 at Hounslow, then the 7th/57th Regimental District Depot of the 7th Royal Fusiliers and Middlesex Regiment. Two o'clock parade on Saturdays was for recruits for Regular and Militia units.

Dress: red coats, Glengarry caps, 4½ in. ribbons, clean white cotton gloves and stick.

Sergeant-Major, addressing Militia recruits, 100 in number: "Parade! Shun! Now I see a great number of smart young fellows among you. Some of you used to push the plough. I used to push a plough, but look at me now.

I'm Sergeant-Major. Next year I am going to pension, 5s. a day for life. Now you can all be Sergeant-Majors and get 5s. a day pension. I want you boys to join my regiment, the glorious old diehards, the 57th Foot. Any of you who wish to join, fall out on the reverse flank. If you don't know where that is, over there" (pointing with his stick to that place).

Not a move was seen.

"What?" exclaimed the S.M. "You coarse lump of pipe clay; you filthy militia germs; you scum of the earth! Form fours, right—double!" He kept them at it till they became too exhausted to carry on any further!

W. H. CLARK,  
43, Lenthorp Road, S.E.10.



IT was with the deepest regret that the Battalion learnt of the death of one of their former Commanding Officers, Brig.-General A. A. Garstin, at his home at Guildford. He was one who was always immensely proud of his old Regiment, and although for the last few years he was unable to travel, his intense interest in anything to do with the Regiment remained to the end. By his death the Regiment have lost a distinguished soldier and a grand old gentleman.

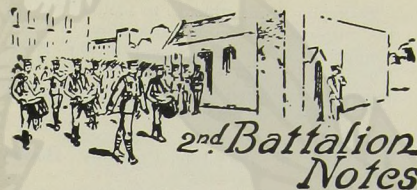
As I write these notes the Coronation and all that goes with it is rapidly obscuring the horizon, and by the time this is in print it will dominate everything. The Battalion are sending a party of seven rank and file under the command of Capt. Gordon, to take part in the procession, while another party, under Major Procter, will be lining the streets about Grosvenor Gate. Lieut. Ormiston will carry the Colours. The Band will be stationed near Marble Arch. It is hoped that the next issue will contain many sidelights on this historic occasion.

Perhaps the event which concerns us as much as anything at the moment is the arrival of another 42 trucks, our first big step towards complete mechanisation. The problem is where to put them all, for it is just as if someone had got a "jack pot" in trucks, on a fruit machine. We go to Warminster about 19th July for five weeks' camp, and then to Shaftesbury for Higher Training.

Once again the Battalion is split up. At the moment "A" and "C" Companies are at Fort Gomer firing and carrying out Platoon Training, and it will be July before the Battalion are together again.

Lieut.-Colonel Bucknall has left us to take up his appointment at the R.M.C. Kingston. We are very sorry, indeed, to lose him, and wish him the very best of luck. We are very glad to have Major Newnham back with us again after his spell in Palestine.

Lieut. Batten took the last Staff College examination, and although it is rather late to wish him luck now, we sincerely hope that he



will be as successful as his efforts deserve. Capt. Wray and Lieuts. Willoughby and Porter have just taken their promotion examination, and we sincerely hope they are successful too.

Turning to sports. The triumph of the winter is that Lieut. Unwin got his cap for England against Scotland, and furthermore scored the first try. Congratulations indeed.

The soccer season is now over, and we congratulate Cpl. Delaney, L/Cpl. Vanner, and Bdmn. Phipps, on being selected to represent the Army in several matches.

When this issue is published the athletic season will be in full swing, and we are looking forward to a really successful season. With plenty of talent and with the help of that well-known coach and Olympic runner, Mr. Natan, we should go far.

## "A" COMPANY

Since the last issue of this Journal the much talked about change over has taken place, and we now have to regard ourselves as a Machine Gun Company. Training in the finer points of M.G. and range-taking is now occupying us daily, and we feel confident that we shall perform creditably at Fort Gomer when we go there for our Annual Machine Gun Course and Company Training.

Whilst on the subject of M.G., let us welcome to the Company those N.C.O.s and men of "C" and other Companies, who have been transferred to us to give us a start in our new role. Among these are L/Sergt. Gatehouse, Cpls. Cummins (returned to the fold), Knights, and Read, L/Cpls. Stebbings, Islip, and White.

In order to discover any hidden football talent, a "Rabbits" League was formed, but so far, with the exception of 2/Lieut. Man, who has since played for the Battalion, nothing startling has eventuated. We met with varying success in our games in this League, having won one, lost one, and drawn one. In the Inter-Company Knock-out we defeated "B," but had to bow down to "G," who thus had the satisfaction of defeating the holders.

As usual we managed to put up a good show in the Hockey Tournament. We beat "D" Company, but lost to "C" in the final.

The first success that we have to record, however, is winning the "Scissors" Cup. Our Open Boxing Team, consisting in the main part of novices, defeated "C" in the final by one point. Most of our team had done very little training, and our win this year bodes well for our future success in this branch of



sport. Our Novices' Team were beaten earlier by "G," who seem to be our bogey, but our success in the Open should also encourage our hidden talent for next time. Our thanks go to Sergt. Harper and Cpl. Wray, who did much good work in getting a team together and in arousing enthusiasm. Cpl. Wray and Pte. Chapman (96), have represented the Battalion, and L/Cpl. Llewellyn, and Ptes. Piggott, Tyler, and Pacey, have fought as novices.

In the Miniature Rifle League we were runners-up, and judging by our scores in the latter part of the competition, we bid fair to do even better next year.

We have to be awarded the wooden spoon in the cross-country running, finishing last in two runs.

During the last quarter L/Cpls. Taylor (94), Thomas, Llewellyn, and Johns, received their first "tape." We congratulate them, and hope that they will not have too long to wait for their pay.

C.Q.M.S. Franklin has left us for the Depot, and to him, and to our new "quarter-bloke," C/Sergt. Colbourne, we wish all success.

#### "B" COMPANY

As for last quarter, we have not a great deal of material to build our notes on, owing chiefly to M.G. and M.T. Training still being in full swing, also to it being the wrong time of the year for anything really interesting to happen. However, we will do our best and chance what the critics say.

Although we have not been officially notified, we won the first series of the Potted Sports, and in view of the present lack of good material this is a good effort, and should encourage members of the Company to redouble their efforts and get better results next time, and to remember that anybody can be beaten, however good they are—so go to it "B" Company.

On 20th and 21st April a Novices' Athletic Meeting is to be held, and we hope to find some hidden talent in the various events that are being held. The results of our efforts will be notified in the next edition of the Journal—good ones, we hope. A week later we have the Company Sports Meeting on 27th and 28th. This is in the way of being a try-out for the Battalion Sports Meeting, which is being held on 4th and 5th May.

Switching from athletics to football we had the misfortune of being knocked out by "A" Company in the first round of the Inter-Company Football Knock-out by 3—1. Our team put up a good fight, but had to give way to a bigger and better team.

We went under to the same score to "D" Company in the Inter-Company Hockey Knock-out.

We improved a great deal in the Inter-Company Novices' Boxing Competition, and lost again to "D" Company by the score of 14—11, and although the boxing was not of a high standard, the spirit was there and some close fights were witnessed.

In the Inter-Company Open we did not fare so well, losing to "C" Company by 17—9. Pte. Lynch was our only winner and he put up an excellent fight. L/Cpl. Hudson was selected to represent the Battalion in the "Girdwood" Cup Competition, which the Battalion won again this year. He won his weight, and was clearly superior to his opponent at all times throughout the fight.

Ptes. Murr, Clifford, and Coleman (93), have frequently represented the Battalion at cross-country running this year. This is a sport where we could do with some further entries to take the place of the people who have "packed up."

Before we leave the sporting side of these notes, it is interesting to note that "B" Company won the "Rabbits" Football League. Well done the "Rabbits."

We have Cpls. Trotabas and Clarke on M.T. and Gas Courses, and hope to see them back here shortly bursting with knowledge and good results. Here's wishing them the best of luck.

In the arrival and departure department we said au revoir to the draft on 5th February. They have, no doubt, settled down to their new home in Singapore, and we hope that the country and the climate are to their liking; the climate at least must be a welcome change to the weather we have been having in "Pompey" of late.

We have also said farewell for a time to Cpl. Bint, who has left us for a tour at the Depot. We wish him the best of luck in his new home. Finally, we welcome all N.C.O.s and men who have come to us from other Companies as a result of the re-organization of the Battalion, and hope that they will pull their weight in all branches of soldiering and have a happy time with us.

We hope that in the next issue we shall have more to tell than we have had this time. We are approaching the Musketry, M.G., and Collective Training season, and Camp, and better weather, we hope, and these in themselves gives the busy scribe something else to think about.

#### "C" COMPANY

From 1929 to 1937 we have passed through varying stages, from "C" to "M.G." to "S" and now back to "C" again. This is, we feel sure, only an outward and visible sign, and although we are now one of three M.G. Companies, there is every reason to hope that the high standard of the Company in matters military and sporting will be maintained, even if we have to fight harder.

Following the example of a well-known columnist in a leading daily, we assert that

#### THESE NAMES MAKE NEWS

Cpl. Delaney and L/Cpl. Vanner have represented the Army at football, the former against the Spartan League, the latter against the Corinthians, and both against the Air Force and Navy. Cpl. Delaney has also played for Hants. and the U.S. League, while it was his play for the U.S. League which gained L/Cpl. Vanner his place in the Army side.

Cpl. Day, Ptes. Baggs, Merton, and Gosling, have gained their Battalion Colours for cross-country running, and Ptes. Pearson and Evans have also run for the team. Pearson, being a rugby player as well, is rather unlucky in falling between two stools, but he appears to be running better and better, and we shall hope to see him in the athletic team.

L/Cpls. Stanton and Morley, Ptes. Connor and Grogan (until his jaw got the worst of an argument with the floor against The Green Howards), have boxed regularly for the Battalion.

Pte. Hunter and, since re-organisation brought them to the Company, we shall claim the added lustre, Sergt. Kemp and L/Sergt. Day have been members of the hockey team.

Lastly, in the sporting line, Lieut. Unwin has played for England at rugby, and had the honour of scoring the first try in the "Calcutta" Cup match, while Lieut. Beath has captained the Battalion XV in a very successful season, in addition to gaining a big name in U.S. rugby circles by his play this season.

Cpl. Day has added further lustre to the name of the Company (and incidentally, to his

own), by gaining a "D" at the Gas School. Congratulations, "Toff."

Pte. Kennedy, although he only joined the Company in January, and consequently had little of that "own time" in which to prepare took all subjects in the recent 1st Class Examination. If he gets it, as we hope, he can, indeed, say, "Alone I did it."

To all those previously mentioned in other issues, and to those named above, and many unnamed, who have contributed so largely to the fair name of the Company, we tender sincere and grateful congratulations.

#### BATTALION COMPETITIONS

In order to avoid monotonous repetition of well-worn words and phrases, we have tabulated a list of successes gained by the Company in the current season with the names of those who represented the Company.

*Football*: Winners Inter-Company Knock-out.

Team: Pte. Barnes; L/Cpl. Morley, Pte. Wood; L/Cpl. Clenshaw, L/Cpl. Weller, L/Cpl. Vanner; L/Cpl. Rouse (Pte. Aslin), Pte. Lowton, Cpl. Delaney, L/Sergt. Makewell, Pte. Baker.

*Cross-Country*: Winners both runs.

Team: Lieuts. Porter and Beath, Cpl. Day, L/Cpls. Weller, Nicholls, Morley, Stanton, Stebbing, and Clenshaw, Ptes. Merton, Gosling, Pearson, Clark (68), Rogers, Critcher, Lowton, Summerfield, and Marsh.

*Hockey*: Winners Inter-Company Knock-out.

Team: Pte. Connor; L/Sergt. Makewell, Pte. Hunter; L/Cpl. Samuels, L/Cpl. Robinson, Pte. Barnes; Lieut. Porter, Sergt. Kemp, Cpl. Delaney, Major Procter (Lieut. Beath), L/Sergt. Day.

*Boxing*: Winners Inter-Company Novices.

Team: L/Cpls. Islip, Rouse, and Vanner, Ptes. Brimson, Harvey, Gedge, Barnes, Ayriess, Sillwood, and Monk.

Individuals: Bantam winner, Pte. Evans. Feather winner, Pte. Harvey.

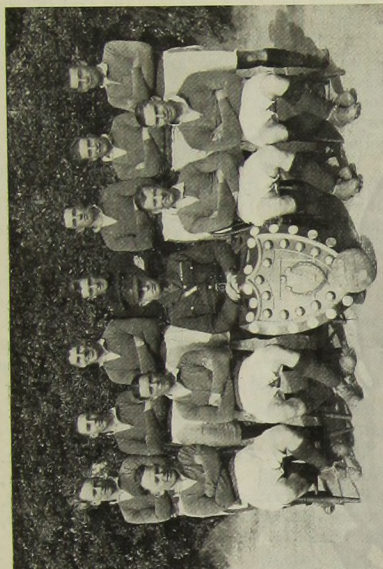
Runners-up Open Inter-Company.

Team: Cpl. Delaney, L/Cpls. Vanner, and Morley, Ptes. Brimson, Gosling, Connor, Harvey, Barnes, Lowton, Frenchum, Sillwood, and Ayriess.

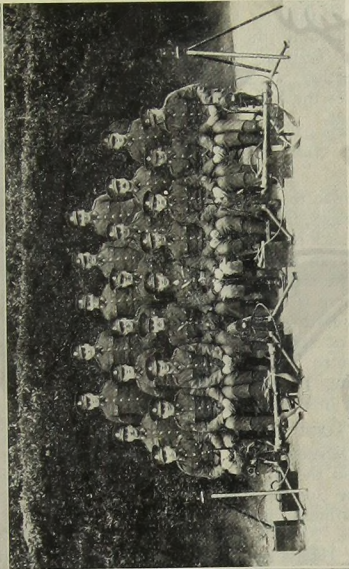
#### COMPANY COMPETITIONS

The Inter-Platoon hockey was won by No. 12 Platoon, and the cross-country by No. 10 Platoon.

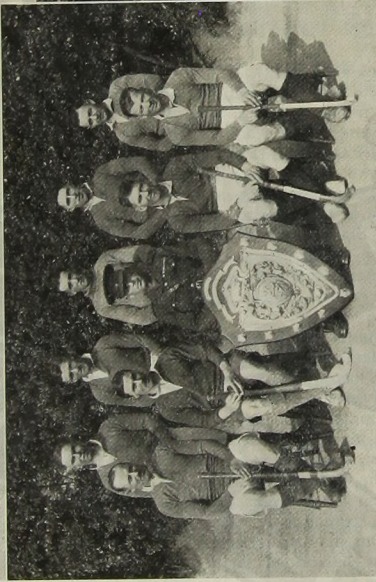
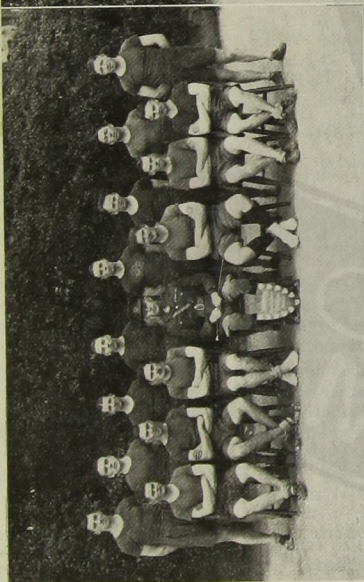




INTER-COMPANY FOOTBALL WINNERS  
A.R.A. CONTROL CUP. 4th IN ARMY



INTER-COMPANY CROSS-COUNTRY WINNERS  
INTER-COMPANY HOCKEY WINNERS



We should like to point out that in the re-organisation No. 9 Platoon is now a "B" Company number and our numbers are 10, 11, and 12.

#### GENERAL

We have said goodbye to a number of members of "C" (S.) Company in this process of re-organisation. To "A" Company have gone L/Sergt. Gatehouse, Cpl. Cumming, L/Cpls. Islip, Stebbing, White, Ptes. Theed, Fenn, Monk. "B" Company have taken Cpl. Soden, L/Cpls. Bignell, Sheen, Williams, and Ptes. Hall and Marsh, whilst "D" Company removed Sergt. Scott, L/Cpl. Nicholls, and Ptes. Firth and Hickey. It would be an impossible task to comment on this list at length, and invidious to do so in individual cases.

Early in the year we were joined by Badajos Squad from the Depot, and are pleased to note that already several of them have earned distinction in various lines. In the turnover we received several N.C.O.s from other Companies, a cook from "A" Company, and a straight flush of G.s from "D."

The draft to the 1st Battalion took seven of the Company.

To them all we extend our best wishes, whether they be young or old soldiers, senior or junior. We miss those who have left us, and are very pleased to see those who have joined the Company.

We have already said that individual mention would be invidious, but we cannot leave the subject of comings and goings without bemoaning the loss of Lieut. Willoughby. Apart from his own success in winning the Army 440 Yards championship, his enthusiasm did much to lead on others to keenness and success in athletics, and as captain of the A.R.A. Control Cup team, he was responsible for the very excellent Indirect and Night Shoots, which brought us into fourth place for that cup. He has gone to "B" Company, and is doubtless at present planning a super "B" Company athletic team. Well, good luck to you.

The Company Commander, C.S.M., and C.Q.M.S., with 25 others from the Company, have been selected to form part of the detachment found by the Battalion for the Coronation.

Visions of eggs, saffron cakes, simnel cakes, hot cross buns, and other Easter good things are passing before our tired eyes. The Easter break is here and with that beatific thought we will close, wishing ourselves a plenitude of happy and joyful happenings.

#### "D" COMPANY

We are now in the throes of re-organisation and this Company is the Anti-Tank Company. At present it is more in theory than in fact, as we have yet to receive the anti-tank guns, but we are given to understand that they are on their way. When they arrive we shall be able to class ourselves as pukha gunners and raise our noses at such minute things as machine gunners. We are looking forward to being raised to the aristocracy.

The Company is rather small at present, as we have transferred a good number of N.C.O.s and men to other Companies to bring them up to establishment. We take this opportunity of expressing our regret at losing the N.C.O.s, a number of whom have been with us for some time, but it could not be helped as we had to part with some and those who are retained are nearly all Anti-Tank Gun Instructors.

It must be taken into consideration that our Company strength is only just over half that of other Companies, and we lost some good talent on the "change over"; in spite of this we have a star performer at boxing in the Battalion. Pte. Teasdale won his weight in the Southern Command Championships and was runner-up in the Army Championships. He is young and should go far. We have several good boxers in the Company and as they are still very young, we are looking forward to having a good boxing team in the future. In the "Scissors" Cup we beat "B" Company but lost to "C" Company who won the competition. We had several men representing the Battalion in the "Girdwood" Cup which the Battalion won for the second year in succession after some very hard fights. We take this opportunity of congratulating our members of the Battalion team.

In hockey we reached the semi-final of the Inter-Company Knock-out, being beaten by "A" Company, 3—1.

We congratulate Pte. Kent on becoming a regular rugby player for the Portsmouth United Services Club, we also understand that he is a "wow" in tails. He has also represented the Army on one or two occasions.

If anyone needs a first class (?) chauffeur, we recommend our C.S.M. or C.Q.M.S., but we warn you to treble your life insurance policy. No wonder Sir Malcolm Campbell has given up motor racing, he must have seen our drivers.

We welcome Sergt. Smith from the 1st Battalion and L/Cpl. Harris from a tour of duty at the Regimental Depot. We are very sorry to lose Sergt. Wilson, L/Cpl. Hockley and



Pte. Bennett who have left us for the Depot. We congratulate Sergt. R. Smith on his increase in family and remind him that the old song "First a girl and then a boy" does not go any further.

### BAND

Well, here we are again attempting to use a space in the Journal. The Director of Music's Inspection was held on 5th February, and we are glad to say that in spite of many changes, we still maintained a respectable name.

In the soccer tournament we were opposed to "C" Company in the semi-final and lost by a solitary goal, that, unfortunately, being a penalty. We cannot pass without commenting on the fine play of L/Cpl. Riseley and Bdmn. Phipps in this match, and it was really these two players that kept our side from being defeated by a larger margin. We also lost to "C" Company at hockey—again by an odd goal—and at boxing. Our congratulations to L/Cpl. Riseley and Bdmn. Phipps in being awarded their "colours" at soccer, also to Bdmn. Caney for cross-country running. Further bouquets are due to Bdmn. Phipps who was chosen to play for the Army v. the R.A.F., the Belgian Army, and the Navy, and has been chosen for a return match with the Belgian Army at Brussels.

We have just finished firing our Annual Weapon Training Course having experienced very wintry weather, in spite of which we were at "Home on the Range" having a picnic in the snow. Therefore, in the future we will hear someone say, "I remember firing my course in the snow when I was young."

We shall be taking part in the Coronation, which will be an interesting experience and one to remember in years to come.

Bdmn. Hills has left us for Vocational Training and we wish him the best of luck on his return to civilian life.

Our number of Boys was diminished when Smith, McNaughton, and Davis recently came on their service, and we wish them every success in the future.

In conclusion we would convey our good wishes to old members in the 1st Battalion and hope they are now comfortably settled down.

CODA.

### BOYS

Our most important item in these notes is to inform our readers that we completed our success in the Army Cup by losing 3—0 to the boys of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, played at Tidworth. We were very unfortunate in having to do without the services of Boy Minchin our promising goalkeeper, who, at the time was in hospital suffering from 'flu. Streat took up his position and played a very satisfactory game.

While on the subject of sport we would like to take this opportunity of congratulating our four boys, Fellowes, Bolan, Gregory, and Davies, who represented the Battalion in the "Girdwood" Cup, also the Novices team against the R.A.O.C. at Hillsea.

We are sorry to inform our readers that three of our numbers have left us to join the ranks, namely Smith, McNaughton and Davies, but we have been strengthened by two "locals," Pugh and Lovell by name. We understand that we are getting quite a number of boys joining us.

We almost forgot to mention that our nine boys of the 1st Battalion left us on 5th February to sail on the *Wilwara* for the "Promised Land"—Singapore.

We shall soon be taking up the bat and stumps as another cricket season will soon be here, but we still have a few football matches to play off, therefore we stand a big chance of reaching the top of the league.

Before closing we send our kindest regards to the boys of the 1st Battalion.

YOUNG HAND.

### DRUMS

Last time we tendered our notes we were due to go on annual furlough, and once again we are first to proceed on our easter leave.

Since last writing there have been various competitions in which the Drums have been well-represented.

In the Inter-Cross-Country Run we supplied a good percentage of "Q" team and finished third, which is an improvement on our last showing.

In the Company Football Knock-out we lost to "C" Company in the final, 3—1, after a fine game. In the hockey Knock-out we lost in the semi-final to the same Company, who went on to win the final.

L/Cpl. Tarr, Dmr. Ceaton, and Dmr. Redding, now represent us in the Battalion

cross-country team and we offer them our congratulations.

At boxing we have had a good season, several of the Drums representing the Company in the open and novices teams. L/Cpls. Tarr and Burchell also fought against the R.A.O.C. at Hillsea, the first named winning his weight.

We are shortly to start intensive M.G. Training and to proceed to Fort Gomer at a later date. Congratulations to Cpl. Carpenter on the birth of a daughter.

We welcome Dmr. Streat from the Boys, who now "smokes" with the greatest of ease.

Three of our number have just completed a Battalion Course in Driving and Maintenance, and we now look forward to some nice long rides in the forthcoming training season.

Dmr. Brew has now completed his Vocational Course and has packed his bags for "Civvy Street," and we wish him all the best for the future.

Before closing we wish all Drummers of the 1st Battalion the best of luck.

BUNGO.

### SIGNALS

At the time of writing these notes we are firing our Annual Weapon Training Course. "Nothing funny about that" you will say, but then you are not here. All we lack is a few huskies and sledges to resemble the Frozen North, in as much as we are snowed up.

The conditions for firing are abnormal, but in spite of blizzards and other arctic whatnots, we are having a large number of "A."s on the M.G. I use "having" in the broader sense.

Seven of us, efficient machine gunners, revolverers, riflers, and mortarers, are training for smash and grabbers, and are taking a correspondence course by some ex-convict (a blood relation of Potter's, I believe). I see a crime wave over London very soon.

Classification falls on 22nd and 23rd June this year, so we have heaps of time to shine up our dots and dashes.

We congratulate L/Sergt. Sargeant on his appointment as manager and hope the old firm flourishes under his guidance.

Until next time we wish our hosts of fans and admirers the very best, and the blokes in Singapore, lots of fun.

DOTS.

### EMPLOYED GROUP

The recent changes in the Battalion have affected us but little. Like Tennyson's "Brook" we go merrily on as if nothing has happened. We have not been idle, having become, since the last Journal, fully fledged gunners, and well versed in the deeper mysteries of mechanisation. Of this M.T. a few remarks are necessary. Our (once) fair inner quadrangle is becoming daily more and more like a ploughed field; the ultimate object, I am told, is to raise a crop of mangle-wurzles. The sight of our W.O.s burning up the roads along Southsea Front is truly remarkable, and a certain senior Sergeant is reported to have got his spurs tangled in the controls.

### SPORT

All this activity has left us little time for sport. We have to record that we were only prevented from winning the football by "C," and that we managed to keep up our reputation at boxing, thanks largely to Pte. Tyler.

We should like to take this opportunity of congratulating the following on winning their Colours for this season.

Football: C/Sergt. Deane and Pte. Cross-thwaite.

Rugby: Cpl. Marshall.

Hockey: L/Sergt. Wright, Cpl. Etheridge, and L/Cpl. Baker.

Boxing: Pte. Tyler.

### BREVITIES

Sergt. Whitcombe has left us for duty, leaving L/Sergt. Riches in full possession of the Guard Room. Good luck, both of you. Two of our "coppers" have risen to the dizzy height of U/Lance-Corporal (Eyles and Papworth). Keep it up, boys. L/Cpl. Baker and Pte. Breen have joined the ranks of the married "pads." Congratulations to you both. We leave our loudest applause until last for Ptes. Baxter, Bennett, and Staveley, on becoming proud fathers.

SPARKING PLUG.

### SERGEANTS' MESS

Much has happened since our last notes. The Battalion leave period has passed and is forgotten, and we are getting well on into the Training season with its rumours, which have by this time developed into almost confirmed certainties, of camps here and there with possibilities of, nearly, unlimited mechanical transport to help us on our way.



There are quite a few casualties to report, as usual, and as a passing thought in this connection it is surprising to note the number of changes that *do* occur in the members of the Mess in a single quarter, as recorded in our notes from time to time.

Our chief loss is C.Q.M.S. Franklin, who has left us for the Depot. We miss him greatly and should like to place on record now our great appreciation for all he did for the Mess during his time with us. There is no doubt at all that his presence in the Mess at any social gathering was a great tonic, in other words he was the life and soul of the party. We can only wish him the best of luck at the Depot, and hope that his natural entertainment talents find plenty of scope there as they did here, and are not allowed to rust.

We wish C.Q.M.S. Hills the best of luck in civilian life—he was a member of the Mess for many years before he proceeded to the Regimental Depot. (We believe we are right in saying he was one of the “originals” who left Home with the Battalion in 1919).

Sergt. Bean has proceeded to the 1st Battalion at Singapore, and Sergt. Wilson for a tour of duty at the Depot. Good luck to them both. We extend a hearty welcome back to the Mess to Sergt. Kemp, from the Depot, and are pleased to have with us Sergt. Smith from the 1st Battalion. (Just another “Smiff” to swell the roll of same. We are finding it necessary to classify our collection of “Smiffs” in the Mess—“Busty,” “M.T.” and otherwise).

Our heartiest congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Colbourne on his promotion to Colour-Sergeant. C.Q.M.S. Colbourne is also one of the “1919 originals” who has, of necessity, had to leave us from time to time, but who has now, we hope, permanently returned to the fold, and we are very pleased to see his familiar face with us again, especially with the crown in addition to his chevrons.

Our congratulations also to Sergts. Brett and Maloney on their promotion to full rank; L/Sergt. Sargeant on his entry to the Mess as Signal Sergeant; and L/Sergt. Elcome.

The only remaining congratulations to record are increases in family, to wit: C.S.M. Jones, a daughter in November last; Sergt. R. Smith (“Busty”), a son in February last.

We notice we have got to be pestered with that quacking animal “Donald” for another year. Well, well, Donald, the best of luck to you, and we shall always be pleased to have you with us for as long as you can wangle it.

The Mess will be very well represented at the Coronation of H.M. King George VI, and the following is the full list of members taking part.

*In the Procession:* R.S.M. Ward, M.M., C.S.M. Parsler, Sergt. Nash.

*Processional Route (Band):* B.M. Dennis, Sergt. Jennings.

*Street Lining:* C.Q.M.S. Sheriff, C.Q.M.S. Colbourne, Sergt. Kennett, Sergt. Boen, Sergt. Kemp, L/Sergt. Overy.

With the advent of the Battalion’s mechanical transport, we are all becoming mechanically minded; very much so. The following are, to date, the permanent members of the M.T. Staff, and their chief delight appears to be either burrowing under their respective trucks and getting themselves delightfully smothered in grease, or hectoring less experienced drivers under training (particularly us) on the horrors of “gear clashing” and certain divers technical matters: Sergts. Smith (M.T.), Scott, Hows, and Cooper.

The R.S.M., R.Q.M.S., and C.S.M.s have already had a period of training, and are now fully qualified drivers, complete with full licence, and the Bandmaster, Orderly Room Colour-Sergeant, and C.Q.M. Sergeants are at present undergoing their Course and will pass out shortly. It is great fun, and extraordinary keenness has been shown by all of us who have been, or are being put through, the Course. As a matter of fact it is very hard for us to leave it alone, even though we have finished the Course, and Sergt. Smith will soon have to invent a series of answers to the many requests for a drive he is getting. Our percentage of accidents has been very low, in fact, apart from the R.S.M. making a manly endeavour to knock down a tin shed and the R.Q.M.S. trying hard to definitely “pass out” by ditching his truck (after, by the by, he had passed out the driving test), they have been nil.

We have also been busy on the social side, and have had two dances since our last notes, both of which have been very successful and well attended.

We played the Corporals at billiards on 16th March, in their Club, and got rather badly trounced.

And that appears to be all for this time.

#### CORPORALS’ CLUB

After a long break we again enter into print with an apology for our lack of material in the past.

Since our return in January from annual leave we have had much pleasure in entertaining friends from the other sphere of life (civilians).

We commenced with a dance on 5th February which was a great success, and has been followed by one on the last Friday of each month since.

On 10th February we were invited out to the Junior N.C.O.s Club 57th A.A. (Wessex) Brigade, R.A. (T.A.), to an evening “At Home,” and returned with flying colours, after whitewashing our opponents at billiards, snooker, and darts.

We returned this invitation by entertaining them on 10th March, when once again we had the good fortune of still retaining our laurels.

On 16th March we entertained the members of the Sergeants’ Mess to a billiards match, and the result was as follows:

Corporals		Sergeants	
Cpl. Griffiths	.. 100	C/Sergt. Colbourne	52
L/Cpl. Jarvis	.. 100	Sergt. Maloney	64
L/Cpl. Riseley	.. 86	Sergt. Bond	100
L/Cpl. McKay	.. 100	Sergt. Whitcombe	71
L/Cpl. Jennings	.. 100	L/Sergt. Riches	68
Cpl. Read	.. 100	S/Sergt. Stally	82
Total ..	586	Total ..	437

Our congratulations to Cpls. Soden and Carpenter on the addition to their families of a daughter, and to L/Cpl. Sheen, a son, also we congratulate Cpl. Day on obtaining a “D” on his Anti-Gas Course.

We are sorry to lose Cpl. Bint and L/Cpl. Hockley on their being posted to the Depot, and welcome L/Cpl. Harris on his return.

We hope that L/Sergt. Elcome and L/Sergt. Sargeant enjoy the fruits of their promotion to the higher sphere.

In conclusion we extend our hearty greetings to our comrades abroad.

E. J. S.

#### RUGBY

Undoubtedly the most outstanding piece of news since Christmas as far as rugby is concerned, is that Lieut. E. J. Unwin has been awarded his English International rugby cap, and was chosen to represent the country in the “Calcutta” Cup versus Scotland at Murrayfield.

Lieut. Unwin has for three seasons played in all or nearly all the International trial matches, and has over the same period been chosen as reserve in all the International

matches. Last summer he visited the Argentine with the Rugby Union touring side, and distinguished himself throughout the tour. In the face of this very fine record it is astonishing that the English Selectors have not chosen him before to represent the country, and his display in the “Calcutta” Cup match must, I am sure, have made them wish they had done so.

We would like to congratulate Lieut. Unwin on achieving International honours, and are confident that he will feature in many more International matches before his playing days are finished.

Regimental rugby has suffered considerably from the bad weather since Christmas. We have had four 1st XV matches and three 2nd XV matches scratched, and twice when the ground was fit the opponents were unable to raise a side. We have, however, played two 1st XV matches and one 2nd XV match.

We lost to H.M.S. *Dolphin* by 14 points to 6, although the score sounds large, it was only in the last few minutes that the Navy side got on top. We are looking forward to a return fixture next year, as the team we fielded that day was very much weakened by lack of 1st XV players. Our return match versus the Royal Engineers, at Gosport, was again a comfortable victory for us by 16 points to 5, although we were again below full strength.

The “A” XV were successful versus R.A.F., Lee-on-Solent, by 6 points to nil.

This year we have had a number of good individual performances outside Regimental rugby.

Lieut. Unwin has during the season represented England, the Army, Eastern Counties, and United Services.

Lieut. Beath has represented the Army for one game and a trial game, Hampshire and United Services.

Pte. Kent has played in several trial matches for the Army, and latterly has been representing the United Services.

L/Cpl. Rawlinson has represented the Army in one game, and has played in Army trial games. He has played regularly for the United Services “A” with several matches for the 1st XV.

No account of Regimental rugby is complete without mention of Cpl. Marshall, who, although the veteran of our side by several years, has been playing excellent rugby throughout the season. Pte. Short has been playing with great determination throughout



the season, while Pte. Cronin, if he continues to improve, may well get within striking distance of first-class rugby.

Among the newcomers to Regimental rugby are L/Cpls. Stebbing and Jennings, who have been making up for their lack of experience in the game by tremendous enthusiasm.

It will be remembered that last year we only just failed to carry off the Hampshire Seven A-side Tournament at Bournemouth, losing, after extra time, to our old enemies, the 5th Battalion R.T.C. This year we have entered again and hope to succeed where last year we failed.

A record of this season's rugby to date is:

	P	W	L	D	Points F	A
1st XV ..	15	11	3	1	152	73
2nd XV ..	7	3	4	—	28	48

#### FOOTBALL

Since our last notes the success we wished for did not materialise, as we failed to get into the final of any cup competition. The team as a whole played better in the first half of the season than in the second half.

The ups and downs of the team can be easily seen when we met H.M.S. *Victory*, a team which had not been beaten by any first division team, and beat them by 3—1 on their own ground, and a fortnight afterwards we played them on our ground and lost 7—0 with exactly the same team.

In our league matches we commenced by playing H.M.S. *Dolphin*, and beat them 10—0. It can be seen that this is a weak team, as in the first half of the season we beat them by 11 clear goals.

In the fourth round of the Hampshire Senior Cup, on proper form we should have beaten Basingstoke, our opponents, but here again the team played badly in the second half, and lost 6—2 after leading by 2—1.

The team that beat us in the Army Cup (The Rifle Brigade), again beat us 5—1 on our own ground. It seems that at this period the team suffered from an inferiority complex. Then we visited The Queen's Regiment in the Isle of Wight, and after a thrilling game beat them 3—2.

It is not comprehensible that during this period of the season we were beaten by so many clear goals and that we have had the heaviest defeat since our return from abroad. In the semi-final of the Portsmouth Senior Cup we lost to the Portsmouth Trams by 8—2.

Immediately after this we played H.M.S. *Excellent* in the league and lost 6—1 on our own ground. This time last year we played them on their ground and they just managed to beat us by 2—1. In the league again we managed to beat the R.A.O.C. by 7—1. This team also is very weak. Next we met H.M.S. *Vernon* and just managed to win 4—3. We had beaten this team earlier in the season by 4—1.

We travelled to Gosport to play the R.A.F., a team that we beat 5—1 on their own ground in the United Services Challenge Cup. In this



Bdsm. H. Phipps, Cpl. L. Delaney, L/c F. Vanner

match we lost 3—1. Our last match to date was with The Queen's Regiment, and after starting very poorly, the team played excellent football in the second half and beat them 3—2.

As was said in the last notes, the second team was not doing very well owing to lack of talent. It is just the same at present. We do not seem to be able to get the talent required for building up good youngsters for the first team.

The following is a summary of the games played since the last notes:

	Goals For	Against
Played	15	7
Won	6	2
Lost	48	49

Leading goal scorers are: Cpl. Delaney 21 (making a total for the season of 54), Pte. Stagg 10 (making a total of 25), Pte. Lowton 11 (making a total of 18).

As for individuals we have been honoured very greatly. Cpl. Delaney has played several times for Hampshire. Bdmn. Phipps has played for the Army several times. Both these players and L/Cpl. Vanner have played twice for the United Services League against the Aldershot Command, and now, best of all, these three players are in the Army team and have played against the Royal Air Force, Corinthians, are due to play against the Royal Navy, and are proceeding to Brussels to play against the Belgian Army. Individually this is a fine finish to the season.

#### HOCKEY

The hockey season began very successfully in October. Out of eight matches played we won five, since then the weather has been so bad that the grounds were put out of play for long periods, and we have only been able to play three out of the 14 matches arranged.

We started the Army Cup in fine style by beating the R.A.O.C., Hillsea, 4—2, after a very good game. The goals were scored by Lieut. E. J. Unwin (2), 2/Lieut. T. G. Symes, and L/Sergt. Buckland. L/Cpl. Baker ("H.Q.") as goalkeeper, played exceptionally well repeatedly making brilliant saves.

The second round was against the A.A. Brigade, R.A., Portsmouth. This game started fairly evenly, but ended in a continuous string of goals for us. Lieut. Unwin seemed to run through the defence and score whenever he liked. We finally won 7—2.

The third round was our last. Here we met the 4th Battalion Royal Tank Corps. They had a very strong side, two of whom were internationals. The score being 6—2. Lieut. Unwin scored both our goals.

The Inter-Company hockey has been very even. "Q" started favourites, but were beaten by "C" in the second round, who went on to beat "A" in the final by 3—1.

The following have been awarded their Battalion hockey colours for 1936-7: Capt. E. L. Heywood, Lieut. E. J. Unwin, 2/Lieuts. C. V. U. S. Bilbrough and T. G. Symes, L/Sergts. Wright and Buckland, Cpl. Etheridge, L/Cpl. Baker, and Pte. Hunter.

2/Lieuts. C. V. U. S. Bilbrough and T. G. Symes were given Command trials.

#### CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

The two Inter-Company cross-country runs to count towards the Company Championship were held, one on 3rd December, and the other on 2nd February. The first run took place just before the Battalion went on furlough, and the course was four times round Southsea Common. The result was as follows: 1, "C" Company, 250 points; 2, "D" Company, 320 points; 3, "B" Company, 437 points; 4, "Q" Company, 480 points; 5, "G" Company, 605 points; 6, "A" Company, 651 points. Pte. Jaques, of "B" Company, was the first man home.

The course for the second run was only twice round the Common, the weather being very inclement at the time. "C" Company was again able to win by a comfortable margin. Pte. Merton of that Company was the first home. The placing of the Companies was as follows: 1, "C" Company, 236 points; 2, "D" Company, 357 points; 3, "Q" Company, 426 points; 4, "B" Company, 542 points; 5, "G" Company, 560 points; 6, "A" Company, 611 points.

Four matches against naval teams were arranged for the Battalion team during the season. In a triangular match against the R.N. and R.M. C.C. Club and an Isle of Wight team, the Battalion team was a very good second, being only 20 points behind the R.N. and R.M.

On 17th February we ran against the P. and R.T. School, R.N. Barracks, over a short course at Wymering. On this occasion our team packed very well indeed and had a comfortable win over the Navy team.

Again on 4th February, in a match against H.M.S. *Vernon* we had another easy win as a result of the excellent packing of our team.

In the final match of the season against H.M.S. *Iron Duke*, the Battalion team ran almost as one man all round the course, gaining all places from 1 to 10. L/Cpl. Peasley came in first, well ahead of everybody else. Our opponents could not compete against such excellent team work.

Congratulations to the following, who were awarded their colours for the season: Cpl. Day, L/Cpl. Peasley, Ptes. Merton, Baggs, Pearson, Gosling, and Bdmn. Caney.



## BOXING

## ARMY CUP. SECOND ROUND

As the result of beating the 1st Battalion The Rifle Brigade, we met the 1st Battalion The Green Howards in the second round. This was a keenly contested match in which there was some hard and spirited fighting. L/Cpl. Hastie fought well, but would have done better to follow up his advantages more than he did. Pte. Grogan was unfortunate to have his jaw broken in his fight against Sergt. Bansfield, and his subsequent absence as a result has been a great loss to the team. Pte. Teasdale fought very well, losing on points to a much heavier and fitter opponent, while L/Cpl. Morley and L/Cpl. Lawrence won closely contested fights, and Pte. Connor neatly put his opponent out of the ring. The score was 21 all when the last fight began, the deciding one of the match. However, Pte. Tyler soon decided the issue by knocking out his opponent and we won the match by the narrow margin of 23-22.

The results were as follows, the representative of the 1st Battalion The Green Howards being mentioned first:

*Bantam-weight*: Pte. Murphy lost to L/Cpl. Hastie.

*Feather-weight*.—1st String: Sergt. Bousfield beat Pte. Grogan. 2nd String: Pte. Allison lost to Pte. Christian.

*Light-weight*.—1st String: Pte. Fairweather beat Pte. Teasdale.

*Welter-weight*.—2nd String: L/Sergt. Hill lost to L/Cpl. Morley. 3rd String: Pte. Westmoreland beat Pte. Reeder.

*Middle-weight*.—1st String: L/Sgt. Martin beat Cpl. Trotabas.

*Light Heavy-weight*: L/Cpl. Baynes beat Pte. Kent.

*Light-weight*.—2nd String: Pte. Ross lost to Cpl. Wray. 3rd String: Pte. Robson lost to Pte. Connor.

*Welter-weight*.—4th String: Pte. Bartill lost to L/Cpl. Lawrence.

*Middle-weight*.—2nd String: Pte. Owens beat Pte. Phillips. 3rd String: L/Cpl. Brown lost to Pte. Barber.

*Heavy-weight*: L/Sergt. Lancaster beat L/Cpl. Stanton.

*Welter-weight*.—1st String: Pte. Sylvester lost to Pte. Tyler.

## ARMY CUP, THIRD ROUND, AND SEMI-FINAL SOUTHERN COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Here we met the Army Cup finalists, 2nd Battalion The King's Regiment (Liverpool), who beat us very decisively by 29 points to 16. They gave us a sharp lesson by their good training and fitness, and the use of a straight left. But nevertheless we did not lose without having had a wholehearted whack at our

opponents. Cpl. Trotabas fought well, using his left to advantage and beat Pte. Lynch on points. Pte. Milray was unfortunate in having to retire with a cut eye in the second round, when he was ahead on points. L/Cpl. Morley fought well, and was unfortunate to just lose on points to Pte. Flynn. Cpl. Wray tried hard but he had a much fitter and heavier man against him, and Pte. Teasdale just lost on points to L/Cpl. McDonald, after a very keenly contested fight.

The results were as follows, the representative of the 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment being mentioned first:

*Bantam-weight*: L/Cpl. Hastie lost to Pte. O'Connor.

*Feather-weight*.—1st String: Pte. Teasdale lost to L/Cpl. McDonald. 2nd String: Pte. Christian lost to L/Sergt. Jones.

*Light-weight*.—1st String: Pte. Davis lost to Cpl. Ball. 2nd String: Cpl. Wray lost to Pte. Sinnister. 3rd String: Pte. Connor lost to Pte. Cratly.

*Welter-weight*.—2nd String: L/Cpl. Morley lost to Pte. Flynn. 3rd String: Pte. Milray lost to Pte. Brown. 4th String: L/Cpl. Lawrence lost to Pte. McDonald.

*Middle-weight*.—1st String: Cpl. Trotabas beat Pte. Lynch. 2nd String: Pte. Barber lost to L/Cpl. Edwards. 3rd String: Pte. Chapman lost to Pte. Edwards.

*Light Heavy-weight*: Pte. Kent lost to Pte. Waring.

*Heavy-weight*: L/Cpl. Stanton lost to Pte. Richardson.

*Welter-weight*.—1st String: Pte. Tyler lost to L/Cpl. Edwards.

## THE "GIRDWOOD" CUP

This was again held in the Garrison Gymnasium, and was competed for by the 1st Battalion The Green Howards, the 2nd Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, the 1st Battalion The Rifle Brigade, and ourselves. In the Boys' weights we did not fare at all well except in the case of Boy Bolan, who fought well and hard and got into the final of the Boys' Feather-weight which he won. In the Men's weights, eight of the team, L/Cpls. Hudson, Morley, and Stanton, and Ptes. Teasdale, Christian, Connor, Tyler, and Chapman, got into the final rounds on the second night of the boxing. At the end of the first round the 1st Battalion The Green Howards and ourselves each had 24 points, whilst the 1st Battalion The Rifle Brigade had 21, and the 2nd Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, 14 points. After this it was another ding-dong struggle between The Green Howards and ourselves, as in our Army Cup match. However, we finished in fine form, winning the "Girdwood" Cup for the second year running. The team was as follows:

Boys' *Fly-weight*: Boy Fellowes.

Boys' *Bantam-weight*: Boy Davies.

Boys' *Feather-weight*: Boy Bolan (won his weight).

Boys' *Light-weight*: Boy Gregory.

*Bantam-weight*: L/Cpl. Hudson (won his weight).

*Feather-weight*.—1st String: Pte. Teasdale (won his class). 2nd String: Pte. Christian (won his class).

*Light-weight*.—1st String: Cpl. Wray. 2nd String: Pte. Connor.

*Welter-weight*.—1st String: L/Cpl. Bennett (subsequently disqualified as a professional). 2nd String: Pte. Tyler (won his class). 3rd String: L/Cpl. Morley (won his class).

*Middle-weight*: Pte. Chapman.

*Light Heavy-weight*: L/Cpl. Stanton.

*Heavy-weight*: 2/Lieut. Chiverall.

## INDIVIDUAL NOVICES' BOXING COMPETITION

The Individual Novices' Boxing Competition was held on 27th, 28th, and 29th January, in the Garrison Gymnasium. There were 65 entrants including Boys' entries. The results were as follows:

*Bantam-weight*: Winner, Pte. Evans; runner-up, Pte. Hooper.

*Feather-weight*: Winner, Pte. Harvey; runner-up, Pte. Gribben.

*Light-weight*: Winner, Pte. Sheen; runner-up, Pte. Burrell.

*Middle-weight*: Winner, Pte. McGrady; runner-up, Dmr. Webster.

*Welter-weight*: Winner, Pte. Budd; runner-up, Pte. Murphy.

*Light Heavy-weight*: Winner, L/Cpl. Jennings; runner-up, L/Cpl. Rawlinson.

Boys' *Fly-weight*: Winner, Boy Wilson; runner-up, Boy Fellowes.

Boys' *Feather-weight*: Winner, Boy Davis; runner-up, Boy Judge.

Boys' *Light-weight*: Winner, Boy Bolan; runner-up, Boy Smith.

Boys' *Welter-weight*: Winner, Boy Taylor; runner-up, Boy McNaughton.

Boys' *Middle-weight*: Winner, Boy McDonald; runner-up, Boy Goddard.

The Inter-Company Novices' Competition was won by "C" Company in a very keenly contested final with "Q" Company, whom they beat by 14 points to 13.

In the final of the Inter-Company Open Competition, "A" Company beat "C" Company by the narrow margin of 5 bouts to 4, and so won the "Shabodeen" Cup.

The boxing in these Battalion competitions produced some keen and hard-fought fights, although the contestants may have been lacking

in technique and really good training. They, however, showed us that we have some very promising and keen boxers in the Battalion who with some training and coaching would soon be up to Battalion team standard. It was certainly unfortunate that we were not able to have the Individual Competitions held earlier in the season, and so have had the more promising boxers training for the Battalion and Army Cup matches.

On Wednesday, 10th March, a local Inter-Services boxing match was held in the Royal Naval Barracks Gymnasium. Out of the Army team of 12 who boxed, eight were representatives from the Regiment, of whom five won their fights. This was a very creditable performance and was largely responsible for the Army team winning the match. The final scores were: Army, 20 points; R.A.F., 17 points; R.N., 16 points. Those who represented the Army from the Regiment were: L/Cpl. Hudson (bantam-weight), Cpl. Wray and Pte. Teasdale (feather-weight), Pte. Tyler (welter-weight), Pte. Chapman (middle-weight), L/Cpl. Stanton and Pte. Kent (light heavy-weight).

Perhaps the outstanding fight of the evening was that between L/Cpl. Stanton and A.C. Gavin (R.A.F.). Both men fought very pluckily and went for one another in hammer and tong fashion from start to finish, when both could hardly stand. It was bad luck L/Cpl. Stanton losing after such a hard fight. Pte. Teasdale, just back from the Army Championships, was looking very fit, and beat his opponent A.B. Rose (R.N.), comfortably, and Pte. Tyler also won in comfortable style against A.C. Spooner (R.A.F.). Pte. Chapman, L/Cpl. Hudson, and L/Cpl. Hastie also won their fights.

On 3rd March we had a match against H.M.S. *Excellent*, at Whale Island, losing the match by five fights to three. Those who represented the Battalion were as follows: L/Cpl. Islip, Pte. Christian, Cpl. Wray, Pte. Tyler, L/Cpl. Vanner, L/Cpl. Stanton, L/Cpl. Hudson, and L/Cpl. Nicholls.

On Wednesday, 17th March, we had a Battalion Novices' boxing match against the Depot, R.A.O.C., Hillsea, at Hillsea. Out of the 18 contests we only managed to win 5, losing the match by 30 points to 24.

The match opened with some Boys' contests in which Boy Bolan put up a plucky fight against Boy Chapman in the Boys' light-weight contest. In the Men's weights Pte.



Harvey and Pte. Lynch fought hard and well in the feather-weights, the latter knocking out his opponent in the third round after a very plucky fight between the two contestants. In the light-weights, Pte. Barrell and L/Cpl. Llewellyn each just lost on points after a hard fight in each case. Pte. Tyler won in fine style in his four two-minute round non-novice welter-weight contest against Pte. Webb (R.A.O.C.). In the novices' welter-weights, Pte. Tyler and Pte. Piggott won comfortably and L/Cpl. Rouse just lost on points after a ding-dong struggle.

The individual results of the match were as follows, the representative of the R.A.O.C. being mentioned first:

*Light-weight:* Boy L/Cpl. Chapman beat Boy Bolan.

#### LE MOT JUSTE

Many is the time that the something that one has set out to do has fallen far short of that which it was intended to be. It may have been due to error of judgment, bad organisation, but there it is, it has gone wrong, there has been a mistake, and it is your fault. The whole thing collapses like a punctured tyre; you can almost hear the air rushing out—a "blow-through," that's it.

Now that the athletic season is upon us once again, I feel it incumbent upon me to produce some sort of explanation of this word, for in no form of activity does this visitation make

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| 1. <i>Blow-through</i> .. .. .                        | Late on parade. No money for church collection (unintentional)  |
| 2. <i>Heavy blow-through</i> .. .. .                  | Last in the Mile, Wessex Area Sports. Very late on parade.      |
| 3. <i>Cardinal or very heavy blow-through</i> .. .. . |   |
| 4. <i>Arch blow-through</i> .. .. .                   | Last in the Mile, Command Sports. Truck driven into Brigadier's |
| 5. <i>Grand Metropolitan blow-through</i> .. .. .     | car while admiring a girl on the front.                         |
| 6. <i>Archimandrite blow-through</i> .. .. .          | The very fountain head of blow-throughs. An exceptional         |
| 7. <i>Black Feather</i> .. .. .                       | award.  |

The last four approach gale force, and may carry with them illuminated addresses describing the circumstances.

*Feather-weight:* Boy Fletcher knocked out Boy Gregory.

*Bantam-weight:* Boy Washbourne beat Boy Davies.

*Bantam-weight:* Pte. Tunstall beat Pte. Walker.

*Feather-weight:*—1st String: Pte. Orme beat Pte. Harvey. 2nd String: Pte. Lewis lost to Pte. Lynch. 3rd String: Pte. Pelly beat L/Cpl. Burchell.

*Light-weight:*—1st String: Pte. Fisher beat Pte. Barrell. 2nd String: Pte. Kershaw beat L/Cpl. Llewellyn. 3rd String: Pte. Jury beat Pte. Tarbuck.

*Welter-weight:*—Four two-minute rounds non-novice contest: Pte. Webb lost to Pte. Tyler.

*Welter-weight:*—1st String: Pte. Shepherd beat Pte. Barnes. 2nd String: Pte. Ingle lost to Pte. Tyler. 3rd String: Pte. Jennings beat L/Cpl. Rouse. 4th String: Pte. Whibly lost to Pte. Piggott.

*Middle-weight:*—1st String: Pte. Leeson beat Pte. Sillwood. 2nd String: Pte. Thomson lost to L/Cpl. Tarr.

*Light Heavy-weight:* Pte. Allen lost to L/Cpl. Jennings.

itself more public or more exasperating, and it is so very easy to do. In how many meetings has one seen the prancing gazelle warming up before a race in front of an admiring public. The end of his performance usually coincides with the start of the race. You can see it happening, he is all bluff, he is not fit enough, he is going to "blow through," he has blown through. But one need not take part in athletics to be adjudged guilty of a blow-through, and in order that suitable awards may be available, I here set out a scale of blow-throughs, starting with the lowest, just a gentle breath of wind.

#### "SCRAPBOOK FOR 1906."

MOST of us listen in these days, and a programme I heard a few evenings ago, "Scrapbook for 1912," or some other year, prompts the above title. It also prompted the idea that perhaps the young soldier of to-day might be interested in the random thoughts of one who has served with the Regiment since 1906.

One reads so much of the improvements in modern conditions, and wonderful promises of things to come, that one who has grown up with the improvements is sometimes inclined to wonder whether they have actually happened. There is little doubt, however, that what one may call the "domestic" life of the soldier has improved. I am also inclined to think that his "professional" life is much less monotonous than in pre-war days.

This article is in no sense a record of 30 years' service in the "Die-Hards." I am quite incapable of producing such a work, and the only entertaining pages would probably never pass the editor's blue pencil. In any case, works of that nature are legion—you can pay your money and take your choice if you are unable to borrow them from the Regimental library, free. I would rather jot down my "scraps" as they come to mind.

I wonder whether the young soldier of these days ever hears his elders say, "I don't know what the Army is coming to." I fancy he does, and I further wonder whether he is as impressed with the remark as was my case when first hearing it. How all old soldiers love to think that the Army of their day was "the goods." Take heart young fellow, it was ever thus—according to the old soldier! It's really the natural state of affairs. In looking back, one is inclined to forget the unpleasant and remember only the good times. Hence, my difficulty; I find it very hard to remember the unpleasant after thirty happy years, but remember, I must, if any comparison is to be made between 1906 and 1937.

I think the greatest change for good that I have noticed has occurred in soldiers' messing. In my young days one was compelled to supplement the regular meals by purchases at the Canteen. To mention one meal—breakfast. In 1906 "extras" for breakfast were restricted to about two mornings a week. On the remaining mornings tea, bread, and margarine (butter if the N.C.O. keeping the Company Mess Book was a clever fellow) had to suffice, and on such a meal the soldier of

those days had to do the major part of his day's work. Extras from the Canteen were cheap—one could buy a respectably cooked bloater or kipper for one penny, but pennies had to be counted carefully, as I shall endeavour to show later. Nowadays there is no necessity to spend a single coin on food, and I venture to think that the modern soldier would shudder at the idea of having, say, a kipper, for his breakfast unless that same kipper had been preceded by porridge and washed down with marmalade. Then the conditions under which meals were served were entirely different. Dining halls, table tops, cruets, water jugs, etc., were not for us. Even plates and basins were sometimes at a premium, and I have often seen a dinner eaten from an enamel mug! Puddings were not provided daily at the mid-day meal as now, and when they were, owing to the shortage of plates, etc., mentioned above, one plate (if one were fortunate or early enough to get a plate) served for both courses.

To the best of my recollection the 2nd Battalion did not enjoy the luxury of dining halls until arrival at Malta in 1913. We had, however, long before then tried a Battalion system of messing, and any old readers who were in Bordon with the 2nd Battalion may remember the occasion when the bread and butter "grew whiskers," owing to the misguided efforts of the messing assistant to butter hundreds of slices of bread by melting the butter and applying it with a paint brush in full moult!

The same kind of conditions (only worse) applied when on training. Not for us the hot meals and drinks from cooks. I remember a couple of hectic days on Salisbury Plain in 1907, subsisting on a loaf of bread, one small piece of burnt leather (miscalled steak), and as much tinned pineapple slices and similar rubbish as I could afford to buy from gypsy hawkers. I was lucky, as it was a whole loaf I had scrounged, and I had the wherewithal to trade with the gypsies. That, I am thinking, compares unfavourably with the five good meals I saw served to the 2nd Battalion in one day, when facing the "enemy" during an exercise held in the same locality in 1935.

On the surface little change has occurred in barrack rooms, but that bugbear of my young days, weekly scrubbing out, is now definitely in the limbo of the past. No longer is the soldier required to forgo one of his blankets on a cold Friday night so that the floor of his barrack room shows spotlessly white on the Company Commander's Saturday morning



inspection. Of course we were not supposed to protect the floor with our blankets, but what other method was there of retaining its virgin whiteness? Much better to do without the blanket than have to do the job again on Saturday morning. Now Sitting Rooms for soldiers will soon be with us, so that before long the barrack room will be just a bedroom, and to think that we lived, fed, slept, and I almost said died in the same room, but for the fact that old soldiers never died.

Money, in my young days, was supposed to have "gone further" than it does now. Perhaps it did but we all had very much less to send on its journey than the recruit of to-day.

My pay as a recruit (at least all I received) was 4s. per week with an occasional 5s. weekly.

My budget worked out something as follows:

<i>Pay Day</i>	s.	d.
Tea at the Soldiers' Home .. ..	..	6
Bath at ditto .. ..	..	3
Pictures or some similar gaiety ..	..	6
Fish and Chips for supper .. ..	..	3
	1	6

#### *Remainder of Week*

Cigarettes .. ..	1	2
Breakfast extras and/or suppers ..	1	4
	2	6

One can readily see that in the "5s. weeks" one felt well off.

Of course, I make no claim that this budget was perfection. In fact, looking at it now, I must admit I was inclined to go the pace on pay days. There are two items that require some further explanation:

*Baths.* I never seemed to be in luck with regard to the hot water system in barracks, if ever it existed.

*Suppers.* This meal is now served on most nights of the week. The most we could hope for was soup on certain nights during the winter.

The young soldier of to-day can produce a much better looking budget, or should do so. The only items he would want to leave in, cigarettes and pictures, no doubt cost more but he has more money to play with and he should not feel as "stony broke" as I always felt the day following pay day.

Notwithstanding the stories one hears to the contrary of soldiers of those days, it will be noticed that beer was not in my dietary, for the simple reason that I could not afford it—during the "4s. weeks" at any rate!

Writing of beer brings one to the subject of Regimental Institutes. In 1906 the coffee bar and beer bar were run by civilian contractors. The assistants were men who appeared to have a marked aversion to the soldier, with little idea of business methods (unless it suited them) and, dare I whisper it, cleanliness. Not for us the delightful maidens of the N.A.A.F.I., pictures on walls, curtains, show stands, and all the other comforts of the modern restaurant. Now the soldier requiring beer has it in civilised surroundings, with his meal or not, as he chooses. Not for him the hard wooden benches and pint mugs of his forefathers. Pint mugs, by the way, were a recent innovation in my time. Just previously beer had been served in tin cans, one can being shared between members of a "school."

Reading, writing and billiards rooms were the responsibility of the unit as now, and, in our Regiment, I have never known these other than comfortable.

Now for a word or two regarding work, or soldiering. Did we do anything other than Battalion or Company Drill and Musketry in 1906? I suppose we did, but it is difficult to remember it. Of course we had Signallers, but they were the "untouchables," and I remember belonging to the then Maxim Gun Section for a period. To the best of my recollection the average duty-man, apart from an early morning doubling parade which he carried out on an empty stomach, seemed to perform a Company or Battalion Drill parade daily, with unfailing regularity. The one good day of the week I always thought (apart from pay day), was route march day. It broke the monotony and enabled one to lose sight of the barrack square.

I am afraid space will forbid my writing on this subject at any length, but I would like to emphasise to the young soldier of to-day how much more interesting his job is now than at the period of which I write. There's so much to learn now, particularly since the Regiment has become a mechanised machine gun regiment, that to the keen young man no day can seem long enough.

Another aspect of this modernisation of the Army is, I think, the increased chance a man has of learning while doing his ordinary daily

work, something which will be of value to him when he becomes a civilian again.

I venture to state that military training of 1906, while undoubtedly training a man to be obedient, smart, and loyal, did little else. Military training of 1937 will do all these things and much more. It will enable a man to keep pace with a "modernising" world, and he should no longer feel the perfect stranger so many of my old comrades felt when donning mufti once again. Added to these daily work opportunities we have, nowadays, the advantages to be gained by attendance at the Army Vocational Training Centres. Needless to say such centres did not exist in 1906, and it is difficult to imagine now how we did without them.

And now young fellow, a word or two about thrift. It is difficult to believe, but we had, even in 1906, a few thrifty men. They cut out something from the modest budget mentioned earlier and managed to save. It usually meant they stayed in barracks and some, I remember, did not smoke. But whatever they did, they did unaided. No Regimental Savings Association worried about them. I do suggest to you that this fairly modern institution should hear from you. A seven years' membership with contributions regularly made, plus knowledge gained while serving and a final "brush up" at a Vocational Training Centre, cannot fail to make you a valuable citizen, and that should be the ambition of all, soldier or civilian.

What a serious note I am closing on!

"I don't know what the Army is coming to," but I have little doubt that modern conditions are doing everything possible to make the "Army of to-day all right," if the composer of the popular song will excuse my poaching. Let the improvements continue.

Let the daily prayer of every soldier conclude as follows:

"And please look kindly upon the Finance Branch at the War House and dispose their hearts to disgorge more and MORE AND MORE every day."

ANON.

## DEPOT NOTES.

THE outstanding item in this quarter has been the commencement of the new Recruit Syllabus of Training. Commencing with South Africa Squad, recruits will undergo 22 weeks' training at this Depot. The much

maligned Lewis gun, having done noble work for the past 21 years, now disappears from our Small Arms Weapons. This light automatic will be discarded with mingled feelings—pleasant thoughts at the passing of those innumerable "gun stops," and regrets at the loss of a weapon that greatly assisted in adding a glorious page to the history of our Regiment. "It was with a Lewis gun that Pte. Ryder of the 12th (S.) Battalion of the Regiment cleared an enemy trench, and put out of action an enemy machine gun, that had been holding up the advance on the 12th Battalion's section of a British attack at Thiepval. For this act of conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty Pte. Ryder was awarded the Victoria Cross."

The new syllabus includes a fairly intensive Course of the Vickers' machine gun; this is in keeping with the new status of the 2nd Battalion as a "Support" Battalion. For this purpose a Weapon Training Cadre has been formed and the instructors will devote themselves wholly to Vickers' gun and rifle instruction.

The local Council of Finchley have recently held a series of practical and theoretical lectures on "Defence Against Gas," as a precaution against unpreparedness in the event of aerial bombardment in time of war. For this purpose instructors were loaned to the Council by the Depot, and the lectures culminated with a visit to the Depot Gas Chamber. From the appearances of most of the students after passing through the chamber, the lesson was forcibly driven home, despite the peaceful nature of the attack.

Boxing again takes pride of place in the sporting events, a match against the 7th Battalion (T.A.) ended in a victory for the Depot by one point. Whilst referring to T.A. boxing, we congratulate the 9th Battalion (T.A.) on their magnificent achievement in the Territorial Army Championships; to win the team event and four individual championships is, indeed, a record of which to be proud.

A Novices' Tournament was held in February, and all recruits who had represented the Depot in representative matches were barred. The absence of science was amply compensated for by the fighting spirit of the competitors. This spirit was further displayed in the Inter-Squad Competition, which was won by Ladysmith Squad for the second time in succession in the space of three months. Three fights in particular held the spectators breathless throughout, and the referee's remarks after the tournament, that he had witnessed



some of the gamest fights he had ever seen, was received with much enthusiasm.

We welcome R.S.M. Newman on his arrival at the Depot, and trust he will soon settle down in his new sphere. He must have thought that he was on an Arctic exploration after the terrific heat of Singapore, for the weather here has been icy for the past month.

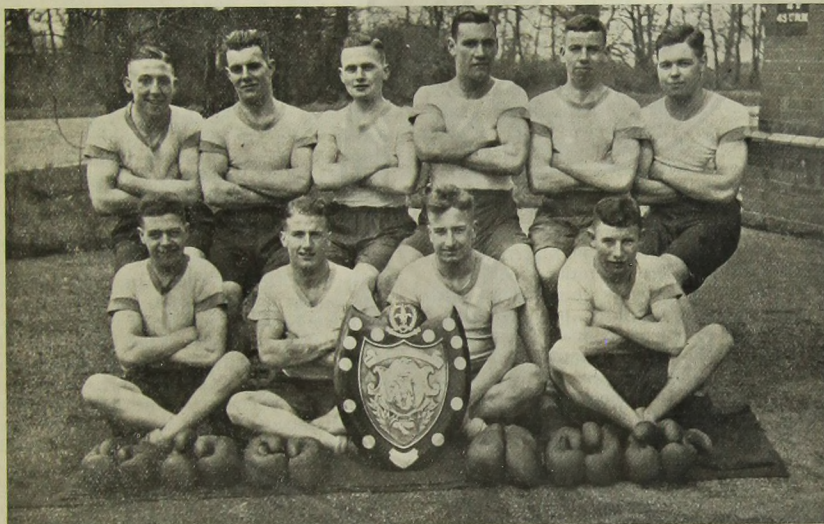
Work on the new football ground has been at a standstill owing to the vagaries of our climate, but we trust that it will be completed in time for the next soccer season. The new

will assist him to obtain that much coveted "D" on his coming Anti-Tank Rifle Course.

In conclusion we congratulate Lieut. E. J. Unwin on at last obtaining full international status at Rugby for England v. Scotland.

### BOXING

The Eastern Command Recruits Inter-Depot Boxing Competition, which has been a popular feature during the last few years, has



### LADYSMITH SQUAD

Winners Inter-Squad Boxing, November 1936 and February 1937

Back Row, Left to Right—Pte. Harris '49, Pte. Watkins, Pte. Dickson, Pte. Moran, Pte. Harris '48, Pte. Davis '44

Seated, Left to Right—Pte. Seymour, Pte. Latimer, Pte. Barter, Pte. Cole.

shower baths are almost ready for use and work is well under way on the renovation of the barrack rooms—we hope before long to have a modification of the much discussed Sandhurst Scheme in force.

Further changes in staff take place in the near future. L/Sergt. Parnell and L/Cpl. Harris return to the 2nd Battalion on completion of their tour. The latter will be relieved by L/Cpl. Hockley, whilst the former's relief has yet to be notified. We trust that the experience gained by L/Cpl. Harris at the Depot

been discontinued. In its stead we arranged friendly matches with the Depot, Royal Fusiliers, and the 7th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, T.A., together with two Recruits' Open Individual Competitions and two Inter-Squad Competitions during the boxing season.

Many improvements have been made to our boxing ring this season. The P.R.I. has very generously provided the Gymnasium with various sums of money in order that we could purchase equipment, which has produced a really first-class ring. We are also very much

indebted to our local electrician for having given so much of his spare time in fixing our permanent lighting arrangements.

Before recording our various successes this year, we must take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson, whom we understand will not be at this Depot next boxing season, for his untiring efforts in arranging various fixtures with outside teams, and also the tremendous interest he has taken in trying to bring the standard of boxing in the Depot up to that of the Battalion. The recruits have appreciated his advice and words of encouragement from the referee's chair on many occasions.

The result of our first match with the Depot, Royal Fusiliers, at Mill Hill, was recorded in the notes last quarter.

### 26th January at Hounslow

Eleven bouts were again arranged, which provided a crowded gymnasium with a most exciting evening's entertainment. We record with satisfaction that the result this time was reversed in favour of our recruits. The total points being 18—15.

Pte. Purdy beat Fus. Hopkins on points. Purdy rather outclassed his opponent.

Pte. Smith lost to Fus. Locke on points. A close fight.

Pte. Cole beat Fus. Chinnery on points. An excellent fight; good, clean, and hard hitting.

Pte. Sears lost to Fus. Taylor on points. Out-pointed.

Pte. Barter lost to Fus. Ross on points. A very spirited fight.

Pte. Revell beat Fus. Warren on points. A close winner.

Pte. Byford beat Fus. Wright on points. Byford showed great promise.

Pte. Watkins lost to Fus. Shubrook on points. Very close.

Pte. Harris beat Fus. Fitt on points. A good fight.

Pte. Davis beat Fus. F. Ward on points. Davis won the match for us.

Pte. Moran beat Fus. E. Ward on points. A very good, hard-hitting bout. Very close.

### Recruits v. 7th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, T.A.

This match was fought on 18th February. Depot, 14 points; 7th Battalion, 13 points.

Pte. Purdy beat Pte. Rosser on points. A very close fight.

Pte. Smith beat Pte. Cox on points. A very close fight.

Pte. Appleby lost to Pte. Chapman on points. Beaten by a better boxer.

Pte. Cole lost to Pte. Trafford by a knock-out.

Pte. Barter lost to Pte. Morris on points. An opponent who was too quick for him.

Pte. Byford beat L/Cpl. Gray. Referee stopped the fight.

Pte. Botchin beat Pte. Hill on points. A very spirited fight.

Pte. Harris lost to Pte. Watts. Technical knock-out.

Pte. Moran beat Pte. Hoy on points. A close fight.

### FIRST MEETING

#### Winners

Bantam-weight : Pte. Seymour (Ladysmith).

Feather-weight : Pte. Cole (Ladysmith).

Light-weight : Pte. Frenchum (Badajos).

Welter-weight : Pte. Forde (Badajos).

Light Heavy-weight : Pte. Moran (Ladysmith).

### SECOND MEETING, RECRUITS' "OPEN" COMPETITION—FEBRUARY

#### Winners

Bantam-weight : Pte. Lamarque (Supplementary Reserve).

Feather-weight : Pte. Appleby (Albuhera).

Light-weight : Pte. Bags (Supplementary Reserve).

Welter-weight : Pte. Botchin (New Zealand).

Middle-weight : Pte. Parkes (Supplementary Reserve).

Light Heavy-weight : Pte. Rams (South Africa).

The winning Squads in the first Competition were : 1, Ladysmith; 2, Badajos; 3, South Africa; 4, Suvla.

Second Competition : 1, Ladysmith; 2, South Africa; 3, New Zealand; 4, Albuhera.

Albuhera and South Africa are to be congratulated on putting up a very good performance in their match against Ladysmith.

### FENCING

However strange this heading may appear in the Depot notes, it is true that we have at last planted the seeds. It is very pleasing to see so many Officers and N.C.O.s taking a real and active interest. Here again the P.R.I. has helped to make the unpleasant task of taking lessons very much easier. A wall pad and two light foil masks have been added to our fencing equipment, and furthermore private fencing gear is being purchased by members.

Capt. E. L. Heywood and Lieut. A. E. Green are very promising pupils with the sabre. Up to the time of going to press quite a good standard of fencing has already been reached. Lieut. H. Marsh is doing remarkably well with the epee, so well in fact, that he is entering for the Eastern Command Officers' Bronze Medal Tournament. We wish him every success.

Cpl. Smith (epee), L/Cpl. Blan and Dmr. Cox (foil), are all making big strides with their respective weapons. Here again it is hoped to enter one or two for the Eastern Command Bronze Medal Tournament, Other Ranks.

In our next notes we hope to record the result of our first match.



## CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

Several runs have been organised this season, some consisting of road, while others have been purely centred on all country. Pte. Moran, of Ladysmith Squad, appears to be the best runner in the Depot at the moment, having won all the runs in very good time. The last run on 10th March, was in connection with the Recruits' All-Round Athletic Shield. The course proved very interesting. Although the



LADYSMITH SQUAD (Sgt. Chasney)  
Winners First "All-round" Athletic Shield, December 1936

weather was not very kind to the runners, the recruits seemed to enjoy the snow and rain very much, judging by the way they arrived home.

The race was won by South Africa Squad, with New Zealand, Ladysmith, and Albuhera Squads second, third and fourth respectively.

Two matches have taken place this winter. The first 10 a-side against Aldenham School, at Aldenham. It was unfortunate that some of the small boys in the neighbourhood removed the direction flags a few minutes before the race began. Our team, in consequence, lost themselves, but considering their difficulties, put up a very creditable performance.

The second match was against the 7th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, at Mill Hill. Though all our runners were familiar with the course our opponents were experienced runners in so far that four of them belonged to local cross-country running harriers. Ten ran with six to count.

Score: 7th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, 24 points; Depot The Middlesex Regiment, 58 points.

## ALL-ROUND ATHLETIC SHIELD

A new competition is now held quarterly for the best all-round Squad at Recreational Training, and for which a shield is presented. In the winter months 1st October to 31st December is the first quarter, 1st January to 31st March the second quarter.

The following sports are included: Boxing, Physical Training, Pass Ball, Cross-Country Running, Association Football.

In the summer months 1st April to 30th June is the third quarter, 1st July to 30th September the fourth quarter.

The following sports are included: Cricket, Physical Training, Athletics, Tabloid Sports, Pass Ball.

Ladysmith Squad were the well-deserved winners of the first quarter. They were the third senior squad, and so deserve all praise for the performances which they put up. The only individual item they did not win was the cross-country running, in which they took second place. Results were as follows:

	Foot- ball	Box- ing	Cross- Country	P.T.	Pass Ball	Total
Badajos	2	3	4	2	2	13
Suvla	3	1	1	3	3	11
Ladysmith	4	4	3	4	4	19
South Africa	1	2	2	1	1	7

## PASS BALL

The first Inter-Rank Knock-out was played in January. Each team was required to furnish six players, the Officers being rather handicapped in only having eight to choose from. However, the team which represented them proved to be very strong opponents for Ladysmith whom they played in the first round. After extra time the recruits won by the odd goal in five. This was easily the fastest and most exciting game in the competition.

In all, nine teams entered the tournament. After some very good games the Warrant Officers and Sergeants played Ladysmith in the final. The Sergeants were fortunate in being able to turn out players with previous experience of the game, and proved easy winners, the score being 7-1, due largely to Sergt. Instr. Lambert, A.P.T.S., who scored all seven goals, and who made every use of his great reach. The two finalists' teams were:

*Warrant Officers and Sergeants:* Sergt. Northcott, Sergt. Instr. Lambert, Sergts. Kemp, Blake, Beaveridge and Duncan, A.E.C.

*Ladysmith:* Ptes. Moran, Watkins, Davis (44), McDougall, Harris (49) and Carr.

## FOOTBALL

To mention this subject reminds us of the interminable RAIN, and the regrettable daily notice which had appeared on the Sports Notice Board, "Ground Unfit. No play to-day." Hardly half a dozen games have been played since our last notes, owing to the morass which was once a football ground.

We are waiting for better weather to play the Inter-Squad Knock-out. We have been waiting four weeks to try and play this off. A few friendly games have been played when the ground has been less wet and muddy than

usual, but the latter half of the season 1936-37 we must write off as "the complete wash-out."

Next year we hope to have our new ground ready for play. Work was discontinued two weeks ago owing to the weather, and has not yet been resumed.

## SQUAD BADGE WINNERS

*Ladysmith.*—12th week: Winner, 6203245 Pte. J. Barter; runner-up, 2034113 Pte. W. Latimer. 16th week: Winner, 6203425 Pte. J. Barter; runner-up, 6203238 Pte. P. Nolan.

*South Africa.*—8th week: Winner, 6845777 Pte. A. Jackson; runners-up, 6203255 Pte. T. McClenahan and 6203268 Pte. A. Bridle. 12th week: Winner, 6845777 Pte. A. Jackson; runner-up, 6203245 Pte. H. Norfield.

*Albuhera.*—4th week: Winner, 6203297 Pte. P. Weston; runner-up, 6203284 Pte. G. Drage. 8th week: Winner, 6203297 Pte. P. Weston; runner-up, 2037394 Pte. F. Thornton.

*New Zealand.*—4th week: Winner, 6203300 Pte. H. Botchin; runner-up, 6203505 Pte. C. Allen.

## SHOOTING PRIZES

*Ladysmith.*—Table "A": Winner, Pte. Seymour, score 89. Squad average, 74.4. Empire Test: Winner, Pte. Pepall, score 76. Squad average, 66.

*South Africa.*—Empire Test: Winner, Pte. Norfield, score 80. Squad average, 73.9.

## COMMANDING OFFICER'S PHYSICAL TRAINING MEDALS

*Ladysmith.*—Silver Medal: Winner, 6203245 Pte. J. Barter. Bronze Medal: Winner, 6203239 Pte. C. Thomson.

## SERGEANTS' MESS

This has been the most uneventful quarter for some time past, and we must apologise for the resultant paucity of our notes.

R.S.M. and Mrs. Newman have arrived and been introduced to the various members of the Mess whom they had not previously met, and also resumed acquaintance with the many members whom they already knew. We wish them a very happy time at the Depot.

On 18th February on the occasion of the Depot v. 7th Battalion T.A. Boxing Match, we spent a most enjoyable evening with the W.O.s and Sergeants of that Battalion who accompanied the team as spectators—it has since been discovered that "Fatty" Bishop lost many "pints" walking home. Certain of their other members have also told us that they had much difficulty in persuading their wives that they really had been to a boxing match.



A dance was held on St. Patrick's Day and was voted by all to have been an excellent affair. Many old-fashioned dances were on the programme and were danced to "old Irish tunes." The origin of our Battalions was said to have been composed chiefly of men of Scotland, Somersetshire and Gloucestershire—on St. Patrick's Day. It is a remarkable thing that we seem to-day to be composed (at least in the Sergeants' Mess here) entirely of "men of Ireland"; "brogues" and shamrock were plentiful, and many Irish love "stories" were whispered into the colleens' ears.

Contingents from the various Allied units of the Regiment are coming to England for the Coronation ceremony, and the occasion has been taken by the Officers to entertain the Officers of the party, and the W.O.s and Sergeants have also decided to entertain their opposites in these units. It is, perhaps, an occasion that may not occur more than once in a lifetime, and the day selected is an auspicious one, being Albuhera Day, 16th May. A real Regimental gathering, and we trust that any Sergeants Mess' Old Comrades who see these notes, particularly if they have in any way been connected with the Allied Regiments, will turn up for the social which is being held in the evening. On such an occasion the event can be nothing but a glorious success.

We welcome Sergt. Wilson to the Depot on posting, and trust L/Sergt. Parnell will successfully negotiate the "Vickers Gun" on returning to the 2nd Battalion.

#### CORPORALS' CLUB

First of all let us extend a hearty welcome to our newcomers, Cpl. Bint and L/Cpl. Hockley. Our good wishes also go with L/Cpl. Harris who has left us for the Battalion. It is to be hoped he arrives back from his Course with a "D." This, of "course," brings us to Cpl. Knight who is on a Gas Course. We hope to see him return with a "D" too. We are, however, in fear and trembling lest he gives us Gas at every possible moment, his powers at talking are well known in all corners of the earth.

Nothing of note has happened in the entertainment world except a games tournament which is still in progress. The winners of the billiards were Cpl. Bruniges and L/Cpl. Daly, and the runners-up, Cpl. Bromley and Cpl. Knight. The snooker winners were Cpl. Powell and, what's this, L/Cpl. Daly again. Other games are still in progress.

We are looking forward to a visit from the Sergeants' Mess, and hope to show them a thing or two about billiards and snooker, etc. We would like to point out that the visit occurs on a Friday; we have warned the C.Q.M.S.

Several members have already booked beds in the newly decorated barrack rooms. It is to be hoped the wireless does not interrupt the interior economy. The Orderly Corporal will have a new cry when these are in working order, "Put those lights out and turn that wireless off." Cpl. Bromley and Cpl. Bruniges had better be kept far apart, as the former is a hot rhythm fiend and the latter goes moony on opera.

These notes conclude with our good wishes to the Corporals of both Battalions.

#### REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

THE following articles were obtained during the last quarter:

1. Coloured print by R. Simkin of Officers, W.O.s and men of the 57th and 77th Regiments. Purchased.
2. Coloured print of Capt. Nicholson, 77th Regiment, Crimean War. Purchased.
3. Arab dagger captured by 1/9th Battalion at Mejeffe, Mesopotamia. Presented by Col. Hewett.
4. Ink sketch of the badge designed for the 57th Regiment by Mrs. Logan in 1873. Presented by Miss Logan.

#### EARLY RISING.

I AM invariably amused by something which takes place around me every day. It happens at precisely the same hour in the morning, lasts for about ten minutes, and the actors in this little comedy are usually quite unconscious and unappreciative of the humorous situation they cause.

Imagine yourself in my barrack room. The time is six-fifteen a.m. and the Bugler has just sounded "Reveille." One or two heads appear from beneath blankets, eyes blink wonderingly at the light, and, refusing to believe it is time to arise, quickly retire to their cosy nests. It would never do for the occupants of the room to remain in this blissful condition, so I find it necessary to rouse them, and the sight of the expressions on their faces as they recover

consciousness is well worth the trouble involved.

One man goggles at me with eyes red and protruding, muttering continually, "What's wrong, what's wrong?" Another, with hands gesticulating, resumes his dream in mumbling tones and sluggish actions. Yet another, sits bolt upright, stares for a second or two without a word, then, realising that there is no immediate danger, slinks slowly down to his former position.

This morning, our youngest member began to shout, "It's all right, Vera, I'll save myself." As he was performing part of the breast stroke with his arms, I assume that he was leaving Vera to drown, whilst he made a final effort on his own behalf.

On my right sleeps a person who, on awakening, immediately begins to sing, whether to keep warm, or from sheer bravado, I have not yet discovered, but as he is an ex-street singer, recently recovered from laryngitis, the effect is far from musical.

In a bed opposite mine sleeps a plump, auburn haired, freckle-faced youth, and his particular trick is to rest his head on the bedpost and slowly move his lower jaw up and down, opening and closing his mouth with a slow rhythmic movement, and looking for all the world like a pet goldfish I once had as a boy. Most fascinating!

There are several methods of inducing a man to rise from his bed, but the one I have found most effective is to take the bedclothes from him. The cold morning air on nude limbs, and the humiliation of his position, is usually sufficient to accomplish a speedy rising.

I often wonder what will happen when these fellows go on manoeuvres; when, during a night march they may be allowed to sleep for an hour or two and then told to march on. I shall see.

SQUAD BADGER.

#### REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

##### PROCEEDINGS OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT THE LIBRARY, CENTRAL LONDON RECRUITING ZONE, WHITEHALL

On 27th January, 1937

1. *Present.* Col. A. H. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L., in the Chair, Col. M. Browne, M.C., Col. E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E.,

D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Lieut.-Col. W. E. Pringle, M.C., Major R. A. Slee, Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C., Capt. J. B. Worton, Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., Mr. E. Morris, Mr. G. N. Capel, C.Q.M.S. F. Franklin.

2. *Apologies* for non-attendance were received from Brig.-Gens. Ross and Pearson (chairman), Lieut.-Cols. Jefferd and Rooke, and Majors Lyon and Graves.

3. *Chair.* Col. Browne proposed that, in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Chair should be taken by Col. Passingham.

4. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

5. The Secretary's report for the past quarter was considered and it was decided that a sum of £150 be allocated for the relief of necessitous cases during the quarter ending 31st March, 1937.

6. *Regimental Memorial.* Estimates for the renovation of the Regimental War Memorial were laid before the meeting, and it was decided, on the recommendation of the Hon. Architects, to accept that of Messrs. Miskins, amounting to £43 10s., subject to the same specifications as put forward by the two previous tenders which were considered at the last meeting. It was proposed by Col. Browne and seconded by Col. Baker that the expenses should be borne by the General Fund of the Association. Carried.

7. *Regimental Old Comrades' Dinner for 1937.*

(a) It was proposed by Col. Samuel and seconded by Capt. Whinney, that the Dinner should be held this year at the Great Central Hotel, and that tables should be arranged and allotted to Battalions. Carried. The Secretary was accordingly instructed to get in touch with the Great Central Hotel and engage the Wharnccliffe Rooms for a dinner at 5s. (if possible, with a limit of 6s.), and to charge overhead expenses against the General Fund of the Association.

(b) As regards the date, a letter from the Colonel of the Regiment was read suggesting that the Old Comrades' Dinner should, in future, be fixed for the nearest Saturday to Armistice Day instead of the first Saturday in November, as this would enable some to attend the Armistice Service at the Depot.



Discussion brought to light that it would possibly clash with a Territorial Battalion Annual function. In view of this difficulty it was decided to leave the matter of the date in the hands of the Secretary with instructions to bear in mind the wishes of the Colonel of the Regiment as far as possible.

8. *Ministry of Pensions Official Guide Book.* Correspondence with the Ministry of Pensions regarding a proposal from the Ministry to include particulars of the Regimental Association in their Official Guide Book was read. It was proposed by Col. Samuel and seconded by Col. Baker, after discussion, that the Secretary should send regrets that the Committee did not desire to comply with this request. Carried.

9. *Secretaryship.* The appointment of Lieut.-Col. T. S. Wollocombe as Secretary in succession to Capt. F. W. L. Lawrence was confirmed.

10. *Regimental Sergeant Major, Home Battalion.* It was proposed, in writing, by Major Lyon and seconded at the Meeting by Col. Browne that the Regimental Sergeant Major of the Regular Battalion, serving at home for the time being, be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee, and that Rule VI (a) be amended accordingly. Carried, subject to the approval of the majority of the ex-officio members.

11. *The Office Typewriter.* The Secretary was authorised to buy a new typewriting machine and was given permission to spend up to £15 on the purchase.

12. *Accounts for 1936.* The accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1936 (together with the Hon. Auditors certificate), were laid before the Committee and discussed, and on the motion of Capt. Worton, seconded by Col. Browne, they were passed.

13. *Old Comrades' attendance at the Coronation.* The Secretary was instructed to write to the War Office to inquire if any arrangements were being made at the War Office for Old Comrades attending the Coronation.

14. *Gravestones Malapuram.* The Secretary reported that though a letter had been written to the Chaplain, as ordered at the last meeting, and a reminder sent, no answer had as yet been received.

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## THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1936

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Association Fund:				Investments at Middle Market value			
Balance at 1st January, 1936	10,852	0	0	on 31st December, 1936:			
Add Increase in value, less loss on Sale of Investments	102	8	5	£1,049 1s. 3½% Conversion Stock at 106½	1,115	19	9
			10,954	£738 0s. 1d. 4½% Conversion Stock, 1940-44 at 107½	796	1	2
Income and Expenditure Account:				£1,087 5s. 2d. 4% Funding Loan, 1960-90 at 116½	1,263	12	8
Balance at 1st January, 1936	333	5	4	£216 15s. India 3½% Stock at 98	210	6	0
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure this year	100	10	8	£800 London Transport 4½% T.F.A. Stock at 109	881	0	0
			433	£652 2s. 4d. Australian Government 5% Registered Stock, 1945-75, at 110	717	6	6
				£1,411 3s. Australia 3% Stock, 1955-58 at 97	1,358	6	7
Amount due to Regimental Journal Account			11,388	£700 Kenya Government 5% Inscribed Stock, 1948-58, at 115	805	0	0
Due to Regimental Cottage Homes Account for Investments thereof which have been realised and paid into General Account			333	£108 16s. 4d. New South Wales 3½% Stock, 1930-50 at 100	108	16	4
				£800 New South Wales 3½% Stock, 1930-50 at 100	800	0	0
				£103 17s. 5d. Queensland 3½% Inscribed Stock, 1940-60 at 102	105	18	11
				£97 15s. 3d. Queensland 5% Inscribed Stock, 1940-60 at 107	104	12	8
				£100 9s. 6d. Sierra Leone 4% Inscribed Stock, 1938-63 at 102	102	9	6
			310	£600 South Australian Government 5% Registered Stock, 1945-75 at 110	660	0	0
				£100 7s. Victoria 4% Consolidated Stock, 1940-60 at 102	102	7	0
				£715 Southern Railway 4% Debenture Stock at 112	806	0	0
				£848 Canadian Pacific Railway 4% at 97½, Perpetual Consolidated Debenture Stock	826	16	0
					10,764	13	1
			£12,031	Cash at Bank:			
			15	Main Account	1,167	8	1
			6	Petty Cash Account	84	18	4
				Cash in Hand:			
				Main Account	12	16	0
				Petty Cash Account	2	0	0
					£12,031	15	6

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the Books, Vouchers, Counterfoil Receipt Books, and Pass Books of the Regimental Association and certify it to be in accordance therewith. We have verified the Investments by a Certificate from the Charity Commission and the Balance at the Bank by a Certificate from the Bankers.

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LONDON, W.1.

26th January, 1937.



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1936

EXPENDITURE						INCOME						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
To Grants and Loans to Cases .. .. .				520	10	4	By Subscriptions .. .. .					
„ Working Expenses :							„ Interest on Investments .. .. .	433	8	0		
Salaries and Allowances .. .. .	218	0	0				„ Refund of Loans .. .. .	44	3	0		
Office Expenses .. .. .	7	9	0				„ Sales of Badges .. .. .	7	13	4		
Printing and Stationery .. .. .		6	15	0			„ Entertainment Receipts .. .. .	80	12	9		
Postage .. .. .		18	0	0			„ Memorial Wreaths.. .. .		6	16	0	
Auditors' Fees .. .. .		6	6	0			„ Sale of Histories .. .. .		12	7	3	
Bank Charges .. .. .		2	5	4								
				258	15	4						
„ Allowances to Chelsea Pensioners .. .. .				9	11	0						
„ Entertainment :												
Cash .. .. .	47	6	0									
Petty Cash .. .. .	43	11	2									
				90	17	2						
„ Memorial Account .. .. .				23	18	1						
„ Charities .. .. .				25	4	0						
„ Donation to N.A.E. E.R.S.S. & A. .. .. .				100	0	0						
„ Balances at 1st January, 1936, written off by order of Committee :												
Entertainment Account .. .. .	17	0	11									
History Account .. .. .	62	5	3									
Chelsea Pensioner's Account .. .. .	8	17	6									
Memorial Account .. .. .	4	2	6									
				92	6	2						
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure carried down .. .. .				100	10	8						
				1,221	12	9	„ Excess of Income over Expenditure brought down .. .. .			100	10	8
„ Balance carried to Balance Sheet .. .. .	433	16	0				„ Balance brought forward from last Balance Sheet .. .. .			333	5	4
				£433	16	0				£433	16	0

## JOURNAL ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1936

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Stock at 1st January, 1936 .. .. .	43 7 8	By Advertisements .. .. .	163 14 0
„ Production of Journals and Diaries .. .. .	378 4 7	„ Sales and Subscriptions .. .. .	291 5 4
„ Postage .. .. .	9 14 4	„ Stock at 31st December, 1936 .. .. .	43 7 8
„ Office Expenses .. .. .	40 0 0		
„ Subscription to Society for Army Historical Research .. .. .	1 1 0		£498 7 0
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure carried down .. .. .	25 19 5	„ Excess of Income over Expenditure brought down .. .. .	25 19 5
	£498 7 0	„ Balance brought forward from last Balance Sheet .. .. .	291 2 4
„ Balance carried to Balance Sheet .. .. .	317 1 9		
	£317 1 9		£317 1 9

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1936

LIABILITIES						ASSETS							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors :							Sundry Debtors :						
Gale & Polden .. .. .	116	4	3				General Fund .. .. .	333	6	5			
Army Sports Control Board .. .. .	9	16	7				1st Battalion .. .. .	29	18	6			
				126	0	10	Advertisers .. .. .	36	10	0			
Income and Expenditure Account :							Stock of Standing Orders				399	14	11
Balance per last Balance Sheet .. .. .	291	2	4								43	7	8
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure this year .. .. .	25	19	5										
				317	1	9							
				£443	2	7					£443	2	7

## REGIMENTAL COTTAGE HOMES ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1936

EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.	INCOME		£	s.	d.
To Land Agent, Eastern Command, for Rent	.. .. .	12	0	0	By Grant from Eastern Command in aid of Rent	.. .. .	5	10	0
„ Architect's Fee	.. .. .	2	2	0	„ Interest on Investments	.. .. .	78	15	0
„ Repairs	.. .. .	198	14	2	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income carried down	.. .. .	131	6	11
„ Water Rate	.. .. .	1	7	6			£215	12	5
„ Fire Insurance	.. .. .		18	0					
„ Bank Charges	.. .. .		5	0	„ Balance brought forward from last Balance Sheet	.. .. .	2,235	12	10
„ Sundries	.. .. .		5	9					
		£215	12	5					
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income brought down	.. .. .	131	6	11					
„ Balance carried to Balance Sheet		2,104	5	11					
		£2,235	12	10			£2,235	12	10

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1936

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Income and Expenditure Account :		Investments at Market Value on 31st December, 1936 :	
Balance at 1st January, 1936	2,235 12 10	£250 3½% Conversion Loan at 106	265 18 9
Less Decrease in value of Investments	1 4 0 9	£460 10s. 6d. 3½% War Stock at 105½	485 4 6
	2,231 12 1	£108 10s. 8d. Indian 3½% Stock at 97	105 8 8
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	131 6 11	£600 Kenya 5% Inscribed Stock, 1948-58, at 115	690 0 0
		£97 15s. 3d. Queensland 5% Inscribed Stock, 1940-60 at 107	104 12 8
		£100 East Indian Railway 3½% Debenture Stock at 95½	95 10 0
			£1,746 14 7
		Cash at Bank	43 5 11
		Due from Regimental Association General Account for Investments realised and paid into General Account	310 4 8
	£2,100 5 2		£2,100 5 2

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the Books, Vouchers, Counterfoil Receipt Books and Pass Books of the Regimental Association and certify it to be in accordance therewith. We have verified the Investments by a Certificate from the Charity Commission and the Balance at the Bank by a Certificate from the Bankers.

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## 7th BATTALION NOTES.

AS forecast in last quarter's notes, we have left the 44th (Home Counties) Division and are now part of the 54th (East Anglian) Division, forming the 162nd (East Midland) Brigade with the 8th and 9th Battalions and the 5th Battalion of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. Brigade Headquarters is at Northampton at present, but will shortly be moving south. We are sorry to lose our old friends who remain in the 44th Division, particularly the 5th Battalion, Queen's Own R.W. Kent Regiment, but judging from what we have seen so far of our new companions, it will not be long before new friendships are formed.

As a result of this change, our Annual Camp this year will be at Colchester. Although this is not so good as Sussex, from the point of view of a summer holiday, the training areas are infinitely better than anything that could be found on the South Downs, and a good bus service puts such places as Clacton, Walton-on-the-Naze, Frinton, and Mersea Island within easy reach. Although Colchester is a garrison town, it is not overpoweringly so, and it is very different from Aldershot, where it is quite impossible to get out of sight of the rather depressing barrack blocks which meet the eye wherever one goes.

After a long attachment Major J. M. Holt has been transferred to us from the Prince of Wales's Volunteers, and now commands "A" Company at Highgate. Another acquisition to the Battalion is 2/Lieut. P. B. Dann who has joined us from the Post Office Rifles, and has gone to "A" Company.

Two new Officers, 2/Lieuts. R. T. D. Hicks and P. R. Abbot, have recently been gazetted to the Battalion, and we hope that their stay with us will be long and pleasant.

We were sorry to lose 2/Lieut. Sass, who has joined the Regular Army and is now serving at Dover as a 2/Lieut. in the Prince of Wales's Volunteers.

The Annual Children's Christmas Party took place on 9th January at Headquarters, the Punch and Judy show being very popular with the children.

Three Inter-Company Competitions have been held this month, viz., the "Barnet" Cup, the "King" Cup, and the Cross-Country Run. These events were won by "D" Company, "B" (S.) Company, and "D" Company respectively. No doubt the winning

Companies will have plenty to say about them in their notes, so we will leave the details to them.

Although we are 30 below establishment, our numbers have been steadily, if slowly, increasing, and it is satisfactory to note that we are the strongest Battalion in the 54th Division, particularly as very few members of the Battalion can be said to exist on paper only. The Officer situation is also satisfactory, and, although we are not quite up to strength, the deficit will be remedied in a few weeks when the papers of three candidates for commissions have come through.

A T.E.W.T. was held on 14th February at Chenies, Bucks., which was attended by about 50 junior Officers and N.C.O.s. This exercise was particularly interesting as it was the first done on the new Platoon organisation of three sections.

One of the most important events of the quarter was the Battalion Old Comrades' Dinner at the Alexandra Palace on 13th March. One hundred and seventy-eight members were present. The chair was taken by Lieut.-Col. P. C. Kay, who commanded the 1st/7th Battalion in the War, Col. E. J. King unfortunately being unable to attend on account of illness. Other ex-Commanding Officers present were Cols. Maitland, Smith, and Murray, while the serving Officers were represented by Lieut.-Col. Pringle and six others. An interesting coincidence was the date, which was the 22nd anniversary of the arrival of the Battalion in France.

The Battalion has recently suffered a great loss in R.Q.M.S. Roberts who has left us on account of age. Roberts enlisted in the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Regiment on the 9th February, 1905, and served continuously ever since. He has now enlisted into the National Defence Company attached to the Battalion, so he is still one of us. In his place C.Q.M.S. Badham has been promoted to Warrant Rank and appointed R.Q.M.S. We congratulate R.Q.M.S. Badham on his promotion, and wish him every success in his new position.

## "A" COMPANY

We must first of all apologise to those who buy this Journal chiefly for the "A" Company notes, for our omission to contribute to the last issue. We have no excuse to offer, except that, having very little to say, we decided that

we could miss a number with a comparatively clear conscience.

However, the New Year signalled the commencement of our active training period, and has brought with it material for our scribe. It has been very gratifying to note the enthusiasm for Individual Training displayed by our regular attenders, but we are sorry to say there are still many members who are only casual visitors to the Drill Hall. It is rather discouraging to those who take their part in the many activities of the Company to find that their efforts in such diverse directions as miniature range shooting, table tennis, and dances do not receive any support from the remainder. The decision to make payment for extra drills is a step in the right direction towards encouraging the N.C.O.s and trained men who are pulling their weight, and will also, we hope, prove an added incentive to those who have been less regular. After all, local attractions are apt to pall when indulged in for seven nights a week, and surely two hours a week could be spared, so let's see more of you at Highgate.

We also extend a welcome to our new recruits, who are now learning the intricacies of "getting the tip of the foresight, etc." (we forget the rest). They are all doing well, indeed, and we hope to see the results of their hard work when they visit Purfleet at Easter.

We are making slow but sure progress in the various Competitions, and have reached a place higher than last year in the "King" Cup, "Barnet" Cup and Cross-country Run. Congratulations to 2/Lieut. Hughes and Pte. A. Foster on their fine effort in coming fifth and sixth respectively in this later event. L/Cpl. Govey, and Ptes. Sonley and J. Thomas also represented the Battalion in the "Byrne" Cup recently, while Pte. Lowe was first reserve; as this is a Young Soldiers' Competition, it is a very good sign for the future.

We have had three very successful dances at Highgate this season, and our thanks are largely due to C.S.M. Mewett and the small but never-failing band of helpers who have assisted him. Here, again, if more members of the Company were to lend a hand we should be able to run more of these popular events, but we feel that as things are it is unfair to take undue advantage of the willing few.

Once again Lieut. Jefferson is arranging an Aldershot Tattoo party on Saturday, 19th June. This year he is running two buses, and has already booked 100 seats. We feel that at 6s. per head, including a modicum of liquid

refreshment—alcoholic or otherwise, according to taste—this is a very cheap and enjoyable outing, and hope it will prove as successful as in previous years.

We are, at the moment, busy trying to popularise table tennis (called ping pong by the novices) in the Company, and have recently purchased a full-sized table and new equipment. Judging by the skill displayed, several of our members who, as recruits, declared they were British subjects, have now been found out; we strongly suspect they are Hungarians, or, at the very least, Czechs.

Since our last appearance in print we have acquired a new Company Commander. Major Holt has at last been persuaded to transfer to the 7th Battalion, and we are glad to say that he has been posted to us. We already got to know him so well during the time he was attached to the Company that it will be unnecessary for us to say how pleased we all are to have his ever-ready help and advice, and that we will all back him up to the best of our ability. We have had other changes in Officers. 2/Lieut. Dann has been posted to us from "C" Company, and we have lost 2/Lieut. Hughes, who suddenly evinced a desire to play about with flags, and dots and dashes, and has been attached to the Signalling Section, where we wish him every success. Lieut. Jefferson, who has very ably commanded the Company for some time now, we are glad to say, remains with us.

There was some disappointment in the Company at our only being allotted five places for the Coronation parade, but we are no worse off than any other unit, so cannot complain. The lucky five are: C.Q.M.S. E. Allen, Sergt. Baker, L/Cpl. Govey, and Ptes. Sonley and J. Thomas. Lieut. Jefferson, who is carrying the Colour, is also representing the Company.

In conclusion, we should like to express our sympathy with the parents of Rich and Grimes, who died in such tragic circumstances. We shall miss them at Highgate, as they were very regular attenders, and were always willing to give us a helping hand. We wish that more members were as ready to assist the Company as they were.

## "B" (S.) COMPANY

We believe that most of those who have the dubious privilege of reading these notes are not members of the Company, and many even have the undeniable misfortune to be our rivals, so that tact and common courtesy both



suggest that we should not dwell unduly upon our triumphs. Therefore, greatly exercising our powers of literary self-control, as recommended by Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, we will consign to the shadowy realms of the might-have-been, all those quips, jests, and allusions which we lovingly devised when we wrote the first draft, and merely record that the strength of Tarshish is laid waste. The "King" Cup and the Efficiency Trophy are ours, and we may add that the latter was won entirely by soldiering; in sport, sad to relate, we have not been quite so clever.

We seem to remember that in the last issue of this Journal we mentioned that we were holding a couple of dances. We held them—an Other Ranks Dance in January, and the so-called Annual Ball in March. Since our personal contribution to the success of the latter consisted merely of a few trifles and several damaged feet, we should be unnecessarily modest did we not publish our definite opinion that it was one of the best dances ever held at Enfield. As always, our thanks are principally due to S.M. Ramsey, who worked tirelessly to make the show a success, and who must have been highly satisfied with the result.

And now, lest our detractors should have cause to blazen us as vain and boastful, we confess freely that the Company's efforts in the Cross-country Run lacked distinction. We offer no excuses—we have not yet descended to such depths—but, of course, we expect to do much better next year.

Training has progressed steadily, but it has been mainly confined to drills. The recruits have been busily engaged with the Empire Test, and, although some of them appear to believe that "a foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds," we have no doubt that they will all pass in time.

Mr. Webster's final posting to "H.Q." Wing fills us with sorrow, but it is some consolation to know that, as the presiding genius of the Transport, he will have unrivalled opportunities for showing his peculiar regard for the Company.

Mr. Oldham, too, has disappeared, but, fortunately, his absence from the military scene is purely temporary. He has taken a few months' leave and now lives in a welter of legal volumes and crammers' notes. Occasionally he writes a letter from his hermit's cell; it nearly always contains the bleak intimation that "47 per cent. failed last time."

New cars seem to be the order of the day, but we can with the utmost certainty deny the rumour that considerations of space make it necessary for a certain well-known gentleman to drive his new "baby" from the back seat.

Victor Hugo, wishing to produce a striking antithesis, informed his readers that in the Rue St. Florentin there are a palace and a sewer. We were reminded of this phrase when we read page 711 of the last issue, and we publish it as our considered opinion that, should one of our fellow scribes meet the poet Virgil in Elysium, then there will be discord in the spheres.

### "D" COMPANY

It is difficult to know where to commence this quarter's notes. Perhaps the brightest feature of the period is the large influx of recruits that have enlisted since the beginning of the year. Parade attendances have been very good of late, averaging, as we write, well over 50, and on some nights reaching 65—70.

We are glad to welcome Capt. Watson, of The West Yorks. Regiment, to the Company, and although not one of us officially, we trust that he will become well and truly "attached" to us. Capt. Scott Lowe recently qualified for promotion to Major at the London District examination, held in February. Mr. Gliksten, we hear, is performing the prodigious athletic feat of walking to Brighton in the annual Stock Exchange Race, and we wish him luck. We are advised that there are really "obstacles" in the race, the worst one being the passing of a very inviting hostelry at Crawley, about half way to Brighton.

On the miniature range, we have experienced varying fortune. We came second to "B" (S.) Company in the "King" Cup, and we heartily congratulate them on their success. For the second year running we were unfortunate enough to have to shoot at the inhuman hour of 10 a.m., and, judging by the scores, quite half the team had not recovered from the previous night. We lost to University College School O.T.C. in a match which would have been extremely close if one of our team had not pulled one off the card in the grouping practice. The School possesses a very good team, and recently were runners-up in a National Competition. The few victories we have registered over them have been hard to come by.

Congratulations to Sergt. Fuller on obtaining a "D" at the London District School at a recent L.A. Course; also to L/Cpls. Allinson, Peek, and Tourlaimain on first appointment.

Our team, under Cpl. Huggins, successfully retained the "Barnet" Cup for the Inter-Company Fire Direction Competition, but failed badly in the Brigade show at Willesden. In our defence it should be mentioned that 50 per cent. of our team were unfit and unable to turn out on the night, a fact which rather upset the morale of the remainder.

A large percentage of the Company passed the Annual Weapon Training Course at Easter at Purfleet. Several excellent scores were registered; L/Cpl. Webb and Pte. Russell obtaining the maximum score of 40 with the L.A., and Pte. Carpenter, one of our latest recruits, scoring 103 out of 105, a record score for the Battalion.

Turning to the realms of sport, we have lately been engaged with cross-country running. We again "walked away" in the Battalion race and supplied the first three men home for the third year in succession, Pte. Trafford, Pte. F. Thompson, and 2/Lieut. Hatfield, finishing in that order. Trafford is running exceptionally well and in the race against the Depot finished literally miles ahead of the field without even losing his breath! At the moment of writing, we are just about to run in the T.A. race at Birmingham, and we are hoping that our team will improve on the fine showing of last year.

Our boxers finished well, as the Company could boast four finalists in the Brigade boxing—Ptes. Watts, Hill, Hoy, and Chapman—whilst Ptes. Trafford, Tournier, and Fox have also boxed well for the Battalion. Watts was distinctly unlucky in that just before the Divisional Championships he injured a hand and he was thus unable to attempt to gain the T.A. Middle-weight Championship, an effort which would not have been outside his capabilities on this year's form.

Lastly, under the leadership of L/Cpl. Webb, the Company has started a darts team, and has already met and defeated several local pubs! There is plenty of talent in the Company, and the darts box is kept very busy. We even noticed one of our Officers land three darts one on top of each other a short while ago. We await challenges from other Companies.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE "LONDON GAZETTE."

### REGULAR ARMY COMMANDS AND STAFF

The follg. appts. are made: Capt. P. E. C. Tuckey, Midd'x R., to be G.S.O., 3rd Grade, War Office (temp.) (Feb. 1).

#### INFANTRY

Maj. L. A. Newnham, M.C., Midd'x R., as D.A.A.G. (temp.) (Dec. 31, 1936).

Midd'x R.—The follg. Sec. Lts. to be Lts. (Feb. 1): C. M. Beath, P. A. Anson, A. S. J. de S. Clayton. Capt. P. E. C. Tuckey is sec'd. for serv. on the Staff (Feb. 1); Lt. M. A. Jacob to be Capt. (Feb. 1).

The follg. Lts. to be Capt. (March 13): N. G. Gilbert, and remains sec'd.; C. M. Baldwin, and remains sec'd.; F. H. Else.

#### MEMORANDA

Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. G. C. Bucknall, M.C., Midd'x R., to be G.S.O. 2nd Grade, R.Mil. Col. of Canada (March 13); Lt. (now Capt.) N. G. Gilbert, Midd'x R., is granted the temp. rank of Capt. while empld. with the R.W.A.F.F. (Sept. 11, 1936).

### TERRITORIAL ARMY

#### INFANTRY

7th Bn., Midd'x R.—Maj. J. M. Holt, from 5th Bn. P.W. Vols., to be Maj. (Oct. 26, 1936); 2nd Lt. P. B. Dann, from 32nd (7th C. of Lond.), A.A. Bn., R.E., to be 2nd Lt. (Jan. 7).

8th Bn., Midd'x R.—2nd Lt. G. B. Ayre to be Lt. (Feb. 7).

9th Bn., Midd'x R.—Capt. H. K. Hardcastle to be Maj. (Dec. 3, 1936); Lt. H. W. W. Gray to be Capt. (Dec. 4, 1936); J. M. Wood (late Cadet Lce.-Corpl., Oundle Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd Lt. (Jan. 7); K. A. L. Emery (late Cadet Under-Offr., Berkhamsted Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd Lt. (Jan. 7).

### SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

#### INFANTRY

Midd'x R.—Sec. Lt. R. J. Clarke resigns his commn. (Feb. 10).

### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

#### REGIMENTAL LIST

The follg. having attained the age limit of liability to recall, cease to belong to the Res. of Off.:

#### INFANTRY

Midd'x R.—Lt. F. Butterworth (Feb. 24); Lt. J. Marsh (March 7); Capt. E. N. Appelbe (March 20); Lt.-Col. W. H. Samuel (March 24); Capt. H. A. Cartwright, M.C. (March 23).

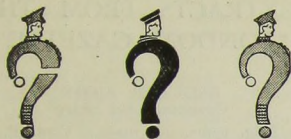
Lt. D. J. Longden resigns his commn. (March 24).

### TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

#### INFANTRY

9th Bn., Midd'x R.—Capt. T. P. Coubro, from Active List, to be Capt. (March 17).





## A STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND

I WAS talking the other day to an old friend of mine. He described himself in the course of conversation by the title which forms the heading to this article. You will probably think that this is a queer way for a man to talk of himself, particularly at home here, and even more so when I say that my friend was a Warrant Officer who had served at home and abroad for over twenty-seven years. The last man on earth who should look upon himself as a stranger, and to whom no land should be strange.

But he was speaking nothing but the literal truth. Let me give you the conversation.

"Yes, that's what I am. For twenty-seven years I've been a soldier, for fifteen of them a Warrant Officer. I did my share of work, I gave orders which were obeyed, I was asked for, and gave, advice where it was wanted. I was, I think, well thought of by my Officers, and well-liked, I hope, by the non-commissioned officers and troopers. I could walk into a hundred and one places and be sure of finding a warm welcome and my friends. And now, well, things are not quite the same. I am not grousing, but I cannot help noticing the difference. I did not think, either, that there would be quite this difficulty about getting into a job."

"But," I said, "your job now seems all right, and as far as I can recollect you have not been out of work since you finished a year ago. What was the difficulty?"

The Pensioner smiled. "You are a young man yet. Just wait till you are my age. There is plenty of work about, but there are jobs and jobs. When you get to the wrong side of forty, or nearly fifty, as I am, you do not feel like starting a new career with a pick and shovel. I am fit enough, but it stands to reason that I cannot hope to compete with men young enough to be my sons when it comes to hard manual labour for long hours. And besides, I am not afraid of hard work, but I certainly

feel that I do not want to start navvying at my time of life. Now look here, I will tell you exactly what happened to me.

"When I finished, I had twenty-seven years' service, an 'exemplary' character, and a bundle of testimonials from my Officers. I was a fully-qualified riding instructor, and what I did not know about horses was not worth knowing. I was fit and strong, and after all that service you cannot help being smart. I was not quite blind to the fact that I would have to look for a job one day, but I was not in any hurry. Of course, what I did want was to work amongst horses, but once I got out, I realised that with so few of them about, jobs with horses are very few and far between. And I realised something else, too. In my ignorance—and foolishness—I had not bothered about a Vocational Training Course. I do not know why I did not, but there it was, and I only hope that nobody else who serves as long as I did finishes without one. It did not take me long to find out that if I had had a month with a motor, it would have been worth ten times as much as my twenty-seven years with the horses. However, there it was.

"I came out of the Army for a job. What could I do? Before I joined the Service I drove a horse and cart, but even supposing I had had a trade, I should have forgotten it. I had my pension, so I was not absolutely broke, but at the same time I had my wife and family, and they had to be kept in reasonable comfort, and the youngsters educated. I had managed to save enough to set up house, after all these years in quarters, and I suppose was really well off compared with some of the poor devils who finish without a pension or anything. Still, I had to find a job.

"Eventually, much against the grain, I took a job as a navvy—you already know what I felt about that. I was not going on the 'dole' though. It was during this spell that I really felt myself a stranger. I was working amongst men, few of them knew anything of the comradeship of the Army—the 'mucking-in' spirit. They looked on me as an 'old soldier,' and they did not mean it as a compliment. Yet I knew that there were jobs to suit a man like me, but I did not go to the right places to find out. At the time, I was working on a new aerodrome pushing barrowsful of clay about. One day a man asked me why I did not try to get on the W.D. Constabulary, or one of those jobs. He seemed surprised when I told him I did not know anything about them, but he gave me a bit of information

about such jobs, and put me on to a place he called the National Association. I went there, and in a very short while I was back at the aerodrome as a Warden—and I do not feel so much of a stranger now."

This sounded all very nice to me. "Well," I asked, "what is there in this job? Does it pay you?"

"Actually there is not an enormous amount of money in it, although the wage is reasonable, but with a pension, I have enough to live on comfortably without having to do a lot of hard manual work. The hours are much the same as they are in any other job, I am not cooped up indoors, and, what I think is a great advantage, I am with men of my own age who have been in the Service themselves, and with whom I have thus much in common. Mind you, I do not say that I would choose this job in preference to anything else, but I can see now that if I had gone the right way about things I might have found something else—but whether I should have been better off I would not like to say. If I were faced with the problem of finishing with the Service again, I would make sure of three things. I would make it my business to save as much as I possibly could, so that when I came out I could afford to look round. Secondly, I would make it my business, before I did finish, to take the rust off my brains and try to pick up the threads of civilian life before I had to take part in it, and lastly, whatever other consideration there might be, I would have a Vocational Training Course."

"Would you advise other pensioners to take a job like this, though?" I asked.

"Every time. For a man who has no trade, and no other qualifications which would find him a skilled, or even semi-skilled job, this is a good life. He has his choice; the Post Office, W.D. Constabulary, Government Messengers—there are many Government openings for the pensioner. His job is sure, he can stay till he would otherwise be past work, and he need not fear competition from younger men. I think that every long-service man should make it his business to have himself registered for this type of work before he comes out."

Well, that is the Warrant Officer's story. Other old soldiers (this time it is a compliment) may draw their own conclusions, and take advantage of his experience.

## 8th BATTALION NOTES.

AT the risk of being accused of blowing upon the ashes when they are cold, mention must first be made of the Children's Christmas Tree Party, held at Hounslow, on 9th January. More than 350 were present—may we say children of all ages—an excellent tea and a loaded Christmas tree were followed by a first-class entertainment by a conjurer. Mr. Reddy, as the gentleman who had "just dropped in from the Polar regions," filled his role with great distinction.

Our next function of importance was the Battalion Boxing Competition, which took place on 13th January, a fitting prelude to the Brigade contests, which we had the honour of staging at Hounslow on 30th January. The standard of boxing in the Battalion is certainly on the up-grade, for although unable to win outright, we did force a tie with the 9th Battalion, redoubtable champions of boxing as they are known to be, as winners of the Brigade Trophy. We were very pleased to be able to welcome and entertain so many of our comrades of all ranks from the other Battalions at this gathering, and would take this opportunity of congratulating the 9th Battalion on the fine performances put up by their representatives in the Divisional contests. Particular mention might be made of the excellent work done by Sergt. Crump and Pte. Bond of our Battalion throughout all stages of the contests.

In the Battalion Fire Direction Competition, "H.Q." Wing demonstrated their superiority, and it was a real disappointment to us when, upon visiting the 9th Battalion Headquarters in the Brigade Competition, they were only able to take second place to that Battalion. However, in the 8th we have a fine record in this Competition, and we have no doubt that next year we may again secure first place.

And now we come to the Prize Distribution; unhappily, owing to certain changes in the B.B.C. arrangements, the original date was altered and a number of guests accordingly could not be present. Nevertheless, our Hall was literally packed, and it was an evening of intense enthusiasm and genuine enjoyment.

We were honoured by the presence of Capt. the Lord Strathcona, Under Secretary of State for War, and amongst our guests were the Divisional Commander, Major-Gen. Luckock, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; our Brigade Commander, Col. T. S. Muirhead; and our former Brigade Commander, Col. O. Y. Hibbert,



D.S.O., M.C. We were delighted also to see Col. Passingham and other members of the Association, and Col. Parmeter, in company with many former Officers of the Battalion.

The complicated arrangements made by the personnel of the B.B.C. Staff, proceeded without a single hitch, and we learned from friends that it came over on the air splendidly. Certain it is that everybody present thoroughly enjoyed every moment of the time, and it must be written down as one of our red letter occasions.

The individual awards are too numerous to detail, but mention should be made of the performance of "Headquarter Wing"—Capt. Hartley, during the actual distribution of trophies, was for ever passing from his seat to the platform—quite monotonous, in fact, but evidence of some first-class efforts on which he and his Company deserve hearty congratulation.

We have to record that following the handing over of "B" (S.) Company to Capt. Miskin, Major S. Maddex has been appointed second-in-command, and to both these Officers we extend our good wishes for abundant success in their new appointments.

#### "H.Q." WING

For "H.Q." Wing, the month of March has been a particularly good one. The most interesting feature has been the Presentation of Prizes by Capt. the Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, in the Drill Hall on 10th March. After a very amusing entertainment, which was broadcast by the B.B.C., the presentation of prizes began. During the course of the year the following prizes were won by the Wing:

- "Colonel Garner" Efficiency Cup.
- "Major Lawe" Challenge Cup.
- "Ladies of Whitten" Challenge Cup.
- Miniature Range Shield.
- "Montgomery" Memorial Cup.
- Battalion Sports Cup.
- "Fenton" Boxing Cup.
- "Gamage" Football Cup.
- "Colonel Parmeter" Cup.

These were received by Capt. Hartley, Officer Commanding the Wing.

The Wing also won, by individual effort, the "Colonel Bett" Cup (Lieut. and Q.M. S. A. Cox).

"Colonel Baker" Signalling Cup (Cpl. Hamlin and Pte. Morton).

Battalion Individual Rifle Cup (Pte. Argent). Recruiting Trophy (A/R.S.M. Wright).

May we offer our heartiest congratulations, both to the Wing as a whole for their magnificent concerted team spirit, and to those members of the Wing who, through their own fine efforts, increased the number of Cups held by the Company.

Since the Prize-giving, we have won the first Miniature Range Competition of the year, and represented the Battalion in the Brigade Competition at Willesden. Congratulations to the team.

For the Easter training at Portsmouth, we sent 12 signallers and six mechanical transport with our two Commer trucks.

Recruiting is on the upgrade, and March brought in 20 new members to the Wing.

Our Saturday night dances are in full swing, and we shall welcome any members of the Battalion who come along.

#### "A" COMPANY

Since we last went to press the Company has been extremely busy, both socially and in training.

We were very fortunate in having Mrs. E. E. F. Baker to present the prizes at our Annual Company Prize-giving, followed by an All Ranks' Dance, which proved a great success, and everybody appeared sorry when the evening came to an end. The prize-winners were:

*Best Rifle Shot*: Sergt. Hammerton.

*Best Lewis Gun Shot*: Pte. Sexton.

*Best Drill Attendance*: Ptes. Grout, James, and Rivers tied, with a total of 85 drills for 1935-36.

*Best Section Leader at Annual Training*: Sergt. Raynsford.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank all Officers and their guests for supporting us so splendidly; we hope that they will pay us a visit whenever it is possible for them to do so.

We will not go into the subject of the Battalion Prize-giving and B.B.C. Concert, as it will be recorded elsewhere, but we should like to say that here again it was a thoroughly successful evening. We were more successful with the "pots" this year as we won:

The Battalion Challenge Cup.

"Colonel Bott" Cup.

Young Soldiers' Cup.

Ladies' Cup, shared by Pte. Brown (D.R.) and Sergt. Wright of "C" Company.

This is very gratifying, as the above Cups are all for shooting, both rifle and Lewis gun, on the open range.

We congratulate L/Cpls. Randall and Robinson on obtaining a satisfactory report at the L.D.S.I., and we should like to take this opportunity of saying how important it is that all N.C.O.s should attend as many Courses as possible, in order to make and keep themselves efficient.

RECRUIT HOWLER. A newly-joined recruit asked one of the Company Officers if he would translate the word "Albuhera" for him.

#### "B" (S.) COMPANY.

At the time of writing these notes, two topics vie for first place in the conversation and thoughts of the Company—Easter training and the Company prize-giving.

Easter training is always a popular event, making, as it does, a welcome break in the usual humdrum round of "civvie" life, and affording an opportunity of forming the better acquaintance of the "Regulars." We have our full quota going down to Southsea, and all ranks are looking forward to an enjoyable time.

The Battalion Prize-giving at Hounslow was an important event, the more so this year, as it was broadcast by the B.B.C., thus spreading the fame of the 8th Battalion far and wide! We had a number of distinguished visitors, including Lord Strathcona, who, in addition to making two extremely interesting speeches, presented the prizes.

There is great enthusiasm over our own Prize-giving, which is coming off on 2nd April. We are determined to make it a really good show, and if the hard work put in by Capt. Miskin, backed by the Officers and N.C.O.s, goes for anything, it will be! Every available man has been put to work spring cleaning and decorating the Hall, and generally preparing for the great day.

A detachment of the Company attended a show of "O.H.M.S." at a local cinema, and all voted it an extremely interesting film. Perhaps we will be able to emulate the feats of the machine gunners crossing the river, down at Camp, and perhaps we won't!

We have had a number of recruits of the right type recently, and we are hoping to reach the hundred before Camp.

C.S.M. Rowe has stepped into C.S.M. Trestain's shoes during the latter's absence on a Mechanization Course at Colchester.

Well, when Easter and Prize-giving are over, the next thing to look forward to is Camp, which this year should be particularly interesting to this Company.

### A MONS DIARY

[The following is the first instalment of a private Diary and is an account of the doings of the 4th Battalion at the beginning of the Great War. Future instalments will include the battles of Mons and Le Cateau and the withdrawal to Compiègne.—*Editor's Note.*]

#### MOBILIZATION ORDERED

4th August, 1914

5.25 p.m.—We were all more or less confined to barracks at the time and knew war was going to be declared, and at 5.25 p.m. I was in the Officers' Mess when I got a telegram. This was the order to mobilize. I immediately took it along the verandah to the Commanding Officer's house to show it to him. I found him having a tea party, and several of the Regimental ladies were present. He knew what it was at once, and came outside to read it, then took it inside and read it to the assembled multitude. Then he told me to get the Mobilization business going. I went over to the Orderly Room and got out the Mobilization File and started work as laid down therein. I issued orders to Officers and Battalion Orders at once.

8.10 p.m.—Dispatched the horse collecting party, under Lieut. Williams.

5th August

7 a.m.—Dispatched seven batmen to take up employment extra Regimentally and had a very busy day in the office sorting out the Mobilization Scheme, etc.

6th August

7 a.m.—Received the first batch of Reservists (400) from the Depot. Spent the day on their documents, which were not all present.

9.30 p.m.—Second party of Reservists (400) arrived.

7th August

Sorting Reservists' documents chiefly occupied the day. My belongings were removed to my home by my father; a great relief.

8th August

Mobilization completed by lunch time, except for a few minor details. I hope it will



never fall to my lot to have to mobilize again. The Mobilization worked quite smoothly, but it was very hard work for everybody.

On the third day of Mobilization we heard of the formation of new units and were ordered to send a Captain, two Subalterns and 12 Sergeants or Corporals for instructional purposes to these units. Capt. Newton, Lieuts. Brown and Robinson were detailed for this duty.

We also received an order the same evening that the second pairs of boots of serving soldiers and Reservists, and also their second khaki shirts, were to be withdrawn from them for the use of these fresh units.

This appeared to be rather hard on the men, and several came to me later, at Mons and elsewhere, and doubtless more went to the Quartermaster, asking for new boots. The Quartermaster always had a few pairs with the transport, but not many, and the sizes which were most frequently required were very soon out of stock, so that a good many of the men had to march for days and miles with the soles falling off.

There were a thousand and one things that had to be done on mobilization which are not mentioned above, such as, medical inspection of all ranks (including those who were away from barracks occupying various posts in the local defences), assembling harness, fitting harness, loading wagons, issuing articles of equipment (e.g., clasp-knives, first field dressings, ration bags, picketing gear, etc.), issuing clothing and boots, veterinary inspections, handing over surplus kits to the O.C. Details to be taken to the Depot, handing over barracks to O.C. Details, sorting out transport men, arranging accommodation for first reinforcements and details unfit and under age, who had to be accommodated in two separate bunches, etc., etc.

We heard on 8th August that we were to leave barracks on the 13th. Another warning we had on the same day was that we were to be prepared to move off at twenty-four hours' notice at any time before this date, and were asked how many men we could send with this notice, i.e., leaving only the bare minimum who were required to carry on the work of mobilization. Nothing of any importance occurred, as far as the Battalion was concerned, until the morning of the 13th, to which we were all looking forward (at least the Officers were, the men had not been told the date of departure) and which appeared never to be coming.

We had a couple of route marches, chiefly with the object of hardening the Reservists' feet and to detect the weakly ones, so that we could mobilize others in their places, and also to test the new horses and vehicles. These latter proved to be pretty satisfactory, but we had an unfortunate accident on one occasion, when a pair of horses bolted and the unfortunate driver was killed.

The Companies did a certain amount of Platoon Training and carried out one or two Company movements, and Officers and N.C.O.s found their respective commands rather unwieldy at first, owing to the unaccustomed numbers.

We had a C. of E. Service on the barrack square on the morning of the 12th, when our Chaplain gave us a very impressive address. It was attended by the whole Battalion (except a few who were of other religious persuasions) and all the Officers' wives and several relatives and friends of Officers.

The Battalion at war strength was photographed immediately after the service, but the result was very disappointing. The Battalion was not well formed up, the Companies were mixed and the Battalion did not look half the size it really was.

#### THE JOURNEY TO FRANCE

##### 13th August

The Battalion left barracks at 7.15 a.m. and 9.30 a.m., by half-Battalions, to entrain for Southampton.

The first trainload consisted of Battalion Headquarters, "A" and "B" Companies, and half the Regimental Transport. It left the station at 8.45 a.m.

The second trainload consisted of "C" and "D" Companies, and the other half of the Regimental Transport, under the second-in-command of the Battalion. It left the station at 10.48 a.m.

The march to the station of my trainload (the first) was hardly noticed at all by the inhabitants who seemed to take it as a matter of course and a very unimportant event. I daresay they were not too pleased either by the fact that the Royal Marines' Band and Drums had very kindly presented themselves at the barrack gate to play us down to the station, for it probably disturbed them from their early morning dreams. This was very different to the reception we got in France and Belgium from the wonderful and excessively

enthusiastic crowds that gathered to cheer us on our way. As a matter of fact, I suppose really it showed the secrecy with which the time and date of our departure had been guarded. But we were a little bit hurt at the time that nobody seemed to care about our departure. I cannot say how the other train party fared in this respect, but by this time the people would have finished their breakfasts and so may have sat up and taken a little notice.

We arrived at Southampton at about 3 p.m. and embarked immediately on the S.S. *Mombassa*, where we found our great friends The Royal Scots already embarked in the stern of the ship. Our second trainload arrived at about 5 p.m., and the whole Battalion, with its transport, was embarked by about 6.30 p.m. The vessel sailed, amidst frantic cheers from all ranks, at about 7.30 p.m.

When underway I went with the Colonel into the Captain's cabin to look at his orders, and the orders of the ship, so as to enable the Colonel to frame some routine orders for the journey, as he was the senior Military Officer on board. These were simple and few. We darkened ship at 9 p.m., had a welcome dinner and a little sleep. I did not sleep much myself, but spent a good deal of the night on deck in the beautifully fresh air. It was a treat after the awful time we had just spent during mobilization and hanging about in barracks afterwards.

The passage was remarkably smooth, one could feel no motion at all the whole night. I should not have believed such a passage possible. It was, perhaps, just as well as the ship was packed as tightly as a tin of sardines. We were unmolested by the Germans, who, presumably, lay well bottled up and watched by our Fleet.

##### 14th August

At about 4 a.m., when it got light, I was on deck and I saw, to my surprise, to the north, an expanse of coastline. On examining it, with the aid of my glasses, I found that it was Folkestone and Hythe, etc.

At about 5 a.m. we saw a magnificent sight as we passed through a line of seven or eight British men-of-war. All the men aboard them were on deck and cheering enough to terrify the German Fleet, which lay bottled up to the north of the Straits of Dover. Our men and The Royal Scots answered to the best of their ability and although it is certain that the

sailors could not have heard their cheers, yet they must have seen the handkerchiefs and caps which our men were waving at them in answer to their shouts. I have thought of this scene many times since and have often wished I had been able to take a photograph of it.

We had breakfast at about 7 a.m., and at about 9 a.m. Boulogne was visible to the naked eye, together with a long expanse of French coast on either side of it. We were not allowed to enter the harbour until 1.30 p.m., so we had to lie about outside for some hours.

We had a conference on disembarking, billeting, fighting formations, and other important subjects on board, attended by the C.O., Senior Major, Quartermaster, Medical Officer, Company Commanders, Transport Officer, and myself. This only lasted about an hour, when we went up on deck again to take the air and admire the scenery once more. We were all anxious to get ashore as we did not feel that we were exactly in the show as long as we remained on board. At last we made a move and on entering the harbour, just below us on the port side, we saw a whole lot of French submarines in one of the small basins.

We got to our place of disembarkation at 1.15 p.m., and disembarked, moving to an open space along a road by Companies. The road was lined by French Reservists, who were keeping back a tremendous crowd of cheering spectators. These people, unlike our own, were so excited at the entry of the British into their town, that it was hard to make oneself heard by our men at all. They were doing all they could to get souvenirs in the shape of cap-badges and regimental title plates, etc., from our men. I saw one of the men give a man a title plate and for it thanks were given to him in the shape of a kiss.

We had all disembarked, except the Transport, by about 2 p.m. Most of the Transport was off then, but some of the heavier wagons had to be unpacked and reloaded when ashore. Our cooker was an enormously cumbersome vehicle, and took a lot of shifting, and this delayed matters somewhat, but it was not so bad as that of The Royal Scots, for the landing of theirs seemed an almost impossible task. However, it was managed sooner or later, and the ship sailed away immediately to England to bring another load across.

(To be continued)



## 9th BATTALION NOTES

DURING the past quarter, the Battalion has carried out a varied and somewhat full programme. The boxing team are to be congratulated on its achievements this year, for, in addition to winning the 44th Divisional Cup, five members of the Battalion represented the Division in the finals for the Scarborough Trophy; this Cup is now in the possession of the Battalion.

Four members won their weights in the Individual Championships. The Officers' welter-weight was won by the late 2/Lieut. D. F. Hill. The death of this young Officer was a sad loss to the Battalion. Pte. Weaterton again won the Heavy-weight Championship, Pte. Gaitt, welter-weight, and Pte. Wigzell, the junior member of the team, who met the holder, a very experienced boxer, fought a remarkably clean and clever fight, and was a very popular winner of the Feather-weight Championship.

The football team also had a fair measure of success, winning the 44th Divisional Cup, and beating the finalists of our new Division, the 54th, in the next round.

"B" (S.) Company is to be congratulated on winning the Brigade Fire Direction Competition.

Company Dinners still seem to be a popular event, and were well attended.

A party of 60, headed by the Drums, marched from Pound Lane to the Queen's Cinema, Cricklewood, where the management had reserved seats for them, to see the film "O.H.M.S." As a recruiting march, this proved a great success.

We welcome 2/Lieuts. Wood and Lee Emery to the Battalion; both these young Officers have been posted to "B" (S.) Company.

Congratulations to Capt. H. W. W. Gray on his promotion. We are sure that under his guidance "A" Company will have a successful training season.

## DRUMS

Since the last notes, practice has continued to be satisfactorily attended. We had some "practical" practice on Monday, 8th March, when we had the pleasure of playing a detachment from Pound Lane to view the film "O.H.M.S." at Cricklewood. From outside reports we learn that the Drums made a fine

show approaching and crossing Cricklewood Broadway, and we feel that we have done a little towards helping recruiting.

The Drums and the Drum-Major's Staff were piled during the run of the film and they made a fine show, and an advertisement for the Battalion in the well-lighted vestibule of the theatre.

We are honoured to have two of our Corps selected as part of the detachment to represent the Battalion in the Coronation Parade.

Meanwhile we are anxiously awaiting Gas Drill in the near future.

## SIGNAL SECTION

We have just returned from Portsmouth, where we had a very good Easter week-end, and where eleven of us classified. We would like to thank the 2nd Battalion for their hospitality and kindness to all ranks of the Section. We feel if we could have a full month at Portsmouth it would do us a world of good.

Our moustaches are increasing in number, and even the boys seem to be cultivating face fungus to a smaller degree.

Three signallers were selected to attend the Coronation, and we feel very honoured that half the number from Headquarter Wing should be selected from us.

We have started Sunday Training at Chorley Wood and had a very enjoyable day on 14th March there. Unfortunately the snow interfered with our work, but it definitely helped to make a success of our snow fight.

We are looking forward to Camp, and hope that the Section will be there in full strength.

## "A" COMPANY

Once again we have to report a change in Company Commanders. Capt. Coubro has had to give up, owing to the pressure of business. He had not been with us long and we are sorry to see him go. In his place we welcome Capt. Gray. We look forward to a long period under his command.

The Winter Weapon Training period is nearly over and there is little to say about it, except that attendances at drill have shown a great improvement.

L/Sergt. Williams and his team are to be congratulated on being only four points behind in the Fire Direction Competition, although one man short.

We did Gas Drill for the first time in March and found out what respirators looked like and felt like. We hope we shall not have to wear them in future Company photographs.

Numbers have been increasing steadily and on Tuesday nights a large squad of recruits parade in the Drill Hall—most of them belong to "A" Company—which is very cheering.

The Annual Dinner was held at Pound Lane on 19th March, attended by 60 members of "A" Company and guests, followed by a dance with an attendance of over 200. Both functions were very successful and augured well for future events.

## "B" (S.) COMPANY

Once again we had a most successful and enjoyable evening for the Company Dinner, which was held at Headquarters on 14th January. Capt. Hogg, being abroad, was unable to be there, but Mr. Gray presided and made a most excellent speech. We understand that some of the recently joined subalterns were quite overcome when the "family history" of all Officers present was reeled off by Mr. Gray. They must look forward to the time when they preside and have the chance of getting their own back.

Major Fox proposed the toast of the Company in the absence of the Commanding Officer who, unfortunately, was prevented from being present owing to an attack of 'flu. Afterwards Col. Blumfeld gave away the prizes. He is always a regular attendant at these dinners and everyone was very pleased to see him, especially as it was likely to be his last appearance at our dinner as Hon. Colonel.

Sergt.-Major Jenkins, having only recently relieved Sergt.-Major Boen as P.S.I. at Headquarters, has now gone on a Mechanical Course. We feel sure that when he comes back he will have a great deal to teach us all, and any cars or motor cycles unable to start up after a long wait at Headquarters will receive his attention.

Badminton seems as popular as ever. We had hoped to be able to announce the name of the Company champion in these notes, but unfortunately the Championship Tournament is still in full swing.

We have heard so much of mechanisation lately that we could hardly believe our eyes when two Morris trucks turned up; they look very smart and should certainly make training in the Support Company more interesting; they apparently took a good deal of starting,

but once having got them going anyone who saw them careering round the parade ground would think that the drivers were going to take part in a Mechanical Vehicle Drive at the next Military Tournament.

Now we want some more Drivers. Surely these should be forthcoming, that old cry of "foot sloggers" cannot be raised as a plea for not joining up in the Support Company.

Our Rangetakers are as keen as ever and have been working hard lately out at Mill Hill on most Sundays. As our climate seems to be changing, perhaps it is as well to practice taking ranges in the snow, but we should really like to know what they made the range to the gasometer during one blinding snow blizzard.

Boxing is now over for the year and the Company, as far as records are available, created a record by winning the Battalion Boxing Cup for the fourth year in succession. We had heard that the other Companies were making a special effort this year as they thought the Support Company had had the cup in their possession quite long enough. However, all boxers in the Company started training early and worked hard with this very satisfactory result. The winners were:

*Heavy-weight*: Cpl. Brown.

*Welter-weight*: Pte. Carey.

*Feather-weight*: Pte. Wakeling.

*Bantam-weight*: Pte. Balin.

Although Pte. Burroughs was not a Battalion winner he won the best loser's prize, and we feel sure he will represent the Battalion next year; his certainly was a very plucky fight.

Pte. Wakeling boxed very well in the Brigade Competition and beat one quite good opponent in an excellent fight. We hope he will represent the Battalion in the Brigade Competition next year. It only remains to congratulate all the team, and by no means least Sergt. Jenkins, who trained the team.

At long last we have attained one of our main ambitions, namely, to win the Brigade Fire Direction Competition, and although, perhaps, we should not say it ourselves, won it handsomely too.

Our heartiest congratulations go to the team under command of Sergt. Yelland.

It should be mentioned that we did not have such an easy passage in the Battalion Competition, and if it had not been for "A" Company arriving with one of their team short we might not have represented the Battalion at the Brigade Competition.



We hear rumours that our Team Commander would like the competition run by an M.G. Officer, as he apparently did not understand some of what he calls, Rifle Company "terms." We know the Adjutant will be interested to hear this. The team, both for the Battalion and Brigade Competitions consisted of: Sergt. Yelland (Commander), Ptes. Burroughs, Jones, White, and Winsler.

We gather that the teams' most vivid recollections of the Brigade Competition evening was the tremendous meal of steak and kidney pie topped off with a pint of beer.

We have just had photographs taken of the winning Boxing and Fire Direction teams, but unfortunately they are not available for this copy of THE DIE-HARDS notes. Perhaps space will permit of their inclusion next time.

We are very sorry to lose Capt. Gray. We have always looked on him as part of the Support Company. However, we wish him every luck now he has taken over command of "A" Company, and at the same time offer him our heartiest congratulations on his promotion to Captain.

We welcome Mr. Lee Emery and Mr. Wood and trust their stay with us will be a long and pleasant one. We feel sure there are advantages of starting amongst the "Gunnerys."

#### "D" COMPANY

The thought uppermost in the minds of all "D" Company this quarter must be of a great loss which we have suffered in the tragic death of Denis Hill. We had not known him for long, but we had learned to like him for his cheerful character and his keenness, and to admire him for his prowess as a boxer. It is sad to think that he should die so soon after he had won for the second year in succession the Divisional and Territorial Army Officers' Welter-weight Championships. Mr. Talbot represented the Company at the funeral service.

We have been working hard these last three months, training for our annual musketry course and the "Sherwood" Shield, which we hope to win again this year.

The result of the Fire Direction Competition was naturally a great disappointment to us all, but we do not consider ourselves disgraced. L/Cpl. Kershaw and his team put up a good show against considerably senior and more experienced N.C.O.s.

Our Rifle Club flourishes; we have had matches against "C" Company, the Hendon

Police, the Legion of Frontiersmen and others, and the results are very encouraging. We have had the apparatus in the Range renovated and daylight lamps specially made for us; the latter are a success, and if any other Company or Battalion would like to try them, we should be happy to supply them with lamps at cost price, plus a "rake off" for our Company funds.

The Annual Dinner took place on 23rd January, and the attendance was 162—a substantial increase on last year. The Mayor of Hendon again honoured us with his presence, and this year made a most happy response to the toast of "The Guests." Col. Blumfield, in his last year as Hon. Colonel, presented the prizes and after dinner we had the usual dance. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, the special feature this year being the number of post-war ex-members of the Company present.

We were delighted to see Capt. Gray's promotion, as everyone should know, if they do not do so, Capt. Gray started his service in this Battalion in "D" Company. We offer him our hearty congratulations.

#### "C" COMPANY

For the past three months all ranks of the Company have been concentrating on Winter Weapon Training, and at the time of going to press, we are looking forward to the "Sherwood" Shield Competition, and trust the good work put in by the Instructors during this period will result in our taking this trophy from "D" Company, the holders.

In the Battalion Fire Direction Competition, our team were a very close second to "B" Company, whom we congratulate on winning the Brigade Fire Direction Competition. Our boxers were again second to "B" Company at the Battalion boxing meeting. Let us hope that the little extra needed to make these seconds into first places will be forthcoming.

During the last three months the attendance at drills has been excellent, and when we get over 40 on parade, the necessity of extensions to the Drill Hall are obvious. It is confidently hoped that by the time these notes appear that the alterations and extensions will have been commenced.

A party of N.C.O.s and prospective N.C.O.s attended the promotion examination at Headquarters in January. Congratulations to those who passed, and better luck next time to those who failed.

We were pleased to have a visit from "D" Company in January, when shooting, darts, and billiards competitions were held. The results were a distinct reverse for "D" Company, but on the return visit to Hendon, a fortnight later, we had to admit a defeat on the miniature range. All ranks of "C" Company who attended thank "D" Company for their kind entertainment.

At the Old Comrades' Dinner at Headquarters some sixteen serving members of the Company attended.

When the film "O.H.M.S." was shown recently at the Majestic Cinema, Wembley, we were invited by the management to send a party. An Officer and 25 other ranks attended. During the week, two N.C.O.s a night were present at the Cinema on recruiting duty. We are grateful to them for giving up the necessary time.

In connection with the Small Bore Club, good numbers turn up every Friday. The results in the League Shoots are, perhaps, not so good as last year, and it is hoped that more serving members will join the Club, and make themselves proficient. A scheme is now being worked out which should encourage serving members to take a greater interest in the Club. On 20th March, we fired against Harrow School, and are grateful to our hosts. The following day, the Company fired in the T.A.R.A. Company match, and improved our last year's score by 34.

During the next three months, all ranks of the Company will have a busy time. The recruiting campaign will be in full swing, and the Band will be seen and heard in Harrow and Wealdstone on at least two occasions. There is also the Company week-end at Bisley, a recruiting march, week-end tactical training and evenings at Ruislip for Section and Platoon tactical training. The Company will be well represented at the Coronation parade.

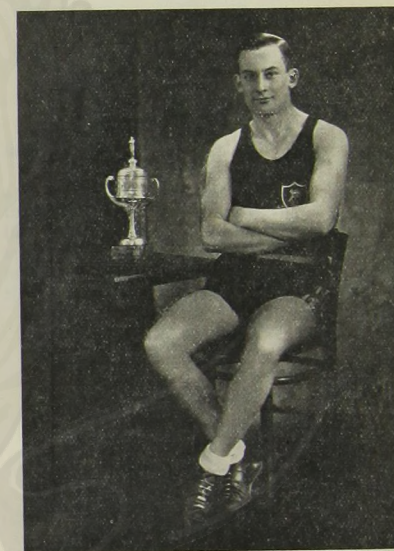
#### OBITUARY

##### 2/LIEUT. DENIS FINCH HILL

He died at Cambridge on 18th March from septicaemia, in his 22nd year. After leaving Clifton, where he was a Sergeant in the O.T.C., he decided to join the Territorial Army, and although he was going up to Cambridge as an undergraduate, he was given a commission in the 9th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment in January, 1935.

He at once started to take an interest in boxing in the Battalion, for he came with a schoolboy reputation as a boxer, and in 1935-6 after defeating the holder in a very fine fight, he won the Officers' Welter-weight in the T.A. Championship at the Albert Hall, and he upheld his position as holder two weeks before he died, when he again won the championship.

Falmer, 1936, was the first Annual Training that he attended, and as a result of this he made the decision to no longer study law at Cambridge, but to join the Regular Army, and for this he was making plans when he died.



2/Lieut. Denis Finch Hill

A charming personality and one endowed with more than the average amount of pluck and intelligence, Denis Hill seemed to have the world at his feet, and he might well have made his mark had he lived. As it is, the Army at large and the 9th Battalion in particular will be the poorer by his death.

The Commanding Officer and Mr. Talbot, representing the Battalion and "D" Company respectively, were present at the funeral service held in King's College Chapel on Saturday, 20th March, 1937.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE

[Since the death of the late Sergt.-Major Bezar, some of our oldest members have been carrying on a friendly war as to who has the honour of being the oldest survivor of the Regiment. Many inquiries have been made and at last it appears the answer is forthcoming in Mr. Stephens' letter below. Congratulations to our centenarian. Can any one beat 100 not out?—EDITOR.]

"ALBUHERA,"  
11 KENNEDY ROAD,  
MAYBUSH,  
SOUTHAMPTON.  
5th April, 1937.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards"

DEAR SIR,  
Herewith P.O. 3s., annual subscription  
"THE DIE-HARDS" Journal, 1937-8.

I read in the *News of the World* about a month ago that Mr. Gibbs, who served with the 57th during the New Zealand War, is still alive in Australia. He has passed his 100 years of age. I cut out the paragraph intending to send it to you. I mislaid it and cannot find it again.

Yours faithfully,  
A. STEPHENS.

BANHAM STREET,  
WYNMUM CENTRAL,  
QUEENSLAND,  
AUSTRALIA.  
12th February, 1937.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards"

DEAR SIR,  
Many thanks for your reply to my last letter. I am sorry I did not answer earlier, but, unfortunately, my wife passed away in the General Hospital, Brisbane, on the 2nd inst., after a short illness of 10 days.

Of course, I have had a busy and worrying time, but am now getting settled down, and trying to make up lost time with my correspondence.

I am glad that you can procure a copy of *The Die-Hards in the Great War*, for which I have enclosed the necessary amount. I have also enclosed the order for *THE DIE-HARDS* for the ensuing four issues. I have not ordered a Diary, as the year will be half gone before I

hear from you again. However, I must remember in time for next year.

Before I close I suppose I may as well inform you that I am now serving in the Australian Militia (15/26 Battalion), and am C.Q.M.S. of "B" Company. The work is not very strenuous, as we only do six days a year, made up of two-hour parades at intervals of a fortnight or so. We also do a six days camp each year. My two sons were also serving, but as they both went to work up in the Bush they obtained their discharge.

As the Militia is a voluntary force, all the lads are keen and fairly efficient, considering the small amount of time they have for training.

Well, I think I have taken up enough of your time with this letter, so will close.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,  
W. C. BULLIS.

29 LAMCOTE GROVE,  
BATHLEY STREET,  
NOTTINGHAM.  
30th March, 1937.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards"

DEAR SIR,

Please pardon the liberty I am taking in writing you about the following subject.

There is a great deal of discussion at present re the case of the late Private Jacob Rivers, V.C., of The Sherwood Foresters, being the only case in the British Army where the Victoria Cross has been presented to the Regiment by a woman.

I beg to state at my father's funeral (buried with full military honours), Dudley Stagpoole, V.C., which took place at Mill Hill some years previous to the last war, I gave the whole collection of his medals, including the V.C. and D.C.M. to the Regiment.

The Officer in command of the firing party approached me about them (being the eldest), and willingly I gave them to the dear old Regiment I was born into.

Therefore, The Middlesex takes the precedence of having the Victoria Cross given them by a woman. I claim that honour.

Also I am hoping in the near future that I may be given permission to visit the Depot and see dad's medals again.

I remain, Sir,  
Most respectfully yours,  
ANNE DIXON (MRS.).

13th April, 1937.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards"

DEAR SIR,

I am sorry for the delay in answering your kind letter, but have been waiting for an acknowledgment from the local paper, with reference to my late father.

Have received one this morning. I enclose a letter from an old soldier of the "Die-Hards," that was sent me a few years ago through seeing father's name mentioned in a London paper. I wrote the Editor of the paper and had it corrected. (Please see enclosed). There are items in the letter that may be of interest concerning the Regiment (they can be returned at leisure).

I would like a copy of *THE DIE-HARDS* Journal when published, if convenient, charge and terms.

Respectfully yours,  
ANNE DIXON.

## A GALLANT FAMILY

V.C.'s DISTINCTION SHARED BY ANOTHER

Our report last Sunday of the tragic death of Sergt. John Ripley, who was believed to be the only holder of the Long Service Medal to win the V.C., has brought an interesting letter from a reader.

Sergt. Ripley's great distinction was not unique, for our reader, Mrs. A. Dixon, of 29 Lamcote Grove, Bathley Street, Nottingham, writes that her late father, Mr. Dudley Stagpoole, also had both the V.C. and the Long Service Medal.

Mrs. Dixon belongs to a gallant family. Her father and his two brothers wore 16 medals between them, and her late husband had two. Her two sons won six between them in the last war.

The late Mr. Stagpoole was formerly a drummer in the "Die-Hards" (57th Middlesex). He joined the Army in 1854, when 16, and won the V.C. in New Zealand. Twice he was accorded the "Royal salute."

5 CHURCH HILL STREET,  
SMETHWICK.  
11th September, 1933.

DEAR MRS. DIXON,

I saw the notification in the *News of the World* about your late father being possessed with the V.C. and Long Service Medal.

It may interest you to know that I knew him very well, for I joined the 57th in '71 and

served with him in '71, '72 and '73, when we embarked for Ceylon, and he was left behind to go to the Depot (Woolwich). Although he was rated as a Drummer he did no duty as a Drummer, but was especially attached to the Commanding Officer. When on parade he was always by the side of the C.O., and transmitted his commands by bugle.

I think that the 57th was the only Regiment at that period with two V.C.s at one and the same time. After the Ashanti War (to which we were deprived of going at the last minute) Lord Giffard, who captured King Coffe, and was awarded the V.C. and promotion was appointed Captain of my Company, so we had a V.C. at the Depot and one serving in the Regiment.

I don't think that there are many left who served at that time. There is one I noticed in the paper, General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, who was a Major Commanding Detachment at Point de Gaul. He was married last year to his secretary at the age of 89 years.

In '72 I spent many an hour with your father hearing him recall his past services.

He gained the V.C. in the New Zealand War at Wanganuru in '67 and '68. I joined them when they were at Davenport.

I write these few lines thinking they may interest you as someone knowing your father, as a few years have slipped by.

I am,  
Yours sincerely,  
W. S. PARKES (aged 82),  
Ex-Sergt. 57th Regiment,  
The Old "Die-Hards,"  
1st West Middlesex.

WHARF STREET,  
CANNINGTON,  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.  
11th January, 1937.

To the Secretary, Regimental Association  
The Middlesex Regiment

DEAR SIR,

In answer to your circular of last year I beg to state that I shall be only too pleased to assist the Association in any way possible and act as representative.

As far as I know there are only two old members of the Regiment here in Western Australia: D. Tierney, late Band Sergeant, and myself, both of 1st Battalion.



I saw Brig.-General Rowley a few months ago when he called in at Fremantle on his way back to England, and had a long talk with him over old times. I was in his Company in 1886.

Yours faithfully,  
F. W. HAMMOND,  
Late R.Q.M.S., 1st Battalion.

MADRAS RACE CLUB,  
GUINDY,  
SAIDAPET P.O.  
9th February, 1937.

To the Secretary, Regimental Association  
The Middlesex Regiment

DEAR SIR,

In reply to your circular letter I placed an advertisement in the *Mail*, and to those who replied I sent a letter as per copy attached.

I meet Col. Swainson every year when I visit Ootacamund; he is still going strong, also Mrs. Swainson, and they both keep up shikar, bagging a good tiger on occasion.

Amongst those who replied were: Mr. H. G. Naylor, late 1st Battalion, Mr. G. Crosse, late 1st Battalion, Mr. F. Burrows, late 2nd Battalion.

I have met Crosse and Burrows. The latter is a Sergeant of Police. We appear to be a small community in India.

Yours faithfully,  
A. H. SAY.

#### REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT

Will Ex-Middlesex men in India please communicate with the Association Representative, Mr. A. H. Say, Guindy, Saidapet P.O., Madras, giving their employment and address.

DEAR SIR,

The Secretary of the Association would like all possible ex-Middlesex men to subscribe to this Association, which represents all branches of the Regiment.

Small branches cannot give necessary help in many urgent cases, where demands may be more than the income. Any subscription is welcome and acknowledged. Members fees are 2s. 6d. a year and upwards according to rank. Association badges 1s. 6d.

Regimental Journal 3s. a year, post free (THE DIE-HARDS). Profits of the Journal go to the Association. *History of the Regiment in the Great War*, 28s., now 5s. 3d. post free.

The Secretary asks for co-operation to strengthen Regimental esprit de corps, and to widen the scope of the Association. Ties will be improved and the common purpose assisted.

Address of the Secretary,  
Regimental Association of The Middlesex  
Regiment,  
The Barracks,  
Mill Hill, N.W.7,  
England.

Anything I can advise you on I will be pleased to do so.

Yours faithfully,

Representative in India.

From Mr. A. H. Say,

Guindy,  
Saidapet, P.O.,  
Madras.

#### NOTICE

45 SEYMOUR ROAD,  
SOUTHFIELDS,  
LONDON, S.W.18.  
6th February, 1937.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards"

DEAR SIR,

On behalf of the Royal Hibernian Military School Old Comrades' Association, will you please be good enough to insert the enclosed Notice in the next issue of your Journal.

Thanking you,  
I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,  
R. H. CAULFIELD,  
Hon. Secretary.

#### ROYAL HIBERNIAN MILITARY SCHOOL OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the above Association is now Mr. R. H. Caulfield, 48 Seymour Road, Southfields, London, S.W.18, who will be pleased to give any information to old Hibernian boys interested in the Association.

CHARLEMONT FORT,  
MOY,  
CO. TYRONE.  
9th April, 1937.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards"

SIR,

I enclose postal order as my annual subscription towards the Journal.

Permit me, through the columns of the Journal, to state that it was with profound regret that Mrs. Mooney and I learned of the death of General A. A. Garstin, being two of his former servants.

My recollections return to 1879 when I first became his orderly in South Africa. He was then Adjutant, and I was from then, until I was discharged on pension, under his command. As an Officer he was very strict in discipline. He was mild and nice in command, and was most kind and had a sympathetic tendency towards young soldiers. He was very popular as an Officer amongst all ranks.

May I say my heart goes out in deepest sympathy at the passing of such an old and distinguished Officer.

I am, Sir,

Yours, etc.,  
JAMES MOONEY.

#### OBITUARY.

WE regret to announce the following deaths.

#### BRIG.-GENERAL ALFRED ALLAN GARSTIN

On 26th February, 1937, at Ashworth, Guildford, Brig.-General Alfred Allan Garstin, C.M.G., late 57th (Middlesex) Regiment, aged 86 years.

Extract from *The Times*, 4th February, 1937

#### JUDGE HIGGINS

His Honour George Herbert Higgins, County Court Judge of the Brentford Circuit, died yesterday after a long illness at the age of 58.

The son of Mr. G. Randell Higgins, J.P., of The Croft, Burcote, Oxon, he was educated at Dulwich College and at Blankenburg Gymnasium and in France. In 1897 he went up to Balliol College, Oxford, and had to take his B.A. degree, *agrotat*, in 1901. Afterwards he was called by the Inner Temple, joining the Oxford Circuit, and took the degree of B.C.L. In the War he received a commission in The Middlesex Regiment in October, 1914, and transferred to The Royal West Surrey Regiment in 1915, and was wounded, mentioned in

dispatches and promoted Major. He served in France as Court-martial Officer from 1917 to 1919. In 1923 he was made County Court Judge of the Exeter Circuit, and after sitting as an additional Judge at Bow was transferred to Brentford in 1931. He married in 1906 Violet Howard, daughter of Mr. Edward Clark, of Sydenham Hill, and had two sons and two daughters.

#### ALICE REBECCA BLAKE

On 24th January, 1937, at Farnborough, Hants, Alice Rebecca, widow of Major N. J. R. Blake, D.S.O., Middlesex Regiment, beloved mother of Fenella Pennell, Chamille, Farnborough, Hants, aged 75.

With her death the Ladies' Guild lose a regular and valuable supporter.

#### ALICE CAROLINE PENGELLY

On 26th March, 1937, at Bournemouth, Alice Caroline Pengelly, formerly of Westcliff-on-Sea, and widow of Lieut. W. A. Pengelly, Middlesex Regiment.

MARKET PLACE,  
HUNGERFORD.

4th March, 1937.

To the Officer Commanding The Middlesex  
Regiment, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7

DEAR SIR,

I am writing to let you know that L/Cpl. William Leeden, who served with The Middlesex Regiment for 25 years, and who was discharged 19th January, 1919, died to-day.

It was his wish that his old Regiment should know. The funeral will take place at Hungerford on Tuesday, the 9th inst., and I would esteem it a favour if you would let me know whether the Regiment will be represented.

Yours faithfully,

A. G. BARTHOLOMEW.

[A wreath was sent from the Regimental Association to the funeral.—EDITOR.]



2/10 BRANCH OF REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION  
OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT,

14 DOWNSIDE CRESCENT,  
EALING, W.13.  
10th March, 1937.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards"

DEAR SIR,

We have recently lost a very prominent and enthusiastic member of our branch, Graham Champion, who died after a brief illness, on 2nd March, 1937.

Graham Champion held the rank of Sergeant and served in Gallipoli (Suvla Bay), Egypt,

and Palestine, with the 2/10th Battalion of the Regiment, in the last war. He was wounded in the latter campaign.

He was extremely well-liked by all ranks, and since has proved an enthusiastic supporter of the O.C.A.

I should be pleased if you will cause an obituary notice to be inserted in next issue of THE DIE-HARDS.

Yours faithfully,

A. H. CUMMING,  
Hon. Secretary,  
2/10 Middlesex O.C.A.

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

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1st and 2nd Battalions (Regular).	1st and 2nd Battalions— contd.	7th Battalion (Territorial).	8th Battalion (Territorial)— contd.	9th Battalion (Territorial)— contd.
<b>Lt.-Colonels (2).</b>	<b>Lieutenants—contd.</b>	<b>"The Elms," Priory Road, Hornsey, N.8.</b>	<b>Lt.-Colonel.</b>	<b>Lieutenants.</b>
Jeffery, W. W. (2) 1/6/35	Baldwin, C. M., c.o. 4/2/20		×Baker, E. E. F., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., t.a. 1/6/36	×Bedwell, L. J. 18/1/31
Tidbury, O. H., M.C., p.s.c. [7] (1) 1/1/36	Else, F. H. (2) 30/8/20	<b>Hon. Colonel.</b>		Pearson, M. F. 2/3/35
	Herspath, L. H. J. de la M., c.o. 1/9/30	×King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D. (Col. ret. Terr. Army) A.D.C., t.a. 13/8/25	bt. col. 20/2/27	Gray, H. W. W. 19/10/35
	Stephenson, J. W. A. (2), d. 2/2/31			Parlane, W. F. 13/7/36
	Powell, P. D. ff. (1) 2/2/31	<b>Lt.-Colonel.</b>	<b>Majors.</b>	<b>2nd-Lieutenants.</b>
	Mackenzie, H. F., o.s. d. 30/8/31	×Pringle, W. E., M.C., t.a. 22/6/36	×Ellis, H. C., O.B.E., 9/2/32	Canning, J. G. H. 9/5/34
<b>Majors (8).</b>	Chattey, W. H. P., a.m. 31/8/31		Maddex, S., M.B.E., t.a. 3/12/35	Hill, D. F. 10/1/35
Lyon, N. H. B., M.C. (2), d. 26/1/32	Batten, R. H. (2) 31/1/32			Hamilton, A. 23/7/35
Newnham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. (2) 28/9/32	Green, A. E. (d. Adj. 14/2/35)	<b>Majors.</b>	<b>Captains.</b>	Bull, J. T. 28/2/36
	Ferguson, W. M. (2) 31/1/32	×Mirams, S., M.C. (Capt. ret. pay) (Res. of Off.), t.a. 18/4/36	×Fane de Salis, E. W., M.C. (Capt. ret. pay.) (Res. of Off.) 9/1/31	Perks, M. A. 18/4/36
Thorp, J. R. [7] (2) 28/9/32	Man, A. M. (Sch. of Sigs.) 28/8/32		Hartley, G. 10/1/31	Talbot, J. R. 9/7/36
Savile, H. B. W., M.C. (1), c.o. 17/12/32	Marsh, H. (1), d. 30/1/33	Holt, J. M. 26/10/36	Miskin, E. F. H. 30/6/35	Wood, J. M. 7/1/37
Phillips, H., M.C. (1) 1/6/35	Hall, J. P. [7] (1) 28/8/33			Emery, K. A. L. 7/1/37
Bucknall, G. C., M.C. p.s.c., n.s. (2) 21/8/35	Weston, G. P. L., a.m. 20/1/34	<b>Captains.</b>	<b>Lieutenants.</b>	<b>Adjutant.</b>
Stewart, H. W. M., O.B.E., M.C. (s.c.) (1), (Mil. 1/1/36)	Gwyn, R. A. (1) 20/1/34	Brown, S. A. W. 27/3/30	King, M. C. D. 10/12/33	×Clayden, H. W., Capt., Midx. R. 21/12/34
Attache) 1/1/36	Bellers, R. C. H. (1) 20/1/34	Bartram, R. 1/12/32	Blair, N. M. 7/11/34	
Horrocks, B. G., M.C. p.s.c. [7], t. 25/11/36	Beadnell, L. C. (1) 27/8/34	Johnson, A. K. 1/2/33	Reddy, T. H. 4/5/35	<b>Quartermaster.</b>
	Whiting, F. B., c.o. 1/9/35	Low, G. C. D. S. 20/7/33	McFarlane, A. J. 28/6/36	×Johnson, T. C. M., maj. (Capt. ret. pay) (Res. of Off.) 4/5/35
	Peal, A. W. F. (1) 1/9/35			[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]
	Willoughby, J. E. F. (2) 2/2/36	<b>Lieutenants.</b>	<b>2nd-Lieutenants.</b>	
<b>Captains (14).</b>	Porter, G. O. (2) 2/2/36		Ayre, G. B. 7/2/34	<b>Cadet Unit Affiliated.</b>
Haydon, C. W., M.C., c.o. 25/4/17	Unwin, E. J. (2) 2/2/36		Hamilton, J. A. 5/5/34	3rd C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.
del Court, S. F. W. M., M.C. [7] (1), d. 28/9/20	Fishbourne, P. A. (1) 2/2/36		Lawrence, D. C. 20/11/34	<b>Supplementary Reserve.</b>
Procter, N. P., M.C. (2) 1/4/21	Chattey, T. W. (1) 31/8/36		Wilson, A. J. K. 16/7/35	<b>Category B.</b>
	Beath, C. M. (2) 1/2/37		Whitmore, C. F. S. 23/5/36	<b>Subalterns (9).</b>
	Anson, P. A. R. (1) 1/2/37	<b>2nd-Lieutenants.</b>	Kaye, R. A. 8/6/36	<b>Lieutenants.</b>
	Clayton, A. S. J. de S. (2) 1/2/37	Wallis, E. L. 20/7/35	Merchant, J. L. 8/7/36	Morley, J. F. 24/10/31
		Hatfield, C. S. 30/5/36	Davidson, T. S. 26/7/36	Wilcox, G. L. M. R.
<b>2nd-Lieutenants.</b>		Oldham, J. H. 1/7/36		
Allen, W. P. M. (1) 30/8/34		Monk, G. M. de B. 6/7/36	<b>Adjutant.</b>	Reid, J. G. E., Capt., Midx. R. 1/12/33
Orniston, J. W. G. (2) 31/1/35		Bridges, G. B. 6/7/36		Cowley, L. D. 9/2/32
Gudgeon, H. N. C. (1) 31/1/35		Scantlebury, V. A. 26/7/36	<b>Quartermaster.</b>	Willoughby, R. W. H., c.o. 13/6/34
Hewitt, A. G. (1) 31/1/35		Hughes, A. J. 26/7/36	Cox, S. A., Lt. 25/4/31	Biggs, K. R. McK.
Man, C. M. M. (2) 31/1/35		Dann, P. B. 7/1/37	[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]	Borgars, D. J. 28/10/34
Weedon, M. P. (1) 31/1/35		24/4/35		17/1/37
Bilbrough, C. V. U. S. (2) 20/8/35				<b>2nd-Lieutenants.</b>
Symes, T. G. (2) 20/8/35		<b>Adjutant.</b>		Hancock, F. S. C. 1/1/36
Lane, C. E. A. (2) 20/8/35		×Clark, S. J., Capt., Midx. R. 1/11/36	<b>Cadet Unit Affiliated.</b>	Marshall, P. D. H. 8/2/36
Pullman, A. O. (2) 30/1/36			2nd C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.	Harrison, M. I. 18/4/36
Langley, H. M. F. (1) 30/1/36		<b>Quartermaster.</b>		
Chiverall, J. G. (2) 27/8/36		×Denton, C. F., Lt. 17/4/31	<b>9th Battalion (Territorial).</b>	<b>Units of the Territorial Army affiliated to the Regiment.</b>
Dawson, G. C. (2) 28/8/36			Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W.10	
		[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]	<b>Hon. Colonel.</b>	<b>7th City of London Regt. (Post Office Rifles).</b>
<b>Adjutants (2).</b>			×Blumfeld, J. L., T.D. (Col. late T.F. Res.), t.a. 10/1/22	24, Sun Street, Finsbury Square, E.C.2.
Hedgecoe, S. F., capt. (1) 4/4/35				<b>Adjutant.</b>
Gordon, I. D. S., capt. (2) 3/8/35			<b>Lt.-Colonel.</b>	Aylwin, W. H., Lt. R.E. (temp. Capt. T.A., 15/12/35) 15/12/35
<b>Quartermasters (3).</b>			×Lamont, J. N., M.C., T.D., t.a. 17/8/33	
Clark, A. W., Lt. (1) 28/4/20		<b>Cadet Unit Affiliated.</b>	<b>Majors.</b>	<b>19th London Regt. (St. Pancras).</b>
Guscott, R. T., Lt. d. 22/1/30		1st C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.	×Fox, G. L., T.D., t.a. 1/4/30	76, High Street Camden Town, N.W.1.
Pilley, W. H., Lt. (2) 28/7/35			Hardcastle, H. K. 3/12/36	<b>Adjutant.</b>
				Chase, J. L. H., Capt. R.E. 15/12/35
<b>Subalterns (34).</b>			<b>Captains.</b>	
<b>Lieutenants.</b>			Hogg, F. G. 17/8/20	
Jacob, M. A. (2) 30/8/26			Coubro, T. P. 1/11/35	
Gilbert, N. G., c.o. 4/2/29			Sutcliffe, B. L. 15/2/36	



## SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.O.s

OF 1ST BATTALION, COMPILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH KING'S REGULATIONS  
1935, para 274 (Corrected to 26/2/37)

Rank and Name.	Date of present rank or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Date of present rank or appointment.
*R.S.M. H. Farrow, M.B.E. ..	2/12/26	L/Sergt. F. Britton ..	Cpl. 25/12/33
*Bdmr. A. Judge ..	12/4/31	(L/Sergt. 12/4/35)	
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) A. Finch ..	13/6/28	*L/Sergt. P. Hopwood ..	Cpl. 20/4/34
*R.Q.M.S. C. Goodall ..	C.S.M. 28/4/29	(L/Sergt. 18/12/34)	
	(R.Q.M.S. 28/7/35)	*L/Sergt. J. Painter ..	Cpl. 8/5/34
*C.S.M. G. Anderson ..	20/10/30	(L/Sergt. 18/12/34)	
*C.S.M. A. Russell (Supn. F.M.S.V.F.) ..	1/4/31	*L/Sergt. A. Brown ..	Cpl. 8/5/34
*C.S.M. B. Brockman ..	10/12/31	(L/Sergt. 25/4/35)	
*C.S.M. W. Raindle ..	13/6/35	*Cpl. C. Jacob ..	10/6/34
*C.S.M. H. Thomas ..	28/7/35	L/Sergt. H. Game ..	Cpl. 10/6/34
C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Christie, M.M.		(L/Sergt. 13/5/36)	
	Sergt. 1/5/20	L/Sergt. V. Thomas ..	Cpl. 20/11/34
	(C/Sergt. 7/7/36)	(L/Sergt. 13/5/36)	
*Sergt. V. Osterholm (Pioneer) ..	18/10/23	L/Sergt. T. Bayly ..	Cpl. 5/12/34
C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Rogers ..		(L/Sergt. 16/12/36)	
	Sergt. 26/5/25	L/Sergt. A. Moore ..	Cpl. 15/2/35
	(C/Sergt. 28/7/35)	(L/Sergt. 16/12/36)	
*C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) E. Hazeldine ..		*L/Sergt. L. McDowell ..	Cpl. 9/6/35
	Sergt. 5/4/26	(L/Sergt. 16/12/36)	
	(C/Sergt. 5/3/35)	Cpl. W. Sampford ..	13/6/35
*C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. Misso ..	Sergt. 28/2/28	L/Sergt. H. Naylor ..	Cpl. 28/7/35
	(C/Sergt. 19/1/32)	(L/Sergt. 20/4/36)	
Sergt. T. Tiller ..	29/5/28	L/Sergt. F. Hiscocks ..	Cpl. 31/8/35
*Sergt. C. Champion ..	1/1/29	(L/Sergt. 16/12/36)	
*Sergt. A. Russell ..	16/2/30	*Cpl. C. Keefe ..	28/11/35
*Sergt. W. Northcott, M.M. ..	25/2/30	Cpl. J. McGrady ..	6/12/35
*Sergt. C. Soper ..	17/12/30	Cpl. F. Broughton ..	12/12/35
*Sergt. L. Honeybun ..	3/8/31	Cpl. F. Shaw ..	12/12/35
*Sergt. L. Priddy ..	18/9/31	Cpl. P. Crowley ..	12/12/35
*Sergt. S. Thompson (Supn. J.M.F.) ..	30/9/31	**Cpl. K. Simpson ..	12/12/35
Sergt. (S.I.M.) R. Bayles ..	10/12/31	Cpl. S. Hosking ..	8/1/36
*Sergt. L. West ..	10/12/31	Cpl. F. Smith ..	22/3/36
*Drum-Major D. Drew ..	22/1/32	*Cpl. P. Ward ..	28/3/36
Sergt. F. Donovan ..	4/2/32	Cpl. M. Duddy ..	25/4/36
*Sergt. E. Paterson (36) ..	18/2/32	Cpl. S. Clark ..	30/4/36
*Sergt. H. Kruck ..	24/8/32	Cpl. F. Hammond ..	25/5/36
Sergt. W. Bean ..	23/3/33	Cpl. F. Crawshaw ..	6/6/36
Sergt. E. Paterson (29) ..	8/9/33	Cpl. J. Denham ..	1/7/36
*Sergt. (O.R.C.) P. Hale ..	19/10/33	Cpl. W. Millichap ..	3/8/36
Sergt. J. Little (Prov. Sergt.) ..	19/10/33		
Band Sergt. P. Edwards ..	5/3/35	Paid :	
*Sergt. J. Chillery ..	5/6/35	L/Cpl. E. Rochester ..	24/8/27
*Sergt. W. Snell ..	13/6/35	L/Cpl. W. Mills ..	17/6/33
*Sergt. R. Chaplin ..	27/11/35	L/Cpl. R. Butt ..	22/7/33
Sergt. S. Bullock ..	1/7/36	L/Cpl. W. Lane ..	6/7/34
Sergt. H. Ramsden ..	7/7/36	L/Cpl. R. Burkitt ..	9/7/34
Sergt. L. Sheffield ..	3/8/36	*L/Cpl. R. Martin ..	22/10/34
L/Sergt. J. O'Neill ..	Cpl. 13/8/31	L/Cpl. E. Pearce ..	23/10/34
	(L/Sergt. 16/12/36)	L/Cpl. F. Sadler ..	12/11/34
Cpl. S. Phelan ..	15/9/31	L/Cpl. F. Hammond ..	12/11/34
*L/Sergt. G. Bayford ..	Cpl. 21/1/32	*L/Cpl. C. Ellis ..	30/11/34
	(L/Sergt. 11/12/34)	L/Cpl. T. Doyle ..	30/11/34
L/Sergt. T. Castle ..	Cpl. 23/6/32	L/Cpl. L. Savagar ..	10/1/35
	(L/Sergt. 18/12/34)	L/Cpl. L. Franklin ..	10/1/35
L/Sergt. R. Blackman ..	Cpl. 26/7/32	L/Cpl. J. Lee ..	14/1/35
	(L/Sergt. 13/5/36)	L/Cpl. T. Morgan ..	26/3/35
L/Sergt. E. Wadsworth ..	Cpl. 15/11/32	L/Cpl. A. Borrow ..	26/3/35
	(L/Sergt. 13/5/36)	L/Cpl. C. Freshwater ..	26/3/35
L/Sergt. C. Clark ..	Cpl. 20/6/33	*L/Cpl. G. Sach ..	18/4/35
	(L/Sergt. 18/12/34)	L/Cpl. G. Watson ..	7/5/35
L/Sergt. (Band) G. Jeffree ..	Cpl. 19/10/33	L/Cpl. L. Sibley ..	14/6/35
	(L/Sergt. 13/5/36)	L/Cpl. A. Burrell ..	11/7/35
		*L/Cpl. A. Bissett ..	15/7/35

\* In possession of First Class Certificate of Education.  
\*\* In possession of Army Special Certificate of Education.

Rank and Name.	Date of present rank or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Date of present rank or appointment.
L/Cpl. T. Baker ..	15/8/35	L/Cpl. F. Ayres ..	1/4/36
L/Cpl. S. Harvey ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. A. Moody ..	21/4/36
L/Cpl. R. White ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. E. Byrne ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. R. Powell ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. W. Finnis ..	19/5/36
*L/Cpl. E. Ellams ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. G. Mizon ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. R. Hunt ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. E. Rogers ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. A. East ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. R. Ellis ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. H. Osborne ..	5/10/35	*L/Cpl. R. Gosling ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. J. Hartnett ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. V. Knight ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. A. Simkins ..	5/10/35	*L/Cpl. A. Hoare ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. B. Compton ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. T. Perry ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. C. Kiefer ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. H. Ellams ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. W. Barnes ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. H. Gribble ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. E. Smith ..	16/12/35	L/Cpl. A. Ruddie ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. R. Turner ..	21/12/35	L/Cpl. G. Ravenscroft ..	29/5/36
L/Cpl. A. Pace ..	28/12/35	*L/Cpl. G. Plummer ..	29/5/36
L/Cpl. H. Kidby ..	28/12/35	L/Cpl. C. Holdford ..	29/5/36
L/Cpl. C. Juhl ..	28/12/35	L/Cpl. P. Hatchett ..	13/6/36
L/Cpl. C. Haynes ..	28/12/35	L/Cpl. W. Dowsett ..	15/6/36
L/Cpl. A. Morris ..	28/12/35	L/Cpl. J. Boggis ..	10/7/36
L/Cpl. C. Vince ..	28/12/35	L/Cpl. F. Smalley ..	10/7/36
L/Cpl. J. Ringe ..	3/1/36	L/Cpl. G. Duncum ..	24/7/36
		L/Cpl. G. Hodgson ..	14/10/36
Unpaid :		L/Cpl. A. Hoxby ..	23/10/36
L/Cpl. W. Foster ..	3/1/36	L/Cpl. W. Ure ..	23/10/36
*L/Cpl. J. Whybrow ..	11/1/36	L/Cpl. G. Soper ..	14/11/36
L/Cpl. H. King ..	14/2/36	L/Cpl. H. Ellingworth ..	22/12/36
L/Cpl. G. Tattam ..	1/4/36	L/Cpl. R. Pointer ..	11/1/37
L/Cpl. B. Courtney ..	1/4/36	L/Cpl. C. Roberts ..	11/1/37
L/Cpl. L. Du-Heaume ..	1/4/36	L/Cpl. A. Payne ..	11/1/37
L/Cpl. T. McDavitt ..	1/4/36	L/Cpl. C. Payne ..	11/1/37
L/Cpl. L. Graham ..	1/4/36	L/Cpl. E. Bell ..	13/1/37
L/Cpl. P. Sturdy ..	1/4/36	L/Cpl. F. McCarthy ..	13/1/37

Dates against Lance-Corporals are dates of appointment as Lance-Corporals.

## 2nd BATTALION (Home Establishment) April, 1937

Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
*R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M. ..	2nd	18/3/31	*C.Q.M.S. R. Colbourne ..	2nd	20/2/37
*R.S.M. P. Newman ..	Depot	13/8/31		(Sergt. 6/10/23)	
*Bdmr. C. Dennis, A.R.C.M. ..	2nd	25/3/33	Sergt. J. Beaveridge ..	Depot	28/1/25
*R.Q.M.S. E. Crouch ..	Depot		Sergt. S. Bishop ..	7th	24/11/27
	(C.S.M. 1/9/34)		Sergt. H. Sneath ..	2nd	15/12/27
*O.R.Q.M.S. B. Baldwin ..	Depot	2/7/30	Sergt. A. Boen ..	2nd	13/4/29
*C.S.M. G. Goodall ..	2nd	4/6/25	Sergt. R. King ..	Supnmy., Fire Bde., Bordon	5/7/29
*C.S.M. J. Hart ..	9th	20/1/26			
*C.S.M. F. Peck ..	8th	18/2/29	Sergt. F. Nash ..	2nd	11/12/29
*C.S.M. E. Burt ..	Depot	13/8/31	*Sergt. W. Green ..	2nd	27/12/30
*C.S.M. L. Simmonds ..	2nd	3/9/32	*Sergt. C. Kennett ..	2nd	16/1/31
*C.S.M. R. Mewett ..	7th	23/3/33	Sergt. J. Quick ..	2nd	23/4/31
*C.S.M. A. Wright ..	8th	24/2/34	*Sergt. W. Kemp ..	2nd	19/1/32
*C.S.M. A. Jones ..	2nd	10/5/34	Sergt. J. Harper ..	2nd	19/4/32
*C.S.M. C. Donaldson ..	9th	15/6/35	*Sergt. C. Trestain ..	8th	14/6/32
*C.S.M. R. Parsler ..	2nd	17/5/36	Sergt. J. Ramsey ..	7th	23/6/32
*C.S.M. F. Stacey ..	2nd	4/7/36	*Sergt. S. Smith ..	2nd	30/7/32
C.Q.M.S. W. West ..	2nd	22/2/28	*Sergt. R. Smith ..	2nd	2/9/32
	(Sergt. 12/3/19)		Sergt. J. Scott ..	2nd	3/9/32
*C.Q.M.S. F. Franklin ..	Depot	8/9/33	*Sergt. L. Johnson ..	Depot	15/11/32
	(Sergt. 20/3/28)		Sergt. F. Housden ..	Depot	3/5/33
*C.Q.M.S. G. Sherriff ..	2nd	24/8/35	Sergt. R. Wilson ..	Depot	8/7/33
	(Sergt. 9/12/29)		*Sergt. H. Ison ..	2nd	10/5/34
*C/Sergt. (O.R.S.) C. Deane ..	2nd	10/5/35	*Sergt. J. Bond ..	2nd	17/6/34
	(Sergt. 10/6/32)		*Sergt. E. Jennings ..	2nd	1/3/35
*C.Q.M.S. W. Tibble ..	2nd	23/1/36	*Sergt. V. Cooper ..	2nd	15/5/35
	(Sergt. 17/10/30)		Sergt. J. Smith ..	2nd	9/6/35
*C.Q.M.S. H. Poulter ..	2nd	5/7/36	Sergt. A. Hows ..	2nd	15/6/35
	(Sergt. 13/10/28)		Sergt. A. Whitcombe ..	2nd	16/6/35

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Sergt. B. Bedward	2nd	24/8/35	Cpl. H. Griffiths	2nd	16/4/36
*Sergt. R. Jenkins	9th	23/1/36	Cpl. L. O'Doherty	2nd	17/5/36
Sergt. F. Livens	2nd	17/5/36	Cpl. W. Lovell	2nd	3/7/36
Drum-Major W. McEnery	2nd	5/7/36	*Cpl. R. Lomax	Depot	4/7/36
Sergt. E. Moir	2nd	28/10/36	Cpl. L. Delaney	2nd	5/7/36
*Sergt. P. Maloney	2nd	17/12/36	Cpl. M. Trotabas	2nd	26/8/36
Sergt. A. Brett	2nd	20/2/37	Cpl. A. Ellwood	2nd	28/10/36
Cpl. A. Stone	2nd	2/9/31	Cpl. A. Read	2nd	30/10/36
Cpl. S. Moore	2nd	28/12/31	*Cpl. R. Cummins	2nd	17/12/36
		(L/Sergt. 8/9/33)	Cpl. G. Clark	2nd	13/1/37
*Cpl. H. Frewin	2nd	18/2/32	Cpl. V. Bint	Depot	20/2/37
		(L/Sergt. 10/5/34)	L/Cpl. W. Patterson	2nd	13/10/32
Cpl. J. Wright (O.R.C.)	2nd	13/6/32	L/Cpl. R. Weaver	2nd	23/11/32
		(L/Sergt. 3/4/34)	L/Cpl. C. Armitage	2nd	3/1/33
*Cpl. A. Overy	2nd	14/6/32	*L/Cpl. W. O'Connor	2nd	28/11/33
		(L/Sergt. 16/5/35)	L/Cpl. J. West	2nd	27/1/34
Cpl. R. Smallridge	2nd	14/6/32	L/Cpl. C. Kenny	Depot	17/2/34
		(L/Sergt. 15/6/35)	L/Cpl. J. Hinch	2nd	18/2/34
Cpl. F. Hawkins	Depot	28/6/32	*L/Cpl. S. Parry	2nd	6/4/34
		(L/Sergt. 16/6/35)	L/Cpl. A. Lowe	2nd	15/4/34
Cpl. W. Day	2nd	5/8/32	L/Cpl. L. Harris	2nd	29/4/34
		(L/Sergt. 23/1/36)	L/Cpl. J. Walker	Depot	2/5/34
*Cpl. G. Gatehouse	2nd	6/8/32	L/Cpl. N. Rae	2nd	17/6/34
		(L/Sergt. 24/8/35)	L/Cpl. A. Bettell	2nd	11/7/34
*Cpl. H. Parnell	2nd	17/8/32	L/Cpl. A. Blan	Depot	2/10/34
		(L/Sergt. 31/8/35)	L/Cpl. G. Stanton	2nd	12/11/34
Cpl. W. Makewell	2nd	17/8/32	L/Cpl. C. Marsh	2nd	3/2/35
		(L/Sergt. 7/3/36)	L/Cpl. C. Peasley	2nd	3/2/35
Cpl. J. Riches	2nd	19/8/32	L/Cpl. G. Hockley	2nd	3/2/35
		(L/Sergt. 17/5/36)	L/Cpl. R. Williams	2nd	20/2/35
Cpl. W. Poulter	2nd	3/9/32	*L/Cpl. H. Page	2nd	16/3/35
		(L/Sergt. 3/7/36)	*L/Cpl. W. Nicholls	2nd	20/3/35
Cpl. H. Buckland	Depot	13/10/32	L/Cpl. H. Outten	2nd	4/5/35
		(L/Sergt. 28/9/36)	L/Cpl. E. Fletcher	2nd	16/5/35
Cpl. H. Elcome	2nd	16/11/32	L/Cpl. G. Robins	Depot	16/6/35
		(L/Sergt. 17/12/36)	L/Cpl. J. Smith	2nd	13/7/35
*Cpl. H. Marshall	2nd	14/1/33	*L/Cpl. C. Jarvis	2nd	16/8/35
Cpl. F. Knights	2nd	1/2/33	L/Cpl. H. Clay	2nd	22/8/35
Cpl. J. Burgess	2nd	3/2/33	L/Cpl. A. Bursill	2nd	24/8/35
Cpl. F. Knight	Depot	15/3/33	L/Cpl. G. McKay	2nd	31/8/35
Cpl. W. Evans	2nd	15/3/33	L/Cpl. A. Rose	2nd	24/9/35
Cpl. J. Bromley	Depot	15/3/33	*L/Cpl. H. Jennings	2nd	12/10/35
*Cpl. A. Wray	2nd	23/3/33	L/Cpl. F. Pryor	2nd	18/10/35
Cpl. E. Soden	2nd	3/5/33	L/Cpl. S. Waters	Depot	23/11/35
Cpl. G. Endersby	2nd	2/6/33	L/Cpl. W. Sheen	2nd	5/1/36
*Cpl. C. Chapman (R.M.C.)	2nd	15/8/33	L/Cpl. J. Jones	2nd	11/2/36
Cpl. E. Fuller	Depot	8/9/33	*L/Cpl. P. Davidson	2nd	25/3/36
Cpl. R. Harman	2nd	25/10/33	*L/Cpl. R. Barrett	Depot	28/3/36
Cpl. C. Carpenter	2nd	5/5/34	L/Cpl. R. Wigg	2nd	16/4/36
Cpl. T. Sargent	2nd	10/5/34	L/Cpl. Stebbing	2nd	17/5/36
		(L/Sergt. 7/4/37)	L/Cpl. G. Bignell	2nd	3/7/36
Cpl. J. Stickley	2nd	10/6/34	L/Cpl. L. Thurston	2nd	26/8/36
Cpl. W. Smith	Depot	17/6/34	L/Cpl. J. Riseley	2nd	22/9/36
Cpl. W. Powell	Depot	2/10/34	L/Cpl. H. Burchell	2nd	18/10/36
Cpl. A. Drake	2nd	3/2/35	*L/Cpl. N. Islip	2nd	28/10/36
*Cpl. S. Copelin	2nd	1/3/35	*L/Cpl. D. Mules	2nd	30/10/36
Cpl. R. Stretton	2nd	16/3/35	L/Cpl. V. Chambers	Depot	19/11/36
Cpl. F. Jacques	2nd	20/3/35	L/Cpl. J. Rawlinson	2nd	1/12/36
*Cpl. S. Day	2nd	16/5/35	L/Cpl. H. Jennings	2nd	17/12/36
Cpl. F. Payne	Depot	15/6/35	L/Cpl. F. Hogg	2nd	24/12/36
Cpl. B. Bruniges	Depot	16/6/35	L/Cpl. E. Tarr	2nd	13/1/37
Cpl. H. Eastland	2nd	24/8/35	L/Cpl. S. Weller	2nd	25/1/37
*Cpl. B. Baldwin	2nd	18/10/35	L/Cpl. A. Morley	2nd	1/2/37
Cpl. A. Ball	2nd	5/1/36	L/Cpl. A. Hudson	2nd	6/2/37
*Cpl. G. Blackman	2nd	23/1/36	L/Cpl. W. Phipps	2nd	6/2/37
Cpl. A. Etheridge	2nd	25/3/36	L/Cpl. E. Haynes	2nd	20/2/37
Cpl. J. Lawrence	2nd	25/3/36			

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