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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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WE much regret to announce the death, which occurred on 5th January, 1935, of Mrs. Lempriere, and offer our sincere sympathy to Col. G. B. Lempriere.

We are indebted to Major-General C. R. Simpson, C.B., for the article relating to the death on active service of the late Capt. D. O. C. Newton, formerly of the 4th Battalion. Capt. H. E. Foster has very kindly added a few notes regarding Capt. Newton's service.

We heartily congratulate Mr. Ernest S. W. Hart, Clerk of the Peace and

Clerk to the Lieutenantcy of the County of Middlesex, upon the Knighthood conferred upon him in the New Year's Honours List. Sir Ernest has always taken great interest in the Regimental Association, and has attended many of its Old Comrades' Dinners.

The War Office have decided to reopen the Committee of Honours and Distinctions in 1935. The object is to give regiments a chance to review their own honorary distinctions and to submit applications for further distinctions wherever such applications would appear to be justified. No limit is placed on the operations to be reviewed and pre-war as well as those of the Great War are to be considered.

It is thought that perhaps both serving and retired officers may be in possession of books, despatches, historical anecdotes, plans and literature generally covering the period up to the present day since the formation of the Regiment. The Colonel of the Regiment has asked Major Stewart to prepare a list of battle honours it is considered the Regiment are entitled to and which he desires to submit to the War Office Committee.

Major Stewart is particularly anxious to obtain as much information and detail as possible for the period from 1793 to 1811, during which period the Regiment was not adequately rewarded.

Should any reader be able to produce data other than that contained in Major Woolright's Histories of the 57th and 77th Regiments, he is asked to communicate with Major Stewart, 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, Colchester.

We have received from Mr. J. C. Coughlan, of Melbourne, a copy of the Centenary Number of *The Australian*, also "The Shrine—Special Number" of *The Australian*. These interesting illustrated journals have been placed in the Depot Library. A letter from Mr. Coughlan appears in this issue.

We are now in possession of full particulars regarding the private hotel in North Cornwall, and shall be glad to answer any inquiries. This was referred to in the Editorial Notes and Notices in our last issue.

REGIMENTAL FIXTURES.

- March 7th, Thursday.—Golf: Past v. Present.
 March 8th, Friday.—Golf: Regimental Meeting.
 June 22nd, Saturday.—Depot Sports and Old Comrades' Summer Gathering.
 June 23rd, Sunday.—Cricket: v. Hampstead Heathens.
 June 24th, Monday.—Cricket: v. Cryptics.
 June 25th, Tuesday.—Cricket: v. Metropolitan Police College.
 June 26th, Wednesday.—Cricket: v. Free Foresters.
 June 27th, Thursday.—Cricket: v. I Zingari.
 June 27th, Thursday.—Officers' Club Dinner.
 June 28th, Friday.—Officers' Club "At Home."
 June 29th, Saturday.—Cricket: v. Hampstead.
 June 29th, Saturday.—Officers' Club Tennis Tournament.
 June 30th, Sunday.—Officers' Club Tennis Tournament.
 November 2nd, Saturday.—Old Comrades' Annual Dinner at Handel Street, Bloomsbury, W.C.1.
 November 11th, Monday.—Armistice Day Service at the Regimental War Memorial, Mill Hill Barracks.

REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

THE following articles have been presented to the Regimental Museum during the past quarter, and are acknowledged with many thanks:—

Photographs of portraits of Capt. Patrick Logan and Lieutenant-General R. A. Logan, from Miss Logan. (These have been framed and hung in the Museum.)

Seal, with crest of 77th Regiment, made from the Great Bell of Sevastopol (formerly this seal was the property of General

Kent), from Col. G. W. W. Savile, C.B.E., D.S.O.

German infantry pack from trenches near La Boutellerie, held by the 1st Battalion in October, 1914, from Major H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C.

The Times of 12th November, 1918, from Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon.

Framed photograph, F Company, 4th Battalion, Devonport, August, 1913, from Major J. R. Thorp.

Framed nominal roll of No. 8 Platoon, 4th Battalion (56 all ranks), 9th August, 1914, from Major J. R. Thorp.

German Very-light pistol, from Capt. S. J. Clark.

Photographs from *Army and Navy Illustrated*, 29th May, 1896, including one of the 1st Battalion Staff with Col. Grove-White, from Mr. W. Hemsley, late 11th Battalion.

Great War relics, from Mr. W. Hemsley, late 11th Battalion.

Great War relics, from Mr. P. Ashby, late 4th Battalion.

Old pinfire pistol, 1872, from Mr. H. Mitchell.

Cross-belt fittings, Staff-Sergeant's pattern, and helmet badge, 5th West Middlesex Rifles, from Mr. C. J. Painter, late Colour-Sergeant, 9th Battalion.

Piece of Sergeants' Mess crockery, 5th West Middlesex Rifles, from Mr. C. J. Painter, late Colour-Sergeant, 9th Battalion.

Copies of the *War Illustrated*, from Sergt. Bacon, 19th London Regiment.

Photographs of the following events are still desired for the Museum, and it would be very much appreciated if any officers or others who have copies in their possession which they can spare would send them to the Officer in charge of the Regimental Museum:—

Albuhera Centenary Celebrations.

Presentation of Colours to the 2nd Battalion, Ahmednagar, India, 1925.

We would like to have photographs of the Regular Battalions at the outbreak of the war in 1914, either groups or photographs of Battalions on parade, about to embark or leaving their peacetime stations. There are several photographs of the 4th Battalion in 1914 in

the Museum, but none of the other Battalions.

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, accompanied by Col. Lumley, visited the Museum on 7th November last.

The Museum is now being extended into a larger room in the same building. This room is more convenient in many respects, and it is hoped eventually to transfer most of the exhibits to it from the room which is being used at present.



OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

REGIMENTAL GOLF MEETING.

PAST v. PRESENT OFFICERS.

Hendon Golf Club, 4th April, 1935.

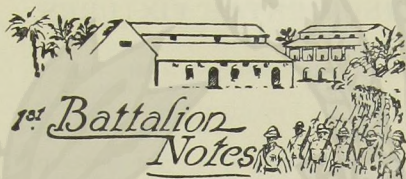
(1) Officers eligible and desirous of playing for the Past team are requested to send their names, together with the name of their golf club and handicap, to Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel at the Junior United Services Club, Charles Street, London, S.W.1, by 1st March, 1935.

(2) Serving officers will kindly sharpen their niblicks forthwith and report any signs of improvement on their own part and/or on the part of other serving officers to the Hon. Secretary, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

Attention is drawn to the alteration in the dates of forthcoming events.

The Annual "At Home" will be held at the Depot Officers' Mess on Friday, 28th June, 1935 (not on the cricket ground).

The Tennis Tournament will be held at the Depot on Saturday and Sunday, 29th and 30th June. The competitions will be the same as in 1934. Cricket will be played on each day from Sunday, 23rd June, to Saturday, 29th June (inclusive), with the exception of Friday, 28th June.



EDITORIAL NOTES.

OVERSHADOWING all the events during the past quarter has been the trooping season. It is the first time since we have been abroad that the full force of this great "thinning out" has been really felt.

For many months the much-used phrase "Roll on, that troopship!" has been heard in every barrack room, and then suddenly, as if spirited away, some hundred and ten old faces disappeared. Seventy-five left us on 27th November on the *Neuralia*, while on 2nd January forty-nine followed them back to England on the *Dorsetshire*.

Major and Mrs. Sloane-Stanley and Capt. Lyon, who sailed on the last-named ship, will be sadly missed by the whole Battalion, of which they have been members so long, and in wishing them the very best of luck we can only add that it must only be "au revoir" and not "good-bye." Another soldier of the older school whose absence will be keenly felt by all who were associated with him is C.S.M. Fleming, who joined in 1913 and leaves after twenty-one years of devotion to the Regiment. A man of indomitable courage, he was chiefly associated with boxing. He was the Army and Imperial champion of his weight in 1924-25. He never spared himself in helping and advising others. He inspired them not only with his skill in the art of boxing but with the right spirit, and leaves us with an unblemished record in and out of the ring.

On 21st December Lieut. Marsh, who had been in the Citadel Military Hospital



for some time with leg trouble, sailed for England for six months' sick leave. We wish him a speedy recovery.

On 24th November a draft of seventy-five men arrived from the 2nd Battalion, conducted by Lieut. Sword, who had been attending an M.G. Course at Netheravon. They have settled down well and appear to be thriving in the sand and sun.

We welcome to our midst the new Brigade Major, Capt. Watson, of the Royal Welch Fusiliers. He had been living in the Mess for some time, and now in spite of his formidable armlet, we consider him very much one of the family.

Company Training this year took place at Geniefa—a somewhat desolate spot forty-five miles south of Moascar on the western shore of the Great Bitter Lake. C Company were the first to go, on 30th October; they were followed by D Company, who in turn handed over to B, the last-named company returning to barracks three days before Christmas.

The platoons of A (S.) Company trained there in turn, and for the majority of the time a company of the Royal Scots Fusiliers was also in camp.

Capt. del Court and Lieut. Powell attended courses with the Royal Air Force at Heliopolis; the latter is performing the duties of Canal Brigade I.L.O. this training season.

Lieut. Gwyn did a short local attachment to the Canal District Administration posts at Ismailia, in order to pick up any of the latest tips "straight from the camel's mouth."

Lieut. Bellers and the Battalion Signal Section were attached to the 5th Fusiliers at Abbassia for the Command Signal Concentration. Capt. Dobbs was also with them as tactical officer. The latter was unfortunate in having his Riley overturn on him on a skiddy road and being pinned underneath. We are glad to see that he has completely recovered, so much so that he has taken over both P.R.I. and H.Q. Wing from Capt. Lyon.

The Commanding Officer and Major Jefferd spent a week on duty in Baghdad in November, flying in a Vickers Victoria each way.

We must congratulate our golf team on once more winning the Army Golf Meeting at Cairo, and Capt. Phillips on his great efforts in coming fifth in the

individuals. The results of each round were as follows:—

1ST ROUND.

MIDDLESEX v. ROYAL TANK CORPS.

Capt. Phillips ...	0	Capt. McCaffrey ...	0
Lieut. Beadnell ...	10	Lieut. Reeves ...	0
Lieut. Crawford ...	1	Lieut. Rash ...	0
Col. Brown ...	2	Col. Darwell ...	0
—	—	—	—
13		0	

2ND ROUND.

MIDDLESEX v. SEAFORTH'S "B."

Capt. Phillips ...	8	Capt. Ritchie ...	0
Lieut. Beadnell ...	3	Capt. Aitken ...	0
Lieut. Crawford ...	5	Lieut. Mackenzie ...	0
Col. Brown ...	2	Capt. Stirling ...	0
—	—	—	—
18		0	

SEMI-FINAL.

MIDDLESEX v. R.A.M.C.

Capt. Phillips ...	1	Col. Hood ...	0
Lieut. Beadnell ...	3	Col. Elliott ...	0
Lieut. Crawford ...	2	Capt. Pugh ...	0
Col. Brown ...	2	Capt. Dunn ...	0
—	—	—	—
8		0	

FINAL.

MIDDLESEX v. ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

Capt. Phillips ...	2	Capt. Thursby-Pelham ...	0
Lieut. Beadnell ...	4	Col. Mansurgh ...	0
Lieut. Crawford ...	2	Lieut. Cole ...	0
Col. Brown ...	12	Capt. Wheatley ...	0
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20		0	

BAND.

We begin our notes by wishing good luck to Sergt. Stenning, who has left us for civilian life.

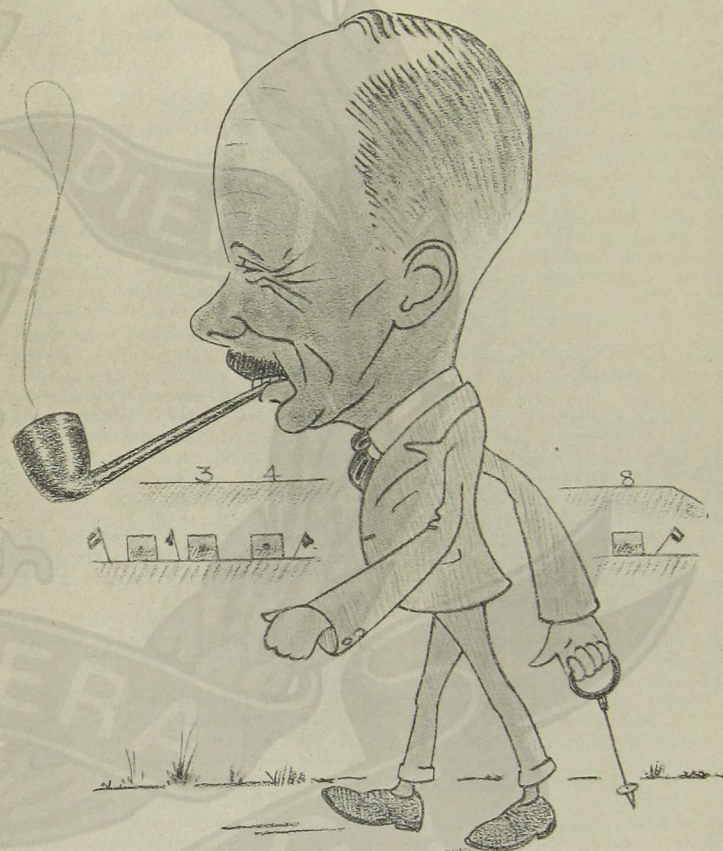
We also extend a hearty welcome to our new Band Sergeant, and hope that his stay will be a long and happy one.

Now that winter is upon us, a new use has been found for discarded woollens, as crochet needles—manipulated by nimble fingers—are busily transforming them into bed-covers, of weird and wonderful designs. Other nimble fingers are performing wonders with paper, string, glue, and pencil, to ensure our dining-halls are beautifully decorated.

We have successfully passed the first round of the Football Knock-out, but despite strenuous efforts with hockey sticks, lack of experience is likely to leave us out of this particular sport.

We congratulate Bdsn. Cousins and Rowntree on their successful efforts in the

"SHORTY"



Command Novices, and hope that Cousins (Rowntree in hospital) will repeat this performance in the Command Opens, for which he is now in strict training.

We close these notes by welcoming the new Boys to our midst, and hope they will soon settle down.

"GOBBO."

DRUMS.

What's that? Notes again! That was a quick quarter. Here goes!

We commence by wishing the Drum-Major every success and happiness in married life, and trust that all his troubles will be of the small variety. The ceremony took place at St. George's Garrison Church on 20th November. The reception was held at the Sergeants' Mess.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Dmr. Salmon on gaining his 1st Class Certificate of Education. Well done, "Fishy."

We welcome "Wiggy" and "Sparrow" on their promotion from Boys to Privates, and hope they will enjoy the change. (Smoke up, lads!)

Boxing has been much to the fore during the past quarter, and we must congratulate Dmrs. Holdford, Pullin and Brown, L./Cpl. Webber and Dmr. Bolt, not forgetting "Spotty," on their efforts to put the Wing on top in the Inter-Company Boxing Competition. Dmr. Bolt lost in the final and Foster in the semi-final of their respective weights.

In the Novices' Competition, Dmr. Foster and Boys Williams and Grey reached the finals. "Fishy" put up a good fight on his first appearance; better luck next time, "Fishy." Congratulations to Dmrs. Bolt, Foster and Holdford on their obtaining Company Colours.

In the Football Knock-out we lost 0-4 to No. 13 Platoon, but are hoping to get our revenge at hockey.

We have played twenty-two games, losing only five and having reached the third round in the Platoon Knock-out. Under the coaching of "Sticks" and "Narrow" we feel rather confident of pulling this off. Before these notes appear many battles will have been fought and won, and Geneifa will be added to our many peace-time honours.

Camel punching will be a mastered art to our "Brains, Ltd.," at least we hope

so. How "Narrow" will manage to remain mounted is a mystery, because the local steeds after one look at his *flimsy* frame usually develop a mania for high stepping.

We close hoping that the Drums of the 2nd Battalion will have recovered from their Christmas festivities by the time these notes appear before the public.

"SNAKEY III."

SIGNALS.

The excitement and agonies of classification are now over for another year, and the results proved very satisfactory after many weeks of arduous "punching up"!

We welcome the new Signallers to the Section and hope they have a good stay with us. At the same time, we extend our sympathies to "Grinder," "Tumps" and "Llyie," who have returned to duty.

We have just returned from a month's Concentration at Abbassia. The training on the whole was of an easy nature, and we crowded plenty of football matches into our "off" days. We were attached to a regiment who did not possess a football ground, so all our matches were away. Three times we had the pleasure of playing on a grass pitch, and we thank the Tank Corps, R.H.A., and R.A.S.C. for lending us their respective grounds when we wanted them. Altogether we had twelve games of football and two of hockey.

Who was the "rough rider" who decided that walking over sand was the best method of travel after having fallen off his horse?

We have reached the semi-finals of the Platoon Knock-out and expect to pull it off. We will not yet mention the Hockey Knock-out, as our display in our last game was not impressive.

"Fitz" is a budding referee: we had one before, and he blew too much. "Fitz" knows twelve times as much as he did. His services were in great demand at Abbassia. We have a Herbert Chapman in our "Knobby." No one has yet refused to loan him a set of football jerseys or a football ground.

In the Battalion Boxing the Signals contributed their usual share in L./Cpl. Gadsden and Ptes. Wilden and Cook, who all did exceptionally well. "Jacko" had

the misfortune (or shall we say good fortune?) to fracture his hand; consequently he had to stay behind to look after the "brood's" kits. We must congratulate Cook and Wilden on being selected to represent the Battalion in the Command Novices and Open Individuals. They did exceptionally well in their respective weights.

We are sorry to lose Pte. Cater, who has left for civilian life. Once again the old cry is heard, "Roll on, my couple of months!" the chief offenders being "Elmer," "Vamper," "Nick," "Woody," "Joner" and "Jacko," not forgetting "Benny," who is "mossing up" his ration money. Go to it, "Benny"; keep the wolf from the door!

By the time these notes appear "Nick" and "Joner" will be in "Blighty" (civilian life), or rather at the A.V.T.C. We all wish them luck, and hope that prosperity is just around the corner. Who wants a "Coventry eagle"? Ask "Nick."

In conclusion, we wish Bob the best of luck with his new company, and hope that the extra crown will not be too much weight on his arm.

"DOTS."

BOYS.

We commence our notes by welcoming to our happy band Boys Radley, Wells, Winfield, Dickens and John. Unfortunately Boy Dry was unable to join us owing to sickness. We certainly will miss him during the summer months, when all swimmers come to the fore.

We must here wish Boys Whittington, Grogan, Stemp, Schroder and Williams the best of luck and happiness on their attaining that age of independence, and hope they gain that distinction amongst the men as they did as boys.

The Boys' Individual Championships of Egypt were held recently at Abbassia, and we congratulate our representatives—Boys Carpenter, Wagner, Radley, Wells and Winfield—on their efforts, Wagner being runner-up of his weight.

In the football field we have been performing quite decently. As seen in the last issue of our Journal, we can still put it over the Boys of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and we very nearly beat one or two men's teams. We shall miss Grogan, but

as soon as the new boys settle down we expect to find talent amongst them in every branch of sport.

We have been entered in the Boys' Team Shooting Competition of Egypt, but up to the time of writing we have not had a very brilliant time of it owing to the absence of those sharp-shooters—now in the Band or Drums.

By the way, we must mention here that Bdsn. Schroder, then one of us, swam the 75 Yards Free Style in 47 1-5 sec. We sincerely hope that he keeps up the good work for many years to come.

Owing to our having so many new "bosses" during the past quarter we have not been able to settle down as we should have liked, but now that we have Cpl. Clark with us—permanently, we hope—we are anticipating doing great things, especially from the new boys mentioned previously.

At the time of writing these notes we are all keyed up for a bumper Christmas and not likely to worry about trifles.

"CHICKO."

DETAILS.

It is regretted that previous efforts for the Journal have been lacking for the past six months, but now that we have lost some of our closest friends it is time for a determined attack on the Editor.

The parting of friends as the 2nd Battalion know (those who have been abroad) is not too easy, especially when one has had personal touch for many years, and we wish to send to Messrs. Crannage, Walker, Hope, Hall, Rodgers, Isaacs, Thompson, Forey, Knox, Stannard, Hilliard and Brownlee our best wishes that they succeed in civilian life. Again by the time these notes appear in the Journal Messrs. Birthwright, Blow, Wellman, Pocklington, Witney and Stripe will be striving to learn or earn a living. We hope that they also will have settled down in "Blighty."

Above all, we wish to extend to Capt. Lyon our deepest regret that he is leaving us; he has been more than a friend and has given good advice on all subjects, which we greatly appreciate. The results of his efforts are clearly seen in our present positions in the Mons and Albuhera Competitions. We can only hope that the seeds he has sown will bear rich

fruit on Albuhera Day, and we wish him the best of luck in the future. We also wish to forward to Major Sloane-Stanley, our late Company Commander, our best wishes and good luck, and sincerely hope that he makes a speedy recovery in "Blighty."

One can see by the above that we will have had our sports team sadly depleted, especially football: Ptes. Stannard, Knox and Crannage have left big gaps very difficult to fill; also Ptes. Jackson and Parsons have been promoted and are now Company players, leaving in all five vacant places. These we hope to fill satisfactorily in the near future. We have been knocked out of the Hockey Knock-out, and our excuse is that our hockey team has suffered, not quite so badly as the football team, but good natural players are hard to find. We have given practically every member of our hard-worked Group a game of football or hockey, and have not as yet managed to find eleven good men to compete in the Inter-Battalion Sports. We live in hopes.

We welcome Dmr. Ringe, and Ptes. Davis, Nye and Cordery into the Group, and Pte. Coombes, who will perform as saddler in our Transport Section. (Exit "Pocko.")

Things are very quiet at the moment, but as you read this try to visualize a huge mass of sand with bare, stony ridges jutting here and there as far as the eye can see—a column of troops plodding on through and over, sweating and moaning, but getting to the destination full of pep ready for anything, but still moaning—because that is what we will be doing in February, 1935. Enough said.

Congratulations to Pte. Bush on being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Well played, "Bushy Boy."

Moascar will have the pleasure (?) of our company for the next two years (?), so that expert swimmers and yachtsmen will be in very great demand.

"OVERWORKED."

A (S.) COMPANY.

Training-time is always a busy time, and at the moment that is exactly what the Company is experiencing. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Platoons have finished their Platoon Training, and No. 4 Platoon are just

completing theirs. Preparations are now at hand for the M.G. Concentration, which takes place at Geneva in January.

The Range-takers have now finished their course and have come out with flying colours, obtaining nineteen firsts and one second. These are undoubtedly the best results the Company has obtained since its formation. In congratulating them, we hope that they will continue to maintain this high standard of efficiency.

It was predicted in the last issue that the M.G. shooting team would do well in the Command Shoot. They lived up to our expectations and finished third in the Command. With this result in mind, we are looking forward to next year's shoot, and if Dame Fortune will smile on us a little, we may be able to carry off the trophy.

Now let us turn our minds to a different type of training—Sports Training.

FOOTBALL.

Small Units' Cup.—As holders of this cup, we perhaps have more interest in this than any of the other trophies. We have now reached the final of the Canal Brigade Area, having beaten No. 6 Squadron of the R.A.F. 4—1, and our old rivals, B Company, 2—1 in the semi-final. The semi-final with B Company proved to be an exceptionally good and exciting game. We were a goal down until ten minutes from the end, but the team never once lost their spirit, and through persistent pressing they eventually scored two quick goals and so qualified for the final of the Canal Brigade Area. We are now due to play the winners of H.Q. Wing and X Squadron, R.A.F. A good game is anticipated, and we feel sure that both teams will be extended to the fullest.

We are rather handicapped by the absence of L./Cpl. Dyer, who has been transferred to the T.A.R. The football team will certainly miss his fine sporting spirit, his brilliant scheming and playing. However, in spite of the fact that the team has been reshuffled a little, we think that we shall still be able to hold our own in the football world.

The Company League has not started yet, but we have had a few friendly games in the Battalion, and, judging from these games, we expect to do well.

We have not fared so well in the Platoon Knock-out, although No. 2

Platoon are still left to retain the trophy. Nos. 3 and 4 Platoons were knocked out in the first round, No. 1 Platoon in the second round, and now No. 2 Platoon have passed into the third round.

The Company has supplied no less than six players towards the Battalion football team. They are L./Cpls. Dyer and Mizon, and Ptes. Sickenger, Lawlor, Baylis and Armitage. We congratulate them all on being chosen.

HOCKEY.

This popular sport is now in full swing. A good season is predicted, and the Platoon Knock-out has started well for the Company. All four platoons have passed their first hurdles, and are now prepared for the second round. The usual platoon interest is maintained, and we fully expect to go a long way.

The Company has had a couple of friendly games in preparation for the Company League. The team is playing exceptionally well together, and visions of retaining the league championship are looming ahead.

We had the honour of supplying four of the Company towards the Brigade hockey trial (Sergt. Hazeldine, Cpl. Clark and Ptes. Yetton and 30 Smith). Three of them were eventually chosen to represent the Canal Brigade in Cairo, whilst Sergt. Hazeldine was chosen for a trial in the Command team. We would like to congratulate them all, and we feel proud to think that members of our Company team are good enough for the Brigade.

PASSBALL.

In the final of the Inter-Platoon Passball, No. 4 Platoon were unfortunate to lose to No. 8 Platoon after a hard struggle. No. 4 Platoon have reached the final of this competition two years in succession. We hope that they may eventually be rewarded with this elusive trophy.

BOXING.

The Company Team Boxing took place in October. Although the Company finished fourth the team spirit was not lacking. All who fought put up an extremely good show, and we would like to congratulate L./Cpl. Smith and Pte. Watson on winning their weights, and Cpl. Whichello and Pte. Dowell on reaching the finals of their weights.

EDUCATION.

We congratulate the following N.C.Os. and men on obtaining their Firsts: Sergt. Hazeldine, L./Cpls. Cox and Dehnell, and Ptes. Couse, Poulton, Hall, 65 Cox and Young. The following made progress towards theirs, and we hope that they will be able to obtain their certificates at the next sitting: Cpls. Bolton, Clark and Whichello, L./Cpls. Sheen and Adams, and Ptes. Gosling, Burch, Brewer, Ellams and Pollard.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

We welcome back Lieut. Sword and L./Cpl. Broughton from the Machine Gun Courses, and in congratulating them on their results we feel sure the Company will benefit from their hard work in England.

The Company have now lost the services of C.S.M. Fleming, Clr.-Sergt. Robbins, Sergt. Hull, L./Cpls. Dyer and Payne, and Ptes. Parker, Hicks, Shipley, Frisby, Bean and Reeves, who have now left us to try their luck in England. In wishing them the best of luck, we hope that they will not lose all interest in the Company. The Regimental Journal is a fine means of following the Company's movements, and can easily be obtained from the Depot.

At present, Sergts. Honeybun and Hazeldine are ably carrying out the duties of C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. respectively, and although they have taken over at rather a busy time the Company is still running as smoothly as ever.

APPOINTMENTS.

We congratulate L./Cpls. Pearce and Mizon and their appointments, and wish them the best of luck.

At the time of writing, we are faced with the usual hustle and bustle of Christmas-time. We are looking forward to a good time, and we take this opportunity of wishing all our old friends who have left us, and also our sister Company of the 2nd Battalion, a prosperous New Year.

ACK EMMA GEE.

B COMPANY.

Since writing our last notes we have lost Capt. Rackham, who has gone home to England on a course, but we take this

opportunity of welcoming as our new Company Commander Capt. Phillips, who is taking a very great interest in the Company, both as a sportsman and as a Company Commander.

We congratulate No. 8 Platoon on winning the Inter-Platoon Passball Competition, and the Company boxing team on winning the Inter-Company Boxing Competition. The boxing was won by the margin of 10 points over our runners-up (C Company). The thanks for this victory are largely due to Pte. Francis, who by training and instructing developed a very fine team of boxers. Our winning team was: Lieut. Whiting, L./Cpl. McGrady, and Ptes. Francis, Burch, Almond, Burton, Ludlow, Hutchings, Down, Dean, Sampson, Litchfield, Elms, Sheen and Coney.

In the football world we have done very well up to the time of writing these notes. We entered the Small Units' Cup, and after getting to the semi-final we were considered most unlucky to lose to A (S.) Company by 1-2. In this match we held a 1-0 lead until twelve minutes from the end. Our hardest match was against D Company, whom we beat by 1 goal to 0. If our team can keep the same form for the Inter-Company League we should finish somewhere near the top.

In the Inter-Platoon Sports we are not faring so well. We have one platoon left in the Hockey (No. 7 Platoon), and unless they can get through to the final our chances are not very rosy. In the Football we have fared far better, having gained three points in the competition; we still have two platoons left in the last six. We hope one of our platoons will pull off this competition and so give us a good chance for the Mons Shield.

At hockey we have a very good team, but they are not getting the practice they should do to build a competition-winning side.

The Hockey and Football Leagues commence in January, when the Company returns from camp, so for practically three weeks we shall not have any games at all.

C COMPANY.

Mention has already been made in the last issue of the Journal of some of our doings or goings-on under Battalion notes which we intended to include in our

notes for this issue—in other words, we have been forestalled, but as it concerns us we hope our readers will excuse repetition, which is considered a very good thing in military subjects, so why not here?

To begin with, though we have not excelled ourselves in the various branches of sport, we are quietly and steadily pushing on and maintaining direction, in spite of the many handicaps we have been subjected to, many of our players not being available just when we wanted them—their services being required elsewhere. We certainly have had our share of difficulties, but such things were made to be overcome.

In the Battalion team for the Command Swimming Sports we were represented by L./Cpl. Sargent, and Ptes. Hill, 63 Jones, Marling and Saddington. Whilst on the subject of aquatics, we should like to mention that eight members of the Company have passed a course of life saving and gained the Royal Life Saving Society's Diploma and Bronze Medallion. In the Water Polo League we finished in third place.

About boxing we have got something to write about. First, the Novices, who certainly gave it as well as took it. Yes, we have all sorts: the killers, the bangers, the swishers, and the sloggers. In the Inter-Company Boxing we had to take second place; in these bouts some very fine boxing was seen, and our team are to be congratulated on their boxing and the results, which are largely due to Cpl. Roseblade, who seems never happier than when he has the gloves on. News has just come through that he has emerged the winner in the middle-weight of the Command Individuals, which have just been fought off in Cairo. Others of our boxers to be congratuated are L./Cpl. Ellis, who is runner-up in the welter-weight, and Pte. Boggis, who is runner-up in the bantam-weight in the Command Novices.

In the cross-country runs we finished in third place; the best individuals were L./Cpl. Keefe, Cpl. Roseblade, L./Cpl. Ellis and Pte. Boggis.

During September a large number of the Company proceeded to Cairo to take part in the Command Small Arms Meeting, for which various teams were entered. We would like to say here that we were

D COMPANY.

It is unfortunate that this quarter's notes should start with regrets, but it is with real regret that the Company regards the departure of certain notable persons who have played a great part in Company affairs.

It is difficult to pay a fitting tribute to Major L. F. Sloane-Stanley, who is leaving for England shortly. Ill-health has robbed us of one who was more than the traditional guide, philosopher and friend. It will suffice to say that the Company is stricken over the loss of a stern but very kindly friend. One consolation remains to us: Capt. del Court has again taken over the helm.

Lieut. Marsh is proceeding to the United Kingdom on sick leave. The Company Rugby team will lose his invaluable experience and encouragement during a troublous period in its history. Let us hope he will return to give us first-hand accounts of the international matches.

Sergt. Northcott and eighteen other ranks have also left for the United Kingdom. Rather a large gap in the ranks and one which will not easily be filled. This departure has dealt a severe blow to Company sports, but we are hoping that the draft which has recently arrived will more than fill the vacancies.

From 19th November to 3rd December we were at Geneifa Camp on Company Training. Much to the surprise of confirmed grouse, it turned out to be a very pleasant stay indeed. Though we missed the swimming bath that was available at Maadi in 1933, there were other facilities which atoned for this loss. The three-day march was a joy. For some reason we were robbed of the delights of digging a perimeter camp, and this put everyone in a good humour. On the second day we bivouacked among the pine trees at Serepeum, and hardy swimmers, to the disgust of the weaker brethren, revelled in the icy waters of the Suez Canal.

At the time of writing, we are recovering from the topsy-turviness usually attendant on camps and putting things ship-shape for Christmas.

Now for a brief résumé of our sporting activities during the past three months. D Company were badly placed in the recent Company Team Boxing. Without

made very welcome and comfortable by the units to which we were attached—the R.H.A. and the King's Dragoon Guards.

In spite of hard trying and all the necessary things required to emerge on top, we only got a lot of hard luck, but we would like to report that we were mentioned as follows:—

Snipers' Match B.—Tied for third place (C.S.M. Goodall and Sergt. "Deadeye" Paterson).

Lewis Gun Match.—No. 11 Section tied for second place (took third place on re-shoot).

The following have gained Sports Colours during 1934:—

Athletics.—Cpl. Roseblade, L./Cpl. Keefe and Pte. Saddington.

Cricket.—Cpl. Painter.

The next note on the calendar is the journey to Cyprus of the composite platoon of C Company, which proceeded there in temporary relief. From all accounts they had an enjoyable time and brought back a few mementoes of their trip; one member of the platoon brought back a lady's umbrella which he stated he found on top of a hill (the umbrella, not the lady). It sounds very strange, but he assures us that it is true.

Our next item of interest is Section and Company Training, which we completed on 17th November. The time passed by very quickly, due largely to the variety and novelty in the programmes set by our Company Commander, who finally succeeded in capturing that notorious desert bandit, Mustapha Camel, and tribe.

In case we shall not be permitted a lot of space by the Editor, we must close in a glad and sorry strain, firstly to welcome the new draft and to wish them a pleasant life abroad, and last but not least to say farewell to those N.C.Os. and men who have returned home time-expired. Many of our best sportsmen were among them, and we take this opportunity of wishing them every success in civilian life and good luck.

Our congratulations to Cpl.-Sergt. Misso on being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

In conclusion we wish all our readers a happy New Year and hope that you all had a good Christmas.

CORK.

attempting to excuse our failure, I think we might be permitted a few words in extenuation: Pte. Evans, the mainstay of the team, was in hospital and his influence and advice were sorely missed. However, we fielded a full team and they pulled their weight splendidly. Pte. Urquhart's thrilling three-round battle with Pte. Dowell of A (S.) Company was one of the plums of the meeting.

In the first round of the Small Units' Soccer Cup D Company were matched against Y Squadron, No. 4 F.T.S. It was a bustling, vigorous game, and we just got the verdict by 1 goal to 0. The second round found us up against old rivals in B Company. Two matches were drawn after hard-fought struggles, but the third time B won by the odd goal in three. An outstanding feature of these games was the masterly display of the respective goalkeepers. Comic relief was supplied by "Joe" Britton and "Bill" Tatt. "Fred" Lambert was akin to Job's war-horse. He sniffed the battle from afar and plunged in valiantly. "Fred" is thinking of resting on his laurels at the end of the season, and is seriously considering hashish smuggling as a milder form of exercise.

In the Inter-Platoon Knock-out three of our platoons succumbed in the first round. No. 15 Platoon fought hard and reached the second round, but were beaten by 1 goal to 0 after a replay.

Several hockey trials have taken place, and it is thought that sufficient new talent has been unearthed to take the place of Messrs. Parker, Dudley and Benningfield, who have recently hung up their Army trophies.

Christmas is upon us again, and the C.Q.M.S. and his henchmen have been making preparations for the Christmas dinner on a vast scale. A certain atmosphere of secrecy prevails with regard to decorations in the dining hall. Pte. Warren (one of the decorating staff) is pestered with questions. His replies are worthy of a better cause.

Festivities and rejoicings will be over by the time these notes go to press, but D Company wishes everyone who has the good (or bad) fortune to scan these words all happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

DON.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

From summer to winter, from K.D. to S.D., thus we go on, and here we are plodding along in the midst of Collective Training doing our best to enlighten the outside world of all that has happened during the past quarter.

DEPARTURES.

When one walks into the Mess one obvious fact becomes evident: something is missing, some article of furniture has been removed from the inventory; and then one realizes—realizes that "Bogey" West has gone. His old stand in the corner is no longer occupied and it has strangely left a gap which will be difficult to fill. The best wishes from all go to Sergt. 40 West, and all our other members who have recently said good-bye to us; to C.S.M. Fleming, the ever-popular stalwart of the Battalion boxing team; to Sergt. Stenning, a great loss to the Band; to Cdr.-Sergt. Robbins, known as "Shot-Hole" to some, but a real man to all. To these "stout fellas" we, as a Mess, presented them with a memento in the form of an inscribed wrist-watch to show our appreciation of good comradeship. To Sergts. Hull, Northcott and Soper, who are still to soldier on in England, we wish the best of luck.

ARRIVAL.

Our only arrival is L./Sergt. Smith, who has returned to us after his courses in England, which resulted in a "Q.1" from Hythe, and a D in matrimony.

SPORT.

This branch of our life has been badly neglected, and nothing of note has occurred in the past quarter.

SOCIALS.

Various counter-attractions have caused a very noticeable dropping off in the attendances of our fortnightly whist drives, but we are continuing with them in spite of all opposition.

MONTHLY DINNER.

This monthly gathering has proved a great success, and the Committee must be congratulated on the splendid fare provided for the last dinner.

MARRIAGE.

We heartily congratulate Drum-Major Drew on his marriage to Miss Hetty Christie, daughter of Sergt. and Mrs. Christie. The reception was held in the Mess, and was well appreciated by all those who attended, and the attendants were numerous. "Drummy's" send-off was an exceptionally humorous though somewhat painful affair, for some of our members and one in particular must have had bells ringing in his ears for some days after. Three members visited Mr. and Mrs. Drew and assisted them to fix their lamps. We are sorry to have to record that they left "Drummy" completely in the dark as to their reason for leaving early.

ANGLING.

Our angling department is still going strong and each day we hear mention of enormous catches, and at present "Pat" leads with 3 lb. 8 oz., followed by R.Q.M.S. Crouch with the next-biggest catch. It is rumoured that "Ben" has adopted the idea of using safety-pins, as an ordinary bent pin sticks in the throat of the poor fish.

CASUALTIES.

Sergt. Snell is now on his way to recovery after spending a considerable time in hospital, and Sergt. Williams is shortly to be operated on for knee trouble.

R.S.M. Newman has been in bed for some days, and we wish him a speedy return to the parade ground. Sergt. Priddy tried to emulate the efforts of the Keystone comedy type of photographer, and as a result spent several days in hospital with a badly burnt hand, but he is now back on his job at Port Said, fit and well. Sergt. Glover has also been in hospital with a bad hand, but he is also back with us once more.

CONCLUSION.

Company Training has caused many changes to take place, our members being continually on the move between Moascar and Geneifa, and as the writer is Geneifa-bound in the very near future, these notes must be concluded at once, so we end by wishing all Messes a happy and successful New Year.

"PORTHOS."

CORPORALS' CLUB.

Many changes have taken place since our last number in this Mag. of Mags.; not only at the counter, but amongst ourselves.

The farewell dinner which was held in honour of those who have given us the bird for "Civvy Street" was a complete success, and we wish them all the best of luck in their new surroundings.

Tactical classes and cadres of various types are all the rage now, and I heard say that with a little more tact a certain N.C.O. will be promoted Duke, but of course that is only gossip as yet.

In the sports field we have not achieved anything of great importance, but with more team spirit we could prove a finer Club than we are now. We lost at rugby to the R.E. by a small margin, and with our complete team in the field would have made a cricket score against them.

The N.C.Os. on the tactical class fixed up a game with No. 9 Platoon at football. Although it ended in a draw, it was quite a good game. Sheff proved his worth on the wing; not only did he use his weight, but his speed was too fast to be recorded. He will no doubt go down in the annals of sport. Conn certainly was on his old form; I think he will be picked to represent us at the all-in 5,000-mile cross-country sprint.

We congratulate the following N.C.Os. on their appointments and wish them the best of luck in the new Mess. They will not be able to lie on the billiard table, and we trust they will not forget to flick the book: L./Sergts. Sheffield, Cladd, Thirkettle, Bayford and Bolton.

Further congratulations to Cpls. Bayly and Thomas. We also welcome L./Cpls. Brooks, Price, Doyle, Fegan and Lawton to our Club, and hope they will strengthen our various teams at sport.

We are now looking forward (?) to Battalion and Brigade Training, and on this happy note we will leave you.

Resavoir mes Caporals.

CYPRUS.

C Company were warned during September to find a platoon of forty men to proceed to Cyprus during October, to keep the company of the Royal Irish Fusiliers up to strength while trooping reliefs were being carried out. No. 10 Platoon

were selected for this work, and sailed from Port Said on 10th October in a small and ancient vessel.

Famagusta (the port) was duly reached the next afternoon without casualties, and we entrained for Nicosia, the capital, a distance of forty-five miles, which took the miniature railway two and three-quarter hours. When we arrived in Nicosia we were quartered in the English School, together with the Royal Irish and Royal Scots Fusiliers. During our stay the only duties we had to find were an occasional guard, some police duties, and a cook, so we were able to devote a considerable amount of time to training.

The training areas consisted mostly of barren ground or over the hills. We included one trip to a castle some 3,000 feet up, followed by a bathe in the Mediterranean. We covered a considerable mileage in marching to the accompaniment of bagpipes, and always escorted by the mascot "Jock," a bull-terrier of sorts.

We were well catered for in hockey and football, and, although faring none too well against the other two regiments at first, we were able to hold our own with either of them at both these sports by the time we left. The entertainment was found to be a considerable improvement on Moascar. The civilian population of the island were extraordinarily pleasant to all, and amongst them we met three former officers of the Regiment.

We departed on 28th October amidst a fine exhibition of lightning, and after a two-day trip round the island returned to Port Said.

BOXING.

The Inter-Company Team Boxing Competition was held on 22nd, 23rd and 25th October, and brought out some of the best boxing the Battalion had seen for some years.

The results were as follow:—

Heavy-weight.—Pte. Ellis, C; runner-up, L./Cpl. Gadsden, H.Q.

Light Heavy-weight.—Pte. Watson, A; runner-up, Pte. Morrison, C.

Middle-weight (1st String).—Cpl. Roseblade, C; runner-up, Cpl. Whichello, A.

Middle-weight (2nd String).—Pte. Dean, B; runner-up, Pte. Cornford, D.

Middle-weight (3rd String).—Pte. Francis, B; runner-up, Bdsn. Rowntree, H.Q.

Welter-weight (1st String).—L./Cpl. McGrady, B; runner-up, Pte. Le Dain, D.

Welter-weight (2nd String).—Pte. 83 Price, C; runner-up, Pte. Dowell, A.

Welter-weight (3rd String).—Pte. Wass, C; runner-up, Pte. Sampson, B.

Welter-weight (4th String).—Pte. Almond, B; runner-up, Pte. Hiscock, C.

Light-weight (1st String).—L./Cpl. Smith, A; runner-up, L./Cpl. Markham, C.

Light-weight (2nd String).—Pte. Benham, C; runner-up, Pte. Stroud, D.

Light-weight (3rd String).—Pte. Tostevin, H.Q.; runner-up, Pte. Litchfield, B.

Feather-weight (1st String).—Pte. Wildin, H.Q.; runner-up, Pte. Burch, B.

Feather-weight (2nd String).—Bdsn. Cousins, H.Q.; runner-up, Pte. Hutchins, B.

Bantam-weight.—Pte. Elms, B; runner-up, Dmr. Bolt, H.Q.

B Company won by a comfortable margin of points (59), and a close struggle for second place was witnessed between C Company (49) and H.Q. Wing (45), followed by A (S.) Company with 42 and D Company (30).

The Command Novices' Boxing Championships were held in the R.H.A. ring at Abbassia from 21st to 24th November, and the Battalion won four weights out of eight, with one runner-up. Pte. 34 Smith, A (S.) Company, won the fly-weight after a close fight in the final, and Pte. Stone, B Company, followed by winning the bantam-weight. The last-named boxed very cleverly in the final against a hard hitter, and, finding himself down on points by fighting back, he changed his tactics. He was well up on points in the last two rounds by continually giving ground and scoring freely with his left. Bdsn. Cousins, H.Q. Wing, and Pte. Boggis, C Company, distinguished themselves in the feather-weight final, and Cousins proved the cleverer boxer of the two during three rounds of really hard fighting. Bdsn. Rowntree, H.Q. Wing, fought hard and well to win the welter-weight, and despite the last round of the final in which he proved less fit than his opponent, gained a well-deserved victory. Cpl. Roseblade gave an excellent display in a special four-round contest against Sergt. Moat, of the Seaforth Highlanders, and proved himself very much superior in every way.

At the presentation of prizes at the end of the meeting, Brigadier Kelly congratulated the Regiment on producing four winners, and Bdsn. Cousins and Pte. Boggis on providing the best fight of the evening. Ptes. Foster, H.Q. Wing, and Berry, D Company, reached the semi-

finals of the light heavy-weight and heavy-weight respectively.

The Command Individual and Boys' Championships were held in Cairo from 5th to 8th December, and the Regiment again experienced considerable success. Fifteen of our competitors appeared in the semi-finals of the twelve weights (including Boys), and six survived to the finals, three of whom won their weights.

Pte. Evans, C Company, experienced no difficulty with his opponent in the heavy-weight and knocked him out in the last round, providing the only knock-out in the finals. Cpl. Roseblade, C Company, was fortunate to survive some of his preliminary bouts in which he had to fight his hardest and best, and in the final of the middle-weight outpointed his opponent after a rather disappointing fight.

Pte. Stone, B Company, also had to fight hard in the preliminary bouts, but had no difficulty in winning the final. Pte. Johns, A (S.) Company, showed good form in the bantam-weight and was beaten in the final by a clever boxer. Pte. Ellis, C Company, fought some exceedingly hard bouts and was very unlucky to lose in the final. Boy Wagner fought exceedingly well in the final of the Boys' bantam-weight, but was up against a better boxer and lost on points. In the semi-finals, Boy Carpenter fought very well and cleverly, but was unlucky to lose against a taller and stronger opponent. Pte. Benham, C Company, experienced a very hard semi-final, and, though he appeared to have gained a good number of points in the last two rounds by clever boxing, the decision went against him.

Pte. Dean, B Company, was well up on points in the last round of his middle-weight semi-final, but he was not as fit as his opponent and, after receiving some very heavy blows, went down for the count. L./Cpl. Markham, C Company (light-weight), was also leading in the last round on points, but failed to stop a heavy swing to the jaw which put him out completely. Pte. Almond, B Company, and Pte. Wildin, H.Q. Wing (last year's winner), were unfortunate to meet in the second round and Almond secured a knock-out in the last round when losing on points. He damaged his hand and was unable to compete in the semi-finals of the feather-weight.

Other losers in the semi-finals were

Ptes. Berry, D Company, Smith A (S.) Company, and Elms, D Company.

The results of the Command Championships are very encouraging, and we are counting on winning the Command Inter-Unit Team Championship commencing in the near future.

RUGBY.

The Battalion has entered on its first rugby season since it left England; three years is a long lapse from any game, and the general standard is bound to suffer considerably in consequence. On the whole, however, we have not fared too badly, and the team is improving by leaps and bounds. We are very fortunate in having the best ground in Egypt, and, provided we can obtain plenty of fixtures, we have every chance of building up a really good side in preparation for the Command Cup next year.

For the first round of the Command Cup we drew the R.A.O.C., last season's finalists, and were beaten 12—3 after a very close game. The team had played together on two occasions before this match, and, although the forwards played a valiant game, there was a very pronounced lack of combination between them and the three-quarters. However, we are much stronger in the scrum-half and stand-off positions, with Cpl. Watts and Lieut. Sword in the side now, while Dmr. Evans and L./Cpl. Keefe show great promise as insides; with Lieuts. Powell and Gwyn on the wing we should have an extremely good team next year. L./Cpls. Tatt, Sargent, Adams and Robinson all deserve special mention for the sterling work they have put in for the scrum. The forwards as a whole have played extraordinarily well, but they still have a lot to learn as regards the technique of the game. Cpl. Hopwood has proved invaluable at back; unfortunately we have no reserves in the Battalion for this position.

Results of matches played this season: won, 2; lost, 5; drawn, 2.

10/10/34.—v. Royal Scots Fusiliers, won 9—0.

26/10/34.—v. No. 4 F.T.S., lost 0—19.

29/10/34.—v. Royal Scots Fusiliers, lost 4—5.

3/11/34.—v. No. 4 F.T.S., lost 8—22.

7/11/34.—v. Royal Scots Fusiliers, won 9—0.

12/11/34.—v. R.A.O.C., lost 3—12.

15/12/34.—v. 8th Hussars, drew 0—0.

19/12/34.—v. No. 4 F.T.S., lost 0—3.

22/12/34.—v. No. 4 F.T.S., drew 3—3.

THE LATE CAPTAIN D. O. C. NEWTON, FORMERLY OF THE 4TH BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

THE writer of the letter, of which an extract is given later in this article, was formerly in The Lincolnshire Regiment. He was in Canada in 1914, and joined Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, which was attached to the 80th Brigade of the 27th Division, drawn mainly from overseas garrisons. The Division disembarked in France on 23rd December, 1914, and took over trenches from the French 32nd Division on the nights of the 5th/6th and 6th/7th January, 1915.

The 1st Canadian Division did not leave England for France until February, 1915. The writer of the letter remarks: "We were all ex-Service men," which presumably explains the position of Princess Pat's Battalion with the 27th Division in France, in advance of the remainder of the Canadian Contingent.

C. R. S.

November, 1934.

(See Official History of the War; Military Operations, Vol. III, pp. 11, 27 and footnotes, and Appendix 4.)

Capt. Newton was Captain in my company, No. 3. He was killed the first few hours we were in the trenches for the first time, being therefore the first officer of Princess Pat's to lose his life, and thereby the first Canadian officer to be killed in action. A very gallant gentleman. What happened was this.

We landed at Le Havre on 20th December and entrained for Blarenghem; messed around there for a few days, leaving at about 2 o'clock one morning *en route* for Dickebusch. No buses by request; and as we were all ex-Service men there were none who would confess that they could not do the twenty-nine miles on his slow feet. We did that twenty-nine miles, arriving at Dickebusch about six p.m. the next day, and we were marched straight into the line to relieve a French unit, without any tea or refreshment.

The French unit we were relieving just filtered away without any advice or instructions. As a matter of fact, we

marched straight into the line past the holes we were supposed to occupy, and wandered about No Man's Land for well over a couple of hours. There was no continuous line of trenches in those days, so at last we located some holes and distributed ourselves among them. By this time we had lost all sense of direction. We had no conception of front or rear, knew nothing of our right or left. It was pouring with rain, and a pitch-black night.

Then hell opened. From right, from left, from what we suspected was our front and rear a ceaseless and merciless rifle fire was poured into us. It seemed as though ghostly hands were reaching out of the blackness to mow us down. Our sense of impotence was ghastly. We could not retaliate because we knew not friend from foe. Our officers moved from hole to hole on top of the trenches heartening us. Here is where Capt. Newton came into the picture. From the hole where I was he went out alone to try to locate the enemy and give us some sense of direction.

We urged him to take one of us with him, but, no, he persisted in going alone. A glorious decision. His argument was that one man could do it better than two or three, and that he was the man who ought to go. He was gone about ten minutes when we heard running footsteps approaching our hole in the dark. Then he shouted, "Hold your fire, men, I'm Capt. Newton and wounded!" We climbed over the top to get him, but he was dead before we got him into the trench. We reasoned that he had walked into an enemy trench, climbed out to give us the information, and was shot by them while crossing No Man's Land.

To those who would criticize his action I can only point out that another officer farther on our left took out a full patrol of four men with the same object as Newton, and neither he nor his patrol were heard of again. Capt. Newton gave his life, but by so doing imbued us with the spirit that enabled us to sit through that awful night, to straighten ourselves out at dawn and occupy the line our French friends should have introduced us to but did not. A gallant officer. A great gentleman. "The job is hazardous, the job is dangerous. I will do it myself." So said Capt. Newton, P.P.C.L.I.

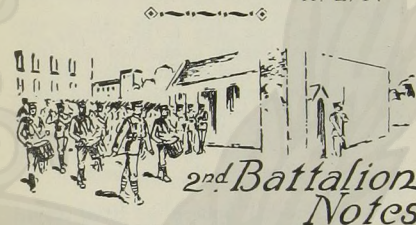
A. KNIGHT.

(Formerly of The Lincolnshire Regt.)

Denzil Onslow Cochrane Newton was gazetted to the Middlesex Regiment from Sandhurst in 1900 and joined the 2nd Battalion, then on service in Natal. A sharp attack of enteric led to his being invalided home after a short time, and on recovery he was posted to Woolwich, where the 4th Battalion (now disbanded) was being raised by Lieut.-Col. C. R. Simpson (now Major-General Simpson, C.B., Colonel of The Lincolnshire Regiment).

Lieut. Newton was appointed Assistant Adjutant to the 4th Battalion and served with it at the Tower of London, Aldershot and Dublin. He then went as A.D.C. to Lord Dundonald, then commanding the Canadian Militia, and on the return home of that officer he was given a similar appointment on the Staff of the Governor-General, Earl Grey. At the end of this extended period of personal Staff employment, Capt. Newton retired from the Army and went into business in Canada. On the outbreak of war he joined Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, raised for immediate service in Europe.

H. E. F.



THE Christmas break is upon us, and as these notes are written a strange silence broods over barracks, most of the Battalion being away until 3rd January, on which date the leave period terminates and the trivial round and common task recommence.

The news of the move to Portsmouth came as a pleasant surprise to those who were speculating as to the merits and demerits of Ballykinler and Catterick, and it is of peculiar interest to note that the Battalion has been encamped or stationed there five times before, viz., in 1809 before proceeding on active service to the Peninsula; in 1834 after service in the West Indies; in 1848; in 1870 after service in India; and in 1904, when the longest period of all (over three years) was spent there. A station where all three Services

—for the R.A.F. at Gosport must be included—are congregated must prove most interesting, and, though "Pompey" has always been the home of the Senior Service, we feel that, taking into account our 125 years' association with the station, we may claim to have had a small share in its history.

Plans for the Aldershot Tattoo are gradually maturing, and as dates at present stand we shall make our debut in the Rushmoor Arena on 12th June after an intensive rehearsal period from 27th May to 8th June, and a daylight full-dress rehearsal on 12th June.

Between the Tattoo Higher Formation Training and the move, 1935 promises to be a very busy year.

The move of the Saar Force has unexpectedly affected us, for we have been called upon to furnish personnel to fill certain employments at Force Headquarters. C.Q.M.S. West and six Privates have left for Saarbrücken to embark upon what should prove an intensely interesting experience. They are the envy of many.

We extend a hearty welcome to our new Brigade Commander, Brigadier H. N. A. Hunter, D.S.O., who has succeeded Major-General W. D. S. Brownrigg, D.S.O.

Our former Brigadier made his farewell to the Battalion on 12th October. The Battalion having formed up in three sides of a square, he addressed us and then we marched past in column of route, after which he said good-bye to the officers individually. We felt we were losing a very true friend, and a true commander.

We welcome amongst us 2/Lieut. W. P. M. Allen, who has joined the Battalion from the R.M.C., Sandhurst.

We are very sorry to lose Capt. W. H. Clayden, who has been appointed to the Adjutancy of the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, and Lieut. A. E. Green, who has taken over the duties of Adjutant at the Depot. Capt. Clayden has brought our Regimental Transport up to a high standard, and his valuable assistance at boxing meetings will always be remembered. Lieut. Green will be a great loss to our rugby XV. We wish them both the best of luck in their new spheres of activity.

We extend warm congratulations to Lieut. Man on his engagement, and our best wishes for the future go out to him.

Before the next Journal appears in print he too will have to be accounted a loss, for he is leaving us in the New Year to become an instructor at the School of Signals, whither his successor as Signal Officer, Lieut. G. P. L. Weston, is to go to attend a course in January.

Finally, congratulations are due to Lieut. F. H. Else, who has just achieved one more "D," this time as the result of a Mortar Course at the S.A.S., Netheravon.

Since our last notes two squads have joined the Battalion from the Depot—Inkerman on 6th October, and Suvla; the former squad contains some keen and promising boxers.

The rugby season has been very successful, as will be seen by the tabulated results, although we had the misfortune to be knocked out of the Army Cup in the first round. As these notes are written, the second Trial Match at Falmouth is being played, and we have great hopes that the selectors will pick 2/Lieut. Unwin amongst those to represent England. We are also very optimistic regarding 2/Lieut. Beath's chances of a place in the Army XV.

Finally we must correct a most unfortunate error which appeared in these notes in the November issue. The Officers' Revolver Cup and Bowl were won by Capt. Kempster, and not Capt. Jones as previously stated. These two officers actually tied, but after a re-fire, Capt. Kempster obtained the higher score and with it the distinction of winning the cup, which had not been competed for since 1899.

A COMPANY.

Transfers to the Signallers, Machine Gunners and the 1st Battalion have materially reduced our strength, and we are now numerically the weakest Company in the Battalion. Consequently we have not been able to offer much opposition in the field of sport.

In the first round of the Football Knock-out Competition we were defeated by C (S.) Company, who also beat us in the Rugby Competition. In the latter we could only turn out a team of novices held together by two or three old hands. We are still interested in the Hockey Compe-

tition, as we beat B Company by 2 goals to 1 after extra time in the replay.

In the "Potted Sports" we have not done so well as we did last year, and we missed Sergt. Jones, Cpls. Poulter and Wray, and Pte. Fabray, who for varying reasons were not available.

Most of our promising boxers have left us to lend their strength to "gun bumping," but we have still one or two left who are doing well, and in this sport, as in others, we are still able to produce Battalion representatives.

We are shortly to be strengthened by drafts from the Depot, and we hope that we will have a tale of success to tell in the next issue of the Journal.

We wish success to Sergt. Jones in his new venture, and welcome Sergt. Tibble to the Company.

B COMPANY.

Another quarter has passed, and the main topic of conversation at the moment is furlough, with its prospect of Christmas at home.

We have been very active during the past quarter, having completed our Individual Training and having taken part in many sporting events. Our hardest problem during the past month has been to find sufficient of the Company to form our teams, as most of them have been employed either by the Garrison or the Battalion.

In the football sphere we have played a large number of friendly games, of which we have won our share, and in addition one game in the Inter-Company Knock-out, versus Q Company, which we lost 4-7. Q Company has, perhaps, the strongest company team in the Battalion on paper, so that the result was not so bad when one compares the teams.

In the Hockey Knock-out we were beaten by A Company after a replay. Both games needed extra time before a decision was obtained, and each was a typical hard and fast cup-tie game. The final result—2 goals to 1—is indicative of the games.

In the Rugby Knock-out we were beaten by G Company.

We welcome to the Company Sergt. Kemp, who has completed his time in the appointment of S.I.M., and Sergt. Hull,

who has just joined us from the 1st Battalion. We hope their stay with us will be a pleasant one.

On 14th November, twelve members of the Company left us to join the 1st Battalion at Moascar. We wish them the best of luck in their new station.

We congratulate Pte. Courtney on representing the Battalion in the Inter-Unit Novices' Boxing Competition.

C (S.) COMPANY.

With the approach of yet another season of cheer and goodwill we seek inspiration once again from the muses and crave indulgence for any more than usually vile journalistic we may inflict upon our long-suffering readers.

Brigade Training is just a memory, and after a short interval for recuperation we greeted our yearly invasion of new Gunners from the rifle companies. They are now in the very thick of Individual Training. Salutations to them; judging by the keen spirit they show in work and at play, we feel sure that they will add to the prestige and good name of the Company.

In the world of athletics and sport we have been dogged by a certain measure of ill-luck, in that we have been unable to field fully representative teams. Notwithstanding this, our record up to date shows some highly creditable achievements.

POTTED SPORTS.

The results of the Potted Sports, the shield for which we hold at present, were of a high Company standard. A number of good results were recorded, notably those of Pte. Weller, who threw the javelin 127 ft. 1 in., L./Cpl. Tye with 100 ft. 6 in. to his credit with the discus, and L./Cpl. Delaney, who jumped 9 ft. 1 in. and 5 ft. 1 in. in the Pole Vault and High Jump respectively.

FOOTBALL.

On paper our Company team seemed unbeatable; victories in company friendly games and over A Company in the first round of the Company Knock-out by 7 goals to 2, only served to strengthen that illusion. Alas and alack, we were defeated by D Company's very workmanlike team by 5 goals to 4, in a game which abounded in thrills of a high order. Fare-

well to our dreams of winning the Company Football Knock-out.

In the Inter-Section Six-a-Side Competition held within the Company, No. 3 Section, under L./Cpl. Tye, won a well-deserved victory.

We feel that congratulations are due to L./Cpl. Delaney on being chosen as a reserve for the Army soccer team.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The Inter-Company Knock-out has been reinstituted, and in the first round we were decisively successful over a weak A Company team, the score being 18 points to nil. With several of our stars returning after Christmas our hopes are running high in this competition, but we must not be too cocksure. Time will show if our optimism is justified.

This section of our notes would be incomplete without a reference to the splendid performance of 2/Lieut. E. J. Unwin in the first English Trial, and his consequent promotion to the Probables in the second Trial, yet to be played at the time of writing. Congratulations, and a very sincere hope that the coveted international cap will be awarded him this season.

BOXING.

No fewer than three of our competitors won their weights in the Novices' Boxing—Pte. Weller (light heavy-weight), Pte. Klimcke (middle-weight) and Pte. Morley (light-weight)—whilst Ptes. Islip and Monk were runners-up in their weights.

These results augur very well for our prospects in the forthcoming Inter-Company Novices' Competition.

COURSES.

2/Lieut. Unwin attended the September-October Course at the S.A.S., Netheravon, and obtained a "Q.I." Lieut. Heywood is at present completing the Company Commanders' Course at this School. Lieut. Else and Sergt. Scott have just returned from a course on the "Mysterious Mortar." The results of the above course are not available at the time of writing, but we feel sure that in offering our congratulations we are not assuming too much.

2/Lieut. Willoughby, having attended the Intelligence Course at Shorncliffe, is now in the throes of an Education Course.

With our well-known modesty we will refrain from explaining why the Silver Dart has left our cloistered precincts. Suffice it to say that it has winged its way hence, but we hope with something of the boomerang in its composition.

Time flies, and with it the patience of the Editor. We must therefore write "Finis" to this flow of soul and feast of reason, by wishing our brother-Gunners abroad, especially those lately departed from us, a very happy New Year.

D COMPANY.

The demand for Journal notes this quarter was made at very short notice, and so as we write on the day on which the Battalion goes on leave for the Christmas and New Year naturally we are all looking forward to the welcome break in routine. However, in the midst of our pleasant anticipations we must look back for a short time and endeavour to review our doings since we last wrote our notes for the Journal.

Soon after our return from Bures, a pleasant old Company custom which has lapsed since Madras days was revived. The whole Company sat down to supper to bid farewell to the men going to C (S.) Company, the Signals, and those proceeding on draft to the 1st Battalion, and to welcome Inkerman and Suvla Squads in the Company in their places.

Since then we have had a very busy time (no, little man, not a busy day, this time). Not quite as interesting as we should like, but those infernal T.E.W.Ts. have to be done! However, this is all finished with on conclusion of our Individual Training. When we return after Christmas, life will be more interesting.

It is with much pleasure that we look back on our football. The Company has lately made great strides. A large share in this is due to C.S.M. Wright, who has been indefatigable in seizing vacant grounds and arranging fixtures. Often we had two matches taking place on the same day. Improvement was bound to come, as is shown by our record in the Inter-Company Football Knock-out:—

v. G Company, won 2—1.

v. C (S.) Company, won 5—4.

In the first-named match, Ptes. Vince and Mardell played a great game. It

was the latter match, however, which produced one of those unfortunately rare games when both sides really go "all out" and produce a most exciting game to watch. C (S.) Company, with several Regimental players, were favourites. Our men fought hard and, stiffened by the experience of C.Q.M.S. Jones, who made a most successful return and secured three goals, just managed it. It is impossible to single out any one player, so here is the team:—

Pte. Mardell; Sergt. Wilson, L./Cpl. Haynes; Pte. Mellor, C.Q.M.S. Jones, Cpl. Walker; Sergt. Beaveridge, Pte. Vince, L./Cpl. Hiscocks, Pte. Thomas, and L./Cpl. Head.

Following closely on this, L./Cpls. O'Neill, Hiscocks and Williams, and Ptes. Parry, Thomas and Vince won the Inter-Company Dart Competition.

We were not behind in the recent Boxing Competition, and we are glad to see our last draft from the Depot fighting like good 'uns. Especially Samuels and Winkworth. L./Cpl. Davis also gave a good account of himself, but many more would have distinguished themselves had they only trained.

L./Sergt. Livens, L./Cpls. Collison and Head, and Ptes. Houghton and Winkworth have been selected to train for the Battalion team.

We drew a bye in the Inter-Company Hockey Knock-out and lost to C (S.) Company after a very keenly contested game played in the pouring rain.

BAND.

We were afraid that these notes would demand a great deal of mental activity on our part—such a thing is quite common to us, of course—but with furlough just around the corner our "grey matter" refuses to perform on any subjects other than those connected with the days of ease and leisure. However, we have one or two items that will almost write themselves.

The most important matter, of which we are justly proud, is the Band and Drums football team. Let us tell you (in case you should forget!) that we have only once tasted defeat (as yet!). The following record of our deeds is well worth looking at: played, 8; won, 7; lost,

1. The genius behind all this is Drum-Major Poulter, who believes in home produce.

Considering that we contribute three players to the Battalion team, our going is not too bad, and we hope to keep our place at the top of the league. (After that paragraph we trust that you will excuse our blushes.)

We did hear someone say that Bdsn. White, our centre-forward, was an agent for Sloan's backache liniment. Was it a goalkeeper talking, did you say?

We are pleased to welcome back from Kneller Hall Bdsn. Rolfe, who has been away on a twelve months' course. He is now busy studying in hopes of a return visit, but perhaps it is not only crotchets that are the attraction.

Our congratulations are extended to Bdsn. Bonham, who has joined the ranks of the Benedicts. To Mrs. Bonham we offer a sincere welcome, and wish them both long life and happiness.

From a musical point of view the past three months have been quiet, and our chief interest has been in the trying out of new pieces, and the resultant (at first) weird noises. (Some of these pieces appear so easy when heard on the wireless, too. Is it inferiority complex?) We hope to become acquainted with them, however, to the extent maybe of playing them "out" ourselves.

The most heartening news is that of our next station, Portsmouth. We are given to understand that engagements on the local pier are fairly frequent. So we may reap the benefit of the slow but steady progress which we have made in the versatility demanded of a military band in modern times at seaside resorts.

We were indeed sorry to hear of the very sad loss suffered by C.Q.M.S. Hills in the death of his son, and take this opportunity of offering our sincere condolences.

Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon has relinquished the post of Band President, and through these notes we express our grateful thanks for all he did for the Band. To his successor, Capt. E. T. Pain, we extend a warm welcome.

Now we have had our say; so, with best wishes to the Band of the 1st Battalion we will take the towels from our heads, and—go home.

VOL. SUBITO.

DRUMS.

Since our last Journal notes were written we have entered a team from the Band and Drums in the Third Division of the Essex and Suffolk Border Football League with great success, having won all our matches except one up to date. The only match we lost was that against our new cavalry friends, the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, but we are top of the league table despite this reverse.

Whilst on the subject of football, we are pleased to say that two of our number have played for the Garrison, namely, L./Cpl. Jones and Dmr. Mew, and to them we offer our congratulations.

Our Q team is in the final of the Inter-Company Knock-out Cup, and our opponents will be D Company—a great team who defeated the formidable C (S.) Company in the semi-final.

During November we have been practising hard for the Depot, where we spent the period from 23rd November to 3rd December. Whilst there we had a very busy time, as on Monday we beat "Reveille" (to the delight of the young soldiers and the regret of the old 'uns), and the same afternoon we played the Depot at football and won by 5 goals to 2. The following day we beat "Retreat," and on this occasion the pleasant sunny weather enhanced our appearance. Wednesday was a day of rest, and on Thursday we beat "Tattoo," after which we were congratulated by the O.C. Depot on a good show.

Friday evening saw us in the Canteen playing such tunes as "Daisy," "After the Ball," "Sing as we go," "Let's have a basin full of the Briny," not to mention a few more which were received with great gusto and much vocal accompaniment. On Sunday we were to have marched the Depot to church, but unfortunately rain fell and the parade was cancelled, much to the disappointment of the spectators who had come to watch.

We played a return football match against the Depot, and our opponents tried to regain their lost laurels, but were unsuccessful, as we won by a score of 4 goals to 0.

We rejoined the Battalion on the Monday. It greatly pleased all Drummers whilst at the Depot to note that a photograph of the Corps of Drums on

parade had been included on the latest recruiting poster.

At the time of writing these notes, everyone is eagerly awaiting to proceed on annual furlough, and we heartily wish our brother-Drummers abroad and at home a flying start for the New Year.

— SNAKE CHARMER.

SIGNALS.

In the same way that everyone must crawl before he is able to walk for the first time, so our newly joined numbers are just striking out on their own and minding shop with loud cries of "Ten days to go before Christmas leave." After the leave period we have four months before our annual classification, and during that time things will hum.

L./Cpl. Doherty has returned from his course with a "Q.I."

Lieut. Weston leaves in January for a three months' course at the School of Signals, Catterick, and we wish him every success, both whilst he is there and on his return to the Section.

Lieut. Man has become engaged to be married. We heartily congratulate him.

In the sporting line our football team has had only five games this season, all of which they won. The Inter-Group League will show whether we are as good as present opinions would make out.

We have two Battalion hockey players in Lieut. Man and Cpl. Buckland, and two Rugby players in Ptes. Rawlinson and Snell, so our handful of men do a bit now and again for the flag, so to speak.

We now take ourselves to other realms where wine flows and where the festive board is set out. As we lower an occasional quick one, our thoughts will go back to those who used to be with us, and after a few slower ones, who knows what will happen?

Well, here's wishing all Signallers and those other chaps good luck in the New Year.

— DOTS.

TRANSPORT.

"Nulli Secundus" is a motto, but where the Transport is concerned it is still an ambition. To be second to none is a standard rightly expected of us, and

to attain that standard means constant hard work and supervision.

In our present station we are at a disadvantage in so far as our horses are not concentrated, the light draught being in the adjoining barracks and the chargers in our own. However, L./Cpl. Outten, who is in charge of the former, is putting into practice the very valuable knowledge that he gained from the Veterinary Course which he attended in October last. L./Cpl. Bursill, the farrier, is one of the old type of soldiers who plods along with the everlasting smile characteristic of him.

It may be of interest to the Transport personnel of the 1st Battalion to know that the following horses are still going strong:—

Light Draught.—"John," "Trixie," "Rosie," "Jim," "Dolly," "Molly," and "Charlie."

Chargers.—"Paddy," "Nobby," "Betsy," and "Jane."

In the recent Brigade Transport Competition, although we did not excel ourselves, we were not disgraced. So keen was the competition for the trophy that the points awarded to units were very small in number; the Battalion was placed a good third, tying in that position with the Lancashire Fusiliers.

We welcome to the drivers the following, who have completed a course with the R.A.: Ptes. Kent, Griffiths, Ovenden and Ward. They did quite well, especially the first-named, who is what we call "ration and station driver," and amongst the drivers he shares this position with "Bill" Symons. When one sees these two old-timers in "blue burnish and spit and polish," it makes us think that what we have set out to accomplish is not too far distant.

Finally, we are more than sorry to lose Capt. H. W. Clayden, who has been appointed to a Territorial Adjutancy.

— CLIPPER.

EMPLOYED.

Very little of note has happened to us since the publication of our doings in the November issue of the Journal, but we must remember that the furlough period is very near, and it naturally provides the chief topic at present.

One or two changes have taken place since last quarter. Sergt. Kemp has been posted to B Company on completion of two years as Sergeant Instructor in Musketry; our loss is B Company's gain. In his place we welcome Sergt. Bean, our new Sergeant Instructor in Musketry.

We must congratulate L./Cpl. Wigg on his appointment.

The Drums and Employed played B Company in the semi-final of the Inter-Company Knock-out Competition and won 7-4, thus getting into the final. We must say that our football has improved a great deal this season; we have won quite a number of games, including several versus civilian teams. In one of these we beat our opponents 7-2. No names mentioned, but one of the old 'uns scored one of the goals.

In the Novices' Boxing Tournament Ptes. Du Heame and Tyler put up a very good show, and both men revealed great form in the Garrison Inter-Unit Novices, Tyler putting his man down in the first round, whilst Du Heame only just lost on points.

We sincerely hope that the New Year will bring us more luck than the year to which we are just bidding farewell.

— H. E. G.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

We have not very much to say for ourselves this time. The majority of the Mess members are on annual furlough until 3rd January, and things are at present very quiet. On conclusion of the furlough period we shall be very busy, commencing what will be a very full year with the Aldershot Tattoo, the inevitable camp, and the move to Portsmouth.

The season's whist drives and dances commenced in October, and the two functions which we have had so far have been very successful and enjoyable. We hope to continue them monthly from January until the close of the season.

Our decreases in strength during the quarter under review have been few; they are as follows:—

Sergt. Colbourne to the Depot.

Sergt. Bishop (with family) to the T.A.

We wish them both the best of luck.

Sergt. Tibble has joined us from the T.A., and Sergt. Hull from the 1st Battalion. They both brought families, and

we extend to them a hearty welcome to the Battalion and the Mess.

A very old friend paid us a fleeting visit, to wit, C.S.M. Tungate. He left us in India some years ago, and returned to the Battalion from the Straits Settlement Volunteer Corps, Malaya. He took an early opportunity of obtaining his discharge from the Service, but was here long enough for those members of the Mess who knew him abroad to renew his acquaintance. Our good wishes go with him to civilian life.

There are two small "increases" in strength worthy of note, namely, a baby boy to each of the following: C.Q.M.S. Franklin and Sergt. Kemp.

Our congratulations to both of them. Congratulations also to Sergt. Ison on entering the married state of life.

Finally we congratulate Sergt. Sheriff on being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

The Mess is at present undergoing the annual "spring-clean" and interior decoration, the opportunity to carry this out being afforded by the absence of most members on leave.

CORPORALS' CLUB.

"A rolling stone gathers no moss," and it has been noticed that some of our members have been stay-at-homes lately, so presumably they are "mossing." May we venture to suggest that they will be rolling during the annual furlough? By the time these notes are in print, however, Christmas festivities will belong to the dim and distant past.

Little has happened to disturb the even tenor of our ways during the past quarter. Some of the old familiar faces are no longer to be seen, but we have several new ones amongst us, both by reason of recent appointments and the rejoining from the Depot of some former members. We will not attempt to detail all the changes which have occurred, so we will content ourselves with pointing out one anomaly. Whilst the Depot have sent us a Knight they have taken from us a Knight and a Day.

Social activities have been few. A dance was held in the Institute during November, and an enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended, although rouse

parade the next morning was not so successful. A more ambitious affair is to take place early in the New Year in the Gymnasium, and if it proves as enjoyable as the last one held there, we have something to look forward to.

A snooker tournament took place in November and was won by Cpls. Marshall and Evans, who defeated L./Cpls. West and Delaney in an exciting final. We hope to run a billiards tournament shortly and no doubt we shall have some hopeful challengers to the members of the team who are more than holding their own in the local league.

A./Cpls. Broughton and Hoskins have returned to the 1st Battalion, and we know that they will have many tales to tell our contemporaries in Moascar, to whom we send our greetings.

RUGBY.

Results of matches played:—

1st XV.—Played, 12; won, 8; lost, 3; drawn, 1; points for, 159; points against, 59.

2nd XV.—Played, 8; won, 4; lost, 2; drawn, 2; points for, 41; points against, 25.

Totals.—Played, 20; won, 12; lost, 5; drawn, 3; points for, 200; points against, 84.

1ST XV MATCHES.

- v. Colchester "A," won 41—0.
- v. Haileybury College, won 21—8.
- v. H.M.S. *Ganges*, lost 9—13.
- v. Sudbury, won 30—9.
- v. 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, won 6—3.
- v. R.E., Eastern Command (Army Cup), lost 3—5.
- v. 7th Field Company, R.E., won 11—3.
- v. Gyppeswyk, drew 3—3.
- v. R.A.F., Martlesham Heath, won 16—6.
- v. 2nd Bn. The Somerset Light Infantry, lost 3—6.
- v. 27th Field Brigade, R.A., won 5—3.

This is a story of a tragedy. To possess certainly the best side the Battalion has ever had, and in the opinion of at least one expert who has been acquainted with Regimental rugby since the war, the best that the Regiment has ever had, and yet to be put out of the Army Cup in the first round can only be described as a tragedy. To be beaten by a kick is always galling, but when the try which precedes that kick is due to the referee being unsighted it is doubly so. We are glad to note, however, that our con-

querors have carried all before them since defeating us, and at the time of writing have entered the Command final.

As can be seen from the results, we have had a most successful season, and when it is realized that courses and trials have only enabled us to enjoy the services of 2/Lieut. Unwin on three occasions, and that on not one occasion this season, including the Army Cup, have we been able to field our strongest side, it will be seen that we have got capable reserves who can now take the place of absentees without greatly weakening the team. In fact, the play of the 2nd XV this season has been most encouraging, and we have many young players of promise who look like making the established members of the side look to their laurels in the very near future. We have in addition started an Inter-Company Knock-out Competition for the first time, and some very hard, and not completely unskilled, games have resulted, which we feel sure will unearth any hidden rugby talent.

Turning to the results once again, H.M.S. *Ganges* revenged themselves for our cricket score against them last March and beat us by two excellent conversions from near the touch-line in a game in which we each crossed the other's line three times. We had a most enjoyable and successful trip to Haileybury and defeated by comfortable margin a XV who were to prove themselves later one of the best school sides of the year. We scored heavily at Sudbury after a poor start, and defeated the R.A.F., Martlesham Heath, for the first time since we have played them, but probably the most promising match of the future was the one which we lost to the Somerset Light Infantry, as we were forced to play a lot of players new to the game, all of whom played very well, and Pte. Nagle scored a really excellent try which would have been a credit to anyone.

Finally we should like to congratulate 2/Lieut. Unwin on his play in the International Trials. By the time these notes appear in print it will be known whether his name is to be added to those of Capt. Worton and Lieut. Clinch and thus provide the Regiment's third international since the war. It is sufficient to say that the presence alone of his name in the Army List has struck terror in the hearts of more than one of our opponents.

2/Lieut. Beath and Pte. Kent are in the process of being tried out for the Army—a just reward for much hard work and sound play, and we can only hope that Pte. Rawlinson will catch the selectors' eye also, for his form this year is not a long way behind that of the other two.

The following account of the Army Cup match is reproduced from the *Essex County Telegraph*:—

"It was my good fortune to witness one of the finest games of rugby played in Colchester for some time. It was the occasion of the meeting of the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment and the Royal Engineers (Eastern Command) in the first round of the Army Cup. There was a large crowd at Reed Hall, the venue, and they obviously enjoyed the exhibition of fast, clean and tremendously hard Rugby, which resulted in a win for the Sappers by a goal (5 pts.) to a try (3 pts.). In spite of a back division which included Lieuts. Unwin, Green and Stephenson, the Middlesex were unable to score more than once against a side who have a fine pack of forwards and a three-quarter line with a rock-like defence.

"From the start the Engineers' forwards took the ball up field with a tremendous rush, but grand kicking by Stephenson drove them back and Unwin raced away to touch down in the corner. A tremendous battle ensued, but at half-time the Middlesex still held on to their slender lead. Twenty minutes from the end Birchnell slipped over from a five yards' scrum and Lieut. Kellett converted with a good kick from far out which eventually proved to have won the game.

"The Middlesex tried all available tactics to force another try, and it looked as though they would succeed when Unwin broke away, but Capt. Loch raced across to bring off a beautiful flying tackle. Just before the end, Cubert, one of the Engineers, ran nearly the whole length of the field before he was brought down by Marshall. The Sappers owed their win to one of the finest packs of forwards I have seen outside top-class rugby."

The Battalion team was:—

L./Cpl. Williams; 2/Lieut. Unwin, Lieut. Green, Pte. Rimmer and Lieut. Batten; Lieut. Stephenson and Bdsn.

Hills; Pte. Kent, Cpl. Marshall, Bdsn. Hogg, 2/Lieut. Willoughby, Pte. Rawlinson, 2/Lieut. Beath, Sergt. Jenkins and Lieut. Weston (captain).

FOOTBALL.

Prior to the commencement of the season 1934-35 proper, a friendly match was arranged with the Lancashire Fusiliers whilst the Battalion was in camp at Bures, and this game, in addition to providing a diversion for the troops, gave at the same time an indication as to the strength of the team. A good hard game was played, and the result was a draw of one goal each.

After return from camp, games commenced in earnest. The first match to be played was in the Amateur Cup against Ford's Motor Works, Dagenham, at Dagenham. After a scrappy and disappointing game we were beaten by 2—1.

The first league match was played against the Royal Artillery, and a run-away victory was gained, the result being 7 goals to 0 in our favour. The next game was also a walk-over, this time Stowmarket being our victims, and the score 8—2.

Having drawn a bye in the first round of the Worthington-Evans Cup, we were matched against the Fusiliers in the semi-final, and after a hard and fast game, the result was a draw of 2 goals each, play having to be abandoned owing to bad light during the last few minutes of the extra time which had to be played.

The next match was also a cup competition, this time being the first round of the Army Cup. We were drawn against the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, our old friends, and after the final whistle had blown we had lost after a very close game by 3 goals to 5. Nevertheless, we feel we are gradually overhauling this unit, when comparing their easy victory in the past.

Once again we resumed our struggles in the league matches, our next fixture being Colchester Town on the Layer Road ground. The result was a win for us by 3 goals to 0. Our next opponents were Brightlingsea (what memories!). During the first half of this match we scored five goals without reply from the United, and the expert advisers of football in this town were noticeable by their

silence. However, a few found their voices—or was it their handbooks?—in the second half when the United woke up and scored some goals—four to be exact. Nevertheless, we scored two more goals in this half, and the final result was a win by 7 goals to 4. The next on the list of our victims was Heybridge, whom we beat 3—1.

After this match we again took an interest in a cup competition. Our first game was the replay in the Worthington-Evans Cup against the Fusiliers. In this game the team did not play up to their usual standard and lost 0—2. The second match was the first round of the Essex Senior Cup, and in this we met our old friends, Severalls. This was a most surprising game. At half-time we were two goals down. After a change-over, their lead was cut by one goal, and with about ten minutes to go for full time the team woke up and scored five goals and emerged victors by 6 goals to 2. What a sensation amongst the spectators! What a lesson as to the value of stout, unbeaten hearts!

The next cup match was played against the Somerset Light Infantry, who have relieved the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, in the first round of the Old Contemptibles' Cup. In this game we gained an overwhelming victory by 6 goals to 1.

Resuming our league fixtures, our next game was against Crittalls, and here we met our first reverse in league games by only drawing, the result being 2 goals each. This, however, did not discourage the team, as in the next league game against the Somerset Light Infantry the result was a win by 6 goals to 2. This was the last match which has been played up to date, as the Battalion furlough period has commenced, and when the Christmas festivities are a thing of the past, and the players who have sustained injuries have recovered, we hope to continue our triumphant progress and keep at the top of the league, which present proud position we now hold.

A word or two must now be said about the 2nd XI. The first match was against Brightlingsea, which was won 6—1. This was a good kick-off, but unhappily the performance has not been repeated as often as could be wished, as more games have been lost than won.

In cup competitions the results up to date are more satisfactory, as, after beating the R.A.M.C. and winning a replay against the Post Office, the team is still in the running for the Mid-Week Hospital Cup.

The outlook of the 2nd XI at the present time is not exactly rosy unless the standard of play improves. This position is, however, chiefly due to the frequent changes which take place owing to injuries and the necessity for supplying players for the 1st XI. After all, what is the 2nd XI for?

Company football this season is being run on the knock-out system. The results to date are as follows:—

D beat G by 2 goals to 1.

Q and B, byes.

C (S.) beat A by 7 goals to 2.

D beat C (S.) by 5 goals to 4.

Q beat B by 7 goals to 4.

The final between Q and D has yet to be played.

Having nothing further of interest to record, we wish to extend a happy New Year to all fellow-footballers abroad, and may mud never get in their eyes for many years to come.

HOCKEY.

The first half of the season is now over and fourteen matches have been played, of which we have won nine and lost the remaining five. It is significant that the victories all took place in the earlier weeks, and the defeats in the latter. The team is, in fact, better on dry rather than wet ground.

We have been unfortunate in that Lieut. Heywood (outside right) has been away for all but the early part of the season, and Lieut. Stephenson, his understudy, has not always been available owing to the claims which rugby has made upon his time. Our centre-half, 2/Lieut. Unwin, too has been dividing his time between England rugby trials, Battalion and County rugby, and hockey, so he has not been able to turn out as often as we should have liked. As a team we are throughout very weak in understudies, and this may account to some extent for our recent defeats.

After winning a bustling game against the Lancashire Fusiliers in the first round of the Army Cup on a dry day, we lost

to the 27th Field Brigade, R.A., in the second round on a wet day. The score in the first case was 2—0, and in the latter 1—2. We should not, on form, have lost the latter match, as we had already defeated this team by a good margin in a friendly game—but the heaviness of the ground was a great handicap. Passes went astray and the value of first-time hitting was not realized.

Pte. Mileham in goal has been the most consistent player in the team; many of his saves have earned and received the applause of both sides. He is using his head much more this season.

The backs, Lieut. Man and Cpl. Stickley, have been sound and have combined well. Pte. Gorman at left half has often not been as helpful to his forwards as he might have been, through concentrating too much on getting rid of the ball at any price. L./Cpl. Etheridge, our right half, has been playing very steadily, but has lately been delaying his passes a little. 2/Lieut. Unwin at centre half is a good offensive player, whilst his understudy, Cpl. Elcome, is better on the defensive. Sergt. Kemp, centre-forward, has been playing well, and the insides, Cpl. Buckland and Sergt. Deane, get moving quickly. Lieut. Heywood, outside right, has been away for some time, and his understudy, Lieut. Stephenson, is a good individual player, but is not altogether at home with the remainder of the forwards. L./Cpl. Thompson on the left wing has sometimes played some very good games, but at other times has been too slow in getting rid of the ball, and has lost it as a result.

The 2nd XI have played three matches, winning one and losing two. They suffer, as a team, from lack of practice together, although there are one or two good players amongst them, noticeably Cpl. Makewell, Pte. Macdonald, and Sergts. Tibble and Wright. The forwards are the weak part, and do not show enough combined effort and dash.

In the Inter-Company Knock-out Competition A Company defeated B Company after drawing, and so pass into the next round, whilst C (S.) Company, by defeating D Company, go straight into the final. Both matches were very keenly and evenly contested, and produced on the whole quite a good standard of hockey.

In conclusion, we look to young bandmen, drummers, and the boys to provide fresh material and new blood. In our boys we must find the Battalion hockey players of the future, and they must be coached and coaxed to play hockey. Success comes in the long run, not by chance, but by careful and continuous organization, and by officers and N.C.Os. in charge of teams constantly looking ahead, and preparing for the future.

BOXING.

As was seen at the end of last season, some very useful boxing talent is showing itself in the Battalion. So far we have only taken part in one competition this season, and on this occasion the novices' team met the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in the Garrison Competition. Although we lost by a narrow margin, some excellent fights were witnessed, and the form displayed promises that we shall, in the near future, possess that which we have been trying hard for since the Battalion returned to the United Kingdom—a good, well-balanced team. In the heavier weights we are rather at a disadvantage owing to the lack of really big men, but the lighter weights more than make up for this. The novices showed that there is plenty of boxing talent in the Battalion which only requires bringing out.

Most of them were hard, strong fighters, and all of them "packed a punch" and showed great willingness to use it.

The team was composed of:—

Light Heavy-weight.—Pte. Weller, won on a knock-out.

Middle-weight.—L./Cpl. Pace, lost on points; Dmr. Brew, won, the fight being stopped owing to injury; Pte. Klimcke, lost.

Welter-weight.—Pte. Tyler, won on a knock-out; Pte. Courtney, lost on points; Bdsn. Dillon, lost on a knock-out; Pte. Barber, lost on a knock-out.

Light-weight.—Pte. Morley, won on points; Pte. Du Heame, lost on points; L./Cpl. Davis, won on points.

Feather-weight.—Pte. Samuels, lost on points; Pte. Winkworth, lost on points.

Pte. Winkworth's opponent managed to beat the count in the second round by 3-5th of a second, and finally won on points. Courtney had a very good fight and there could have been very little difference between the two.

We are now training for the Inter-Unit Open Team Competition, and if our open team, which includes some of the novices, fight as well as we know they can, and with the same spirit as the novices, our chances should be very good.

Here again we must stress the value of careful and continuous training. In boxing, as in most other struggles in life, victory and success are the result of sacrifice and hard work. Without training, the most brilliant boxer will lose unless he is lucky enough to secure a knock-out. To expect a knock-out is to despise your opponent, always a dangerous chance to take. The Battalion boxing team by sacrificing their leave at Christmas have shown their readiness to give up something for their Battalion, and whatever happens that sacrifice will be remembered.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1934.

Amount of grants and loans made: £202 4s. 9d.

Grants specially sanctioned by Committee: £6 10s.

Number of cases dealt with: 246.

Number of cases assisted: 143.

Number of men registered for employment: 55.

Number of men found permanent employment: (a) by Regimental Association, nil; (b) by Acton Branch, National Association, 4; (c) by other branches, National Association, 8.

Number of men found temporary employment: (a) by Regimental Association, nil; (b) by Acton Branch, National Association, 2; (c) by other branches, National Association, 9.

Number of men who took up employment: 23.

Number of parcels sent out by Ladies' Guild: 18.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Zone, Great Scotland Yard, Whitehall, on 31st October, 1934:—

Present:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair); Brig.-General R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G., Col. M. Browne, M.C., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel; Majors N. H. B. Lyon, M.C. (Hon. Secretary), W. E. Pringle, M.C. (7th Battalion) and R. A. Slee (Hon. Treasurer); Capt. S. Mirams, M.C. (1st Battalion) and J. R. B. Worton (9th Battalion); R.S.M. C. Davis; R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M. and C.O.M.S. C. King; Mr. F. E. Holmes and Major E. H. Amor (Secretary, in attendance).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Lieut.-Col. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., Capt. H. E. Foster, Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., and Mr. E. Morris.

The Chairman welcomed Major N. H. B. Lyon, M.C., on his joining the Committee as O.C. Depot, and on his taking over the office of Hon. Secretary.

The approval of the ex-officio members to an alteration in the method of collecting subscriptions was notified.

It was decided that, in future, the Committee should meet at 2.30 p.m. instead of at 2 p.m.

The Annual General Meeting of the Regimental Association was held at the Officers' Mess, 1st City of London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers), Handel Street, Bloomsbury, on 3rd November, 1934.

The chair was taken by Brig.-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment, who presented the Annual Report, which was adopted.

A suggestion was brought forward that a gathering of past and present members of the Regiment should be held on the Horse Guards Parade, followed by a march to the Cenotaph. The suggestion was favourably received, and arrangements were left for the consideration of the Executive Committee.

About twenty Officers and Old Comrades were present.

THE WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.
23rd January, 1935.

SIR,

I am directed to inform you that Robert De Vere Stacpoole, Esq., Principal of the British School of Psychotherapy, 12,

Holland Park Avenue, London, W.11, has kindly offered to teach a number of ex-service men the rudiments of salesmanship, etc., *free of charge*. Those desirous of availing themselves of this offer would be required to attend at the above address between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

I am therefore to request that you bring this offer to the notice of all ex-service men who appear to be of a suitable type and mentality in whom your Association, etc., is interested.

I am, Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

L. M. GIBBS, Col., A.A.G.

For Director of Personal Services.

OLD COMRADES' DINNER.

THE attendance of past and present Officers and Old Comrades at the 1934 Annual Dinner exceeded all expectations, no less than three hundred and ninety-five being present. Large parties from the 2nd Battalion and Depot contributed largely to the success of the gathering.

The Dinner was held at the Headquarters of the 1st City of London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers), Handel Street, Bloomsbury, W.C.1, whose Commanding Officer had very kindly placed the whole of the premises, including the Officers' Mess, at the disposal of the Committee.

The hall had been very tastefully decorated by the Regimental Staff, and presented a fine appearance.

Brig.-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Colonel of the Regiment), presided, and was supported by Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. M. Browne, M.C., Col. G. Beach, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C. and Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. The guests were Brigadier H. Stapleton, C.M.G. (General Secretary of the Regular Forces Employment Association), Mr. E. S. W. Hart, M.B.E., and Mr. E. Ridley, LL.B., O.B.E., of the Middlesex County Council. The four Old Comrades, at present In-Pensioners of the

Royal Hospital, Chelsea, had been invited, but none was well enough to attend.

The toasts of His Majesty the King and the Prince of Wales (Colonel-in-Chief), were proposed by General Heath, who read the following telegrams from His Majesty and the Prince of Wales:—

"The King sincerely thanks the Old Comrades The Middlesex Regiment for their loyal message."—Private Secretary.

"My sincere thanks to Old Comrades Middlesex Regiment for their good wishes. I hope they will have a very enjoyable annual gathering."—Edward P., Colonel-in-Chief."

Other telegrams conveying good wishes were also received from the Royal Fusiliers Association, Old Comrades, East Surreys and Sergeants' Mess, East Surreys, Shorncliffe.

The toasts of the Regiment and the Visitors were also proposed by General Heath who, in referring to the latter, said that no response would be expected.

The toast of the Officers was proposed by the oldest Old Comrade in the room—Mr. A. Stephens, a Zulu War veteran.

The Band of the 2nd Battalion, under Bandmaster C. Dennis, A.R.C.M., played during the evening.

AN ATHLETIC VETERAN.

THE following extract from the *British Legion Journal* refers to ex-Pte. F. W. Ashby, who enlisted in the 77th Regiment in October, 1873, and subsequently served with the 57th Regiment in the Zulu War of 1879:—

"Eltham is justifiably proud at the moment of the success of one of its members at the recent Metropolitan Area Sports Meeting held at the Duke of York's School, Chelsea, on Saturday, August 18th last. Incidentally, Mr. Ashby, the member in question, is 79 years of age, and is acknowledged as Eltham's oldest soldier. Now, just fancy, this 'young rascal' walked off with the first prize in the One Mile Walking Race (members) Handicap; time, 11 min. 44 sec. This old warrior enlisted in October, 1873, holds the 1879 medal and bar, and served during the war from 1914 to 1919

with a Coastal Defence Battery—a truly good record, to say the least, and he is better than many a 'young 'un' to-day at marching and keeping his head up."



DEPOT NOTES.

WE have much pleasure in welcoming to the Depot, Lieut. A. E. Green, of the 2nd Battalion, who has been attached since November, and who will eventually take over the duties of Adjutant after undergoing a course at Hythe. Lieut. W. M. Ferguson completed the Advanced Course of Physical Training at Aldershot in December.

We also welcome 2/Lieut. A. M. M. Man, of Cambridge University, who has recently joined the Supplementary Reserve of Officers of the Regiment.

There are four squads of recruits at the Depot at present—Albuhera, Badajos, Vittoria and Ladysmith (Sergt. Painter); Mysore Squad (Sergt. Green), has just left for Colchester. *Suvla Squad* (Sergt. Rogers), has also proceeded to join the 2nd Battalion since the last notes were written.

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, accompanied by the A.Q.M.G., visited the Depot on 7th November.

Football at the Depot during the present season has suffered from the poor condition of the grounds, only one of which can be used at present. Hockey has been started with some success on a small ground to the east of the cricket ground.

Sergt. Rogers is to be congratulated on the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Among N.C.Os. who have left the Depot recently, or will have left by the time the next notes are written, are:—Sergts. Rogers and Kennett (1st Battalion); Sergt. Green, L./Sergt. Moore and Cpl. Bennett; and we welcome, or are about to welcome as their reliefs:—Sergts. Northcott and Soper (1st Battalion); Sergt. Kemp, L./Sergt. Hows and Cpl. Day.

The following were the winners of recruits' competitions during the quarter:

COMMANDING OFFICER'S PHYSICAL TRAINING MEDALS.

Suvla Squad.—Silver, Pte. Simpson; runner-up, Pte. Sturdy. Bronze (for progression), Pte. Webster.

Mysore Squad.—Silver, Pte. Speakes. Bronze (for progression), Pte. Phillips.

SQUAD BADGE WINNERS.

Suvla Squad.—16th Week, Pte. Sturdy (Pte. Simpson).

Mysore Squad.—8th Week, Pte. Coulson (Pte. Hills); 12th Week, Pte. Coulson (Pte. Wilmer); 16th Week, Pte. Speakes (Pte. Martin).

Albuhera Squad.—4th Week, Pte. Lawrence (Pte. Sugg); 8th Week, Pte. Vanner (Pte. Green); 12th Week, Pte. Lawrence (Pte. Vanner).

Badajos Squad.—4th Week, Pte. Parnall (Pte. Hartley).

Names in brackets are those of the runners-up.

SHOOTING PRIZES.

(Empire Test and Table "A.")

Suvla Squad.—Ptes. Parker and Payne.
Mysore Squad.—Ptes. Bower and Taylor.

Albuhera Squad.—Pte. Green.
Recruits' Two Miles Records.—Pte. Goodman (Albuhera), 10 min. 57 sec.

The undernamed recruits were awarded Second Class Certificates of Education during the quarter:—

Suvla Squad.—Ptes. Cox, Drake, Gordon, Rogers, Simpson, Sturdy and Webster.

Mysore Squad.—Ptes. Bower, Martin, Speakes, Taylor and Wilmer.

Badajos Squad.—Pte. Hartley.

Vittoria Squad.—Pte. Mules.

FOOTBALL.

Football at the Depot has been played under rather discouraging conditions this season, as only one ground has been used, and this ground, while usually good enough for squad games, is not suitable for matches, being on the small side and sometimes waterlogged after heavy rain; nevertheless, some interesting matches have been played. Our opponents, in

many cases, have been too strong for us, but we have had one or two unexpected successes; whilst we have held our own well with other Depots. In the Depot team, Cpl. Knights has done very well, but has had to stand out of several matches owing to injuries; others who have played well are Sergt. Kennett, L./Sergt. Moore (who is about to leave for Colchester), Sergt./Instr. Day, A.P.T.S., and Cpl. Wray; whilst Sergt. Colbourne, who has only been here for a few matches, has been playing very steadily at right-back. Our chief difficulties have been to find satisfactory backs and goalkeeper. Of the recruits, Pte. Vanner, who is still here, and Pte. Speakes, who is unfortunately about to purchase his discharge, have been outstanding forwards; while, of the younger generation, Ptes. Thompson, Smith and Green have shown the most promise, and should be good when they have grown a little bigger. Pte. Drake, who has now gone to the 2nd Battalion, has shown great pluck in goal, where he has sometimes had a very trying time, but he needs to obtain far more experience, and the same applies to Pte. Hartley.

One of our best wins was a 6—1 victory over Colney Hatch Hospital 2nd XI, who had previously defeated us easily. The Depot team drew at Mill Hill with, and just lost at Caterham to the Guards Depot Recruits, and lost to the Scots Guards junior team in a match which we would probably have won but for a very fine display by the opposing goalkeeper.

Interesting matches have been played against St. Thomas's Hospital, Aldenham School "A," and Highgate School and Westminster School 2nd XIs. A most satisfactory win has just been accomplished over the Royal Fusiliers' recruits by 9 goals to 3.

A fixture has been arranged for next month with the Metropolitan Police College at Hendon.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The period under review being the third quarter of the financial year, and also the last quarter before the "Feast of the Income Tax Gatherer," in order to evade the revenue officials somewhat, members have flung themselves in the round of

social activities which have been the order of the day.

The monthly whist drives have so far proved very popular—the attendances being good and the standard of play being appreciably high. The names of the prize-winners are not herein mentioned for fear that it may be an offence under the Lotteries Act. In the endurance test Duleep, we believe, was an easy winner, he having glued himself to the chair and sat at one table for seventeen consecutive hands. (Actually—let us whisper it—this is the finest method of introducing oneself to everyone present; they must all come to your table at some time or other, and what you lose in score you save in shoe-leather!) His average for the drive in question was 3,7069, this including forfeitures for eleven revokes and one miss in tierce. While on the subject of "gambolling" (spelt incorrectly to evade the above-mentioned Act), in a school of four playing "poker-dice," we saw "five aces fetch 'em all in again" thrown twice in succession, once by Badger, through skill, and once by the "Kid" through sheer awkwardness. We believe this to be a record (it was thrown in 1778 by a rough-riding corporal of the 57th and a Sioux guide outside the Stockades of Ticonderoga, but as the dice used at that time were somewhat questionably untrue, this feat has never been accepted as an official result). We should be pleased to hear from either Colchester or Egypt if anyone else has witnessed a like phenomenon.

The monthly "postmess meeting pagal tournaments," having been revived, are very popular again, the successful combatants to date being Day (after cutting out with his opponents in a triple dead-heat), Kennett and Whitcombe. It was noticed that the married members were exceptionally keen in their efforts to carry off a prize at these tournaments, so a reason was sought. It was found easily. Their future offspring in the main will generally have little hopes of being born with silver spoons in their mouths, but this failing can be remedied at a very early date after their proud fathers have been successful at one "pagal" doings.

To revert to a more serious note. Armistice Day was observed as usual in the Depot, the service being held at the Regimental War Memorial. Although it

was Sunday, we were surprised and at the same time pleased with the attendance of old comrades and friends who visited the Mess after the ceremony. At night we were honoured with a visit of a very large party of the 12th Battalion who, following their usual custom, held their service at night, later to be entertained to a social in the Mess. On every side it was voted a success, and we trust that in 1935 we shall again see many of the old faces.

On 17th December a billiard team composed of members of the staff of the Junior United Services' Club were entertained to a "Billiards At Home." The score sheet appended below shows we were defeated, but it is understood that at quaffing the flowing bowl and other games which also require precision of action of wrist and eye we certainly held our own. A return visit is eagerly awaited.

BILLIARDS.

I.U.S.C.		THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
Mr. Bates...	140	O.R.Q.M.S. Baldwin ...	150
Mr. Larcombe ...	100	L./Sergt. Moore ...	75
Mr. Hodges ...	100	Sergt. Seviot ...	76
Mr. Moss ...	24	Mr. Marriott ...	100
Mr. Fry ...	94	L./Sergt. Whitcombe ...	100
Mr. Foster ...	100	L./Sergt. Dujardin ...	33
Mr. Roberts ...	100	Sergt. Colbourne...	73
	658		607

The Middlesex Regiment lost by 51 points.

Owing to the Christmas break there were few members in the Mess over Christmas and Boxing Days, but those few did their duty nobly and well, it appears, for on the 27th those whose heads could not be hidden under a bushel (it was difficult to find one large enough!) found that the pick-me-ups they needed were *non est*—stock on hand being nil, but an urgent S.O.S. to the Hadley Commissariat Co. soon replenished the cellars, and the sphere was soon merrily rolling again—this being a rehearsal for the 31st.

The New Year was heralded in to the sounds of the dance orchestra and a semi-martial moonlight grand parade on the square at 23.59 hours, 31st December, 1934. The dance then continued merrily, and report has it that it was one of the best during recent years.

We welcome to our fold, Sergts. Colbourne, Northcott and Soper, and extend our good wishes to our departing friends, Sergt. Harper (who, at the moment, is

very discriminately selecting recruits at Whitehall), and to the "Kid," who have left us for the Battalion and all that it holds in store for them.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

By the time that these notes have left the hands of the publishers everyone will have got over the Christmas festivities, and we sincerely hope that everyone had a very enjoyable time.

Owing to the activities of the Committee last quarter, nothing of interest took place.

SPORTS.

These were sadly neglected owing to the climatic conditions of Mill Hill and the surrounding districts, but we hope that in the near future we shall once again take our place amongst the leading sportsmen of the country. "Pancho" regrets the loss of his billiard tutor, and consequently his game is once again taking the downward path, but rumour has it that he is reading that famous book, "Hints on Billiards," by Lumber Jack.

To Cpls. Gribble, Wray and Day we extend a hearty welcome on their arrival at the Depot for a tour of duty, and sincerely hope that they will enjoy their sojourn here. To L./Cpl. Jaques we bestow our congratulations upon becoming a father. Also to Cpl. Wray and L./Cpl. Blackman on obtaining that subject or subjects upon which they had set their hearts.

HOCKEY.

For some years hockey at the Depot has been under a cloud, partly owing to the difficulties of finding a suitable ground and also because of the shortage of players and the lack of time to teach anyone who does not already know the game.

This year we have started again in a mild way. A small ground has been marked out above the table on the lower ground, and with plenty of rolling and playing would become reasonably good.

A trial game produced twenty-two players who had played at some time or other, and from these we were able to raise a team which has possibilities.

A game against the Metropolitan Police College resulted in a surprise victory for us by the odd goal, in a high-scoring game. This was a most encouraging start.

Our next game was not so satisfactory. The Depot, Royal Fusiliers, visited us, and up to half-time we had most of the play and were constantly threatening their goal; in fact, we had no right to be a goal down at that period.

Shortly after half-time R.Q.M.S. Pilley had to withdraw with a damaged leg, and this necessitated a bit of shuffling, and from this point the defence seemed to lose cohesion, and the Fusiliers broke through several times.

We still had a large share of the game, but a reduced forward line seemed to put on the finishing touches which might have kept the game more level. Since this game, Christmas and heavy rain have prevented our having any more trials, but we hope to repeat our victory over the Police and have our revenge on the Fusiliers in February.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

December rains and Mill Hill clay have hindered our cross-country running.

During October and November seven runs were held, two being inter-squad.

The first inter-squad run resulted in a win for Suvla, with Mysore, Albuhera, and Badajos following in that order. The second was won by Vittoria, Suvla being second, Badajos, Albuhera and Mysore, ending in that order.

Goodman (Albuhera), and Jennings (Suvla), have been the most consistent performers, the latter preferring longer distances, really at which he has done well in outside Club competitions. Goodman should turn into a good Battalion runner if he sticks to it. In addition, Chacksfield, Evans, Sturday and Thomas have run well, and Dormer improved greatly. These should be useful to their Companies and may go farther. With the prospect of colder and drier weather we hope to get started again in the near future.

WORK FOR DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

THE WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.
19th November, 1934.

DURING the year ended 30th September, 1934, 2,536 soldiers completed courses of instruction at the Army Vocational Training Centres. Immediate employment was found for 1,889 students, and a further 309 students were placed in employment after they had left the Centres, making a total of 2,198 students found employment, or 86.6 per cent. of the number trained during the year.

These courses, at which soldiers about to leave the Army receive training in civil trades, include: Builders' and architects' clerks and draughtsmanship, bricklaying, carpentry, cabinet-making, French-polishing, woodcutting machinist, concrete work, handyman, painting and decorating, coach-painting, plumbing (general), plastering and tiling, welding, electrical wiring, fitting and turning, motor-mechanism, boot-repairing, upholstery, private service, general farming, dairy farming, pig farming, poultry farming, market gardening, gardener-chauffeur, groundsman.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

IT is difficult to say much about our doings during the past quarter under review, as this is more or less a "close season" as far as we are concerned. Apart from Recreational Training, the chief items of interest have been the Physical Training and Weapon Training Cadre Courses. The former was held in September, and we were fortunate enough to obtain the services of Sergt.-Instr. Day, who made the work really interesting to all those who were selected to attend. Again, for the Weapon Training Cadre Courses, which form the most important part of our training this year, we were very glad to have the services of Sergts. Kennett and Green, of the Depot. These N.C.Os. imbued their respective classes with real enthusiasm for their work, and there is no doubt that all who

attended these Courses learned much which will be of immense value to them in the New Year, when they themselves are called upon to instruct others. It is most gratifying to note that on looking through the results of past years' courses, we find that the results this year are generally better all round. We look forward, therefore, to an even higher standard of Weapon Training throughout the Battalion than we have had for some years past.

Whilst on the subject of Weapon Training we should like to refer to the Shooting Competitions for the Byrne Challenge Cup and the King Cup. In the former our recruits distinguished themselves by winning the trophy for the first time for some years. This promises well for the future, as we look to our recruits to maintain the standard set to them by the older members of the Battalion. The Inter-Company Competition for the King Cup was very keenly contested, and the result was in doubt until the last shot of the day was fired. Even then it was not possible to separate the two leading Companies—A and D, whom we congratulate on their very good performance.

As far as Recreational Training is concerned, the time has been spent chiefly in preparing for the Battalion Individual Boxing Championships and the Inter-Company Team Boxing Competition. The results of these will be found elsewhere in our notes. We congratulate C Company on winning the Boxing Cup for the year, and D Company on winning the Team Competition, which we hope will now become a permanent feature in our sporting events each year.

BOXING.

During the past quarter we have been busy finding a team to represent us later on in the Group Championships, which are this year to take place at our own Headquarters. With this object in view, two tournaments have been held. The first of these, the Battalion Individual Championships, was held at Hornsey on 15th November. A very fair number of entries was received, and a good evening's sport was provided. It is to be regretted; however, that, owing to a mis-

understanding, a certain number of our better boxers did not enter, and, although there was plenty of excitement in most of the bouts, yet the general standard was not as high as in previous years.

The winners of the various weights, who become Battalion Champions, were as follow:—

Fly-weight Championship.—Dmr. Smith, H.Q. Wing.

Bantam-weight Championship.—Pte. Trafford, D Company.

Feather-weight Championship.—Pte. Dymond, C Company.

Light-weight Championship.—L./Cpl. Nation, C Company.

Welter-weight Championship.—Pte. Ling, A Company.

Middle-weight Championship.—Sergt. Nolan, C Company.

Heavy-weight Championship.—Cpl. Cooper, D Company.

Boys' Fly-weight Championship.—Boy Wiley, H.Q. Wing.

Boys' Light-weight Championship.—Boy Hoy, H.Q. Wing.

Winners of Boxing Challenge Cup.—C Company.

The second tournament, an Inter-Company Team Competition, was held at Tottenham on 6th December. This competition was in the nature of an experiment, and it was gratifying to see teams entered from all Companies except one. We hope that next year, if this competition is repeated, all Companies will enter teams. As it was, some very keen contests were witnessed, and interest was maintained to the last, the result being decided on the last fight of the evening. Whilst we heartily congratulate D Company on winning, yet, we feel sure, they will not grudge a special word of praise to A Company, who, with an incomplete team, finished up only one point behind the winners, and provided us with some very promising material for the Battalion team which is going into training almost immediately. In addition to the team events, a number of special contests were arranged, and we should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Depot for sending over some of their boxers to take part. A thoroughly enjoyable evening's sport was provided, and our one great regret was that, owing to the appalling weather, a much larger crowd of spectators was not present to witness the boxing.

The results of the team competition were as follow:—

D Company	...	14 points
A Company	...	13 points
C Company	...	5 points
H.Q. Wing	...	3 points

The results of special contests were as follow:—

Boys' Mosquito-weight.—Boy A. Chinnery, H.Q. Wing, beat Boy B. Chinnery, H.Q. Wing.

Boys' Fly-weight.—Boy Yaxley, H.Q. Wing, beat Boy Lamprell.

Boys' Light-weight.—Boy Hoy, H.Q. Wing, beat Boy With, H.Q. Wing.

Fly-weight.—Pte. Thompson, Depot, beat Dmr. Smith, 7th Bn.

Light-weight.—Cpl. Wray, Depot, beat Pte. Morrish, 7th Bn. L./Cpl. Nation, 7th Bn., beat Pte. Foster, Depot.

Welter-weight.—Pte. Matthews, Depot, beat Pte. Evans, 7th Bn. Pte. Spedding, D Company, beat Pte. Edwards, B (S.) Company.

Middle-weight.—L./Cpl. Desborough, 7th Bn., beat Pte. Mules, Depot.

SHOOTING.

BYRNE CHALLENGE CUP.

The Competition for the Byrne Cup was held at Hornsey on 4th December, and resulted in a victory for our recruits' team. The team aggregate scores were as follow:—

Recruits, 7th Bn., Middlesex Regt.,	213.
3rd Cadet Bn., Middlesex Regt.,	190.
1st Cadet Bn., Middlesex Regt.,	181.

KING CUP.

The Inter-Company Team Competition for the King Cup was held at Hornsey 2nd December, and resulted in a tie for first place between A and D Companies. The team aggregate scores were as follow:—

A and D Companies	...	344
H.Q. Wing	...	306
B (S.) Company	...	281
C Company	...	233

H.Q. WING NOTES.

For the benefit of misguided individuals who labour under the misapprehension that the last three months of the year are spent in relaxation, we are giving a resumé of our recent activities.

The first thing we have to do is to shower the Signallers with congratulations. In the November issue we stated

they had been putting in a lot of work for the final classification, and that we hoped that the gods would be kind to them. The gods have "done their stuff," and have not let us down. The Battalion has won the Kittoe Signalling Cup for the first time. In connection with this competition we offer our condolences to the 9th Battalion, who produced the largest number of classified signallers in the Brigade, and were unfortunate in not winning the trophy.

Lieut. Addis has recently spent three weeks with the 2nd Battalion, at Colchester, and has come back with all sorts of new ideas to improve the Section.

Before concluding with the Signallers we have to give Cpl. Ellmore a pat on the back on getting a good report at the conclusion of his recent course at the London District School of Instruction. Congratulations to L./Cpl. Hodgson on his promotion; best wishes to Ptes. Babbs and Furr who have left us for the R.A.M.C. and R.A.F., respectively; and a hearty welcome to the new recruits of the Section.

We now come to the Albuhera Trophy. We did not get enough assistance from the astral plane in this competition, and, after putting up what we consider an excellent show, were placed second.

Full marks go to Cpl. Clark, of the Transport, for the highest rifle score and the honour of being the best shot in the Battalion.

Talking about shooting reminds us that we are quite pleased with the effort we put up in the King Cup. A and D Companies tied for the first place, and we came next. If it had not been for one of our recruits being a trifle backward, we might have done even better.

Armistice Day was voted a great success. The Battalion Church Parade was held on Sunday, 11th November, and although A Company obtained the highest percentage of men on parade, we congratulate ourselves on obtaining the largest actual numbers.

At the moment we are not very clever at boxing. We failed to produce any champions at the Inter-Company Boxing Championships held at Tottenham on 6th December.

Bounty night was celebrated by the Band on 10th December, and the rest of

the Company were paid out the following day.

There still remain a certain number of people with inadequate drills to their credit who imagine that to attend this parade with a fair proportion of their equipment is sufficient to entitle them to a bounty. It is quite beyond us to reason why these individuals leave the Drill Hall disgruntled and with the avowed intention of never turning up again.

A week-end tactical exercise for officers was held towards the end of December. After the Adjutant had assisted certain gentlemen in looking up suitable trains, we proceeded to Farningham, complete with field glasses, gum-boots and what-nots.

We spent a very cheery week-end, and much to our amazement discovered a new pianist among the members. We have heard him called a lot of things before, but this is quite a new one on us.

After the earlier part of Sunday morning had been spent in boyish fun and games, we proceeded to the scene of the "war." We spent the morning blundering about in the mud and fog, and then proceeded to the "Leather Bottle" in Cobham, to appreciate the situation.

We go to press before A Company's Dance and the Children's Party take place, but, judging from the amount of preparations that are being made, both functions should turn out good shows.

A COMPANY.

Owing to an unfortunate oversight, we were unable to appear in print in the last issue of the Journal. We hasten to give the lie to those people with unkind minds who assert that the reason we did not appear was because we had not won anything during that period. We have perforce to hark back over a period of six months. A lot can and does happen in six months. The mind strays over a lot of events—Brigade Rifle Meeting (not so good), preparation for camp, cleaning filthy brass and tinkling cymbal, camp, wet days, fine days, night operations (with pyrotechnics by I. R. Command, and noises off by Brarsehatt); other night operations in Brighton, the blessing of a sun sinking in the west and not the north or south, football (it being too hot, apparently, for cricket); home again with a

short interval, then once more the Drill Halls reopen—another year started.

This was D Company's camp. Many congratulations, you Tottenham 'erbs, on winning the Warner Cup, Sports Cup, Tug-of-War Shield, Inter-Platoon Tactical Cup, and the Football.

Since camp we have improved a little. After a great struggle we tied for first place with D Company in the King Cup (Miniature Range Competition), whilst we were second to them by one point in the Inter-Company Team Boxing, the result being in doubt until the last fight. This was particularly good, as our team was one man short.

The usual batch of congratulations must now be handed out. Firstly to all those who have hoisted stripes or added others to those already gained. Then to Cpl. Batchelor on his marriage and choice of a wife who doesn't seem to mind if he gets home next morning about three times a week. To C.S.M. Stevenson and other members of the Company who helped him to turn the Drill Hall from prosaic bricks and mortar into a Palais de Danse. And finally to C Company on winning the Individual Boxing Championship. Let us hope their lean period is over. At the risk of being thought patronizing, we sincerely wish them the best of luck, as we have ourselves passed through such a period, and it is a — of a job to get going again.

It is with great regret that we have to report the death of an old ex-member of the Company. Clr.-Sergt. T. M. Dayson died the day before Armistice Day, at the age of 70. He enlisted in the Highgate Volunteers, and retired after twenty-one years in the Company, in 1908. He held the Long Service Medal, and appears on the notice boards in the Drill Hall for that reason. His son, Mr. T. Dayson, also saw service with this Company, and indeed makes a point of appearing at all church parades, and it was only because of his father's sudden death that he was prevented from doing so on this occasion. We would like to take this opportunity of offering our sympathy to the family.

We will finish our effort with a hope that all enjoyed themselves at our dances before Christmas, and that they will show their appreciation by turning up at future ones, and bringing their friends.

C COMPANY.

We regret having to start our contribution by registering a protest. In the last issue we noticed a statement by H.Q. Wing that "taking things all round we can consider we had a pretty good twelve months." It is not that we mind the loss of an occasional table or chair, or even all our available stationery; but such unseemly boasting must in the end evoke some form of reprisal, and we should hate to descend so low.

Since our last literary effort, the various members have taken to boxing so well that we now hold three Battalion championships. Not only that, but we won the Boxing Cup as well. Sergt. Nolan holds the middle-weight, Pte. Dymond the feather-weight, and L./Cpl. Nation the light-weight title, whilst Pte. Hunt was runner-up to L./Cpl. Nation. This was the result of a really determined onslaught on the bruisers of D Company; and all the wins were thoroughly well deserved. In the Inter-Company Team Competitions we were unfortunate in falling below standard. Sergt. Nolan was still suffering from a bruised rib sustained in his bout with L./Cpl. Desborough. Dymond was disposed of by a hitherto unknown entrant from A Company in the first bout of the evening, and the result was a distinct lowering of our recently gained prestige. However, we have got that cup back again. Before leaving the subject of boxing, we should like to mention our appreciation of Pte. Ambridge's efforts to help the Company by entering in the middle-weight competition. The spirit was there, but the flesh was not quite up to standard. Better luck next time.

In the Miniature Range Competition we were unfortunate in having to shoot with inaccurate rifles, or bad ammunition, or in bad light, or something. We did not win. However, we can console ourselves with having the highest individual scores amongst Officers, Sergeants and Corporals, and Lance-Corporals and Privates. The respective totals were:—

Capt. S. A. W. Brown, 53; Cpl. Valentine, 53; Pte. Dymond, 56.

Dymond's score was the best of the day.

We understand that the O.C. Company has started a snooker school for the

winter months. The R.S.M. and the Pioneer Sergeant are reported to be two of the more promising pupils.

During the progress of all this fun and games, several N.C.Os. have been introduced to that weird game known as "work," in the shape of Weapon Training Cadres. They have now returned to duty simply bursting with stoppages. It will be unnecessary to commiserate with a certain W.O. in missing a "D" by half a point, as it is understood that his Christmas leave was spent in treating himself to liberal doses of sympathy.

We have to welcome Cpl. Dickinson on transfer from A Company, and also to congratulate L./Cpls. Green and Payne on their recent appointments.

The following good shooting badges have been awarded for 1934:—

Best Rifle Shot in Company.—L./Sergt. Lauderback.

Best L.A. Shot in Company.—Pte. Clark.

Pte. Clark is also Best L.A. Shot in the Battalion.

As no special award is made for the highest number of clear targets preserved during the year, several economically minded soldiers will have to remain with their praises unsung.

D COMPANY.

This quarter commenced auspiciously enough, as Tottenham received the honour of a Charter of Incorporation as a Borough on Thursday, 27th September. The Battalion provided a guard of honour to the Lord Mayor of London, and this was commanded by our Company Commander, and consisted chiefly of members of D Company. Many favourable comments were heard from the spectators, but the Band were not so pleased when they discovered that the "wallop" had run dry before our arrival at the Town Hall. At the civic luncheon which was held at the end of the proceedings, the Lord Mayor was kind enough to praise our efforts.

Two Cadres have recently been held at Headquarters—Physical Training and Weapon Training—and both of these were well attended by N.C.Os. of this Company. As a result of the first-mentioned, physical jerks and various games, such as passball (or "wrecking

the drill hall"), have been seen at Tottenham. We believe that the 9th Battalion are rather fond of passball, and we would very much like an "all in" struggle with them. This is a challenge!

Our new Brigadier visited us on 1st November, and paid us a compliment when he said that it looked as if we had put on a special show for him, whereas we were merely holding an ordinary parade—boxing instruction, P.T. class, and shooting. We welcome him to the Brigade, and only hope that we will be able to help him to make things go smoothly during his period of command.

C.S.M. Bishop took over from C.S.M. Tibble on the first day of November, and departed a few days later on an Anti-Gas Course. Fortunately this does not appear to have had an adverse effect on his conversational powers. Congratulations to Sergt. Bundy and Cpl. Taylor on their promotion, and to L./Cpl. Brenchley and Gibbins on their appointment.

MINIATURE RANGE.

Our King Cup team drew for first place with A Company at Headquarters, but had a definitely off day, only one member—L./Cpl. Binhammer—shooting up to the average score. In fact, it was the nearest we have been to being beaten by another company since December, 1931, when we lost to B Company. Our only beatings since that date have been at the hands of No. 4 Company, H.A.C. (by 2 points) and University College School (5 points), and we have since beaten both these teams, revenging ourselves on the latter, in November, by a slightly larger margin (416 to 403). Another match was held against the K.M.C. Sports Club, whom we defeated fairly easily, although we shall have a little more difficulty when they have formed their shooting club.

L./Cpls. Matthewman and Brenchley, and Pte. Giggins were in the Battalion VI which won the Byrne Cup for the 7th Battalion, and we are pleased to note that they obtained the three highest scores.

BOXING.

Owing to a misunderstanding, we did not enter our full team for the Individual

Championships, and, although our entrants put up a good show, we just lost to C Company, whom we congratulate on their efforts. Pte. Trafford, who won the bantam-weight, should develop into a really good boxer when he puts on a little weight. Cpl. Cooper won the catch-weight, whilst L./Cpl. Desborough and Pte. L. Wood were runners-up in their weights.

The Inter-Company Team Championships were held at Tottenham early in December, and after a hard struggle with A Company we just scraped through first. The whole team fought well; Ptes. Watts (welter-weight) and Trafford (bantam-weight) winning their weights, whilst L./Cpl. Desborough (middle-weight) and Pte. Spedding (light-weight) emerged comfortable winners in special bouts. Unfortunately this show was not well attended, partly due to the very bad weather, and partly to the fact that one of the other companies decided that the occasion was not of sufficient importance to warrant any attendance either of boxers or spectators.

OTHER SPORT.

Our badminton team entertained old foes in the Royal Small Arms Factory on 14th December, and got "chewed up" good and proper. Unfortunately we were not at our strongest, but we gave them a good run for their money.

The Inter-Company Championships are hard on us, and we will not be unprepared as we have some quite promising players in practice.

Our cross-country experts are in course of training for the "big race" which will probably have taken place by the time these notes appear. We understand that the veterans of the team consider twenty laps of the Finsbury Park track a mere nothing, and a ten-miler a gentle perambulation. Long may they sweat!

We nearly forgot that grand old indoor sport, pokey-die, but over this subject we will gently draw a veil. Twenty-one aces are thrown in such a short time, much to the benefit of canteen profits, especially when a large school is involved.

8th BATTALION NOTES.

WE open our notes with best wishes for a happy, progressive and successful New Year to all our readers.

Over the Christmas holidays, owing to the usual "close" period, our activities have been centred on specialist training and junior officers' and N.C.Os.' courses, and company teams are now in strict training for the forthcoming Fire Direction Competition.

Recruiting is still receiving special attention, and, although the number of men obtained has not been quite up to expectations, they are of the right type, and we would sooner have quality than quantity. Major H. C. Ellis, O.B.E., has been attending the special recruiting meetings at Brigade Headquarters as Battalion representative, and the proposals of the Committee, if well supported and followed up by Battalions, should prove effective in attaining the object in view.

An interesting and instructive T.E.W.T. for officers and N.C.Os. was held in Richmond Park on Sunday, 28th October, and was well attended.

The Annual Officers' Reunion Dinner took place at Headquarters on 31st October, and we were pleased to welcome our old Brigade Commander, General Harrison.

The Battalion Prize-Giving was held on 4th December, and Col. Parmeter gave an interesting report of the Battalion's steady progress to a large and distinguished audience. Our Divisional Commander, Major-General J. R. M. Minshull-Ford, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., distributed the prizes and trophies, and this was followed by an All Ranks' Dance.

Father Christmas, who never fails us, again came to see us on 5th January and brought a very generous gift of wonderful toys for the kiddies, who, with their parents, sat down to gaily decorated and well-supplied tea tables, some 300 strong. The success of the party was again due to the hard work and generosity of so many kind friends, who always help us on this occasion, and to whom we once more tender our grateful thanks, especially to Major Hirst for once again playing the part of—shhh! we must not give away secrets—and to Capt. and Mrs. Reid

and Lieut. (Qrmr.) Cox and the Permanent Staff.

The time has now come for members of the League of Noble Art to draw on their gloves again, and they were busy on 9th January fighting their way through the preliminary rounds of the Battalion Boxing Competition. The semi-finals and finals were held on Wednesday, 16th January, before a crowded hall, and resulted in a win for H.Q. Wing, who thus acquire the Fenton Trophy. The ringcraft displayed this year is better than last, and we have hopes of doing well in the forthcoming Brigade contests, and our team will undoubtedly be composed of brawn representing all weights from supercharged heavy to titch-bantam minors.

A newcomer to the Battalion is Major Wagstaff, of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers, and we accord him a hearty welcome and success in the command of H.Q. Wing, to which he is being posted.

C COMPANY (STAINES).

It is regretted that a censor, jealous no doubt of our remarkable ability with the pen, has for some time past refused to allow our notes to appear in print. Undaunted, we once again put forward our simple script, trusting always in the freedom of the Press.

The strength of the Company was reduced considerably by several leaving us for the Regular Army, and also by the unfortunate loss of C.S.M. Reed, who, actuated by the responsibilities of his private life, has terminated his engagement: he has been the Territorial Sergeant-Major of C Company for several years, and will be greatly missed.

A small but select body of men have shown great keenness in their regular attendance at the junior N.C.Os.' classes, and we must congratulate L./Cpl. R. Pearce on the excellent performance put up by him during the final examination.

Our boxers have been training rigorously during the past few weeks, and, although we shall miss Cpl. Reed, who has to leave us owing to pressure of work, we have every hope of retaining the Boxing Cup.

At the Battalion Prize-Giving we collected the Efficiency, Winter Weapon Training, Musketry, and Boxing Cups. Our officers are anxious that we should

win this year the Miniature Range Shield, since the cost of filling this with beer cannot be very heavy.

Our club rooms still maintain their old-world charm, due to the antique nature of the furniture. Lately, miniature whist drives have been very popular, and Sergt. Browning has proved himself "rummy champion."

Finally, our Old Comrades still flourish, and at their fourth anniversary their membership is still nearly fifty strong. This is largely due to the able Secretaryship of ex-Clt.-Sergt. Mitcham and the excellent Presidency of Major Norwood. Their annual social evening was extremely boisterous and enjoyable.

H.Q. WING (HOUNSLOW).

Since our last notes the Hanworth Road Drill Hall has been the scene of extreme activity with courses for Officers, Sergeants and junior N.C.Os. These were well attended, and the final results showed that some knowledge was gained.

The Wing in general is taking on a new face, for, with the persuasive powers of our Adjutant, the majority of the Duty Platoon has decided to become signallers, and it is with interest that their progress will be watched.

The Transport Section has had a very busy time keeping up to standard with greasing and burnishing harness, brass and steel, and doing their best to keep pace with what is known in architectural circles as "condensation" in the saddle-room, and in the more forceful language of the Transport Section as "something something damp."

The social side of the Wing is going great guns, and the weekly dances are well attended and very popular. The football team are playing consistently well, and now occupy a high position in the league. At the moment the team is third in the league, but there is every reason to hope the end of the season will see it at the top.

Darts and table-tennis tournaments are in full swing and keenly contested. The boxing team is doing very well, training hard and regularly. We would like to see the team win the forthcoming competition, but owing to the absence of light heavy-weight and heavy-weight representatives, it suffers accordingly.

On the whole, the Wing is progressing very well in all branches, and by the end of 1935 we expect the younger members will make their presence felt in all arms as well as in sport.

A COMPANY (HAMPTON).

It was with great regret that we learned we were to lose our popular Company Commander, Capt. R. W. Mayer, who has had to depart to the "Land of the Leeks," and we wish him all he could wish himself. In his place we have been extremely fortunate in securing Capt. G. Hartley, late of D Company, as our new Company Commander, and we extend to him a hearty welcome.

Although last year we were not successful in obtaining any training or sporting trophies, we certainly feel that we have done our bit, as we were congratulated by the Commanding Officer on being the best recruiting company for the year. Considering how difficult recruiting is these days, we are proud to be able to record our success in this direction. We fully intend to get to work with the good material we have at hand, and bring back the trophies to "our little grey hall by the Thames."

We have done well in training lately, and we congratulate 2/Lieut. C. W. Summers, Sergt. Handman and L./Cpl. Mortimer on obtaining the premier position in each course, another feather for A Company's growing plumes.

We congratulate Lieut. E. F. Miskin on his being given command of D Company, and Lieut. N. M. Blair on his recent promotion. We extend a hearty welcome to Major Wagstaff, and we sincerely hope his stay with us will be a long, successful and happy one.

Officers, N.C.Os. and other ranks wish the remainder of the Regiment a prosperous and happy New Year.

D COMPANY (UXBRIDGE).

News as regards training is rather limited, as we have had N.C.Os.' classes at Uxbridge for the juniors, and at Hounslow for officers and senior N.C.Os. The attendance has been very good and it is, we believe, a fact that recently, after a rather hectic night at Hounslow, the only two officers to attend the course at

Headquarters were both from D Company.

There has been a change in Company Commanders recently. Capt. Hartley has left to take over A Company at Hampton and Lieut. Miskin has joined us from B Company.

The Battalion Prize Distribution on 4th December went off very well, and the Company took four prizes, including the cup for the best shot in the Battalion. Cpl. Jarrett is to be congratulated on a very fine show, and all the members of the other winning teams. We hope that the members of the cross-country team have made up their mind to win this again and are in training.

The football team has not been very lucky to date, but we hope for a change before the end of the season. However, they are about midway up in the Uxbridge League, Division II.

We have had some most energetic evenings since Pte. Coleman has joined us. He has undertaken the training of our boxers, and there is no doubt that the Company will be well up in this event this year. Coleman is to fight a six-round exhibition bout, and also boxed in the Battalion Championships on 9th and 16th January.

Dances are being started and we hope to be able to run these throughout the season. The first one of the season, which has the support of most of the officers of the Battalion, is being run after the writing of these notes, so we hope to report on its success in the next issue.

To conclude, we must say that recruiting is very much better. We started a push about two months ago, and we have almost as many recruits in that time as the whole of last year. We earnestly ask each member of the Company to carry on with this good work so that next year we can show what a company should look like at camp.

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The first dance of the season was a great success due to the great effort of the officers in turning up. The Company were very flattered to have fifteen officers attending with a party of thirty-eight, and wish to thank them all for their support.

9th BATTALION NOTES.

THE Winter Training season is now at the half-way mark and, on reflection, it is difficult to recall when so much was done in so short a time with such little difficulty.

October ushered in the post-camp period most auspiciously with the Battlefield Tour, when many of us spent what was perhaps the most instructive four days of our service in the most congenial surroundings, and under much more pleasant conditions than those whose experiences we were there to study. The little spare time that we had when off duty was also spent quite profitably, and we shall long remember the delights of a certain cinema performance, and the thrills of a ping-pong game played under "all-in rules."

The Course of Lectures at Headquarters continues to hold the interest of Officers and N.C.Os., and we have been fortunate in having such able lecturers.

Armistice Day was observed by a service held at Pound Lane. This was attended by the Old Comrades, the British Legion and Special Constabulary. After the ceremony a representative party of the Battalion attended St. Mary's Church for the unveiling of a war memorial.

Another function that was held with great success was the Annual Prize Distribution, which took place on Thursday, 13th December. We were honoured by having the Solicitor-General (Sir Donald Somervell), to present the prizes. Apart from the distinction of being able to call upon one with so important a position in public life, there was the double attraction that Sir Donald had served in the Battalion himself for many years, and is held in high personal esteem by all those who were fortunate enough to serve with him. The hall was packed to overcrowding, and the gathering included some hundred and twenty Old Comrades—a pleasant feature. The proceedings concluded with a first-rate variety show, the artists being well known to those (not Territorials) who have the time to listen to B.B.C. programmes. However, we found them distinctly entertaining in the flesh.

Having mentioned some of the more pleasant experiences of the past few

months, it is unfortunate that we have to finish on a rather less cheerful note.

Capt. Worton has just left us on the completion of his tour of duty as Adjutant, and we are very sorry to lose him. During the four years that he has spent with us, he has endeared himself to all ranks as an Adjutant, as a sportsman, and as the straightest of men on and off parade. We wish him the very best of good fortune in the future wherever he may go, and trust that we have not yet seen the last of him by any means. Luckily, we have Capt. Clayden as his successor. He is not unfamiliar with the 9th Battalion, and knowing him as we do, we can welcome him with the most sincere good wishes for the time that he is with us, and hope, quite genuinely, that the 9th will continue, as before, to go forward without ever looking back, except in pleasant recollection of the most enjoyable way of spending spare time in this country — T.A. soldiering.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

When last we wrote our notes we were just getting ready for Falmer Camp. As usual, we held our Annual Camp Concert on the first Tuesday, and a most enjoyable evening it proved to be.

Our hearty thanks are due to Mr. Harding Norton, the Brighton Regional Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., for his procuring us the Concert Party from Eastbourne, and also for his kindness and help to us in many ways. The concert will long be remembered for the "Presentation of Medals" to C.S.Ms. Sewell and Fitzgerald by our President. C.S.M. Sewell received the "Bs." (The Beaulieu Stew) Medal, and C.S.M. Fitzgerald the "Ancient Order of Willisden," the Order of the Lesser Zaab and the Ross Medal, with others.

Also, one other evening, that of the Rugby match, Officers versus Sergeants, fought in the Mess. Our Pioneer Sergeant could not cope with things at all the next day, but, thank goodness, we could borrow boxes to sit on from the Q.M. Stores. As the Officers kindly offered to foot half the bill for the furniture, we conclude the match was a draw. Please, Capt. Worton, have the next one on your own ground.

The Sergeants' Mess Outing to Poynings and other villages was also a great success, but in future we must give the landlord notice, because their selling out so quickly causes us to lose so much time in the coach.

Since camp, the Ladies' Nights have been most successful, and the last one, held in November, brought so many friends that we had to utilize the main hall and have several tables for the whist drive out there, and some of the dancers. The prizes were very beautiful, being all clocks and watches, and we congratulate C.S.M. Hill and Mrs. Hill, who have come to us at Wealdstone from the Grenadier Guards, on winning two first prizes—Mrs. Hill a lovely chiming drawing-room clock in oak, and C.S.M. Hill a chromium wrist watch.

C.S.M. Allen and Mrs. Allen had a wonderful send-off from C Company, and our President journeyed to Wealdstone with twenty to thirty from Headquarters Mess and presented C.S.M. Allen with a beautiful silver wrist watch, suitably engraved, from the members and friends of the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment Sergeants' Mess.

Our Sergeants' Mess Dinner will take place about the end of February, when presentations will be made to C.S.M. Fitzgerald, C.Q.M.S. Shand and Sergt. Smith, who have left us.

Our Annual General Mess Meeting was held on Sunday, 18th November, when C.Q.M.S. Linthwaite was elected Mess President for the ensuing year.

We must not omit to mention our Sergeants' Mess Shoot, held in perfect weather and surroundings, at Bisley, on the Siberia Ranges, on the last Sunday in September. Lunch and tea was served in splendid style by the N.R.A. Pavilion, and the day will long be remembered by members and Old Comrades alike, as being ideal in all details. Our President presented the prizes after tea, and it was a matter of great interest to many Old Comrades to learn that the highest scorer, L./Sergt. S. A. Meek, was a real son of the Regiment, his father having been Sergt. S. Meek (best remembered as Sammy), who was also a member of our Mess, and died whilst on service in the East with this Battalion.

The "New Gun" won by an Old Comrade, Mr. Brown, for his score of one, certainly looked as if it would do all that the President claimed for it, and we hope Mr. Brown will overcome his modesty and let the Mess have a "snap" of it.

Now our next item was the Children's Party on 5th January.

A happy New Year to all members and friends.

A COMPANY.

The period between Annual Training and the New Year is generally reckoned a quiet period, yet quite a lot seems to have happened since Falmer.

First and foremost comes the Company Dinner, held at the White Hart Hotel, Willesden, on 6th December.

This has become an annual event, and, thanks to the untiring energy and organizing powers of our Company Commander (Lieut. Gunston), it was an even greater success than last year. No less than 79 members and friends, the majority in uniform, sat down to dinner.

This is ten more than last year, and, had it not so happened that a boxing display in Pound Lane, the same evening, kept many friends away, the number would have been still greater.

C Company were also unable to be present in force, as they usually are, but we appreciated their gift, which ended in smoke.

The thought, however, remains with us, and we are truly grateful. We shall do our best to return thanks by lifting some of the cups and shields that are now reposing in Wealdstone Drill Hall. We are sure they must be a worry to them.

We were honoured by the presence of our Honorary Colonel, Col. Blumfeld, T.D., Col. Beach, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., Col. Tupper, T.D., and Lieut.-Col. Lamont, M.C., T.D., whilst at the other end of the scale, separated by such divers personages as County Councillors and Welsh Guards, were five privates from the Depot. We hope they got back safely, and that one day they will return to us as P.S.Is. Who knows?

The dance that followed was what the theatrical Press call "an enormous success." We know now what it meant by

"hot music," and our C.Q.M.S. faded "visibly," and lost at least a stone.

The next most important item was Bounty Night, and, may we say, that it was a little disappointing in numbers.

True, some of the members were working, and unable to be present, but we should like to see a much larger parade next December. After all, a £1 note is very handy at Christmas. What about it, A?

One could not help being struck by the smart appearance of those on parade. This augurs well for the Company's future. A clean soldier is a good soldier.

We do not seem to be over-run with recruits these days. H.Q. Wing and B (S.) Company have the first choice, but, a few have found their way into our ranks. We extend a hearty welcome to them, and trust they will have a happy time with "Shiny A."

The N.C.Os.' Class has also been in operation during the autumn, and we hope that last year's splendid record, when all save one entrant passed, will be eclipsed.

By the time these notes are in print we shall be in the throes of Winter Weapon Training, with spare-part bags, Lewis guns, and Nos. 1 and 2 laying about all over the hall.

We intend to do wonders this year and take the Fire Direction Cup, the Sherwood Shield and anything else we can lay hands on.

We are very sorry to lose 2/Lieut. Parlane, who has been posted to the Signal Section (H.Q. Wing).

Here's wishing all A Companies the best of luck during 1935.

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B (S.) COMPANY.

With the exception of Recruits' Training and the N.C.Os.' Classes, this quarter is, as is usual with us, a quiet one. The outstanding event was the Annual Prize Distribution at Headquarters, on Thursday, 13th December, the prizes being presented by Sir Donald Somervell, O.B.E., K.C., M.P., who was Adjutant with the Battalion in the East during the Great War. He found great changes, there is no doubt, but at least one of our Company served under him as a sergeant in 1914, and had the honour of receiving a shield

from him for B Company on 13th December, *viz.*, our C.S.M. B Company were well to the front, and we hope that Capt. Hogg is more than a little satisfied with us, and that he is proud of the manner in which the Company have worked and backed him up since he has commanded the Company.

First, the Crowborough Cup, that coveted honour, was received, amid great cheers, by Capt. Hogg in person. Capt. L. C. Wright received the cup for the "Best Company Average Attendance at Drills," and C.S.M. W. Prowse, M.M., collected the Inter-Company N.C.Os. Shield for the Gunners.

We also walked off with the cup for the Guard-Mounting Competition, this being collected by Cpl. Barton, who was the Guard Commander.

We take our hats off to Cpl. Jenkins for winning the British Legion Cup as the best machine gunner, and also for commanding No. 3 Sub-Section, which came out on top and won the cup as the Best Machine-gun Team.

B Company also won the Battalion Boxing Cup, and this was drawn by Sergt. Drury amidst a deafening and continual roar of applause. Lastly, but one that we are proud of, the Fire Direction Cup was collected, amidst a renewed salvo of cheers, by Sergt. Jones.

The Lloyd-Williams Cup also came to B (S.) Company, Sergt. Jones having won that also. Well done, B! We need no further comment.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Cpl. Jenkins, Cpl. Sangwine, L./Cpls. Way, Woodford, Southernwood Lewin, Pretty and Harper on their promotions and appointments.

We are all looking forward now to B Company Dinner, which will be held at the Drill Hall, Pound Lane, on Thursday, 24th January, at 8 p.m.

P.S.—The Company would like to know:—

What the Guard said to the C.S.M. at their unexpected interview with him at 2 p.m. on the day of the Guard-Mounting Competition?

His answer, and what they thought of it?

And what they thought of his answer, after they woke up and found they were the winners?

C COMPANY.

"See," the pseudonym of our regular scribe, has been compelled to hand over the task of writing these notes to another, and the Journal will consequently lack that familiar style which only "Punch," the name by which he was more familiarly known to us, could give in so short a space.

"Punch" Allen, our P.S.I. for the past three years—very successful years, too—had reason to be loved by every member of the Company and Old Comrades alike, and it did not take us long, after the arrival of C.S.M. and Mrs. Allen, to discover that they were both out to do their best for a Territorial Company of a regiment with which they had previously had no direct association.

"Punch" was splendidly loyal to Officers, N.C.Os. and men, possessing in a marked degree that rather rare but extremely valuable asset—a keen sense of humour—which enabled us to overcome those obstacles which are a regular feature of work in the Territorial Army; and that spontaneous demonstration of affection, on the occasion of the farewell social, on 27th October, was something which we know that neither "Punch" nor Mrs. Allen will ever forget.

As Allen rightly said in his reply, "I can return to my Regiment feeling that I have done my duty." He certainly did, and more, and C Company have reason to be grateful to the 2nd Bn. The Buffs for sending us such a fine leader.

We wish his successor, C.S.M. Hill, of the Grenadier Guards, the best of good luck, and we hope that both he and Mrs. Hill will feel as much at home with us as we know their predecessors did, while we appreciate that the task of stepping into the shoes of one so popular as Allen is by no means easy.

On Armistice Sunday the Company and their Old Comrades, headed by the Corps of Drums, whose presence was much appreciated and whose smartness was favourably commented on, marched from Wealdstone to Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill, at the invitation of the Rural Dean, and, though the numbers were not quite so large as in previous years when the service was held in Wealdstone, possibly it was just as well, as the church was crowded and a large number of the

congregation had to miss a very impressive service.

Through the hard work of our Voluntary Committee, led by Sergt. Hattley, the fortnightly dances have been a financial success in spite of severe and increasing competition in the neighbourhood, and we hope and believe that our Committee's efforts and perseverance will be rewarded on New Year's Eve.

Our Annual Dinner on 8th December was well attended, though each year it serves to remind us that a number are gradually getting thinner "on top and in tooth," though, judging by the speeches, etc., in certain cases, longer in tongue.

We take this opportunity of wishing Capt. Worton *bon voyage* and a successful tour of duty to our new Adjutant, Capt. Clayden, who is no stranger to most of us, while we regret that Lieut. Bedwell has again been taken from us on transfer to "Supports."

We can fairly say that our Company has contributed in helping the Battalion to show improvement in shooting both with rifle and light automatic, as was made evident at the Prize Distribution on 13th December, and we look forward to a continuance and still further successes in 1935, which, we hope, will bring good luck to our Comrades both at home and overseas.

D COMPANY.

Normally this quarter is a quiet one, but this year, what with Promotion Classes, Cadre Courses and Recruits' Training, we have been busier than usual. We do not grumble, especially with regard to the latter. The busier we are with recruits the better pleased we shall be, and if we can keep up the present rate (16 recruits since camp) we shall be satisfied.

We have devoted Thursday nights to Physical Training, and we should like to express our thanks to Major Wollocombe, Commanding the Depot, for letting Cpl. Harman take us, and to Cpl. Harman for the very interesting instruction he has given us.

We were much honoured to have a visit to our Drill Hall from Col. Hibbert, the new Brigade Commander, but we do hope that the next time he visits us he will be welcomed by a less unpleasant aroma.

All ranks are sorry that it is necessary to record the departure of Capt. Worton,

whose period of service as Adjutant has ceased. We all wish him the very best, and look forward to seeing him when his period of foreign service is over.

At the same time we extend a hearty welcome to the new Adjutant (Capt. Clayden).

This issue will not appear for some time, but we wish all members of the Regiment a happy New Year.

H.Q. WING.

In accordance with established precedent, the most successful parade of the year took place on 3rd December, when bounties were paid out.

The popularity of this function shows no signs of diminishing as yet, and the one hundred per cent. attendance was a credit to all concerned. One familiar face, however, was missed by all—our late C.S.M. having just given up soldiering after many long years of service. There is no need to dwell upon the loss that we have sustained, as C.S.M. Fitzgerald is known so well to us all.

He joined the Battalion twenty-three years ago and was posted to the Drums in the days when Territorials were Territorials, etc. In those days drumming was hard work indeed, and a boy had to be keen to succeed. But he won through, and once a drummer has done that he can face the facts of life with confidence.

His exploits on service overseas are legion. His courage and audacity proved of sterling worth on countless occasions, such as when, single-handed, he "sank the *Emden* in the Lesser Zaab," and "held the bridge at Fort Attack."

Another quality that endeared him to us all was his unfailing store of philosophy and wit. A good example was his reply to a question in the Orderly Room on a certain occasion. He was a private soldier at the time, and a tactless N.C.O. had suggested that he had not answered his name at a parade. The Commanding Officer inquired his own views on the subject, and he said, "Well, they got on all right without me, didn't they?" Men of his personality are rare in these days, and we shall miss him and his medals and mustard pots, shake our heads and say, "Alas, the times are changing!"

IN VINO VERITAS.

PIONEERING.

Few people are aware of the vigours attached to pioneering in the Territorial Army. Regular Pioneers do not have anything like such a hard time as we do, for one fortnight of the year at least, and we have to spend the other fifty weeks of the year studying the Manual of Sanitation after "Lights Out," as the rest of the time is occupied with plumbing jobs, mending windows and painting the guns which stand outside the Drill Hall.

Nevertheless, we have our own *esprit de corps*.

We are now looking forward to next camp, and you may rest assured that the comfort of the troops will continue to be our highest aim.

PURIM OMNIA PURA.

9th BATTALION OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

THE farewell night at Wealdstone on 27th October was one that I think will be remembered long by C.S.M. Allen and his wife. In their place at Wealdstone we now have C.S.M. and Mrs. Wills, and for popularity they are going to equal that of their predecessors. Those who have not yet met C.S.M. Wills should do so on a Friday night at Graham Road, Wealdstone. I suggest Friday nights, as quite a crowd of O.C.A. members are always there on that night, including our Secretary, complete with receipt book.

On 10th November, the O.C.A. Armistice Ball took place. I told you in the last notes that this was going to be a great night, and it certainly was. The Pound Lane Drill Hall was packed, and I was extremely glad that I do not dance. A letter had been sent to all ex-officers of the Battalion which resulted in the attendance of a large party—I think probably the largest that has ever attended one of our shows. Everyone had a good time, and in spite of the fact that the show went on until 1 a.m. I am pleased to say there was quite a good attendance at the

Armistice service in the Drill Hall a few hours afterwards. Once more the hall was packed, but the gaiety of the previous night was missing. After a very impressive service, a party of a dozen Old Comrades went to Willesden Old Church, where Lieut.-Col. Lamont unveiled a new memorial.

On 13th December the Battalion Prize Distribution took place, and again many Old Comrades were present. The prizes were distributed by Sir Donald Somervell, K.C., O.B.E., M.P., the Solicitor-General, himself an Old Comrade of this Battalion, who will probably be best remembered as Adjutant during the war.

After the distribution a most excellent concert was provided by well-known radio artists and others, including Moreton (Mick) Scales, Sid Creasy and Arthur Nickolds of the Original Terriers Concert Party. This was another very fine evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Well, now I think the foregoing brief notes on recent events show that the O.C.A. is really a live concern, and that the spirit of comradeship does exist in our Association, and I urge you to let these events be known to any ex-members of the Battalion you meet and get them to join up at once, as there are other events, equally good, to follow. The next of these is the Annual Dinner on Saturday, 2nd March. This is always a "bumper," and if I know anything about our Association and our Secretary, this year it is going to be a record. At the moment I cannot tell you why, but in due course notices and tickets will be sent out, and then you will know why. So make a note of the date now and come along on 2nd March, even if you have never before attended the O.C.A. Dinner.

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NOTICE.

A PHOTOGRAPH of a Colour Party of the 4th Battalion Middlesex Regiment was found in a Southern Railway carriage *en route* to Waterloo on 1st January. The owner should apply to Mr. H. R. Parry, c/o Messrs. Henry Sherwood & Co., 34, Nicholas Lane, E.C.4.

THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX CADET ASSOCIATION NOTES.

CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN.

At the last meeting of the Cadet Association, Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., D.L., A.D.C., was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Association, and Col. Sir John Perring, D.L., J.P., was unanimously re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Association, for the year ending 31st December, 1935.

RESIGNATIONS.

The undermentioned resignations were accepted, with regret, at the last meeting:

Col. G. R. Crosfield, C.B.E., D.S.O., T.D., and Cadet Lieut.-Col. A. C. Soutten, M.C.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Association, expressed appreciation and thanks for the services rendered to the Cadet Movement by Col. Crosfield and Cadet Lieut.-Col. Soutten.

ORGANIZATION.

Owing to the fall in strength of the 4th Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, the Association decided to amalgamate the 4th Cadet Battalion with the 2nd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, under the command of Cadet Lieut.-Col. P. W. Heanly.

The existing 4th Cadet Battalion to be designated the Chiswick Company of the 2nd Cadet Battalion.

APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

The appointment of Cadet Major S. A. Malvisi to command the 3rd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, *vice* Cadet Lieut.-Col. A. C. Soutten, M.C., resigned, was approved.

The following appointments have also been approved:—

Mr. B. W. Harrison, to be Second-Lieutenant, 1st Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

Mr. R. H. Badcock, to be Second-Lieutenant, 3rd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

STRENGTH.

The total strength of the Middlesex Cadet Brigade, on 1st November last, was 43 officers and 709 other ranks.

COMPETITIONS, 1934.

(a) *Lady West Memorial Shield Competition* (P.T.).—Only one entry was received for this competition, *i.e.*, Lower School of John Lyon Cadet Company, 1st Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. This team has therefore been nominated "County Champions" and will compete in the 2nd Phase.

(b) *Lucas Tooth Competition* (Drill, with and without arms).—The O.C. Depot The Middlesex Regiment very kindly arranged for Lieut. W. C. Newton, The Middlesex Regiment, to carry out the judging of this competition, which resulted as follows:—

County Champions and winners of the Lucas Tooth Shield.—Lower School of John Lyon Cadet Company, 1st Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

First in non-School Category and winners of Association Silver Challenge Cup.—Harringay Company, 3rd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

(c) *The Prince of Wales's Competition, and the Carlebach Trophy* (Boxing).—The finals in the County Phase of the Prince of Wales's Competition and the Carlebach Trophy between the 2nd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment and the Harrow-Roxeth Company took place on 12th December, 1934. Col. W. H. Parmer, Commanding 8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, very kindly placed the Drill Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow, at the disposal of the Cadet Association for the above contests, and also arranged for referees, judges, timekeeper, etc. The contests resulted in a narrow win for the 2nd Cadet Battalion, who therefore become County Champions, and will represent Middlesex in the 2nd Phase of the Prince of Wales's Competition. The 2nd Cadet Battalion will also hold the Carlebach Trophy for one year. Each member of the winning team receives a silver medal. After the contests, Col. P. Carlebach, C.M.G., T.D., presented the trophy to Cadet Lieut.-Col. P. W. Heanly, O.C. 2nd Cadet Battalion, and Col. G. Beach, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., presented the medals to each member of the winning team.

(d) *Musketry Competition*.—Two entries were received for the competition for the Gold Medal, *i.e.*, 1st and 3rd Cadet Bns. The Middlesex Regiment. The Gold Medal was won by the 1st Cadet

Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, with a total score of 499; the 3rd Cadet Battalion scored 411. The prize, value 10s., for the highest individual score was won by C.S.M. Blaikley, 1st Cadet Battalion, who scored 58. The second prize, value 5s., was won by Sergt. Bannister, 3rd Cadet Battalion, with a score of 52.

ANNUAL CAMP, 1934.

Through the courtesy of the Colonel-Commandant of the City of London Cadet Brigade (Col. P. Carlebach, C.M.G., T.D.), a detachment of six officers and ninety cadets from the Middlesex Cadet Brigade proceeded by special train on 4th August to Portsmouth for Annual Training at Fort Gomer.

The staff arrangements throughout were admirable. From the moment we entrained at Waterloo Station we realized that everything had been worked out to the smallest detail.

There was no blustering and running around in circles. The time-table had been prepared—Staff officers allocated their duties, and the efficiency of all ranks of the City of London Cadet Brigade completed the picture.

It was a fine sight to see each Battalion marching from the railway station to the camp at an interval of 150 yards. The Band of each unit played a stirring tune, and the cadets marched along with pride in their faces.

On arrival in camp (the Middlesex Contingent won the toss and lived in the huts) a really first-class meal was ready for us, and some very charming waitresses served the meal.

The messing arrangements were admirably carried out by the N.A.A.F.I., under the supervision of Mr. Warner.

Col.-Cmdt. Carlebach visited us daily. He never spared himself from attending to our comfort at work and play. His generosity in supplying free bus tickets to Portsmouth every day was greatly appreciated.

The syllabus of Brigade Training was unfortunately interrupted by bad weather. Nevertheless, much interesting work was carried out in the three and half hours allotted to training each day.

After dinner the cadets were free for bathing—which took place daily—or sports; cricket matches were arranged, and a special tour made to H.M. Dock-

yard, Portsmouth, including visits to some of the warships. The N.A.A.F.I., in addition to catering most efficiently, provided a concert party, and gave a most enjoyable and popular camp concert one evening.

The Middlesex Contingent provided the camp guard on the Wednesday, receiving the special congratulations of the Camp Commandant, and were highly commended by the Chief Staff Officer.

During the week the Detachment was visited by Col. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L., Col. G. Beach, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., Col. Sir John Perring, D.L., J.P., and Capt. G. J. Leatham, M.B.E., M.C.

A most interesting week was spent, and thoroughly enjoyed by us all.

LONG SERVICE BADGE.

The Association congratulate the under-mentioned officers on being awarded the Long Service Badge, for fifteen years' service in the Cadet Force:—

Cadet Lieut.-Col. J. Huck, O.B.E., Officer Commanding 1st Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

Cadet Major W. Wilson, Officer Commanding Lower School of John Lyon Cadet Company, 1st Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

Cadet Major M. I. Hemstead, Stationers' School Cadet Company, 1st Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

3RD CADET BATTALION.

The Battalion was well represented in the Detachment from the Middlesex Cadet Brigade which, through the courtesy of the Colonel-Commandant of the City of London Cadet Brigade (Col. P. Carlebach, C.M.G., T.D.), proceeded by special train on 4th August last to Portsmouth for Annual Training at Fort Gomer. A most interesting week was enjoyed by all, and it is hoped that with the amalgamation of the administrations of the cadet units in the County of Middlesex, City and County of London, friendships made at camp will be renewed.

In November last all ranks learnt with regret that Lieut.-Col. A. C. Soutten, M.C., had by pressure of business been compelled to resign his command of the Battalion. During the nine years Col.

Soutten has been in command, the Battalion has advanced very considerably in efficiency.

Major S. A. Malvisi, who raised the first company, has been appointed to the command of the Battalion in its coming-of-age year, and it is hoped that the strength will be doubled when the birthday arrives—22nd December, 1935.

Already a 10 per cent. increase in strength is reported, and the enthusiasm of all ranks should make this year an outstanding one in the history of the Battalion.

The Battalion continues to enjoy the assistance of our senior Battalions, particularly from the 7th and 9th Territorials in whose districts it operates. Many cadets have acquitted themselves well when firing shoulder to shoulder with members of the 9th Battalion, in whose rifle club they have been honoured with membership.

An inspecting officer from the Depot, Mill Hill, was pleased to place A Company first in the Non-School Category of the Lucas Tooth Competition, and the great efficiency of the Squad Commanders, of which he speaks in his report, is doubtless due to the N.C.Os.' Course which was arranged at the Depot.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

"Well, here we are again," as the old-time clown in pantomimes used to remark—with the addition of one more year on to our time.

Mother and self both send our best and most sincere wishes to the old Corps, trusting that each member will enjoy a very merry Christmas to be followed by a bright and prosperous New Year.

We will shortly be entering on our 70th and 72nd year respectively, *i.e.*, from the end of January, 1935, and both of us are at present in fairly good fettle; although the past winter here has been rather hard on the lady, she having been laid up in sick bay for nearly three months owing to a severe attack of bronchial pneumonia (why will they spell this word with a "p"?—I nearly slipped on it!). How-

ever, the "Die-Hard" spirit was in her and she pulled through wonderfully, albeit left very feeble; but she is getting about again as chirpy as ever.

I enclose herewith a money order for 5s. 6d., being for current year's subscription and Diary as per notice attached. I note that this notice states my "subscription has expired." It never will expire until I do, and besides I was always under the impression that the year began with the February number. If this is not correct, please put me right and I will have the matter rectified with a further remittance, which will bring me up to date.

Since I last wrote to you I have again renewed acquaintance with some Melbourne residents descendants of members of the old original "Die-Hards"—the 57th.

It was on the occasion of the coming-of-age and betrothal of the eldest granddaughter (Miss Eileen Cave) of Sergt. Matthew James McGarry, who took his discharge during the Regiment's stay in Ceylon, 1873-79, having served the full period of twenty-one years.

Sergt. McGarry was with the Regiment through the whole Crimean campaign, India, and the New Zealand, Maori Wars, 1861-66. He died a few years ago at the age of 87.

Another family was the son and two grandsons of Sergt. Tommy Lucas, who also took his discharge whilst with the Regiment at Colombo and decided to settle in Australia (Melbourne). He died a while back aged about 86. Strange to relate, he met here the widow of yet another member of the 57th, who claimed his discharge at Colombo, *viz.*, a Mrs. Drinkwater, whose husband had enlisted into the "Die-Hards" (57th) at Devonport (Raglan Barracks) in 1869. Lucas, being a widower, married Mrs. Drinkwater.

The Drinkwater family have worthily kept up the spirit of the "Die-Hard" slogan, as one son and his son enlisted for active service in the Great War with the Australian Imperial Force, as did another son. The last-mentioned, who attained the rank of Captain, was the father of a splendid family of fourteen children, all of whom are now grown up, and by all accounts still going strong.

The McGarry family with whom we are mostly in touch are very deeply interested in the doings of the Regiment, and eagerly look forward to a loan of your interesting Journal whenever they pay us a visit.

You see, the old gentleman and my father were comrades throughout the whole of their military careers—though my father was the younger by about five years.

I am forwarding you per "All Sea Route" two copies of our leading weekly (illustrated), with the hope that your members may find them of some little interest, seeing that they contain an account of the foundation of the Colony (now State) of Victoria, and follow it through up to date, which completes its centenary. The 57th were stationed in Australia in 1827, and Major Lockyer first planted the Union Jack in West Australia in January of that year. You will thus note that the "Die-Hards" took a part over a hundred years ago in the genesis of this great Commonwealth.

One of these numbers gives a series of splendid pictures of the dedication service to Victoria's Shrine of Remembrance to fallen soldiers during the Great War, who volunteered in this State and lost their lives whilst on active service.

The dedication was made by His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester on 11th November (Armistice Day), 1934, who was present in connection with the Centenary celebrations.

It was truly a most awe-inspiring sight to see and listen to. It has been estimated that 300,000 people were present during the service. I was one of them.

His Royal Highness has been given a most wonderful time by all classes of the Australian public generally wherever he has appeared, and although one or two occasions have been marred by wet weather, on the whole he gives one the appearance of having had a good time and to have thoroughly enjoyed his visit to this far-flung corner of the Empire.

My mother was sorely disappointed that she was unable, through illness, to be present to see him, as he is the only member of the Royal Family to visit Australia she has not seen.

I may state, we have both seen the following members of the British Royal Family at various periods:—

Queen Victoria (Grand Field Day, Aldershot, 24th May, 1868).

King Edward VII (on the occasion of visit to Ceylon when Prince of Wales).

King George V and Queen Mary (as Duke and Duchess of York at the opening of First Australian Commonwealth Parliament, 1901).

H.R.H. Edward Prince of Wales (during his tour of Overseas Dominions).

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York (whilst on their visit to this city); and now H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester.

So you will notice that we have seen quite a great deal of Royalty, extending over a number of years.

There is something in the visits of members of the Royal Family that causes a thrill to go through a crowd just assembled to witness them pass by. It seems to stir up the blood of patriotism.

Just let anyone stand in a crowd of Australians, gathered together to watch a Royal procession pass by, and if he does not take off his hat and cheer—well, somebody else will do it for him—at least, as far as his hat is concerned, anyway.

I seem to have let my pen run away with me so had better belay a while and close up, once again with all the compliments of the festive season from us.

Yours faithfully,

J. CLEMENT COUGHLAN,
123, DRUMMOND STREET,
CARLTON, N.3,
VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
26th November, 1934.

The following is a letter addressed to Major N. P. Procter, M.C.:—

DEAR SIR,

I am writing as I have some information likely to be of use to men desirous of entering private service when leaving the Service.

I cannot help but thank you again for the assistance you gave me by allowing me to enter the Officers' Mess, as I feel sure that was the means of me having such a good post now.

I am chauffeur-valet, and since being in this post have had several trips to France and am expecting to go to Madeira in December. Sir, if any men are desirous of entering private service,

providing they will take a course either in the Officers' Mess or the V.T.C., I think the Regina Employment Bureau, of Thomas Street, Oxford Street, London, will greatly assist them. I am giving this address, as I gained my present post from here.

There is an address in London which caters for waiters; this address can be obtained on request from the local Employment Exchange at which the man reports.

OBITUARY.

THE following article appeared in *The Times* of 20th December, 1934, and is reproduced by the courtesy of the Editor:

"LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JOHN WARD.

"A LEADER IN PEACE AND WAR.

"Lieutenant-Colonel John Ward died yesterday, 19th December, 1934, after an illness of some weeks, at his home at Andover, at the age of 68. He had a remarkable career. His political evolution was from Labour through Liberalism to the position of independence which best suited his character. Of that character the War called out all the sturdy resolution, judgment, and fighting spirit of a regular 'John Bull,' and he was able to render distinguished service in an interesting 'side-show' in Siberia.

"He was born in 1866, the son of artisan parents, at Oaklands, Spa. As a youth he worked as a navvy on the construction of the Manchester Ship Canal. He was almost grown-up before a kind old lady taught him to read, and at once he began to buy books out of his earnings of fivepence an hour. He enlisted before he was 20 and served in the Suakin Force, which was part of Lord Wolseley's expedition to the Sudan of 1885, receiving the Khedive's Star and the medal with clasp. From soldiering he went back to the ranks of labour, and founded the Navvies' Union in 1889. Four years before that he had joined the Social Democratic Federation. He first entered Parliament, after some previous experience of municipal affairs, at the General Election of 1906. His political

adversaries were relieved that one of their most vigorous critics and opponents proved on close inspection to be so solid and British and genial as the new Labour member for Stoke-on-Trent.

"On the outbreak of the War in 1914 Ward went back to the Army and raised five labour battalions. In 1915 he was entrusted with the raising of a pioneer battalion, afterwards well known as the 25th Battalion of The Middlesex Regiment ('Die-Hards'). With this he served for a time in France, and later was ordered to the Far East. During the journey thither the troopship *Tyndareus*, in which the battalion was embarked, was mined off the South African coast, an occasion on which the commanding officer greatly distinguished himself by his courage and resource. After a period of service at Hong-Kong and in the Straits Settlements the 25th Battalion, though composed of B category men, was ordered to Vladivostok for service in Siberia. The service was originally intended to be of garrison duty rather than of a more active kind, but shortly after the Middlesex arrived the Allied Council in the Far East applied to the British Government for permission to employ it in the field. The War Office referred the decision to Colonel Ward, who, never a man to shirk responsibility for a feat of arms, immediately agreed to the adventure which was to carry the 'Die-Hards' from Vladivostok to Omsk amid the snows of a Siberian winter.

"Colonel Ward, though in a sense under the command of General Knox, then Chief of the British Military Mission in the Far East (and at one time also under the G.O.C., Canadian Contingent), was virtually senior British officer in that region, and in consequence played a political as well as military part in the events of 1919-20. From the first he was impressed with Admiral Koltchak, and though he was instrumental in saving the lives of the Directorate of Five, or All-Russian Government, which had previously held power in Siberia, and which the Admiral supplanted, he remained the firm friend of the latter to the last. In 'With the Die-Hards in Siberia,' a story of Elizabethan adventure, he drew a terrible picture of what the Russian Revolution meant in that region. He

had not only to contend with the Bolsheviks, but was opposed, betrayed, and even attacked by his own allies. On one occasion he barely escaped with his life, but by dint of tact and firmness he did his best to retrieve an impossible situation. For his services Ward was made a C.B. and a C.M.G., being specially invested by the King at Buckingham Palace, and received the Croix de Guerre of France, Italy, and Czecho Slovakia. He was also made a Cossack Ataman by his Tartar comrades, a high honour.

"After the War, Colonel Ward, who differed from his party particularly on national defence, changed his political convictions, and was returned unopposed for the Stoke Division as a Coalition Liberal in 1918. Both in the House and at Labour conferences he proved, with his first-hand knowledge of Russia, a thorn in the flesh of the theorists and sentimentalists among his old colleagues. In 1922 he was elected as a National Liberal by a large majority over Labour, and in 1923 he was again successful, but by a much smaller majority. In 1924 he was elected as an independent Constitutionalist with both Conservative and Liberal support, but in 1929 he lost his seat to the late Lady Cynthia Mosley, and did not try again.

"Colonel Ward's health, though he was a man of magnificent physique, no doubt suffered by the hardships he endured in the War. He was taken seriously ill at Geneva in 1922, and in 1925 he was seized with heart trouble at a conference of the General Federation of Trade Unions immediately after denouncing 'the hellish dictatorship of Moscow.' He was a determined opponent of 'direct action' at home, and raised his voice in favour of conciliation in labour problems and the removal of workers' suspicions. He married in 1892 Lilian Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. George Gibbs. Mrs. Ward, who had actively shared in his political work, died in 1926."

From *The Times*, of 7th January:—

"LEMPRIERE.—On 5th January, 1935, at a nursing home near Farnham, Anne Sophia Campbell Lempriere, dearly loved wife of Col. G. B. Lempriere, late Middlesex Regt. (the 77th), and late of Pelham and Kitchcombe, Alton, Hants. Funeral service to-morrow (Tuesday), 12.30 p.m., at

St. Joan of Arc's R.C. Church Farnham. Burial service at Englefield Green Cemetery, Surrey, 2 p.m."

Col. G. W. W. Savile writes:—

"By the passing away of Mrs. Anne Sophia Campbell Lempriere, the Regiment has lost one of its oldest friends, and our deepest sympathy goes out to Col. Lempriere and his family on their sad bereavement.

"It was only a short time ago—on their fifty-third wedding day—I heard from Mrs. Lempriere, and she reminded me that at their wedding General Kent, in proposing their health, said that 'she was the last joined, and the best recruit of the 77th Regiment,' as very shortly afterwards the title of the Regiment was changed to the 2nd Middlesex Regiment.

"In later years, when Col. Lempriere commanded the 4th Middlesex Regiment in Dublin, Mrs. Lempriere was much loved by the men and women of the Regiment.

"For several years she had been in very bad health, but was always very pleased to see any of her old friends in the Regiment.

"She died on 5th January in a Nursing Home at Farnham, and was buried at Englefield Cemetery, Surrey."

G. W. W. S.

REGIMENTAL-SERGEANT-MAJOR WILLIAM JAMES BROOKS.

We regret to announce the death of this Old Comrade, who passed away in the Westminster Hospital on 5th November, after a short illness. The funeral took place at Garrett Lane Cemetery, Streatham, on 9th November, when Army Recruiter W. Sperry represented the Regimental Association.

William Brooks joined the Middlesex Regiment in 1897, and went with the 2nd Battalion to South Africa on the outbreak of war in 1899. He was transferred to the 1st Battalion in India in 1902, and to the Home Establishment in 1912, being employed on recruiting duties at Tottenham. On the outbreak of the Great War in 1914, Brooks accompanied the 6th Battalion to Chatham, and in March, 1917, went to France, where he was appointed Sergeant-Major of a Base Depot, and remained there until the end of the war. He was in possession of the Queen's South African Medal, with six clasps, and

the King's South African Medal, with two clasps, the British War and Victory Medals, and the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. He was discharged to pension in 1919, and took up the appointment of R.S.M. at the London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, which position he retained until his death. He leaves a widow and one daughter, to whom we tender our sincere sympathy.

There were many wreaths at the funeral, including one from the Regimental Association.

From the *Morning Post*, of 13th December, 1934.

Col. G. W. W. Savile, C.B.E., D.S.O., who forwarded this cutting, writes: "Major Henderson was a senior Captain when I joined in 1879, and I think he retired next year as he did not come out to India in 1880."

"HENDERSON.—On December 10th, 1934, very suddenly, in London, recently living at 'The Lodge,' Birnam, Dunkeld, N.B., Rose Alice Annie, widow of Major William Henderson, 77th Regiment, Duke of Cambridge's Own, and granddaughter of the late Benjamin Way, Squire of Denham Place, Co. Bucks, aged 84. Funeral to-morrow (Friday), at Denham Church, at 3 o'clock."

MAJOR EDWARD ALBERT MITCHELL.

It is with regret that we record the death of Major Edward Albert Mitchell, which occurred at his home at Winchmore Hill on 25th November, 1934, at the age of 65 years. Old members of the Regiment, particularly those of a generation ago, will recall to memory Ted Mitchell, who at the age of about sixteen years, joined the 1st Battalion in 1886.

Possessed of a fine physique and pleasant personality, he quickly reached the rank of Sergeant, and in 1893, whilst serving at Gibraltar, was drafted to the 2nd Battalion in India. There he was promoted Colour-Sergeant, and in 1899 accompanied the Battalion on its return from India. Later that year, on the outbreak of the South African War, he proceeded to Natal, and was present at the engagements of Spion Kop, Vaal Krantz and the Relief of Ladysmith.

In 1900, on the formation of the newly-created 3rd and 4th Battalions, he was

sent to join the 3rd Battalion at Woolwich, where his experience and knowledge gave him a wide scope.

In 1902 he sailed for St. Helena, and after further service in South Africa he returned to England late in 1906 on posting as Sergeant-Major to the 7th Battalion at Hornsey. There he remained until his discharge to pension.

It was whilst living in this district that, during a violent riot, he courageously went to the assistance of the Civil Police, and in doing so incurred severe injuries. For his services on this occasion he received the thanks of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, and a tangible recognition of his help in the form of a presentation from the local Police Force.

On the outbreak of the Great War, Mitchell at once joined up, and shortly after received a commission into the 18th (Pioneer) Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment. His energy and zeal soon brought him promotion, and on proceeding to France with the 41st Division, he was promoted Major, and appointed Second-in-Command. At a later date he temporarily commanded the Battalion with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. After active service in France and Italy, during which he was twice mentioned in despatches, he returned to England, and retired in 1919.

He was successful in securing a suitable position in London, where he remained until overtaken by the illness which ended fatally.

Major Mitchell married, in 1892, Miss Elizabeth Sweeney, a daughter of the Regiment, who pre-deceased him by about a year.

The funeral took place at the Great Northern Cemetery on 29th November, 1934, where, in the presence of his children, three sons and eight daughters, and his nephews, C.S.M. Sweeney (Middlesex Regiment), and S.M. Sweeney, M.C. (R.E., retired), he was laid to rest.

The Regiment in which he had served so long and honourably was represented by Lieut.-Colonel English, Sergt. Rogers and Cpl. Carpenter (bugler), who sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille."

We extend to his family, many of whom accompanied the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions in their travels, our deep sympathy in their bereavement.

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L./Cpl. H. Nayler ...	22/6/33	*L./Cpl. K. Simpson ...	10/6/33
L./Cpl. C. Hawkesworth ...	3/8/33	L./Cpl. E. Webber ...	22/7/33
L./Cpl. H. Ormes ...	17/8/33	L./Cpl. R. Butt ...	22/7/33
L./Cpl. G. Parker ...	19/10/33	L./Cpl. W. Hayward ...	3/8/33
*L./Cpl. W. O'Connor ...	28/11/33	L./Cpl. F. Penman ...	2/9/33
L./Cpl. J. McLeod ...	11/12/33	L./Cpl. J. Emery ...	2/9/33
L./Cpl. H. Hughes ...	25/12/33	L./Cpl. H. Dillon ...	13/10/33
L./Cpl. F. Markham ...	17/3/34	L./Cpl. H. Simmonds ...	28/10/33
L./Cpl. C. Keefe ...	10/4/34	L./Cpl. H. Price ...	18/12/33
L./Cpl. H. Holloway ...	10/4/34	L./Cpl. F. Crawshaw ...	22/3/34
L./Cpl. W. Harewell ...	20/4/34	L./Cpl. T. Smith ...	17/4/34
L./Cpl. J. McGrady ...	24/4/34	L./Cpl. A. Burnett ...	6/7/34
L./Cpl. J. Sheen ...	8/5/34	L./Cpl. W. Lane ...	6/7/34
L./Cpl. S. Dyer ...	8/5/34	L./Cpl. J. Denham ...	6/7/34
L./Cpl. W. Ransom ...	8/5/34	L./Cpl. W. Millichap ...	6/7/34
L./Cpl. F. Carter ...	28/5/34	L./Cpl. R. Burditt ...	9/7/34
*L./Cpl. R. Dehnel ...	28/5/34	*L./Cpl. C. Cox ...	13/7/34
L./Cpl. W. Sargent ...	10/6/34	L./Cpl. L. Williams ...	8/9/34
L./Cpl. F. Broughton ...	13/10/34	L./Cpl. G. Martin ...	22/10/34
L./Cpl. F. Shaw ...	13/10/34	L./Cpl. G. Mizon ...	23/10/34
L./Cpl. P. Crowley ...	2/11/34	L./Cpl. E. Pearce ...	23/10/34
L./Cpl. V. Whipples ...	20/11/34	L./Cpl. F. Saddler ...	12/11/34
L./Cpl. S. Clark ...	27/11/34	L./Cpl. F. Hammond ...	12/11/34
L./Cpl. S. Hoskings ...	27/11/34	L./Cpl. C. Ellis ...	30/11/34
L./Cpl. W. Tatt ...	7/12/34	L./Cpl. F. Brooks ...	30/11/34
L./Cpl. F. Hammond ...	5/12/34	L./Cpl. T. Lawton ...	30/11/34
Unpaid:—		L./Cpl. W. Price ...	30/11/34
L./Cpl. H. Jolley ...	27/4/33	L./Cpl. T. Doyle ...	30/11/34
		L./Cpl. D. Fegan ...	13/12/34

2nd BATTALION (Home Establishment).

NOTICE.

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

Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
*R.S.M. C. Davis ...	Depot	13/4/29	*Col./Sgt. E. Jones ...	2nd	15/11/32
*R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M. ...	2nd	18/3/31	(Sgt. 1/3/25)		
*Bdmr. C. Dennis, A.R.C.M. ...	2nd	25/3/33	*Col./Sgt. F. Franklin ...	2nd	8/9/33
*R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley ...	Depot	7/3/26	(Sgt. 20/3/26)		
*R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher ...	2nd	31/1/30	Sgt. H. Glover ...	2nd	1/5/20
*Q.M.S.(O.R.S.) B. Baldwin ...	Depot	2/7/30	Sgt. H. Tisdale ...	7th London	22/1/22
*C.S.M. G. Goodall ...	9th	4/6/25	*Sgt. R. Colbourne ...	Depot	6/1/13
*C.S.M. J. Hart ...	2nd	20/1/26	Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	2nd	28/1/25
*C.S.M. C. Cook, D.C.M. ...	8th	1/8/26	Sgt. H. Rogers ...	Depot	26/5/25
*C.S.M. F. Peck ...	2nd	18/2/29	*Sgt. S. Mason ...	2nd	2/2/26
*C.S.M. P. Stevenson ...	7th	4/1/30	Sgt. W. Harwood ...	2nd	17/8/27
*C.S.M. A. Anderson ...	Depot	20/10/30	Sgt. S. Bishop ...	7th	24/11/27
*C.S.M. H. Hewett ...	8th	19/4/32	Sgt. H. Sneath ...	2nd	15/12/27
*C.S.M. L. Simmonds ...	9th	3/9/32	Sgt. A. Webb ...	19th London	15/5/28
*C.S.M. L. Clarke ...	19th London	15/11/32	Drum-Major H. Poulter ...	2nd	13/10/28
*C.S.M. R. Mewett ...	2nd	23/3/33	*Sgt. H. Short ...	2nd	21/2/29
*C.S.M. H. Wright ...	2nd	24/2/34	Sgt. A. Boen ...	9th	13/4/29
*C.S.M. A. Jones ...	2nd	1/5/34	*Sgt. C. Donaldson ...	2nd	24/5/29
Col./Sgt. C. King ...	Depot	26/5/25	Sgt. R. King ...	Supnmy., Fire Bde., Bordon	5/7/29
(Sgt. 2/8/19)			*Sgt. G. Sherriff ...	2nd	9/12/29
Col./Sgt. L. Hills ...	2nd	2/11/26	*Sgt. F. Nash ...	8th	11/12/29
(Sgt. 5/4/19)			*Sgt. A. Russell ...	2nd	16/2/30
Col./Sgt. W. West ...	2nd	22/2/28	*Sgt. W. Tibble ...	2nd	17/10/30
(Sgt. 12/1/19)			*Sgt. W. Green ...	Depot	27/12/30
*Col./Sgt. F. Stacey ...	2nd	3/9/32	*Sgt. C. Kennett ...	Depot	16/1/31
(Sgt. 2/2/28)					

* In possession of First Class Certificate of Education.

Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
Sgt. J. Quick ...	2nd	23/4/31	Cpl. J. Burgess ...	2nd	3/2/33
*Sgt. W. Kemp ...	2nd	19/1/32	Cpl. F. Knight ...	2nd	15/3/33
*Sgt. R. Parsler ...	2nd	1/4/32	Cpl. W. Evans ...	2nd	15/3/33
Sgt. J. Harper ...	2nd	19/4/32	Cpl. W. McNery ...	2nd	15/3/33
Sgt. (O.R.S.) F. Deane ...	2nd	10/6/32	Cpl. J. Bromley ...	2nd	15/3/33
*Sgt. C. Trestrain ...	2nd	14/6/32	Cpl. A. Wray ...	Depot	23/3/33
Sgt. R. Ramsey ...	7th	23/6/32	Cpl. E. Buck ...	2nd	13/4/33
Sgt. S. Smith ...	2nd	30/7/32	Cpl. E. Soden ...	2nd	3/5/33
Sgt. R. Smith ...	Depot	2/9/32	Cpl. A. Gigg ...	Depot	2/6/33
Sgt. J. Scott ...	2nd	3/9/32	Cpl. H. Sayer ...	2nd	8/7/33
*Sgt. L. Johnson ...	2nd	15/11/32	*Cpl. D. Chapman ...	2nd	15/8/33
Sgt. H. Hull ...	2nd	22/2/33	Cpl. E. Fuller ...	2nd	8/9/33
Sgt. W. Bean ...	2nd	23/3/33	Cpl. R. Harman ...	Depot	25/10/33
Sgt. F. Housden ...	Depot	3/5/33	Cpl. B. Armstrong ...	2nd	3/1/34
*Sgt. R. Wilson ...	2nd	8/7/33	*Cpl. G. Grant ...	Depot	25/4/34
*Sgt. H. Ison ...	2nd	17/6/34	Cpl. C. Carpenter ...	2nd	5/5/34
*Sgt. (S.M.C.) S. Bond ...	2nd	17/6/34	Cpl. T. Sargent ...	2nd	10/5/34
Cpl. A. Brett ...	2nd	28/1/30	Cpl. J. Stickley ...	2nd	10/6/34
Cpl. G. Newstead ...	2nd	20/4/30	Cpl. W. Smith ...	2nd	17/6/34
(L./Sgt. 14/6/32)			Cpl. W. Powell ...	2nd	2/10/34
*Cpl. V. Cooper ...	2nd	1/5/30	L./Cpl. J. O'Neill ...	2nd	15/8/32
(L./Sgt. 23/6/32)			L./Cpl. W. Patterson ...	2nd	13/10/32
*Cpl. A. Allchorne ...	2nd	15/5/30	L./Cpl. A. Drake ...	2nd	1/11/32
(L./Sgt. 19/4/32)			L./Cpl. R. Weaver ...	2nd	23/11/32
Cpl. A. Hows ...	Depot	25/10/30	L./Cpl. A. Eldrett ...	2nd	23/11/32
(L./Sgt. 27/3/32)			L./Cpl. C. Armitage ...	2nd	3/1/33
Cpl. A. Whitcombe ...	Depot	31/10/30	L./Cpl. J. Hayes ...	2nd	14/1/33
(L./Sgt. 30/7/32)			L./Cpl. R. Stretton ...	2nd	31/1/33
Cpl. B. Bedward ...	2nd	19/11/30	L./Cpl. F. Jaques ...	Depot	3/2/33
(L./Sgt. 24/8/32)			L./Cpl. T. Cordell ...	Depot	23/2/33
Cpl. F. Livens ...	2nd	20/1/31	L./Cpl. H. Tye ...	2nd	10/3/33
(L./Sgt. 2/9/32)			L./Cpl. S. Day ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. R. Jenkins ...	2nd	17/2/31	L./Cpl. F. Payne ...	2nd	15/3/33
(L./Sgt. 3/9/32)			L./Cpl. B. Bruniges ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. E. Moir ...	2nd	20/2/31	L./Cpl. W. Broadbridge ...	2nd	15/3/33
(L./Sgt. 20/3/34)			L./Cpl. C. Dowsett ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. H. Ramsden ...	Depot	1/4/31	L./Cpl. J. Hiscocks ...	2nd	23/3/33
(L./Sgt. 8/7/33)			*L./Cpl. B. Baldwin ...	2nd	9/4/33
Cpl. E. Jennings ...	2nd	28/12/31	L./Cpl. A. Ball ...	Depot	7/5/33
(L./Sgt. 3/5/33)			*L./Cpl. S. Copelin ...	2nd	2/6/33
Cpl. S. Moore ...	2nd	28/12/31	L./Cpl. A. Ellwood ...	Depot	22/6/33
(L./Sgt. 8/9/33)			L./Cpl. G. Blackman ...	Depot	5/7/33
Cpl. F. Gribble ...	Depot	19/1/32	L./Cpl. A. Etheridge ...	2nd	5/7/33
*Cpl. H. Frewin ...	2nd	18/2/32	L./Cpl. J. Lawrence ...	2nd	8/1/33
(L./Sgt. 10/5/34)			L./Cpl. A. Read ...	2nd	11/7/33
*Cpl. H. Dujardin ...	Depot	27/3/32	L./Cpl. H. Griffiths ...	2nd	28/7/33
(L./Sgt. 17/7/34)			L./Cpl. S. Pinner ...	2nd	26/8/33
Cpl. E. Bennett ...	2nd	1/4/32	L./Cpl. F. Gilbert ...	2nd	2/9/33
*Cpl. B. White ...	2nd	17/5/32	L./Cpl. F. Lavalette ...	Depot	8/9/33
*Cpl. P. Maloney ...	2nd	1/6/32	L./Cpl. J. Collison ...	2nd	17/9/33
Cpl. (O.R.C.) J. Wright ...	2nd	13/6/32	L./Cpl. L. O'Doherty ...	2nd	28/9/33
(Unpaid L./Sgt. 3/4/34)			L./Cpl. W. Lovell ...	Depot	25/10/33
Cpl. H. Walker ...	2nd	13/6/32	*L./Cpl. R. Lomax ...	2nd	28/10/33
*Cpl. A. Overy ...	2nd	14/9/32	L./Cpl. C. Hayes ...	2nd	7/11/33
Cpl. R. Smallridge ...	2nd	14/6/32	L./Cpl. G. Clarke ...	2nd	5/12/33
Cpl. F. Hawkins ...	2nd	28/6/32	L./Cpl. M. Head ...	2nd	11/12/33
Cpl. W. Day ...	Depot	5/8/32	L./Cpl. L. Mann ...	2nd	11/1/34
Cpl. G. Gatehouse ...	2nd	6/8/32	L./Cpl. V. Bint ...	2nd	25/1/34
*Cpl. H. Parnell ...	2nd	17/8/32	L./Cpl. J. West ...	2nd	27/1/34
Cpl. W. Makewell ...	2nd	17/8/32	L./Cpl. C. Kenny ...	2nd	17/2/34
Cpl. J. Riches ...	2nd	19/8/32	L./Cpl. J. Hinch ...	2nd	18/2/34
Cpl. A. Thorne ...	2nd	24/8/32	L./Cpl. S. Parry ...	Depot	6/4/34
Cpl. H. Clarke ...	2nd	2/9/32	*L./Cpl. R. Cummins ...	2nd	14/4/34
Cpl. W. Poulter ...	Depot	3/9/32	L./Cpl. A. Lowe ...	2nd	15/4/34
Cpl. H. Buckland ...	2nd	13/10/32	L./Cpl. L. Harris ...	2nd	29/4/34
Cpl. E. Elcome ...	2nd	10/11/32	L./Cpl. J. Walker ...	2nd	2/5/34
*Cpl. H. Marshall ...	2nd	14/1/33	L./Cpl. G. Girdlestone ...	2nd	5/5/34
Cpl. F. Knights ...	Depot	1/2/33	L./Cpl. W. Hamblin ...	2nd	10/5/34

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L./Cpl. L. Delaney ...	2nd	10/3/34	*L./Cpl. D. McCarthy ...	2nd	11/6/34
L./Cpl. W. Claxton ...	2nd	12/6/34	L./Cpl. H. Clay ...	2nd	23/6/34
L./Cpl. N. Rae ...	2nd	17/6/34	L./Cpl. A. Bursill ...	2nd	30/6/34
L./Cpl. P. Cain ...	2nd	22/6/34	L./Cpl. D. McKay ...	2nd	4/7/34
L./Cpl. A. Bettell ...	2nd	11/7/34	L./Cpl. A. Rose ...	2nd	4/7/34
L./Cpl. A. Blan ...	2nd	2/10/34	L./Cpl. H. Jennings ...	2nd	4/7/34
L./Cpl. G. Stanton ...	2nd	12/11/34	L./Cpl. F. Pryor ...	2nd	4/7/34
Unpaid :—			L./Cpl. A. Thompson ...	2nd	9/7/34
L./Cpl. C. Marsh ...	2nd	11/11/33	L./Cpl. J. Jones ...	2nd	13/7/34
L./Cpl. A. Peasley ...	2nd	15/11/33	L./Cpl. A. Pace ...	2nd	30/7/34
L./Cpl. G. Hockley ...	2nd	16/2/34	L./Cpl. F. Collman ...	2nd	15/8/34
L./Cpl. R. Williams ...	2nd	16/2/34	*L./Cpl. P. Davidson ...	2nd	19/9/34
L./Cpl. F. Eyles ...	2nd	16/2/34	L./Cpl. W. Cutts ...	2nd	21/3/34
L./Cpl. J. Davis ...	2nd	16/2/34	L./Cpl. B. Jacques ...	2nd	22/9/34
*L./Cpl. H. Page ...	2nd	18/2/34	L./Cpl. J. Lancos ...	2nd	22/9/34
L./Cpl. W. Nicholls ...	2nd	12/3/34	L./Cpl. H. Kidby ...	2nd	22/9/34
L./Cpl. H. Outten ...	2nd	6/4/34	L./Cpl. F. Chaplin ...	2nd	26/9/34
L./Cpl. E. Fletcher ...	2nd	23/4/34	L./Cpl. R. Stapleton ...	2nd	29/9/34
L./Cpl. A. Hudson ...	2nd	24/4/34	*L./Cpl. R. Barrett ...	2nd	1/10/34
L./Cpl. M. Trotabas ...	2nd	24/4/34	L./Cpl. C. Johl ...	2nd	10/11/34
L./Cpl. R. Rundle ...	2nd	8/5/34	L./Cpl. C. Haynes ...	2nd	20/11/34
L./Cpl. G. Robins ...	2nd	9/5/34	L./Cpl. R. Wigg ...	2nd	5/12/34
L./Cpl. J. Smith ...	2nd	11/5/34	L./Cpl. R. White ...	2nd	6/12/34
*L./Cpl. C. Jarvis ...	2nd	12/5/34	L./Cpl. E. Stebbing ...	2nd	6/12/34
L./Cpl. G. Parnell ...	2nd	6/6/34	L./Cpl. J. Tarnier ...	2nd	6/12/34
			L./Cpl. G. Bignell ...	2nd	6/12/34

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CAPTAIN JOHN W. WATERER.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred at his home at Ovingdean, on 7th September last, of Captain J. W. Waterer, late 23rd Battalion. The funeral took place at Ovingdean on 11th September. The gun-carriage and funeral party were provided by the London Rifle Brigade. Captain Waterer was Transport Officer of the 23rd Battalion, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Major D. V. Johnson, late 23rd Battalion, writes as follows :—

"The first news of his death was communicated to Lieut. Bungard on Monday, 10th September, and he was able to attend the funeral and bear a wreath in the Regimental colours, carrying the inscription :—

'From the Commanding Officer, Col. Bertram Abel-Smith, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., and Officers of the 23rd Battalion Middlesex Regiment, in affectionate memory of their brother officer and friend, Captain John Waterer.'

"Lack of notice unfortunately prevented a larger representation of officers,

but we are grateful that Lieut. Bungard was able to attend and follow our old comrade to his last resting place. So long was his service with the Regiment that it is almost impossible for any of us to think of the Battalion without him. His impaired health after the War and now untimely death, truly represent Jack Waterer's sacrifice in the service of his country."

GEORGE WILLIAM GRICE.

We regret to announce the death of this Old Comrade on 15th January, 1935, at the Westminster Hospital. He enlisted in December, 1906, and served at one time with the 4th Battalion and later with the 1st Battalion. He was severely wounded in France and had his left leg amputated, being consequently discharged in August, 1918.

The funeral took place at Lambeth Cemetery on 21st January. A Corporal and bugler from the Depot attended and took a wreath on behalf of the Regimental Association.

He leaves a widow and one daughter, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.