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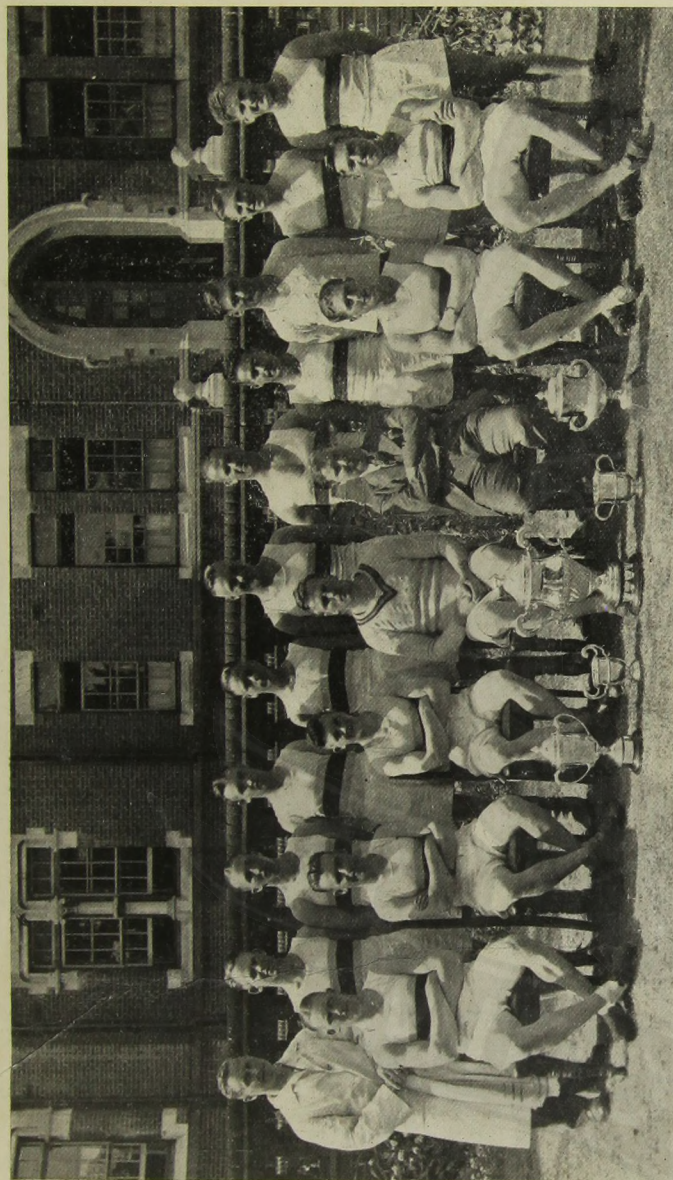
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Back Row—L./Cpl. Jarvis, Pte. Lowton, Pte. Grogan, Pte. Connor, Pte. Cane, L./Cpl. Rawlinson, L./Cpl. Eyles, Pte. Crossthwaite, Pte. Law, L./Cpl. Page, Bdm. Phipps.

Front Row—Pte. Fabry, Cpl. Day, Cpl. Hinch, Lieut. Willoughby, Mr. Natan, L./Cpl. Peasley, L./Cpl. Weller.

Absent (on courses, etc.)—Lieut. Unwin, 2/Lieut. Chiverall, 2/Lieut. Ormiston, L./Cpl. Delaney, L./Cpl. West, Pte. Coleman.

Winners—Southern Area, Southern Command, Hants, County Relay, Portsmouth and District A.A. League.

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Home Counties Area.

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

" Mysore," " Seringapatam," " Albuhera," " Ciudad Rodrigo," " Badajoz," " Vittoria," " Pyrenees," " Nivelle," " Nive," " Peninsula," " Alma," " Inkerman," " Sevastopol," " New Zealand," " South Africa, 1879," " Relief of Ladysmith," " South Africa, 1900-02."

The Great War—46 Battalions—" Mons," " Le Cateau," " Retreat from Mons," " Marne, 1914," " Aisne 1914," " La Bassée, 1914," " Messines, 1914," " Armentières, 1914," " Neuve Chapelle," " Ypres, 1915," " Gravenstafel," " St. Julien, 1915," " Bellewaarde," " Aubers," " Hooge, 1915," " Loos," " Somme, 1916," " Albert, 1916," " Bazentin," " Delville Wood," " Pozieres," " Ginchy," " Fiers-Courclelette," " Morval," " Thiepval," " Ancre Heights," " Ancre, 1916," " Bapaume, 1917," " Arras, 1917," " Vimy, 1917," " Scarpe, 1917," " Arleux," " Pickem," " Langemarck, 1917," " Menin Road," " Polygon Wood," " Broodseinde," " Poelcappelle," " Passchendaele," " Cambrai, 1917," " St. Quentin," " Rosières," " Avre," " Villers Bretonneux," " Lys," " Estaires," " Hazebrouck," " Bailleul," " Kemmel," " Scherpenberg," " Hindenburg Line," " Canal du Nord," " St. Quentin Canal," " Courtrai," " Selle," " Valenciennes," " Sambré," " France and Flanders, 1914-18," " Italy, 1917-18," " Struma," " Doiran, 1918," " Macedonia, 1915-18," " Suva," " Landing at Suva," " Scimitar Hill," " Gallipoli, 1915," " Rumani," " Egypt, 1915-17," " Gaza," " El Mughar," " Jerusalem," " Jericho," " Jordan," " Tell Asur," " Palestine, 1917-18," " Mesopotamia, 1917-18," " Murman, 1919," " Dukhovskaya," " Siberia, 1918-19."

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Regular and Militia Battalions.

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2nd Bn. (77th Foot)	Portsmouth.
5th Bn. (R. Elthorne Mil.)	Mill Hill.
6th Bn. (R. East Middlesex Mil.)	Mill Hill.
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Territorial Army Battalions.

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

Affiliated Territorial Army Battalions.

7th City of London Regiment	24, Sun Street, Finsbury
(Post Office Rifles)	Square, E.C.2.
19th London Regiment	76, High Street, Camden
(St. Pancras)	Town, N.W.1.

Allied Regiments of Canadian Militia.

The Peterborough Rangers	Peterborough, Ontario.
The Wentworth Regiment	Dundas, Ontario.
The Middlesex & Huron Regiment	Strathroy, Ontario.

Allied Battalion of Australian Infantry.

57th Battalion	Preston.
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Allied Regiment of New Zealand Military Forces.

The Taranaki Regiment	New Plymouth.
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Colonel:

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

Officer Commanding Depot:

Major N. H. B. Lyon, M.C.

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EDITORIAL



THE Old Comrades' Dinner this year will be held at the Drill Hall of the 1st City of London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers), Handel Street, W.C.1, on Saturday, 6th November, at 7.30 p.m.

We hope that readers will do what they can to increase the attendance.

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The attention of readers is invited to the notice at the end of the Regimental Association notes about a proposed Battlefield Tour.

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IT IS NOTIFIED THAT THE DATES FOR THE AUTUMN GOLF MEETING AT LIPHOOK HAVE AGAIN HAD TO BE ALTERED. IT WILL NOW BE HELD ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, 25TH AND 26TH SEPTEMBER, INSTEAD OF 9TH AND 10TH OCTOBER.

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We congratulate Lieut.-Col. B. G. Horrocks, M.C., on his receipt of the Brevet rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and Capt. C. M. Baldwin on his award of the M.B.E. in the Coronation Honours List.

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE CENTRAL LONDON RECRUITING DEPOT ON 28TH APRIL, 1937

PRESENT: Brig.-General V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O. (Chairman), Col. A. M. O. Anwyl-Passingham, O.B.E., D.L., Col. M. Browne, M.C., Col. E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Col. W. W. Jefferd, Lieut.-Col. C. W. Rooke, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Major N. H. B. Lyon, M.C., Major R. A. Slee, Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence, Capt. J. R. B. Worton, Capt. H. W. Clayden.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

2. HENDON GOLF CLUB

Proposed by Col. Samuel and seconded by Capt. Whinney that a replica, as for last year, of the Regimental Golf Cup should be presented to the Hendon Golf Club, in recognition of their hospitality to the Regiment. (Carried).

3. AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS

Proposed by Col. Browne, seconded by Major Slee, that the accounts should be audited annually by a firm of chartered accountants, and that the firm should be chosen by the O.C., Depot. (Carried).

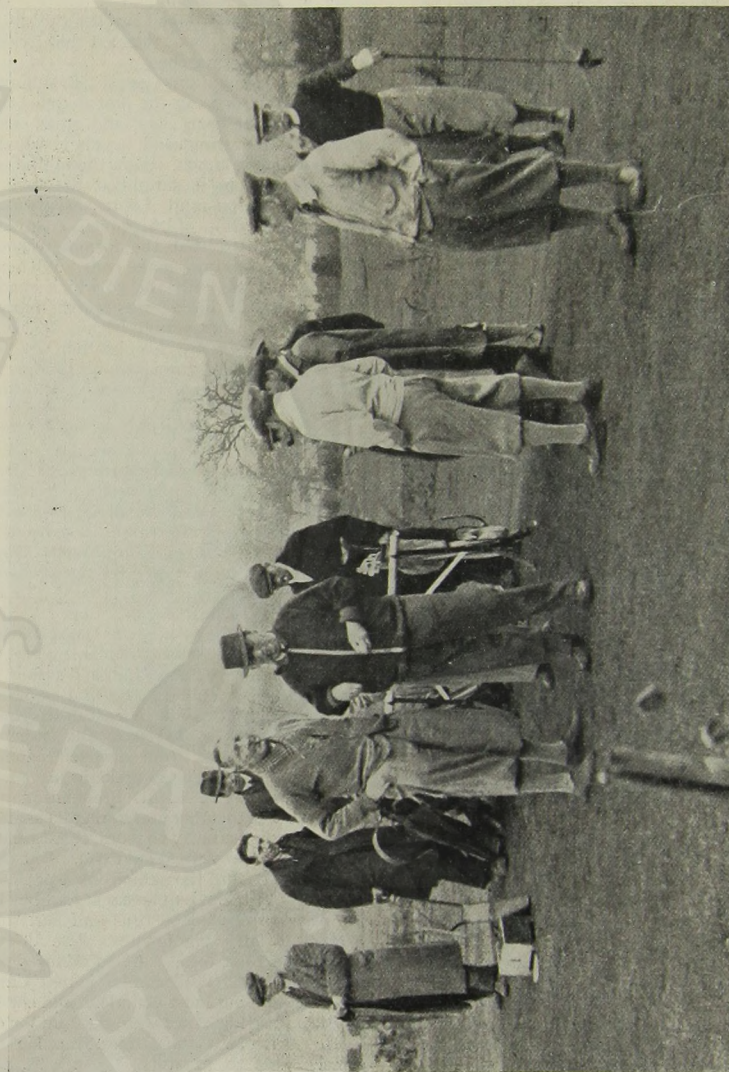
4. LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF NEW MOTOR MOWER

On the motion of Col. Jefferd, seconded by Major Lyon, the Secretary was authorised to pay the sum of £77 17s. 6d. as a loan.

Correspondence was produced showing that this sum would be refunded by the Eastern Command.

CRICKET

Another delightful week is over. We are left with only the memories. Memories, it is disappointing to relate, of only one success. But the delight and pleasure that this week always gives seems above wins or losses. We see the same faces each year, experience the same (or different) disastrous way of getting out as last year, accept or refuse the first and second glass of port, and to misquote the great Shakespeare, "What's



GOLF COMPETITION—PAST V. PRESENT

in a result?" We must admit that we are surprised at someone beating us, but we tasted defeat last year, and it cannot honestly be said that it was bitter.

In all honesty we must confess that with a stronger side on paper this year than last, we had hopes of an uninterrupted series of wins. There was Lieut. E. J. Unwin back in the side to bowl and bat, and Capt. E. L. Heywood and J. B. Worton to help give us a good start. And yet the composition of the teams brought its disappointments which may or may not be taken as a reason for our failures. Exigencies of the



Is it in?

Service claimed Lieut. C. M. M. Man on every day save two. Lieut. J. W. G. Ormiston on two days, and a split finger nail on the second day deprived us of Capt. E. L. Heywood for the remainder of the week. Yet none of these reasons can really excuse the two main factors which caused the large proportion of draws. First it appeared that the wicket was much too easy for the batsmen. That means the bowling was really not good enough to get the other sides out. Secondly, the number of catches dropped was far in excess of

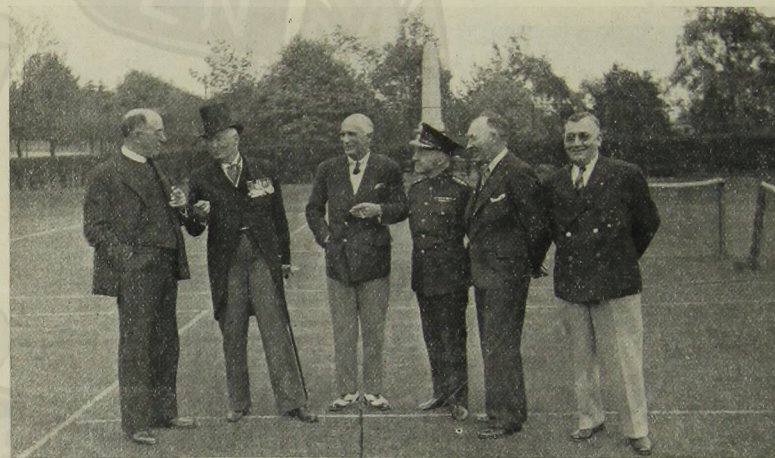
other years. In the Cryptics match alone there must have been half a dozen. But if it was not for dropped catches the rhymster could not have penned his truism about winning matches.

Like a good captain, Capt. C. T. Whinney won the toss for us in the first match. The wicket was far from easy, and great credit is due to Capt. Heywood for his invaluable 11 made before lunch. Soon though he was out after lunch, it simplified the task of Lieut. Ormiston and Lieut. Stephenson, whose partnership of 76 proved a valuable one. We heard that the former was out of luck and could not make runs. We heard later that it was only the 50 which evaded him. Certainly his 48 was worth many a 50. Our old enemy and friend, N. S. M. Atkinson, aided by his brother, B. G., found the pitch very much to his liking. He turned the ball very awkwardly, and after 134 for 4, our last six wickets could only add another 26. With two wickets for a bare 19 runs, there was every hope of an exciting finish. Unfortunately, the rain decided to put out of the question any finish to the match, and we were all left wondering in the pavilion as to the might have beens.

The Cryptics gave us a very nasty shock. We were quite unprepared for the agonising finish, and the frequent queries as to the time, and "Is this the last over?" For our agony and the suspense of the spectators we have only ourselves to blame. We do not wish to disparage Glanfield's fine innings, but he would be the first to admit that he was dropped at least four times. Lieut. Weston bowled well and suffered, perhaps, the most from dropped catches. We were left with 200 to make in just under two hours. With Lieut. Stephenson and Lieut. Unwin together and taking no chances but every opportunity to score, there seemed every reason why we should win. But they both got out, and the game took a dramatic change. With three-quarters of an hour left for play we needed 80 runs and had three wickets to fall. The Cryptics were all very much "on their toes." At 10 minutes past six, when Col. Wolcombe joined Capel, who was playing most confident and correct cricket, we realised we were fighting for our lives. What a twenty minutes. No one seemed able to sit still. There were constant enquiries as to the EXACT time, frequent *sotto voce* exhortations to the batsmen. And when time was finally

called, we all heaved a vast sigh of relief. Too high praise cannot be given for this magnificent partnership which saved us from defeat.

Maybe the reaction set in on Tuesday. Our bowling seemed at sixes and fours against the Metropolitan Police College, and our batting, except for a gallant 32 by Capt. Worton, we had best draw a veil. There were hard luck stories. None more deserving of sympathy than he, who shall be nameless, who received the unplayable ball. It pitched, he said, on his leg stump and hit his off pad.



Visit of Canadian Contingent Officers, Albuhera Day, 1937

The partnership of Stoneman and Crowhurst in their innings saw much excellent batting and running between the wickets. It was left to Capt. Clowes to break the partnership which had put on 175 runs with his very first ball, and to show it was no fluke, he promptly bowled Stoneman in his next over. There were smiles on the face of "our bowler."

The Free Foresters we would have beaten had things gone right for us. We made enough runs and left them enough time to get them. At one time in our innings things looked bad. But then, in the general opinion, we feel came the innings of the week from

Lieut. Weston. Even the opposition were genuinely sorry he just missed his 50. It is certain no more inspired or valuable innings was played. When he had made 41 Lieut. Weston was palpably worrying over those extra nine runs. His partner tried his hardest to console and ease him, but when he had made 48, and after having hit two perfect cover drives which were cruelly well fielded, Lieut. Weston played a shade too early and was caught behind the bowler. There was small doubt that he received the appreciation and applause due to him. Lieut. Stephenson managed to

take six of their wickets, but then his hostility seemed to disappear. It was certain the Beadle and Capt. Pedder had small difficulty in making a draw of the game. But a missed catch at ten minutes past six proved vital. He will excuse our honesty when we say it cost us the match, for Col. Turner proceeded to add another 30 runs in double quick time.

Thanks to some fine hitting by Lieut. E. J. Unwin and some well merited runs early on by Capt. Clowes, we were able to declare our innings closed against I. Zingari, leaving them two hours to get the runs. We were all grateful to Lieut. Unwin for causing

Major A. C. Wilkinson to play on just when that batsman began to look really dangerous. Some quick wickets to Lieut. Stephenson, and then Pte. Bridge, the third Depot representative to represent I. Zingari (there is small need to mention how much one Officer was affected and "honoured" by the occasion), came in to play a very valuable innings. A beautifully straight bat, and hitting the ball confidently, he stayed with Kingsley for a very valuable half-an-hour. Had he not lifted his head a fraction too soon to a ball from Capt. Whinney, we feel he would have thwarted

There only remains Saturday and the Hampstead match. We must not write too much, as if we do Lieut. Stephenson may assume ideas of exaggerated self-importance. Suffice that we gained a handsome revenge for last year. We must mention the innings of Lieut. Unwin and Lieut. Man. Both contained a large proportion of sixes. The field at the top end at one time hummed with military activity. It might well have appeared the recruits were on a field day, instead it was the search party looking for lost balls.



Visit of Canadian Contingent Officers, Albuhera Day, 1937

us to the end. Kingsley played a very good innings, but how we were longing to put an end to H. D. Read's agony! It was easy to perceive his discomfort and mental agony in the Pavilion. First his head appeared at the top window, then from the bar, then apparently at ease in a deck-chair, but Capt. Whinney, try as he might, could only graze Winter's stumps. They seemed to bear a charmed life, and with time called, we were left disappointed again. Only H. D. Read failed to share our feelings. We feel his side would have liked to have seen him shape for the final over.

Old and, we hope, new faces we shall see next year. New resolutions to cut down the luncheon hour and to have only one glass of port. New resolutions not to get out like we did last year. New resolutions to catch the blinking ball when it comes.

We look forward to next year then, with the happiest memories for 1937, and firm resolutions which we know will happily subside when the time comes.

But the game will go on. May we all be lucky enough to be playing it.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB v. HAMPSTEAD HEATHENS

Played at Mill Hill on 20th June. Result: Match drawn, rain stopped play.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB				
Capt. E. L. Heywood, c Bennett, b Berliner	11			
Capt. J. H. Clowes, b Berliner	14			
J. W. G. Ormiston, b N. Atkinson	48			
J. W. A. Stephenson, c Smith	49			
E. J. Unwin, b N. Atkinson	5			
C. M. M. Man, c Smith, b N. Atkinson	6			
Capt. C. T. Whinney, c D'Ambrumel, b Smith	5			
Capt. J. B. Worton, run out	0			
G. P. L. Weston, c D'Ambrumel, b B. Atkinson	2			
T. Capel, not out	2			
A. E. Green, b B. Atkinson	1			
Extras	17			
Total	160			

Bowling				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Berliner	13	4	30	2
B. Atkinson	5.1	1	16	2
Smith	14	4	41	2
D'Ambrumel	4	1	8	—
Burt	1	—	6	—
N. Atkinson	17	3	42	3

HAMPSTEAD HEATHENS				
P. B. Berliner, not out	16			
A. Bennett, c Worton, b Unwin	4			
L. D'Ambrumel, c Weston, b Green	3			
B. G. Atkinson, not out	5			
Extras	2			
Total (for 2 wickets)	30			
N. S. Atkinson, E. H. Allen, N. B. Smith, L. L. Burt, S. M. Gow, R. E. Moss, C. P. Mead did not bat.				

Bowling				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stephenson	7	1	14	—
Unwin	6	4	3	1
Green	2	—	5	1
Weston	1	—	6	—

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB v. CRYPTICS

Played at Mill Hill on 21st June. Result: Match drawn.

CRYPTICS				
B. Berg, b Unwin	2			
S. M. Absilom, b Stephenson	0			
R. K. Butler, c and b Unwin	11			
A. W. Bromage, c Stephenson, b Weston	32			
E. B. Glanfield, st Capel, b Stephenson	74			
Col. H. O. Carroll, c and b Stephenson	0			
J. C. W. Mackie, run out	34			
J. S. Duncan, lbw, b Stephenson	0			
J. C. Taylor, c Whinney, b Weston	10			
G. C. Moran, not out	21			
R. L. Sich, hit wicket, b Weston	0			
Extras	16			
Total	200			

Bowling				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stephenson	15	3	43	4
Unwin	13	1	53	2
Weston	6.4	1	26	3
Green	6	2	28	—
Whinney	5	—	19	—
Worton	1	—	15	—

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB

Capt. E. L. Heywood, b Moran	2
Capt. J. H. Clowes, lbw, b Taylor	0
Capt. C. T. Whinney, run out	6
J. W. A. Stephenson, c Butler, b Moran	33
E. J. Unwin, lbw, b Moran	31
A. E. Green, c Taylor, b Moran	10
Capt. J. B. Worton, c and b Glanfield	6
G. P. L. Weston, lbw, b Moran	3
T. Capel, not out	35
Capt. N. G. Gilbert, lbw, b Taylor	5
Col. T. S. Wollocombe, not out	9
Extras	23

Total (for 9 wickets) 163

Bowling				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Taylor	11	4	27	2
Sich	9	3	14	—
Moran	26	10	64	5
Glanfield	13	5	24	1
Butler	3	1	7	—

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB v. METROPOLITAN POLICE COLLEGE

Played at Mill Hill on 22nd June. The Metropolitan Police College won by 210 runs.

METROPOLITAN POLICE COLLEGE	
R. J. Wilson, b Weston	23
R. R. Reynolds, b Stephenson	35
R. J. Martin, b Green	0
H. S. Stoneman, b Clowes	101
K. D. G. Crowhurst, c Duncan, b Clowes	99
D. G. Brown, lbw, b Stephenson	1
B. C. Fay, b Stephenson	0
P. Marham, b Weston	11
G. Wharton, not out	7
B. A. G. Picton, not out	8
Extras	20

Total (*for 8 wickets) 305

* Innings declared closed.

A. A. Clark did not bat.

Bowling				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stephenson	22	7	79	3
Unwin	14	1	73	—
Green	5	1	28	1
Weston	9	—	41	2
Bridge	2	—	19	—
Williams	3	—	17	—
Clowes	3	—	18	2
Whinney	1	—	7	—

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB

Capt. J. H. Clowes, c Marham, b Martin	1
Capt. J. B. Worton, c Brown, b Stoneman	32
Capt. C. T. Whinney, b Fay	4
J. W. A. Stephenson, b Fay	0
E. J. Unwin, c Reynolds, b Stoneman	16
A. E. Green, b Stoneman	7
G. P. L. Weston, b Fay	3
J. S. Duncan, lbw, b Fay	5
Col. T. S. Wollocombe, not out	7
S. Bridge, c Clark, b Fay	0
A. Williams, b Crowhurst	0
Extras	20

Total 95

Bowling

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fay ..	10	4	15	5
Martin ..	5	1	17	1
Crowhurst ..	10.4	4	24	1
Stoneman ..	13	6	15	3
Reynolds ..	3	2	1	—
Brown ..	4	1	3	—

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB v.
FREE FORESTERS

Played at Mill Hill on 23rd June. Result:
Match drawn.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB

Capt. J. H. Clowes, c Kingsley, b Cartwright ..	0
Capt. J. B. Worton, c Nunn, b Kingsley ..	32
J. W. G. Ormiston, c Turner, b Cartwright ..	18
J. W. A. Stephenson, st Pedder, b Impey ..	90
E. J. Unwin, c Pedder, b Cartwright ..	0
T. Capel, c Bridge, b Cartwright ..	1
A. E. Green, lbw, b Cartwright ..	0
G. P. L. Weston, c Nunn, b Impey ..	48
Capt. C. T. Whinney, c Firbank, b Impey ..	1
Capt. N. G. Gilbert, c Bridge, b Firbank ..	7
Major L. A. Newnham, not out ..	0
Extras ..	13
Total ..	210

Bowling

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cartwright ..	22	9	51	5
Firbank ..	24	12	54	1
Nunn ..	8	1	29	—
Kingsley ..	10	2	38	1
Impey ..	4.4	1	25	3

FREE FORESTERS

Capt. L. C. R. Isherwood, b Stephenson ..	19
A. F. Abell, c Green, b Unwin ..	6
Major G. H. M. Cartwright, b Stephenson ..	10
M. Kingsley, b Stephenson ..	9
J. A. Nunn, b Stephenson ..	0
R. W. Beadle, not out ..	68
Col. W. M. Turner, c and b Stephenson ..	42
M. E. Impey, b Stephenson ..	4
Capt. G. R. Pedder, not out ..	12
Extras ..	5

Total (for 7 wickets) .. 175

S. Bridge and Capt. G. C. Firbank did not bat.

Bowling

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Unwin ..	18	1	60	1
Stephenson ..	17	5	44	6
Weston ..	4	—	39	—
Green ..	2	—	17	—
Whinney ..	2	—	10	—

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB v.
I. ZINGARI

Played at Mill Hill on 24th June. Result:
Match drawn.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB

Capt. J. H. Clowes, run out ..	22
J. W. G. Ormiston, c Wilkinson, b Read ..	3
Capt. J. B. Worton, lbw, b Read ..	2
J. W. A. Stephenson, b Kingsley ..	69

E. J. Unwin, not out ..	86
T. Capel, c Wilkinson, b Kingsley ..	3
G. P. L. Weston, c Winter, b Kingsley ..	6
Major L. A. Newnham, not out ..	8
Extras ..	12

Total (*for 6 wickets) .. 211

* Innings declared closed.

Capt. C. T. Whinney, A. E. Green and L. Williams
did not bat.

Bowling

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Read ..	20	4	61	2
Turner ..	16	5	40	—
Glenister ..	5	—	19	—
Kingsley ..	11	—	36	3
Wilkinson ..	2	—	24	—
Maitland ..	2	1	6	—
Campbell ..	4	1	9	—

I. ZINGARI

Major A. C. Wilkinson, b Unwin ..	19
J. H. Cripps, c Weston, b Unwin ..	35
N. F. Turner, b Stephenson ..	0
Capt. L. F. Marson, c Clowes, b Unwin ..	24
Cmdr. C. E. Glenister, c and b Stephenson ..	1
H. D. M. C. Maitland, b Stephenson ..	0
N. K. G. Campbell, b Stephenson ..	6
M. H. Kingsley, not out ..	66
S. Bridge, b Whinney ..	17
C. E. Winter, not out ..	6
Extras ..	14

Total (for 8 wickets) .. 188

H. D. Read did not bat.

Bowling

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Weston ..	6	—	54	—
Stephenson ..	18	4	48	4
Unwin ..	13	—	59	3
Whinney ..	5	1	10	1
Clowes ..	1	—	3	—

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB v.
HAMPSTEAD

Played at Mill Hill on 26th June. The Middlesex
Regiment Officers' Club won by 162 runs.

HAMPSTEAD

G. P. Mead, b Stephenson ..	0
P. B. Berliner, b Stephenson ..	7
L. D'Ambrumel, b Stephenson ..	7
N. S. Atkinson, c Man, b Stephenson ..	4
P. A. Newman, b Stephenson ..	16
G. F. R. Park, c Wollocombe, b Weston ..	19
F. Mennin, not out ..	37
J. D. Hamilton, c Wollocombe, b Weston ..	1
H. S. McClure, b Stephenson ..	3
J. F. Percival, b Stephenson ..	0
A. C. Carstan, b Unwin ..	0
Extras ..	8

Total .. 102

Bowling

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stephenson ..	13	5	21	7
Unwin ..	10.4	1	35	1
Whinney ..	3	—	19	—
Green ..	3	—	10	—
Weston ..	4	1	9	2

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB

Capt. J. H. Clowes, lbw, b Atkinson ..	17
Capt. J. B. Worton, c Berliner, b D'Ambrumel ..	5
J. W. G. Ormiston, c and b Percival ..	49
J. W. A. Stephenson, c Atkinson, b D'Ambrumel ..	63
E. J. Unwin, c McClure, b Mead ..	74
C. M. M. Man, c D'Ambrumel, b Mead ..	18
T. Capel, b Mead ..	9
G. P. L. Weston, not out ..	11
A. E. Green, st Newman, b Mead ..	0
Extras ..	18

Total (for 8 wickets) .. 264

Capt. C. T. Whinney and Col. T. S. Wollocombe
did not bat.

Bowling

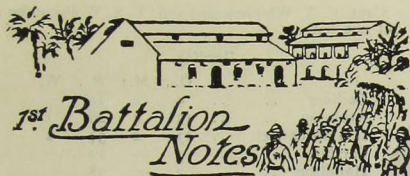
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Berliner ..	9	2	29	—
Atkinson ..	13	4	26	1
D'Ambrumel ..	13	2	54	2
Carstan ..	3	—	10	—
Hamilton ..	3	—	38	—
Park ..	3	—	46	—
Percival ..	4	—	27	1
Mead ..	2.5	—	16	4

REGIMENTAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

26TH AND 27TH JUNE

Results:

		Singles								
Capt. Clark	Fox	Perks 6—2, 6—3	Newnham 6—1, 6—2	Symes 7—5, 8—6						
Major Fox	6—3, 6—1									
Lieut. Perks	Perks	Newnham 6—2, 6—4								
Capt. Heywood	6—3, 7—5									
Lieut. Hicks	Unwin	Symes 6—0, 6—0								
Lieut. Unwin	6—0, 6—1									
Lieut. Ellis	Newnham	Miskin 6—1, 6—0								
Major Newnham	6—1, 6—1									
Lieut. Bridges	Symes	Ingham 6—2, 6—3								
Lieut. Symes	6—0, 6—0									
Capt. Bedwell	Bedwell	Perks & Clayden 6—0, 6—3	Newnham & Symes 6—1, 6—3	Newnham & Symes 6—2, 6—3						
Capt. Worton	6—4, 4—6, 6—0									
Lieut. Marsh	Miskin	Miskin & Ellis 6—1, 6—3	Miskin & Ellis 6—2, 6—2							
Capt. Miskin	6—1, 6—0									
Capt. Scott-Lowe	Ingham	Heywood & Green 6—2, 6—2	Heywood & Green 6—2, 6—2							
Lieut. Ingham	6—2, 6—3									
		Doubles		Mill Hill Plate						
Clark	Heywood	Ellis 1—6, 6—1, 6—3	Ellis 6—2, 6—4							
Heywood	6—1, 6—1									
Hicks	Ellis	Scott-Lowe 2—6, 6—4, 6—3	Scott-Lowe 2—6, 6—4, 6—3							
Ellis	walk over									
Bridges	Worton									
Worton	6—1, 6—2									
Marsh	Scott-Lowe									
Scott-Lowe	6—4									



LATELY a great deal of our time has been filled with Coronation celebrations, and more has happened in the last quarter than in many periods before.

First, there have been some changes in the Battalion. We mentioned in our last number R.S.M. Newman's departure. R.S.M. Farrow has already shown himself a very capable successor. On 4th March Capt. and Mrs. Crawford returned from leave; Capt. Crawford has taken command of "A" (S.) Company from Capt. Ayscough, who is now Administrative Officer. At the same time Capt. Walden joined the Battalion; he now commands "D" Company. His experience in boxing, athletics and other spheres will be a great asset to the Battalion; we wish him every good fortune. On 23rd April Capt. and Mrs. del Court rejoined the Battalion from the Depot, and we extend them a hearty welcome on their return. Lieut. Gwyn, who has been living above our level, on the staff at Fort Canning, for the last few months, left us on 12th May to go home on leave.

Owing to the preparations for the Coronation, and for a Tattoo that the garrison is to perform in August, little ordinary training is taking place. Eight Officers from the Regiment (Capts. Weller and Walden, Lieuts. Powell, Bellers, Fishbourne and Anson, and 2/Lieuts. Gudgeon and Weedon) and 16 others from command went to Kuala Lumpur from 15th to 18th March, for a "Junior Staff Ride," conducted by Lieut.-Col. Tidbury, who was assisted by Lieut.-Col. Welch and Capt. Marsh-Kellett. This exercise, which proved interesting and out of the ordinary, was carried out in the Kelang-Port Swettenham area. Afterwards, the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Tidbury went north from Kuala Lumpur, visiting Fraser's Hill and the Cameron Highlands (the two local Hill stations), also Kuantan and Pekan on the east coast. Lieut. Bellers and 2/Lieut. Gudgeon visited Lieut.

Whiting who is with the Malay Regiment at Port Dickson.

Capt. Walden and Crawford went to Port Dickson in April as instructors on a Course for the F.M.S.V.F. They returned complaining of having been bitten by countless mosquitoes, which at Port Dickson are not supposed to be malarial, so that nothing is done to destroy them.

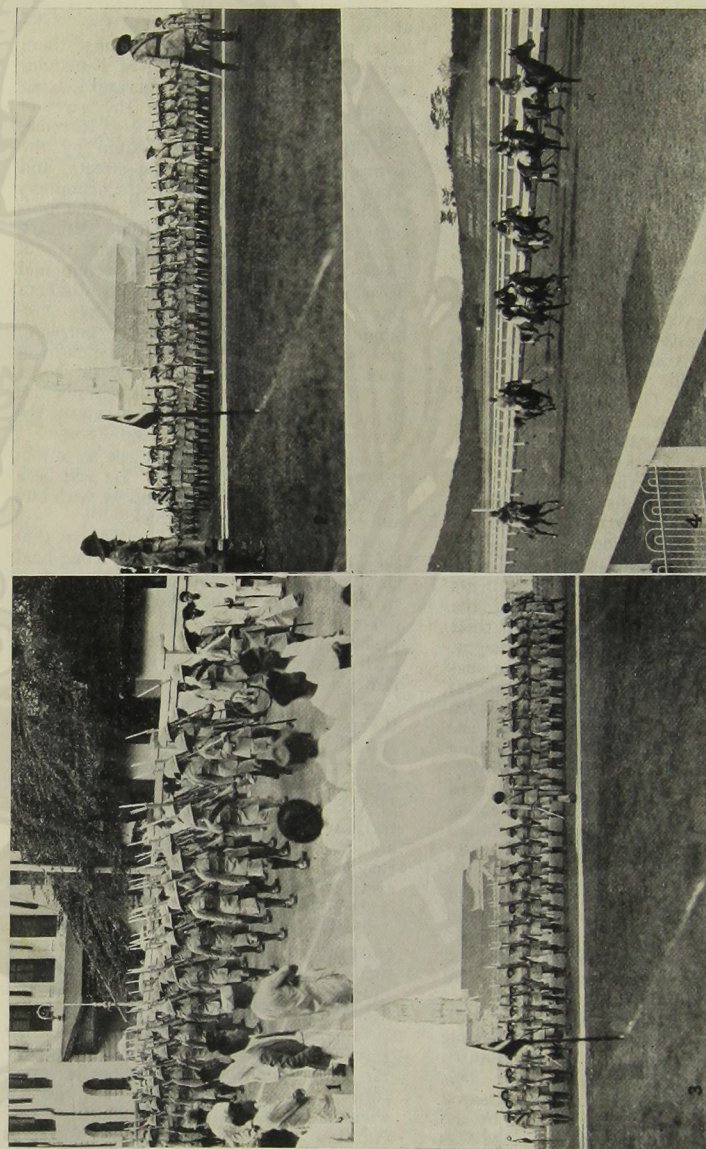
The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held on 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th March. "H.Q." Wing won the Company Shield, with "C" Company second, and No. 20 Platoon (Details) the Platoon Cup, with No. 18 Platoon second. L/Sergt. Brown had the best individual score in the Platoon Match, and Cpl. Sampford in the Company Match.

The Battalion began firing the A.W.T.C. at the beginning of April. There is only one rifle range for the three Regular Battalions, Volunteers and others, so that accommodation is limited, and the Weapon Training Officer, Capt. Newton, deserves great credit for his efforts, whereby the Course was finished in the time. Unfortunately, for many reasons, the shooting has not been very good.

On 3rd April, the 2nd Battalion, Gordon Highlanders, under Lieut.-Col. Burney, arrived in Singapore. They are now the third Battalion in the garrison, and are in the new barracks at Selarang, near Changi at the east end of the island, where we were originally supposed to have gone this year. (See page 601—second para. refers.)

Early in March, an old friend of the Regiment, Khan Sahib Shaboodeen, who has been contractor to this and other Battalions for many years, visited us from India. He very kindly gave a tea at the Singapore Zoo for the families, which was much enjoyed.

On 12th May representatives of all the units in the garrison paraded on the Singapore Cricket Club ground in celebration of the Coronation of His Majesty. After our assiduous daily training, the Battalion performed very well, and was afterwards congratulated by H.E. the Governor, and by many of the spectators, officially and unofficially. We paraded at about six o'clock in the morning, and were taken by lorries to Empress Place; from there we marched to the parade ground, where we were drawn up in columns of half-battalions, on a front of two companies. After the General and Royal salutes and a *feu-de-joie*



1. Coronation Parade: No. 4 Company marching through the town after the parade
3. Coronation Parade: No. 4 Company marching past.
Lieut. Powell

2. Coronation Parade: No. 1 Company marching past.
Lieut. Beadnell
Capt. Crawford
Lt.-Col. Tidbury

4. Lieut. Hall winning the Polo Pony Scurry, 21st May, at Bukit Timah

units left the parade ground in succession, marching through the town to the various rendezvous, where the lorries were waiting. It rained early in the day, so that the grass "Padang" where the parade was held was very slippery going, while the fairly long route march afterwards with fixed bayonets proved strenuous.

In the evening H.E. the Governor gave a garden party at Government House, which was well attended.

Albuhera Day was celebrated soon afterwards, on Sunday, 16th May. It rained heavily during the day; wet weather on Albuhera Day is traditionally correct, but a little dispiriting even in this country, where one becomes accustomed to torrential rain at short notice. According to custom, the Drums beat Reveille; the W.O.s and Sergeants visited the Officers' Mess in the morning, and in the evening entertained the Officers in the Sergeants' Mess. Greetings by cable were received on Albuhera Day from the Colonel of the Regiment, and Brig.-Gen. R. J. Ross; also from All Ranks Depot, 2nd Battalion, 7th Battalion, 8th Battalion and 9th Battalion.

As a Coronation and Albuhera token, a pamphlet was printed which includes in its fourteen pages a coloured plate of the Regimental Colours, a photograph of their Majesties, a short history of the Regiment, a full list of the Battle Honours, the succession of Commanding Officers of the 1st Battalion, the stations at which the 57th have served, followed by a roll of the Officers, W.O.s, N.C.O.s and men serving with the 1st Battalion on 16th May, 1937. It has proved popular in the Battalion at 20 cents. (5½d.). There are still some copies available, which will be posted to individuals requiring them on receipt of 30 cents. (8½d.) to cover postage.

During Coronation week we had the opportunity of seeing some very spectacular Chinese, Mohammedan and other processions on a large scale; the displays and illuminations revealed a strong Imperial spirit.

The Coronation celebrations ended with the beating of Retreat by the massed drums, pipes and bands of the three infantry battalions of the garrison, on 25th May. The weather was overcast, and it was feared that the ceremony would be stopped by the rain, but in the end the performance was most successful.

The origin of beating Retreat is not always properly understood. Until the latter part of the eighteenth century, there were no barracks in the United Kingdom, and troops were billeted at inns and lodging houses in different parts of the garrison towns. All general duty calls, e.g., Reveille, Retreat and Tattoo were beaten by the drums marching through the streets, and "taken up" and repeated by the drummers of the various quarter guards. The procedure is fully described in the "Military Guide," published in 1758. Reveille is still beaten by some regiments on ceremonial occasions, as by this Battalion on Albuhera Day; Beating Retreat is now purely ceremonial with no direct military purpose; and beating Tattoo has taken the form of a military spectacle lasting several hours of the night, and has lost all resemblance to the original call, which was simply the warning for roll-call and "Staff Parade."

Drum-Major Drew recently left us to join the Prison Staff at Taiping. He will be a great loss to the Battalion, and we wish him and his family the best of luck.

At the beginning of May, we heard that the Battalion would go to Hong Kong next trooping season—we hope December, so as to catch some of the cold weather. The move is very unusual, but most of us are pleased at the change. We have heard, with what certainty it is impossible to say, that we shall be quartered on the mainland.

Several Officers have been on leave during the past three months. Lieuts. Beadnell and Hewitt went to Japan at the end of February, visiting Hong Kong and Shanghai on their way, and returned at the beginning of April. Lieuts. Bellers and Langley went to Hong Kong and back on H.T. *Dorsetshire*, and Lieut. Allen made the voyage up the east coast to Tumpat. Capt. Hedgecoe is away at present in Japan, and Lieut. Hall is acting as Adjutant.

We are now in our second season of football in Singapore, and have had some successes. So far, the 1st XI has played three matches in the Garrison League and won them all; by 3—1 against the R.A.F., 4—1 against the R.E., and 3—1 against the R.A. In the Singapore Amateur League the 1st XI has won four matches out of seven, getting altogether six points. The 2nd XI won the Garrison League, on which we congratulate them, and up to now has won three matches out of four in the S.A.F.A. League.

Our greatest activity in the last few weeks has been athletics. The Inter-Company meeting was held on 19th, 21st and 22nd May, on which dates the Regiment was "At Home" and Mrs. Tidbury presented the shields and prizes. The individual meeting was held on 24th and 27th May. The results of both meetings are given separately.

The athletics decided the result of the "Albuhera" and "Mons" Shields, which were won by "A" (S.) Company, with 68 and 22 points respectively; we congratulate them, and also "C" Company, who were second for the "Albuhera" Shield with 57 points, and "H.Q." Wing, who were second for the "Mons" Shield with 15 points.

The W.O.s and Sergeants gave a most successful ball in celebration of the Coronation and the anniversary of the Battle of Albuhera. It was held in the Victoria Memorial Hall, Singapore, on 26th May, and was attended by many guests, amongst whom were Brig. Shakespear, Officer Commanding Troops, Malaya, and Mrs. Shakespear, Commodore Clarke, Senior Naval Officer, Singapore, and Mrs. Clarke, Lieut.-Col. D. G. McLeod, Commanding 2nd Bn., S.S.V.F., and representatives with their wives of most Naval, Military, Air Force and Volunteer units in Singapore. No more imposing setting than the Victoria Memorial Hall could be imagined, and although invitations had necessarily to be limited, there was ample floor space for the 500 persons present. The Ball proved worthy of the double occasion and its great success was, in large measure, due to the efforts of C.S.M. Brockman, C.S.M. Anderson and his committee, and to the Corporals and staff who ran the bars. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Mistri of the G. H. Cafe, Singapore, for his assistance and excellent catering. An illustrated commemoration brochure was presented to all guests and members.

Some of our Officers have been notably successful in the races at Bukit Timah. At the Skye Meeting on 20th May, Lieut. Chattey won the Polo Pony Scurry on Major Phillips' "Star," Lieut. Powell was second on Lieut. Chattey's "Ricebird," while Lieut. Fishbourne came in fifth on his "Little 'un." On the final day, Lieut. Hall won the Scurry on his "Dracula." These results throw great credit not only on the riders and their mounts but on the personnel of the Battalion's "racing" stable.

BATTALION ATHLETIC MEETING, 1937

PRIZE WINNERS—TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL

High Jump.—Team: 1, "A" (S.); 2, "B." Individual: 1, Corpl. Broughton, "A" (S.); 2, Pte. Sheehan, "A" (S.); 3, Pte. Bindon, "B."

110 Yards Relay.—Team: 1, "H.Q."; 2, "A" (S.).

Throwing the Hammer.—Team: 1, "H.Q."; 2, "B." Individual: 1, Sergt. Bullock, "B"; 2, Bdmn. Ryder, "H.Q."; 3, Bdmn. Baker, "H.Q."

Hurdles (4 x 120 yards).—Team: 1, "H.Q."; 2, "A" (S.).

Ten Laps.—Team: 1, "B"; 2, "C." Individual: 1, Pte. Berryman, "B"; 2, L/Cpl. Ellis, "C"; 3, Pte. Adams, "B."

Pole Vault.—Team: 1, "H.Q."; 2, "D." Individual: 1, Dmr. Bolingbroke, "H.Q."; 2, Dmr. Salmon, "H.Q."; 3, L/Sergt. Wadsworth, "D."

880 Yards Relay (4 x 220 yards).—Team: 1, "H.Q."; 2, "A" (S.).

Throwing the Discus.—Team: 1, "C"; 2, "A" (S.). Individual: 1, Cpl. Keefe, "C"; 2, Pte. Cox, "A" (S.); 3, Pte. Saunders, "A" (S.).

Two Miles Relay (4 x 880 yards).—Team: 1, "H.Q."; 2, "C."

Long Jump.—Team: 1, "A" (S.); 2, "H.Q." Individual: 1, L/Cpl. Freshwater, "A" (S.); 2, Bdmn. Hymas, "H.Q."; 3, Pte. Coombes, "C."

Putting the Shot.—Team: 1, "C"; 2, "D." Individual: 1, Pte. Izzard, "C"; 2, Pte. Berry, "D"; 3, Sergt. Bullock, "B."

One Mile (Team).—Team: 1, "B"; 2, "H.Q." Individual: 1, Pte. Berryman, "B"; 2, Pte. Tarrant, "H.Q."; 3, Pte. Adams, "B."

Throwing the Javelin.—Team: 1, "B"; 2, "C." Individual: 1, Pte. Crowhurst, "B"; 2, Sergt. Bullock, "B"; 3, Pte. Lever, "C."

One Mile Relay (4 x 440 yards).—Team: 1, "H.Q."; 2, "A" (S.).

FINAL RESULT OF MEETING

	"H.Q."	"A" (S.)	"B"	"C"	"D"
Total points	87	64½	60½	58	39
Position	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Points to "Albuhera" Shield	10	8	6	4	2

TRACK EVENTS—INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

100 Yards.—1, Pte. Steadman; 2, 2/Lieut. Gudgeon; 3, L/Cpl. Watson.

220 Yards.—1, Pte. Steadman; 2, Dmr. Salmon; 3, L/Cpl. Watson.

440 Yards.—1, Bdmn. Clubb; 2, Pte. McGrady; 3, Pte. Cox.

880 Yards.—1, Bdmn. Clubb; 2, Cpl. Keefe; 3, Pte. Tarrant.

Hurdles.—1, Bdmn. Hymas; 2, L/Cpl. Watson; 3, L/Cpl. Martin.

"H.Q." WING

Since our last contribution to the Journal, the Wing has lost and gained many new faces by drafts from the 2nd Battalion and losing time-expired men during the latter end of the trooping season. The best wishes of the Wing go with them for their prosperity and happiness in the new life they have undertaken.

In the sporting activities of the Wing, we are still holding our own; the Wing to date are winners of the Inter-Company Tug-of-War, and under the able leadership of Pte. Gromm, went through the League without losing a pull and the longest time taken to pull our opponents being 26 secs. This augurs well for the Wing in the "Small Units," the results of which will not be published until the December issue.

On 19th May we began the Battalion Inter-Company Sports and, by the results of the Inter-Group Sports (which was won by the Band), the Wing shows promise of being at the top or very nearly. If we do not win, it will not be for want of trying, as all our teams have trained consistently hard, and it is hoped that their efforts will be duly rewarded.

Bdmn. Clubb entered for the Open Mile at the R.A. Sports and won with ease against the champions of different units, and he is training hard for the Malayan Sports to lower his 880 yards record time. Readers will, no doubt, remember he broke last year's record by two seconds.

All Groups are having plenty of football with teams of Chinese, Malays, etc. The Inter-Company League has not begun, and again the Wing will not be unprepared.

Training still continues, and the A.W.T. Course will be completed by the time these notes are printed, but Company results will not be known until next issue.

Our Company Commander has carried out a series of T.E.W.T.s for N.C.O.s, so as to enable them to pass their promotion examination in June. They were thoroughly appreciated, and we look forward to more before the examination.

A new Signal Class is in process of forming. Training is in full swing, and we all hope that they will become as efficient as their predecessors in Signalling, sports and, especially, shooting, from where most of the Wing teams came.

The Wing and Battalion are losing a figurehead in the person of Drum-Major

Drew, who takes his discharge from the Army at the end of May to take up duties as a warder in one of the prisons of Malaya; a successful year of probation is wished him from one and all.

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EMPLOYED GROUP

That man's here again!

Our little group have been hitting the high spots since the last quarter's notes, so I think it is time we burst out with the news.

Like the rest of the Wing, we were very successful in the Battalion Rifle Meeting. We won the Platoon Cup by a large number of points, and had many of our members in the Company team. I must give full honours to our well-known friend, "Bat-eye Wass," whose shooting was the envy of all. O.K., "Tosher."

Next we come to our gallant attempt to win the Platoon Football Knock-out. We tried our very best, but I regret to say we were not quite good enough. We were beaten in the final by No. 3 Platoon, 2-1. Special mention must be made of our hard-working skipper (Jacko), who did everything in his power to win the day for us. Anyhow, we must thank No. 3 Platoon for a good clean game and congratulate them on winning.

We must congratulate our oldest member, O.R.Q.M.S. Finch, who is now the proud father of a son.

We have said farewell to a few of our Group during the last trooping season, namely, "Ginger Sahib," "Little bag of trouble," "Curly Top Lawrence" and "Little General Easthope." We wish them the best of luck in "Givvy Street."

Congratulations to "Fanny" and "Long Lush" on their appointment of Lance-Corporal.

Not being allowed any more space for this quarter, we wish our friends in the 2nd Battalion all the best.

TWISTER SAHIB.

BAND

The Coronation celebrations will be a happy memory to most of you by the time these notes are in print. We shall have plenty to remember it by, after so many rehearsals for the actual ceremonial parade,

massed bands beating Retreat, and, in addition, to playing at the Loyal Address. Well, "it's all in a day's work" we say as we wring out our fourth "Angola."

Much has been said about the lot of the British soldier in the past few months, but soldiers come and soldiers go; the bandsman, however, seems to be permanently on the inventory board. With the new army order affecting the trooping seasons, it looks as if quite a number of the Band will be having Christmas in Blighty; even "Spike" has gone down to two dollars a week. "Patience is a virtue, James."

Our training for Retreat seems to have stood us in good stead; in the Inter-Group Athletic Meeting we were easy winners and carried off the Shield with the help of such stalwarts as Clubb, Ryder, Hymas, Mog Goulding and Archie Veryard, who, despite secret training, finished in the same place as the horse you put your last five bob on. Never mind, every little helps, they say!

"Big Hearted Stan" entered for so many events that, as a post entry in the Pole Vault, he must have decided to have a sit while vaulting and gave a perfect trapeze act. He did very well to enable us to win the High Jump event with Ryder. The last named has the distinction of being the individual Athletic Champion of the Wing. Well done, "Flip"!

Lloyd has to take "congrats" this time for being picked, along with several other members of the Battalion, to represent the United Services at cricket; that "deadly googly, George."

Great things are expected of Clubb this year; as a Malayan athletic champion he has quite a lot to gain.

"Big Hearted" (the late cash Allbrook) has lately returned from the United Kingdom, after six months' leave, and has Louis Armstrong anything on him when it comes to hitting the high notes on Gabriel's Horn? I'll say not!

We welcome "Brother Joe" back from the School of Music, a full-blown married man. With the welcomes also come the farewells, to "Nobby Clark" and "Bill Goddard," who left on the *Dilwara*; good luck.

Our annual visit to the Bukit Timah rifle range began at the beginning of April, and now marksmen are plentiful. Sergt. Jeffree obtained highest score in the Group, but that flag at 500 yards came as a surprise.

In conclusion, we wish everyone a happy, if not a cool, Coronation week at home, and hope to hear from some of those ex-Band blokes.

STAND CARRIER.

DRUMS

After the usual "sweat on" and then the "sweat off" with our A.W.T.C. Course, in which some "busted," we have been busy practising for the Coronation parade, and the Massed Band and Drums Retreat Beating. The latter took place on the Singapore Cricket Ground, commonly known as the "Padang," on 25th May.

During our leisure hours, the main objects were the 440 yards, high jump, pole vault, etc., for the Battalion Sports, in which a number of Drummers are representing "H.Q." Wing. We obtained third place in the Inter-Group Sports.

Drum-Major Drew, after being with us for seven years as Drum-Major, is leaving for civilian life. We wish him all the best of luck in his new job.

L/Cpls. Ravencroft and Holdford went to Kuala Lumpur as instructors to the 2nd Selangor Battalion of the F.M.S.V. Force Corps of Drums. A very good report was sent to the C.O., congratulating the two N.C.O.s on their performance. We hope that they will give another one after their next tour of duty.

The main topics at present are: "Home Establishment," "Six months' leave" and "Hong Kong." We shall be losing quite a few of our clan during the 1937-38 trooping season, but we hope that some will change their minds and stay with their old friends.

Before closing, we welcome our new Drum-Major, and we hope that his stay with us will be a pleasant one.

Best of luck to the 2nd Battalion Corps of Drums.

FORKHAND.

TRANSPORT

During the past quarter we have had our Annual Gymkhana, held under the auspices of the Regimental Polo Club, which resulted as follows: *Best groomed horse*: 1, Pte. Reeves; 2, Pte. Desborough; 3, Pte. Walker. *Best conditioned horse*: 1, Pte. Lawrence; 2, Pte. Brett; 3, Pte. Thompson. *Best groom rider*: 1, Pte. Brett; 2,

Pte. Cheesley; 3, Pte. Beedle. *Champion charger*: "Tiger" (Lieut. Gwyn). The judges were: Major H. Phillips, M.C., and C.Q.M.S. Christie, M.M.

Polo is now in full swing and the tournaments are due to take place at the end of May.

We grooms hope that our team will win all matches here at Singapore, so that we can go up country for further tournaments and bring back the Cup.

Little is heard or seen of our drivers at Tanglin, and we all wonder if we shall be able to understand them when they eventually return here, or will they be just too Irish.

Ptes. Thompson and Fredman have now left their friend the horse for a rifle and bayonet and we wish them luck in their respective Companies.

We hope our home section is still able to exist amongst all these motors we here so much of, and wish them luck.

BLOWER.

SIGNAL SECTION

The Coronation and Albuhera Day celebrations are now over and the Section is settling down once again to normal routine. We had the honour of finding 10 representatives for the parade before the Governor on Coronation Day, and are also finding 10 more for the P.T. Display, to be given by the Battalion at the Command Tattoo this summer.

At the Inter-Group sports we badly missed our "star" performers of previous years, and lost the athletic shield to the Band. L/Cpl. Bowker is to be congratulated both on his appointment and for his efforts in the sprint events; and Pte. Lewis for running in the Company three miles team. The few other performers did their best, but more effort must be made next year if we are to regain the shield.

Ptes. Rogers and Connor have been playing regularly for the Battalion 1st and 2nd cricket elevens, and L/Cpl. King and Pte. Borton for the Company football team.

At the Regimental Rifle Meeting, held in February, the Signals maintained their excellent record of shooting efficiency. Represented by Lieut. Bellars (50), Sergt. Bayford (56), Ptes. Borton (49), Rogers (32), Lockyer (31) as best shots, and Bowker (10), Hassell (15), Goring (7), we obtained

second place in the Platoon Shoot. Our Lewis gunners, Sergt. Bayford, Ptes. Kent, Connor, and Hassell, obtained 5th place, and Ptes. Borton, Rogers, Hiscock and Lockyer were members of the winning Company Privates team. Most of us have now fired our Annual Course, and the best scores obtained were: Sergt. Bayford, 116; Pte. Borton, 113; Pte. Connor, 111; and Pte. Johnson, 110.

We look forward to welcoming back Lieut. Peal from his Course and leave, complete with his Signal Instructorship and the latest from the School.

Collective Training is just starting for the "old class" to prepare for Battalion Training in July. The "new class" are continuing their somewhat interrupted training, and we hope they will show some more promise than they do at present.

Sergt. Bayford and Cpl. Clark are to be thanked for converting the Signal Stores into an art gallery. Perhaps with his experience at the Regimental cinema, the former will provide us with our own "movies."

We congratulate Sergt. Bayford on his recent promotion to full Sergeant, and for obtaining the well deserved "tuppence" a day for the appointment of Signal Sergeant.

We send our best wishes to all who have left us and to the Signal Section at home.

MALA.

"A" (S.) COMPANY

Last quarter left us in preparation to move to a camp on the Island of Blakang Mati, and we will now continue our record of doings from that point.

This camp was the most convenient way of carrying out a concentration in miniature which mainly consisted of over water firing on the sea range there. We are all of the opinion that this camp was a perfect product of its kind, and we are quite prepared to spend our next change of air holiday in the same place. The R.A. very kindly placed their bathing pagas at our disposal, and there is no doubt that this alone added greatly to the enjoyment. In short, the whole thing was a howling success. Yes, howling's the word.

The whole of the quarter has been, to say the least of it, difficult. Guards and Duties being exceptionally heavy and with a Command Exercise wedged in, we certainly

have a fine time. This stress of duty naturally left us very little time up to date for other activities of the lighter variety, but now that the pressure has decreased considerably we are able to make up for that and play awhile.

In the Small Units Football League we are doing very well, and although we have played half of our games we are proud to say that we are still undefeated. We hope that this will continue until the end of the League, in spite of the fact that it is a lot to hope for. It is with great joy that we watch the increased proficiency of our Battalion first and second teams, and we are very proud to have so many of our Company represented in them. There seems to be every reason to think that these teams will produce some very satisfactory results in the near future.

We held our Company Sports Meeting on 1st and 2nd May, and consider that a very useful fund of information has been gathered from which the Company teams will be selected for the Higher Command Sports when they take place. It was very gratifying to the Sports Committee to see the interest taken by the various competitors and the team events were exceptionally well supported.

The Platoon Championship was decided and the Platoons finished in the following order: No. 2 Platoon, 60 points; No. 1 and No. 3 Platoons, 50 points; No. 4 Platoon, 40 points.

The Company furnished its quota of men for the Coronation parade and has now a large number under training for a Military Tattoo, which will be held some time later. This Tattoo should be very interesting as it is the first to be held in Singapore, and recalls to some of us the jolly times we spent at Olympia in 1929.

We welcome Capt. Crawford as our new Company Commander. He is very well known to most of us and we assure him that if he does not enjoy his stay with us it will be through no fault of ours. Sergts. Northcott and Bean have also joined us and we give them a very hearty welcome. Sergt. Northcott is extra welcome as he has undertaken to produce for us a cricket team which will add to our glory and give us that "old school tie" feeling.

The loss of Capt. Ayscough is very keenly felt by the Company, but we wish him the very best of luck and every success in his

job. He has been appointed General Manager to the House of Rothschild, or Chief of the Central Bank. Rumour has it, however, that he is still a keen student of stoppages on a new and terrible weapon called an adding machine.

"A" (S.).

"B" COMPANY

The last quarter has been a welcome change in the Company, both in sport and newcomers from England. A few men with sporting talent were found in our share of the last draft, but we still need more. Perhaps when the new D.C. soldiers come out we will be a super Company.

We were able to put some of the new men into the football team almost as soon as they arrived, namely, Ptes. Morgan and Chatton. Yes, you have guessed right; football is still our weak point. Although our games do not seem to improve much, the team has put up some hard struggles, which have been good to watch. In the Small Units League we have played nine games up to date and won one, that was against "C" Company, Pearson and Denham scoring the only two goals of the game. Of the other eight games, we have lost five and drawn three. Mention must be made of L/Cpl. Pace, who has always put up a good performance in goal, in spite of being on the losing side frequently. In the Inter-Platoon Knock-out, No. 5 Platoon beat last year's holders, but lost to No. 16 Platoon after two replays. No. 6 Platoon got into the third round before being knocked out. We congratulate No. 3 Platoon on winning this competition. Whilst on the subject of football, we welcome Pte. Dry, from "H.Q.," for our Company team.

We will miss a hockey player of no mean repute in Pte. Gorman, who has gone to the Wing. He must be thanked for helping us to win the Company League, in which we beat "C," "D" and "H.Q.," and drew with "A" (S.). In the Command Knock-out we were rather unlucky to lose in the Area Final to the Hong Kong and Singapore Battery, R.A.

Water polo has come to a close with the Company getting fourth place. Little interest has been taken in this sport this season, owing to the lack of bathing facilities.

A very successful two days was spent in the Company Sports. Mrs. Overell gave away the cups. Sergt. Bullock showed us how the shot and hammer should be thrown, in spite of wet and muddy ground he threw the hammer 107 feet, the shot 34 feet and the javelin 130 feet. Pte. Berryman won the mile by a few yards from Pte. Adams; this was the hardest fought race of the day.

We conclude our notes with a longing, longing glance in the direction of Hong Kong for some, and for the more fortunate a more longing glance north-westward.

"C" COMPANY

At the distribution of prizes, at the close of the Battalion Athletic Championships, "A" (S.) Company received the "Albuhera" Shield. "C" Company were second, which was a disappointment to many, but a very creditable performance, on the whole.

During the past few months four major events have occurred: the Coronation, the Battalion Rifle Meeting, the Battalion Athletic Meeting, and the arrival of a new draft.

The Coronation, as celebrated in Singapore, affected us in a variety of ways. At first, innumerable parades at the break of dawn on the sports field improved the drill of fifty of the Company, so that when the great day arrived they were proficient on the parade ground and sweated in abundance on the march to Chinatown that followed. Then, many made Coronation week "big pay" week, and proceeded to the town to see the gaily decorated streets, the lighting effects and numerous processions. Of these the Chinese produced the best, being a vivid example of their artistic temperament, though the Malay procession was almost as good.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was a success for "C" Company, who did very well to be second to "H.Q." Wing in the Champion Company Shield. In Match No. 1 the Company was second, and in Match No. 3 first. No. 9 Platoon won the honour of being the best shooting Platoon in the Company and was third in the Platoon Cup, fifth in Match No. 2, and third in Match No. 4. Congratulations are due to Cpl. Sampford, first in the Company Match with a score of 85 points; to Pte. Styles and Capt. Weller, first and third in the Revolver

Match; to L/Sergt. Brown and Sergt. Paterson, first and third in the Platoon Individual Scores Matches.

On 6th and 7th May the Company Athletic Meeting was held. The meeting was run on an Inter-Platoon basis and in this way greater interest was gained. No. 11 Platoon gave a good performance and won the Platoon Athletic Shield. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Weller, who very kindly distributed the prizes.

This meeting was a prelude to the Battalion Athletic Championships, and gave us great hopes of doing well, but those hopes were shattered badly and our final positioning in the Athletics Shield was fourth. However, congratulations are due to the whole Company team for their valiant efforts and especially due to Ptes. Izzard and Taylor for winning the shot, to Cpl. Keefe and Pte. Lever for winning the discus, and to L/Cpl. Ellis and Ptes. Burnett, Carrell and Burbidge for the fine performance this team gave in the ten-laps event.

The new draft arrived in H.M.T. *Dilwara*, and were welcomed to the Company. We are glad to see how well they have settled down in a new Battalion and a strange country, and the interest they are taking in sport. Sergt. Soper arrived with the draft and Sergt. Thompson rejoined the Battalion in April. We are very pleased to see both again and especially glad to have them in the Company.

Our football team has given promising signs of a great future; in the series of matches which have been played in the Garrison Small Units League, the team has improved with each match. Among the individual players, Ptes. Marable, Drake, Coomer and Izzard have all played in Battalion teams. We should like to see some more excelling themselves in this way.

The tug-of-war team, under the guidance of Sergt. Paterson, did not do so well as was expected of them, though they trained and worked hard for the event.

In this new Albuhera year which has just begun we have great hopes for the future. Who knows what giants our football team may slay? Our cricket team has great strength on paper, with 2/Lieut. Gudgeon, Sergt. Paterson, L/Sergt. Painter and Ptes. James and Coombes, who are all members of the Battalion 1st XI, not to mention Pte. Dehnel, the Battalion official scorer. Do not forget that last year we won the

boxing and cross-country. Perhaps in this year the cry of "Lucky old 'A'" will be turned to "Lucky 'C.'"

"D" COMPANY

Accuracy is the chief characteristic of the rifle, the bayonet is the weapon for hand-to-hand fighting, and the use of it often leads to victory; the fountain pen is the instrument with which to write, and as these notes must be written, I can only surmise that the pen is even mightier than the rifle and bayonet.

Having found a new way of introducing our notes, we must now apologise for having failed to produce any for the May issue of the Journal. Apparently something went wrong with the works—or, maybe, we were in the middle of our Annual Weapon Training Course, for that is one occasion when the statement in my opening paragraph does not apply, or does it? (For answer, see "Notes on Butt Marking, 1937.")

Men may come and men may go, that must be the answer to why so many troopships call at Singapore. Some arrive with drafts and others leave for England with batches of joyous home-goers. We welcome those who have arrived and wish all those who have gone a happy and successful voyage along the path of life, wherever they may be. To our new Company Commander, Capt. Walden, to 2/Lieut. Langley and to C.S.M. Anderson we offer a hearty welcome and hope that we may become a happy family and that success will be ours in every branch of military life.

Sport comes next on my list of notes and I am afraid that this has to be treated rather tenderly as it is rather a sore point. We seem to have dropped into a rut, from which the recovery is slow, but, however slow it is, you can be sure that it is not our intention to remain there. Perhaps we shall have more pleasant reports to make on this point next time. We congratulate Pte. Saw on his brilliant performances as a member of the Battalion 1st XI team at football, and also Ptes. Courtney, Wilkinson, Simmonds and L/Cpl. Hammond on their displays for the 2nd XI. Congratulations are also extended to Ptes. Berry and Buckle for their consistently good form at water polo in the Battalion team, and to Sergts. West and

Hiscocks, L/Cpl. Sturdy and Ptes. Berry and McGrady for having been selected as members of the Battalion athletic team.

There is one thing of which we are proud, and that is the very efficient performance put up by the members of the Company on the Command Coronation Parade. The drill and steadiness of these members was outstanding and even the Colour escort was very much "colour escort." The Coronation celebrations completed we are now to be trained for a physical training display, which is part of a tattoo, the first of its kind to be held in Singapore. Torch bearers and crusaders are also being supplied by the Battalion and there are many rumours afloat coupling the numbers 29 and 36 with O.B.E.s.

Recently we had a burglary in the Company office, the Company Commander's safe being broken open. What the cracksmen were after remains a mystery, and there has been no reward offered. Perhaps some autograph hunter wanted his Conduct Sheet, because of the innumerable Officers' signatures thereon. Who knows?

In conclusion, we should like to point out that it still rains in Singapore, and that the elements have no respect for time, place or occasion; it even rained on Coronation Day and Sports Day. It is raining now, as I pen these notes, the first notes for the Journal of the reign of King George VI and his Queen. To them, we men of "D" Company do swear allegiance and do trust that their reign may be long, happy and, above all, peaceful.

DON.

SERGEANTS' MESS

"For men may come and men may go, but I go on for ever," or so it seems when we have to record the following comings and goings during the quarter: C.S.M. Anderson, Sergts. Northcott and Soper from the Depot, Sergt. Bean from the 2nd Battalion, and Armr./L/Sergt. Walker from the "Skins." C.S.M. Russell to the F.M.S. Volunteer Forces, Drum-Major Drew to civvy life (with the Prisons Service, Malaya), Sergt. Williams to the Depot, Sergt. Champion to England for a Vocational Training Course, L/Sergts. Roseblade and Cladd to civvy life, Armr./L/Sergt. Lane to Tidworth (with his gas mask) and the clock to the repairers (shortly after the

arrival of Armr./L/Sergt. Walker, curiously enough).

Our best wishes go with the departed members, and we extend a hearty welcome to the arrivals, only one of whom, L/Sergt. Walker, is a new face.

We congratulate the following on promotion: C/Sergt. Hazeldine to C.S.M., Sergt. Northcott to C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.), and L/Sergt. Bayford to Sergeant.

C.S.M. Brockman has taken over the entertainments of the Mess and we have to thank him and his committee for many an entertaining evening during the past quarter. In addition to the fortnightly functions, several dancing lessons have been held with an instructress willing to allow members to tread on her toes during the process of learning.

We said good-bye to the home-goers at a fancy-dress dance and social shortly before the departure of the *Dilwara*. There were several interesting disguises—Armr./L/Sergt. Lane as a lady (?) for instance, all except his boots—and competition for the most complete collection of a given list of articles was very keen. I need only mention a few: a hairpin (prehistoric), a frog (naturalistic), a photograph of oneself (artistic), Union Jack (patriotic), and a copy of orders for 14th February (optimistic).

Two medley evenings on successive Sundays were enjoyed by all, especially the conjuring entertainment on the second occasion.

A social evening and games tournament—old soldiers (18 years' service and over) versus the attached members—ended in a draw, in spite of the excellent work put in by R.S.M. Farrow on the dart board. The final clue of the treasure hunt led to the coal cellar, which had been specially prepared by an expert for the reception of the lucky (?) first arrivals.

The Mess paid a visit to the Gordons shortly after their arrival. We arrived to the strains of some good old Scotch songs and were entertained by the Gordons with a variety of English ditties—the cockney accent was truly remarkable.

To mention outdoor sports; the tennis team played a friendly against the R.E.s at Changi. The badminton court is, we hear, ready for play. Clock golf continues to attract enthusiasts, who are busy removing turf and reducing handicaps—

language has, however, not yet reached the true golf standard.

We met the attached members (Widgery's) on the 30 yards range on two occasions, both of which ended in our favour. Having, at the first meeting, realised that a rifle has a backsight and a foresight, the "attached" were ready for revenge the next time, but came unstuck on "Find the Lady." Q.M.S. Widgery, R.E., produced the top score; with outers counting as bulls, magpies as inners and so forth, we hesitate to mention that he aimed for the bull every time.

Albuhera Day was celebrated in the usual style. The following ex-member of the Regiment attended the dinner on Albuhera night: Mr. Pockney of the Prisons Service, Malaya.

CORPORALS' CLUB

Not much has happened since our last notes appeared. The Club has been holding the usual fortnightly socials, which continue to be a popular event. Albuhera Day was spent very quietly, owing to it being a Sunday; nevertheless, with the aid of L/Cpl. Smalley on the piano accordion, and "Hosko" doing the crooning, an enjoyable evening was spent.

The sports and athletics in the Battalion have shown a decided improvement of late, and, judging by the performances put up at the Albuhera Sports, there is every reason to think we should win the Command Meeting.

Many of our members are leaving us during the next trooper, and consequently those members remaining are busy working out their chance for pay, and one up; they may be seen in odd corners busily crossing something off what looks suspiciously like the seniority roll, but when asked, they murmur something about working out how much they can draw at the end of the month.

The Club held a Coronation and Albuhera Ball during Coronation Week, which was well attended, several members had to buy new patrol suits afterwards, owing to (according to them) the floor being too slippery; one member of the committee found it so dangerous that he sat out the later hours on the verandah.

We are now looking forward to our move to Hong Kong in October (according to the

boot boy); from what one hears from those who have been there, it seems to be a good station.

In conclusion, we send our regards to all junior N.C.O.s of the 2nd Battalion and Territorials, hoping they enjoyed a good time on Albuhera Day.

"POPEYE."

FOOTBALL

Here in Singapore, the football season is nearing the half-way stage and at this juncture we are holding our own with the best in the island, after a very poor start. This past month the most pleasing feature of the team has been their keenness, fitness and improved team work. Several changes have proved successful. The moving of Watson from centre-forward to partner Bayliss at full-back was indeed a bold stroke, but results have justified it. Watson is playing better to-day than at any period of his football career. Pearson, the outside-right of a couple of seasons ago, was tried at outside-left during the unfortunate sickness of Dean, and was ultimately moved into the centre-forward position. Ryder was moved to the right flank from the inside position, and in proof that they have both made successes, Ryder was selected as right winger for Singapore, whilst Pearson was centre-forward for the Services. Bayliss and Saw were also selected, Saw for Singapore and Bayliss for the Services. Congratulations to all four of them. Tait, a newcomer to the Battalion team, was "found" during a Company game and was at once moved into the first team. Certainly a big jump for him, but he has proved worthy of the honour. Congratulations to the whole of the first team are due from us all, for during the last two months they have moved from almost bottom to second place in the 1st Division, S.A.F.A. League.

In view of the many changes effected in the first team, necessitating a constant reshuffling of the second team, their record to date is very praiseworthy. League Champions of Division II, Garrison League, and, at the moment of writing, runners-up to the Post Office in the S.A.F.A. League, Division II.

The Garrison Small Units League is nearing its close and, barring accidents, "A" (S.) Company cannot fail to win it. This is indeed a very praiseworthy effort,

as they are playing without the assistance of five of their stars.

Positions and teams to date:

1st XI.—Clargo; Bayliss (capt.), L/Cpl. Watson; L/Cpl. Freshwater, Bright, Mizon; Dean, Saw, Pearson, Tait and Ryder.

2nd XI.—L/Cpl. Hartley, Jackson, Williams, Sheehan, Courtney, Wilkinson, L/Cpl. Hammond, Simmonds, Caul Hedges, Chapman, Coomer, Marable, Crowhurst, Izzard, Drake, Mills, Sergts. Bullock and Britton.

1st team:

Leaders of Division I, Garrison League.
Second place, Division I, S.A.F.A. League.

2nd team:

Winners of Division II, Garrison League.
Third place, Division II, S.A.F.A. League.

"A VICTORIAN DIE-HARD".

OLD age is an insidious matter. In these days we manage to keep it longer at bay than did our forefathers. It is perhaps as well that we should at times be reminded of its presence. I got such a reminder when the Editor of THE DIE-HARDS suggested to me (being 56 years old) that some description of the conditions and incidences of the first commissioning of an Officer of my generation might be of interest. I doubt the interest, but as the Editor is insistent, I am sending him this short account with my apologies for probable inaccuracies due to a defective memory and for the necessarily personal nature of the account.

Coming as I did from a family of whom all the males had served as Officers for several generations, it never seemed to occur to anyone responsible for my future that I could adopt any other career. I was sent, therefore, to an "Army" public school, the boys of which were mainly the sons of Officers and in due course, being just seventeen years old, presented myself for the entrance examination for Sandhurst. At that time there was considerable competition. About 700 candidates competed for 80 or 90 Cadetships. The age limits were from 17 to 19 years. During those two years four entrance examinations were held, but a candidate was allowed to compete three times only. To allow for a further six months' study, most of them

took the last three examinations. My House Master, doubtlessly being anxious to be rid of me, insisted that I should take the first examination after I had passed my seventeenth birthday. As a result of his insistence, on arrival at the Royal Military College, I found myself the youngest gentleman cadet on its rolls. This precocity had its corollary, as I was subsequently both the youngest Captain (being promoted just after my twenty-second birthday) and one of the youngest Commanding Officers in the Army—and consequently also one of the youngest retired Officers of my rank. As I was under the standard weight, my admission to the College was made conditional on my rectification of this omission. This I failed to do during my stay at Sandhurst. On leaving it I received a letter from the War Office to say that the grant of a Commission to me would also be conditional on my subsequently reaching the desired weight. Many years later I came across this communication, and, having by then reached the respectable weight of 12½ stone, I felt inclined to send the Army Council a photograph of myself as evidence of my earnest endeavour to follow out their directions.

Looking back at my days at Sandhurst, my main recollection is of the perfectly useless nature of much of the instruction given there. Many hours spent on the parade ground under the smartest N.C.O.s of the Brigade of Guards, certainly turned the Gentlemen Cadets into very smart Private Soldiers. Instruction in the duties of an Officer, and the leadership of men, was singularly lacking. Cadets spent weary hours drawing very bad plans of fortresses which more enlightened instructors might have foreseen were already obsolete. Further hours were spent in, to me, most exhausting lessons in the use of the sabre. Tactics were studied from dry as dust tomes written by distinguished Generals whose minds were still in the Crimea. Practical tactical instruction in the field did not exist. Even lessons in horsemanship were entirely confined to the riding school. Cadets were never allowed to ride any horses other than their own across country. Attendance at the rifle range was voluntary and unless a cadet became, as I myself did, interested in rifle shooting, he could leave the college without much idea of the use of the rifle other than something on which to make

"the hand tell" in presenting arms. In fact, at the end of our time at Sandhurst, we were left singularly ill equipped with knowledge to weigh against that of the natural fighters who were shortly to end so many of our lives in South Africa.

Discipline was fairly strict; restriction (confinement to barracks) and extra drills were freely awarded for minor offences which would have earned a private soldier only a mild admonishment. Messing was good. Cadets were not permitted to drink beer or spirits. The nearest approach to this allowed was what I now think must have been a horrid mixture of claret and lemonade. Rather to my astonishment in my last term I was made a cadet corporal, and vested with a little brief authority.

In this term we were called upon to fill up a form specifying the Regiment to which we wished to be gazetted.

As practically all my forebears had served in a particular Highland Regiment, I naturally entered myself for this. It so happened that the soldier servant whose services I shared with some half a dozen other cadets, was a reservist of the "Die-hards." He had had many conversations with me about the super excellency of the Regiment. He had, however, been for some time employed in the Officers' Mess and had been so impressed by the cost of living in it, that he strongly advised me not to think of joining unless I were possessed of large private means.

Shortly before I was due to leave Sandhurst I received information that there was unlikely to be an immediate vacancy in the Regiment for which I had put my name down. I was given the option of being posted elsewhere or of remaining uncommissioned until a vacancy did occur.

My parents being dead, in this dilemma I consulted a retired brother Officer of my father's. His advice was that, as a war seemed imminent and would probably only last a few months, I should get my Commission with a little delay as possible. This advice I took and a month later found myself gazetted as 2nd Lieutenant in the 77th Regiment. On receipt of this information, which was accompanied by a letter from the Adjutant giving me the name of the Regimental tailor and enclosing a specimen of a correct visiting card, I again sought advice from the same Officer as to any information he could give me regarding the Regiment

I was about to join. His reply was: "All I can tell you is that it is a thoroughly good Regiment with the best-looking lot of Officers in the Army, and you, I fear, will spoil their average." Here I would like to say that a few months on the active service which I saw soon after joining, with my realisation of the sterling qualities of gallantry, resource, good humour and loyalty of the men of the Middlesex Regiment, effectually changed any regret that I had not been posted to the Regiment of my first choice. A posterior singularly formed by nature to the showing off of a kilt was thus for the next thirty years to remain in the comparative oblivion of trousers.

In due course I visited the Regimental tailor and was fitted for the necessary uniform, consisting of a black grey greatcoat with brass buttons, scarlet tunic, scarlet patrol jacket, blue patrol jacket, mess jacket with half a dozen white waistcoats, and the accompanying overalls, trousers, white gloves, belts, sword and sashes, helmet and caps.

This, with the necessary uniform cases, stands for pipeclaying gloves, etc., ran to a cost of some £150. There was, of course, no Government allowance of any kind to meet these charges. I next visited an Army outfitter to purchase the furniture for my quarters. This was a type to withstand the frequent moves of a military life. It consisted of a mahogany chest of drawers which came into half, each half being packed into a green wooden packing case with hinged doors. The cases themselves, when placed one on top of the other, formed a convenient cupboard. Fortunately I was spared the expense of this item, as both the sets belonging to my grandfather and father were still available and in good condition, although the first Officer had served in the Peninsular War. There was also a green wooden bath, the lid of which, when screwed on to a stand, formed a table; into the bath went a collapsible three-tier mahogany washstand with brass supports, the screws of which were invariably lost by one's soldier servant. Accompanying this was the necessary enamel toilet ware. The furniture was completed by a heavy collapsible chair, a looking-glass in case, a leather arrangement for holding swords, whips, etc., a long boot jack and an immensely heavy iron collapsible bedstead, which fitted into a coffin-like box whilst

the mattress and bedding were rolled into a black leather valise with innumerable straps. Most of these were broken by one's batman at the first move. The bill for these necessities came to some £35, so that an embryo Officer had very little change out of £200 before he was equipped. Within a few months of joining I had a further expense of about £50 in buying active service kit. Queen Victoria graciously completed the furnishing of the Officers' quarters with a small wooden table, a Windsor chair, an iron fender and fire irons.

About this time I received a communication from Messrs. Cox and Co. to the effect that they had drawn a month's pay for me in advance at 5s. 3d. per day, but that as the whole of this had been utilised in paying Mess and band subscriptions, my account showed a small debit balance.

I had now to face the ordeal of joining. The prospect was to me somewhat alarming. It must be remembered that I was then 18, an age at which most of my contemporaries had still another year to complete at school. Moreover, I appeared even younger than my age, a fact of which I was painfully aware and which gave me something of an inferiority complex.

On the appointed day I duly arrived in the late afternoon at the garrison station and, piling such of my kit as had not preceded me into a four-wheel cab, I was driven through the barrack gates, past a sentry (who, of course, took no notice of me) and arrived at the Officers' Mess. Somewhat to my relief, I found this deserted. A kindly-disposed Mess Sergeant took charge of the situation, had my baggage transferred to my quarters and detailed a batman to unpack it.

A couple of hours later, having struggled into my new mess dress, I was standing in the Anteroom. I was first impressed by the fact that my early mentor's estimate of the good looks of the assembled Officers had been correct. They certainly were an exceptionally fine-looking lot of men. I was also impressed by their age. At that time the senior Captains had about 24 years' service, the senior subalterns about 15, and the Second Lieutenants nearly 6 years. To me they appeared very elderly.

At that time it was customary to take very little notice of young Officers, who were kept very much in their place and not expected to speak unless spoken to. The

Adjutant introduced me to the Colonel, a very distinguished-looking Officer wearing the Zulu War Medal and one of the last Officers in the Army to carry a small tuft of hair just below his lower lip.

The C.O. enquired how old I was, and hazarded an estimate at fifteen. This further increased my embarrassment. I was glad when dinner was announced and at the tail of the procession I followed upstairs to the dining room.

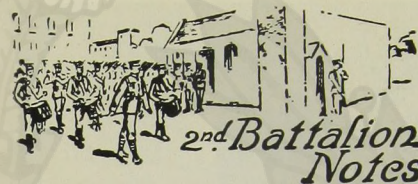
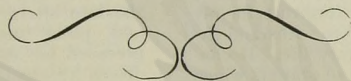
The sight of an Officers' Mess dining room set for a guest night dinner with its mass of plate and Regimental trophies has always been to me a very beautiful sight. In the days of which I write, when the State provided practically nothing, and nearly everything, including the furniture, were the

property of the Officers, this beauty was even greater than it is to-day. The wearing of plush breeches and silk stockings by the Mess staff had recently been discontinued, but as I had never seen them in this ultra-smart livery, I did not notice its omission.

My neighbours on either side took singularly little notice of me, but, enthralled by the ritual of my first guest night, I was secretly rather glad. Dinner over, I took the first opportunity I could of retiring to my quarters, only to lie awake wondering whether I should ever make good in the august assembly of which I found myself an insignificant member.

W. A. S.

(To be continued)



THE last quarter has been full of incident for the Battalion—the Coronation, of which so much has already been written; the Royal Naval Review; Athletics; Cricket.

A short article on the impression of lining the streets for the Coronation appears later. We were very fortunate in having every opportunity of watching the Royal Naval Review to the best advantage. The weather was perfect, and many of us watched from Southsea Castle. It was most unfortunate that a haze obscured most of the fleet from view, but the spectacle at night was magnificent.

A most successful athletic season is drawing to a close. The Battalion team won the Southern Command Championship at Tidworth, beating the runners-up of last



The Square, Victoria Barracks

year's Army Championships, and at the Hampshire County Championships, the Mile Relay team won the County Championship by a clear margin.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to include the results of the finals of the Army Championships at Aldershot on 5th and 6th July, but it is hoped that it will be possible to record further successes in the next issue.

The warmest congratulations are due to Capt. Batten on his accelerated promotion into The Hampshire Regiment, and on qualifying in the Staff College examination.

He will be missed very much everywhere and in athletics he leaves a hole that is not easily filled; doubtless we shall see the rise of The Hampshire Regiment to athletics pre-eminence in the near future. We wish him the very best of luck.

Congratulations are also due to Brevet Major Procter on his appointment of Commandant of the Recruits Physical Development Depot, his loss for four years will be felt very much indeed. In his place we welcome Capt. Haydon to the Battalion.

More congratulations still—to Lieut. Ferguson on his marriage, and we wish him the very best of luck, and also to Lieut. Green on his engagement.

Brevet Major Procter, Capt. Musselwhite, Lieut. Willoughby and Lieut. Unwin were presented at His Majesty's Levee on 28th May.

The mechanisation of the Battalion approaches completion and nothing is ever still; peace and quiet are words which no longer have meaning except in oblivion.

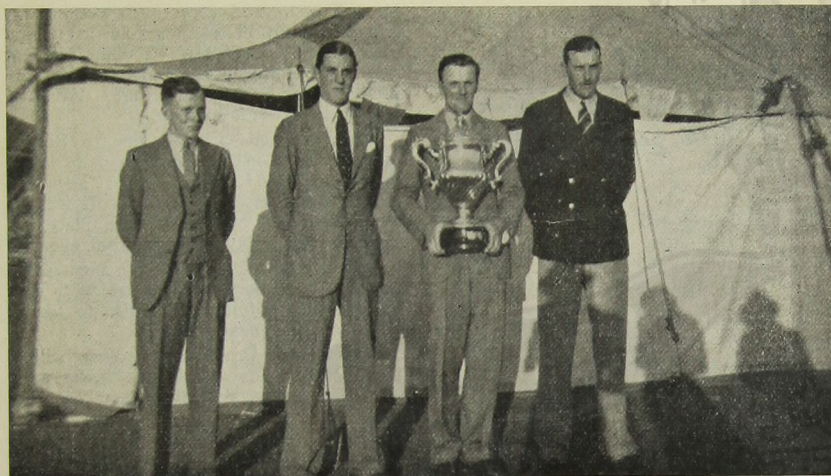
To many the change has brought the advantage of enabling them to simulate intense activity for considerable periods without actually doing anything at all; for surely a head buried in the bonnet of a truck and a pair of legs protruding from underneath the chassis are the very symbols of labour.

The latest "toy" belongs to Capt. Wray. His one and only anti-tank gun can be seen being proudly paraded round barracks most days. It certainly looks a most efficient weapon.

THE CORONATION

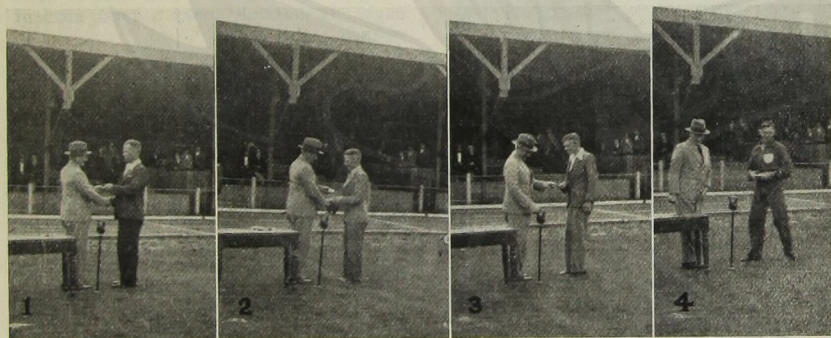
Every time it rained it rained not "Pennies from Heaven" but cats and dogs, and as it rained almost incessantly for the five days we were in London, we were wet through within half an hour of arrival at Waterloo and never really got dry again. We found Kensington Gardens transformed into a vast expanse of tents, thrown, as we thought, rather artlessly together. Indeed, we found much at which to grumble, but all will agree that they would not for anything have missed what must have been the sight of a lifetime.

The street lining party, and indeed the processionists too, had a long day, leaving camp at 9 o'clock and only returning at



Hampshire County Mile Relay Champions

Cpl. Hinch (880), Lieut. Unwin (220), Lieut. Willoughby (440), Capt. Batten (220)
Time: 3 mins., 41 secs.



Hampshire County Championship, 1937

L/Cpl. Eyles
2nd. in Shot

Pte. Lowton
3rd. in Long Jump

L/Cpl. West
2nd. in Javelin

L/Cpl. Weller
Winner in Javelin
3rd. in Shot

5 in the afternoon. The hours of waiting, however, were far from being monotonous as the crowd was a constant source of amusement, particularly the sportsmen who insisted on climbing trees. It always seemed to fall to the lot of the fattest policemen to chase them down. Seldom have we eaten a meal with greater relish than the haversack ration which was brought round to us that day for our lunch.

The procession itself was magnificent. No description of it could be anything but feeble and inadequate. The apparently endless stream of troops in their different uniforms, the bands, the shouting, and above all the grace and majesty of the Royal family, left us quite speechless. Perhaps we all like to think that we were smiled upon by certain of the Royal ladies; we were certainly very proud and happy to have represented the Regiment upon so momentous an occasion as the Coronation of His Majesty King George VI.

J. W. G. O.

BAND

With the Editor once more desiring a "scoop" for the Journal, we mop our weary brow, and endeavour to prove that the pen (in our hand) can be every bit as efficient as other weapons of war.

The advent of real summer weather brings thoughts and activities mostly concerned with green pastures, and sports that are directly played on them. Athletics, we think, take primary place, as during the past two months several meetings have been held at which we have participated either directly or indirectly. We will content ourselves with commenting on the "H.Q." Company sports, as no doubt a much better account will be given elsewhere of the Battalion and Southern Area meetings. It was most encouraging to us to be able to leave the wooden spoon to some other group to handle (pardon our joke!). As a matter of fact, we showed considerable improvement on recent years' results, which, as everyone is well aware, have been deplorable. Our strong points, strangely enough, were the extreme track events. Besides having the first four in the 100 yards we provided the first, second and fourth in the 220 yards. Perhaps special mention should be made of the three miles struggle, and of Bdmn. Caney and Gower, who gallantly went round

and round (like the proverbial music) and came out first and third respectively. In the field events, if we were not exactly shining lights, we were not entirely eclipsed. Bdmn. White "put the shot" far enough to attain second place, while Bdmn. Tunmer lifted his long form enough to lift first place in the high jump. Four of our members are now training with the Battalion team, as well as some of the Boys, so the future looks quite promising. Can anyone put us on to a respectable quarter and half-miler?

Leaving athletics, we turn to what is, in the opinion of many, the best of summer games, to wit, cricket. This year we are pleased to say that the Inter-Group Knock-out has been given another lease of life, and we are making a determined effort to revive past glories of the Band by lifting the trophy this season. In the first round we beat the Drums by the handsome margin of nine wickets. Having dismissed them for 70 runs (Phipps 6 for 28), L/Cpl. Hogg, Phipps and Tunmer making scores of 36, 22 and 13 respectively, their total was passed to give us a surprising, maybe, but not undeserved, victory. We are now awaiting the result of the other tie to see who we shall meet in the Final. We are pleased to hear that Sergt. Jennings is a member of the team representing the Sergeants' Mess at tennis. (Now we know why Perry turned "pro.")

On 18th June we proceed to the Depot for the Old Comrades' Re-union Day and Cricket Week. Without doubt we shall be having busy times then, though this is considerably eased by our being able to watch the matches. Also, this period culminates with a few days' leave, so there is much we have to look forward to. July sees us off to Tidworth again for the Tattoo. This, too, is always much better when the "show" itself starts, though we have great pleasure in meeting old friends in other Regiments who are there with us.

Another stalwart has left us for A.V.T.C., no less a person than "Grannie" Walker. We wish him the very best of luck, and a prosperous return to civilian life.

One of the high spots of last month (May) was our stay in London for the Coronation. Naturally we were very pleased at being chosen to take part in the street lining, and, in consequence, enjoyed a view of the procession that must have caused many an envious glance to be thrown in our direction.

Kensington Gardens Camp was only spoilt by the weather, and, unfortunately, in this respect everything seemed against us. However, with so many attractions "on tap" there was no damping of spirits, and if there were any sad souls they certainly were not with us. We are proud to congratulate Cpl. Stretton, L/Cpl. Riseley and Bdmn. Salisbury on being awarded the Coronation Medal.

We think that is a good note to end on, so with greetings to our fellow members of the 1st Battalion, we will pack our bags in readiness for our trip to the Depot. Bon soir!

CADENZA.

DRUMS

Since our last notes appeared in print we have completed our Annual M.G. Classification with varying successes, and have also had quite a few of our number trained as Truck Drivers and Motor Cyclists. In all we have been fairly busy.

We welcome L/Cpl. Foster from the 1st Battalion, after a lengthy stay in Netley Hospital. He has now proceeded on leave.

The Company Sports have been held and, after holding the Athletic Cup for a number of years, we give pride of place to the Signals. Our entries were good as regards numbers, but having no outstanding athletes at the moment we found the going harder than in previous years. At cricket we lost to the Band, but found some unexpected talent in this direction, so we hope to improve by next season.

We are now looking forward to the summer break, and then we proceed to Tidworth for the Southern Command Tattoo. We have already taken part in one at Fratton Park during Coronation week, which being a success, is being repeated in August.

We welcome Dmr. Taylor from the Boys' Room, but as he is a non-smoker, life is much about the same for him. Also we welcome Boy Sykes in place of Taylor.

Two of our number are due to join the 1st Battalion next trooping season, namely Dmrs. Thorley and Webster. We wish them all the best.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Tarr, who has now joined the married ranks. Dmr. Lewin was the recipient of the Coronation Medal, and to him our congratulations.

Before closing, we send all the best to the Drummers of the 1st Battalion.

SIGNALS

Scribes may come and scribes may go, but these notes will go on for ever, so seeing that our previous author has departed into the ranks of the Employed Group, it falls to another to carry on, so here goes.

Quite a few items of interest have occurred during the last quarter and once again the Section has been well to the fore. In the realms of sport we have upheld the tradition of years gone by; first, the Clock was retained for another year and then we swept the athletic board to win the Shield, L/Cpl. Peasley winning most of the prizes that were going. Cricket too has been well played, as up to the present we can show wins for all the matches we have played.

Since the last issue of the Journal quite a number of the Old Class have been passed out as Motor Cyclists, and under the able leadership of Sergt. Sargent, various day and night runs have been attempted. At this point we must congratulate Sergt. Sargent upon his substantive rank.

On 14th June Lieut. Weston kindly invited the Old Class to take aeroplane trips, and thanks to him they had a most enjoyable day. So far we have not received any applications for transfer to the Junior Arm, but you never can tell.

"Wilbur" is dead. "Wilbur" is, or was, an eel who was brought back to barracks from Tipnor. He survived the ordeal for two months or more and his burial left nothing to be desired. "Chuff" was blamed for his demise!

L/Cpl. Jennings (Harry) has left us for Catterick. Good luck from the boys, Pal—we expect a Q.I. or better. Before we close we must raise our hats to those of the Section (2/Lieut. Ormiston, L/Cpl. Peasley and L/Cpl. Rawlinson) who so nobly assisted the Battalion athletic team to gain major honours in the Command meeting. Good luck in the Army Championship.

Finally here is an ode:

Our yearly Classo comes again,
As regards our pay we can't refrain
With flying colours passing out
Or lose our pay without a doubt.

(GINGER).

LAH-DE-DAR.

P.S. and Stop Press.—The Annual Classification having been completed the results were as follows: 22 Tested of whom 21 classified, of which 7 obtained 100%. Winner of the Silver Flags, Pte. Parker.

EMPLOYED

Nothing of note having happened since the last notes appeared makes our contribution to the Regimental Journal a small (but I hope not uninteresting) article.

The cricket season is now in full swing, and we congratulate those of our Group who have been called upon to represent the Battalion, and we extend our heartiest congratulations to an old Company Officer, Lieut. Stephenson, on his great show this year, and only hope that he will be selected to represent his country. In the Inter-Group Knock-out we met the Signals, who batted first and scored 96 runs. We then felt quite confident of victory until we lost our first 3 wickets quite easily with very few runs to our credit. Then the tail began to wag and the score at one time was 80 runs for 7 wickets, leaving the last three men to score 17 to win, but alas, the Signals took the last three wickets for 10 runs, so we lost by 6 runs after an excellent game. I am not mentioning the names of the last three men in, but sincerely hope that their conscience will prick them.

Since the last Journal we have lost our Transport Section owing to mechanisation. As we have only 6 chargers left in the Battalion these are easily cared for by L/Cpl. Bursill and three men. Sergt. Sneath relieved L/Sergt. Riches as Provost Sergeant, but after a brief spell decided to leave us to join his "old pals" in the 4th Queen's Own Hussars, the Regiment he left to join us in Colchester. We wish him the best of luck.

Our congratulations go to L/Sergt. Marshall, L/Sergt. Etheridge, Cpl. O'Connor and L/Cpl. Skinner on their promotions and appointments.

BOYS

Since our last notes no great changes have taken place, although it is true that Boy Taylor has left us for the Drummers' room and is now benefiting from recent intensive practice at having a quiet smoke.

Shortly we will lose Boys McDonald, Platt and Bolam, who move to the Band, and which, incidentally, will clear us of the old hands, and leave us to settle down without any more changes for a while.

The Company sports have been held since the last time of writing. The Band boys beat the Drummer boys in the 4 x 110 yards relay race, the winning team being represented by Boys McDonald, Gregory, Platt and Rowe. In the individual events for boys Fellowes won the 100 yards, McDonald the 220 yards, Boy Gregory showed good form to take the high jump, and Platt won the long jump.

In the Battalion sports the positions in the same events were much the same except that McDonald took the 100 yards and Taylor won the high jump, there being no relay event.

At cricket we have only been able to play two games to date. We beat the Boys of the Rifle Brigade at home, losing to the Queen's at Newport, Isle of Wight.

We are looking forward now to our move to Tidworth for the Tattoo and then on to Camp, which will be quite a new experience for most of us. At present the Band boys have proceeded to the Regimental Depot for band duties in connection with Cricket Week.

We have had quite a number of new boys join us recently in Boys Cox, Sykes, Smith and Bowles, and also Smith and Rowe who are due to join the 1st Battalion next trooper. We welcome them all. In conclusion we send our best regards to the boys of the 1st Battalion.

YOUNG HAND.

"A" COMPANY

We have very little to record this quarter with regard to sport. "C" Company, with a very strong team, defeated us in the Inter-Company Cricket Competition. We are very short of athletes this season, but we sprang a surprise by winning the 440 yards relay. Cpl. Knights won the Battalion 100 yards, and L/Cpl. Hinch gained a Battalion Standard in the half-mile. The latter has been our only regular representative in the Battalion athletic team, and was in the team which won the Hampshire Medley Relay.

We have had our annual spell at Fort Gomer, and acquitted ourselves quite well

in our first A.M.G.C. Section and Platoon Training was carried out, and we were able for the first time to experience the joys of working from trucks. Speaking from the troops' point of view, this last has much to commend it. We arrived at our training areas much fresher, and what was more appreciated, our return after each exercise was rapid. The seats on a truck are hard, but are better than blisters on the feet.

We now have a number of trained drivers, and, so far, touch wood, our accidents have all been minor ones—Portsmouth has not as yet been put on the Ministry of Transport's Black List. On one occasion a driver did cause several of his passengers to emulate the "man on the flying trapeze," but their heads proved harder than the ground.

South Africa squad joined us from the Depot, during the quarter, and are at present undergoing Post-Depot Training. This has kept them too busy for us to discover any hidden sporting talent, but we have hopes that there may be some dark horses among them. We hope that they will soon settle down to life with the Battalion, and become "old soldiers" in the short time required nowadays.

We congratulate Cpl. Parry on his promotion to full rank, and wish him a high qualification on his Driving Course. 2/Lieut. Symes, 2/Lieut. Man, Sergt. Cooper, Sergt. Whitcombe and Cpl. Wray are also away on Courses, and we wish them all the high qualification they deserve.

At the time of writing we are all looking forward to our summer leave of six days. This, of course, will be followed by Camp and Annual Training. These present a new outlook this year, and are not viewed with the same apprehension as previously. Our first training as a mechanised M.G. unit is bound to prove interesting to everyone concerned, and we confidently await justification of our interest.

"B" COMPANY

Again the time has come when one is compelled to take up a pen and write the Company Journal notes.

The outstanding events of the last quarter have been the ceremony of the Coronation and Sports. The Coronation, in so far as it affected the Company, can be

quickly dealt with. Seven members of the Company were among those selected to represent the Battalion at the ceremony in London, one being in the actual procession, the remainder lining the streets. As far as we in Portsmouth were concerned, the parade was of a very short nature. On 19th May the Company took part in the lining of the streets of Portsmouth on the occasion of the visit of their Majesties to Portsmouth for the Royal Naval Review.

The other outstanding event is the splendid results achieved by the Battalion in the Wessex and Southern Command Athletic Championships. Praise is due to all who took part, and we wish all those who are representing the Battalion in the finals of the Army Team Championships at Aldershot on 5th July the best of luck.

The following members have represented the Battalion: Lieut. J. E. F. Willoughby, 2/Lieut. J. G. Chiverall, L/Cpl. West, Pte. Coleman (93) and Pte. Jacques; L/Cpl. Page (reserve).

The Company held quite a successful Inter-Platoon meeting on 27th-28th April, and in this No. 7 Platoon were successful in winning by a very comfortable margin, being followed by Nos. 9 and 8 Platoons respectively. In the Inter-Company Championships, held on 4th-5th May, we were only third. We had hoped for a better result, but despite the strenuous efforts made by Lieuts. Batten and Willoughby in the sprints and by Pte. Coleman in the longer distances and by L/Cpl. West and others in the field events, we could do no better. It only proves what has been said so many times before, that three or four members of a team cannot carry the remainder to victory; all must give of their best.

We have now spent four weeks at Fort Gomer, firing the Annual Weapon Training Courses and carrying out Section and Platoon Training. For most of us this is our initiation into the tactics of M.G. training. We can no longer be termed P.B.I., as we now do most of our "marching" embussed.

One very interesting experience was an emplaning exercise on 14th May, in which the whole Company were taken up for about half an hour's flight in a Vickers Valencia troop carrier. We went up in four separate parties and each was taken over the Solent to Southampton and back over to Gosport and Portsmouth. The majority had never been in an aeroplane before and many were

the speculations as to what it was going to be like. However, no one was sick, and all had a cheerful smile on their faces when they landed, no doubt due to relief.

We wish to offer our very sincere congratulations to Capt. Batten on his promotion and regrets that he has to leave us as a result of it. He will be missed in "B."

Congratulations are also due to Sergt. Frewin on his promotion, to L/Sergt. Elcome on his appointment, to Sergt. Bedward on his "increase," and to Cpl. Clark on his Q.I. at the S.A.S., Winterbourne Gunner (Gas Wing).

Nor must we forget "Dodger" Green and his promotion to C.Q.M.S. He has taken over from C.Q.M.S. West, who has left us to play "knock, knock" in civilian life. He, too, will be sorely missed in the Company. He was a great asset and his help to all and sundry will not soon be forgotten. We can but wish him all success in his new venture.

Several N.C.O.s are still on Courses. L/Sgt. Parnell is at Bovington, attached to the R.T.C., on a Driving Course, and L/Sergt. Riches, Cpl. Trotobas and L/Cpl. Sheen have just left for a M.G. Course at S.A.S., Netheravon. We wish them all success and a trio of "Ds."

"C" COMPANY

On 6th April, the day before the Company moved over to Fort Gomer, we learnt very suddenly and unexpectedly that our Company Commander, Major Procter, had been made the first Commandant of the new Recruits Physical Development Depot at Aldershot, and that he was to leave us almost at once to take up his new appointment. The whole Company now take this opportunity to congratulate him and wish him the best of luck, and at the same time to say how extremely sorry they are to lose him after only one year as Company Commander.

By the time these notes appear in print we shall have Capt. Haydon in command for he is even now in the process of taking over the Company, so we take this chance of extending him a hearty welcome.

On 5th June the Company suffered yet another loss when C.Q.M.S. Sheriff left us to take over the duties of Depot C.Q.M.S. We wish him good luck and a happy time

at the Depot. Sergt. Kennett is now attached to the Company as A/C.Q.M.S., but we are looking forward to the time when he is posted to us on promotion to Colour-Sergeant in November next.

Since the issue of the last Journal we have won yet another victory in sport, namely, the Inter-Company Athletics. This was a very stout effort on the part of all those who represented the Company, considering the number of valuable athletes (notably Lieut. Willoughby, mentioned in our last notes) that we have lost during the re-organisation of the Battalion and the difficulty of finding time to train whilst at Fort Gomer. By winning the athletics as well as the football, cross-country running, hockey, and being joint winners of the Novices' boxing, we became Champion Company and holders of the Company Shield. Before leaving the athletics, congratulations to the following on being awarded their colours for 1937: Cpls. Day and Delaney, L/Cpl. Weller, Ptes. Lowton, Grogan and Connor.

So far we have got through two rounds of the Inter-Company cricket by two very easy wins, over "D" Company in the first round and "A" Company in the second, so we now have to play the winner of "H.Q." and "B" Companies in the final.

During our month at Fort Gomer our Machine Gun Cup team put up the magnificent score of 614 points, which far exceeds any other ever put up in this Battalion before. We now have hopes of an equally fine score when we fire the Fire Control Competition at Imber.

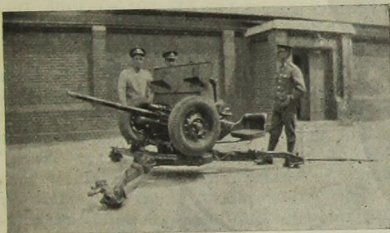
At the present time we have five of the Company away on Courses: Sergt. Kemp, L/Sergt. Day and L/Cpl. Clenshaw are at the Small Arms School, Netheravon; L/Cpl. Davidson is at the A.F.V. School, Bovington; and Pte. Wood is on a Cookery Course at Aldershot. So before the next issue of the Journal we hope to have some more "Distinguished's" to record. In the meantime we wish them the best of luck.

"D" COMPANY

It is difficult to decide where to commence this quarter's notes. Since our last effort we have experienced the Coronation and the Naval Review, but the most excitement was caused by the arrival of our

anti-tank gun. Our anti-tank specialists fell on their knees to worship at a new shrine, and after a few preliminary demonstrations set out to train the remainder of the Company. The training is well advanced and many of the Company are ready to fire. Well done, A/T Company! We congratulate the instructors on their results at Netheravon, with special mention going to Sergt. Scott for obtaining a very good "D."

In the M.T. department, "Chopper" gets this quarter's bouquet. With a ditch a mile long to choose from he managed to pile his truck on top of two lone tar barrels. Well aimed, "Chopper"! The rest of the Section have done nothing exciting, but next quarter we hope to have tales of real heroism to relate. Our M.T. is not used very much at present, but it is rumoured that once we are in Camp an attack will be made on our "Chopper's" record.



2-Pounder Anti-Tank Gun, "D" Company

The Company strength is even lower than usual at the time of going to press. We have lost Sergt. Smith (29), Cpl. Evans, L/Cpl. Nicholls and L/Cpl. Mullett to "B" Company, and take this opportunity to wish them the best of luck. Sergt. Moir is in hospital and we hope before very long to see him with us once more. Lieuts. Lane and Dawson are at present studying the mysteries of a machine gun at Netheravon. Sergt. Smith (72) is also there, and we wish them all the best of luck.

We have lost our M.G. expert in Sergt. Nash, who has transferred to "H.Q." Company as Provost-Sergeant, complete with motor cycle.

Whilst on the subject of depletion of staff there is, perhaps, one other member of the Company who deserves mention. His is not lost to us, but missing. Rumour has it

that he is in hiding behind an immense beard at Fort Gomer, and, where cameras are concerned, has developed a distinct Garbo complex.

Until now we have been reluctant to mention our efforts in the realm of sport, for obvious reasons. We leave it to the other Companies to chronicle our "doings" in that direction, but submit our excuse in verse, which should explain everything.

STEADY "D" COMPANY

We were on the Coronation
And also the Review;
Although our Company is under strength,
It's good what we can do.

We are taking part in all the sports,
'Tis true we seldom win,
We never get discouraged,
We can take it with a grin.

Some call us steady "D"
And say it's not worth trying;
If we had the strength of "C"
You'd see our colours flying.

But things are bound to alter,
Someday we'll have our turn;
Then some will say it's just our luck,
Ah, well, we live and learn!

L. F. K.

We close with the thoughts of summer break a few days ahead—and then to Camp. No doubt our next essay will bring more news to the fore. It will be our first year on training as an Anti-Tank Platoon and should provide plenty of material for the busy scribe.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Each quarter brings its batch of casualties to report, and it is surprising the number which accumulate during the quarter. We have lost a very good member in C.Q.M.S. West, who has been with the Mess for many years. He was always a great asset to the Mess on the social side, and we are pleased to hear he is fixed up happily in civilian life and wish him and his family the best of luck.

We have also lost Sergt. Sneath, who has migrated back to the Cavalry. His stay with us was only short, four years to be precise, but he made himself very popular

during that period and we were sorry to see him leave us. The advent of M.T. in the Battalion left him "no place to rest," and we wish him luck (and his little dog) back in his original Corps.

C.Q.M.S. Franklin has rejoined us from the Regimental Depot, this time to take over Company Sergeant-Major with a view to joining the 1st Battalion next trooping season. We are very pleased indeed to have him back, even if it is only for a short time, and now he has been with us a few days again it is difficult to believe he has ever been away.

We are also pleased to welcome L/Sergt. Parnell to the Mess from the Regimental Depot.

We have the usual little batch of congratulations to record. Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Green on his promotion to Colour-Sergeant, and to the following: Sergt. Frewin to full rank; Sergt. Sargent to full rank; Sergt. Wright to full rank (Orderly Room Clerk); L/Sergt. Marshall from Corporal; L/Sergt. Etheridge from Corporal.

We are very pleased to welcome L/Sergt. Marshall back into the Mess, which he left some years ago, and also welcome L/Sergt. Etheridge, our Officers' Mess Sergeant.

By the by, we had almost forgotten him—we have another departure to record, i.e., C.Q.M.S. Sherriff, who has proceeded to the Depot to fill the vacancy created by C.Q.M.S. Franklin joining the Battalion.

We wish C.Q.M.S. Sherriff the very best of luck at the Depot, and assure him we shall miss him in the Mess.

The Mess did really very well with regard to the Coronation Medals, and we heartily congratulate the following who received them: R.S.M. Ward, R.Q.M.S. Fletcher and Sergt. Kemp. We venture to think no one will dispute the selection.

Our heartiest congratulations also to C.Q.M.S. Colbourne on receiving the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and we should also like to congratulate the under-named on the same: Sergt. Beaveridge and Sergt. Wilson. Although they are at present at the Depot, we like to think of them as still belonging to us.

With the advent of the warmer weather we have slackened off a little with regard to the social side of the Mess, but we had a very pleasant little dance on the Friday following the Coronation week. It was by

way of an Albuhera celebration and we confined it to our Officers and their ladies, the Mess members and their wives, and personal friends of the single members. A very pleasant evening was spent by all who attended, and we were very pleased to entertain the Officers and their ladies, who turned up in force.

We have entered a team in the Garrison Tennis League, and, sad to relate, we are not shining in the same. It is not to be wondered at, considering we have had little or no tennis since we came home in 1931. We have lost one of our main stalwarts in C.Q.M.S. Sherriff, but the remainder of the team are bravely carrying on, chiefly C.Q.M.S. Colbourne, the Armourer, the R.Q.M.S., Sergt. Jennings, Sergt. Kemp and S/Sergt. Scoffham of the R.A.P.C., who is attached to the Mess. As we are going over to Gosport at the end of the year, we shall be able to enter the league next year, when we hope to do better and justify the expense of entering.

Our next notes will be from Camp, and until then, *au revoir*.

ATHLETIC NOTES, 1937

In no form of sport does training or its lack make itself more obvious than in athletics, where fitness can be assessed in tenths of seconds and feet and inches.

Success depends on hard training spread over a considerable period, which requires much sacrifice on the part of participants. That athletics is the first sport in existence is shown by world recognition at the Olympic Games, which are primarily athletic contests.

No first-class team will ever be produced without at least three months' real training, and at the time of writing, the Battalion team is about to go to Tidworth for the final of the Command Championships without about three weeks' more or less uninterrupted training.

Much was learnt last year both as regards conditions here and as to the strength of teams likely to oppose us in the Army Championships, and efforts were made to get training started really early.

During the winter the formation of athletics in the Battalion, Potted Sports, appeared to have been allowed to die altogether. These were resurrected in February

in a modified form and track events were introduced on the metric system by way of a change, these being 100 metres, 880 metres and 1,500 metres. For the success of sports of this sort, co-operation is essential. This was sadly lacking, and they were of little value in spite of a lot of hard work to keep things going. Points scored were scaled in accordance with the number of men in each Company, and the result is a fair guide to the interest taken:

"B" Company, 1st, 97 points; "A" Company, 65; "C" Company, 59; "G," 41; "D" Company, 31.

A trophy was presented by Capt. Batten and Lieut. Willoughby for a novices' meeting to be competed for annually before the Battalion Sports, and this was held on 20th and 21st April, and won by "H.Q." Company. This was another great disappointment, the entries totalling 453. Even allowing for the majority entering for more than one event, the large number seemed most encouraging. Alas! the effort was too much for many, and at one period it seemed as if the meeting would become a farce. The less said about this the better. It was a heart-breaking disappointment and little talent was found.

THE BATTALION MEETING

An attempt was made to combine an individual meeting with the Inter-Company Championships. The former was held on 4th May and the latter on 4th and 5th May. The result of the Inter-Company Championships was: 1, "C" Company, 86 points; 2, "H.Q." Company, 82; 3, "B" Company, 67; 4, "A" Company, 51; 5, "D" Company, 27.

The individual results were as follows:

100 Yards: 1, Cpl. Knights; 2, Sergt. Harper; 3, 2/Lieut. Bilborough. Time, 10 4/5 secs.
220 Yards: 1, Bdmn. Phipps; 2, Cpl. Knights; 3, 2/Lieut. Bilborough. Time, 24 4/5 secs.
880 Yards: 1, Lieut. Willoughby; 2, L/Cpl. Hinch; 3, L/Cpl. Peasley. Time, 2 min. 2 secs.
One Mile: L/Cpl. Peasley. Time, 4 min. 57 secs.
Three Miles: L/Cpl. Peasley. Time, 16 min. 43 1/5 secs.
120 Yards Hurdles: 1, 2/Lieut. Ormiston; 2, 2/Lieut. Man; 3, L/Cpl. Page. Time, 17 2/5 secs.
Shot: L/Cpl. Eyles. Distance 34 ft. 11 1/2 ins.
Long Jump: Pte. Lowton. Distance 19 ft. 6 ins.
Hammer: Pte. Fabray. Distance 102 ft. 6 ins.
High Jump: Pte. Davis. Height 5 ft. 5 ins.
Pole Vault: Pte. Grogan. Height 9 ft. 9 ins.
Discus: Lieut. Unwin. Distance 106 ft. 2 ins.
Javelin: L/Cpl. West. Distance 151 ft. 5 ins.

The open invitation relay race attracted eight entries and was won by Southampton A.C., with H.M.S. *Excellent* second.

The greatest success of the day was a tug-of-war between the Officers and Sergeants Messes and was won by the Officers by two pulls to one.

On 8th May the Battalion took part in a triangular match between University College, Southampton, and the Royal Navy and Royal Marines A.C. and the 2/Middlesex Regiment. The final placing was: 1, The Middlesex Regiment, 43 1/2 points; 2, R.N. and R.M.A.C., 36 1/2 points; 3, University College, Southampton, 26 points. We were first in the 4 by 440 yards, 880 yards team, hurdles, one mile team, javelin and 4 by 220 yards, and second in the remainder. The result was very satisfactory, as last year we were beaten by the Navy by 1/2 point.

After this, duties connected with the Coronation made an unfortunate break in the training, but on 17th May three of the team represented Hampshire at the British Games at the White City: Pte. Fabray in the hammer, L/Cpl. Weller in the javelin and Lieut. Willoughby in the 440 yards. Willoughby finished third in the final of the 440 yards.

On 19th May we had a most enjoyable match with the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, at Portsmouth. The R.M.C. won by 73 to 63 points, but in view of the strong team sent down by the R.M.C., the result was very satisfactory.

The first meeting of the Portsmouth and District Athletic League was held in the evening of 27th May. The Battalion was last year's winners, and made certain of retaining the cup by winning every event. The second and final meeting has just been held (24th June) and, in spite of the absence of those Officers who attended the Regimental Dinner, the lead was maintained and the issue was never in doubt.

SOUTHERN AREA MEETING, 31ST MAY AND 1ST JUNE

This proves to be a great tonic, the team excelled themselves in every event and it seemed as if we could not do anything wrong. We were second in two events only, the hammer and high jump; in the remainder we were first. There was little or no opposition in the track events; the

packing in the one mile and three miles team races was excellent.

The following were the outstanding performances in the field events:

Pte. Fabray threw the hammer 112 ft. (Old Battalion record, 105 ft. 7 ins.)

Lieut. Unwin threw the discus 117 ft. 4 1/2 ins. (Old Battalion record, 106 ft. 2 ins.)

L/Cpl. West threw the javelin 152 ft. 7 ins. and L/Cpl. Weller threw it 152 ft. 11 1/2 ins.

L/Cpl. Weller put the weight 37 ft. 10 ins. (Old Battalion record, 35 ft. 3 ins.)

L/Cpl. Eyles put the weight 35 ft. 3 1/2 ins.

HANTS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

A successful athletic team can only be produced by some years of careful selection and training. Last season there were signs that the Battalion team was approaching the standard required to compete successfully in Command and Army Inter-Unit Athletics.

It was therefore decided that a great effort should be made to produce an athletic team. It is with some satisfaction, therefore, that one can place on record a victory in the Southern Command Championships.

The weeks of preparation had not been without their difficulties; at one time these threatened to assume gigantic proportions. The situation, however, gradually became easier.

The first day opened with the discus, an event in which we expected to do well; it was even hoped to break the existing Army record of 221 ft. 10 ins. This we failed to do by just over two feet. We won, however, very easily, Lieut. Unwin and Pte. Fabray getting in their two best throws of 115 ft. 1 in. and 104 ft. 5 ins. at the first attempt. The Suffolks, our most dangerous rivals, were second.

Another win in the pole vault followed. Pte. Grogan cleared 9 ft. 9 ins., and Pte. Connor 9 ft., the rough run up and troublesome headwind probably accounted for the low standard. This was rather an unexpected win, both the Suffolk jumpers failing badly.

The standard of hammer throwing was generally low in this event. The Battalion took third place, ten feet behind the winners, Signals, Southern Command, Pte. Fabray's

throw of 109 ft. 6 1/2 ins. being third among the individual efforts.

The form in the long jump was quite unknown, though we had heard rumours of good jumpers here and there. However, Pte. Lowton jumped 20 ft. 6 ins. and L/Cpl. Weller 20 ft. 2 1/2 ins. The Middlesex led comfortably and another win seemed certain. Then, with the last effort, the second string of the 5th Battalion, R.T.C., was unkind enough to clear 21 ft. 11 ins., this fine jump putting us into second place by 1 1/2 ins.

The only race of the first day, the three miles, followed; in this we feared the Suffolks, who last year, at the same meeting, had produced a very fine team. The four Middlesex runners went off steadily, packing well, about half-way up. At the end of the third lap, Pte. Jacques had fallen behind. The first mile in 5 mins. saw Coleman 6th, Hinch 8th, Caney 9th and Jacques 14th. The end of the second mile in 10 mins. 40 secs. saw no change in the positions; at this point one of the Tanks was leading by 20 yards, followed by three Suffolks. During the third mile, little change took place until only 300 yards remained, then Pte. Coleman ran right away from the field, finishing easily first in 16 mins. 5 secs., a most creditable effort. L/Cpl. Hinch was 7th, Caney 11th, Jacques 14th, giving a total of 33 points, second to the Suffolks.

So the end of the first day saw the Battalion with 19 points, leading the Suffolks with 17, the 5th Battalion, R.T.C., were third with 13, and the Signals last with 11.

To be able to begin the most important day with a lead of two points had exceeded our most optimistic hopes. How vital those two points were was only too soon to be shown, for in the first event of Wednesday afternoon, the high jump, we took bottom place, the Suffolks scoring two and a half points to our one.

The 4 by 220 yards, however, once more put the Battalion ahead. There was little in it between the Suffolks and ourselves until the last leg, when Lieut. Unwin, running very well, got home by a yard, having been a yard down at 150 yards. The time, 1 min. 33 3/5 secs., compares very favourably with the Army record of 1 min. 31 9/10 secs.

The Battalion's run of wins in the field events was continued in the weight putting, our two competitors reaching a much higher

standard than any of the others, L/Cpl. Eyles having a very good put of 37 ft. 7½ ins., and L/Cpl. Weller one of 35 ft., their aggregate being over four feet better than that of the next pair.

The next three events caused us all some most uncomfortable moments.

The first one, the 4 by 880 yards, saw us fail in our first track event. Our first runner was unfortunately unable to hold the Suffolks and Signals men and handed over a deficit of some twenty yards; this it was impossible to make up, although our team averaged 2 min. 5½ secs., and we were beaten into third place.

Next came the javelin, counted by all of us as a certain win, possibly approaching Army record. Unfortunately the day found both our representatives off form, and a certain four points became only two. It is possible that both L/Cpls. West and Weller were a little over trained; a few days' rest, however, should see their aggregate back over the 300 ft. mark.

The hurdles we had not expected to win, and again we just took third place, but only just, the man running the third lap for the Tanks falling badly and allowing Lieut. Unwin to start almost level for the last stage.

So the tea interval came with the Suffolks leading us by 3½ points, the Signals and Tanks being out of it by this time. The position being one of extreme danger, to win we must be first in each of the three remaining events; it was clear that the Suffolks would be at least second each time.

A most uncomfortable tea interval over, the 4 by 110 yards followed. This, as far as we knew, was quite open, and we had the advantage of being drawn in the second lane with the Suffolks inside us. All four runners got well away to a good start; the first lap saw the Suffolk man going up slightly on Lowton, who handed over to Phipps, who ran very well to hold our position. Lieut. Willoughby ran third and made up lost ground, all four teams entering on the last lap approximately level. A perfect change over between Lieut. Willoughby and Lieut. Unwin sent the latter off with a clear two yards over the Suffolks, and that was that. Only 1½ points now separated us.

Next came the most critical race of all, the one mile team race. To win the Meeting,

we must win it, and knowing the Suffolk form, everyone realised what a desperately close thing it was going to be.

The Battalion four drew a good position on the track and went off steadily, as in the three miles, packing well behind the leaders. The first lap, in 67 secs., saw Peasley 7th, Hinch 8th, Coleman 9th and Weller 13th. The half-mile, in 2 mins. 20 secs., saw positions unchanged, except that Weller had moved up to 11th. The third lap again saw no change; if there was any, the writer was far too excited to record it at the time.

Once again, 300 yards from home, Pte. Coleman came right through, followed by Peasley and Hinch. The former went on to win comfortably in just outside 4 mins. 40 secs., with the other two 3rd and 5th and Weller 12th.

The judges took an unconscionably long time to announce the result; all knew the Suffolks were well up and spent the time filled with dreadful apprehension. However, all was well; we had beaten them by 21 points to 23 points.

Great credit is due to the team, who ran a thoroughly well-judged race, refusing to be bustled by the importance of the occasion, with a special word for L/Cpl. Weller, who filled a gap with very little training and ran a most plucky race.

The 4 by 440 yards, the last event of the day, was truly a certainty, no one had the least idea of our not winning. 2/Lieut. Chiverall started off at a great pace, and running very strongly handed over a handsome lead to L/Cpl. Rawlinson, who, in turn, made more ground; Lieuts. Unwin and Willoughby followed, each gaining on the field. We finished almost 50 yards ahead, the average time being 52½ secs., a very good performance indeed, especially as the last three men had no one to pull them out.

So the Battalion won the Command Sports with 66 points to the Suffolks 63½. The standard of the team was infinitely higher than last year, and all congratulations are due to those who took part and who trained hard for many weeks beforehand.

We owe much to Mr. Natan for his great help in all departments. The great improvement in the technique and standard of field events is due to his teaching. It is greatly to be hoped that a foundation so truly laid will be used for the expansion and improvement of athletics within the Battalion and

not be permitted to sink into oblivion after one successful season.

It remains only to wish the team the very best of success in the Army Championships at Aldershot on 5th and 6th July. May they bring the Regiment's first Army Championship back to Portsmouth.

CRICKET

The cricket season up to the present has only been moderately successful, but none the less enjoyable. The clerk of the weather has been fairly kind to us, but we were extremely sorry to have to cancel the match against Lyndhurst, owing to rain, as we had been much looking forward to renewing our acquaintance with a ground and opponents whom we had come to know well last year. Our other village match, against Hurstbourne Priors, was once again a great success. A high-scoring game having ended in a draw, we adjourned to the Officers' Mess to finish off a very pleasant day. Umpire Albert was in his most benign mood throughout.

The calls of athletics, Courses and Company training have made it impossible for us ever to field our strongest side, but no game has been without its interest, and we can safely say that two (against the Marines which we lost by two runs and against the Grammar School which we won by four) must have been amongst the most exciting the Battalion has ever played.

Lieut. Unwin is the only centurion to date, but Major Newnham, Lieut. Beath, Sergt. Cooper and Cpl. Delaney have all topped the fifty mark. Lieut. Unwin, Sergt. Kennett and Pte. Allen have always bowled

well. Also it has been a great pleasure to have Lieut. Weston playing for us in several matches; he has been very dependable both with bat and ball.

Our real weakness has been in the field, and until we learn to hold our catches we shall never win matches with any consistency. However, we can but hope that now our hands have hardened up, the ball will stick and we shall be able to report more victories in the next issue of the Journal.

Match results to date are as follows:

6th May v. 1st Battalion The Rifle Brigade. Drawn. Middlesex Regiment 131 (Sergt. Cooper 59); Rifle Brigade 107 for 9 (Lieut. Unwin 4 for 27, Pte. Hartley 3 for 9).

15th May v. Royal Marines. Lost by 2 runs. Royal Marines 209 for 9 declared; Middlesex Regiment 207 (Lieut. Unwin 129).

26th May v. Portsmouth Grammar School. Won by 4 runs. Middlesex Regiment 159 for 6 declared; Portsmouth Grammar School 155 (Lieut. Weston 5 for 14).

29th May v. 2nd Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment. Lost by 29 runs. Middlesex Regiment 95; Queen's Royal Regiment 124 (Lieut. Chiverall 4 for 18).

2nd June v. Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Won by 6 wickets. R.A.O.C. 88 (Lieut. Unwin 7 for 19); Middlesex Regiment 126 for 6 (Major Newnham 51).

9th June v. Royal Naval Barracks. Won by 30 runs. Middlesex Regiment 119 (Lieut. Beath 57 not out); Royal Naval Barracks 89 (Lieut. Beath 5 for 26, Sergt. Kennett 4 for 39).

11th June v. 2nd Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment. Lost by 66 runs. Queen's Royal Regiment, 140 for 6 declared; Middlesex Regiment 76.

12th June v. Royal Marines. Drawn. Royal Marines 256 for 7 declared (Pte. Allen 4 for 50); Middlesex Regiment 120 for 9 (Lieut. Ormiston 44).

19th June v. Hurstbourne Priors. Drawn. Middlesex Regiment 248 for 9 declared (Cpl. Delaney 53, Lieut. Ormiston 42); Hurstbourne Priors 210 for 7.

AN ASPECT OF LIFE WITH THE NIGERIA REGIMENT, R.W.A.F.F.

THOSE who were fortunate enough to witness the Coronation procession on 12th May no doubt saw a small squad of about 24 Native troops dressed in khaki shorts and red shell jackets marching in the Colonial Division. From the general, yet perfectly excusable ignorance shown by the general public, it is to be inferred that very few individuals knew who they were. They were representatives from the Regular Units of the R.W.A.F.F. These men were natives from the Gambia, Sierra Leone, the Gold Coast and Nigeria. The majority hailed from the last-named colony, and I will now try to give a short description of a soldier's life with these regular native troops in Nigeria.

The N.R. is composed of a Light Battery, six Battalions of Infantry, a signal training centre and a Depot. A short study of the Army List, together with an atlas, will point out where each unit is located. The Regiment is divided into two Areas or Brigades, each with three Battalions: No. 1 Area comprising the Northern Battalion and No. 2 the Southern. The writer has served in both areas and so is able to describe the type of country to be met with in each. The coastline of Nigeria is made up of a mass of creeks and swamp land, covered with mangrove trees. One Company of the Regiment only is stationed in these regions, and that at Calabar. Calabar itself is perched up high on a promontory overlooking the Calabar and Cross Rivers, and is really a very delightful station. It is, of course, fairly hot and sticky, but no worse than Madras, a station which many of the Regiment still remember. Polo, golf, tennis, hockey, football and cricket are played with great regularity; in fact, one very seldom has an evening free from some game or other.

One Company is stationed at the capital of Nigeria. Lagos is very similar to any other large tropical city situated by the sea. Enough said. The remainder of the Southern Brigade are at Ibadan and Enugu, two very modern cities, as far as that category can be applied to Nigeria. Every form of sport and amusement is to be found in these towns. (Those socially

inclined need not expect that that includes a palais de danse, super cinema or night club cabaret! Those who enjoy the modern flare for strip tease entertainments need not pay for it, since tailors and dressmakers do not flourish, in the court.)

It can be said generally that the Southern Brigade is situated in the creek and thickly forested regions of the country. But in the north the country is slightly more open and covered with orchard bush, where the visibility is less cramped. In the south, the temperature is more or less constantly warm, but in the north, a hot summer is followed by a comparatively cold winter. For three months round Christmas, although the days are warm, the nights are delightful, and fires are by no means unusual.

The horse practically dominates a soldier's recreation in the north. Raw ponies from the bush can be bought for as little as £4, while trained ponies range from £10 to £15. Polo is played three times a week in every station, while there are nearly a dozen race meetings throughout the year. There are hunts at Saria and Kand, while mounted gymkhana and paper chases are not uncommon. Shooting can be had practically all over the country. For the brave, bush-cow, leopard, elephant and such like monsters can be obtained. All sorts of buck and deer range through the bush and a scatter gun can be taken out at all times with satisfaction. Bush fowl and guinea fowl, pigeon, duck and sand grouse, only to mention a few species, are plentiful in season. Fishermen can also be placated; fish of all sorts, sizes and descriptions can be found in the rivers.

So far I seem to have dealt exclusively with the more pleasing aspect of the country, but it must be remembered there is still soldiering to be done. Although the Regiment is composed of six Battalions, the Company is a far more distinct unit than it is in a British Battalion. A Company is completely self-contained, a relic of the days when Companies were usually "out-stationed" by themselves. (There remain only four "outstations" in the Regiment, namely, Sokoto, Maidugari, Okiguri, and Lagos.) Before or on arrival in the country, an Officer or British N.C.O. is posted to one or other of the Battalions, and then to a Company. He may be sent immediately to an "outstation," but more usually he joins at a Battalion Headquarters. His first and

most important duty is to learn the native language, Hansa, since only a very few of the troops can speak any English. With him in the Company he may find one or two other Officers and perhaps one or two British N.C.O.s. Sometimes an Officer is the only European in the Company. Consequently, it can be realised how important the language is. The only other English-speaking person in the Company is a native clerk, whose duty it is to act in the capacity of a non-combatant C.Q.M.S.; therefore it can be seen that many duties fall to British Officers and N.C.O.s which in the British Army would be performed by others. For instance, in the mess, the messing member of the committee has to order, buy and pay for every single item of food, including market produce, that is consumed in the Mess. The actual parade and field work is very similar to that in any other country, except that no transport is available. Everything is carried on the head. It is a great sight to see the Light Battery on the march, with their enlisted carriers transporting the guns on their heads. As in India, field training takes place during the winter and takes many forms. Sometimes Company, sometimes Battalion, and sometimes Brigade camps are held. This last year, owing to financial restrictions, each Company held a march on its own. These marches usually led through country very seldom visited by the military. In one area, when they heard that troops were marching to their country, the chief rushed to the Political Officer to enquire what they had done wrong.

Taken as a whole, a soldier's life is very full and very busy. He generally has far more responsibility on his shoulders than would be entrusted to him in a British Battalion. This, balanced with plenty of exercise and games, goes to disprove the old saying that Nigeria and the West Coast are still the white man's grave.

N'WONGO-N'WONGO.

DEPOT NOTES.

THE time has come, the Walrus said, to talk of many things." This is delightful. But, unfortunately, the Walrus (who shall remain anonymous, in case there are grounds for slander) has selected me to

say them. And so an unwilling but obliging carpenter takes up his tools.

We look back on last year's notes to find that we were in the middle of a depressing summer. This year we are more fortunate, and we must be excused the liberty of saying the Depot looks at its best. Colour and brightness seem to flourish everywhere. Inside the new barrack rooms, which are nearing completion, have been casted a gorgeous riot of magentas, pinks and greens. Outside the rock gardens and ordinary gardens, the roses and rambler roses, the window boxes in the Officers' Mess, all seem to have benefited from the amateur's conception of the Chelsea Flower Show. At the bottom of the hill, the cricket ground completes the colourful picture and, thanks to our energetic and colourful P.M.C., the tennis courts and surrounds may claim to rival Wimbledon.

We feel then that our news must be coloured with the sun which has shone so happily and for so long on us this year. And our thoughts turn first on the Depot cricket side, so ably led by Capt. Worton, with five Officers playing regularly (and Lieut. Stephenson when Essex permit him). We hear of a defeat in our first match, but a series of successes ever since. We must take this opportunity of saying how glad we are to see Lieut.-Col. Wollocombe playing again. It was a horrible thought when he left the 2nd Battalion that we might never see him again in our side. Such a state of affairs has happily been remedied. His value was only too clearly shown during the Cricket Week. From the Depot side we leave the summer game with a debt of gratitude to those who have subscribed to the Cricket net, which has now established its natural and obvious superiority to croquet on the other half of the Officers' lawn. Croquet! Even bowls was once contemplated!

From white flannels to white gloves and the new "Blue" uniform, which seems to have proved a popular innovation, though none of us were privileged to show off either ourselves or the "blue" at the Coronation in person. The Coronation reminds us of the "At Home" on Albuhera Day to all Dominion and Colonial Officers who had come over here for the celebrations. Only five Officers came up to take lunch and tea with General Heath and the Officers of the Depot; the day was a memorable and

enjoyable one. We are indebted to Capt. Heywood for his ability to collect us all for a photograph which does justice to the occasion. We must once again thank our guests of that day for returning the hospitality by asking the Officers of the Depot to dinner in London. The four who went obviously enjoyed their evening.

The Coronation year has seen many Officers home on leave. We hope we have not omitted any of those whom we have been so glad to see when we mention Capts. Baldwin, M.B.E., Gilbert, Chattey and Else, and Lieut. Peal.



Coronation Group of N.C.Os serving at the Depot

To mention the word pleasure reminds us of our congratulations to Lieut. A. E. Green on his engagement. The sun has shone brightly and for long periods this year. May this serve as a fortuitous omen for him and his bride-to-be.

And finally a shadow over the face of the sun. It was with real regret that we heard that Lieut. R. T. Guscott had received his orders to proceed to Hong Kong in the first part of the trooping season. This is no place for long eulogies, but when he goes, there will not be anyone who will not miss him and all that he has done so willingly and with such abundant good heart and

good cheer whilst he has been at the Depot. We must, at the same time, as we wish him and his family all possible good luck abroad, also take this opportunity of saying how sorry we were to hear of Mrs. Guscott's illness, and how glad we were when she recovered.

We must be excused returning to our last notes, but it is with good cause. No mention seems to have been made of the departure of Capt. and Mrs. del Court, also to the 1st Battalion. We cannot let them go—though seemingly we have!—without saying how much we miss them and “Max.” They

will be interested to hear that quite undeterred or dismayed the “covey” of partridges near the cricket ground still nest near the cricket ground. We hope the del Courts are enjoying Hong Kong as much—if we may take a further liberty—as they did the Depot. It is certain that we saw their departure with real regret.

Several changes, both in staff and organisation, have taken place since the last quarter's notes.

C/Sergt. Franklin, L/Sergts. Parnell and Poulter, L/Cpls. Harris and Nunn, have

departed for the Battalion and their places have been taken at the Depot by C/Sergt. Sherriff, L/Sergt. Makewell, Cpl. Bint and L/Cpl. Hockley.

With effect from 1st July, owing to the re-organisation of the 44th Division and Home Counties Area and the 54th Division and East Anglian Area, the Depot has now been transferred from the 44th Division to the 54th Division.

On changing over from the 44th Division, H.C.A., it must be recorded that for more years than anyone at the Depot can remember, we have been part of the 44th Division, and it is with real regret that we leave it. Our recollections of this Division will always be the happiest.

SQUAD BADGE WINNERS

South Africa.—16th Week, Pte. Wynnett (Pte. Jackson).

Albuhera.—12th Week, Pte. Huggonson (Pte. Thornton); 16th Week, Pte. Spittles (Pte. Nelson).

New Zealand.—8th Week, Pte. Brown (Pte. Birdsey); 12th Week, Pte. Bishop (Pte. Hutson); 16th Week, Pte. Allen (Pte. Cachart).

Vittoria.—4th Week, Pte. Edwards (Ptes. Bishop and Steadman).

Mysore.—4th Week, Pte. Cole (Pte. Gedge).
(Names in brackets are those of runners-up.)

COMMANDING OFFICER'S P.T. MEDALS

South Africa.—Silver medal, Pte. Hocking; bronze medal, Pte. Simmons.

Albuhera.—Silver medal, Pte. Speleers; bronze medal, Pte. Jennings.

SHOOTING PRIZES

Albuhera.—Table “A”—Winner, Pte. Huggonson (score 95). Squad average, 80.7.

New Zealand.—Empire Test—Winner, Pte. Bishop (score 80). Squad average, 71.7.

Table “A”—Winner, Pte. Bishop (score 91). Squad average, 80.4.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Perhaps the clearest way to write these notes is to adopt chronological order; hence we must return to the cold, dark days of April to report a Games Tournament with the Corporals' Club. The Mess won by four

points, thanks to an overwhelming superiority in billiards and snooker, although it is worth recording that honours were easy in Mah Jong, a game not played at all in the Mess. Our thanks are due for the hospitality shown to us, while we hope that the return in the winter will be just as closely fought.

Coronation Day was celebrated with a gradually increasing fervour. A short ceremonial parade was held in the morning, followed by a training siesta for the twenty-seven Loyalists, guests of The Royal Fusiliers, who set out for Hounslow. The dance was excellent, but, as our contingent said, Coronation Day demands Royal toasts. From appearances, every Royal family was toasted individually. We thank the “Fighting Seventh” for a jolly good evening.

On 22nd May we combined with the Corporals to celebrate our “day of days,” Albuhera Day; it was a splendid show. The Gymnasium was very tastefully decorated, the band was good, the food excellent, the drink—well, the takings were more than satisfactory, and, last but by no means least, all the 150 ladies danced with gazelle-like grace. At two o'clock all that could be heard were cries of anguish that such an evening had to end. To produce such happy results a small band of willing helpers had given much time and labour. We feel certain that the result amply repaid them. R.Q.M.S. Crouch, S.I. Lambert, Sergts. Mason, Wilson, Blake and Housden, and those Corporals who assisted, we thank you.

Although Sports Day is held primarily for the Recruits, we made the most of it. We congratulate the Officers on their victory and Sergts. Poulter and Blake on their skilful victories in the Mess event. C/Sergt. Sherriff must be the most unselfish of men to give away the winning envelope after scrummaging with the energy of a Welsh forward. The rest of the evening was devoted to slaking that particularly severe thirst which follows the efforts of others. One hundred and fifty odd friends gathered in the Mess, and “Do you remember?” and “Poona in '05” could be heard on all sides.

The Mess is supplying three players for the Depot cricket team, Sergts. Wilson, Williams and Duncan. Sergt. Beaveridge has taken that most unpopular role, umpire. That he has not visited hospital is a testimonial.

It has been rather cold and wet for tennis, but two stalwarts have been getting into trim for the tournament (?). Mrs. Burt and Sergt. Blake will require some beating.

Badminton, under the auspices of R.S.M. and Mrs. Newman, is now being played regularly, and streamlines are the rule.

It will be noticed that the names of ladies appear quite frequently in our notes, and the name of Mrs. Osgood must be added as the winner of the Ladies' Race in the Sports. Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Burt pressed her very close.

Whist has now closed until the winter. The fortnightly drives have been very enjoyable, with the prizes going round well. Our ladies have also made periodic raids on the local champions and have usually been handsomely rewarded.

On 15th June C.Q.M.S. Franklin left us for the Battalion after a very short stay. Our sorrow at his departure is only eased by the knowledge that he is due for promotion. His gaiety of manner, interest in the Mess and hard work as President were a great asset to the Mess, and we offer him and Mrs. Franklin our best wishes in their new billet.

C.Q.M.S. Sherriff arrived as his relief and it is hoped that the enjoyment of his stay will be as great as the heartiness of our welcome.

L/Sergt. Poulter has returned to the 2nd Battalion on the expiration of his tour. We will miss both his fine pole vaulting and his contributions to the upkeep of the billiards table. He has our very good wishes.

We congratulate ex-C/Sergt. "Bunny" Steadman on his marriage at East Dulwich. Those who attended the ceremony and reception soon recovered from their surprise at his final capitulation. We, like the B.B.C., do not indulge in advertising, but if we whisper that he is turning landlord, we feel sure that those who frequent Hemel Hempstead will find grand bitter at "The Crabtree."

We also congratulate S.I. Duncan on his marriage at Clacton, and welcome Mrs. Duncan to the fold, with the hope that she will soon settle down to the routine of military life.

We congratulate R.S.M. Newman on the award of a Coronation Medal, and Sergts. Beaveridge and Wilson on the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

It was with great pleasure that we played

host to two of the Imperial Coronation contingent, Messrs. W. W. Hook (57th/60th Battalion, Australian Infantry) and N. L. de Campo (A.I.C., 58th Battalion). They kept us interested for hours with their yarns, until we all felt the urge to emigrate. We hope that they, in turn, have carried with them happy memories of their all-too-short visit.

Finally, we extend greetings to all friends who read these notes at home and abroad, and remind them that the Depot is always ready to welcome "Die-hards," old and new.

CORPORALS' CLUB

Hello, cads! The Corpses of Mill Hill once again crave your indulgence. Will you kindly sit back in your Chesterfields and listen to the latest gossip that is going the rounds at the time of going to press?

The Officers' Club Cricket Week has just ended, much to our regret, as we have all enjoyed watching the games which provided some really first-class cricket. Most of all we welcomed the opportunity of once again seeing Mr. Stephenson in action.

The departure of C.Q.M.S. Franklin to rejoin the 2nd Battalion was looked upon as a Depot crisis. What shall we do for a M.C. when the dancing season opens? Who's going to raffle the cake? Regardless of this great catastrophe, all members of the Depot Corporals' Club wish him every success in his forthcoming life abroad when he joins the 1st Battalion.

It has been noticed that "Bruno" has been walking around of late with a very funny look in his eye. Some say that it is just natural fear, but most members are agreed that he has a shake on. Never mind, "Bruno," the rest of the "down homers" will soon be in the same state as you are.

Some short time ago we held a Games Tournament, our opponents being the W.O.s and Sergeants. Before going any further we wish to emphasise the fact that we fielded a very weak team so as to give the opposition a little chance, thus maintaining the competitive spirit of the thing. This is the answer to what we are sure the worthy Sergeants will have in their notes concerning this tournament and the way in which they beat us.

Most people know by now what a "Jeep" is, especially *Daily Mirror* fans, but how

many, apart from the members of the Depot Corporals' Club, know what a "Daily Dipper" is?

During the month of May a dance was held in the Gymnasium. This was a W.O.s and N.C.O.s affair, being run by the Sergeants' Mess and Corporals' Club combined. The dance was voted a huge success by everyone present. As M.C. and Cake Salesman, C.Q.M.S. Franklin was undoubtedly one of the big hits of the evening. All members were pleased to see such a large attendance of Officers at this function and hope that they had an enjoyable evening. We should have liked to have seen a few more members of the 2nd Battalion Corporals' Club present. There were just two lonely-looking Corpses there at the beginning of the evening, and these two remained as the only representatives of the 2nd Battalion. It was noticed they brightened up quite perceptibly towards the end of the evening. A great dance this. Roll on the dance season and let's start all over again.

Another great occasion this quarter was the Annual Depot Sports Day. This was also a great success. Quite a good, entertaining day. Some very good and closely-contested races were seen. Congratulations to L/Cpl. Morley on a well-run mile. Cpl. Bruniges walked off with several firsts and seconds. He must have almost got his home complete by now. Our next most successful competitor was L/Cpl. Blan. Three loud and rousing cheers should be accorded them. They need both the cheers and prizes as they have not long to go before they throw all they hold dear to the winds and become entirely subservient to women. Keep those jolly old chins up, cads! It's a question of taste.

The Corporals' Event this year was a three-legged race. We claim that this race had the greatest finish of the day. Ten yards from home Corpl. Payne and L/Cpl. Morley held a very substantial lead. Then, suddenly, from the rather motley crowd which at that time was forming a background for the leaders, there burst two spirited youngsters who quickly began to reduce the gap between the leaders and themselves. This spritely team was L/Cpl. Robins and L/Cpl. Chambers, bound together quite closely as usual. Two yards to go and still one yard behind. Then the last-named team took a flying dive at the tape, finishing up with a gentle slither along

the greensward. Result: dead-heat. The Inter-Mess Relay was not quite such a great success as far as we were concerned. The Officers had quite a comfortable win, with the Sergeants second, and Corporals third, the Privates tailing along behind.

We still cannot understand how one of our runners got into that speed wobble, or how he managed to finish without taking all the hurdles with him.

The Inter-Squad All-in Relay Steeplechase provided a very comfortable win for the combined Depot Staff, which included many Corporals who had to remove the moth balls from their running kit. Well done!

We shall all be sorry to lose Corpl. Lomax when he leaves us to join the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong, but we all know he is very anxious to get abroad, so we wish him and Mrs. Lomax a happy and successful time in foreign climes.

The cads of the Depot wish their brother cads of the Battalions good luck.

Jolly good show, blokes!

SPORT

PHYSICAL TRAINING

Since our last notes South Africa Squad have left the Depot to join the Battalion. Their "passing out" examination proved very satisfactory. Although the general standard of performance was not as high as Ladysmith, who left before them, we must record here that their improvement and progression since they formed were much above the average.

The following is the result of the P.T. Competition:

Winner of Commanding Officer's Silver Medal.—Pte. Hocking.

Winner of Commanding Officer's Bronze Medal.—Pte. Simmonds.

Albuhera Squad have almost completed their recruits' course. Although only very few in number, they have produced some excellent workers.

New Zealand, Vittoria and Mysore Squads are still undergoing their training.

The G.S.O. for Physical Training, Eastern Command, paid us a visit on 10th May. He was very pleased with the training that was in progress.

FENCING

In view of the fact that this was our first season, we have pleasure in recording that at the Eastern Command Bronze Medal Tournament, held at Shorncliffe on 15th April, Lieut. H. Marsh was awarded fourth place in the Officers' Epée Competition, and L/Cpl. Blan seventh place in the Other Ranks Foil Competition. Both competitors showed very good promise and style in their respective weapons.

ALL-ROUND ATHLETIC SHIELD

We are unable to record in these notes the name of the winning Squad in the All-Round Athletic Shield Competition, for the second quarter of 1937, as the cricket has yet to be played. It will be seen from the results below that the senior Squad do not have a big advantage over the remaining Squads

TABLOID SPORTS

Squad	100 Yards				High Jump			Long Jump			Shot		Relay		Final		Remarks
	12 sec.	12 4/5 sec.	4ft.	3in.	3ft.	3in.	Pts.	16ft.	6in.	13ft.	6in.	22ft.	18ft.	Placing	Pts.	Pts.	
Albuhera	4	4	10	3	7	2 1/2	15	3 1/2	2	3rd	15	pts.					
New Zealand	0	2	19	1	9	1	21	1	3	1st	8	"					
Vittoria	2	3	8	4	7	2 1/2	19	2	4	4th	15 1/2	"					
Mysore	4	1	11	2	6	4	15	3 1/2	1	2nd	11 1/2	"					

OBSTACLE RACE

A strenuous and varied course has been erected in the Gymnasium. All men on the Physical Training parade on Saturday mornings go round the course. The record at the moment is held by Pte. Orr (New Zealand), whose time is 47 1/5 secs. For the Inter-Squad All-Round Athletic Shield each Squad ran 10 men. The time was taken from where the first man started until the last man completed the course. The race was run on 26th June, the result being:

Squad	Time		Corrected Time	
	mins.	secs.	mins.	secs.
1. New Zealand	10	27	10	27
2. Albuhera	11	29 2/5	12	1 2/5
3. Mysore	11	25 3/5	12	26 3/5
4. Vittoria	12	34 4/5	13	34 4/5

Corrected time includes the penalty of 30 seconds for any man who surmounts an obstacle incorrectly or misses any part of the course.

CRICKET

Circumstances have not permitted the Squads to complete the Inter-Squad Cricket Competition. This is the last event which

as was at first thought when the Compe began in 1936. In place of a Ph Training Competition, which was included in the first quarter, an indoor "Obstacle Course" in the Gymnasium has been substituted.

Two practice Tabloid Sports took place previous to the one held in connection with the Shield Competition. These proved very interesting, as can be seen from the High Standards that were set in the competition.

100 Yards: High Standard, 12 secs.; Low Standard, 12 4/5 secs.

High Jump: High Standard, 4 ft. 2 ins.; Low Standard, 3 ft. 10 ins.

Long Jump: High Standard, 16 ft. 6 ins.; Low Standard, 13 ft. 6 ins.

Shot: High Standard, 22 ft.; Low Standard, 18 ft.

Many recruits obtained High Standards in the various events.

counts towards the Shield for the quarter. We hope to print a more detailed list in our next notes.

ANNUAL SPORTS

These were held on 17th, 18th and 19th June. The first two days were devoted mainly to heats, and the longer distance races. The Inter-Squad races for the Athletic Shield were keenly contested, and some very spirited running was seen. It was a very meritorious performance on the part of Mysore Squad to finish as the winner, as this is the junior Squad, and had not supposedly reached the same standard of physical ability as the remainder. Congratulations were rightly paid at the prize-giving by the Officer Commanding, Training Company, to Sergt. Chasney and his Squad for their fine performance. We must also congratulate him for his fine performance in putting the shot. His 31 ft. 10 1/2 ins. was narrowly beaten by Sergt. Instr. Lambert.

No records were broken in the individual events, but there was plenty of enthusiastic and determined running.

The final day was blessed with fine weather. The 440 yards relay was marred by the disqualification of Mysore and Albuhera, the third runner of the former falling and failing to complete the course, and the latter for taking over too early. Both of these disqualifications are common occurrences in representative athletics, and should prove a lesson to all. The feature after tea was the Inter-Mess Relay. It was run "shuttle-cock" over a course of indeterminate length of about 120 yards, and represented the 220 yards Low Hurdles more nearly than any recognised athletic event. The hurdles consisted of forms placed at 10-foot intervals, with a very long and rather awkward "run in" at both ends. The Officers led all the way, and if anyone really won the race for them it was Lieut. Green, whose control of speed over the first hurdle when he had galloped 50 yards at full-speed was exceedingly well controlled. Capt. Heywood also ran well. The team was: Capt. Worton, Capt. Heywood, Lieut. Stephenson and Lieut. Green. The Sergeants deserve sympathy with regard to this event. They naturally entered a team, but it was rumoured they had for months been practising a race to consist of 880 yards, 880 yards, 440 yards and 220 yards. When it was decided to run the race as a low hurdle steeplechase (no Officers being found to run an 880 yards), they were naturally disappointed. Much depended on Sergt. Instr. Lambert's agility. He had to concede a 10-yards start in the final take-over, which proved beyond his speed and stride.

The Sergeants' Event provided the humour of the afternoon. A sack containing a number of envelopes was placed 30 yards from the start. Two envelopes had been marked to form the winning prizes to those who made the lucky dip. The race was timed to take five minutes. It ended after 15 minutes and the sack had been carried round the ground in rugby fashion, with heads, arms, hands, and even legs eagerly forcing themselves and unwillingly forcing others to the bottom of the sack. The cunning of Sergt. Instr. Lambert, who miraculously seized the complete packet of envelopes, went unrewarded. He examined each envelope carefully against the light in the hope of seeing a piece of paper marked with a X inside. Each one that failed to show this mystic charm was joyfully

thrown to whoever was the nearest following up. It was only when the race was over, and the flap of the envelope was found to be marked with a X, that he realised his misplaced opportunism.

The "Paiba" Cup was awarded to Pte. Jennings. No more popular winner could have been found, judging by the applause which greeted the result. He had competed in almost every event, and had run every race in gallant fashion only to find that first place was always denied him. His example was a great inspiration not only to those of his Squad, but to all who watched the sports.

Mrs. Lyon very kindly presented the numerous prizes, for which a special word of tribute is due to Mr. Birdseye for his excellent taste of selection.

PASS-BALL

The results of the Inter-Squad Knock-out were: 1, Albuhera; 2, Mysore; 3, New Zealand; 4, Vittoria.

Albuhera narrowly beat Mysore, 1-0 in the final after an exciting game which evoked great enthusiasm.

INTER-SQUAD ALL-ROUND SHIELD COMPETITION

Points to date:

Squad	Pass Ball				Total
	Athletics	Tablet	Obstacle	Tablet	
Albuhera	1	4	2	3	10
New Zealand	3	2	4	4	13
Vittoria	2	1	1	1	5
Mysore	4	3	3	2	12

DEPOT SPORTS—19TH JUNE

RESULTS

Recruits 100 Yards: 1, Pte. Williams; 2, Pte. Whitehead; 3, Pte. Scott.

Depot Staff 100 Yards: 1, Cpl. Bruniges; 2, Dmr. Redding; 3, L/Cpl. Blan.

Recruits 880 Yards: 1, Pte. Cole; 2, Pte. Storer; 3, Pte. Brown.

Corporals' Event: 1, L/Cpl. Robins and Chambers and Cpl. Payne and L/Cpl. Morley (dead heat).

Depot Staff 440 Yards: 1, Dmr. Redding; 2, Cpl. Bruniges; 3, L/Cpl. Morley.

Ladies' Race: 1, Mrs. Osgood; 2, Mrs. Lambert.

Girls' Race (over 8): 1, Miss Bevis; 2, Miss Baldwin; 3, Miss Hathaway.

Girls' Race (under 8): 1, Avril Roullier; 2, June Blake; 3, Margaret Roullier.

Boys' Race (over 8): 1, F. Hathaway; 2, A. Murdock; 3, J. Whitbourne.

Boys' Race (under 8): 1, W. Hathaway; 2, A. Stanley; 3, J. Donovan.

Mile Open: 1, L/Cpl. Morley; 2, Pte. Wootten; 3, Pte. Gaffney.
Recruits 220 Yards: 1, Pte. Williams; 2, Pte. Jennings; 3, Pte. McDouall.
Sergeants' Event: 1, L/Sergt. Poulter; 2, Sergt. Blake.
Depot Staff Event: 1, Ptes. Clark and Bennett; 2, Ptes. Wootten and Hicks.
Sack Race: 1, Pte. Thornton; 2, Pte. Barber.
Band Race: 1, Bdmm. Burrell; 2, Bdmm. Chatfield; 3, Bdmm. Avery.
Inter-Mess Relay: 1, Officers; 2, Sergeants; 3, Corporals.
All-in Steeplechase: 1, Depot Staff; 2, Mysore Squad; 3, Vittoria Squad.
Recruits Long Jump: 1, Pte. Cole; 2, Pte. McDouall.
Depot Staff Long Jump: 1, Cpl. Bruniges; 2, L/Cpl. Blan.
Recruits High Jump: 1, Pte. Cole; 2, Pte. O'Farrell.
Recruits Pole Vault: 1, Pte. Birdsey; 2, Pte. Appleby and Pte. Orr (tie).
Depot Staff Pole Vault: 1, L/Sergt. Poulter; 2, L/Cpl. Blan.
Recruits Discus: 1, Pte. McDouall; 2, Pte. Nelson.
Depot Staff Discus: 1, S.I. Lambert; 2, Capt. Heywood.
Recruits Shot: 1, Pte. O'Rourke; 2, Pte. Nelson.
Depot Staff Shot: 1, S.I. Lambert; 2, Capt. Heywood.
Recruits Javelin: 1, Pte. Whitehead; 2, Pte. Tann.
Depot Staff Javelin: 1, L/Cpl. Blan; 2, Sergt. Wilson.

INTER-SQUAD ATHLETIC SHIELD
 1, Mysore Squad (Sergt. Chasney), 32 points;
 2, New Zealand Squad (Sergt. Mason), 26½ points;
 3, Vittoria Squad (Sergt. Wilson), 24½ points;
 4, Albuhera Squad (Sergt. Blake), 13 points.
 "Paiba" Cup winner: Pte. Jennings.

REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

THE following are recent additions:

1. Book presented by Queen Victoria to Sergt. William Parker, 57th Regiment. Presented by S/Sergt.-Major W. F. Parker, A.S.C.
2. Various documents, commissions, etc., belonging to the late Lieut.-Gen. Robert Cannon of the Royal Westminster Regiment of Middlesex Militia. Presented by Mrs. Georgina Cannon.
3. Plates and photographs of the desk and sanctuary chair which were presented to St. George's Church, Moascar, by the 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment. On loan from 1st Battalion.

A LETTER FROM CANADA.

R.M.C.,
KINGSTON,
ONTARIO.

8th July, 1937.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards"

DEAR SIR,

We feel that some of our friends may be interested to hear news of our first three months in this Dominion. If, therefore, you have space to fill, you may like to include this letter in the next issue of the Regimental Journal.

Our voyage across the Atlantic in the Cunarder *Ausonia* was no worse than one should expect in March. At any rate, none stood the dusting better than our two dogs. We landed at Halifax and found the country under snow, but not unduly cold. An air-conditioned sleeper gave us quite a pleasant 24-hours' train journey to Montreal, where we spent a day. Kingston is six hours further run by train up the St. Lawrence valley.

At Kingston everyone welcomed us most kindly, and it was a pleasure indeed to have a week with our old friends, and predecessors in this appointment, Gordon MacMillan of the 93rd Highlanders and his wife. Gordon was Adjutant of the 93rd when brigaded with the 57th Foot in the 19th Brigade in France. A marvellously thorough handing over included a walk over the various snipe bogs and introduction to some of the local "brigands."

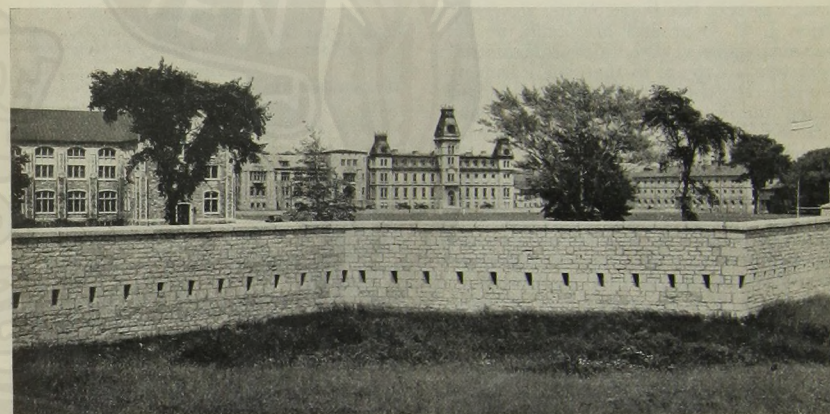
When we arrived, the country looked grey and bleak, several feet of ice covered the lake and the St. Lawrence river, and sleighs were driving across. Towards the end of May, however, there was a sudden change, and after a very short spring we found ourselves launched into full summer by the middle of June—with the country looking lovely. It is a rocky undulating country of low ridges and shallow valleys, with large numbers of lakes to the north and north-west of Kingston.

The R.M.C. occupies a promontory between the St. Lawrence and the Cataraqui Rivers, a beautiful site, and originally the base of the British Naval Force on the Lakes. I enclose a photograph taken from an old Fort at the end of the promontory. Kingston itself, a short drive across the Cataraqui, is one of the oldest cities of Canada, with most interesting history and traditions, running

back to the days of the Iroquois Indians, before the ascendancy of the great Frenchman Frontenac.

The R.M.C. course is hardly comparable to Sandhurst and Woolwich, as cadets do four years here, and about 40 per cent. only graduate into the Army or Air Force. The majority proceed to Universities or business after the completion of their course.

The educational syllabus and organization is run on excellent lines, the basic course of three years being followed by specialization in the fourth year. The military studies are based on our Sandhurst and Woolwich curriculum.



The cadets are a fine type of young men, strong, active and full of initiative. Their great games are ice hockey, at which they excel, and football (Canadian rugby), differing widely from ours and pretty rough. About 10 or 12 annually take commissions in our R.A., R.E. and Infantry of the Line.

I find, however, that my work has little to do with the R.M.C. My time is taken up entirely with running courses in Staff work and tactics for different classes of Officers of the Permanent and Non-Permanent Active Militia.

We have been fortunate enough already to have paid several visits of interest. In May we spent a week in Ottawa, the capital of the Dominion, and a beautiful city. We stayed at the Chateau Laurier—large, comfortable and expensive (as we were on duty

this was less disastrous than it may sound)—and were introduced to many of the Service people and officials. A luncheon party at Government House was very pleasant and interesting. Lord Tweedsmuir told us much of his coming trip up the Mackenzie River to the Yukon.

I seized the opportunity of a training area reconnaissance to have a fly round the country in a military aeroplane—the only way to see much of this vast expanse.

Towards the end of May we were invited to inspect the U.S. Military Academy at Valley Forge, near Philadelphia. The 400-mile drive passes through beautiful country

in the Adirondacks. We spent a delightful five days with the Commandant, Col. Baker and his wife, and were shown every detail of an extremely efficient and well-organised institution. Philadelphia we found an attractive city.

In early June I was given command of the Cadet Battalion for a very pleasant week's tactical instruction in a camp at Petawawa, 180 miles to the north of the Ottawa River. Due largely to the keenness and efficiency of the cadets, the camp and Exercises were most successful. To celebrate the King's Birthday, I made an expedition into the wild country to the north of the Ottawa with a canoe and a guide. It was a splendid experience, although we were "eaten alive" by the "black fly," which abound "in the bush" here in

June. I managed to bring back five trout. There were bear, deer and moose about, but very shy.

Last week I managed to visit our affiliated Regiments and give them the good wishes and warm greetings of our Regiment. The long drive, 782 miles, took in the Prince of Wales' Rangers at Peterborough, the Wentworth Regiment at Dundas near Hamilton, and the Middlesex and Huron Regiment in camp near Sarnia on the Michigan border. I have written a separate account of this journey for you, and so will only say here that the hospitality of our friends was kindness itself, and our greetings were heartily reciprocated. I was fortunate enough to stay one night on the way with Major J. F. Osler and his family at his charming home at Bronte near Hamilton. Osler was a Captain in the 57th Regiment in 1904, retired before the war and served during the war with the Durham Light Infantry. He much enjoyed hearing news of some of his brother Officers.

We hear on all sides evidence of the extraordinary interest which is taken in events at home this year, both as regards the Coronation and also developments in the European situation. The Imperial Conference was followed keenly, and the Rt. Hon. MacKenzie King's outspoken policy of close relationship and co-operation is generally applauded.

Before I close this letter I must say a little about the sport here. There is really no good trout fishing south of the Ottawa River. I have killed one or two trout, but the long drives and other difficulties are a great effort. There is excellent trout fishing in the Nipigon country north of Lake Superior, 800 miles to the north-west of us and again north of the C.N.R. direct railway line from Quebec to Winnipeg. I hope to tap this and also the salmon fishing below Quebec, next season. Plenty of course fish, bass and muskelonge (a large pike) abound in the lakes, and a large and lazy type of lake trout up to 35 lbs.

There is not much riding, although I have hacked round a bit on some of the horses from the troopyard.

Shooting is disappointing, except for snipe in September-October, and the odd duck.

I have great fun sailing dinghies on the lake, and there is good bathing. The St.

Lawrence and its "1,000 islands" is very beautiful here.

From this description you will gather that we have plenty to keep us occupied and are happy amongst our new friends and surroundings.

I will send you further news in the autumn.

In the meantime, our very good wishes to all our friends at home and in Singapore.

G. C. B.

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10th Battalion: Lieut.-Colonel C. C. F. Hosken, 23 Manville Road, Streatham, S.W.17.
2/10th Battalion: Mr. A. H. Cumming, 14 Downside Crescent, Ealing, W.13.
11th Battalion: Major G. B. Anderson, M.C., Terminus Chambers, 6 Holborn Viaduct, E.C.1.
12th Battalion: Mr. T. Masters, 3 Leeds Crescent, Golders Green, N.W.11.
13th Battalion: Mr. G. W. Pegram, 206 Belle Bridge Road, Acton, W.3. Phone: Acorn 2367.
16th Battalion: Capt. E. Featherstone, Mercers Hall, Ironmonger Lane, E.C.2.
23rd Battalion: Mr. H. Brackstone, 56 Shortlands Road, Kingston-on-Thames.

NOTIFICATION was received from Messrs Lloyd & Armstrong, on 21st May, 1937, that the late Col. Collison left the sum of £25 to the Regimental Association. The relative paragraph in Col. Collison's will read as follows: "I give and bequeath the sum of twenty-five pounds (£25) free of duty to the Old Comrades' Association of the Middlesex Regiment in remembrance of early and happy days spent in the 1st Battalion of that Regiment." This legacy has been received and the amount credited to the Regimental Association Fund.

COTTAGE HOMES

We can now announce the fact that the new Cottage Homes have been completed and occupied. These have been built on a site adjoining the two previous cottages on Bittacy Hill.

REVIEW OF EX-SERVICEMEN IN HYDE PARK

A party of 120, which was all we were allowed on parade, attended the Review of Ex-Servicemen by His Majesty the King in Hyde Park on Sunday, 27th June. The party was representative of many of our Special Reserve and war-time Battalions, in addition to the present Regular and Territorial Battalions, and included men from the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 18th and 23rd Battalions. In addition, eleven seats in stands and two seats in enclosures were allotted to the Association, and these were given to relatives and friends of those on parade.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING,

HELD AT THE LIBRARY, CENTRAL LONDON RECRUITING ZONE, WHITEHALL,

On 28th April, 1937.

1. *Present.* Brig.-Gen. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., in the Chair, Col. M. Browne, M.C., Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L., Col. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Col. W. W. Jefferd, Lieut.-Col. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Major N. H. B. Lyon, M.C., Major R. A. Slee, Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence, Capt. H. W. Clayden, Capt. J. B. Worton, R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M., R.S.M. P. Newman, R.Q.M.S. E. Crouch and Mr. A. G. Hutchins.

2. *Apologies* for non-attendance were received from Lieut.-Col. W. E. Pringle, M.C., and Capt. H. E. Foster.

3. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

4. *The Secretary's Report* for the last quarter was considered, and it was proposed by Col. Samuel and seconded by Capt. Whinney that a sum of £125 be allocated for the relief of necessitous cases during the quarter ending 30th June, 1937. Carried.

5. *War Memorial.* The question of the re-laying of the paving stones surrounding the Regimental War Memorial was discussed, and in view of the advice given by the Hon. Architects, contained in correspondence, it was proposed by Col. Baker and seconded by Col. Samuel, that another inspection should be made in twelve months' time and a fresh report laid before the Committee.

6. *Old Comrades' Dinner.* The Secretary reported that he had been unable to find accommodation at any hotel or restaurant to meet the wishes of the Committee at their last meeting and that he had provisionally booked the Drill Hall of the 1st City of London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers) for 6th November. On the motion of Col. Browne, seconded by Col. Samuel, this rendezvous and date was confirmed and the Secretary was instructed to do what he could to improve the menu, especially as regards the fish course. It was also proposed by Capt. Whinney and seconded by Capt. Clayden that more comfortable chairs be provided and that any additional expense be borne

by the general fund in this connection. Carried.

It was further proposed by Col. Browne and seconded by Col. Samuel, that the Secretary should arrange for the Stewards to hand round collection boxes in aid of the Regimental Association after dinner, and that the Colonel of the Regiment be asked to mention this in his speech.

7. *Election of Chairman.* The proposition of Col. Browne, seconded by Col. Jefferd, that Brig.-Gen. Pearson should continue as Chairman for the year ending 31st March, 1938, was carried unanimously.

8. *Election of Treasurer.* On the proposition of Col. Jefferd, seconded by Col. Browne, Major R. A. Slee was unanimously elected Honorary Treasurer for the year ending 31st March, 1938.

9. *Vote of Thanks.* Proposed by Capt. Lawrence and seconded by Major Lyon, a vote of thanks was passed unanimously to Brig. R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G., and to Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., on their retirement from the Committee under Rule V.1 (b), for their very valuable services to the Regimental Association as members of the Executive Committee.

10. *Rules.* It was proposed by Capt. Lawrence and seconded by Major Slee that Major Lyon should be appointed Chairman of a sub-committee to be selected by him to rewrite the rules of the Regimental Association. Carried.

11. *Old Contemptibles of Wales.* The Committee unanimously decided that they were unable to subscribe towards the expenses of a special train for the Old Contemptibles of Wales for the Ex-Servicemen's Parade at Hyde Park on 27th June.

12. *Ex-Servicemen's Parade.* It was proposed by Col. Passingham and seconded by Col. Browne, that the Secretary should write to the Secretary, The War Office, to ask what facilities were being made for Ex-Servicemen of Regiments to attend the parade in Hyde Park on 27th June, and to arrange as far as possible for the Regiment to be represented. Carried.

13. *Home for Soldiers' Widows.* An application made to the Colonel of the Regiment for a subscription to the Cambridge Home for Soldiers' Widows was laid before the Committee. After discussion, it was proposed by Major Lyon and second-

ed by Col. Browne, that the Secretary should inform the Colonel of the Regiment that the Committee did not consider the Regiment had benefited sufficiently in the past from the Home to warrant a subscription being made from the Association funds.

14. *Help for a Tenant of a New Cottage Home.* As the elected tenant (Mr. —) for one of the new Cottage Homes was unable to afford the cost of his move, it was proposed by Col. Samuel and seconded by Col. Jefferd, that the O.C. Depot should do his best to get assistance for him from a Local Help Society, and be allowed to make a grant in aid up to £10, if necessary. Carried.

15. *Battlefield Tour.* Col. Baker brought up the question of the arrangement of a Battlefield Tour, which had been suggested to him by members of the Association. It was decided that the Secretary should put a notice in the Regimental Journal asking for names of members wishing to go, and inviting suggestions as to the area to be visited. The cost is estimated at £3 10s. 0d. a head (approximately), and the tour to be arranged about Whitsun of 1938, if enough applications are received.

ARMY VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE, THORNHILL, ALDERSHOT 27th April, 1937.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards"

DEAR SIR,

I am sending you the attached copy of a letter received from —, late Private, 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment.

I hope that you will be able to reproduce these letters in your journal as they would both interest and bring home to the men the benefits to be obtained from taking a Vocational Training Course.

Yours sincerely,
— Captain
Employment Officer.

SOUTH HACKNEY,
LONDON, E.9.
21st April, 1937.

To Commandant,
A.V.T.C., Aldershot.
SIR,

The time passes all too quickly when one is trying to get a footing in civilian life, and no one was more surprised than I when, on

receipt of your reminder, I found that I left the Centre over a year ago.

When I started work I found that the experience I had acquired at the A.V.T.C. stood me in good stead against even seasoned mechanics and to use a phrase, I went ahead in leaps and bounds.

I am now with a reputable firm firmly established in the union and my pay is over £4 a week. Although I did not complete my Course, owing to a chance of a job cropping up, I can thank only my Instructor and the organisers of the A.V.T.C. for my chance.

Thank you,

C. E. Y.,
Ex-Pte., 1st Middlesex Regt.
Trade—Motor mechanic.
Left Centre—21/2/36.

SOUTH HACKNEY,
LONDON, E.9.
5th June, 1937.

To Commandant,

A.V.T.C., Aldershot.
DEAR SIR,

I heard a very welcome piece of news whilst working this morning. To wit, I am now to receive 1s. 9d. an hour; this, only eighteen months after leaving the centre, is to my mind good going.

For all this I have to thank my instructor, Mr. —, and also the people who made it possible for me to learn the trade. Since leaving the service I have met any number of fellows who left the Army without a trade and who did not take advantage of the chance to take a Course, and they are either out of work or earning small money as labourers, and am I pleased I took a Course?

If the chaps at the "Centre" would like a piece of advice founded on personal experience, here it is. On leaving the "Centre," don't be impatient and try for the big money right away, it is much better to start in a small way with a little firm and, if necessary, tell the "boss" the facts (as I did).

I worked a year for a small firm and, having access to all the machines, I learnt enough to take a bigger job when the chance came along. I am now a general machinist and as such I am receiving the rate mentioned. If a fellow puts his mind to it, six months spent at an A.V.T.C. is time well spent. Yes, Sir.

EMPLOYMENT

The
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SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN
£100 A YEAR
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Men of the Regiment.

If you are unemployed, therefore, you should register, *at once*, with the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION at one of its Branches and follow carefully the instructions they give you.

London Branches:

62 Victoria Street, S.W.1

Gipsy Corner, Victoria Road,
Acton, W.3

143 Bow Road, E.3

52a Deptford Bridge, S.E.8

48-56 Station Road, Wood Green,
N.22

As I do not intend to write a novel, I'll close, wishing the executive and students the best of health and luck for the future.

Yours faithfully,

C. E. Y.,

Ex-Pte., 1st Middlesex Regt.

Trade—Wood machinist.

Left Centre—21/2/36.

NOTICES

It has been suggested that a Battlefield Tour should be organised to take place about Whitsuntide, 1938.

Will anyone desirous of attending send his name and address to the Secretary, Regimental Association, The Barracks, Mill Hill, by 31st December next, together with any suggestion he may like to make as to the Area he wishes to visit or any other details which he considers worth bringing forward?

As an example of the time to be occupied and the cost of the trip, the extent of the tour could be two nights travelling there and back, and one night in France, giving two days actually viewing battlefields at an estimated cost of £3 10s. od. Needless to say, there are other alternatives.

4TH BATTALION

The second re-union will take place at the Allenby Club, 2, Hand Court, Holborn, W.C.1 (between Chancery Lane and Holborn Tube Stations) as follows:

18th September, 1937.

Meeting, 6.15 p.m.

Dinner, 7.30 p.m.

Dance, 9 p.m.

Dress.—Any medals should be worn.

Tickets.—Tickets for Dinner and Dance will be forwarded on receipt of the sum of 5s.

Please note that all tickets must be obtained by 1st September, 1937, to enable arrangements for catering to be made.

All are reminded to turn up at the times stated.

Ladies are invited to the Dinner and Dance by ticket as above, 5s.

It is hoped that our new President, Col. A. Arwyl Passingham, O.B.E., will be present.

Tickets are limited to two (2) per member, owing to the limited seating accommodation.

A. T. FARROW, Hon. Sec.

No. 1A, Quadrant Close,
Hendon, N.W.4.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

The South African War Veterans' Association is always pleased to meet old members of the Middlesex Regiment. We have only a few at present in the London Branch—including Dmr. Tom King, Percy Edwards, "Daddy" Meacock and one or two others—yet there must be a good number living in the London district who have not heard of this Association and who, probably, would be glad to get into touch with old comrades they might otherwise not meet.

Anyone wishing to join is requested to apply to Mr. S. F. Metcalfe, 7, Claverton Street, S.W.1, who will be very pleased to give full particulars. Old comrades who may be at a loose end on the *First Saturday* in any month should wend their way to the Central Recruiting Office, Great Scotland Yard, Whitehall, where they will be sure of a hearty welcome.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

SOME NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE 7TH BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.).

In 1798, owing to the threat of a French Invasion, an Act of Parliament was passed which brought into existence "Armed Associations." Five of these Associations were the Loyal Hampstead, Edmonton, Tottenham, Highgate and Enfield, and it is from these bodies that the 7th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment is descended. The Associations were disbanded as a result of the Peace of Amiens, but with the renewal of the War with France, in 1803, Volunteer Corps were raised in the country. Those that concern us are the Loyal Hampstead Volunteers, Loyal Highgate Volunteers and the Barnet Volunteers.

During the long peace which followed Waterloo, the Volunteer Corps gradually disappeared, and by 1850 the H.A.C. alone

remained. In 1852 the Exeter Rifle Volunteers and the 1st Middlesex (Victoria) Rifle Volunteers (now 9th London Regiment) were formed. In 1859, consequent upon the hostile attitude of Louis Napoleon, the Volunteer Force again sprang into existence. Of the Battalions raised in Middlesex, six have since combined to form the present Battalion. These were 3rd (Hampstead), 12th (Barnet), 13th (Hornsey), 14th (Highgate), 33rd (Tottenham) and 41st (Enfield) Rifle Volunteers. In 1860 the 3rd, 13th and 14th were amalgamated into the 2nd Administrative Battalion Rifle Volunteers, and in 1862 the 12th, 33rd and 41st, who had previously been amalgamated as the 6th Administrative Battalion, were added to the 2nd Battalion.

In 1880 the 2nd Administrative Battalion was consolidated into a single corps with Headquarters at Hornsey, and was numbered 3rd Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps, the number being taken from that of the senior detachment, i.e., 3rd Hampstead R.V.

During the South African War the Battalion sent to the front six Officers and 324 other ranks, who served with various units, including the 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment.

In 1898 the title of the Battalion was changed to 1st Volunteer Battalion The Duke of Cambridge's Own Middlesex Regiment, and it was thus linked for the first time to its regular County Regiment.

In 1908, on the formation of the Territorial Force, the Battalion was transferred to that force as the 7th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment.

During the Great War the 7th Battalion served with distinction in France, after a short period of garrison duty in Gibraltar. Subsidiary Battalions were also raised. The 2/7th served in the Senussi Campaign in Egypt, and was then transferred to France, where it was disbanded. The 3/7th did not go overseas as a battalion, but found large drafts for the B.E.F. The 4/7th also acted as a draft-finding unit, and in 1916 was amalgamated with the 4/8th, 3/9th and 4/10th into the 7th (Reserve) Battalion The Middlesex Regiment.

In 1919 the Battalion formed part of the Army of the Rhine, and in November of that year, after being reduced to a cadre by demobilization and transfers to the 19th and 23rd Battalions, it returned to England.

After a short period of dormancy, the re-organization of the Battalion commenced, and now that the lean years of forced economy are over, it is in a flourishing condition. Its strength at the time of writing is 23 Officers and 573 other ranks, a deficit of only 2 Officers and 15 other ranks.

The Middlesex Territorial Battalions rank as third senior in the T.A., following the H.A.C. and The Devonshire Regiment. This honour is due to the raising of the Exeter Volunteers and 1st Middlesex Volunteers in 1852, seven years before the remainder of the Volunteer Force was re-formed in 1859.

7TH BATTALION NOTES

THE most important event of the quarter has been the participation of a detachment of the Battalion in the Coronation of H.M. King George VI and H.M. Queen Elizabeth. One Officer and three other ranks formed part of the procession, and two Officers and twenty-five other ranks lined the streets. Lieut.-Col. W. E. Pringle, M.C., C.S.M. Ramsey, C.Q.M.S. Allin and Sergt. Lauderback composed the former party, and the street lining contingent was commanded by Capt. G. C. D. Scott Lowe, while Lieut. A. D. Jefferson carried the King's Colour. Lack of space forbids mention of the remainder of the party. Suffice it to say that all ranks acquitted themselves well, and were a credit to the Battalion as regards turnout, discipline and steadiness on parade. Coronation medals have been awarded to Lieut.-Col. Pringle, Capt. Scott Lowe, C.S.M. Howard, C.S.M. Knight, C.Q.M.S. Allin and Pte. Levett. We congratulate these Officers and other ranks who received these medals, and our pleasure at the honour bestowed upon them is tempered only by regret that all those who took part in the parade could not be similarly honoured.

The Annual Distribution of Prizes took place on 10th April. A full account of the ceremony appeared in the *Hornsey Journal*, and is reproduced here through the courtesy of that newspaper.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Rainham on 23rd May. To avoid duplication we leave it to Companies to record their successes in their own notes. If, as a result, some successes are unrecorded, the blame will lie with the Companies who fail to render their contribution to this Journal.

Another important event of the quarter was Capt. A. K. Johnson's marriage to Miss Tibbetts, on 19th June. A large number of Officers were present at the ceremony and the subsequent reception. We wish Capt. and Mrs. Johnson every success for the future.

NEARLY UP TO STRENGTH

7TH BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT
HAD A GOOD YEAR IN 1936

GEN. SIR W. EDMUND IRNSIDE ON THE
AIR DEFENCE OF LONDON

Virtually "military governor" of London by reason of his position as General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, Gen. Sir W. Edmund Ironside distributed the awards for 1936 to Officers and men of the 7th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment at the Hornsey Drill Hall—the Battalion headquarters—on Saturday evening, 10th April.

Referring to the possibility of air-raids in the event of war, he said to the Territorials, "If I have to run London and its suburbs, as I shall have to do if there is any trouble, I shall not call upon you in vain. One thing I shall ask for, and that is discipline."

The fact that the Battalion has increased its strength from 517 to 559 since a year ago was mentioned by Lieut.-Col. W. E. Pringle, M.C., the Battalion C.O., in his review of 1936. He thought that the Employers' Recruiting Committee formed in Hornsey last year would prove to be an asset to the Battalion.

He announced that new headquarters will be built for the Battalion at Hornsey and that three Officers and 28 other ranks of the Battalion will take part in the Coronation.

MANY CHANGES LAST YEAR

As usual, the prize-giving was attended by the wives and lady friends of the Officers and men of the Battalion and was followed by a dance.

Lieut.-Col. Pringle entertained Gen. Sir Edmund Ironside to dinner in the Officers' Mess before the prize-giving and among the guests were Major-Gen. R. M. Luckock, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (commanding the 54th East Anglian Division, of which the 7th

Battalion forms a part), Col. T. S. Muirhead (commanding the 162nd Brigade, which includes the 7th Battalion), Col. E. J. King (Hon. Colonel of the Battalion), Major Mirams, M.C. (Second-in-command of the Battalion), Capt. Clark (Adjutant), Col. H. A. Murray and Col. Smith (former C.O.s of the Battalion), the Rev. H. C. Montgomery Campbell (Chaplain), the Mayor of Hornsey (Councillor Charles Winkley) and Col. A. M. O. Anwyl-Passingham, O.B.E. (Secretary of the Middlesex Territorial Army and Air Force Association).

The Regimental Band (under Bandmaster C. L. H. Clibbens) played in the Drill Hall for some time before the prize-giving and when Sir Edmund Ironside entered the hall in company with the C.O., other Officers and the Mayor, the Band struck up a lively air.

C.O.'O REVIEW OF 1936

"In many ways it was an eventful year for the Battalion," began Lieut.-Col. W. E. Pringle in his review of 1936. In the first place, Col. Murray came to the end of his four years' command of the Battalion and it was generally regretted that for various reasons he was unable to take an extension. Capt. Walden (now in Singapore with the 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment) finished his four years' service with them as Adjutant. A real glutton for work, Capt. Walden did magnificent service for the Battalion. (Applause.) Their new Adjutant, Capt. Clark (of the 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment), had now been with them five months—long enough for them for form the opinion that fate had once again been kind to them. (Applause.)

A gap in the ranks of the senior Officers of the Battalion had been filled by the coming of Major Holt, who had been placed in command of the Highgate Company. "Owing to his civilian work, Major Holt has been transferred to this part of the country," said Lieut.-Col. Pringle, "and he has come to teach us how they run Territorial Battalions in Lancashire."

Since that time last year the strength of the Officers had been increased from 15 to 23. Only two more were needed to reach the establishment strength for Officers and there were more than two applicants for the vacancies.

Another great change during 1936 was the transfer of the Battalion from the 44th

(Home Counties) Division to the 54th (East Anglian) Division. A change of division probably did not mean very much to those high up, but it meant a great deal to the Battalion. It meant severing old friendships and making new ones.

"During the short time we have been in the East Anglian Division," said Lieut.-Col. Pringle, "we have got along extraordinarily well and have found some nice friends in it. The change may also mean a fresh selection of sites for the annual Camp. We cannot always go within a stone's throw of Brighton." (Laughter.)

He went on to say that during 1936 the Battalion gave up its horse transport and became mechanised and they were now the proud possessors of two Commer "beetles." (Laughter.) "That is a small thing but it is a step in the right direction," commented Lieut.-Col. Pringle. "It just shows that the Territorial Army is at last coming into its own." (Applause.)

Another interesting change which concerned organisation and tactics, was that the Battalion's platoons now consisted of three sections instead of four. This meant having to unlearn all they knew and start again. Then they had been promised at some date in the future the Bren gun (a new light machine-gun operated by one man instead of two, as with the ordinary machine-gun) and they were also to form a mortar platoon at an early date.

Lieut.-Col. Pringle then announced an important impending change. "After many delays," he said, "there is now a movement on foot to build us some new headquarters here. I hope that by this time next year a start will have been made on the job."

He described as "very encouraging" the strength of the Battalion at the moment. The numbers were 559, as against 517 at that time last year. (Applause.) That meant that the Battalion required only 24 men to reach full strength, but, as they had to make good "those who fell by the wayside" from time to time, the last 25 seemed to be the most difficult to get.

He was pleased to see that the 7th Battalion were listed as the strongest Battalion in their new Division. He wanted the Battalion to keep this distinction, which was held, by the way, by a small margin.

Referring to the reasons for the increased strength of the Battalion, Lieut.-Col. Pringle said that the recently-formed Employers'

Recruiting Committee in Hornsey were doing extraordinarily good work. He thanked the Mayor of Hornsey for the part he played in bringing the Committee into being.

"It is often difficult," he said, "to get anybody to sponsor a new movement, but the Mayor took on the chairmanship of the Committee. Pressure of official duties in other directions naturally made it necessary for him to hand over the chairmanship to somebody else at an early opportunity, but it was entirely due to him that the whole thing was got going."

Although the tangible results of the work of the Employers' Recruiting Committee in Hornsey were not yet very apparent, he had no doubt that in time the Committee would prove, as similar committees had proved in other districts, to be a great asset to the Battalion.

He thought that the task of keeping up the strength of the Battalion would be none too easy in future, for, among other things, they were going to have two new units in their area—right on the doorsteps of two of their Companies. They would therefore have to find new ways of keeping up the Battalion strength and for that reason, if for no other, he welcomed the formation of the Employers' Recruiting Committee.

Although they were the strongest Battalion in the East Anglian Division, their attendance at the annual Camp last year was distinctly disappointing, the percentage being only 78.

"In the past we have tried everything we can think of to get the Camp attendance up," said Lieut.-Col. Pringle, "and we shall have to think of something new. I should like to thank publicly those employers who allow their men to attend the annual Camp, in some cases at great sacrifice. So many of our men work in small businesses and can ill be spared, but, taking the employers as a whole in this area, they are exceedingly generous in this matter."

The past year, continued Lieut.-Col. Pringle, had seen the formation of the National Defence Companies. "Those who are too old to join the Battalion," he said, "have come here and enrolled, so that if any trouble arises in the future they will be sent on some nice little job, such as watching the local brewery." (Laughter.) The Battalion had raised their quota of 40, but they were now only 39, because one had

become over the age. (Laughter.) He thought it somewhat surprising that out of the 40 who enrolled only five were ex-members of the Battalion.

In command with Territorial Battalions elsewhere, said Lieut.-Col. Pringle, the 7th had been asked to furnish a contingent of three Officers and 28 other ranks for the Coronation. He observed that the number of volunteers was overwhelmingly in excess of those required and, in consequence, there was an awful lot of disappointment in the Battalion.

At Easter the Battalion held a Weapon-Training Camp at Purfleet, and of 200 men who fired their Course in every sort of weather, ranging from tropical heat to blizzards, only 20 failed—and they could have another shot.

VALUE OF DISCIPLINE

Sir Edmund Ironside on "Trouble from the Air"

Apparently Gen. Sir Edmund Ironside had asked that the prize-giving should not be too formal and too long. Prize-winners who came forward this year did not give a salute, although they clicked their heels as smartly as ever, and members of winning teams, instead of marching up to the platform behind their Company Commanders, selected one representative to receive the prizes on their behalf. By these means the ceremony was made considerably shorter than in previous years.

After handing out the trophies and other awards and shaking hands with the recipients, Sir Edmund gave a short address. He said that Territorials had been wondering during the last few years whether the people of the country appreciated them. "They always have," said Sir Edmund emphatically, "and now we are in a position to help you. From the point of view of the Territorials, there is no doubt that things are getting better."

Having remarked that the question whether the Army was any use was debated on all sides, he went on: "I am not going to make a Jingo speech, but I am going to say this: Our country and Empire has been built up by men like you. You cannot build it up by any other means whatsoever. By increasing the strength of your Battalion and by making yourselves efficient, you make it possible for the Regular Army to

go abroad at any moment—to Palestine, India, Africa, in fact, all over the place. The fact that you are behind the Regular Army makes it possible for them to go abroad. Otherwise no Government would be able to send them abroad.

"And what would happen if we could not look after our Empire? Where would we be without our Empire? How could we live if we had not got our Empire? Think of what it would mean to us to sink to the position of a small country like Belgium or Denmark."

"Last of all," he continued, "we know that we may have trouble from the air, and there is one thing necessary when you get into trouble, and that is discipline. The more there are of Territorial soldiers, who understand what discipline means, the better we shall be able to face up to any trouble which may come.

"There is no doubt that when the bombs fall, if ever they do, people will be hurrying and scurrying all over the place, and the people who will not be hurrying and scurrying will be the Territorials. People will be asking you what to do, so that the more we have of you the better will be the state of discipline. There is only one thing that will put out the fires in air-raids, help people who are wounded and sick and eventually keep the enemy away, and that is discipline."

Although the anti-aircraft Territorial was usually thought of in connection with air-raids, the infantry Territorial must not think that he would not be necessary in such an emergency. In France during the Great War they knew how difficult it was to run transport; they knew how difficult it was to keep a great city like London moving, and they knew how difficult it would be in an air-raid without extra policemen and without extra people at the cross-roads. If he had to run London and its suburbs, as he would have to do in the event of trouble, he knew that he would not call upon the Territorials in vain. One thing he would ask for and that was discipline.

Sir Edmund Ironside added: "You have gone into your new Division with a great reputation and we in the Command are proud of you. I congratulate the Colonel and the Officers upon the results of your work and it makes me happy to think that there is such a body of men in the county of Middlesex." (Applause.)

AIR DEFENCE OF LONDON

Responsibilities of Middlesex

Col. King, in moving a vote of thanks to Sir Edmund Ironside, said that the Middlesex Territorial Army and Air Force Association, of which he is chairman, had begun to assume greater responsibilities during the past year for the air defence of London north of the Thames, which had largely been entrusted to the county of Middlesex. "It is increasingly evident," said Col. King, "that the most important of the duties and responsibilities of the Association in the years to come will be concerned with the air defence of London. Already we have our Air Force squadrons; units for the balloon barrage will shortly be raised and search-light companies and anti-aircraft batteries are being raised. But I do hope that our infantry battalions will not think that the Association are no less interested in their field troops because of these increased responsibilities. They may rest assured that our efforts to do what we can for their prosperity will never cease, even though we have other duties upon our shoulders."

He went on to say that the retirement of Col. Murray and Major Bower (former second-in-command) from the Battalion gave him particular regret in that they were the last of the Officers of the Battalion who served under his command during the Great War. But he was relieved of much of his regret by the knowledge that they had been replaced by Officers who also had the experience of the Great War behind them. Under Lieut.-Col. Pringle and Major Mirams, both of whom served with their 1st Battalion, he knew that the fine record of the 7th would be continued and that a new generation would be brought up in the traditions of his own generation.

Like Lieut.-Col. Pringle, he regretted the departure of their former Adjutant, Capt. Walden, whose name would always be numbered in the Battalion among the very best of their Adjutants. (Applause.)

The Mayor of Hornsey, seconding the vote of thanks, appealed to employers of labour, no matter how small, to help the Territorial forces, if only from the point of view of self-interest. Without the armed forces the employer would be "nowhere" in the event of a war, while the discipline which an employee acquired as a Territorial would show itself favourably in his work.

It would mean better service and a greater interest.

(By courtesy of the "Hornsey Journal")

THE PRIZE LIST

COMPETITIONS WON BY THE BATTALION IN 1936

Middlesex Justices' Shield (Lewis Gun).—Presented to the Company team of the Middlesex Territorial Army Battalions making the highest score at the Brigade Weapon Training meeting: Won by Highgate Company. Team: L/Sergt. Baker, Cpl. Law, Cpl. Register, L/Cpl. Nelmes, Pte. Campbell and Pte. Fox.

Lewis Gun Challenge Cup competition.—Awarded to the Company L.G. team of the Brigade making the highest score at the Brigade Weapon Training meeting. Won by Highgate Company. Team as above.

"Kittoo" Cup, for first year Signallers in the 132nd Brigade, with which the Battalion was formerly attached: Pte. B. Jones and Boy W. Lovett (Headquarter Wing, Hornsey).

BATTALION TROPHIES

"Clay" Memorial Shield.—Awarded to the most efficient Company for the year: Enfield Company (Company Commander, Capt. R. Bartram).

"Lee" Memorial Challenge Shield, for the Company with the best combined score, trained men, young soldiers and Lewis gunners, at the Battalion Rifle meeting: Tottenham Company (Company Commander, Capt. G. C. D. Scott Lowe).

"Arnold White" Cup for the Inter-Company Rifle Team competition at the Battalion Rifle Meeting: Tottenham Company. Team: Capt. Scott Lowe, Sergt. Lenney, Sergt. Courché, L/Sergt. Matthewman, Cpl. Huggins, L/Cpl. Tassell, L/Cpl. Boughton and Pte. Giggins.

"Hornsey" Vase, for the Inter-Company Lewis Gun competition at the Battalion Rifle Meeting: "H.Q." Wing, Hornsey (Company Commander, Capt. A. K. Johnson). Team: Sergt. Savage, Sergt. Lane, Cpl. Fairbrother, Cpl. Tuthill, L/Cpl. Gibbins and L/Cpl. West.

Volunteer Cup, for the Inter-Company Young Soldiers' Rifle Team competition at the Battalion Rifle Meeting: Tottenham Company. Team: Pte. Bolitho, Cpl. L. Lucas, L/Cpl. Peek, Pte. W. Dicks, L/Cpl. R. Lucas, Pte. Mitchell, Pte. Cole and Pte. Hoy.

Inter-Sub-Section M.G. Cup for an Inter-Sub-Section M.G. competition at the Battalion Rifle Meeting: No. 8 Sub-Section, Enfield Company. Team: Cpl. Hughes, L/Cpl. Mace and Pte. Goodway.

Inter-Company Falling Plate competition: Highgate Company (Company Commander, Major J. M. Holt). Team: Capt. Bartram, C.S.M. Knight, Sergt. Rockall and Pte. Sonley.

"King" Cup for Inter-Company Miniature Range competition: Tottenham Company. Team: Capt. Scott Lowe, Sergt. Lenney, L/Cpl. R. Lucas, L/Sergt. Matthewman, Cpl. L. Lucas, L/Cpl. Tassell, Pte. Coomber and L/Cpl. Boughton.

"Barnet" Cup, for Inter-Company Fire Direction competition on the Miniature Range: Tottenham Company. Team: Cpl. Huggins, L/Cpl. Tassell, Pte. Coomber, L/Cpl. R. Lucas, Pte. Russell, Pte. Levett and Pte. Blundell.

"Warner" Drill Cup, for the Inter-Company Drill competition: Hornsey Company (Company Commander, Capt. S. A. W. Brown).

Inter-Platoon Tactical Cup: Enfield Company.

Sports Cup: Enfield Company.

Cross-country Running Cup: Tottenham Company. Team: Capt. Scott Lowe, Sergt. Bundy (individual winner), Pte. Trafford (runner-up), Pte. Chapman, Pte. Roberts and Pte. Thompson.

Boxing Cup: Tottenham Company.

Football Cup: Tottenham Company. Team: Capt. Scott Lowe, C.S.M. Bishop, Sergt. Lenney, L/Cpl. Tourlemain, Pte. Hill, Pte. Russell, 2/Lieut. Hatfield, Pte. Kendal, Pte. Lock, Pte. Fox and Pte. Chapman.

"Magheramorne" Shield for Inter-Company Tug-of-War: Hornsey Company. Team: 2/Lieut. Ingham, Sergt. Nolan, Sergt. Lauderbeck, Sergt. Valentine, Cpl. Hunt, L/Cpl. Pooley, Pte. Hunt and Pte. Gayler.

Battalion Rifle team: Prizes to those who represented the Battalion in the competition for the Middlesex Justices' Shield: Capt. S. A. W. Brown, Capt. R. Bartram, Capt. G. C. D. Scott Lowe, R.Q.M.S. Badham, C.S.M. G. Howard, C.S.M. E. Thomas, C.S.M. Knight, C.S.M. Ellis, Sergt. H. Parker, Sergt. Rockall, Sergt. Dickinson, Sergt. C. Lenney, Sergt. A. Valentine, L/Cpl. A. Clark, L/Cpl. W. Hyde and L/Cpl. Tassell.

Inter-Company Badminton League: Enfield Company.

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

Officers' Cup for the best shot among the Officers: Capt. Scott Lowe.

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Cup for the Best Rifle Shot: 1, C.S.M. Thomas (Enfield Company); 2, C.S.M. Knight (Highgate Company); 3, L. Sergt. Clarke, "H.Q." Wing (Hornsey).

Marksmen's Cup, for the Best Rifle Shot among the Corporals and Privates: 1, L/Cpl. Tassell (Tottenham Company); 2, L/Cpl. Hyde, "H.Q." Wing (Hornsey); 3, Cpl. Huggins (Tottenham Company).

Lewis Gunners' Cup, for the Best Lewis Gun Shot among all ranks: 1, L/Cpl. Nelmes (Highgate Company); 2, L/Sergt. Baker (Highgate Company); 3, Cpl. Powell (Enfield Company).

"Enfield" Cup, for the Best Rifle Shot among those with less than two years' service: 1, Pte. Sonley (Highgate Company); 2, L/Cpl. Gray (Enfield Company); 3, Cpl. L. Lucas (Tottenham Company).

Middlesex Territorial Association Recruiting Trophy for the Permanent Staff Instructor at the Drill Station at which the largest number of T.A. recruits were raised during the year ending 31st October, 1936: R.S.M. E. Joy (Hornsey).

Sergt. Edwards (Enfield Company) had the Territorial Efficiency Medal pinned on his tunic by General Sir Edmund Ironside.

"A" COMPANY

It is said that the pen is mightier than the sword, and when it comes to writing Company notes the truth of this comes home very forcibly.

Since our last notes we have been carrying out intensive training in preparation for Annual Camp, which this year is to be held at Colchester, and to which we are looking forward.

We participated in the Battalion Rifle Meeting, and although we were favoured with a fine day, the wind was tricky, thus providing an excuse for the indifferent shots, and moderate scores for the usual good shots. From our point of view, the meeting was not very satisfactory, as although we managed to fill second place in three competitions, we could not secure a first. Individually, we were more successful, as we are able to congratulate Cpl. Register and Pte. Sonley on carrying off the Lewis Gunners' and Marksman's Cups respectively.

As usual various changes have taken place in the Company: Lieut. Jefferson has left us, having been posted to "C" Company, and we wish him every success in his new appointment. We welcome 2/Lieut. Travis, who has been posted to us; he is no stranger, and already he is taking a keen interest in the sports side.

We congratulate the following N.C.O.s on promotion: L/Sergt. Baker to Sergeant, Cpl. Bare to L/Sergeant and L/Cpl. Govey to Corporal.

Several vacancies for N.C.O.s exist in the Company, and we wish to draw attention to the various Courses held from time to time whereby selected Privates and N.C.O.s can further their knowledge and thus become capable of holding the next higher rank if they so desire. We were not altogether well represented on the Section Leaders' Course, recently completed at Headquarters, and it is hoped N.C.O.s will take advantage of future Courses.

A very interesting Table Tennis Competition was held recently, and the skill displayed by some of our so called "dark horses" was very noticeable. The final was played by Ptes. Love and Sonley, the former being the winner.

These notes would not be complete without making reference to the Coronation. Our Company was well represented, the following being selected to attend: Lieut.

Jefferson, C.S.M. Knight, C.Q.M.S. Allin, Sergt. Barber, Corpl. Register and Pte. Thomas.

Although Camp conditions were not altogether ideal, and in spite of wet shirts, our detachment made an excellent turnout on the great day, and did their job well. We congratulate C.S.M. Knight and C.Q.M.S. Allin on being awarded the Coronation Medal.

In conclusion, we should like to remind you there is still room for recruits in this Company, and we seek your co-operation in an endeavour to fill the gaps by bringing along men of the right type.

"B" (S.) COMPANY

In accordance with our usual custom we have delayed writing these notes until the last minute, or rather later than the last minute, so that it appears doubtful if they will be published at all. Nevertheless, we have thrown ourselves upon the Editor's mercy and we can only hope and pray.

We have first to record that Capt. Johnson, finding the strain of commanding "H.Q." Wing too great for a single man, has become a married one. The N.C.O.s of his old Company gave him a large and impressive clock, suitably embellished with a silver plate, which he received, very conveniently, in the immediate neighbourhood of a barrel of beer. A pleasant time was had by all.

Descending a little lower in the military scale we come to those zealous subalterns, Messrs. Oldham and Hicks. The former has returned from leave, having, we hope, convinced the Law Society that he knows all about the law; the latter has joined us on a first appointment and is now doing all the work that his seniors can find for him. We are, however, able to deny the rumour that he has prepared a detailed scheme for substituting a milk bar for the canteen.

Among our visitors we have numbered a burglar who called upon us one Sunday morning, removed two or three pounds from the Canteen and defying convention, failed to leave his visiting card. Taking a poor view of this ill-bred anonymity, we called in the police, who sent up a detective

"Built upon the plan

Of heavy storage, double navelled, fat
From his own giblets oil, an Ararat"

who discovered more evidence than Bishop

Paley ever did, but unaccountably failed to produce the burglar. Still he has doubtless recorded the circumstances in the Police archives and something more positive may happen sometime.

The Company's part in the Battalion Rifle Meeting was not undistinguished. Our High Sheriff's team won its competition without undue difficulty; our young soldiers and Lewis Gunners did not disgrace themselves. The most remarkable individual achievement was that of Cpl. Brown, who is generally believed to have fired his recruit's course with the long bow. Not content with leading his sub-section to victory in the Machine Gun Competition, he tried his entirely unpractised hand with the Lewis Gun and is now the Champion Lewis Gunner of the Battalion.

Training has progressed steadily and the Camp attendance figures are good. Employers have played up amazingly well; only in two cases has there been any real difficulty with them.

It is understood that Capt. Wray, of the 2nd Battalion, will be with us at Camp. We expect his presence in the Mess will add to our usual liveliness, and we hope he will bring his guitar.

"D" COMPANY

Coronation Day, 12th May, will long live in the memory of those who were privileged to be present as representatives of the Battalion. The street lining party was commanded by Capt. Scott Lowe and the other members of the Company on parade were Sergt. Matthewman, Cpls. Huggins and Smith, L/Cpls. Allinson, and Ptes. Levett and Bolitho. We believe a description of this event is appearing on another page of this issue, so we will content ourselves by saying that it was a day which will always be remembered by all who took part. Capt. Scott Lowe and Pte. Levett afterwards received the Coronation Medal on returning to Battalion Headquarters.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held this year at Rainham and we were again successful in retaining the "Lee Memorial" Shield for the highest aggregate score. Other successes were the Hornsey Vase (Lewis Gun Cup) and Volunteer Cup (Young Soldiers' Shoot). Individual successes were recorded by our Company Commander in the Officers' Cup and by Ptes. Bolitho, Mitchell

and Godbold, who scored the three highest Young Soldiers' scores. By the time the gentle reader is struggling through these notes the Brigade Rifle Meeting will have been held and we hope we shall have done our stuff "good and proper."

In the sporting world members of the Company have represented the Battalion in the T.A. Cross-country at Birmingham and in a very enjoyable Athletic Meeting at the Duke of York's, Chelsea. Pte. Trafford was first man home for the team at Birmingham, and 2/Lieut. Hatfield registered a good win in the 120 yards high hurdles at Chelsea.

A large party went to the Aldershot Tattoo on 11th June, and in spite of the fact that we were late in arriving and were thoroughly soaked by a torrential down-pour, we managed to enjoy ourselves. The drinks we were able to obtain at a friendly hostelry on the return journey more than helped to warm us up again and it was noticeable that there were fewer sleeping members than usual. One of the portly pillars of the Company spent the time uttering weird negroid noises at the back of the coach.

Best wishes to C.Q.M.S. Lenney on his promotion, and we trust that he is not suffering from brain fever in Camp. Congratulations also to Cpl. W. Smith on promotion from Lance-Corporal.

We would also welcome all our new recruits and judging by first glances would say that they should more than keep the Company colours flying.

THE CORONATION

By L/Cpl. Cox, "C" Company

Those of us who have had the honour to represent the 7th Battalion at the Coronation of their Majesties the King and Queen have been asked many questions concerning our four days' stay in Regent's Park. The following brief account should therefore prove of interest.

Those who took part in the actual procession, under the command of Col. Pringle, went to camp in Kensington Gardens, while the larger number, detailed to line the route, stayed in Regent's Park. This party was under Capt. Scott Lowe, with Mr. Jefferson, who carried the King's Colour.

We travelled by tube, and had the strange experience of marching in file through long and echoing tunnels, and up and down escalators. Reaching the Park, and reporting to our Group Headquarters, we were supplied with a scout, who went on ahead to lead us to our portion of the camp. Whether our scout (a "regular") lost his way or "done it a-purpose," we don't know, but we marched about three miles before we came to rest.

Our tents were luxurious, being complete with floor boards and palliasses, and a lantern to finish things off. As there were only five in each tent, we had plenty of room in which to hang our "Blues." Words could never tell how these "blues" were treasured, the number of times they were brushed, nor the care taken in folding.

There were no parades after dinner on Monday, and we were allowed out until 1 a.m. I am willing to wager that out of the thousands in camp, there was not one that stayed in on that memorable Monday evening; in fact the entire West End seemed to consist largely of blue uniforms.

Next morning (Tuesday) we paraded in the—by now famous—"Blues," but owing to rain, parade was put off until after dinner, and the dress changed to khaki. The purpose of this parade was a review by the Officer Commanding the Camp, the Earl of Cavan.

Parade over, we were informed that no one was allowed out after nine, and that reveille next morning was at three "ack emma," so we all stayed in to clean up for the great day. As to cleaning, the weather was our great bugbear. The camp, though profusely strewn with duck-boards, was very muddy, so, to get a decent shine on one's boots, was practically impossible.

On Wednesday we awoke to find it still dark, and lanterns very much in evidence. To wash, you had to go through mud, but our tent's crew managed to avoid this by doing a relay with one pair of plimsols. The same idea was rejected by all when it came to breakfast, so we wore our boots and balanced precariously on the duckboards in the half-light of dawn. Needless to say, "Blues" were not worn until the last minute—no mud for them!

The parade for the Coronation route-lining was at 5.30 a.m., by which time we had been awake so long that it seemed like midday, and on reaching the route the only



7th BATTALION CORONATION GROUP

things to dispel the idea were the clocks. The streets were thronged with wonderfully uniformed personages, all hurrying somewhere, and crowds trying to find the best position. Marching along the route we were greeted with many cries of "Good old Die-Hards." Our position, the junction of Northumberland Avenue and Trafalgar Square, was reached just before 8. Here we were placed in two ranks on opposite sides of the road. And then the wait! Though standing six hours before the first part of the procession came past, there was so much happening all the morning that this did not seem long. About 11.30 our rations arrived, a plentiful supply. Few of us managed to eat the lot, but the children and girls behind did not seem to mind!

Then came the procession, which the newspapers have told you all about; but three things which impressed us most were the picturesque, bearded Indians, the effortless, faultless marching of the Guards, and the spotless brilliance of the "Mounties." The procession, culminating with the wonderful golden coach, was surely the most impressive spectacle ever seen, and the cheers and acclamations had to be heard to be believed.

Going back to camp the rain commenced, and by the time we had finished our long march we were thoroughly soaked. As the rain continued, ruining our chances of a night out, we stayed in and went to bed.

The rest of our stay was confined to clearing up, after which we returned home, reaching the Drill Hall about midday.

Thus ended our share in this historic event, and my last words must be of congratulation to the Regular Army on the wonderful way in which these camps were planned.

ATHLETICS

Since the last issue of THE DIE-HARDS the Battalion has taken part in two meetings.

The first was the T.A. Cross-country Race, which was held this year on Saturday, 3rd April, at the Austin Motor Works, Longbridge, near Birmingham. Our team travelled up from Euston by train, having lunch on the way and, in spite of a forty-minute ride in a very bumpy tram, seemed in good fettle for the race. The afternoon was definitely hot and the opposition was equally warm, no fewer than four International runners taking part. The result of

the race was a little disappointing after the high standard set up in 1936, when we defeated all the teams from the Midlands and the South. We dropped from fifth place to eighth out of a field of 15 and, although we can bemoan the loss of one or two of our old hands, the team did not run up to its usual standard. This may have been due to the fact that we were not keyed up for the event through there being no cross-country race in our new Division, but we hope that this omission will be rectified next year. Ptes. Trafford and Morris ran very well, keeping together nearly all the way round and finishing in the early twenties. The remainder of the team did well, but were not quite fit enough for the occasion.

The second event was an athletic meeting held at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, on two evenings in June. This meeting has been held previously and has been confined to Battalions of the London Division only, so we feel honoured as "outsiders" that we should have been asked to participate.

The result of the Sports was as follows:

1. Artist's Rifles.
2. London Scottish.
3. Queen's Westminsters.
4. 7th Middlesex.
5. London Rifle Brigade.
6. City of London Yeomanry.
7. London Irish.

The best performances for the Battalion were recorded by 2/Lieut. Hatfield, who won the 120 yards high hurdles in good time, and C.S.M. Ramsey, who was second in the 100 yards and third in the long jump. Cpl. Pooley did well in the putting-the-weight, whilst our tug-of-war team pulled well but were beaten by a heavier and more experienced team. Perhaps one of the most satisfying things about the show was that we managed to field a full team for every event, quite a feat considering the awkward time of the meeting.

On the second evening, an open invitation relay race was held, and many famous runners, such as S. C. Wooderson, were on view. The A.A.A. mile champion ran a wonderful race for his club, Blackheath Harriers.

This was altogether a very pleasant meeting and we look forward to taking part in future years.

TWENTY-FOUR WANTED

Twenty-five years ago the 7th Middlesex were seeking thirty-five men to bring the Battalion to full strength; at present they want twenty-four to achieve the same object. There is a big difference, though, for in 1912 their total establishment was 1,013, whereas now it is only 583, although the population from which they recruit is far larger than it was then. There is certainly greater difficulty in obtaining men now, although it must not be imagined that they had not

this increase is in addition to the men required to replace those who left the Battalion through the completion of their term of service or for other reasons. We hope that at the Seventh's next year's prize distribution Lieut.-Col. Pringle will be able to report that establishment strength has been reached.

Should that result be attained, the Battalion will deserve all the congratulations they will receive, because, as Col. Pringle pointed out at this year's prize-giving, from



7th Middlesex Cross-Country Team

Left to Right—2/Lieut. Hughes, Ptes. Cox (Reserve), Trafford, Morris, Thompson, Green, Smith, 2/Lieut. Hatfield

to be sought in 1912. Special efforts had to be made even then. That year the non-commissioned officers of three Companies of the Seventh arranged a special recruiting week and offered a small present to each lady who brought in a recruit. That method of propaganda has not been revived, but its use shows that the problem of bringing the battalion up to full strength was not found easy. During the last twelve months the numbers of the Seventh have been raised from 517 to 559. That is very satisfactory when it is remembered that

now onwards the Seventh will have competition for recruits in their own area, as there will be two new units in it to meet the needs of air defence. In addition to those for the Seventh, recruits will also be sought for the balloon barrage, for the searchlight companies and for anti-aircraft batteries. It is quite possible that many men will see in these new formations work which appeals to them more than that done by the infantry, but in some cases at least this will be due to ignorance of modern training of infantry Battalions. During the last year the

Seventh have become mechanised and horse transport is a thing of the past, so far as they are concerned. Then, too, they have been promised a new type of machine-gun, which is operated by one man instead of two, and a mortar platoon is to be formed at an early date. Their work is thus becoming more interesting and more varied, and therefore it is likely to make a greater appeal to the man with a mechanical turn of mind. "The Territorial Army is at last coming into its own," was Col. Pringle's comment. It is at last being provided with all the equipment necessary, for the proper performance of its work should a day arrive on which it will be called on to take the place of the Regulars.

It was an interesting and a satisfactory report that Col. Pringle had to read on Saturday, 10th April, for 1936 was an important year in the Seventh's history. They lost their Commanding Officer, their second-in-command and their Adjutant, and they were transferred from the Home Counties to the East Anglian Division. The last change, Col. Pringle said, meant a great deal to them, for by it old friendships were severed and new friendships had to be made. The Seventh are the strongest Battalion in their new Division, and that position their Colonel wishes them to maintain—of course, it is almost traditional for the Seventh to be leaders. Then another reason why 1936 was eventful was because the number of sections in a platoon was reduced from four to three, which, in Col. Pringle's words, "meant having to unlearn all we knew and start again." The year, too, saw the formation of an Employers' Recruiting Committee, which he hoped would in time prove a great asset, although he said the tangible results of their work were not yet very apparent. Then the Seventh had raised their quota of forty men for the National Defence Companies, although a man is needed now to replace one who has become too old. That vacancy, surely, will not be difficult to fill.

To a layman an attendance of 78 per cent. at the annual Camp seems quite good, but Col. Pringle regarded it as "distinctly disappointing." He thanked the employers who had allowed their men to attend and said that as a whole they "are exceedingly generous in this matter." It may be that the Employers' Recruiting Committee can help in this if the date of the Camp is announced in time for employers to make their arrange-

ments. Good as the percentage we have mentioned may appear to the layman, Col. Pringle's opinion will be understood if it be remembered that the fortnight in Camp is the most important part of a Territorial's training, and that for over one-fifth of the men to miss this must weaken a Battalion. Only in Camp does a Battalion become a unit, with its Companies working together, and only there does it have to co-operate with similar units. It is there that it attains the machine-like qualities which result in complete efficiency. By making it possible for his men to attend Camp an employer gives a real contribution to national defence; by preventing them from doing so he handicaps those responsible for vital work. Col. Pringle stated that in some cases employers make "a great sacrifice" in arranging so that their men can attend Camp. That this is thus officially recognised should be an encouragement to others to follow their example.

Gen. Sir Edmund Ironside, who will be in control of London and the suburbs in the event of war, presented the prizes, and in his speech he dealt with the necessity for discipline in the event of attack from the air. The more Territorials there are the better will be the state of discipline, and the better the discipline the easier it will be to deal with the effects of raids. Col. King mentioned that the air defence of London north of the Thames has largely been entrusted to the county of Middlesex. He is himself chairman of the Middlesex Territorial Army and Air Force Association, so a great responsibility now rests upon him. He assured the Seventh that this does not mean that the Association are any less interested in the infantry. This was hardly necessary, because it is impossible to imagine any force taking the place of the Seventh in Col. King's heart. Moreover, whatever be the new creations, the infantry remain the absolutely essential part of any force and any lack of numbers in them cannot be made up by the work of other branches of the Army. The establishment strength of the Territorial Army is much below what it was in pre-war years, but the scope of its duties is infinitely greater than it was then. Unfortunately, although recruiting is improving, the Territorial Army has a long way to go before it reaches its establishment and so it behoves every district to do what it can to help its local

battalion to obtain men. It ought not to be necessary to remind the people of Hornsey, but unfortunately it is, that their local battalion is the 7th Middlesex.

EXTRACTS FROM THE "LONDON GAZETTE."

COMMANDS AND STAFF

Major F. G. Parker, Midd'x R., from Asst. Provost Marshal (Cl. BB) (temp.) to be Asst. Provost Marshal (Cl. FF), The British Troops in Egypt (April 1).

REGULAR ARMY

INFANTRY

Midd'x R.—Capt. B. B. Rackham, M.C., is second whilst holding the appt. of Instr., Small Arms Sch., Netheravon Wing (March 23).

Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) A. W. Clark to be Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) (April 28).

Capt. and Bt. Maj. N. P. Procter, M.C., is second whilst holding the appt. of Comdt. Recruits Physical Development Depot (April 12).

Hampshire R.—Lt. R. H. Batten from Midd'x R. to be Capt. (Dec. 8, 1936), with precedence next below Capt. A. Boyce.

Midd'x R.—Capt. C. W. Haydon, M.C., is restd. to the estate. (June 17).

The follg. Lts. to be Capt. (April 12): L. H. J. de la M. Herapath, and remains second; J. W. A. Stephenson.

HALF-YEARLY BREVETS

The following promotions are made (July 1): To be Bt. Lt.-Col. Major B. G. Horrocks, M.C., Midd'x R.

MEMORANDA

R.W.A.F.F. (May 5): Lt. W. Spraggon (late Serv. Bns., Midd'x R.) relinquishes the rank of Lt. on enlistment into the T.A. (Feb. 24).

Lt. L. H. J. de la M. Herapath, Midd'x R., is granted the temp. rank of Capt. whilst emplyd. with the K.A.R. (March 16).

Capt. (local Lt.-Col.) C. W. Haydon, M.C., Midd'x R., relinquishes the local rank of Lt.-Col., on ceasing to be emplyd. with the R.W.A.F.F. (June 17).

ESTABLISHMENTS

Recruits Physical Development Depot.—Capt. and Bt. Maj. N. P. Procter, M.C., Midd'x R., to be Comdt. (April 12).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Midd'x R.—Lt. G. W. Hardy having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Off. (June 22).

TERRITORIAL ARMY

INFANTRY

8th Bn. Midd'x R.—M. K. Smith to be Sec. Lt. (April 21).

9th Bn. Midd'x R.—Lt. L. J. Bedwell to be Capt. (April 19).

7th Bn. Midd'x R.—C. H. L. Travis (late Cadet, Berkhamsted Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be Sec. Lt. (May 29).

9th Bn. Midd'x R.—Sec. Lt. J. G. H. Canning to be Lt. (May 9).

8th Bn. Midd'x R.—Sec. Lt. J. A. Hamilton to be Lt. (May 5).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

INFANTRY

6th Bn. Gordons.—Capt. R. E. Warlow, from T.A. Res. of Off. (8th Bn. Midd'x R.), to be Capt. (May 22).

Midd'x R.—Sec. Lt. W. T. Wheeler (May 25th).

8th BATTALION NOTES.

EARLY in the quarter covered by these notes the major activity was preparation for the Coronation. A party of three Officers and 28 other ranks represented the Battalion and at a preliminary parade at Hounslow, right well they looked, notwithstanding the somewhat "drab" nature of the issue "Blues." Major Ellis was actually in the procession, whilst Capt. Hartley and Lieut. King (who carried the King's Colour) were on the line of route. The King's Coronation Medals have been awarded to Col. Baker, Major Ellis, Lieut. King, C.S.M. Rowe, Sergt. Reeve and Pte. Winter.

The Annual Weapon Training Course was fired on four Sundays in May and June at Bisley; apart from one very unpleasant day we were favoured with the weather. In fact, on the last of the days, which took the form of a Battalion Rifle Meeting, one might say the light was too brilliant. In passing and apropos of the much-vaunted cross-country performance of the recently-issued Infantry Truck, an interesting lesson was afforded by the sight of one of these vehicles unmovable for some hours, stuck fast in the Bisley mud. And this same truck, mark you, belonging to, and manned by, men of a distinguished Regiment of the Brigade of Guards.

From the results of the Battalion Rifle Meeting we would mention the good performance of Major Ellis in winning Col. Batt's Cup (Officers: highest score in the High Sheriff's Competition), "H.Q." Wing, winners of High Sheriff's and Lewis Gun Competition, and "C" Company upon the success of their Young Soldiers' team.

Having in mind the extreme difficulty the Staines Company experiences in obtaining recruits, it is a mystery to some of us how they manage to find a Young Soldiers' team at all.

The Battalion is again indebted to certain officials of the B.B.C. who very kindly organised a concert, at which many of the best-known artists gave their services, which was held at Staines on 1st July.

It is very much to be hoped that their good offices, with the object of increasing local interest and stimulating recruiting, will be amply rewarded.

On the subject of recruiting, it is pleasing to be able to record a very real improvement during the past three months. Over 100 men have joined the Battalion, and, excluding "H.Q." Wing, two Companies are over 100 strong. We are hoping that we shall have at least 450 men at Annual Training this year.

The Officers' Mess has to thank Lieut. and Q.M. Cox for his careful organisation of the Annual Officers' Tattoo party. The evening was fine, the messing arrangements above reproach and everyone of the 60 present in the party seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

We are just now in the thick of that very busy period which always seems to immediately precede Annual Training. What with T.E.W.T.s, a forthcoming week-end at the training areas and odd Sundays at riding exercise on Hounslow Heath, life is very full.

Capt. Miskin and 2/Lieut. Ellis represented the Battalion in the Regimental Tennis Tournament, and although neither was able to pull off the major events, Mr. Ellis was successful in winning the Mill Hill Plate.

We would close these notes in extending a very warm welcome to 2/Lieut. M. K. Smith and 2/Lieut. W. D. Ellis, recently gazetted to the Battalion, and to the other "little stranger," Col. and Mrs. Baker's son, born on 26th June. We wish him good health and happiness; may he one day add lustre to the family name in the history of the 8th Middlesex.

"H.Q." WING

The period heralding the approach of Annual Training always is a busy one, and this year there seems to be an unusual hustle and bustle in our Drill Hall, but this is not

surprising, seeing that we are growing from "strength to strength," and we are proud to report that we now have over 200 members in the Wing.

The new organisation of the Duty Platoon into three sections is completed and it will be interesting to see the system in operation when we get to Colchester. Fresh fields and pastures new are always welcome, and with luck we may see something of the sea, but what we are looking forward to, of course, is swallowing the natives (with apologies to the townsfolk). Without wishing to appear too "shell fish," we hope the Quartermaster has arranged for an oyster feast, and we would remind him that they always go down better with brown bread and butter and a bottle of stout.

Of recent events, the most important was, of course, the Coronation, when representatives of all ranks of the Wing were privileged to take part in the procession and route lining. It was a great and never-to-be-forgotten day. Camping in Kensington Gardens and Regent's Park was an unusual experience, and although we were under water, our spirits were not damped.

We were fortunate in having a brilliant day both as regards weather and achievement at Bisley on the occasion of the recent Battalion Rifle Meeting, our teams winning the High Sheriff's and Lewis Gun trophies. The Young Soldiers were rather gun shy and only succeeded in getting fourth place. Major Ellis received the "Bott" Cup for the highest Officer's score. The pool bull shoot attracted a number of entrants, the most successful of whom was R.S.M. Wright, but he won't tell us what the safety catch is!

Dmr. Howard has returned to us and is to be appointed Drum Major. We wish him success.

Our social activities continue to be very popular and the recent visit to the Aldershot Tattoo by some of the members of the Wing was greatly appreciated, but it was very unfortunate the weather was so bad. We hope this will be an annual event.

Our dances will soon be closing down, and we have had a very successful season; our thanks are due to the Regimental Dance Band and the Committee for their support.

The Transport Section are very enthusiastic in their efforts to become fully acquainted with the new trucks, and spend

most week-ends driving on Hounslow Heath. In fact, they are making such progress that they succeeded in making one vehicle emulate the feats of a tank, but they say walls have ears, so the less said about this particular wall the better.

In conclusion, we wish all readers happy holidays and good camping.

A MONS DIARY.

SECOND INSTALMENT

BOULOGNE

I am not superstitious, but we had left England on the 13th of the month, and had landed in France on a black day, Friday, but we were a very happy crowd and little knew what was in store for us in the very near future and perhaps it was just as well we did not.

We were not allowed to stay long in the square by the quay at Boulogne as another ship entered the harbour, a very fine sight, with a whole Brigade of Infantry on board, and we had to move on to make room for them. Our Transport was not all ashore, but we were ordered to move on without it to a rest camp 2½ miles away through the town.

We marched along, led by two French soldiers, a Sergeant and a Private of the Reserves, who were permanently attached to us "for the War as Interpreters" they informed us. The afternoon was exceedingly hot and our Reservists, not accustomed to the weight they had to carry, found the hills almost too much for them. Four of them were knocked out by the sun and partly, probably, because they had not slept on board. They were at once picked up by a French civilian and brought along in rear of the Battalion in a cart. The whole town to a man, it appeared, had turned out to cheer us on with shouts of "Hooway!" "Hooway!" and "Vive l'Angleterre!" and "Les Allemands wugh!" followed by a sign with the hand drawn across the neck as if to cut it. They were most enthusiastic and at a halt on one of the hills they brought out plums, beer and water for the men. They were surprised at the way the

men kept in step, as French troops were not encouraged to do this on the line of march.

We eventually arrived at the rest camp, where I was given standing orders for the camping ground with a little sketch of our camp having the watering arrangements, etc., marked on it. This camp, curiously enough, was the spot where Napoleon's army for the invasion of England, at the beginning of the nineteenth century, was encamped and trained. It was a fine spot on high ground with very pretty country round it. On the next hill is an enormous column put up in commemoration of that Army.

Nothing of account happened that evening except that some of our men seemed to think that they were on manœuvres instead of on active service, and went for a walk, with harmless intent, down into the town.

I was sent down to the quay to see about the transport, and found it had all left and had proceeded by a different road to the camp. I met about half of it on my way down, but that was the lighter portion, comprising the S.A.A. carts, water carts and machine gun limber. The hills were too steep for the heavier ones, which had to go another way.

When I got back to camp I found it had all arrived there. On my way back I had met one or two of the men and had asked them what they were doing, and soon I met strings of men coming out of camp. I reported this, when I got in, to the Colonel and asked him if any permission had been granted. He immediately ordered a roll call to be made and the names of all absentees taken. They got it hot the next morning as a warning to others. What the Regimental Police were doing to allow it, I cannot make out, but it is a funny thing that when a Battalion has a change of station, or any change of that sort, the majority seem to think it necessary to have all the usual routine orders rewritten.

We had no more trouble in this line and it served as a good means of making the men understand that active service is a serious matter. The men were wonderful afterwards and we had no more trouble with them except for a few cases of neglect of duty, due chiefly to the forgetfulness of N.C.O.s. There was hardly any more crime at all brought before the C.O.

We slept peacefully that night in tents. I shared one with the second-in-command.

15th August

We were told next morning that we would not have to move that day. Breakfast, 7.45 a.m. Companies, under O.C. Companies, for instruction until 10.30 a.m.

10.45 a.m.—The Battalion formed up for inspection, in assembly formation, by the French G.O.C. Lines of Communication at 11 a.m. The inspection took place and the General expressed his great appreciation of the general appearance of the Battalion and remarked especially on the steadiness of the men in the ranks and their handling of arms.

12 noon.—Dinners.

1 p.m.—Route march and paddling in the sea, which the Colonel thought would amuse the men and at the same time do their feet good. This latter exercise was cancelled, however, as we had a warning at about 12 noon that we would be moving that evening.

The Colonel delivered a lecture to Officers and all Platoon and Section Commanders after the inspection, chiefly on the handling of men in action.

I was sent off to reconnoitre the road to our place of entrainment, whither I was guided by an Officer of the Cameron Highlanders, who were L.O.C. troops.

He gave me lunch at a hotel in Boulogne, and a very good lunch, too. In the dining room I found our friend the French L.O.C. General having lunch with our Brigadier and their two Staffs. They kept up a constant flow of talking in very excited tones. It was a wonder that one of the Frenchmen did not break a blood vessel he was so excited. I finished my job after lunch and was sent back to camp in a car.

We spent the rest of the afternoon in peace and quietness. Capt. Glass got hold of a French loaf of bread, round and flat, biscuit-shaped, and cut in big letters in the very thick and crisp bottom crust "BERLIN NEXT WEEK." He filled the letters up with white paper, tied a label on it, addressed it to his wife and sent it off by post. The most surprising thing about it was that she actually got it. The men spent the evening in their usual camp manner, kicking footballs about.

We started for the Station at 7 p.m. and, with the aid of my notes, I was able to

conduct them to the place of entrainment. The Royal Irish were just in front of us and their transport delayed us a good bit owing to the steepness of the hills. We were about $\frac{1}{4}$ hour late at our rendezvous owing to this, but it did not matter, as we were not due to start until 12.15 a.m. and it was only 8.15 p.m. when we arrived there.

We entrained pretty quickly, but the transport took a good time to load as the heavy wagons had to be manhandled up very steep ramps at the end of the trucks and run along over truck after truck until they were in their proper places.

The loading was supervised by Lieut. Cartwright very successfully, and the French Staff were very surprised at the rapidity of our entrainment. They allowed us enough time, anyway, as it was 10 p.m. when we had finished and we were not due to start for another 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours.

The crowd that watched us entrain was enormous and they were very kind to the men, giving them all sorts of food and drink and pinning on to their coats little pieces of ribbon and flags of French, Belgian and English colours. I had three pinned on to my own coat.

There was only one case of disorderly conduct that I saw and that was committed by a Frenchman who was the worse for liquor, and I was continually up and down the train. This man insulted a French soldier, one of those who were lining the road by the side of the train. The soldier hit him in the face with his open hand and the man started to show fight; the soldier thereupon pointed his bayonet at him and he stepped out of the way. When the soldier turned round again the man started arguing once more and another soldier came up to stop it. The man became more annoyed at this, called them "deux chiens" and kept on arguing. Soon he got more annoyed than ever and called them something worse. What would have happened next I don't know, but, fortunately, two gendarmes came up at this moment and marched him off.

I then went off to a hotel on the quay, where I got a well-earned whisky and soda and a cup of "café-au-lait" with Capt. Oliver. We got back to the train at about 11 p.m., where we found some bread and butter and a very excellent ham awaiting us.

Nothing more happened until the train started, when cheers enough to awaken the dead went up, both from the train and from the townsfolk.

The inhabitants could not have sent off their own people better than they did ours, anyhow. They were extraordinary and our men might have been their own brothers or sons.

(To be continued)

9th BATTALION NOTES

"A" COMPANY

ANY "old-timer" visiting the Drill Hall nowadays would never recognise the large Company on parade as "Shiny 'A.'" We have nearly doubled our parade numbers and are now getting towards being full strength, and it is hard to realise that the men on parade are nearly all recruits, so smart is their drill and turn-out.

We have new Officers, Mr. Hamilton, who, also like our "Skipper," comes to us from "B" (S.) Company, and Mr. Perks, whilst other gentlemen are with us on probation.

The new system of the three-section Platoon has made a great hit, and our two exercises at Mill Hill proved very popular. We are looking forward to the next.

Talking of exercises reminds us that a T.E.W.T. was held for N.C.O.s in the vicinity of Leatherhead, where for the first time we had problems concerning the new formations, and although we are still inclined to think in the terms of the L.G. and Rifle Section, there is no doubt that a great deal of useful information was gained.

We were honoured with the presence of the Brigade Commander, Col. Muirhead, and Capt. Barthorpe, the Brigade Major, and despite the fact that the Brigade Commander's address had a counter attraction on the golf course, we much appreciated his words of welcome.

At the Battalion Rifle Meeting we did not exactly shine, but the weather upset the "crack" shots, and form went to pot.

We intend to do much better in the Brigade Rifle Meeting.

The Battalion, in common with the rest of the Territorial Army, was represented on the Coronation parade. C.S.M. Sewell was in the procession, C.Q.M.S. Impey and Pte. Blake were included in the contingent lining

the route, and we congratulate our C.S.M. on being awarded the Coronation Medal.

Promotions have also been our lot this quarter. L/Sergt. Williams now becomes full rank, and L/Cpls. Millie, Carter and Wheeler are promoted to Corporal.

We welcome L/Sergt. Birchall to our ranks from the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. He has been attached to us for a long time, and now he has come to us for good.

We say not good-bye but *au revoir* to Mr. Canning, who is passing on the valuable knowledge acquired with us to "C" Company.

Finally, we are looking forward to a record Camp this year at Colchester.

"C" COMPANY

Since the publication of the notes in the last issue of this journal, the Company has more than fulfilled the hopes expressed therein.

The strength of the Company has reached the 100 mark, in spite of the fact that the recruiting campaign in the press has been held up owing to the delays which have occurred in connection with the extension of the Drill Hall. While the accommodation remains so limited, and the attendance on parade so high, it is unwise to embark on a campaign which it is hoped will bring the Company to full strength. It is now definitely stated that the plans for the extension have been approved by the War Office, and the additional accommodation should be available at the beginning of the coming Territorial year.

During the last three months, the Company has had a strenuous time and the results are most satisfactory. So much has happened that it is only possible briefly to state the facts:

April. During April, recruiting films were shown at local cinemas, and all ranks of the Company were represented at one of the performances.

17th and 18th April. The Company had a week-end rifle meeting at Bisley, when 65 attended. The Old Comrades provided the markers, for which we are extremely grateful. On the return journey, the Company were met by the Regimental Band, and marched back to the Drill Hall. "D" Company were also on this parade by the courtesy of Major Hardcastle.

May. During May the final training took place for the "Sherwood" Shield Inter-Weapon Training Competition, which the Company won by a considerable margin of points. The result of hard work by all ranks during the winter.

9th May. Two Officers and 35 other ranks attended the local Coronation parade at the Embassy Cinema.

10th May. On this day the party attending the Coronation parade left the Drill Hall. The party consisted of one Officer and seven other ranks.

9th June. The first evening parade of the year at Ruislip was held.

13th June. The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Bisley, and the Company was successful as the following results show. Congratulations to those concerned.

High Sheriff's Competition

Winner, Sergt. Spivey, 67; 2, Sergt. Robson, 63; 3, L/Cpl. Catchpole, 61.

Young Soldiers' Competition

Winner, Pte. Knights, 50; 2 (tie), Pte. Ponton, 48.

Major Sherwood very kindly presented a cup for the best score in the Young Soldiers' Competition, won by Pte. Knights.

26th and 27th June. A Company week-end was held at Cholesbury and three Officers and 39 other ranks attended. This proved a most successful week-end, both from training and other points of view, and the Company is fortunate in having cooks who produced meals both at Bisley and at Cholesbury which were of a very high standard.

"D" COMPANY

This quarter, though it is a busy one, always seems uneventful, or, perhaps, it would be better to say that it lacks events of general interest and, therefore, worthy of record in the Regimental Journal.

One event we must record and that is our loss of the "Sherwood" Shield to "C" Company. We have won it for the last three or four years, and it is sad to see it go, but we congratulate "C" Company on winning it.

We had a day trip to Leatherhead for a T.E.W.T., which was well attended and honoured by the presence of our new

Brigade Commander and Brigade Major. We all found the problems occasioned by the new organisation most interesting and the weather was kind to us. There was one unexpected event during the day and that was an entertainment provided by Leslie Henson, Ronald Frankau and two other gentlemen who kindly came and drove off in a four-ball golf match just in front of the shady spot which we had chosen for our lunch. One of the golfers, not one of those named, is, we hope, a better exponent of the art of entertainment than of the pastime (or should one call it the business) of golf. He drove four balls, one after another, into a wood; he may have done it on purpose, but, judging by the look on his face, he didn't.

We took a fair share of the prizes at the postponed Battalion Rifle Meeting. We congratulate Mr. Talbot on being third in the High Sheriff's Competition, Pte. Willison on winning the Light Machine Gun Competition, and Pte. Evans on tying for second place in the Young Soldiers' Competition.

There is a tale going the rounds of two young soldiers of this Company who, being determined to have a good view of the Coronation procession, added themselves to the representatives of the Battalion in Regent's Park and paraded as orderlies on the day itself, getting standing accommodation in the front rank. It is, perhaps, as well not to go into the matter in too great detail, as there are divergent views as to the merits or demerits of the action of these two lads.

We are now looking forward to Annual Training at Colchester, and hoping for better weather than we had at Falmer last year.

SERGEANTS' MESS

As we proceed with these notes, the end of the quarter draws to a close, with the memories of the successful period we have been through.

The Mess congratulates C.S.M. W. Sewell and C.Q.M.S. A. Linthwaite on receiving the Coronation Medal, also all other members of the Mess who took part in the parade.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting this year was carried out with great success at Bisley on 13th June, and members were well to the fore. We congratulate Sergt. Spivey on obtaining the highest score in the High

Sheriff's Competition, and we are sure he deserves every success, as he is a very ardent trier.

This quarter we lose our oldest member, C.Q.M.S. L. Morris of "H.Q." Wing, who has served with the Battalion for 17 years on his last engagement, and had also served before and during the War. He has been Sergeants' Mess Caterer for a number of years, and will be greatly missed by all

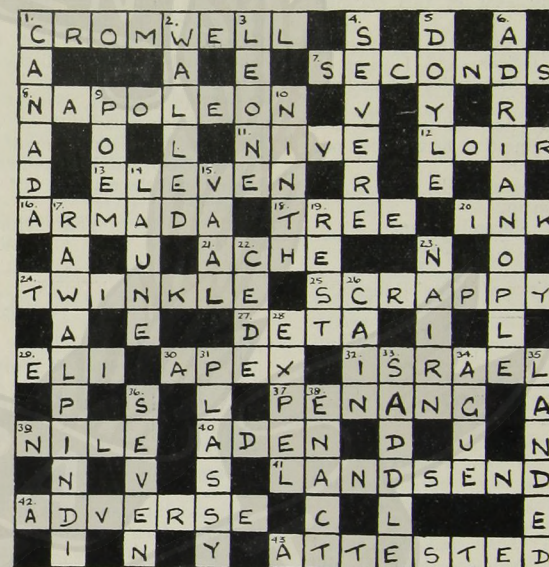
members of the Mess. We wish him good health and every success for the future, and hope to see him at all the Mess functions, together with his very popular family.

Everyone is looking forward very much to Camp this year, which will take place at Colchester, quite a change of scenery from the Camps of recent years, owing to the fact that we now belong to the East Anglian Division.

EDUCATIONAL CROSSWORD, No. 1

SOLUTION

Sergt. L. West



CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' RANGERS
(Peterborough Regiment) M.G.)

10th June, 1937.

Lieut.-Col. T. S. Wollocombe,
The Middlesex Regiment,
Mill Hill, N.W.7, England.

DEAR COL. WOLLOCOMBE,

I received to-day your Regimental History and also a copy of your Regimental Picture, which, needless to say, we appreciate very much.

I might say that I have asked our Headquarters to arrange to have our new Regiment allied with The Middlesex Regiment. You will probably hear of this through official channels.

I appreciated very much the opportunity of meeting your Officers and I want to thank you for the hospitality which was extended to me.

While we have not as yet met Col. Bucknall, I am hoping that he will visit our Mess in the near future.

With kindest regards,

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

J. A. DEWART,

Lieut.-Col.

O.C., Prince of Wales' Rangers.

10th June, 1937.

Major Lyon,

O.C., Depot,

The Middlesex Regiment,
Mill Hill, England.

DEAR MAJOR LYON,

Please accept my best thanks for the hospitality extended to me by yourself and your Officers during my stay in England.

I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed my visit to your Depot and the contact made with your Regiment, both at Mill Hill and Portsmouth. It is outstanding among the pleasant recollections I have of my visit to England. I hope the contact will be maintained between the Unit I command and your Regiment.

Please convey my kindest regards to your Officers.

I remain,

Sincerely,

J. A. DEWART,

Lieut.-Col.

O.C., Prince of Wales' Rangers.

"ALBUHERA,"

11, KENNEDY ROAD,
MAYBUSH,
SOUTHAMPTON.

14th June, 1937.

DEAR SIR,

With reference to your communication in the *News of the World*, 6th June, 1937, would you please let me know the procedure in connection with the Royal Review of Ex-Servicemen, as I would have liked to attend it, if possible. I would have written before, only I was on a visit to my son in Lancashire and only returned the end of the week. Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply.

It was with regret that I saw the announcement of the death of Gen. A. A. Garstin. He was the last of the Officers who bought their commissions in the 57th. I remember the first Orderly Officer he performed, in Limerick, 1871. On going round asking if any complaints at breakfast time, he visited the Band room, and asked to see the double B flat bass and the piccolo, the biggest and the smallest instruments in the Band.

Yours faithfully,

A. STEPHENS.

16th June, 1937.

DEAR SIR,

Thank you for your letter dated 14th June. The reference to the late Brig.-Gen. A. A. Garstin is interesting, and I propose to print your letter in the *Journal* on that account.

I am afraid that the Review will be too long a day for you, as it will entail going on parade at about 10 a.m. and, after long waiting, a long inspection and a march past, the parade will not disperse until about 4.30 p.m.

There are, however, a few seats in stands opposite the saluting base available, and I shall be happy to reserve one of these for you if you wish to have one.

Yours faithfully,

—, Lieut.-Col.,

Mr. A. Stephens,

"Albuhera,"

11, Kennedy Road,
Maybush,
Southampton.

BANHAM STREET,
WYNMUM CENTRAL,
QUEENSLAND,
AUSTRALIA.

14th May, 1937.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards"

DEAR SIR,

With reference to your letter dated 2nd April, I am pleased to inform you that I received both volumes of *The Die-Hards in the Great War* on the 12th inst. (Coronation Day). That was exactly three months from the time I sent the order.

Quick work, considering the distance travelled both ways, and I thank you sincerely for your promptness.

Listening in to London for the Coronation and procession, I was sorry to hear that it was raining steadily. I can imagine the troops' feelings.

I went into Brisbane to see the procession and hear the Governor of Queensland read a description of the Coronation Service in Westminster Abbey, and it was a day of brilliant sunshine, as most days are in Queensland.

Have enclosed a souvenir programme.

Yours very sincerely,

W. C. BULLIS.

OBITUARY.

LIEUT.-COL. HERBERT FREDERICK
TORRENS-SPENCE

WE regret to announce the death of the late Lieut.-Col. Herbert Frederick Torrens-Spence, who died at Rosstulla, Whiteabbey, Co. Antrim, on 13th April, 1937. The funeral took place at St. Patrick's Church, Jordanstown, on 16th April.

"HAZELDEAN,"

18, MELVILLE STREET,
BOOYSSENS,

JOHANNESBURG,
SOUTH AFRICA.

12th April, 1937.

Officer Commanding,

Depot, The Middlesex Regiment,
London.

DEAR SIR,

I regret having to inform you of the death of an old member of the Regiment, William F. Trezona. Please see the enclosed cutting

from one of our Johannesburg papers (the *Star*).

I may mention he often gave me a copy of your Regimental Journal, *THE DIE-HARDS*, and as an old soldier myself, late of the Band, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, I knew the interest my old friend "Tez" (as we used to call him) always took in his Regiment and from time to time letters used to pass between himself and old comrades of his old Regiment.

May I ask you to put something about his death in *THE DIE-HARDS*? He and I have been in the Railway Band for over 30 years and were real pals. It is not too much for me to see the great respect that was always shown to him in the musical life of Johannesburg (Military Bands).

How we shall miss him. What a help he was, always willing to lend a hand to anyone of us.

Thanking you for the request I have made on behalf of my old friend.

Yours faithfully,

GORDON OGILVIE.

7th May, 1937.

DEAR SIR,

Thank you for your letter dated 12th April, 1937. It is with great regret that we hear of the death of the late Mr. William F. Trezona, who was such an old and respected member of this Association.

The obituary notice and account of the funeral will appear in the August *Journal*, a copy of which I will send you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

—, Lieut.-Col.,

Secretary.

Gordon Ogilvie,

"Hazeldean,"

18, Melville Street,
Booyens,
Johannesburg,
South Africa.

(From the "Star," Johannesburg, 10/4/37.)
MR. W. F. TREZONA

The death occurred in the Johannesburg General Hospital last night of Mr. W. F. Trezona, deputy bandmaster of the Railways' and Harbours' Band since 1905. Mr. Trezona retired from the railway service in 1931 after 21 years' service.

He was born in Chelsea, London, on 27th February, 1871. He enlisted with The

Middlesex Regiment ("Die-Hards") in 1890, and later proceeded to India, where he joined the band of the Battalion and rose to the rank of Drum-Major.

At the outbreak of the South African War he came to this country with his regiment and fought for many months, taking part in several engagements, including Spion Kop and Ladysmith. He served throughout the period of the war. At the conclusion of hostilities he took his discharge at Vryheid and married Miss Fredericka Kruger. He later joined the Transvaal Town Police and served for two years before becoming bandmaster of the C.S.A.R. Volunteers.

He went over to Bisley in 1909 with the South African team, winning many prizes, including the Bisley Grand Aggregate Bronze Cross and the All-Comers' Aggregate Bronze Medal. On his return he joined the Railway band as deputy-bandmaster.

In the German South-West campaign and in East Africa he did excellent service.

On his discharge, in 1918, he again linked up with the Railways' and Harbours' Brigade, and carried on with the Railways' and Harbours' Band until the time of his death. He was presented with one of the four Queen Alexandra's Pipes allotted to his Battalion, which is still in the possession of the family. He was a member of the British Empire Service League and the South African representative of the Regimental Association of The Middlesex Regiment.

Mr. Trezona had been awarded the following medals: Queen's South African Medal (six bars), King's South African Medal (two bars), General Service Medal, Victory Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and the Colonial Long Service Medal.

He will be greatly missed, especially by the members of the Railways' and Harbours' Band. He is survived by a widow, two sons and five daughters.

The funeral will take place at the Braamfontein Crematorium to-morrow, the cortege leaving Messrs. Dove's funeral parlour at 11 a.m. The band with which Mr. Trezona had been associated for so long will attend and in accordance with one of his last requests, will play Beethoven's Funeral March and Panne's "Regrets." There will be no flowers, but contributions in lieu of wreaths should be sent to St. George's Home, Cleveland.

PTE. W. G. HEARN

We regret to announce the death of Pte. W. G. Hearn, of 124, Windmill Lane, Greenford, who died at Hanwell Cottage Hospital on 10th June, 1937, at the age of 36. He was taken ill on 5th June, admitted to hospital with internal hæmorrhage and after two blood-transfusions, performed on 10th June, he died the same day.

He went to France at the age of 16 and was wounded in March, 1915, and again at Loos, but after a short time returned to France on each occasion where he served for the remainder of the war with the 8th Battalion.

He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Greenford Branch of the British Legion and leaves a wife and two daughters to whom we offer our deepest sympathy.

A bugler attended the funeral with a wreath from the Regimental Association.

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

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1st and 2nd Battalions (Regular).	1st and 2nd Battalions— contd.	7th Battalion (Territorial).	8th Battalion (Territorial)— contd.	9th Battalion (Territorial)— contd.
Lt.-Colonels (2).	Lieutenants.	"The Elms," Priory Road, Hornsey, N.8.	Lt.-Colonel.	Lieutenants.
Jefford, W. W. (2) 1/6/35	Herapath, L. H. J. de la M., c.o. 1/9/30		×Baker, E. F., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., t.a. 11/6/36	Pearson, M. F. 2/3/35
Tidbury, O. H., M.C., p.s.c. (1) 1/1/36	Stephenson, J. W. A. (2), d. 2/2/34	Hon. Colonel.		Parlane, W. F. 13/7/36
	Powell, P. D. ff. (1) 2/2/31	×King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D. (Col. ret. Terr. Army) A.D.C., t.a. 13/8/25	bt. col. 20/2/27	Canning, J. G. H. 9/5/37
	Mackenzie, H. F., d., o.d. 30/8/31			2nd-Lieutenants.
Majors (8).	Chattey, W. H. P., am. 31/8/31	Lt.-Colonel.	Majors.	Hamilton, A. 23/7/35
Lyon, N. H. B., M.C. (2), d. 26/1/32	Batten, R. H. (2) 31/1/32	×Pringle, W. E., M.C., t.a. 22/6/36	×Ellis, H. C., O.B.E. 9/2/32	Bull, J. T. 28/2/36
Newnham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. (2) 28/9/32	Green, A. E. (d. Adj.) 14/2/35		Maddox, S., M.B.E., t.a. 3/12/35	Perks, M. A. 18/4/36
	Ferguson, W. M. (2) 31/1/32	Majors.	Captains.	Talbot, J. R. 9/7/36
Thorp, J. R. (1) 28/9/32	Sword, R. W. D., c.o. 28/8/32	×Mirams, S., M.C. (Capt. ret. pay) (Res. of Off.), t.a. 8/4/36	×Fane de Salis, E. W., M.C. (Capt. ret. pay.) (Res. of Off.) 9/1/31	Wood, J. M. 7/1/37
Savile, H. B. W., M.C. (1), c.o. 17/12/32	Man, A. M. (Sch. of Sigs.) 30/1/33	Holt, J. M. 25/10/36	Marks, T. L. 8/7/34	Emery, K. A. L. 7/1/37
Phillips, H., M.C. (1) 1/6/35	Marsh, H. (1), d. 30/1/33		Miskin, E. F. H. 30/6/35	Ellis, W. D. 8/5/37
Bucknall, G. C., M.C., p.s.c., n.s. (2) 21/8/35	Hall, J. P. (1) 28/8/33	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Adjutant.
	Weston, G. P. L., am. 28/8/32	Brown, S. A. W. 27/3/30	King, M. C. D. 10/12/33	×Clayden, H. W., Capt., Middx. R. 21/12/34
Stewart, H. W. M., O.B.E., M.C. (s.c.) (1), (Mtl. Attache) 1/1/36	Gwyn, R. A. (1) 29/1/34	Bartam, R. 11/2/32	Blair, N. M. 7/11/34	Quartermaster.
Horrocks, B. G., M.C., p.s.c. (1), s. 25/11/36	Bellers, R. C. H. (1) 29/1/34	Johnson, A. K. 1/2/33	Reddy, T. H. 11/2/32	×Johnson, T. C. M., maj. (Capt. ret. pay) (Res. of Off.) 4/5/35
	Whiting, F. B., c.o. 1/9/35	Lowe, G. C. D. S. 20/7/33	(Lt. Res. of Off.) 25/7/35	[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]
	Willoughby, J. E. F. (2) 21/2/36	Lieutenants.	McFarlane, A. J. 28/6/36	
	Porter, G. O. (2) 2/2/36	Gliston, C. P. 12/2/32	Ayre, G. B. 7/2/37	Cadet Unit Affiliated.
	Unwin, E. J. (2) 2/2/36	Addis, I. B. 13/6/33		3rd C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.
	Fishbourne, P. A. (1) 2/2/36	Jefferson, A. D. 28/1/36	2nd-Lieutenants.	Supplementary Reserve.
	Chattey, T. W. (1) 31/8/36	Webster, R. T. 7/6/36	Wallis, E. L. 20/7/35	Category B.
	Beath, C. M. (2) 1/2/37		Igham, P. S. 8/4/36	Subalterns (9).
	Anson, P. A. R. (1) 1/2/37	2nd-Lieutenants.	Hatfield, C. S. 30/5/36	Lieutenants.
	Clayton, A. S. J. de S. (2) 1/2/37	Allen, W. P. M. (1) 30/8/34	Oldham, J. H. 1/7/36	Morley, J. F. 24/10/31
		Ormiston, J. W. G. (2) 31/1/35	Monk, G. M. de B. 6/7/36	Wilcox, G. L. M. R. c.o. 13/6/34
		Gudgeon, H. N. C. (1) 31/1/35	Bridges, G. B. 6/7/36	Cowley, L. D. 9/2/32
			Scantlebury, V. A. 26/7/36	Willoughby, R. W. H., c.o. 13/6/34
			Hughes, A. J. 26/7/36	Biggs, K. R. McK. 28/10/34
			Dann, P. B. 7/1/37	Borgars, D. J. 17/1/37
			Hicks, R. T. D. 24/4/35	2nd-Lieutenants.
			Abbott, P. R. 24/3/37	Hancock, F. S. C. 1/1/36
			Preston, P. S. C. 8/5/37	Marshall, P. D. H. 8/2/36
			Travis, C. H. L. 29/5/37	Harrison, M. I. 18/4/36
		Adjutant.		
		×Clark, S. J., Capt., Middx. R. 1/11/36	Cadet Unit Affiliated.	
			2nd C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.	
		Quartermaster.	9th Battalion (Territorial).	Units of the Territorial Army affiliated to the Regiment.
		×Denton, C. F., lt. 17/4/31	Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W.10	7th City of London Regt. (Post Office Rifles).
		[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]	Hon. Colonel.	24, Sun Street, Finsbury Square, E.C.2.
			×Hewett, W. P. T.D. (Lt.- Col. late T.A. Res.) t.a. 24/3/37	Adjutant.
		Cadet Unit Affiliated.	Lt.-Colonel.	Aylwin, W. H., Lt. R.E. (temp. Capt. T.A., 15/12/35) 15/12/35
		1st C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.	×Lamont, J. N., M.C., T.D., t.a. 17/8/33	
		8th Battalion (Territorial).	Majors.	
		Drill Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow.	×Fox, G. L., T.D., t.a. 1/4/30	19th London Regt. (St. Pancras).
		Hon. Colonel.	Hardcastle, H. K. 3/12/36	76, High Street Camden Town, N.W.1.
		×Garner, W., C.M.G., T.D. (Lt.-Col. late T.F. Res.), t.a. 5/4/21	Captains.	Adjutant.
			Hogg, F. G. 17/8/29	Chase, J. L. H., Capt. R.E. 15/12/35
			Sutcliffe, B. L. 15/2/36	
			Gray, H. W. W. 4/12/36	
			×Bedwell, L. J. 19/4/37	
	Subalterns (34).			

SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.O.s

OF 1ST BATTALION, COMPILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH KING'S REGULATIONS
1935, para 274 (Corrected to 21/5/37)

Rank and Name.	Date of present rank or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Date of present rank or appointment.
*R.S.M. H. Farrow, M.B.E. ..	2/12/36	L/Sergt. F. Britton ..	Cpl. 25/12/33
*B.M. A. Judge ..	12/4/31	(L/Sergt. 12/4/35)	
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) A. Finch ..	13/6/28	Cpl. 20/4/34	
*R.Q.M.S. C. Goodall ..	C.S.M. 28/4/29	(L/Sergt. 18/12/34)	
(R.Q.M.S. 28/7/35)		Cpl. 8/5/34	
*C.S.M. G. Anderson ..	20/10/30	(L/Sergt. 18/12/34)	
*C.S.M. A. Russell (Supn. F.M.S.V.F.) ..	1/4/31	Cpl. 8/5/34	
*C.S.M. B. Brockman ..	10/12/31	(L/Sergt. 25/4/35)	
*C.S.M. W. Raindle ..	13/6/35	Cpl. 10/6/34	
*C.S.M. H. Thomas ..	28/7/35	Cpl. 10/6/34	
*C.S.M. E. Hazeldine ..	27/2/37	(L/Sergt. 13/5/30)	
C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Christie, M.M.		Cpl. 20/11/34	
Sergt. 1/5/20		(L/Sergt. 13/5/30)	
(C/Sergt. 7/7/36)		Cpl. 5/12/34	
*Sergt. V. Osterholm (Pioneer)	18/10/23	(L/Sergt. 16/12/36)	
C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Rogers	Sergt. 26/5/25	Cpl. 15/2/35	
(C/Sergt. 28/7/35)		(L/Sergt. 16/12/36)	
*C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) R. Challis	Sergt. 30/10/27	Cpl. 9/6/35	
(C/Sergt. 13/6/35)		(L/Sergt. 16/12/36)	
*C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. Misso	Sergt. 28/2/28	Cpl. W. Sampford ..	13/6/35
(C/Sergt. 19/1/32)		L/Sergt. H. Nayler ..	Cpl. 28/7/35
Sergt. T. Tiller ..	29/5/28	(L/Sergt. 20/4/30)	
*Sergt. C. Champion. (In U.K.) ..	1/1/29	Cpl. 31/8/35	
*Sergt. A. Russell ..	16/2/30	(L/Sergt. 16/12/36)	
*C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Northcott, M.M.		*Cpl. C. Keefe ..	28/11/35
Sergt. 25/2/30		Cpl. J. McGrady ..	6/12/35
(C/Sergt. 27/2/37)		Cpl. F. Broughton ..	12/12/35
*Sergt. C. Soper ..	17/12/30	Cpl. F. Shaw ..	12/12/35
*Sergt. L. Honeybun ..	3/8/31	Cpl. P. Crowley ..	12/12/35
*Sergt. L. Priddy ..	18/9/31	**Cpl. K. Simpson ..	12/12/35
*Sergt. S. Thompson ..	30/9/31	Cpl. S. Hosking ..	8/1/36
Sergt. (S.I.M.) R. Bayles ..	10/12/31	*Cpl. P. Ward ..	28/3/36
*Sergt. L. West ..	10/12/31	Cpl. M. Duddy ..	25/4/36
Sergt. F. Donovan ..	4/2/32	Cpl. S. Clark ..	30/4/36
*Sergt. E. Paterson (36)	18/2/32	Cpl. F. Hammond ..	25/5/36
*Sergt. H. Kruck ..	24/8/32	Cpl. F. Crawshaw ..	6/6/36
Sergt. W. Bean ..	23/3/33	Cpl. J. Denham ..	1/7/36
Sergt. E. Paterson (29)	8/9/33	Cpl. W. Millichap ..	3/8/36
*Sergt. (O.R.C.) P. Hale ..	19/10/33	L/Cpl. E. Rochester ..	24/8/27
Sergt. T. Little (Prov. Sergt.)	19/10/33	L/Cpl. W. Mills ..	17/6/33
Band Sergt. P. Edwards ..	5/3/35	L/Cpl. R. Butt ..	22/7/33
*Sergt. J. Chillery ..	5/6/35	L/Cpl. P. Cain ..	1/11/33
*Sergt. W. Snell ..	13/6/35	L/Cpl. W. Lane ..	6/7/34
*Sergt. R. Chaplin ..	27/11/35	L/Cpl. R. Burkitt ..	9/7/34
Sergt. S. Bullock ..	1/7/36	*L/Cpl. C. Martin ..	22/10/34
Sergt. H. Ramsden ..	7/7/36	L/Cpl. E. Pearce ..	23/10/34
Sergt. L. Sheffield ..	3/8/36	L/Cpl. F. Hammond ..	12/11/34
*Sergt. (Sig.) G. Bayford ..	27/2/37	L/Cpl. C. Ellis ..	30/11/34
L/Sergt. J. O'Neill ..	Cpl. 13/8/31	L/Cpl. T. Doyle ..	30/11/34
(L/Sergt. 16/12/36)		L/Cpl. L. Savagar ..	10/1/35
Cpl. S. Phelan ..	15/9/31	L/Cpl. L. Franklin ..	10/1/35
L/Sergt. T. Castle ..	Cpl. 23/6/32	L/Cpl. J. Lee ..	14/1/35
(L/Sergt. 18/12/34)		L/Cpl. T. Morgan ..	26/3/35
L/Sergt. R. Blackman ..	Cpl. 26/7/32	L/Cpl. A. Borrow ..	26/3/35
(L/Sergt. 13/5/36)		L/Cpl. C. Freshwater ..	26/3/35
L/Sergt. E. Wadsworth ..	Cpl. 15/11/32	*L/Cpl. G. Sach ..	18/4/35
(L/Sergt. 13/5/36)		L/Cpl. G. Watson ..	7/5/35
Cpl. 20/6/33		L/Cpl. L. Sibley ..	14/9/35
(L/Sergt. 18/12/34)		L/Cpl. A. Burrell ..	11/7/35
L/Sergt. G. Jeffree (Band)	Cpl. 19/10/33	*L/Cpl. A. Bisett ..	15/7/35
(L/Sergt. 13/5/36)		L/Cpl. T. Baker ..	15/8/35

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Rank and Name.	Date of present rank or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Date of present rank or appointment.
L/Cpl. S. Harvey ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. G. Mison ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. R. White ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. E. Rogers ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. R. Powell ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. R. Ellis ..	19/5/36
*L/Cpl. E. Ellams ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. V. Knight ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. R. Hunt ..	5/10/35	*L/Cpl. A. Hoare ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. A. East ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. T. Perry ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. H. Osborne ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. H. Ellams ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. J. Hartnett ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. H. Gribble ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. A. Simkins ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. A. Ruddle ..	19/5/36
L/Cpl. B. Compton ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. G. Ravenscroft ..	29/5/36
L/Cpl. W. Barnes ..	5/10/35	*L/Cpl. G. Plummer ..	29/5/36
L/Cpl. C. Kiefer ..	5/10/35	L/Cpl. C. Holdford ..	29/5/36
L/Cpl. E. Smith ..	16/12/35	L/Cpl. P. Hatchett ..	29/5/36
L/Cpl. R. Turner ..	21/12/35	L/Cpl. W. Dowsett ..	13/6/36
L/Cpl. A. Pace ..	28/12/35	L/Cpl. J. Boggis ..	15/6/36
L/Cpl. H. Kidby ..	28/12/35	L/Cpl. F. Smalley ..	10/7/36
L/Cpl. C. Johl ..	28/12/35	L/Cpl. G. Duncum ..	10/7/36
L/Cpl. C. Haynes ..	28/12/35	L/Cpl. G. Hodgson ..	24/7/36
L/Cpl. A. Morris ..	28/12/35	L/Cpl. A. Hoxby ..	14/10/36
L/Cpl. C. Vince ..	28/12/35	L/Cpl. W. Ure ..	23/10/36
L/Cpl. J. Ringe ..	3/1/36	L/Cpl. G. Soper ..	23/10/36
L/Cpl. H. King ..	10/2/36	L/Cpl. H. Ellingworth ..	14/11/36
L/Cpl. G. Tattam ..	1/4/36	L/Cpl. R. Pointer ..	22/12/36
L/Cpl. B. Courtney ..	1/4/36	L/Cpl. C. Roberts ..	11/1/37
L/Cpl. L. Du-Heaume ..	1/4/36	L/Cpl. A. Payne ..	11/1/37
L/Cpl. T. McDavitt ..	1/4/36	L/Cpl. C. Payne ..	11/1/37
L/Cpl. L. Graham ..	1/4/36	L/Cpl. E. Bell ..	13/1/37
L/Cpl. P. Sturdy ..	1/4/36	L/Cpl. F. McCarthy ..	13/1/37
L/Cpl. F. Ayres ..	1/4/36	L/Cpl. L. Bowker ..	19/3/37
L/Cpl. A. Moody ..	21/4/36	*L/Cpl. L. Hartley ..	19/3/37
L/Cpl. E. Byrne ..	19/5/36	L/Cpl. A. Waldron ..	19/3/37
L/Cpl. W. Finnis ..	19/5/36		

Dates against Lance-Corporals are dates of appointment as Lance-Corporals.

2nd BATTALION (Home Establishment) June 1937

Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Battalion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Battalion.
*R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M. ..	2nd 18/3/31		Sergt. R. King ..	Supn., Fire	
*R.S.M. P. Newman ..	Depot 13/8/31			Bde., Bordon	5/7/29
*Bdmr. C. Dennis, A.R.C.M. ..	2nd 25/3/33		Sergt. F. Nash ..	2nd	11/12/29
*R.Q.M.S. E. Crouch ..	Depot		*Sergt. C. Kennett ..	2nd	16/1/31
(C.S.M. 1/9/34)			Sergt. J. Quick ..	2nd	23/4/31
*O.R.Q.M.S. B. Baldwin ..	Depot 2/7/30		*Sergt. W. Kemp ..	2nd	19/1/32
*R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher ..	2nd 31/1/30		Sergt. J. Harper ..	2nd	19/4/32
*C.S.M. G. Goodall ..	2nd 4/6/25		*Sergt. C. Trestain ..	8th	14/6/32
*C.S.M. J. Hart ..	2nd 20/1/26		Sergt. J. Ramsey ..	7th	23/6/32
*C.S.M. F. Peck ..	8th 18/2/29		*Sergt. S. Smith ..	2nd	30/7/32
*C.S.M. F. Burt ..	Depot 13/8/31		Sergt. R. Smith ..	2nd	2/9/32
*C.S.M. L. Simmonds ..	2nd 3/9/32		Sergt. J. Scott ..	2nd	3/9/32
*C.S.M. R. Mewett ..	7th 23/3/33		Sergt. L. Johnson ..	Depot	15/11/32
*C.S.M. A. Wright ..	8th 24/2/34		Sergt. F. Housden (S.M.C.) ..	Depot	3/5/33
*C.S.M. A. Jones ..	2nd 10/5/34		Sergt. A. Mason ..	Depot	22/6/33
*C.S.M. C. Donaldson ..	9th 15/6/35		Sergt. R. Wilson ..	Depot	8/7/33
*C.S.M. R. Parsler ..	2nd 17/5/36		*Sergt. H. Ison ..	2nd	10/5/34
*C.S.M. F. Stacey ..	2nd 4/7/36		*Sergt. J. Bond (S.M.C.) ..	2nd	17/6/34
*C.Q.M.S. F. Franklin ..	Depot 8/9/33		*Sergt. E. Jennings (Bd. Sergt.)	2nd	1/3/35
*C/Sergt. (O.R.S.) F. Deane ..	2nd 10/5/35		*Sergt. V. Cooper ..	2nd	15/5/35
*C.Q.M.S. G. Sherriff ..	2nd 24/8/35		Sergt. J. Smith ..	2nd	9/6/35
*C.Q.M.S. W. Tibble ..	2nd 23/1/36		Sergt. A. Hows ..	2nd	15/6/35
*C.Q.M.S. H. Poulter ..	2nd 5/7/36		Sergt. A. Whitcombe ..	2nd	16/6/35
*C.Q.M.S. R. Colbourne ..	2nd 20/2/37		Sergt. A. Williams ..	Depot	28/7/35
*C.Q.M.S. W. Green ..	2nd 9/5/37		Sergt. B. Bedward ..	2nd	24/8/35
Sergt. J. Beaveridge ..	Depot 28/1/25		*Sergt. R. Jenkins ..	9th	23/1/36
Sergt. S. Bishop ..	7th 24/11/27		Sergt. F. Livens ..	2nd	17/5/36
Sergt. A. Boen ..	2nd 13/4/29		Drum-Major W. McEnery ..	2nd	5/7/36

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Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
Sergt. E. Moir	2nd	28/10/36
*Sergt. P. Maloney	2nd	17/12/36
Sergt. A. Brett	2nd	20/2/37
*Sergt. H. Frewin	2nd	9/5/37
Sergt. (O.R.C.) J. Wright	2nd	8/6/37
Sergt. T. Sargent	2nd	8/6/37
Cpl. A. Stone	2nd	2/9/31
Cpl. S. Moore	2nd	28/12/31
*Cpl. A. Overy	2nd	(L/Sergt. 8/9/33)
	2nd	14/6/32
Cpl. R. Smallridge	2nd	(L/Sergt. 16/5/35)
	2nd	14/6/32
Cpl. F. Hawkins	Depot	28/6/32
	(L/Sergt. 16/6/35)	2nd
Cpl. W. Day	2nd	5/8/32
	(L/Sergt. 28/1/36)	2nd
*Cpl. C. Gatehouse	2nd	6/8/32
	(L/Sergt. 24/8/35)	2nd
*Cpl. H. Parnell	2nd	17/8/32
	(L/Sergt. 31/8/35)	2nd
Cpl. W. Makewell	2nd	17/8/32
	(L/Sergt. 7/3/36)	2nd
Cpl. J. Riches	2nd	19/8/32
	(L/Sergt. 17/5/36)	2nd
Cpl. W. Poulter	Depot	3/9/32
	(L/Sergt. 3/7/36)	2nd
Cpl. H. Buckland	Depot	13/10/32
	(L/Sergt. 28/10/36)	2nd
Cpl. H. Elcome	2nd	16/11/32
	(L/Sergt. 17/12/36)	2nd
*Cpl. H. Marshall	2nd	14/1/33
	(L/Sergt. 9/5/37)	2nd
Cpl. F. Knights	2nd	1/2/33
Cpl. J. Burgess	2nd	3/2/33
Cpl. F. Knight	Depot	15/3/33
Cpl. W. Evans	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. J. Bromley	Depot	15/3/33
*Cpl. A. Wray	2nd	23/3/33
Cpl. E. Soden	2nd	3/5/33
Cpl. G. Endersby	2nd	2/6/33
*Cpl. D. Chapman (R.M.C.)	2nd	15/8/33
Cpl. E. Fuller	Depot	8/9/33
Cpl. R. Harman	2nd	25/10/33
Cpl. C. Carpenter	2nd	5/5/34
Cpl. J. Stickle	2nd	10/6/34
Cpl. W. Smith	Depot	17/6/34
Cpl. W. Powell	2nd	2/10/34
Cpl. A. Drake	2nd	3/2/35
*Cpl. S. Copelin	2nd	1/3/35
Cpl. R. Stretton	2nd	16/3/35
Cpl. F. Jacques	2nd	20/3/35
Cpl. H. Tye (Supnmy. R.W.A.F.F.)	2nd	4/5/35
*Cpl. S. Day	2nd	10/5/35
Cpl. F. Payne	Depot	15/6/35
Cpl. B. Bruniges	Depot	16/6/35
*Cpl. H. Eastland	2nd	24/8/35
*Cpl. B. Baldwin	2nd	18/10/35
Cpl. A. Ball	2nd	5/1/36
*Cpl. G. Blackman	2nd	23/1/36
Cpl. A. Etheridge	2nd	25/3/36
	(L/Sergt. 8/6/37)	2nd
Cpl. J. Lawrence	2nd	25/3/36
Cpl. J. Robinson	2nd	7/4/36
Cpl. H. Griffiths	2nd	16/4/36
Cpl. L. O'Doherty	2nd	17/5/36

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Cpl. W. Lovell	2nd	3/7/36
*Cpl. R. Lomax	Depot	4/7/36
Cpl. L. Delaney	2nd	5/7/36
Cpl. M. Trotobas	2nd	26/8/36
Cpl. A. Ellwood	2nd	18/10/36
Cpl. A. Read	2nd	30/10/36
*Cpl. R. Cummins	2nd	17/12/36
Cpl. G. Clark	2nd	13/1/37
Cpl. V. Bint	Depot	20/2/37
*Cpl. S. Parry	2nd	8/6/37
Paid Lance-Corporals :		
L/Cpl. W. Patterson	2nd	13/10/32
L/Cpl. R. Weaver	2nd	23/11/32
L/Cpl. C. Armitage	2nd	3/1/33
*L/Cpl. W. O'Connor	2nd	28/11/33
	(A/Cpl. 8/6/37)	2nd
L/Cpl. J. West	2nd	27/1/34
L/Cpl. C. Kenny	Depot	17/2/34
L/Cpl. J. Hinch	2nd	18/2/34
L/Cpl. A. Lowe	2nd	15/4/34
L/Cpl. L. Harris	2nd	29/4/34
L/Cpl. J. Walker	Depot	2/5/34
L/Cpl. N. Rae	2nd	17/6/34
L/Cpl. A. Bettell	2nd	11/7/34
L/Cpl. A. Blan	Depot	2/10/34
L/Cpl. G. Stanton	2nd	12/11/34
L/Cpl. C. Marsh	2nd	3/2/35
L/Cpl. C. Peasley	2nd	3/2/35
L/Cpl. G. Hockley	Depot	3/2/35
L/Cpl. R. Williams	2nd	20/2/35
*L/Cpl. H. Page	2nd	16/3/35
*L/Cpl. W. Nicholls	2nd	20/3/35
L/Cpl. H. Outten	2nd	4/5/35
L/Cpl. E. Fletcher	2nd	16/5/35
L/Cpl. G. Robins	Depot	16/6/35
L/Cpl. J. Smith	2nd	13/7/35
*L/Cpl. C. Jarvis	2nd	16/8/35
L/Cpl. H. Clay	2nd	22/8/35
L/Cpl. A. Bursill	2nd	24/8/35
L/Cpl. G. McKay	2nd	31/8/35
L/Cpl. A. Rose	2nd	24/9/35
*L/Cpl. H. Jennings	2nd	12/10/35
L/Cpl. F. Pryor	2nd	18/10/35
L/Cpl. W. Sheen	2nd	5/1/36
L/Cpl. J. Jones	2nd	11/2/36
*L/Cpl. P. Davidson	2nd	25/3/36
*L/Cpl. R. Barrett	Depot	28/3/36
L/Cpl. R. Wigg	2nd	16/4/36
L/Cpl. E. Stebbing	2nd	17/5/36
L/Cpl. G. Bignell	2nd	3/7/36
L/Cpl. L. Thurston	2nd	26/8/36
L/Cpl. J. Riseley	2nd	22/9/36
L/Cpl. H. Burchell	2nd	18/10/36
*L/Cpl. N. Islip	2nd	28/10/36
*L/Cpl. D. Mules (R.M.C.)	2nd	30/10/36
L/Cpl. V. Chambers	Depot	19/11/36
L/Cpl. J. Rawlinson	2nd	1/12/36
L/Cpl. H. Jennings	2nd	17/12/36
L/Cpl. F. Hogg	2nd	24/12/36
L/Cpl. E. Tarr	2nd	13/1/37
L/Cpl. S. Weller	2nd	25/1/37
L/Cpl. A. Mroley	2nd	1/2/37
L/Cpl. A. Hudson	2nd	6/2/37
L/Cpl. W. Phipps	2nd	6/2/37
L/Cpl. E. Haynes	2nd	20/2/37

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L/Cpl. A. Read	Depot	19/5/37
L/Cpl. B. Irons	2nd	8/6/37
L/Cpl. A. Rimmer	2nd	2/1/36
*L/Cpl. E. Phillips	2nd	27/1/36
L/Cpl. W. Claxton	2nd	27/1/36
*L/Cpl. C. Tanner	2nd	1/2/36
L/Cpl. D. Taylor	2nd	26/5/36
L/Cpl. S. Lloyd	2nd	24/6/36
L/Cpl. S. Mullett	2nd	26/6/36
L/Cpl. D. Baker	2nd	7/7/36
L/Cpl. E. Lindemann	2nd	15/7/36
L/Cpl. W. Humberstone	2nd	2/10/36
L/Cpl. E. Avery	2nd	5/10/36
L/Cpl. G. Palmer	2nd	3/12/36
*L/Cpl. A. Hastie	2nd	3/12/36
L/Cpl. F. Eyles	2nd	3/12/36
L/Cpl. F. Vanner	2nd	3/12/36
L/Cpl. A. Lerner	2nd	3/12/36
L/Cpl. E. Sharp	2nd	3/12/36
L/Cpl. L. Samuels	2nd	3/12/36
L/Cpl. G. Rouse	2nd	3/12/36
L/Cpl. C. Clenshaw	2nd	3/12/36
L/Cpl. R. Newton	2nd	18/1/37
L/Cpl. C. Farrington	2nd	18/1/37
L/Cpl. J. Pullen	2nd	20/1/37
L/Cpl. H. Thomas	2nd	25/1/37
L/Cpl. R. Taylor	2nd	25/1/37
L/Cpl. S. Llewellyn	2nd	25/1/37
L/Cpl. E. Johns	2nd	25/1/37
L/Cpl. R. White	2nd	4/2/37
L/Cpl. P. Donovan	2nd	4/2/37
L/Cpl. F. Bird	2nd	5/2/37
L/Cpl. H. Robinson	2nd	8/2/37
L/Cpl. J. Papworth	2nd	15/2/37
L/Cpl. B. Duggan	2nd	6/5/37
L/Cpl. R. Skinner	2nd	19/9/37

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