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4th Bn. (Royal East Middlesex Militia).  
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Pay Office—Old Infantry Barracks, Canterbury.

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The Wellington Coast and Taranaki Regiment  
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Editor: Major A. W. Clark, O.B.E.

### EDITORIAL

The mantle of Lt.-Col. J. E. F. Willoughby has fallen upon my unworthy shoulders, and, as so often happens with discarded mantles, it falls at a very awkward time. The previous wearer ascends into the clouds—in this case the Joint Services Staff College—whilst his part-worn and discarded garment descends upon an unfortunate successor, the latter feeling very Job-like and full of lamentations. The reasons for this gloom are not hard to find, and may be summed up in the problem of how to make THE DIE-HARDS pay its way and keep its head above water.

At the moment there is a small reserve from palmier days, but we cannot live on our own fat for long, and therefore we must find ways of improving our income.

For the benefit of those who do not realise it, it may be well to explain that we exist largely on our receipts from advertisements and, naturally, advertisers are influenced by the circulation. Shortly after the war many firms were only too glad to spend money on advertising, but few now have money to burn and require value for their money. Readers can, therefore, help us by dealing with those firms who use this Journal, and, naturally, the larger the circulation the better for firms' advertising.

As regards circulation, there are three types of subscriber:

First, there is the general public, but little can be hoped for in this direction, since it is scarcely feasible to make the contents of sufficiently general interest to attract any considerable numbers.

Secondly, there are the thousands of all ranks who have served in the Regiment, but of whom only a few subscribe. We realise that when one has left the Service for some time familiar names disappear from the magazine and that the doings of one lot of serving soldiers read very much like any other. One of our problems, therefore, is how to make THE DIE-HARDS worth while reading for anyone and everyone who ever served in the Regiment.

Thirdly, there are the serving officers, W.O.s, N.C.O.s, privates and boys, whether Regular, Territorial or other unit, wearing our badge. Unfortunately, our main source of subscriber under this heading is confined to the 1st Battalion, now in Hong Kong, and there is a danger of the number of journals taken by them may fall off owing to the time lag in receipt of the copies. Needless to say, everything will be done to hasten delivery and we hope that the unit sub-editors will strive to make their contributions to the reading matter a really interesting record of their tour there.

From 1922 to 1934 my copies of THE DIE-HARDS were all bound and when, at long last, I recently got a home of my own and unpacked I came upon these

volumes and several albums of photographs, and I wondered, during a happy evening with them, how many serving soldiers consider the pleasure they may derive in years to come looking through such records of their service, recalling, as they do, incidents, places and, most of all, persons who were with one at the time and of whom one may not have heard for years. I suggest that, if only for winter evenings in the years to come, it is worth while collecting the Journal whilst one is serving. And this brings me to contributions. Those from units do need to be written with an eye to the future and helping us, in time to come, when re-reading the articles to get a live picture of the period.

We get a few articles for publication by past members of the Regiment, but these too often read like out-of-date guides for tourists and too little deal with lively or amusing incidents involving live people. Yet we are convinced that everyone could produce one unrecorded incident worth publishing and if, at the time, discretion urged no names, no pack drill, such accounts now, after a lapse of time, might attract the interest and subscription of one more reader, to say nothing of more copy, and we do urgently beg everyone interested in the welfare of THE DIE-HARDS to assist us in creating the maximum interest for the largest possible number and to save time all suggestions will be welcomed by me if sent to "Grove Two," Church Road, Fleet, Hants.

Elsewhere there will be found addresses of Regular serving officers, owing to the difficulty of keeping in touch in these days of frequent moves and changes of employment: we would like to see it enlarged and eventually, in addition, a directory produced.

We cannot finish these remarks without congratulating all concerned upon the success of the Cricket Week, despite the difficulties caused by the departure of the 1st Battalion at that period. If everybody rallies around as they did for this we should still be able to keep all activities going, despite the absence of the Battalion.

N.P.P.

### NEWS FROM INDIVIDUALS

Good news has come from Major D. Y. Cubitt to say that he has received promotion to lieutenant-colonel and has moved to the Army Pay Office, Warley Barracks, Brentwood.

Lt.-Col. J. H. Clowes, who served in our Regiment from May 1, 1917, until he transferred to the Royal Army Pay Corps in 1934, has recently retired from the Army.

Major Kempster writes that he has a Government appointment auditing county agricultural committee accounts. He has to go all over England and Wales and forms a member of a small team of two or three members of both sexes.

Major H. P. Lambert, formerly of our Regiment and now in the R.A.P.C., writes from Asmara, Eritrea, to say that himself and five other members of the Regiment had sent a cable in memory of Albuhera, which arrived before May 16. They held a reunion dinner on that date and the undermentioned were present:

Major H. C. Chinn, R.A., Middlesex Yeomanry, 12th Middlesex, in 1915 and 2nd Middlesex (1917-23), as a commissioned officer.

Lt. J. Townsend, M.C., D.C.M., 10th and 70th Battalions, 1940-42.

C.S.M. Jacques, 2nd Middlesex, joined in 1930 in Madras and is still serving.

C.Sgt. Llewellyn, who is the son of R.S.M. Llewellyn, served from 1893-1920 in the 1st, 2nd and 13th.

Sgt. Stubbington served at No. 26 M.G.T.C. 1943-45 in the Demonstration Platoon.

A menu card was enclosed from these ranks, signed by all, and they had a meal which in London would have cost far more than the sum permitted and included Albuhera bomb ice. The menu card has been placed in our Regimental Museum.

A kind letter was received on May 16 from the former interpreter of 8th Middlesex in the N.W. Europe campaign, Fritz Franken. He wrote to convey his best wishes to the Regiment on this famous anniversary.

Major W. Newton is now living in the new home, Kilrairey Lodge, Salthill, Galway.

Col. Browne has had three letters ending on May 22 from Lt.-Col. Hervey del Court, M.C. He seems to have recovered well from his dangerous duodenal operation, but is still very thin with ribs standing out.

However, he can put on flesh more easily than we can at home, where food is short and expensive for us all. He mentions a 21-h.p. Studebaker as being a small car, which sounds strange. He also says the roads are very ribbed and, to save jolts, the car has to travel at 40 to 50 m.p.h. He has reached Durban from Cape Town. He is to move on through the National Park and Rhodesia. He has been fishing and, so far as I can learn, is leading the life he led in England on a smaller scale in regard to fish, game and even cars.

Major William Ward, M.M., writes from the Hundred House, Norton Shifnal, Shropshire, where he has been manager of that hotel since March 17. He has now had the place cleaned up and he and his family are enjoying their task in that beautiful county.

Mr. H. P. Parnell is employed with the London Transport as a bus conductor. He visited the Depot on May 15 and took part in the service held that morning. It is sad to hear that the following have now left the Army:

6200797 C.S.M. L. DeHeaume, "C" Company, 1st Middlesex.

6199262 C.S.M. F. Hammond, "D" Company, 1st Middlesex.

### OBITUARIES

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Brig.-Gen. R. T. H. Law, C.B., on July 3, 1949. A wreath was sent on behalf of the Officers' Club and a letter of condolence sent to his cousin, Mr. Harold Hodges, who lives in Eire.

It is with deep regret that we have also to record the death of Brig.-Gen. F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who died on July 28, 1949. A wreath was sent on behalf of the Officers' Club and the Colonel of the Regiment attended his funeral. A short obituary notice by Col. M. Browne follows. A further obituary will appear in the next issue of the journal.

The Regiment has sustained a great personal loss in the death of Brig.-Gen. Frank Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., on July 28, 1949. The General's health had been failing since 1948, and he had suffered from a heart attack and two strokes, from the last of which he never really recovered. He died in a nursing home at Hindhead. He had lived for many years in a beautiful old cottage residence at Chiddingfold in Surrey, where a lovely garden was a great joy to him, and there on a perfect tennis lawn he continued to play tennis up to the age of eighty, and maintained his vigour in play that I remember so well over 40 years ago, when he was Second-in-Command of the 1st Battalion at Allahabad, and always ran in the unit cross-country runs. His funeral service on July 30 was held in the beautiful village church where he so often worshipped. I was the only member of the Regiment present and a wreath in Regimental Colours attended him.

He was President of the British Legion in that area, and a large number of the Legion attended the service with two standards, which were lowered at the grave where he rests in a lovely country setting, and the Legion prayer was read at the end of the service.

Many members of the family were present, and as Colonel of the Regiment he loved so dearly, and in which he served with such distinction and bravery, I had the honour of walking with Mrs. Rowley from the church to his grave.

Later I was asked to visit Mrs. Rowley and saw his beloved home and all his possessions. I felt very deeply his loss, for I had known and loved him for many years and was his Adjutant in 1st Middlesex in the Great War until he left on promotion to command a brigade, when I assumed command until I was myself wounded, and his friendship never waned from that date until the end.

One vivid memory of him indicating his coolness in action comes to me. It was during the Battle of Loos, September, 1915, and he moved Battalion H.Q. up to the forward trench, for he always wished to be up with his men. Whilst there a dud German shell landed between us, doing no harm except to cover us in mud. All he said was, "That was a narrow shave for us, Maurice." Curiously, our Battalion H.Q., which we had vacated, was completely destroyed by shell fire, which we anticipated would be so, hence our move.

### DONATIONS TO THE MEMORIAL FUND

(From June 1, 1949, to August 3, 1949, inclusive)

£453 18s. od.—Friern Barnet Urban District Council.

£207 17s. 6d.—Borough of Southall.

£39 5s. 9d.—McVitie and Price, Ltd. (third payment on covenant).

£20.—Lt.-Col. W. W. Jefferd.

£2 2s. od.—Rev. L. S. Jackson.

£2.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin (stamp collecting cards).

£1 1s. od.—Mr. A. C. Chidley.



## REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1949, AT 3 P.M.

*Present:* Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C. (Chairman), Col. M. Browne, M.C., D.L., J.P. (Colonel of the Regiment), Brig. E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., A.D.C., Brig. B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., Brig. N. P. Procter, C.B.E., M.C., Col. G. Beach, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., J.P., Lt.-Col. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., Major R. C. H. Bellers, Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., R.S.M. S. Weller, M.M., Mr. A. Todman, Major A. W. Clark, O.B.E. (Secretary).

In attendance, Mr. W. Brazier, Romford "Die-hards" Club.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Lt.-Col. A. K. Johnson, T.D., and from Sgt. E. Fletcher.

1. *Minutes.* The Minutes of the last meeting having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as correct.

2. *Secretary's Report.* The Secretary's report having been circulated with the Agenda, was accepted by the Committee without comment.

3. *Finance Committee's Report*

(a) *Meetings.* One meeting has taken place since the last Executive Committee Meeting.

(b) *Accounts.* The Balances in hand on the Association Funds as at June 30, 1949, were as follows:

Association Charitable Fund	£ 672
Renny Fund	108
Cottage Homes Accounts	75
Journal Account	132
War Memorial Fund	870

(c) *Investments.* Since the last Meeting the following purchases of Investments have been carried out:

Association Charitable Fund	£750 National Defence Bonds, 3% 1954-58.
Renny Fund	£500 do. do.

(d) *War Memorial Funds.* The state of funds as reported by the Secretary on July 25, 1949, was as follows:

Investments at Cost	£ 24,990
Cash at Bank	1,552
	£26,542

In addition to the above there is a claim outstanding against the Inland Revenue for Income Tax recoverable amounting to £291. The amount receivable in the future from unexpired covenants is £1,603.

Amounts already expended are as follows:

Roads and Sewers—on account	£ 1,990
Architects' Fees—on account	274
Electricity and Water Services	193
	£2,457

(e) *Special Committee Meeting* held on July 22, 1949. All members of the Finance Committee attended this Meeting.

(f) *Bank Charges.* The Secretary reported that Messrs. Lloyds Bank Ltd. had now agreed to make no charge for the keeping of the Association's Bank Accounts. It is recommended that a letter of appreciation of this gesture be sent to the Bank Manager.

4. *Memorial Committee's Report.* Col. Beach explained at length the report prepared by Mr. E. P. Cornish, circulated to the Committee with the Agenda on July 22, 1949, and it was proposed by Brig. Rackham, seconded by Lt.-Col. Wollocombe, and carried unanimously that the following resolutions be approved:

- That Major Hardcastle be asked to negotiate at once with the Urban District Council of Enfield, and at the same time get in touch with the Secretary of the Haig Memorial Homes, to see that the agreement obtained from Enfield is on no less favourable terms than they have with local authorities.
- The Architect be instructed to endeavour to reduce the cost of the cottages to a figure no greater than 29s. 6d. per sq. ft. (which figure includes 5 per cent. additional for rise and fall) by obtaining competitive tenders for the contingency items.
- That at least three additional tenders be obtained by the Architect and that Messrs. Leslie & Co. be so informed.

(4) Subject to the satisfactory conclusion of the agreement with the Enfield Urban District Council that the Ministry of Health be asked to:

- Approve the scheme for the erection of 20 houses.
- To agree to the acceptance of the lowest tender.
- Approve of the scheme for the purpose of the Exchequer subsidy.
- Sanction the borrowing of a sum estimated to be about £8,000 from the Public Works Loan Board.

5. *Name of Road for New Housing Estate.* Proposed by Brig. Baker, and seconded by Col. Beach and carried unanimously, that names of living individuals will not be considered for the title of the Memorial Estate.

The Committee decided that (a) the name of the late Lt.-Col. H. W. M. Stewart (suggested by Col. Hedgecoe), (b) Albuhera Garth and (c) Albuhera Close be left for consideration at the next meeting.

6. *Other Business.* The Chairman produced before the Committee correspondence addressed to Col. Browne from Capt. K. Scott-Simpson on the possibility of producing a film script of the history of the Regiment. The Secretary was instructed by the Committee to inform Capt. Simpson that the project was impossible due to our Battalion being overseas, and the prohibitive cost of production, and that they endorsed Col. Browne's reply to this effect, which has already been sent to Capt. Simpson.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.15 p.m.

*Date of Next Meeting.* The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the Middlesex Guildhall on Thursday, October 27, 1949.

## OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB HELD AT THE MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1949, AT 4.15 P.M.

*Present:* Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C. (Chairman), Col. M. Browne, M.C., D.L., J.P. (Colonel of the Regiment), Brig. E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., A.D.C., Brig. B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., Brig. N. P. Procter, C.B.E., M.C., Lt.-Col. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., Col. G. Beach, C.B.E., O.B.E., T.D., D.L., J.P., Major R. C. H. Bellers, Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., Major A. W. Clark, O.B.E. (Secretary).

Apology for non-attendance was received from Lt.-Col. A. K. Johnson, T.D.

1. *Minutes.* The Minutes of the last meeting having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as correct.

2. *Secretary's Report.* The Secretary's report having been circulated with the Agenda, was accepted by the Committee without comment.

3. *Election of New Members.* The Committee approved of eight members, as listed by the Secretary, being accepted for membership of the Club:

Brig. H. A. D. Murray, O.B.E., T.D., D.L. (resumes membership).

Lt.-Col. A. Pritchard, M.B.E., M.C.

Major H. W. Pilley.

Capt. V. A. Thomas, M.C.

Capt. C. A. Trestain, M.B.E.

Brig. W. Ward.

Lt. W. R. Tomkinson.

Lt. C. E. R. Ousey.

4. *Officers' Club Dinner, 1950.* The Committee approved that the Officers' Club Dinner be held at the Junior United Service Club on Friday, June 23, 1950.

Dress—Dinner jackets or blue uniform.

Fuller particulars will be circulated to members at a later date.

5. *6th Battalion Funds.* Major Hardcastle reported to the Committee that no further information had been received from the Charity Commission since the last meeting. Col. Browne informed the Committee that he would visit the Charity Commissioners with Major Hardcastle in the near future. The time of the visit to be arranged by Major Hardcastle.

6. *Winter Cocktail Party.* The Committee approved that a Winter Cocktail Party be held at the Depot, Inglis Barracks, on similar lines to that held last year. The Cocktail Party will be held after the Autumn Golf Meeting on Friday, October 28, 1949. Further particulars will be circulated to members at a later date.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.40 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday, October 27, 1949, and it will be held at the Middlesex Guildhall, Westminster, S.W.1.

## OFFICERS' CLUB DINNER, 1949

The Officers' Club Dinner was held at the Junior United Service Club, Charles II Street, S.W.1, on Friday, June 24, 1949.

The following members, whose names are printed in alphabetical order, attended:

Col. M. Browne, M.C., D.L. (Chairman).  
Lt.-Gen. G. C. Bucknall.  
Brigs. E. E. F. Baker, E. W. C. Flavell, N. P. Procter, G. H. C. Pennycook, B. B. Rackham, O. H. Tidbury, G. P. L. Weston.  
Cols. G. Beach, G. L. Brown, S. F. Hedgecoe, J. N. Lamont, A. M. O. A. Passingham, J. G. E. Reid, R. D. Sherbrooke-Walker.  
Lt.-Cols. M. Crawford, A. de Chimay, J. H. Clowes, D. Y. Cubitt, H. W. F. de Salis, A. H. Farley, G. L. Fox, N. G. Gilbert, H. W. Gray, A. E. Green, T. A. Hall, H. A. Howell, A. K. Johnson, O. G. Johnson, J. James-Crook, W. D. Kenyon, T. L. Marks, S. Mirams, A. M. Man, F. Parker, W. E. Pringle, W. L. Roberts, J. D. Robbins, T. H. Reddy, C. P. Rooke, W. H. Samuel, J. W. A. Stephenson, B. L. Sutcliffe, S. H. Short, D. J. Scott, E. N. Trevor, T. S. Wollocombe, J. R. B. Worton, J. E. F. Willoughby.

Majors W. P. M. Allen, R. C. H. Bellers, I. R. Burrows, H. W. Brighten, R. G. Bare, G. A. Bower, A. W. Clark, L. L. Clarke, L. O. M. Collingwood, B. K. Cattell, I. F. Campbell, A. C. Dundas, J. T. Dear, H. C. Ellis, H. Farrow, J. F. Fryzer, J. Green, H. N. Grey, E. L. Heywood, H. K. Hardcastle, J. A. Hamilton, A. T. Jones, T. C. Johnson, R. A. Kaye, G. W. Kempster, F. A. L. Lawrence, A. F. Lockwood, C. M. M. Man, I. D. McLean, J. W. G. Ormiston, L. H. Owen-Josephs, W. H. Pilley, D. R. Pattison, C. E. Rome, H. Sherwood, H. L. Saunders, E. L. Stacey, P. E. C. Tuckey, E. J. Unwin, M. P. Weedon, A. R. Waller.

Capt. F. G. Ashby, G. D. Asling, C. H. T. Barber, I. R. Bonnamy, J. Broadbent, H. A. B. Claypole, R. J. P. Cummings, A. Clark, D. K. Cattell, L. C. D. Doidge, W. R. Dawe, J. de Gave, R. E. Gaver, W. M. Garner, A. I. F. Goldman, P. W. F. Hodge, R. W. D. Hutchings, E. A. H. Jeffcoat, M. E. W. Morton, H. Price, P. L. Pearce-Gould, W. A. W. St. George, H. R. Samson, H. Spencer Badger, R. W. J. Smith, W. Ward.  
Lts. J. L. Billen, R. T. Douthet, E. C. Graham, B. H. Kerr, P. C. Kay, P. W. C. West, G. C. Webber.

The following were unable to attend through illness:  
Lt.-Gen. Sir Brian G. Horrocks, Brig.-Gen. F. G. M. Rowley and Capt. C. N. Clayden.

## REGIMENTAL CRICKET WEEK

The Regimental Cricket Week was held at the Depot from June 19 to 26, with away matches against Hampstead and the Buffs on the 18th and 27th respectively.

The prospects at the beginning of the season for the week were unusually good. All the pre-war fixtures were back on the card, the 1st Battalion was at home and near at hand, and the great majority of the recognised cricketers, both serving and retired, were likely to be available.

Unfortunately, this happy state was too good to last. Early in June the 1st Battalion sailed at short notice for Hong Kong, robbing us of at least three good players, including Drm. Cullen, and, at the same time, depriving O.C. Depot and Major Clark of the services of the Band and the manpower needed for the erection of tents, fatigues, guards and innumerable other chores connected with the smooth running of the week.

The final blow fell with the news that several of our best players would not be available for one reason or another, including Lt.-Col. Stephenson, who could only manage one match, Capt. R. E. Orr, R. D. Jupp, W. A. W. St. George, J. G. W. Davies and Leslie Compton.

That the week proved such an unqualified success is eloquent proof of the superhuman efforts and masterly improvisation of Majors Bellers, Clark and Heywood and the whole Depot staff, and to the remarkable keenness—one might almost call it devotion to duty—of the

small band of cricketers who formed the team. To these two factors must be added the hard work of the groundsman, the N.A.A.F.I., who surpassed last year's catering success, and last, but not least, the weather, which remained gloriously fine throughout.

On paper our batting strength was reasonably strong, but our bowling was pathetically weak. However, as a glance at the detailed scores will show, the results were by no means disappointing.

The first match, played away at Hampstead, was expected to be our best performance, and we certainly fielded our strongest available side. We batted first and were rattled out for a very small total. Apart from Major Ormiston, who batted with the greatest confidence on what proved to be a rather unpredictable wicket, the remainder of the team could do little against the bowling of Hake. Hampstead had little difficulty in hitting off the runs and won by six wickets.

For the match against the Romans on the 19th we were reinforced by Major E. J. Unwin, a very welcome addition to the side. Unfortunately, after bowling a few overs, he damaged a muscle and was never really able to bowl again during the week without being in considerable pain. Romans batted first and batted confidently for 263 for 9 declared. Our bowlers shared the wickets between them. As on the previous day, our batting was disappointing, and once again it was left to Major Ormiston to save the day, ably supported by Lt.-Col. Gilbert. When stumps were drawn we still had two wickets to fall and had scored 192.

Playing 12 aside against the Cryptics, we very nearly passed their score, finishing five runs behind with our last man in. L/Cpl. Marable bowled well for his four wickets. The batting was more evenly balanced, and, although Major Ormiston and Lt.-Col. Gilbert again made runs, others, notably Lt. Kay and Lt.-Col. Green, hit the ball hard.

We scored our first win against the Incogniti on the Tuesday. Capt. Clayden and L/Cpl. Marable bowled well to take three wickets each, and the fielding was more hostile than in the previous matches. Our batting, as on the previous day, was more even, and Major Unwin batted well for his 51.

The match against the Free Foresters, who brought down a strong side, was our greatest triumph. Major Unwin started the day by having W. E. G. Payton, the R.A.F. player and old Cambridge Blue, lbw off the second ball of the innings. Marable, Clayden and Brig. Weston completed the good work with some steady bowling and the Foresters were all out for 205. Major Ormiston and Lt.-Col. Worton gave us an excellent start, Major Ormiston going on to make his century, cutting and driving with tremendous power. Major Unwin, with 45 not out, completed the task, and we won by eight wickets.

On the 23rd and 24th we played I.Z., who brought down an exceptionally strong team. We could do little against the bowling of Gay in the first innings, and Gay and Colthurst in the second innings, whilst our bowling was never strong enough to cause the I.Z. much difficulty. The hitting of M. E. F. Linton was an object lesson and not often seen from a No. 8.





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On the Sunday we lost to the Hampstead Heathens. Against their 274 for 6 declared, which included a very nice century by Shuttleworth, we could only make 178, largely due to the batting of Major Ormiston and Major Unwin.

On the 27th we went down to Canterbury to play the Buffs on the first day of their week. We were put in to bat immediately after a long bus journey and were all out for 123, of which Major Man was top scorer with 41. The Buffs' innings was very similar to our own, and no one was really able to stand up to L/Cpl. Marable, who finished off an excellent week's bowling with the figures of 7 for 40. A most enjoyable day was had by the team and its supporters, and our thanks are due to our hosts for their splendid hospitality.

There is no doubt that the highlight of the week's cricket was the batting of Major Ormiston. In nine innings he collected 498 runs and finished with an average of 62.25, a really splendid performance. The bowling of L/Cpl. Marable was invaluable, and he took 28 wickets for 13.67 runs apiece in 108 overs.

Next year the week will be held from June 17 to 25, and it is hoped that the same fixtures will be played.

At present the cricket Secretary has a list of about 30 names from whom the selection of teams is made. This list cannot be complete, and it is hoped that any member of the Regiment, serving or retired, who would like to turn out next year will get in touch with Major Clark at the Depot, giving his cricketing qualifications. It is only in this way that new blood can be infused into the Regimental team.

#### THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. HAMPSTEAD CRICKET CLUB (At Hampstead, on June 18, 1949)

The Middlesex Regiment	
Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, b Hake	0
Major M. P. Weedon, b Atkinson	0
Major J. G. W. Ormiston, not out	79
Lt.-Col. J. W. A. Stephenson, b Atkinson	2
Major P. L. Pearce-Gould, lbw Hake	0
Capt. C. N. Clayden, c Hollis, b Hake	7
Major C. M. M. Man, b Hake	0
Lt.-Col. N. G. Gilbert, b Hake	12
Capt. D. K. Cattell, st Ingram, b Smith	1
Brig. G. P. L. Weston, c Atkinson, b Hake	11
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, b Smith	0
Extras	13
Total	125

Bowling—J. Hake, 6 for 41; N. S. Atkinson, 2 for 10; N. B. Smith, 2 for 43.

Hampstead C.C.	
F. Mennim, b Stephenson	1
T. B. Berliner, b Stephenson	15
P. Du Buisson, b Weston	43
P. Ingram, b Stephenson	63
N. B. Smith, hit wicket, b Weston	0
I. W. Jerdein, b Weston	6
W. Hollis, not out	30
J. Hake, st Man, b Cattell	17
N. S. Atkinson, did not bat	0
H. A. H. King, b Weedon	5
A. B. Cook, b Weedon	14
Extras	1
Total (for 9 wickets)	195

Bowling—J. W. A. Stephenson, 3 for 41; G. P. L. Weston, 3 for 47; M. P. Weedon, 2 for 3; D. K. Cattell, 1 for 26.

Result—Hampstead C.C. won by 6 wickets.

#### THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT V. ROMANY CRICKET CLUB (At Mill Hill, on June 19, 1949, 12 a side)

Romany C.C.	
J. B. Robinson, c Unwin, b Green	32
Capt. Griffin, b Unwin	19
R. G. F. Kalberer, b Weedon	58
J. H. Woolard, c Green, b Unwin	10
T. Hare, b Marable	30
W. B. Giles, c & b Clayden	23
R. W. J. Allen, lbw Marable	13
K. Unwin, c Heywood, b Clayden	0
M. Rees, not out	39
D. H. A. Bell, run out	0
D. N. Watney, not out	20
A. S. Young did not bat	0
Extras	19
Total (for 9 wickets)	263

Bowling—E. J. Unwin, 2 for 28; A. E. Green, 1 for 32; C. N. Clayden, 2 for 56; M. P. Weedon, 1 for 36; J. Marable, 2 for 33.

The Middlesex Regiment	
Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, lbw Bell	7
Major J. G. W. Ormiston, b Hare	78
Major M. P. Weedon, run out	11
Major E. J. Unwin, lbw Allen	0
Major C. M. M. Man, b Allen	4
Capt. C. N. Clayden, c Rees, b Allen	0
Lt.-Col. N. G. Gilbert, c Allen, b Bell	43
Capt. D. K. Cattell, b Allen	19
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, not out	5
Brig. G. P. L. Weston, lbw Bell	4
L/Cpl. J. Marable, not out	5
Major E. L. Heywood did not bat	0
Extras	16
Total (for 9 wickets)	192

Bowling—T. Hare, 1 for 33; D. H. A. Bell, 3 for 22; R. W. J. Allen, 4 for 39.

Result—Match drawn.

#### THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT V. THE CRYPTICS CRICKET CLUB (At Mill Hill, June 20, 1949, 12 a side)

The Cryptics C.C.	
R. F. B. O'Callaghan, c Ormiston, b Pearce-Gould	76
R. A. Fletcher, c Clowes, b Marable	44
D. Darling, c Pearce-Gould, b Marable	40
R. E. Moss, b Marable	40
J. S. Percsall, c Goldman, b Weedon	10
P. Gibbs, lbw Weedon	0
B. W. Burton, b Marable	6
I. F. Ezzechi, not out	35
B. J. Wakley, not out	9
R. C. H. Bellers, did not bat	0
I. Aworth, did not bat	0
E. L. Heywood, did not bat	0
Extras	18
Total (for 7 wickets)	278

Bowling—P. L. Pearce-Gould, 1 for 105; J. Marable, 4 for 81; M. P. Weedon, 2 for 32.

The Middlesex Regiment	
Major J. G. W. Ormiston, c Gibbs, b Moss	58
Capt. A. I. F. Goldman, c & b Wakley	20
Capt. F. Abbott, b Burton	1
Lt. P. C. Kay, b Moss	40
Major E. J. Unwin, c Aworth, b Burton	21
Major M. P. Weedon, b Gibbs	16
Lt.-Col. N. G. Gilbert, c Fletcher, b Gibbs	58
Lt.-Col. I. H. Clowes, b Burton	8
Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, c Gibbs, b Moss	9
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, not out	26
Major P. L. Pearce-Gould, not out	5
L. Cpl. J. Marable, run out	0
Extras	11
Total (for 10 wickets)	273

Bowling—B. W. Burton, 3 for 64; B. J. Wakley, 1 for 5; P. Gibbs, 2 for 90; R. E. Moss, 3 for 47.

Result—Match drawn.



THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. INCOGNITI CRICKET CLUB  
(At Mill Hill, on June 21, 1949)

*Inogniti C.C.*

R. F. B. O'Callaghan, c Ormiston, b Green	66
G. C. Melluish, c Kay, b Clayden	13
A. J. W. Bavin, b Clayden	0
P. J. S. Moon, b Marable	10
J. S. MacLure, b Weston	7
H. L. Greer, run out	39
N. Kennedy, c Unwin, b Marable	6
G. P. Plumbly, c Kay, b Clayden	9
A. S. Young, b Marable	2
E. S. Snell, not out	1
Extras	1
Total	160

Bowling—C. N. Clayden, 3 for 56; J. Marable, 3 for 30; G. P. L. Weston, 1 for 32; A. E. Green, 1 for 10; M. P. Weedon, 1 for 2.

*The Middlesex Regiment*

Major J. W. G. Ormiston, c Hardy, b Melluish	26
Major P. L. Pearce-Gould, b Greer	3
Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, st Young, b Hardy	23
Major E. J. Unwin, c & b MacLure	51
Major M. P. Weedon, b Hardy	0
Lt. P. C. Kay, b MacLure	9
Lt.-Col. N. G. Gilbert, c MacLure, b Melluish	25
Capt. C. N. Clayden, st Young, b Snell	27
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, lbw Hardy	1
Brig. G. P. L. Weston, c Bavin, b Snell	15
Lt. Cpl. J. Marable, not out	1
Extras	0
Total	181

Bowling—G. C. Melluish, 2 for 51; H. L. Greer, 1 for 52; J. S. MacLure, 2 for 40; M. J. Hardy, 3 for 20; E. S. Snell, 2 for 7.

Result—The Middlesex Regiment won by 1 wicket.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. THE FREE FORESTERS CRICKET CLUB  
(At Mill Hill, on June 22, 1949)

*The Free Foresters*

W. E. G. Payton, lbw Unwin	0
H. F. Fox, c & b Clayden	25
J. Sharp, c Worton, b Clayden	24
K. S. Mackenzie, c Kay, b Marable	2
J. E. F. Linton, b Marable	56
T. Joynton, st Man, b Marable	1
E. W. Swanton, c Kay, b Clayden	23
A. J. S. Griffin, b Weston	14
N. L. Foster, b Marable	18
R. R. Shorto, not out	7
W. G. Lyon, b Weston	9
Extras	26
Total	205

Bowling—E. J. Unwin, 1 for 7; J. Marable, 4 for 54; C. N. Clayden, 3 for 73; G. P. L. Weston, 2 for 25.

*The Middlesex Regiment*

Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, b Lyon	39
Major J. G. W. Ormiston, b Foster	101
Major E. J. Unwin, not out	45
Major M. P. Weedon, not out	7
Major C. M. M. Man, did not bat	
Lt. P. C. Kay, did not bat	
Capt. C. N. Clayden, did not bat	
Brig. G. P. L. Weston, did not bat	
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, did not bat	
Capt. P. L. Pearce-Gould, did not bat	
Lt. Cpl. J. Marable, did not bat	16
Extras	208
Total (for 2 wickets)	208

Bowling—W. G. Lyon, 1 for 60; N. L. Foster, 1 for 30.

Result—The Middlesex Regiment won by 8 wickets.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. THE I. ZINGARI CRICKET CLUB  
(At Mill Hill, on June 23, 1949)

*The Middlesex Regiment—1st Innings*

Major J. G. W. Ormiston, c Holmes, b Gay	27
Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, c Linton, b Gay	0
Major C. M. M. Man, b Gay	0
Major E. J. Unwin, b Gay	11
Lt. P. C. Kay, b Linton	46
Major M. P. Weedon, b Linton	20
Lt.-Col. N. G. Gilbert, b Gay	29
Capt. C. N. Clayden, b Gay	2
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, b Lyon	3
Major P. L. Pearce-Gould, not out	4
Lt. Cpl. J. Marable, b Gay	15
Extras	1
Total	163

Bowling—Gay, 7 for 45; Lyon, 1 for 46; Linton, 2 for 32.

*I. Zingari C.C.*

K. S. Mackenzie, c Unwin, b Clayden	17
J. R. R. Holmes, c Worton, b Marable	1
R. La T. Colthurst, lbw Marable	14
M. Lowry, lbw Marable	38
D. W. M. Gay, st Man, b Marable	18
A. R. P. Stubbs, c & b Clayden	82
E. Remington-Hobbs, run out	24
M. E. F. Linton, st Man, b Weedon	108
C. E. Mott-Radclyffe, st Man, b Weedon	43
L. C. R. Isherwood, not out	14
W. G. Lyon, not out	15
Extras	23
Total (for 9 wickets)	397

Bowling—C. N. Clayden, 2 for 99; J. Marable, 4 for 104; M. P. Weedon, 2 for 45.

*The Middlesex Regiment—2nd Innings*

Major J. W. G. Ormiston, b Gay	33
Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, b Gay	0
Major P. L. Pearce-Gould, b Lyon	4
Major E. J. Unwin, c & b Gay	1
Lt. P. C. Kay, b Gay	37
Major M. P. Weedon, c Remington-Hobbs, b Colthurst	12
Lt.-Col. N. G. Gilbert, b Colthurst	11
Capt. C. N. Clayden, b Colthurst	1
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, c Holmes, b Colthurst	17
Major C. M. M. Man, c Stubbs, b Colthurst	1
Lt. Cpl. J. Marable, not out	5
Extras	125
Total	125

Bowling—D. W. M. Gay, 4 for 34; W. G. Lyon, 1 for 19; R. La T. Colthurst, 5 for 48.

Result—I. Zingari won by an innings and 108 runs.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. THE HAMPSHIRE HEATHENS CRICKET CLUB  
(At Mill Hill, on June 26, 1949)

*Hampstead Heathens C.C.*

M. I. Makin, b Marable	64
R. E. Moss, lbw Wollcombe	113
G. Shuttleworth, c Unwin, b Marable	45
R. Skene, b Weedon	5
M. J. Daly, b Marable	9
A. Bush, not out	5
M. J. Hardy, st Man, b Marable	16
N. B. Smith, did not bat	
E. I. Terrell, did not bat	
J. Hake, did not bat	
F. Mennim, did not bat	
Extras	274
Total (for 6 wickets, dec.)	274

Bowling—J. Marable, 4 for 41; P. S. Wollcombe, 1 for 59; M. P. Weedon, 1 for 15.

*The Middlesex Regiment*

Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, c Moss, b Smith	3
Major J. G. W. Ormiston, b Terrell	83
Major M. P. Weedon, c Makin, b Hake	7
Cadet P. S. Wollcombe, st Makin, b Smith	4
Major E. J. Unwin, lbw Smith	44
Lt.-Col. N. G. Gilbert, c Hardy, b Smith	9
Lt. J. G. Taylor, b Smith	0
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, b Terrell	0
Brig. G. P. L. Weston, not out	13
Major C. M. M. Man, b Terrell	0
Lt. Cpl. J. Marable, run out	4
Extras	9
Total	178

Bowling—J. Hake, 1 for 64; N. B. Smith, 5 for 45; E. I. Terrell, 3 for 28.

Result—Hampstead Heathens won by 96 runs.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. THE BUFFS  
(At Canterbury, on June 27, 1949)

*The Middlesex Regiment*

Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, c Sugden, b Broadley	0
Major C. M. M. Man, b Peck	41
Major P. L. Pearce-Gould, b Broadley	0
Lt. P. C. Kay, b Cox	20
Major J. W. G. Ormiston, c Blackland, b Broadley	13
Major M. P. Weedon, b Broadley	16
Lt.-Col. N. G. Gilbert, c Broadley, b Jackson	16
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, b Broadley	4
Lt. J. G. Taylor, b Broadley	8
R.S.M. J. E. Painter, lbw Jackson	0
Lt. Cpl. J. Marable, not out	2
Extras	123
Total	123

Bowling—E. Cox, 1 for 27; J. Broadley, 6 for 57; Pte. Peck, 1 for 21; J. Jackson, 2 for 16.

*The Buffs*

Capt. Watts, c Man, b Marable	19
Rev. Sugden, st Man, b Marable	8
Capt. Blackland, c Taylor, b Marable	0
Mr. Broadley, c Ormiston, b Green	0
Lt.-Col. Parry, lbw Weedon	13
Sgt. Jeffries, st Man, b Marable	2
Capt. Cox, b Green	17
Sgt. Fox, b Marable	1
Mr. Jackson, b Marable	8
Mr. Neville, not out	6
Pte. Peck, b Marable	0
Extras	3
Total	82

Bowling—J. Marable, 7 for 40; A. E. Green, 2 for 27; M. P. Weedon, 1 for 12.

Result—The Middlesex Regiment won by 41 runs.

*BATTING AVERAGES*

	No. of innings	Total runs	Highest score	Times not out	Average
Major J. G. W. Ormiston	9	498	101	1	62.25
Major E. J. Unwin	7	173	51	1	28.83
Lt.-Col. N. G. Gilbert	8	204	58	—	25.5
Lt. P. C. Kay	5	119	46	—	23.8
Brig. G. P. L. Weston	4	43	15	1	14.3
Major M. P. Weedon	9	114	37	1	14.25
Major C. M. M. Man	6	62	41	—	10.3
Capt. C. N. Clayden	5	47	27	—	9.4
Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton	9	81	39	—	9
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green	8	40	26*	2	6.6
Lt. Cpl. J. Marable	7	17	6	4	5.6
Major P. L. Pearce-Gould	6	16	5*	2	4

\* Signifies not out.

*ALSO BATTED*

Lt.-Col. J. W. A. Stephenson	1	2	2	—	—
Lt.-Col. J. H. Clowes	1	8	8	—	—
Capt. A. I. F. Goldman	1	20	20	—	—
Capt. D. K. Cattell	2	20	19	—	—
Capt. Abbott	1	1	1	—	—
Lt. J. G. Taylor	2	5	3	—	—
Cadet P. S. Wollcombe	1	4	4	—	—
R.S.M. J. E. Painter	1	8	8	—	—

*BOWLING AVERAGES*

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Lt.-Col. J. W. A. Stephenson	19	6	41	3	13.6
Lt. Cpl. J. Marable	108	17	383	28	13.97
Major M. P. Weedon	29	—	147	10	14.7
Major E. J. Unwin	15	2	54	3	18
Capt. D. K. Cattell	3	—	26	1	26
Capt. C. N. Clayden	69	8	304	10	30.4
Brig. G. P. L. Weston	51	4	237	6	39.5
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green	47	1	228	4	57
Cadet P. S. Wollcombe	13	2	59	1	59
Major P. L. Pearce-Gould	27	—	172	1	172
Major J. G. W. Ormiston	10	—	44	—	—
Lt. P. C. Kay	2	—	14	—	—
Lt. J. G. Taylor	2	—	24	—	—

*CATCHES*

Major J. G. W. Ormiston	3
Major E. J. Unwin	4
Lt. P. C. Kay	4
Capt. C. N. Clayden	4
Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton	2
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green	1
Lt.-Col. J. H. Clowes	1
Major C. M. M. Man (wicket-keeper)	1
Major E. L. Heywood	1
Major P. L. Pearce-Gould	1
Capt. A. I. F. Goldman	1
Lt. J. G. Taylor	1

*STUMPINGS*

Major C. M. M. Man 8 |

Middlesex Regiment—1,569 runs for loss of 81 wickets (19.37 per wicket).

Opponents—1,854 runs for loss of 70 wickets (26.48 per wicket).

OFFICERS' CLUB "AT HOME"

The "At Home" was held at the Officers' Mess on June 25. The anteroom, dining and billiard rooms had been decorated with the silver of the Depot and both Battalions, and Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Farrow and Mrs. Bellers had kindly spent much time during the morning arranging the flowers. It was a perfect summer's day and the Mess looked really at its best.

Some 120 had been expected to attend and we were disappointed that only about 70 came. These included many old friends who had not met for a number of years and they were able to chat in comfort and to enjoy the excellent tea provided by the N.A.A.F.I. Major Clark and the Mess staff received the well deserved thanks of all for their hard work.

While agreeing that the Test Match and Wimbledon are good excuses for non-attendance, we do not think they are good enough and hope that next year the numbers will be greater.

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

EDITORIAL

Our last editorial concluded on the comparatively peaceful note of hard but interesting work in the pleasant surroundings of Chelsea and Windsor. We were enjoying the honour of carrying out public duties and our programme was set for some useful training at Pirbright. Our future seemed settled when we were ordered to join 28 Infantry Brigade at Colchester in September under Brig. R. Morgan, D.S.O., M.C., from whom we had received many visits. It seemed that at last the Battalion really had a chance of getting together. But we seem fated for sudden changes and





moves and our latest one came with startling rapidity.

To our consternation we were ordered to mobilise for a semi-operational role overseas and it soon became apparent that we were destined for Hong Kong once again. After the Battalion's war-time experiences there, we did think that perhaps we might have been sent to some other part of the world. However, the job has to be done and we are setting about it in good heart. On May 3 the Battalion found its last King's Guard, commanded by Major T. W. Chattey, and on May 5 the Battalion took part in a seven-mile flag march through London as part of 28 Infantry Brigade. The following day we moved to Mill Hill and were officially transferred to 27 Independent Infantry Brigade, commanded by Brig. B. A. Good, D.S.O., under whom we are now serving in Hong Kong. Mobilisation involved many problems and put a very great strain on our "Q" staff, but with the help of the Depot staff, Major P. Newman and R.Q.M.S. G. W. Blackman, achieved what seemed the impossible. Mention must be made of the dreadful jungle green drill clothing which is now issued to the O.R.s, and which officers have to purchase at exorbitant rates. All are horrified at the quality, style and fitting, and are hoping for an exchange in Hong Kong. It is sad that various members of the Battalion

had to leave us for various reasons connected with overseas postings, and we welcome those who have been posted to us in their places.

All ranks were granted 12 days' leave prior to embarkation, but our advance party, under Major E. C. Kendall-Sadler, T.D., only had time for four days before sailing from Liverpool in the *Empire Halladale*.

We were disappointed that the C.O., Lt.-Col. M. Crawford, D.S.O., could not travel with the Battalion, as he was ordered to fly to Hong Kong with the remainder of the C.O.s of 27 Infantry Brigade. The Battalion travelled to Southampton in two parties, both having a good journey. Embarkation on M.V. *Dunera* proceeded very smoothly and quickly under the excellent arrangements of the embarkation staff. It gave us great pleasure to see the Colonel of the Regiment, Col. M. Browne, and Lt.-Gen. Sir Brian Horrocks at Southampton, both of whom gave very heartening farewell speeches to the Battalion. Also present were Cols. H. Phillips and W. H. V. Jones and Major E. Heywood, all old members of the Regiment. Of the actual journey, enough has been reported in the Company notes. Suffice to say that we had an excellent trip, but it is not a good time of the year for trooping in the Red Sea. Shore leave was enjoyed at Port Said, where Col. F.

Walden came down from Ismailia to meet us. At Aden we also went on shore leave, and again at Colombo where Lt.-Col. L. H. J. de la M. Herapath met us, having arranged a football match against the local garrison (drawn 4-4), sight-seeing tours for the men and a buffet lunch for the officers. At Singapore we were met by Major D. C. Nolda and shore leave was again granted. Many older members renewed old acquaintances there.

Our sporting activities have necessarily been curtailed, but special praise must go to the Battalion boxers for their excellent showing on the ship.

We are now wondering about our future in Hong Kong. Whatever it is, all are confident of upholding the high reputation of the 1st Battalion there.

#### "A" COMPANY

Since the Company's return from Pirbright, where platoon and section training and the annual range course took place, the Company resumed normal London duties. A great deal was learnt at Pirbright, as it was the first time the Company had trained as a whole. On May 2 the Battalion were warned for overseas service, with probable destination of Hong Kong. A percentage of the last King's Guard was found from "A" Company personnel, being commanded by Major Chattey, with 2/Lt. Evans as Colour Ensign. On May 7 the Company found five officers and 60 other ranks for the flag march through London over a seven-mile route.

The Company then moved to Mill Hill on May 8 for the purpose of mobilisation, occupying our original barrack rooms in "B" block. Mobilisation and issue of kit were completed before the Company proceeded on 12 days' embarkation leave. A great argument took place during the fitting of jungle green uniform between the Colour-Sergeant and the inspecting officers as to whether or not Pte. Pegg's green shorts were too long or whether they were long trousers too short.

After the return from leave, such sports as inter-platoon football and cross-country running took place. The cross-country resulted in No. 3 Platoon being placed first, No. 2 Platoon second and No. 1 Platoon third.

To bring the Company up to establishment strength we received C/Sgt. Martin and 20 other ranks as reinforcements from various units. L/Sgt. Lloyd, Cpl. Bennett, L/Cpls. Webb, Mayer and Cockburn and Ptes. Renton, Chubb, Carter and Harvey were not eligible to proceed overseas and were despatched to Shorncliffe. We also lost C/Sgt. Moody in the process of discharge and Sgt. Carter to the 1/7th Middlesex (T.A.). We wish them all the best of luck in the future. We congratulate L/Sgt. Lefevre, Cpls. Partridge and Card and L/Cpls. Vincent, Yerby, Weaver, Kettle and Smallman on their promotions.

We embarked on June 16 on H.M.T. *Dunera*, with "A" Company forming the baggage chain of the second party, a new procedure that worked very well. We sailed at 1500 hours on the same day and, after a few days at sea, the Company settled down to troopship life and a Company training programme was put into effect. Shore leave was granted at Port Said and Aden,

this Company going ashore by platoons. No one fell foul of the "Mystic East," fortunately.

Various competitions took place on board, including tug-of-war and boxing. In the tug-of-war, after three hard pulls, we lost to the Royal Signals, who eventually won the competition. In the novices boxing competition for which there were 28 entries, the Company was represented by L/Cpl. Smart and Ptes. Dove, Sudders, Mankelow, Johnston, Coles, Gibbons and Leaney.

We ran into some heavy weather a day out of Aden, which curtailed all sport and activities and left plenty of food on the mess decks for the more fortunate members. At present we are one day's sailing time from Colombo, where we are looking forward eagerly to shore leave and mail.

#### "B" COMPANY

Since the last issue of THE DIE-HARDS a number of changes have taken place within the Company. Firstly, we have been unfortunate in losing Major I. H. Battye, who has been posted to the R.A.F. Staff College. We wish him every success on his course and hope that it will not be long before he once again rejoins the Battalion. We are pleased to welcome Major A. S. J. de S. Clayton in his place. We also welcome C.S.M. Pike to the Company on his return to the Battalion from Germany, and hope that this time he will remain with us permanently.

Owing to the posting of the Battalion overseas there has been a minor upheaval in the Company organisation and personnel. Second-Lieutenant C. E. R. Ousey, shortly due for demobilisation, was posted to Shorncliffe and his place has been taken by Lt. P. R. Bosworth of the Royal West Kent Regiment. Sgt. Jones of No. 5 Platoon was posted as instructor to the Small Arms School, Hythe, and his place was filled by Sgt. Burrell, also from Shorncliffe. Our Company Clerk, L/Cpl. Lock, also shortly due for demobilisation, has been posted to Munford Ranges in the wilds of Norfolk and was last seen bewailing his fate after the amenities of London. In addition, we were very sorry to lose L/Cpl. Dyson-Hudson, who remained behind to take his W.O.S.B., but we hope that he meets with success and attains his commission.

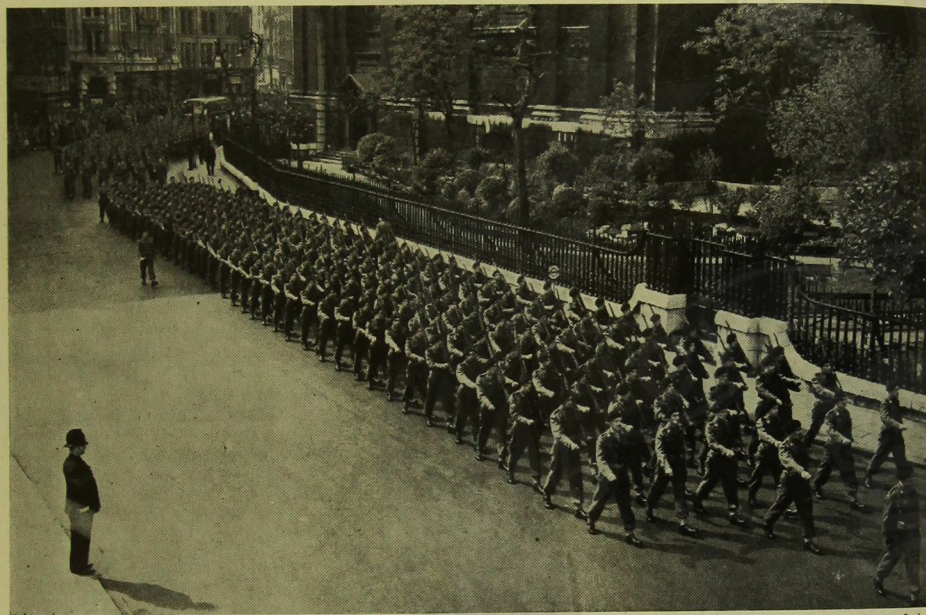
There have been a number of promotions recently and we can congratulate Cpls. Steward, Perkins and Cubitt on their appointments to lance-sergeants; L/Cpls. Arnold and Potts to full corporals; and Ptes. Corbett, Heritage, Langhorn and Brown to lance-corporals.

The Company on the whole has welcomed the move overseas. For the first time in months we are complete and settled. The continual postings in and out of the Company of personnel, the guards, fatigues and unsettling influence of public duties in London are gone and, despite shortage of space on the ship, we have been able to carry out a training programme with most of the Company present, hitherto an impossibility.

Shore leave at Port Said and Aden was enjoyed by all and, at the time of writing, we are looking forward to stretching our legs at Colombo.

The Company tug-of-war team, ably coached by





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2/Lt. G. Norton and led by C/Sgt. Shrubbs, M.M., proved itself to be the best team from the Middlesex Regiment in the inter-unit competition held on the ship and they surprised even themselves.

We look forward to our arrival in Hong Kong and to attain once more the team spirit and comradeship that we built up during our short spell at Pirbright.

#### "C" COMPANY

At the time of writing the last Company notes we were, in between our military duties, training hard for the Albuhera athletics in which we expected to do well. Arrangements had been made for the use of the training ground at the Duke of York's headquarters, which was very convenient for us, and as an alternative we carried out training at Burton Court rugby ground. Little did we know of our impending move with the Battalion to Mill Hill to mobilise for operations in the Far East.

Our last public duties were performed with sorrow and a general feeling of regret accompanied our departure from Chelsea Barracks. The last mounting of the King's Guard was carried out on May 3, in which the Company was well represented. A large gathering was present to witness this rather touching ceremony, bringing to a close a series of King's Guards successfully carried out by the Battalion. The last occasion the Company took part in public duties was May 6, when, as part of the Battalion, we marched along a seven-mile

route in London in company with 28th Brigade H.Q., the 1st Battalion the Welsh Guards and the 1st Battalion the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and our respective Band and Drums.

On arrival at Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, the Company was billeted in huts near the Regimental Museum, which was visited by members of the Company before we left. This hut accommodation was very suitable for us to organise ourselves on the platoon basis and the platoon spirit began to grow from the start. We were next to the football field and so were able to get plenty of exercise and several friendly matches were arranged with other Companies.

During our brief stay at Mill Hill, Cpls. Finch and Pentony, L/Cpl. Reynolds and Pte. Holloway returned from their embarkation leave as married men. To them we offer our best wishes for their future happiness. We learn also that L/Cpl. Small and Pte. Hampton have contemplated matrimony and became engaged during their embarkation leave.

After their embarkation leave Lt. Pielow and Pte. Cheeseman proceeded on the 1st Battalion advance party and sailed with the 1st Battalion the Leicestershire Regiment towards the beginning of May.

C.S.M. Jennings handed over his duties to Sgt. Budden at the end of May and, together with L/Cpl. King, Ptes. Dobson and Nash, proceeded with the second advance party sailing with the 1st Battalion the

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in H.M.T. *Empire Trooper* on Sunday, June 12.

Lt. Sander left the Company in May to become Battalion Weapon Training Officer, but we shall see more of him. We had to bid *au revoir* to 2/Lt. Hedgeley, who has had to leave us, owing to his release and forthcoming course at the university, and so we wish him good luck. We regret we have also had to leave behind Ptes. Cromar, Clark, Frett, Howard, Ley, Male and Watts.

Last but not least comes our formidable Company mascot, "Sebastian Doolittle," who for reasons beyond our control has had to remain behind and who, we understand, is now devoting his attentions to the furthering of his breed.

We are fortunate in adding to our numbers, Lt. E. C. S. Osborne, who will prove a helpful addition, on account of his previous service overseas, and we also welcome to the Company Sgts. Bartholomew and Avery and Ptes. Anderson, Brady, Kingham and Oxlade from other Companies in the Battalion. From outside units we welcome Ptes. Bond, Bonner, Brock, Brown, Buckle, Burbage, Churchlow, French, Goring, Longhurst, Main, Schafer, Watson, Weatherley and Yeomans.

On June 14, with the rest of the Battalion, we embarked on M.V. *Dunera* and sailed for Hong Kong at 1535 hours.

Capt. Rendell, M.B.E., M.C., our second-in-command, was chosen to be ship's A.P.M. and has been gallantly carrying out this somewhat arduous task.

The Company won their first "pull" against the W.O.s' and Sergeants' team in the ship's tug-of-war and looked like doing well, but unfortunately drew a very good team provided by the Royal Navy for the second round and were knocked out.

Pte. Summers did well to reach the finals of the novices' boxing competition held on board, and we wish him luck in the future.

At the time of writing these notes we are still at sea and so we cannot foretell our journey's end, but so far we have managed to keep cheerful faces through some very difficult days.

#### "D" COMPANY

Towards the latter end of April the Battalion received orders to proceed to an unknown destination overseas.

The Company at this time was in Windsor doing guard duties at the castle. There was much excitement and speculation as to where we were going. However, at this time "A Slow Boat to China" became suddenly very popular, so the question of our destination appeared to be a foregone conclusion.

Major Kendall-Sadler left us almost immediately and proceeded with the advance party on the *Empire Halladale* and the Company came under command of Capt. R. St. McG. Young.

On May 5 the Company took part in the Army Day parade, marching some seven miles through the crowded streets of London. It was a great experience, and we all look back on it as being a very memorable day.

On May 7 we started mobilisation. A hectic month followed, but, owing to the fact that all ranks put their

best foot forward, in the traditional "Die-Hard" manner, all went extremely smoothly.

On June 14 we said good-bye to our Regimental home, Inglis Barracks. We have very happy memories of our stay there as detached company, and in this connection we would like to express our thanks to Major R. C. H. Bellers and his Depot staff for their help and the innumerable kindnesses we received at their hands.

We went by train from Mill Hill to Southampton, where we embarked without trouble on the M.V. *Dunera*, and on the afternoon of June 15 we sailed.

The journey as far as Port Said was completed under almost perfect weather conditions. We had shore leave at Port Said, and to many of us the first sight of the East was indeed a great experience.

We left Port Said on June 25 and arrived at Aden on the 30th, after a gruelling time in the Red Sea. The heat was very intense, but the Company bore up well, especially as this was the first experience of real tropical heat for most of us.

There was more shore leave at Aden, where the majority of the Company went for a swim.

We left Aden on the afternoon of the same day and at the time of writing are tossing about on a somewhat angry Indian Ocean.

The deck space on the ship has been very limited, but we have managed to do a little light training. We now eagerly look forward to more shore leave at Colombo and to reaching our destination.

We welcome Lts. B. K. Clayden and K. J. Jeffrey, C.S.M. McMillan and Cpls. Ramsdale and Slocombe to the Company and hope that their stay with us will be a long and happy one.

We regret to have lost C.S.M. Lomax, who has left us to go to the 7th Battalion. However, we wish him all the very best of success in his new appointment.

To all our friends at home we send hearty greetings. We are in good heart and looking forward to the task that lies ahead of us.

#### SUPPORT COMPANY

This quarter has indeed been an eventful one for "S" Company. The Company is now up to full strength and now takes on the form we expect of the main supporting element in the Battalion.

We passed a very enjoyable month in April and May in company with "D" Company guarding Windsor Castle. This was our first spell of public duties, which was for us an exciting and interesting experience. Almost without warning, while the normal routine of "on guard" and "off guard" was proceeding according to the usual formula, we got the news that we were to proceed overseas. We packed up our goods and chattels and with a pang of regret said good-bye to Windsor and returned to Mill Hill.

A very busy fortnight followed, in which we handed in our old equipment and drew up our new. Our older soldiers took it all very calmly, but the younger ones began to feel the first thrills of overseas service. We all had 13 days' leave, from which we returned refreshed and ready for anything.

We had a sad blow at this point in that Capt. V. A.



Thomas, M.C., who had formed the Company, was taken away and appointed Depot Adjutant. We all wish him every happiness in his new job and hope that he will continue to keep in touch with us. Capt. C. H. Mieville, M.C., has taken over the Company.

We left Mill Hill at the unearthly hour of 0400 on June 15 *en route* for Southampton. Embarkation drill went very smoothly, but we had to endure the usual inevitable periods of waiting about. The Company are all on one deck, which is a very lucky break for us.

We have been training quite hard for two hours a day. When we arrive in Hong Kong we shall have a sound basic training, coupled with a good general knowledge of the area in which we shall operate.

The Carrier Platoon has fired its machine guns seaward, which, as well as being good training value, provided a certain amount of entertainment for the remainder of the passengers.

The Mortar Platoon has been going through a series of mysterious imaginary shoots. Their jargon seems quite foreign to us at the moment, but soon it is hoped we shall all be *au fait* with their methods.

The Anti-Tank Platoon produced a wonderful range in miniature complete with tanks. They expend a lot of imaginary ammunition, but their fire control and appreciation of ranges has benefited accordingly.

The Assault Pioneer Platoon can be seen on the heaving deck examining odd-looking diagrams and talking in very technical terms of igniting pull-switches and explosives. They are very lucky indeed, as we have on board a company of Sappers and mutual periods of instruction have proved most useful.

Company H.Q., under the able direction of C.S.M. White, continues to function in the normal way. Nominal rolls are produced on demand. How this is done remains a mystery to all but C.S.M. White and Pte. Forrest. Special mention must be made of Pte. Franklin, who keeps the pay going with his usual aplomb.

We welcome C/Sgt. Yeomans, Sgts. Finnis and Palmer, Cpls. Hope and Birdsey and a host of others too numerous to mention. May their stay be long and happy.

So far all ranks have withstood the motion of the ship



very well, although some of the luckier ones are now having two breakfasts daily.

England and Mill Hill seem very far away, but all ranks have the Depot and all it stands for constantly in mind. We send them our greetings and hope that it will not be too long before we can place ourselves under their wing once more.

#### "H.Q." COMPANY

Since our move from Chelsea Barracks to Mill Hill *en route* to Hong Kong many changes have taken place in the Company. Major H. Marsh, who already shouldered the heavy burden of P.R.I., officer in charge of the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess, Band President and officer in charge of the Corps of Drums, has taken over the command of the Company. Major H. M. F. Langley has left us to take up the appointment of Second-in-Command of a Signal Selection Regiment at Catterick. Capt. J. M. Longstaff left us on our departure to Hong Kong. Capt. P. F. Smyth, ex Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment, has joined us and taken over the duties of Company Second-in-Command. Lt. G. Sander has been transferred to us from "C" Company to take up the appointment of W.T.O.

We congratulate C/Sgt. Ure on being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, also Sgt. Davis, M.M., on receiving his bar to the Military Medal. We had great pleasure in seeing the Colonel of the Regiment, Col. M. Browne, M.C., D.L., J.P., presenting the two awards to the two N.C.O.s on Albuhera Day.

Prior to our move from Chelsea to Mill Hill half the Company fired their annual range course at Pirbright Camp.

Out of the original 1st Battalion members who served in Hong Kong before the war, we find that, of the 18 serving members in the Battalion, 12 belong to "H.Q." Company. They are Major H. Marsh, O.R.Q.M.S. A. Waldron, C/Sgt. Ure, Drum-Major Holdford, Cpls. Dickens, Hilkene, Hymas and Mitchell-Gears, L/Cpl. Winsborough, Ptes. Jones (83) and Hanshaw and Bds. Hazlewood.

We are now looking forward to renewing old acquaintances in Hong Kong, and by the time these notes are printed we hope that this will come to pass.

#### BAND

As with the whole of the Battalion, our activities during the past two months have been influenced chiefly by our impending move overseas. We had hoped that, after our spell of Palace duty, we could anticipate a welcome period of "recuperative action," but the best laid plans, etc., and here we are instead, writing these notes in the middle of the Red Sea.

Owing to the regulations governing "Bands, strength of, when proceeding overseas," the move has cost us dear in terms of loss of personnel. Sgt. Rolfe, Cpl. Dunning, Bds. Cox, Lowes, Bentley (11), Rickard, Pearce, Stapleton, Geary and Colbourne are no longer with us. A crushing blow, but, of course, we press on, perhaps deriving a grain of consolation from the reflection that there must be very few, if any, bands in



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the Army nowadays which could suffer the loss of 10 such men as these and yet continue to deliver the goods.

On the brighter side, however, we have the pleasure of congratulating the following members upon their promotion: Cpl. Street (to Band Sergeant), L/Cpls. Hymas and Hilkene (to Corporal) and Bds. Bayton and Hazlewood (to Lance-Corporal), also B.M. Barnett, L/Cpl. Bayton and Bds. Leverington upon their recent marriages.

When these notes are published we hope to be settled in Hong Kong and making rapid strides towards complete recovery from our recent losses. Meantime, we can but offer the Battalion our modest best (aided and abetted by C.Q.M.S. Ure) and wish good luck to all "Die-Hards."

### DRUMS

On receipt of orders to mobilise for service in Hong Kong our tour of duty at Chelsea ended rather suddenly, but the memories of Buckingham Palace and St. James's Palace guards will, for all of us, be a tale to be told in the years to come. It was a place of meeting for many an Old Comrade, who saw the Battalion at its best.

From Chelsea Barracks we moved back to our own Depot and in a very short space of time we soon settled down. Work was the order of the day and the Corps of Drums were called upon to perform many jobs in order to assist in the mobilisation of the Battalion. This was carried out very efficiently. In between vaccinations, inoculations, Company fatigues and Q.M.'s fatigues we managed to squeeze in a few hours of practice.

The Corps of Drums then proceeded on 14 days' embarkation leave. According to report, a grand time was had by all. Cpl. "Topper" Brown returned from leave newly wed, with the added responsibility hanging heavily on his shoulders. We send our sincere wishes to his wife and hope that they will be together again in the near future.

On the morning of June 14 we said farewell to all at Mill Hill and our next stop was H.M.T. *Dunera*, docked in Southampton. Once on board we quickly settled down ready for the 24 hours' wait before the ship sailed. After the first night on board a drummer was heard to remark, "This ship doesn't rock much."! On the morning of the 15th the Band and Corps of Drums formed up on the quayside and played a programme of marches. Our Officer i/c Drums, Major H. Marsh, allowed married personnel of the Corps of Drums to visit their wives and families, who were at the quayside to see them off.

The time passed quickly and we were soon on our way, leaving behind our wives, families and friends and dear old England, but with memories which will always be fresh in our minds.

### M.T. SECTION

At this moment all M.T. personnel are on the high seas (for the main body on board the M.V. *Dunera* the seas are much higher than normal). So far our journey has been pleasant and extremely smooth.

Sgt. Davis, usually so cool, calm and collected when sitting behind the wheel or in the M.T. Office, appears to be our worst sailor, but bears up gallantly.

Cpl. Snell has been excelling himself as a member of the ship's "Twenty Questions" team. We feel quite proud of his quick wit and ability.

We are also proud of the fact that we, the M.T., put a strong team into the first ship's tug-of-war competition. We did not win. We did, however, give a good account of ourselves.

So far the vehicles following on the *Glengyle* have been forgotten. We only hope we have not lost our ability to drive.

We also hope that Lt. Jeffrey and the M.T. rear party have a pleasant voyage and rejoin us refreshed and rested from their sea trip.

### W.O.s' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

In very fine weather at 1520 hours on Wednesday, June 15, the M.V. *Dunera* left Southampton for Hong Kong. We had left behind on the quayside many wives and friends of the Battalion when starting off on this adventure. We had heard with intense pride and fortitude speeches made to us over the tannoy system by our famous Gen. Sir Brian Horrocks and the Colonel of the Regiment, Col. M. Browne. Many of us made silent resolutions then, I am sure. About seven telegrams were received and, if space were permitted, I would mention them all, but, although we very sincerely thank them for their good wishes, I am sure I would be excused in giving a special word for the telegram received by the R.S.M. from the demobees of Shorncliffe. Enough if I say, "Good lads. God bless you all."

The trip at the end of the first week has been very pleasant, the food being excellent and the sea unusually calm, although there is a slight roll on now as I write these notes.

The most notable casualty to date has been Sgt. Davies, M.M. We thought we had left him behind, as he was below decks for two days before anyone saw him.

Entertainments have chiefly been arranged by a very energetic committee, with R.Q.M.S. C. Blackman as leading light. The efforts of the R.Q.M.S. and C/Sgt. Griffiths in calling out at tombola has caused them both to remain quiet for a few days, their voices having gone. This quietude is appreciated by some friends at dinner.

The Sergeants, especially C/Sgt. Shrubbs, M.M. and Thom, Sgts. Cleland, Waterfield and McGowan, have decided that Bass for export is grand stuff, and they are often joined in community singing by a few senior W.O.s, whose vocal efforts are well known in Inglis Barracks. We have been entertained by the Regimental Band. Our Bandmaster, L. Barnett, by constant rehearsals and practice (he has also got C/Sgt. Ure in his second row), has now got a first-rate dance band. We do indeed appreciate this W.O.'s contributions and his eagerness to bolster up social activities in the Mess.

All members are now looking forward to setting up a good Mess at Hong Kong, where we have C.S.M. Jennings already on the look-out for "contacts."

We would like to thank R.S.M. Weller, M.M., and especially Sgt. Bennett, for having served us so well whilst we were "attached." And though takings must have dropped alarmingly, we think they well deserve a

rest. Our next contribution will be from Hong Kong, and if before then any ex-member would care to drop us a line it would be appreciated by the boys.

### CORPORALS' CLUB

After a very pleasant spell at Mill Hill the members find themselves cast upon the waters once more.

The date and manner of our departure are given in detail elsewhere, so it only remains for me to say that it was with mixed feelings that we saw Southampton slipping astern.

Among our members aboard are some who made the trip before and finished up in the hands of Tojo and his merry men. These are Cpls. Dickens, Hilkene, Hymas, Mitchell-Gears, Turner and Birdsey and L/Cpls. Winsborough and Walker (19). We hope their stay in Hong Kong this time will end more pleasantly.

Knees numerous and varied are peeping out shyly to the sun as dress becomes more scanty and sun bathing is the favourite pastime.

We congratulate our shoemaker, Cpl. Pollard (R.A.O.C.), on his promotion and hope his stay with the Battalion will be a happy one. We also congratulate L/Cpl. Spiers on his appointment to the Regimental Police.

We intend, with the guidance of the R.S.M., to institute a real club at Hong Kong and have a place of our own at last, and I am sure every one of us will give his best support to the venture.

### DEPOT NOTES

The concentration of the 1st Battalion here, their mobilisation and the departure of the main body on June 14 and 15 for Southampton has already been described. As expected, the Depot had to work hard to make things as easy as possible for them and to free them from as much local administration as possible, and Col. Crawford's appreciation for our work was highly esteemed.

It was pleasant indeed to see the barracks humming with activity for some weeks, but sad to find them quiet and deserted again after the departure of our many good friends and comrades for the Far East.

Albuhera Day this year was a unique occasion, with Depot and 1st Battalion together at our own home, and it was a pity that the celebrations had to be much restricted owing to pressure of work in mobilisation. A most successful farewell dance was given for all ranks of the Battalion in the gymnasium on June 11 by the Depot, the Regimental Band playing by kind permission of Lt.-Col. Crawford. Many old friends were welcomed, including Lt.-Col. Man and his brother, Major Pearce-Gould and Capt. and Mrs. Garner. On June 15 the O.C. Depot accompanied the Colonel of the Regiment to Southampton to see the Battalion sail. Col. Phillips, a very old friend of the Regiment, placed his magnificent Daimler at their disposal, and was a most welcome figure at the docks to many of the old soldiers of the Battalion. After lunch on the *Dunera*, Col. Browne delivered a farewell message to the Battalion over the loudspeaker system and Gen. Horrocks followed him in his usual brilliant style. The Sergeants' Mess generously

arranged for a bus to take married families down for the occasion. Mrs. Crawford accompanied them and Capt. Smith (as usual, never absent from an important Regimental occasion) travelled with the party.

We returned sadly to London, but at least we had been cheered by the lads singing on board as the ship pulled out.

Cricket Week is a hectic time for the Depot with a limited staff and this year was no exception. Fortunately, we had the invaluable help of a number of the 1st Battalion men left behind and we coped, we hope satisfactorily, with the Old Comrades' Reunion on June 18, the cricket during the next week, the dinner on June 24, and the officers' "At Home" in the Officers' Mess on June 25.

It was delightful to welcome many old and distinguished friends to the Depot during this time, and we were fortunate in enjoying perfect sunshine the whole time.

L/Cpl. Marable was a tower of strength in bowling during the week, as a study of the matches will show.

Major Clark won well-deserved praise for his hard work in organising, and the N.A.A.F.I. deserve a special mention for the excellent meals and willing service provided throughout the week.

O.C. Depot was busy, as usual, accompanying the Colonel of the Regiment to various functions. To Tottenham Grammar School on July 8 for presentation of Cadet Colours; to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, on July 13 for a passing-out parade, when the salute was taken by H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth; to Shorncliffe on July 16 to visit 7th Middlesex (T.A.) in camp; and to Hendon on July 23 to a horse show and mounted gymkhana in aid of the Regimental Memorial Cottage Homes Fund.

Two further Cadet summer camps were held for the 2nd (C) Battalion and the 9th (C) Battalion, but these had again to be stopped owing to the dock strike. Some 20 officers and 600 men from Northern Command came into the barracks on July 13 and commenced work at the docks the following day. About 200 are Royal Corps of Signals and 400 A.A. gunners, mostly young soldiers, and we have done our best to ensure that they have a comfortable base to work from. With Reveille at 5 a.m. and supper meal at 7 p.m., on return they have had long days of work. As these notes are completed, the strike appears to be over and they are about to leave us.

Capt. Smith has now left us for West Africa. He will be sadly missed, but a permanent reminder of his devoted work is the great improvement in, and many additions to, the Museum and the thriving condition of the Old Comrades' Club here. While wishing him good luck abroad, we welcome Capt. V. A. Thomas, M.C., as Adjutant. He is well known to us all, and we hope his tour will be as successful as that of his predecessor.

On July 20 the G.O.C. London District, Maj.-Gen. Marriott, carried out his annual inspection of the Depot. He is now well known to us, and his interest in the Regiment and its doings was proved by the many questions he asked concerning the 1st Battalion in the Far East and of past and present members. We have not yet received his report, but our impression is that he was pleased and, as far as we can find out, no "skeletons





Back row (left to right)—Pte. Light, Pte. Matthews, Pte. Henham, Pte. Merlock, Pte. Gray, Pte. Richards, L/Cpl. Milroy, Pte. Fleckney, L/Cpl. Marable.  
 Centre row (left to right)—Mr. G. Clark, Sgt. Fawcett, Sgt. Fletcher, Sgt. O'Connor, C/Sgt. Phillips, Sgt. Bennett, Pte. Salisbury, Mrs. P. Brooks.  
 Sitting (left to right)—R.S.M. Weller, M.M., Capt. The Revd. J. S. Naylor, Major H. Farrow, M.B.E., Major R. C. H. Bellers, Capt. R. W. J. Smith, Capt. V. A. Thomas, M.C., Major E. L. Heywood (retired).

in the cupboard" were unearthed by his very efficient staff in their inspections. He lunched in the Mess, where we were joined by the Colonel of the Regiment after the inspection.

We followed with great interest the news received from the Battalion on the way out and now look forward to hearing all about Hong Kong.

The weekly meetings of the ladies in the Crawford Hut are well attended and husbands abroad can be assured we are doing our best to look after their family interests and keep everyone cheerful.

#### OLD COMRADES' REUNION, JUNE 18, 1949

This year's reunion was held in perfect weather and attended by over 500 Old Comrades and their families, a very good number indeed. The upper football ground was used and a large marquee put up on the north side and Committee tent on the east side. The gathering started at about 3 p.m. and shortly afterwards the Drums of the Cadet Battalion formed up and marched to and fro and played familiar marches. At about 4 p.m. the Colonel of the Regiment delivered a short address to all

present over the loudspeaker system kindly installed by 10th Command Workshops.

Thanking the Committee for their work in organising the reunion, he welcomed all present and summarised the Regimental activities over the last year. He spoke of the excellent reports of the Regiment on their Royal guard duties, and of our sadness in saying farewell to them on their departure to Hong Kong. There, he said, we were sure they would live up to the reputation the Regiment made there in their glorious but hopeless battle in 1941.

The Company then repaired to the tea tent, where an excellent spread, including ice cream, awaited them. All tables and chairs, both inside and out, were soon occupied by chattering groups swapping news and talks of the last two Great Wars and, we are glad to say, of the South African War, too.

A number were still arriving at about 6 p.m. and the Crawford Hut and Sergeants' Mess then became popular. Many visited the much improved Museum, which was open for the occasion.

While expressing great satisfaction at the numbers attending, we were disappointed that more past and present officers did not attend and we hope to see more here next year.

#### MUSEUM NOTES

We have received from Capt. R. D. Fanshawe a box of papers and letters and a copper plate of Gen. Sir Hew Dalrymple, who was Colonel of the 57th from 1811-30. Capt. Fanshawe is related to Sir Hew, and the papers he has sent are partly of a personal nature and partly official connected with his services at the time.

Capt. Fanshawe has also sent us a copy of the *London Gazette* dated June 3, 1811, which contains Marshal Beresford's despatch sent to Lord Wellington after the Battle of Albuhera, and the casualty lists of the battle. From this despatch were taken the following extracts on page 168 of Capt. Woolwright's *History of the 57th West Middlesex Regiment*: "Every individual nobly did his duty . . . And it was observed that our dead, particularly the Fifty-seventh Regiment, were lying as they had fought in ranks, and every wound was in front," and "Nothing could exceed the conduct and gallantry of Col. Inglis at the head of his regiment."

Gen. Dalrymple was connected with the 77th Regiment in the following manner. Prior to 1787 two Regiments had borne the number 77th. The first, also known as the Montgomery Highlanders, was raised during the Seven Years War and disbanded in 1764. The second, called the Athol Highlanders, was raised in 1717 and spent all its time in Ireland and was disbanded in 1783. It was with this second regiment that Sir Hew served from the time of its raising until 1781, when he was promoted lieutenant-colonel (by purchase) in the 68th Regiment.

He saw service in France in 1793, was appointed Governor of Guernsey in 1796, and in 1806 became Governor of Gibraltar till 1808, during which time the 57th, under Col. Inglis, was under his command. He was appointed to command the British Army in Portugal in 1808 and soon after arriving concluded the Convention of Cintra, by which the French agreed to evacuate Portugal. This proved unpopular in England, the General was recalled, handing over to Sir John Moore, and a court of inquiry was held to investigate the circumstances under which the convention had been concluded. He was promoted General in 1812, created a baronet in 1814 and died in 1830.

The following is a summary of the papers and letters received:

1. Sir Hew Dalrymple's official correspondence: Guernsey, 1797-1800. Gibraltar, 1806-08.
2. Sir Hew Dalrymple's letters to Lady Dalrymple during the campaign of 1793.
3. Letters to Lady Dalrymple, June-September, 1808.
4. Account by Sir Hew Dalrymple of Convention of Cintra and of his recall to England in September, 1808. Much of this is a vindication of his actions at the time.
5. Copy of letter to the Duke of York, January 7, 1812.
6. Letters from Sir James Craig during the campaign in Flanders in 1794.
7. Correspondence of Sir James Craig when commanding the English Army in Italy and Sicily, 1805-06.
8. Proclamation issued by Sir James Craig when

Governor and Commander-in-Chief in Canada in 1810.

There have recently been a number of important visitors, including the G.O.C., London District, to the Museum. The General was very interested in all he saw.

#### 7th BATT. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.)

The past few months have seen considerable changes in the Permanent Staff of the Battalion. We welcome C.S.M. Lomax, who has taken the place of C.S.M. Wray, and also Sgt. Carter as an additional P.S.I. Both of these came from the 1st Middlesex. C.S.M. Wray has just completed 22 years' service in the Regiment. As these notes go to press we shall be saying good-bye to Major (Q.M.) Denton, who is retiring at the end of the month, after serving over 30 years in the Regiment. He has been directly connected with the Battalion for the past 19 years and we shall miss him tremendously. We welcome Capt. Trestrain as his successor, and we wish both Major Denton and C.S.M. Wray every success in civilian life.

It was with great regret that we also said good-bye, officially, to Col. Sir Edwin King, who has just finished his tour of duty as Hon. Colonel of the Battalion. Col. King has been connected with the Battalion for over 50 years and we take consolation in the knowledge that he will always continue to maintain interest in the Battalion and its future. We are very fortunate in having Brigr. Murray as his successor, who is so well known to all ranks.

The strength of the Battalion steadily increases, and we hope to be in three figures before very long. Our strength at the moment is 18 officers and 72 other ranks, including the Permanent Staff.

The main events of the past few months have been two recruiting pageants, Exercises "May Day" and "Volunteer," organised by the County of Middlesex T.A. Association, and the annual camp at Shorncliffe.

The Battalion produced an historical tableau to represent Lady Butler's picture "Steady the Drums and Fifes," in period costume, and also 20 all ranks marching as a column for these two exercises. Exercise "May Day" took place in the Hendon area and Exercise "Volunteer" in the Tottenham area. Field-Marshal Slim took the salute on the second occasion and all ranks taking part in the parade were complimented on the success of the pageant.

Over 80 per cent. of the Battalion were present at the annual camp this year, which was held at St. Martin's Plain from July 10-24. The camp was considered to be a great success, thanks to the good food and the excellent weather throughout. The Depot kindly loaned us personnel to carry out Mess and batmen's duties, which allowed more men for training.

We were very pleased to have Brigr. Murray stay three days with us in camp, and also to be visited by Col. Browne and Major Bellers on the mid-Saturday.

On the mid-Sunday (July 17) we held a families' day, with considerable success, which was very well attended. An enjoyable afternoon was spent by all, either watching or partaking in potted sports organised by Capt. Baxter.





7th BATTALION AT CAMP, ST. MARTIN'S PLAIN

A summary of events and winners are produced below.

Fathers' race : C/Sgt. Payne (carrying daughter).  
 Officers' (potato) race : Lt. Leighton.  
 Ladies' sack race : Mrs. L. Shrubbs.  
 Old Comrades' race (run 50 yards, drink 1 pint, run 50 yards) : 1, Mr. Sills ; 2, Mr. Badham.  
 Children's race, girls (egg and spoon) : Miss C. Shrubbs.  
 Children's race, boys (three-legged) : A. N. Other.  
 Children's race, under 5 years : Miss Burnett.  
 Permanent Staff race : Pte. D. Gipson.  
 Tug-of-war, Officers v. O.R.s : O.R.s.  
 Potato pushing (with the nose) : C/Sgt. Payne.

The camp was brought to a fitting close by our own Corps of Drums marching us to the station from camp, led by Drum-Major Poulter.

The Corps of Drums is now recruiting very hard and we already have a very presentable force. It is hoped to beat Retreat in the local area before very long. The Band is also taking shape fairly rapidly under Bandmaster M. Hackwell, and we have managed to purchase most of our instruments satisfactorily.

In sporting events the Battalion has been very successful and we go on hoping for further successes. We have reached the semi-final of the knock-out cricket competition for all T.A. units in London District, out of 32 teams. Results so far are as follows:

June 4 v. 42nd R.T.R.—Won by 34 runs ; 7th Middlesex 88 ; 42nd R.T.R. 54.  
 July 3 v. 8th R.F.—Won by 4 runs ; 7th Middlesex 91 ; 8th R.F. 87.  
 Aug. 1 v. 571st S/L Regiment—Won by 49 runs ; 7th Middlesex 107 ; 571st S/L. 58.

We also beat the 1st London Irish Rifles at camp by eight runs (67 against 59) in a friendly match on the mid-Saturday.

Our successes have been mainly due to the untiring efforts of R.S.M. Painter, both as a bowler and a batsman, ably assisted by Sgt. Colbourne and Capt. Oehl as batsmen and Pte. Wotton as a bowler on all occasions, together with a grand spirit of keenness and enthusiasm on the part of all members of the team at all times.

Whilst at camp the Battalion also entered for the inter-unit medley relay race, open to all units in Eastern

Command, and managed to win by a comfortable margin. The team was:

Capt. Oehl and Lt. Leighton (220 yds.); Lt. Garbett (440 yds.) and C/Sgt. Payne (880 yds.).

#### HORNSEY DIE-HARDS CLUB

By some unfortunate occurrence our notes for the last issue of the journal arrived too late for publication, so we should have quite a lot to report this quarter, but somehow there does not seem to be much to write about. Regular social evenings have been held and the Ladies' Darts Section is going very strong. During April a very keen darts competition was held by the male members for a trophy which had been promised by our Chairman, Lt.-Col. W. E. Pringle, M.C., T.D., J.P. The trophy turned out to be a beautiful shield. This was won by C.S.M. Perry and his is the first name to be inscribed on one of the miniature shields. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Col. Pringle for this magnificent trophy and saying how much we appreciate all he does for the club.

On June 25 an outing was arranged to Margate. This was a huge success and 60 members and their wives and families turned up and had an excellent day. It can safely be said that the whole success of the show was due to Mr. and Mrs. Poulter. All arrangements for collecting the money, hiring the coaches and providing the food and drink were carried out by them and a hearty vote of thanks is due for the excellent show they made of it.

On Albuhera Day our members were invited to the dance held by the 7th Battalion at H.Q. and a very fine evening was had by all who attended.

A number of members visited the Battalion at annual camp on Sunday, July 17, at Shorncliffe. A families' day had been arranged by the Battalion and, as usual, an invitation had been extended to our members. We wish to thank the C.O. for the excellent arrangements, which were thoroughly enjoyed.

"HORNSEY DIE-HARD"

#### 11th PARACHUTE BATTALION

Since we wrote our last contribution we have entered into the collective period of training, which has kept us fully occupied.

Jumping from balloons has taken place at Wanstead Flats on May 14 and 15 and at Bushey Park on July 9 and 10. Apart from the training aspect, messes were set up for all ranks and transport was laid on for families to attend. Fortunately, the weather was exceptionally good and everyone enjoyed themselves.

On April 30 "H.Q." Company were asked to act as "enemy" for the Berkshire Cadet Battalion in a river-crossing exercise at Maidenhead. This proved a most successful night training scheme and showed the enthusiasm of the Cadets of today, who, we hope, will fill our ranks in the future.

Shooting, both on miniature and open ranges, has found considerable prominence in our training and the results have been most gratifying. The Battalion for the second time won the Divisional Inter-Battalion Miniature Range Cup and "H.Q." Company won the Divisional Inter-Company Cup. At the Brigade Rifle Meeting the Battalion won for the second time the Brigade Rifle Cup and for the first time won the Brigade Rifle Assault Cup. Sgt. McCready and Cpl. Howe are to be congratulated on winning the Brigade Volongdis Medal for the Bren Gun Competition.

The Battalion entered a team at Bisley Rifle Meeting for the Hamilton Leigh T.A. Championship Cup open to all Auxiliary Forces and came third.

At the invitation of the *Daily Express* this Battalion arranged a demonstration of an airborne raid at their Air Pageant at Gatwick Airport on July 23. Thirty parachutists, 75 glider-borne troops, two 75-mm. guns and crews, and an R.A.F. medical team were landed from 11 aircraft and five gliders.

The whole performance lasted 35 minutes from beginning to end and was highly successful. It was an extremely hot day and the troops participating suffered a certain amount of discomfort, but, in spite of this, the operation was carried out with great speed and determination.

A great disappointment to the troops participating, however, was that it was not made really clear that it was T.A. troops who were carrying out the demonstration. Many spectators went away under the impression that it was troops of the Regular Forces who were participating.

Weddings amongst the permanent staff have been somewhat overpowering. On May 21 the Adjutant, Capt. P. G. T. Bates, was married to Pamela Mockridge at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge. A guard of honour was provided from the officers of the Battalion and a silver salver bearing the signatures of all officers was given to them.

As we go to press we learn that our Second-in-Command was married quietly to Unity Inman.

Another member of the permanent staff to be congratulated is Sgt. D. Gray on his promotion to C.S.M.

The Battalion football team is now preparing for the forthcoming season and have already been entered for the T.A. Cup.

Annual camp will take place from August 14 to 28 near Andover and it is hoped to give further news of this in our next contribution.

Our final congratulations go to C/Sgt. B. Edgecombe, who was awarded the British Empire Medal in the King's Birthday Honours list.

#### 595 L.A.A./SL. REGIMENT, R.A. (9th BATT. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, D.C.O.), (T.A.)

##### Exercise "May Day," May 1

The saluting base at the T.A. Centre, Honeypot Lane, was flanked by two guns provided by the Regiment, and the whole set-up looked very impressive. We had 1 G.T.V. and 40-mm. gun, plus motor-cycle escort, in the procession, Capt. A. J. Morter being officer i/c of the detachment. The salute was taken by Group-Capt. Dore, supported by the Mayor of Wembley.

A reception was held afterwards in the Officers' Mess and amongst those present were the Hon. Colonel of the Regiment, Col. G. Beach, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., D.L., J.P., and Col. Maurice Browne, M.C., D.L., and Brig. B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C. (Mayors of Wembley and Hendon).

The main hall was open to the public and an exhibition staged by the Regiment together with the 6th A.A. Workshop Battalion, R.E.M.E. (T.A.), attracted quite a crowd, but whether they came for a view of military equipment, a cup of tea or for the children to have a ride on the guns, you readers shall be the judge. Whichever it was, the atmosphere was that of a family outing—father and mother with the young ones to watch the older sons and daughters in a T.A. mechanised drive and march past.

This parade was repeated again at Tottenham on June 5 where the C.I.G.S. took the salute.

Our Regiment was also represented at the Master Gunner's parade at the gun park at the base of the Albert Memorial on Saturday, May 28.

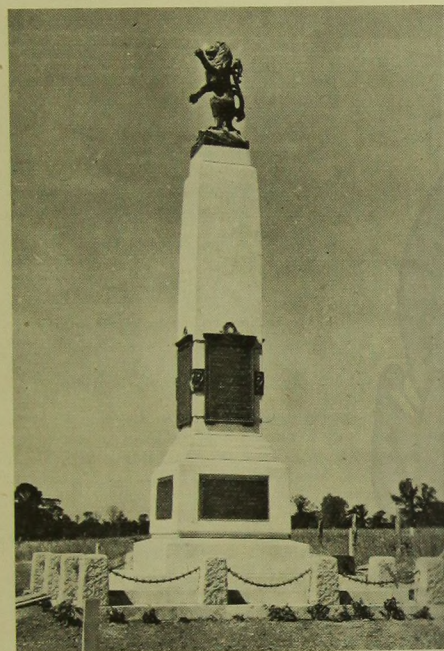
The preparation of our 40-mm. gun took nearly two months and great credit is due to the one Permanent Staff limber gunner, L/Bdr. Kane, who joined the old 9th, having served with the 1st Battalion for 12 years.

The parade was most impressive and, to the Hon. Colonel, Col. Gray and myself who were able to view from the top of the Albert Memorial steps, it seemed a great pity that you could count the hundreds of people present at the inspection on one hand.

The regimental representatives were Sgt. Madden, Bdr. Packer and Gnr. Lockyer. The Master Gunner, Field-Marshal the Viscount Allanbrooke, K.G., G.C.B., O.M., D.S.O., A.D.C., D.C.L., LL.D., paused for a few minutes to ask them some of the Middlesex flash on their blouses and complimented them on their personal turn-out and also on their gun.

B.S.M. Devereaux, who has been a "Terrier" since 1920, represented the Regiment and the 82nd A.A. Brigade at the R.A. Memorial on the Sunday morning of May 29, when the unveiling ceremony of the new inscription was performed by H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.





## CORRESPONDENCE TO THE EDITOR

The Hill House,  
Cookham Dean,  
Berks.

August 9, 1949.

The Editor.

DEAR SIR,

I feel certain that a number of your readers who served in the 1st Battalion during the campaign in North-West Europe will be interested to learn of the unveiling of the 15th (S) Division war memorial in Normandy on Sunday, June 26, 1949.

Whilst every endeavour was made to let all past and present members know, only Henry Euren, Frank Waite, George Housby and myself were able to attend.

I enclose a photograph of the memorial, which stands in the cornfields to the south of Tourville-sur-Odon, the scene of some of the Division's hardest fighting. After the service of dedication the unveiling was carried out by Gen. Sir Richard O'Connor, G.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., who handed over the memorial to the Mayor of Tourville for safe keeping. After the service, wreaths were laid by representatives from Divisional H.Q. and all Brigades, and I placed the wreath on behalf of all Divisional troops.

During the time we were out there we visited a

number of familiar battlefields, and an official tour was made of certain cemeteries, where the local Mayor and inhabitants turned out to welcome us. All of us were most impressed with the way these cemeteries were looked after and, in particular, of the children who kept the graves with flowers.

We were all disappointed that Maj.-Gen. Barber (G.O.C. 15th (S) Division) was unable to be present, since he is at present serving overseas, but the arrangements that he started were safely left in the hands of Brig. R. Villiers, to whom we were most grateful.

Yours faithfully,  
W. D. ELLIS

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## THE EDITOR.

SIR,

In 1939 the 2nd Battalion took part in certain Army Rifle Association machine gun competitions (non-central matches). The competitions concerned were:

1. The Machine Gun Cup.
2. The Machine Gun Fire Control Cup.
3. The Machine Gun Corps Cup.

The Machine Gun Cup was fired at Browdown and was won by "A" Company of the Battalion. The names of the team were as follows:

Captain: 2/Lt. I. F. Campbell, "Greenfields," Bracknell, Berks.

N.C.O. Assistant: L/Sgt. R. J. Cummins, 20 Harcourt Road, Alexandra Park, N.22.

No. 1 Sub-Section: L/Cpl. D. Allingham, Ptes. T. Dean, R. Church, J. Humphreys.

No. 2 Sub-Section: Ptes. E. Gregory, A. Jones, J. Crossman, G. Bird.

No. 3 Sub-Section: Ptes. R. Mann, W. Reeder, D. Evans, D. Cooper.

No. 4 Sub-Section: Ptes. F. Robinson, H. Davis, P. Redpath, J. McQuaid.

The Machine Gun Fire Control Cup was fired at Warminster and was won by "B" Company. The captain of the team was Lt. A. S. J. de S. Clayton. The rest of the team consisted of 22 other ranks and the nominal roll cannot be traced.

"A" Company of the Battalion were second in this competition, and again no names are available.

Both teams were in the prize-winning list.

(Note.—The Machine Gun Corps Cup was won on the aggregate of the other two matches, and a silver medal was won by the Battalion. There were no individual prizes for this match.)

Owing to the outbreak of war, the competitors never got their prizes, but they were held at the Depot on behalf of the 2nd Battalion, and I have been asked to see whether it is possible to trace the rightful owners.

If anybody can supply me with the name and address of any competitor who successfully competed in the above matches, I should be grateful. If others know that certain individuals in the prize-winning list have lost their lives, that information would also be helpful.

It is desired to trace the rightful owners, if possible,

but, if not, it is proposed to use the spoons as prizes in future competitions within 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment 57th/77th.

Yours faithfully,  
E. L. HEYWOOD, Major,  
Adm. Officer, Depot The Middlesex  
Regiment (D.C.O.)

Inglis Barracks,  
Mill Hill, N.W.7.  
July 1, 1949.

Will all branches of the Old Comrades' Association of the Regiment please see if they can help in this matter.

## A CAREER IS THE ANSWER

## At Home or Abroad

We have been asked to bring to our readers' notice the urgent need of staff for the NAAFI. Whether our experience has been long or short, we all know that it is the staff who make or mar any canteen or club. For the sake of those serving now and in the future we hope that the following notice produces applicants who will "make" the canteen and club of the future.

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You may wonder why we print this in a journal having a predominantly masculine readership. The answer is that it has a direct impact on the service to the well-being of that readership, and the same masculine interest and co-operation can go a long way to solving a problem. So, mark it well, and pass it on to your sisters, cousins, girl friend and others for whom it holds open the door to opportunity.

There is a job awaiting the keen, ambitious girl of eighteen or over, a job offering good pay, excellent accommodation, prospects of travel to many fascinating countries, the advantages of good companionship and, above all, a worthwhile career carrying rapid promotion for the go-ahead applicant.

NAAFI serves the Services, at home and overseas, and NAAFI needs staff NOW to enable it to maintain its service in canteens and clubs for the sailor, soldier and airman of Britain's Forces.

Girls seeking a career offering first-class opportunities for advancement and conditions of service second to none in their wide and interesting field, and who would like to train as manageresses, charge-hands, canteen attendants, grocery counter assistants, cooks, shorthand typists and clerks should apply to the Staff Manager, NAAFI Headquarters, Ruxley Towers, Claygate, Esher, Surrey, or to their nearest Employment Exchange.

## UXBRIDGE and DISTRICT DIE-HARDS CLUB

Officers and committee were elected at the annual general meeting, 1949, as under:

President: Brig. E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., A.D.C., J.P.

Vice-Presidents: Major G. Hartley, T.D., and Messrs. B. R. Phelps, R. F. Finch and J. P. W. Hutton.

Chairman: Lt.-Col. T. A. Hall, T.D.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. J. R. Bell, M.B.E.

Members of the Committee: Messrs. W. J. Taylor (Assistant Hon. Secretary), G. Hare, H. Hare, T. R. Brearley, E. C. Lacey and T. E. Owen.

After the meeting a very pleasant social evening was spent over some drinks and refreshments arranged by Mr. V. Ell (late member of Hornsey Die-Hards Club) which concluded a very successful meeting.

In March the club held its third annual dinner at the "Golden Lion," Hillingdon, when 60 members and their guests enjoyed a first-class dinner with 23 members and guests of the Ealing Branch. The resident orchestra completed the evening by putting over some very fine turns and the whole show has been noted as the best reunion dinner and get-together to date. We did not invite the "high-ups" this year, but we feel sure they will understand, as we tried to make it a local show, and we wanted to cut out the speeches so that the evening became more of a regimental reunion. Our brother branch, Ealing, have asked to be invited again, and we hope that next year some of the other branches can come along.

The annual outing this year was held on Sunday, June 26, when two 32-seater coaches, loaded with members and their escorts, left the Drill Hall at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at Bognor at approximately 12 noon, blessed with a very fine day, spirits high and supplies in plenty. The arrangements were left to Hon. Secretary Mr. J. R. Bell, M.B.E., which says enough to all those who have attended any function under his charge. A hearty vote of thanks is due to him and his committee for all their hard work put into the many social events of the year. We have spent some pleasant evenings as hosts and also as guests at the Drill Hall with 1561 Company (Paratroop Brigade), R.A.S.C. (T.A.). We are very grateful to the O.C., Admin. Officer and the Company in general for their help and assistance. Other evenings have been spent at the Sergeants' Mess, 16th A/B. Div. Column, R.A.S.C. (T.A.), local Ex-Service Association, and visits have been paid to Mill Hill functions, Ealing Branch and Hounslow by individual members.

We also sent a coach-load over to the Hanworth Drill Hall, Hounslow, to the 8th Battalion Old Comrades' Association reunion dance.

We have recommended some of our less fortunate members for help to the Secretary of the Middlesex Regimental Association and we are extremely grateful to Major A. W. Clark, O.B.E., whose help and guidance is always at hand.

To all "Die-Hards" we send our greetings, and are always most pleased to hear from any of them. We have at present 153 members, and we welcome more.

## THE ZULU WAR, 1879

BY MAJOR R. C. H. BELLERS

In the last issue of the Journal I gave some extracts from a letter dated April 19, 1879, from my father, then a Subaltern in the 57th, to his father, Col. R. B. Bellers, 50th Regiment. They described the action at Ginginhlovo on April 1, and this account takes the story further.



"... We have not seen a single Zulu since, and, as far as I can see, are not likely to for some time, I'm afraid, now Etshowe has been relieved and abandoned. The other columns will see all the fighting unless the report is true that all the women and cattle are hidden in front of us! I hope so.

"I don't want to undergo all the discomfort we have had without any more real work.

"But I must bring this up to date. We did not move on April 2, but signalled to Etshowe, which is on top of the hills just in front of us, that we were coming in the next day. As it had been decided that Etshowe was to be abandoned (why did not old Chelmsford decide this before?), the 60th, 91st and ourselves, without any baggage, went on, the rest being left entrenched in our old laager lines. They told us it was 15 miles, but most fellows swear now that it was a good 20. I think it was fully 18, all up hill and continually stopping to get even the few wagons we had over streams. We started at 7 a.m. and didn't get in until 10 p.m. I don't believe Chelmsford could have had the least idea of what the road was like when he sent Pearson (Col. Pearson, Buffs) up there with 1,200 men. If the Zulus had attacked him with anything like the numbers as at Isandlwana he must have been wiped out; as it was there were only about 5,000 of them and I don't think they could have attacked very strongly, as, from all accounts, the Buffs were the only ones who did any damage at all. The —th are said not to have killed a single Zulu; they have very young men and are not at all steady, I believe.

"Our men got through their long march splendidly. It was a real shame they did not give them rations before starting; we had nothing all day. (N.B.—I hope this will be legible; there are a few drops of rain coming down and I have no shelter.) To wind up with, my company had to go to an outlying picket directly we got there with nothing hot to warm us or anything; it was bitterly cold and 1,100 ft. higher than here. However, I am none the worse, nor were any of the men, except for a short time the next day.

"April 21. It has been too windy to write for two days at all. I did not get an opportunity of looking round the fort at Etshowe at all, as we only stayed one day and directly I came off picket my company had to form a cattle guard, which kept us all day. From what one could see, they were a great deal more comfortable there than we are here. To begin with, there are very good water and bathing places, both of which are very bad here, and they were all under shelter, which we have not an attempt at.

"We had a very hot march down on 5th and laagered about five miles from here. It would have been impossible to pick out a worse position than Chelmsford put us in; we were in a hollow with a great deal of bush, and on our side a large field of Indian corn within 30 yds. which would have concealed at least 6,000 Zulus (on Chelmsford's own confession). The men could not help seeing it and there is no doubt it caused in a great measure the mess of next morning.

"I don't know whether any account of it will have come out at home, but the facts are: at about 3.45

a.m. one of the —th sentries (they were close to the picket) reported a body of natives advancing. The officer in command ran out and challenged and, not receiving an answer, ordered the post to fire and retired on the picket. On hearing the fire the native scouts all round, of course, ran in. The picket of the —th completely lost their heads and, thinking there were Zulus among them, made a clean bolt back to the laager, knocking down their officer on the way! In the meantime, all the troops in the laager were standing to their arms, and the —th fired a regular volley at their own picket, who were running in by sixes and sevens calling out, 'We are the picket.' They wounded five of their own men (two have died) and eight natives who were among them. The whole thing was simply disgraceful and I am glad we are not in it. The —th picket ran away, too, but were stopped just outside the trenches. Both the —th and —th Companies were put in arrest, the (illegible) being picked out for an example and sentenced to five years, the General remarking that if the sentence had been to be shot he would willingly have confirmed it!... There is simply nothing to do except the usual worrying work of standing to arms at all hours of the night and convoy duty... it is a great treat getting letters in a miserable place like this. We got a very fair draft and eight officers, so we are pretty full now. My Captain is Hughes Hallett... I like him very much. He has brought out a good canteen, so we make a very good Company mess. He has great ideas of making himself comfortable. I should like to keep on the Company, but, of course, am rather junior to have had it even so long.

"... a very narrow escape at Isandula. I think it's disgraceful of Chelmsford to make out that the poor fellows there ran away. They say his inquiry was very superficial and, at all events, he had no right to put it in his report on such small evidence. I hear there is a very general feeling of want of confidence in him; I am very glad to hear he has resigned and I hope it will be accepted.

"... tell Mother I am perfectly well and don't find hard work and biscuits very fattening, but I have not been seedy for a single day yet... terribly cold night, wind and rain... I managed to get a bit of shelter, but it is too bad keeping the men out when we are stationary. The other columns have tents!

"I must write again when I can raise some more paper. We and the 91st go on convoy tomorrow half-way to Tugela and I hope my things will come on the train! About 20 Zulus and some women have just come in and given themselves up. One is supposed to be an uncle of Ketchwago (the Zulu King)."

#### ROMFORD DISTRICT "DIE-HARDS" CLUB NOTES

Our Club at last appears to be moving in the right direction with regard to membership, and with some of the live wires we have our social side is beginning to near the fruition of our ideals.

So far we are gamely struggling along with a membership we all feel could be at least doubled if only we

could contact the "Die-Hards" in our district. We are sure that once the new prospective members attend a meeting at our new headquarters we shall see a great improvement.

This month I intend solely to speak of membership and to try to enlist the help of "Die-Hards" everywhere to assist our Club and their fellow "Die-Hards" who reside in or near our district by pointing out to them the existence of this Romford Club.

If you know of any "Die-Hard" living in East London, Ilford, Barking, Dagenham, Rainham (Essex), Romford, Chigwell, Loughton and all points east, I should deem it a great service if you could either inform them of our existence, and of my address, or, alternatively, send his address to me. My address is: 142 Osborne Square, Dagenham, Essex.

Come on, you "Die-Hards"; help a "Die-Hard," and our Club, and put him in touch with the Secretary.

#### ROYAL SOLDIERS DAUGHTERS' SCHOOL, HAMPSTEAD

We have pleasure in including the following brief summary of the history and activities of this school, which well deserves any publicity it can be given amongst soldiers, past and present.

Needless to say the Regiment, through its Association, will do all in its power to assist suitable applicants to get registered.

In a secluded and old-world garden in Hampstead it is difficult to realise that the traffic of Rosslyn Hill is close at hand and that the heart of London is only some 20 minutes' distant by tube. In such a setting lies the Royal Soldiers Daughters' School.

It has grown from the Soldiers' Home which was founded in 1855 as a memorial of the Crimean War. The object of the institution as laid down in the trust deed was to provide education and training, and religious instruction in the principles of the Church of England for the daughters of soldiers below commissioned rank who were unable to do so themselves.

While keeping to the provisions of the trust deed there have been changes from time to time, indicating that the method of conducting the school has kept abreast of developments in education, so that at the present time the school is recognised as efficient by the Ministry of Education.

Girls are normally admitted between the ages of five and eleven years, and in the selection of candidates special consideration is given to total orphans, then children who are motherless or fatherless. Girls whose parents are living are also eligible, provided the father is disabled or incapacitated from work or is a serving soldier. Each application is considered on its merits and is placed on the waiting list accordingly.

The school has now returned to its pre-war home and accommodation is being extended. In this the historical associations of the site have not been overlooked. During the excavations on the north side of newly acquired Vane House a 300-year-old well was discovered which was probably contemporary with the building of the house by Sir Harry Vane. The well is

being preserved. When these extensions have been completed there will be accommodation for about 150 pupils.

The school is run as a modern boarding school and the domestic architecture and general layout are in harmony with the family atmosphere fostered within; there is no trace of the traditional associations of institutional life. Outstanding features of the school include a specially built domestic science centre and, since its occupation by the A.R.P. during the war, a fully equipped gymnasium.

The school has a splendid health record. This is not surprising amid the surroundings already described and with the careful attention and forethought which is exercised in all matters affecting the welfare of the school. There is a sick bay in the grounds, together with qualified nursing supervision, and special care is given to dental treatment.

With the comparatively small numbers and wide age range it has been possible to arrange classes under qualified teachers, so that much greater individual tuition is given than is possible in most schools. The Oxford School Certificate, for which suitable candidates are prepared, will be replaced by the General Certificate of Education in due course. The school is fortunate in its benefactors and governors' scholarships enable outstanding pupils to receive suitable training. There is no difficulty in finding occupation for girls leaving school.

Visitors to the school will be convinced of its worthy association with the highest traditions of the Army and of its unique contribution to the cause of education. Candidates must be recommended by regiments, regimental associations or by one of the associations which look after the interests of the soldiers' dependants, or by a governor or life governor. For further particulars application should be made to the Secretary, Royal Soldiers Daughters' School; Office, 65 Rosslyn Hill, Hampstead, London, N.W.3.

#### BADGES OF RANK Regimental Officers

By CAPT. R. MAURICE HILL

There were no Dress Regulations or Army Council Instructions in the early days of the British Regular Army to lay down the law as to what the fighting man should wear. The dress of a regiment was chosen by its Colonel, who was solely responsible for recruiting his own regiment and clothing it. In effect, he was under contract with the Government to maintain a body of warriors always available for service. Indeed, in the French Army he was known by the title of "Colonel Propriétaire," a title which very well described his position. Since every regiment was virtually owned by its Colonel, it follows that there were, in the 17th century, no officially prescribed badges on an Army—as distinct from regimental—basis to distinguish the different ranks of officers. The earliest attempt at providing a mark of distinction between officers of different grades which I have been able to find is a reference in Sir James Turner's *Pallas Armata* (published in 1683), which states that Captains wore plumes



in their hats, but Lieutenants and Ensigns had none.

In 1692 it is recorded that Subalterns and Quarter-masters of the Inniskilling Dragoons had silver lace, while those holding the rank of Captain or above had gold lace. A similar line of demarcation—silver lace for Subalterns, gold lace for Captains and above—seems to have been used in Sir Henry Bellasyse's regiment (22nd Foot, the Cheshire Regiment) and in Gustavus Hamilton's regiment (20th Foot, the Lancashire Fusiliers) at the same time. In the French Army, as early as 1686, the custom of extra lace as a mark of superior rank had been adopted.

The sash and the gorget (an oval metal plate worn round the neck on a ribbon of the same colour as the facings) were certainly in use early in the 18th century as distinguishing features of the officer's dress. An ancient volume, *An Abridgement of the English Military Discipline: Printed by Especial Command for the Use of His Majesty's Forces in London, 1686*, says that, "The Captains of Foot, Lieutenants and Ensigns are to wear their gorgets whenever they appear in arms with their companies." The gorget was finally abolished in 1830, but the sash, worn sometimes over the shoulder and sometimes round the waist, still lingers in the Foot Guards, whose officers may still be seen wearing their crimson sashes on state occasions, when they parade in "scarlet, that glorious and historic colour which fills at once the mind and the eye."

In 1749 we find it stated that "silver or gold aiguillettes were worn as the distinguishing emblem of an officer." Field officers were ordered in 1791 "to wear epaulettes, thus causing a distinction in their dress."

The star as a badge of rank for officers came into use in 1810, when Colonels were ordered to wear on their epaulettes an eight-pointed star in silver, having in the centre the red cross of St. George inside a gold embroidered garter, and a crown. Lieutenant-Colonels wore a crown only, and Majors wore a star only. In 1830 the pattern of the star used as a badge of rank by officers of line regiments was changed to a type resembling the Order of the Bath instead of the Order of the Garter, as worn since 1810.

There are four different designs of star in use as badges of rank at the present time. Type one, worn by the Household Cavalry (Life Guards and Royal Horse Guards) and by three of the regiments of Foot Guards (the Grenadier Guards, the Coldstream Guards and the Welsh Guards), is the type described in the preceding paragraph, the Star of the Order of the Garter with St. George's cross in the centre. Type two is worn only by the Scots Guards, is based on the star of the Order of the Thistle, a four-pointed star, upon which is superimposed the X-shaped cross of St. Andrew. In the centre is Scotland's national emblem, the thistle. Type three is worn by the Irish Guards only and shows the star of the Order of St. Patrick in miniature, an eight-pointed star with the shamrock upon the cross of St. Patrick in the centre, within a circle bearing the motto *Quis Separabit?* ("Who shall separate us?"). The fourth type is the star worn by the rest of the Army, a miniature replica of the star of the Military Division of the Order of the Bath: "A Maltese cross on the rays of a star. In the centre, three Imperial crowns proper

on a silver field, surrounded by a band (red) on which is inscribed the motto *Tria Juncta in Uno* encircled by a wreath of laurel." The motto means "Three joined in one" and (like the three crowns) refers to the union of the three kingdoms of England, Ireland and Scotland. The three crowns and the red band are encircled by a wreath of laurels, at the base of which is a small scroll with the motto *Ich Dien* ("I serve").

The Order of the Bath (so called because the taking of a bath as a sign of purification was an essential part of the ceremonial attached to admittance to the Order in the Middle Ages) was originally founded about 1399, but fell into abeyance. The Order was revived in 1725 at the instigation of Sir Robert Walpole, then Prime Minister. For over 150 years it was the only military Order of Knighthood in the British Empire.

A Horse Guards circular dated June 30, 1848, ordered that field officers should wear small badges of rank embroidered at each end of the collar. While the Crimean War was raging epaulettes were abolished and the wearing of the badges of rank on the tunic collar was extended from field officers to Captains and Subalterns. The badges, as described in the Horse Guards Circular of January 16, 1855, are as follows: Colonel, crown and star; Lieutenant-Colonel, crown; Major, star; Captain, crown and star; Lieutenant, crown; Ensign, Cornet or 2nd Lieutenant, star.

This sounds very confusing. No doubt readers will wonder how our Crimean ancestors distinguished between a Lieutenant-Colonel and a Lieutenant, for instance, when both wore the crown as a badge of rank. Well, the answer is that some regiments still followed the time-honoured rule of gold for field officers, silver for the rest, and even in those regiments which did not follow this old custom the amount of lace edging on the collar was sufficient to distinguish the status of the wearer.

In 1880 new badges of rank were introduced and henceforward they were worn on the shoulder straps instead of on the collar. These badges were as follows: Colonel, crown and two stars; Lieutenant-Colonel, crown and one star; Major, crown; Captain, two stars; Lieutenant, one star.

The 2nd Lieutenant had no badge of rank. The junior Subaltern was known throughout the Army by this title, the older ranks of Ensign in the infantry and Cornet in the cavalry having been abolished in 1876.

It will be observed that the badges of rank of the senior officers have remained unchanged from 1880 to the present day. Army Order 40 of 1902 introduced the present badges of rank for Captains and Subalterns: three stars for a Captain, two for a Lieutenant and the "lone star" for a 2nd Lieutenant.

On the khaki service dress worn in the Great War of 1914-18 the badges of rank were embroidered on the cuff. In the case of Scottish infantry (other than the Scots Guards) they were worn below an edging of drab lace, side by side where more than one item was shown. All other regiments (including the Scots Guards) wore their embroidered rank badges within an edging of drab braid, straight on its inner, upper and lower sides, but curving inwards so as to form a three-pointed "slash" on its rearward or outer edge. Rings of the same

coloured braid, varying according to rank, encircled the rest of the cuff, and where more than one item was worn, i.e. star and crown, or two or more stars, they were worn one above the other.

On active service these distinguishing marks made the officer too easy a mark for the German sniper, and it became the practice in many regiments when up the line for officers to wear a uniform more closely resembling that of the men, with the rank badges on the shoulder strap. In 1920 the officers' badges of rank returned to their old position on the shoulder strap.



#### DO YOU KNOW R.F.E.A.

In all its publicity, posters, pamphlets, articles, etc., the National Association gives pride of place to the statement that no fees are charged to either employers or to men registering, and, at the same time, it is our proud boast that we are the men's own organisation, because the bulk of our income comes by voluntary contributions from the men's own funds.

It may be wondered how it is that sufficient money is forthcoming to keep up what is really quite a considerable organisation of 55 branches, all with paid staff. It is entirely due to the fact that the Services themselves take sufficient interest in the problem of resettlement in civil life to ensure that the money is forthcoming. The Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, being the one big organisation which looks after the interests, from all angles, of ex-Naval men, provides the Navy's share of the cost; the Army's share comes from two sources, first Corps and Regimental funds, and secondly the Army Benevolent Fund; while that of the Royal Air Force is provided in a different manner still. What will interest soldiers is the provision of the Army's share. Anyone who can get hold of a copy of the Association's Annual Report will find in it a subscription list which goes into detail as to the amount of money subscribed by each Corps and Regiment. In the Report will also be found a chart which gives the number of employments found by each branch of the Association for the men of each Corps and Regiment. These two parts of the Report are both of considerable interest. Examination of the subscription list will show clearly that the amount of support forthcoming from Regiments and Corps varies enormously; the Association fully realises that the Army, like the other two Services, has gone through a very difficult transition period and has not, as yet, fully recovered from it, the result being, in most instances, that the unit is in a very different shape nowadays from pre-war. Such alterations must inevitably affect financial resources. Furthermore, we know that the opinion has been expressed on occasion that contributions to organisations such as the National Association, which operates on behalf of all Corps and Regiments, as indeed for all Services, should be found by the Army Benevolent Fund. But we know also that

a good many people feel this would not be at all the way they would wish the matter dealt with, because they prefer to show their interest in their men by providing their own contribution on their men's behalf. The fact that a unit makes a reasonable contribution does give it the right to criticise, and criticism is one of the things that the Association wants. This, of course, does not mean vague comments to other people that the Association is of no use and does nothing, but constructive criticism such as any case which comes to notice where a man does not appear to have received proper attention and where chapter and verse can be given to the Head Office so that the matter can be investigated.

In other words, we are your show. We want your interest and support and in return we offer you the experience of years spent in assisting men like yourselves to resettle themselves in civil life on return from the Service.

A great deal is being done by the Government through the Service departments and the Ministry of Labour to provide training of a variety of kinds, but it is obviously impossible to provide enough courses to take everyone or to suit all tastes. There is, in any case, the problem of deciding upon the kind of thing you want to do in civil life and, therefore, which course to ask for. Not only must you consider your own inclinations, but also, if you are lucky enough to have a home, you must be reasonably certain that there is likely to be available employment in that area of the kind you have in mind, as otherwise your training will be useless. Our branches can help you over these problems, and there is no need to wait till your discharge leave before consulting them. If you are serving near a branch of this Association drop in one day and have a yarn with them, but fade out if there are a number of men there and call another time, because they are probably there to register for actual work and you will not want to get in their way.

Your local branch address can usually be found on the notice board in the local Post Office, but if this happens to be a small one the address may not be there. All our branch addresses are published in the *Army List Advertiser* and, of course, in our own Annual Report, so your Education Officer should be able to tell you which is your branch or, at any rate, lend you a copy of the Report so that you can look it up yourself.

It is as well to think about this training question and make up your mind in good time, because there may well be a waiting list, so the sooner you get your name down for it the better. This does not mean years ahead, of course, but you can do it before you are actually due for discharge and thereby stand a better chance of getting what you want.

To sum up, whether you are still serving or have already left, provided you are eligible to register with us (not less than two years' service and a character assessment not less than "Good"), we are your agents and at your service either for advice or actual assistance to get a job.

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