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### HONOURS AND AWARDS

We send our heartiest congratulations to the following past and serving members of the former Middlesex Regt (DCO) who have received the Honours and Awards stated:

#### MBE

Maj V. Williams, Quartermaster, Headquarters,  
North West London Army Cadet Force.

#### BEM

WO2 G. Hyams, 'HQ' Coy 6/7 (V) Bn Queen's  
Regt.

Sgt M. J. Ward, 'A' (Surreys) Coy 5th Bn (V)  
Queen's Regt.

#### JUBILEE MEDAL

Lt Col G. L. Fox, TD, DL, former Commanding  
Officer, 9th Bn.

WO2 P. J. Chapman, 'C' Coy (Sussex) Coy.

Cpl W. J. Murphy, 'B' (Middlesex) Coy 6/7th Bn  
(V) Queen's Regt.

#### MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

##### (Northern Ireland)

Majs R. H. Graham and B. A. Carlston.

#### MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATES

Sgt M. J. Ward, 'A' (Surreys) Coy 5th Bn (V)  
Queen's Regt.

Sgt A. L. H. Cowland, 'B' (Middlesex) Coy 6/7th  
Bn (V) Queen's Regt.



## REGIMENTAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event
Wednesday October 5	Autumn Golf Meeting at North Hants Golf Club, Fleet
Friday October 7	2/7 Bn OCA Dinner at Victory Club, Seymour Street, W2
Sunday October 23	Attendance at Church Parade, Royal Hospital Chelsea
Saturday November 12	Ceremony at Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey
Sunday November 13	1000 hrs—Remembrance Day Service at Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, followed by a Reunion at TAVR Centre, Edgware 1045 hrs—7th Bn Wreath Laying ceremony at Hornsey Parish Church, by the Hornsey and Enfield Branch 1500 hrs—2/10th Bn Remembrance Day Service at St Nicholas Church, Chiswick
November (dates awaited)	Visit to Lille—private parties

MAKE A NOTE OF THESE DATES NOW

## ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The Annual Service of Remembrance took place in the Regimental Memorial Chapel in St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, May 14, 1977, at 2.30pm, 145 attended. The service was conducted by the Rev Samuel Cutt, Succentor of St Paul's, assisted by the Rev P. L. Pearce Gould, OBE, MA, Rector of Backwell, Bristol.

The Regimental Hassocks were in use for the first time and were much admired.

## ANNUAL REUNION

The Annual Reunion was held on Saturday, May 14, 1977, at Porchester Hall, Queensway. A total of 251 attended. A splendid evening followed and a pleasing feature of the evening was the number of Officers who attended. In one corner I saw a group of Diehards consisting of Capt Don Carson, now Director of Music King's Div, Capt Dennis Bayton (retired Director of Music), Bandmaster Clive French now Bandmaster 1st Bn Royal Hampshire Regt, Bandmaster Bill Jackson, now retired, WO2 'Boy' Routledge, serving Junior Leaders Bn, Bdsn Dawson and Lester. Capt H. C. K. Bently Director of Music with Brigade of Gurkhas could not attend. The Diehards can certainly produce good musicians.

It was pleasing to see so many familiar faces and we hope for even more next year.

## ALBUHERA DAY

At 11am on Albuhera Day a wreath was laid by Maj A. E. F. Waldron on behalf of the President of the Regimental Association on the Regimental War Memorial at Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill; Maj R. W. J. Smith attended with a few members of the Regimental Association.

A number of Diehards called in at Edgware and a small reunion was held to commemorate our famous day.

In the evening Maj R. E. Lowans and Officers of 'B' (Middlesex) Coy 6/7th (V) Bn The Queen's Reg invited myself and a number of Diehards to 'Toast the Regiment' in the Officers Mess, Edgware. This was a very kind thought and much appreciated. The Company Concert Party afterwards entertained us all in the canteen.

## BENEVOLENT CASES

During the period January 1 to June 30, 1977, the sum of £1,691.60 was spent in assisting 57 members of the Regiment. The Army Benevolent Fund contributed £706.

## BARNET ARMY BENEVOLENT APPEAL COMMITTEE

The Barnet Army Benevolent Fund Appeal Committee held a very successful curry lunch party at the TAVR Centre, Deansbrook Road, Edgware on Sunday, April 24, 1977. Over £250 was raised and 150 guests enjoyed a selection of curries prepared by Lt Ted Cornwall, ACC, and his team from the Home Postal Unit Royal Engineers, Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill.

The Committee consists of the Chairman Mr Eric Sticher, JP, Treasurer Mr B. Salt, Honorary Officers Mr D. Signey and Maj A. E. F. Waldron.

Barnet remains the top ABF fund raising borough in Middlesex. The next curry party will be held at Edgware on Sunday, September 25, 1977. Please give us your support.

## DERBY OUTING

A party of 55 Old Comrades and relatives attended the Derby Outing this year. The weather was kind and a good day followed. One successful punter watched the horse he backed win and turned round to collect his winnings to find the bookmaker had vanished. I cannot tell you his name but his Army number was 6201445 and he lives at Albuhera Close.

## LEGACY

The late Lt Col A. N. Overell, who died on September 28, 1976, has bequeathed to the Regimental Association Charitable Fund the sum of £50. We are indeed grateful for this generous gift.

## DONATIONS—CHARITABLE FUND

The Secretary gratefully acknowledges the following donations to the Charitable Fund from: Sqn Ld J. M. Abell, Col I. H. Battye, MBE, Mr J. H. Farmborough, Mr A. C. Gill, Mr W. J. Gilyatt, MBE, Maj Sir Hildreth Glyn-Jones, TD, Mr C. L. Holtom, MM, Capt J. H. S. Hudson, Mr S. W. Loe, Mr A. J. Mann, Col W. E. Pringle, MC, TD, DL, JP, Mr H. E. Short (Royal Navy—HK POW), Col D. R. W. Thomas, MBE, Mr H. S. Warren, Mr J. H. Wentworth, Mr H. Woodward, Mr F. E. Wookey.

## REGIMENTAL DERBY SWEEPSTAKE

The Derby Sweepstake organised in aid of the Regimental Museum was very well supported this year. The receipts from the sale of tickets showed an increase of £55 over last year.

The Regimental Museum Fund received the sum of £159.22. Receipt and expenditure account shown below.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE			
Received from sale of tickets and donations	£		£
Less Registration fee		1.25	
Printing and stationery		66.00	
Administration expenses		7.00	
		£74.25	74.25
Available for distribution			£318.45
DISTRIBUTION			
Regimental Museum Fund (50% of net proceeds)	£		£
Prize Money			
1st prize (25% of net proceeds)		79.61	
2nd prize (15% of net proceeds)		47.76	
3rd prize (10% of net proceeds)		31.85	
		£159.22	159.22
Total			£318.45

## Prizes

1st Mr C. B. Attwood, 79 Creighton Road, Tottenham, N17—The Minstrel.

2nd Mr Burden, 28 Gladstone Park Gardens, Cricklewood, NW2—Hot Grove.

3rd Tonia Beach, 119 Edinburgh Crescent, Waltham Cross, Herts—Blushing Groom.

The following persons drew a horse:

Maj A. R. Dominay, Gairloch; Charles and Evelyn, Lordedan; Mr A. Goodwin, Million Dollar Man; Mr R. Yerby, Montoutour; Mr L. Curry, Royal Plume; Mrs Jean Clayden Ogg, Caporello; Mr F. W. Thorn, Baudelaire; Mr B. Taylor, Mr Music Man; Mr R. A. Da Costa, St Petersburg; Mr J. N. Richold, Nebbiolo; Maj R. W. J. Smith, Monseigneur; Mrs Iris Ward, Valinsky; Mr S. Bishop, Milverton; Mr V. Brooks, Noble Venture; Mr G. C. Higgins, Night Before; Mr D. Wainwright, Pampa Paul; Capt M. J. Ball, Lucky Sovereign; Mrs R. Green, Be My Guest; Mr F. E. Molz, In Haste; Wing Comd P. J. Cundy, DFC, AFC, TD, Sultan's Ruby; Mr N. J. Tracey, Privy Consort; AEB, Remezzo.

## MUSEUM ATTENDANT

The Regimental Museum urgently requires a Museum Attendant. He would be employed by the Ministry of Defence and must not be over the age of 55 years on appointment. He would be required to work conditioned hours, ie on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from 9am to 5pm.

Wednesday and Sunday would be his days off. It is desirable, but not necessary, that applicants should live within a short distance of Bruce Castle, Tottenham. Interested applicants should contact the Secretary of the Regimental Association who will be pleased to give details of pay, etc.

## FREE NEWSLETTERS

The Editor wishes to thank the following members for their generosity in paying extra subscriptions so that free copies of the *Diehards Newsletter* can be sent to deserving Old Comrades:

Capt K. W. Attrill, Mr A. Bailey, Mr D. C. Barr, Mr T. A. Barton, Col I. H. Battye, MBE, Capt T. F. G. Carless, Col K. J. Carter, Maj C. F. Carvell, Lt Col T. W. Chattey, OBE, Mr J. C. Clark, Mr C. J. Clark, Mr A. W. Daniels, Maj P. Donovan, MBE, Col W. D. Ellis, OBE, TD, DL, Lt D. M. Everard, Mr J. H. Farmborough, Mrs H. M. Geary, Mr A. C. Gill, Mr W. J. Gilyatt, MBE, Mr J. Hendry, Mr J. D. Hills, Capt J. H. S. Hudson, Mr S. L. Lloyd, Mr W. E. Lockyer, Col L. G. Lohan, MBE, TD, Mr A. J. Mann, Col B. H. Marciandi, Capt T. I. McMillan, Maj L. F. E. Nichols, Mr A. Nicholson, Mr L. T. Plumb, Mr A. H. Parrott, Mr W. H. Rippin, Col M. H. Summers, DSO, OBE, TD, DL, Maj S. C. W. Weller, MBE, MM, Maj M. Wild, MBE, Col B. R. Wood, OBE, TD, DL, Mr H. Woodward.

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## OFFICERS CLUB DINNER 1977

The Officers Club Dinner was held this year at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London SW1, on Friday, June 17, 1977.

Lt Col Chattey, OBE, presided and the official guest was Maj R. E. Lowans, who commands 'B' Coy (Middlesex) 6/7th (V) Bn The Queen's Regt, Edgware. Others present were:

Col I. D. Brotherton, TD, DL, Col I. R. Burrows, OBE, Col H. J. A. Moore, OBE, Col J. N. Shipster, CBE, DSO, Col D. R. W. Thomas, MBE, Lt Col R. M. Cain, Lt Col G. L. Fox, TD, DL, Lt Col J. D. Gunnell, TD, Lt Col J. S. B. Pollard, MBE, Maj R. A. Bartlett, Maj F. J. Bennett, Maj G. Bulloch, MBE, Maj R. A. J. Cheffins, MC, Maj J. G. Chiverall, Maj M. Cloote, TD (private guest), Maj H. E. Couch, TD, Maj W. G. A. Crumley, Maj R. J. P. Cummins, MBE, Maj C. H. K. Fisher, MC, DL, JP, Maj S. L. J. Henshaw, TD, Maj R. J. Leighton, TD, Maj I. M. E. Lloyd, Maj A. F. Lockwood, ERD, JP, Maj J. I. D. Pike, MC, Maj R. W. J. Smith, MBE, Maj A. E. F. Waldron, MBE, Capt M. J. S. Doran, TD, Capt S. le M. Enthoven, Capt J. S. C. Flavell, Capt P. F. Murray, Capt F. Webb, Lt J. P. A. Day, Lt E. C. Graham, Mr H. Watson (private guest).

Maj E. J. Naish was unable to attend owing to illness and Maj C. E. E. Scott due to a late business appointment.

## MIDDLESEX REGIMENT GOLFING SOCIETY Spring Meeting 1977

The Spring Golf Meeting was held on the course of the North Hants Golf Club on Wednesday, May 4, 1977. A total of 16 took part and a very enjoyable and successful day ensued.

The detailed results each decided over 18 holes, were as follows:

### Medal Competition—Scratch and Handicap

	Scratch	Handicap	Nett
Sgt D. Miles	81	8	73
(Winner Scratch and Transvaal Cup)			
Capt R. J. Tarrant	95	22	73
(Winner Handicap and Darjeeling Cup)			
Lt Col T. W. Chattey	87	12	75
(Runner-up Scratch and Handicap)			
Mr G. Taylor	90	15	75
Mr C. Holdford	102	24	78
Lt Col J. R. B. Worton	95	16	79
Mr N. Taylor	91	11	80
Maj J. I. D. Pike	104	21	83
Lt Col C. N. Clayden	106	22	84
Maj M. G. Lerwill	108	21	87
Maj A. R. Bisset	103	15	88
Maj H. E. Couch	112	24	88
Brig G. Lerwill (Divot)	123	24	99
Mr T. F. Jones	NR	8	NR
Mr B. Pilgrim	NR	18	NR
Mr E. Johnson	NR	24	NR

## Stableford Foursomes

	Points
Lt Col T. W. Chattey and Capt R. J. Tarrant	28
(Winners Cooper Cup)	
Maj J. I. D. Pike and Mr N. Taylor	27
Sgt D. Miles and Mr B. Pilgrim	23
Mr T. F. Jones and Maj M. G. Lerwill	21
Maj A. R. Bisset and Mr C. Holdford	20
Mr G. Taylor and Maj H. E. Couch	19
Lt Col C. N. Clayden and Brig G. Lerwill	16

Lt Col Chattey thanked everyone for supporting the meeting and reminded them that it was imperative that we keep our numbers high. The Autumn Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5, and he hoped for the full support of all members of the Golfing Society.

Mrs Jean Clayden very kindly presented the prizes.

## BOOKS

A new book 'Corps Commander' written by Lt Gen Sir Brian Horrocks, KCB, DSO, MC, LL.D., is now on the bookshelves. The book is published by Sidgwick and Jackson, 1 Tavistock Chambers, Bloomsbury Way, London WC1A 2SG. Price £6.95, plus 66p postage.

'The History of The Middlesex Regiment' written by Gregory Blaxland is now ready for publication and will be the last book to be published in the General Horrocks Famous Regiments series. A superb foreword has been written by the General. The book should be on the market during November. The cost is £6.95 but will be much cheaper to members of the Regiment. A draft leaflet is now being printed and will be sent to all members of the Association. Publishers are Leo Cooper Ltd, 196 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8JL.

## BELGIAN NATIONAL DAY— ANNUAL PARADE

The Annual Parade of the Amicale des Anciens Combattants Belges en Grande-Bretagne, this year was held on Sunday, July 17. As has been the practice for many years since the last war, the Regimental Association supplied a contingent of old soldiers and the Regimental Standard.

Immediately after the Guard Changing ceremony by the Household Cavalry the Parade Marshal, G. Glorieux Esq, formed up the 20 contingents on the Horse Guards Parade. Members of the Regiment present on parade were Maj Dick Smith, OC Detachment, Maj Bert Peasley, Messrs Charlie Ashby (4th Bn), Tom Bridger (2nd Bn), David Bennett (1st Bn), A. R. Drane (2nd Bn), Alex Ellis (7th Bn), Albert Gale (8th Bn), Charlie Garrard (8th BN and RA), Tim Harrison (3rd Bn), Stan Kerswill (9th Bn), Tommy Lack (RF) F. Long (9th Bn), Reggie Meers (9th Bn), Arthur Matthews (4th Bn), A. J. Martin (9th Bn), Syd Mullett (2nd Bn), H. W. Watson (Kens) and Bill Wright (4th Bn).

Quite a large crowd of spectators watched the parade many of them foreign visitors who originally

came to witness the Guard Changing ceremony and remained to watch our parade. Headed by the Middlesex Yeomanry OCA Military Band under the command of the President Col S. J. Williams, MBE, TD, the brother of our Maj Vic Williams, MBE, playing a good robust quick-step, the parade marched through the Archway paying compliments to the dismounted sentry and swinging into Whitehall with great pride and élan. Compliments were again paid at the Cenotaph on arrival, where the parade halted and formed three sides of a square. Our Standard borne by Stan Kerswill then took up position in front of our contingent whilst Maj Smith took up position with the personnel who were to lay wreaths on the steps of the Cenotaph, Maj Peasley being the wreath-bearer for this solemn ceremony.

After the laying of wreaths had been completed the buglers sounded the Last Post and Reveille, followed by the band playing the Brabanconne, the Belgian National Anthem, and God Save The Queen, after which His Excellency The Belgian Ambassador, Monsieur Robert Vaes and staff moved to take up their positions on the dais on Horse Guards Parade, ready for the march-past.

The parade made the return march to the Horse Guards Parade paying compliments to the sentries and to the Ambassador as we marched past the Saluting Base. The march-past was followed by His Excellency visiting each contingent. On reaching our own contingent he asked 'Where is the old man you have on parade'. He was informed we had no old men on parade, but Albert Gale who is coming up to 92 years was present fit, proud and ready for his inspection. M Vaes immediately made his way to Albert, shook his hand and complimented him as did Col K. Dewulf, the Attache Militaire. Both these dignitaries left our contingent with happy smiles.

The parade was then dismissed by the Parade Marshal, some making their way to the London District Sergeants Mess in Scotland Yard whilst others repaired to their homes. The sun had shone throughout, the comradeship between our Belgian Allies and the British reaffirmed, making a proud parade and successful ceremony.

MAJ DICK SMITH

## 9th BATTALION

Our Reunion and Dinner on March 26 last was very well attended. Sixty-eight persons were present and this was more than half again of the attendance of last year.

No complaints of the food and drinks, but it was considered by a few that more floor space would be required for a similar event, that the cloak room facilities could be improved and the bar was inadequate. These complaints will be taken up with Forte Trust Houses Ltd before our next Dinner, with the hope that improvements will be forthcoming.

The improved attendance this year was due to the efforts of Lt Col G. L. Fox, and Maj J. F. Millard who wrote personal letters to many. Our thanks are to all who made this yearly event a success and to those who unable to attend, supported us by sending donations.

Two of the members attending the Dinner have recently passed away. They were Ron Humphries and

W. Watts. The latter was a Sergeant in the 2/9th during the First World War. Another staunch member who passed away earlier this year was A. F. Hill. He saw service during the last war, as did Ron Humphries.

I have also received news of the death of another first war veteran, Sgt A. W. Potter of the old 'A' Coy who joined the 9th in 1912 and saw service in India and Mesopotamia. He died on June 22, 1977, in Central Middlesex Hospital. We extend our deep sympathy to all their relatives and friends.

Though not an Association function, I feel I must mention the splendid performance of the bands of Her Majesty's Forces in the recent Military Musical Pageant held on three nights recently in the Wembley Stadium. The music was excellent and included many famous marches and popular tunes.

Also this year the spectators saw 'Dancing Waters,' a spectacular background of unique floodlit multi-coloured fountains, which rose and fell to the accompaniment of the music. This was controlled from an electronically operated console, by a very skilled operator.

Perhaps one of the features at the end of the show was the quiet orderly way the crowds dispersed, not comparable in any way with the crowds that have attended the football matches played at the Stadium recently when the vandals went on a rampage; the authorities concerned should take note. We sincerely hope that all members of the Association will support the committee and keep our flags flying. Our blessings to all.

R.T.M.

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## MILL HILL BRANCH

As I attempt to write these notes our Branch Chairman, Maj Dick Smith, is languishing in the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, suffering from jaundice and no doubt deprivation. Trust him to find somewhere 'Royal and Free'. We all wish him well and hope he will read these notes in the comfort of his own chair in his own home with his Dolly.

Since our last publication we have continued to keep our branch going and 'Solvent' and for this I thank all our regulars and the not so regulars who manage to come along. As always the annual reunion was supported by the usual stalwarts and was a liquid success. The Derby outing was thoroughly enjoyed by those who went and I did hear rumour that one of them actually saw a horse.

Our Christmas Draw is now open so let's see your money; mentioning money reminds me that we are having a fund raising Jewelry Party on the last Saturday in September, from which we hope to raise some much needed postage money, so come along and buy something, we get 15% of the total sales towards our funds, so the more you spend the more we make.

I am looking forward to the Mons trip this year as I am going over for the first time, more about that next quarter.

Several members have asked if we are going to lose the use of the Drill Hall, the answer is *no*. We have been assured that although the Middlesex Office is to close the OCA will still be welcome to meet in the TAVR Centre each month.

Finally may I extend our sympathies to all those members and their families who have recently lost loved ones.

LES PLUMB.

## WO's AND SERGEANTS BRANCH

Our meetings on the second Saturday of each month continue unabated with many visitors coming along, some who are still serving, others passing through London on the weekend of our meeting. One welcome visitor recently has been ex-Sgt W. 'Blondie' Phillips who served with the 1st Bn in Hong Kong pre-war and was one of the draft which left the Battalion in April 1940 for UK, only to be stopped in the Middle East and used as reinforcements for the RNFs during the desert campaign. Later the draft formed the first Bomb Disposal unit in the Middle East removing UXBs from all over the Middle East including the Suez Canal. On arrival in UK (belatedly) he saw service with the 1/7th Bn. 'Blondie' is over on holiday from Christchurch, New Zealand, where he settled after his discharge.

Our monthly raffles are still well supported, the proceeds enable us to meet our monthly outgoings, postage, snacks (ably supplied by Ivy Clarke) etc.

With the commencement of our Christmas Draw it is a sure sign that another year is drawing to a close. Shares for the draw will be on sale from our August meeting and we are looking forward to another bumper draw this year.

A hearty welcome is extended to all members of our other branches on any second Saturday that they happen to be at a loose end, and are in need of a convivial evening with pleasant company.

E. C. COLEBECK

## EALING BRANCH

As far as I know all the members of our Branch are well and happy? What with the price of an ounce of 'St Bruno' and a pint of what the brewers call beer, it's a job to make ends meet, but I have managed by rationing myself to one pipe a day in the evening, when I sit and think often about the old days in camp in 1912. What a difference. I can only recall four of us who are still about but there may be more as my memory (like me) is a bit wonky. We meet when I can go to see them, which is not so often as I would like but better than nothing at all. The invalids are still dodging that bloke with the tall hat but with one of them (91) it is a stern fight but with the aid of a good wife (84) and a loving family he looks as clean as when he joined the 1st Bn in 1904. There are several of the members who I can talk to over the phone and it's a great help both to them and me. As a Branch we are still existing but only just and as long as we have Andy to take care of our finance and yours truly to handle anything else that comes along then the name 'Ealing' will still be about. By the way, I went round to the Drill Hall the other evening and it was a hive of activity as 'Leeland Youth Club'. It must have cost the ratepayers a packet but I should think it was well worth it.

As a Branch Hon Secretary I am anxious to know how the defence cuts are going to affect our Association but like most of the members, I have every confidence in our Executive Committee to look after everything. Well that's my moan for the present but what about 'Our Ginny at Wimbledon, Attagirl'. She's a Diehard.

All the best.

ALBERT WHITE

## 1/7 BATTALION MIDDLESEX REGIMENT 1939-45 ANNUAL DINNER

On April 30, 1977, we again held our Reunion at Hornsey Drill Hall, marred only by the knowledge that Mrs Rackham was regrettably ill and this meant our beloved 'Brig', Brig B. B. Rackham, CBE, MC, DL, was unable to chair us, this being only the second time as far as I can recall in almost 16 years. Our good wishes for Mrs Rackham's speedy recovery were recorded with a sincere hope that the Brigadier will be with us at Hornsey next year and this was confirmed in the welcome message he sent us.

Of course Maj 'Lofty' Pearson, MC, heroically stepped in and did the honours for us, and very proudly too.

We were happy to have eight officers with us including Maj A. E. F. Waldron, MBE, Secretary of the Regimental Association and Lt Col D. E. Simpson, TD, chairman of the Hornsey/Enfield Branch. Subscriptions to the Branch were again well

supported by our chaps. Maj R. E. Lowans, OC 'B' Coy (Middlesex) 6/7 Queens, delighted us not only in his reply to the toast to 'The Queen's Regiment' but by his obvious enthusiasm to help us in every way and foster the continuity of the 'Diehards' and their traditions within his company. Incidentally, look out for them in the Jubilee Parade, they are lining part of the route the Queen will take and it will be on TV.

We were only 43 in total but everyone enjoyed themselves and even though space will not permit me to mention more names, rest assured all of you are imprinted on my mind, as also are those who for various reasons could not be with us, and not only wrote to me but were magnificent in their donations—my heartfelt thanks to you all.

It is this Diehard spirit that will keep us going for many a long time yet!

The caterers who like last year, did us proud, and have been booked already for next year, so make a note—last Saturday in April.

Best wishes to all Diehards.

LES HOSSLEN

## 2/10th BATTALION OCA (1914-18)

The 49th Reunion Luncheon of this Association was held at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, W2, on Saturday, May 7 last. Some 34 ex-2/10th members and their guests attended under the chairmanship of our President, Maj Bernard Cattell. It is our custom to remember on these occasions some event in the history of the Battalion; this year we commemorated the 60th anniversary of the crossing of the Sinai Desert (Kantara to Gaza) as part of the Desert Column between November 1916 and March 1917, culminating in the First Battle of Gaza on March 26, 1917.

Amongst the guests were Maj Frank Waldron, MBE, Secretary of the Regimental Association, Maj Dick Smith, MBE, Curator of the Regimental Museum, the Rev Patrick Tuft, vicar of Chiswick and Hon Chaplain to the OCA, and the Rev G. A. Lewis Lloyd, late vicar of Chiswick. Apologies for absence were received from Maj Gen C. M. M. Man, CB, OBE, MC, and Lt Col T. W. Chattey, OBE, also from some 30 members prevented from attending by age or travelling difficulties. 'On Parade' was the silver drum (now in the Regimental Museum) originally presented to the 1st Bn of the Regiment by the OCA to commemorate the command of the 2/10th Bn by Col (late Brig General) 'Porky' Pearson, DSO, in 1916-17.

It was reported that the strength of the OCA now totalled 190 (i.e. 84 of the Battalion, 28 Honorary members and 78 'Friends of the 2/10th').

In reply to a letter conveying the humble duty and continued loyal devotion of the OCA to Her Majesty The Queen on the occasion of her Silver Jubilee the following message had been received:

'I am commanded to convey to you and the veterans of the 2/10th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (DCO) the sincere

thanks of The Queen for your kind message of loyal greetings on her Silver Jubilee which Her Majesty much appreciates.'

Our customary Remembrance Service will be held at Chiswick Parish Church at 3pm on Sunday, November 13 next; here the Battalion's Colour is deposited and our Memorial (including the Roll of Honour) is erected. All members and 'Friends' will be most welcome. Enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary at 'Cleveland', Byes Lane, Sidford, Sidmouth, Devon. The 50th Reunion Luncheon of the OCA will be held at the Victory Services Club on Saturday, May 20 next; details will be circulated to the membership in due course.

A.D.S.

## DEPOT THE QUEEN'S DIVISION

The Beating of Retreat Ceremony which I mentioned in my last notes duly took place on Thursday, June 25. The band and drums of 3 Queen's and the Junior Bandmen of the Queen's Div gave an excellent display. At least one Diehard was on parade in the form of WO2 George Beechey, who is band Sergeant Major in 3 Queen's. Afterwards a combined Officers/Sergeants Mess cocktail party was held. Apart from Diehards already serving at the Depot the following also attended, Col J. N. Shipster, Col H. J. A. Moore, Capt C. Blackwell and Lt M. Flynn.

Albuhera Day was celebrated in the traditional manner when the Officers visited the Sergeants Mess in the evening to observe the 'Silent Toast' Ceremony and afterwards sat down to a Regimental Dinner.

Capt Carl Blackwell is at present on extended leave from Oman. Unfortunately his 17-year-old daughter Nicola had an accident whilst riding her motor cycle, resulting in her right leg being amputated. Nicola is in Magnolia Ward, Park Hospital, Mogerhanger, Nr Sandy, Bedfordshire. She is recovering well and is in good spirit.

A recent arrival at the Depot is Sgt John 'Henry' Hall who is spending his last six months in the Army, here. John enlisted in 1964 and served with the 1st Bn in Gibraltar, Northern Ireland and Guyana. He and I share the same birthday and I recall, although somewhat hazily, in 1966 celebrating the occasion on board a Dutch Army launch on the Arawura River in South America. At the time the Battalion football team was on its way to play the Dutch Army in Surinam. Henry, as he is affectionately known, on leaving the Army will reside with his family in Royston and hopes to work as a sales representative.

During a recent visit to the Rifle Brigade Depot at Winchester I visited the Sergeants Mess and was rather surprised to see the Mess Steward wearing a Middlesex Regt tie. Steve Cox proudly told me that he served with 2nd Bn from 1939-43 when he joined the Green Jackets. Steve is keeping very well and asked me to pass on best wishes to his contemporaries.

Best wishes from the Depot to Diehards everywhere.

CAPT KEN BEALE



## TWO QUEENSMEN RECEIVE MERITORIOUS CERTIFICATES

Diehards receive certificates from Lord Elworthy, Marshal of the Royal Air Force. Lord Elworthy presented Meritorious Service Certificates to two Queensmen and two Old Diehards (both served in 5 Middlesex and 5 Queens (V) on March 23, 1977. Sgt Mick Ward serving with 'A' (Surreys) Coy (based at Hounslow) 5 Queens (V) and Sgt Len Cowland of 'B' (Middlesex) Coy based on Edgware and Hornsey. 6/7 Queens (V) were congratulated on their fine service and example, and the fact that they had been awarded Meritorious Service Certificates in a year when the standard was very high. It is a great credit to The Queen's Regt that two certificates were awarded to two members of the Regiment.

Sgt Ward has served for 25 years in the same Drill Hall. During National Service he served in Korea and having joined 11 Para TA he transferred to 8 Middlesex in 1956 and served with them and 5 Middlesex until 1967. After a short spell with 10 Queens (T) he

transferred to 5 Queens (V). He works as a cashier and accounts administrator with Data General Ltd. His hobbies are reading, music and model soldiers.

Sgt Cowland as a National Serviceman was a strong contender for the Army Boxing Championships. He started his TA career in 1955 and joined 'C' Coy 5 Middlesex at the Old Enfield Drill Hall. He was an 'Ever Ready' for several years. When 'C' Coy disbanded he joined 'A' Coy 5th Bn The Middlesex Regt at Hornsey in 1967 who shortly after he joined them became 'D' Coy 5 Queens (V). He served with 'D' Coy until they were disbanded and then joined 'B' Coy 6/7 Queens (V) in 1975. He is a British Rail train driver and can be found most weekdays driving on the new electric service between Finsbury Park and Welwyn Garden City. He says he is far too busy for hobbies, but has a unique claim to fame, he was the longest baby ever, at 2ft, born in University College Hospital.

Photograph (from left to right) Sgt Ward, Lord Elworthy, Sgt Cowland. R. E. LOWANS.



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## PERSONAL JOTTINGS

Mr and Mrs Bob Ambler called in at Edgware recently. They both looked very well. Bob spends all his time collecting the proceeds of his four pensions.

Our congratulations to Capt Mike Ball on his engagement to Miss Ann Jonathan.

Congratulations to Lt Col G. Bulloch on his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel with effect from June 30, 1977.

Csgt Alfie Burford paid a fleeting visit prior to moving to Heathrow Airport to catch a plane back to BAOR.

Ex-Pte Frederick Joseph Cater (6196246) has been admitted to the Royal Hospital Chelsea. He served in the Regiment from July 15, 1924 to May 8, 1934, and from September 1, 1939 to February 19, 1946. He went to France in February 1940 with the 1st Princess Louise's Kensington Regt.

He attended the annual reunion and service of Remembrance and tells me he is very happy and content.

A newly joined member is ex-Sgt Roy Clarke (22448189) who served with the 1st Bn from 1958-65 and then with HCB and 4 Queens. He was in the Corps of Drums. He now lives in Warminster and runs an ACF Corps of Drums. He did his National Service with the RASC and served in Korea.

Mrs Jean Clayden, wife of Lt Col C. N. Clayden, has recently had a spell in hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

All members of the Regimental Association wish Lt Gen Sir Brian Horrocks a speedy recovery from two major operations to fit a plastic hip and knee joint.

A newly joined member of the Regimental Association is ex-Lt Michael Edward De Caville (24053111) who enlisted on March 8, 1965, and took his discharge on October 18, 1968, at his own request. He saw service with the 1st Bn in Gibraltar, Northern Ireland and British Guyana. He also served the 4th Bn The Queen's Regt in Northern Ireland and at Warminster. He recently visited the Regimental Museum and has presented a spoon he won for shooting.

'Brewer' Drane is still writing to ex-Bandsmen and Drummers. He has recently had replies from Mrs Ena Goulding wife of the late Bdsn Joe Goulding. Mrs Muriel Goulding widow of Bdsn 'Mog' Goulding, ex-Drummer J. H. Clarke who served in 1st Bn Corps of Drums from June 1947 to February 1949, ex-Cpl Jim Pullen, Capt Don Carson, now Director of Music The Kings Div, ex-Drummer Ted Wood-

cott, ex-Bdsn W. Peters, ex-Bdsn S. Pinner, Bdsn E. Platt, Bdsn George Geary, ex-Drummer A. Bradley, Bdsn F. Lower, Bandmaster Clive French serving with 1st Bn The Royal Hampshire Regt. He passed their letters to me as Secretary and they made very interesting reading.

Capt S. le M. Enthoven has been appointed President of the Architectural Association, and regrettably has had to resign from the Executive Committee.

Congratulations to Maj D. M. Falkce on his promotion to Major with effect from June 30, 1977.

Capt Reg Ford retired on June 24, 1977.

Maj Ken Hardcastle tells me that he has had a bad time since Easter, 'flu followed by double pneumonia and now phlebitis. He sends his salaams to all. We wish him a speedy recovery and sympathise with his wife for Ken is apparently not a very docile patient.

Congratulations to Col W. V. Hayward on his promotion to Colonel with effect from June 30, 1977.

At the Annual Reunion I met Mr G. C. Higgins who recently had a nasty accident whilst at work, to his leg. He is recovering and will soon be fit again.

Recent visitor to RHQ was Csgt Sid Hilton currently serving with 1 Queens in BAOR. He tells me that he will be joining 6/7th (V) Bn The Queen's Regt about October 1977. He is very well known to all former members of the 1st Bn.

Congratulations to Capt M. B. de S. Clayton on his promotion to Acting Major on May 17, 1977.

He is serving with the Royal Marines and is the son of Col A. S. J. de S. Clayton, our former President and Deputy Colonel.

Mr Len Howell (senior) who spends part of his time doing a bit for Boosey and Hawkes has sold five Regimental ice buckets. Must be a lot of booze being drunk at Boosey's.

The infant daughter of Mr Michael Hutchins was baptised in the Regimental Baptistry St Paul's Cathedral, on Sunday, February 13, 1977. Lt Col R. M. Cain was Godfather.

Michael Hutchins served with the Regiment from 1955-58 and then joined 8th Bn TAVR and served with them until 1970. He is now a tour manager with a travel firm.

A newly joined member of the Regimental Association is Mr B. B. Keefe (22928649) who served with 1st Bn from November 20, 1953, to February 15, 1957. He resides at Enfield, Middlesex.



Mr Albert Lee tells from his home in Richebourg, France, that all being well he will be celebrating his 55th wedding anniversary on October 6, 1977. He also reminds me that last February 6 was the 60th anniversary of the mining of the troopship *Tyndareus* off South Africa with the 25th Bn aboard, with whom he was serving and he well remembers them all going to their boat stations singing the Long Long Trail during rescue operations. Albert spent many years with the War Graves Commission in France.

A recent correspondent was RSM Jack Medland, RSM at the RAPC Training Centre, Winchester. He wanted to know how Lt Col J. S. B. Pollard always got the 'good jobs'.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mr Jack Milroy who has been off sick for a considerable time.

Ex-Csgt A. Nicholson wrote and told me he is very well and still working at the BFES Ladies Mess, Herford, BAOR.

Maj Bert Peasley has retired from his job at Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill. He has spent 16 years with the Home Postal and Courier Communications Depot Royal Engineers and was a very popular member of the Depot.

Ex-Sgt 'Blondie' Phillips (6201806) who emigrated to New Zealand in 1946 returned to UK in April for three months leave. This was the first time he had been back. During this time he has attended the Service of Remembrance, Annual Reunion, Derby Outing, Chelsea Hospital Open Day, and a number of OCA meetings of the Mill Hill Branch and WOs and Sergeants Branch.

He enlisted in 1934 and in 1935 joined the 1st Bn and served with them until 1940 when he left with a draft under the command of the late Capt Vic Cooper. Their destination was the UK but they only got as far as the Middle East where they joined the 1st Bn Royal Northumberland Fusiliers as reinforcements. Later the draft together with a draft from the Manchester Regt formed the Middle East Bomb Disposal Unit.

Maj David Pike informs me that he has recently acquired the medals and personal Military documents plus a magnificent oil painting in uniform of the late Lt Francis Wrentmore Brown, Middlesex Regt, who was killed at the Battle of Flers-Courcelette on September 16, 1916, aged 21 years, whilst serving with the 23rd Service Bn.

He would like to hear from any old soldier who still has personal recollection of this gallant officer who was commissioned into the Regiment from the London Scottish in 1915. Letters should be addressed to Maj Pike, c/o the Editor.

Our congratulations to Maj Barry Reed on being appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London on January 1, 1977.

Brig Dennis Rendell has been appointed National Organiser to the Royal Automobile and Auto-Cycle Unions motor cycle training scheme. He takes over in October.

Congratulations to Col L. C. Sharpe on obtaining 3rd position in the Standard Pistol match between the Regular Army and Wales held at Bisley. Col Sharpe served with the Regiment in Korea later transferring to the RAOC.

Another interesting point is that Maj D. Mumford ex-Royal Sussex Regt and now serving with the RAPC came 2nd.

A recent visitor was ex-CSM Les Shrubbs. He is a regular and calls in every few weeks. He looks very well and is always cheerful.

He is still employed by Barclays Bank. Maj Dick Smith has just spent a fortnight in hospital but is now home again enjoying being a convalescent patient. The doctor has put him on a diet which includes very little of the 'hard stuff'. He is very cheerful and will soon be back to normal, if that is possible which I doubt.

A newly joined member of the Regimental Association is Ssgt P. J. Steward (23478395) who enlisted on October 2, 1957, and served with the 1st Bn in Cyprus and Germany and later with 4th Queens until they disbanded. He has been serving with 1st Queen's but is now posted to 6/7th Queens.

He has joined the WOs and Sergeants Branch OCA and we hope to see him shortly.

Ex-CSM Jock Ure sends his regards to all Diehards. He was very sorry that he could not attend the Annual Reunion.

Mr W. G. Webb has joined the Regimental Association. He served with 'C' Coy of the 2nd Bn and was at Dunkirk and he tells me that his Company Commander at that time was Capt J. W. A. Stephenson. He also saw service with the 1st and 2nd Bns of the Glosters, Royal Fusiliers and finally the RASC and was discharged to pension on October 15, 1952.

A newly joined member of the Officers Club is Lt D. E. M. Williams who was a National Service Officer, April 1955 to April 1957. He also served with the Royal West Africa Frontier Force in Nigeria. He lives at Mill Hill and is Press Secretary for the Mill Hill Rugby Club.

Mr Gordon Young of the Hounslow Branch visited Charlie and Margaret Banks whilst he was on holiday in America. He tells me that they are both very well and enjoying life.

## A RETURN TO NORMANDY AFTER 33 YEARS

Written by ex-CQMS Roy Bishop, 1st Battalion and also Platoon Sergeant 13 Platoon

I left Worthing on Friday morning, March 18 and motored over to Saltdan and met my wartime platoon commander, Capt John Gerrard, and proceeded to Newhaven in my car. We left Newhaven on the French boat *Le Valencay* bound for Dieppe, arriving about four hours later. We were bound for Normandy, and made for Rouen and the auto route 'peage' to Caen. This route is expensive as it cost approximately £2 toll from Rouen to Caen. Alternatively, the route National, which follows closely the same route as the toll road is good (and free), and is more interesting, but would take little longer.

We arrived in the evening at our destination hotel at Tilly-sur-Seulles, the Hotel Jeanne D'Arc. This is a one-star hotel but with a very friendly atmosphere and although the maitre d'hotel does not speak English, they are used to receiving British VIP's and the hotel is highly recommended for anyone requiring a base for visiting the 1st Middlesex Regt Normandy battle areas! The following morning we had an early breakfast and we motored to Tourville-sur-Odon, the site of the 15th Scottish War Memorial and we took photographs of this monument to the fallen. It depicted the battle honours throughout the Division's European Campaigns and the engraved words on one side of the memorial 'Scotland the brave', were most moving to humble visitors.

One purpose of our visit to the area was to identify the field where I buried Cpl Albert Victor Symonds, during the bitter fighting at Tourville, as we were surprised to learn from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission that he had no known grave. We were fortunate that we were to locate the exact field where Cpl Symonds is buried (due to Capt Gerrard's precise map reading). The field is still the resting place of a brave soldier and has a peaceful setting now, and we looked back to the day when this field was a holocaust and the scene of No 13 Platoon's first action, when we sustained heavy losses. We left then for Gavrus and Evrecy, which looked a bit different as it had been completely re-built. Our next stop was at Estry and the cross roads there will always be remembered by the personnel of our platoon because it was here that Sgt Godfrey and Pte Arthur Gleave were killed. Lcpl Tatt and Pte Clapperton were wounded, when three of the platoon carriers ran head on into three German Mk IV tanks, which had broken through the 7th Bn Seaforth Highlanders position and were sitting in the platoon's rear.

We were met at the cross-roads by M et Mde Pierre Roger, 'LaCaverie', Estry, Calvados, and taken to their house nearby, where we were made most welcome. Mde Roger was in the area during the hostilities. We were shown a book by our hosts called 'The Battle of Calvados' by M Albert Grandais, which was most interesting. Little did we realise then that we were to meet the author in the afternoon at Caen.

We bade our farewell to M et Mde Roger and proceeded on our way to the Charles de Percy War Memorial Cemetery in the Department in the Calvados, some 28 miles west of Caen, and about one mile south-east of La Ferrière, on the road from Caen to Vire. The cemetery is about 400 yards east of La Ferrière, and about 100 yards south of the road from Vire to St Charles de Percy. Here we visited the graves of my personal friend Sgt Frank Robert Godfrey, and also the grave of Pte A. Gleave, both of our platoon, and Lt Atkins and two other Middlesex Regt soldiers. We added our names in the book of remembrance. On the recommendation of Col Desmond Ellis, we visited M et Mde Albert Grandais at 3 Rue LeRoy, Caen. They are both charming personalities and M Albert Grandais, who is a school-master, we were to learn, is the author of the book in French, called 'The Battle of Calvados', which was awarded the French literature prize in 1972. He has one of the finest personal diaries of officers and men who took part in these campaigns, and we then thought of our other comrades in the platoon who had also been killed in action, in Belgium and Germany. After a cafe-au-lait with our kind hosts we made our return journey to our hotel at Tilly-sur-Seulles.

Sunday saw us on the road back and after visiting the open air market at Caen, where we took some photographs and made some purchases and visited the castle, we made our return journey back on the route National, and stopped at many interesting villages and towns on route to Dieppe.

We booked in at the hotel Gambetta on the Avenue Gambetta. A hotel with a most unimposing facade but with a cuisine 'par excellence'.

Monday morning we embarked for Newhaven on the new ship *Senlac*. A first-class boat and a very smooth crossing on a sunny day.

We were glad that we had made the journey.

Capt John Gerrard, MC, OBE, QPM, is now Deputy Assistant Commissioner Metropolitan Police, New Scotland Yard.

Mr Roy Bishop has been manager for the past 27 years of Hector Powe Ltd, Worthing, Sussex.





## OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the following have died:

**ASHBY**—On June 5, 1977, Capt Frederick George Ashby (274960) MM, aged 79 years.

He enlisted in the Middlesex Regt on October 23, 1915, and served until August 12, 1919. He re-enlisted on February 20, 1920, and served until May 15, 1939, when he was discharged to pension. On September 2, 1939, he was recalled for service and served in the ranks until May 30, 1943. On May 31, 1943, he was appointed to a short Service Emergency Commission and promoted Captain in the appointment of Administration and QM 29th County of London (Home Guard). He continued to serve as a Captain in various ERE appointments until resigning his commission on August 2, 1950. He served with the 8th Bn Middlesex Regt but dates are obscure. He also served with the Parachute Regt Territorial Army from May 21, 1952 until May 7, 1955. He was in possession of the following medals: Military Medal ('London Gazette', January 1, 1919), British War and Victory Medals, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-45, King George VI Coronation Medal, Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, Efficiency Medal (T).

**CASTE**—On July 1, 1977, Arthur Charles Caste, aged 101 years. In World War I he enlisted into the Regiment and served in France and took part in the Battle of the Somme.

**CRAWFORD**—On July 26, 1977, Col Mervyn Crawford DSO, JP, DL, aged 76 years. A full obituary will be published in the next issue of the *Diehards Newsletter*.

**DOUTHET**—On May 10, 1977, Lt (QM) Robert Thomas (Bob) Douthet. Aged 91 years. Served with 4th Bn. Full obituary will appear in the next issue of Newsletter.

**GARRETT**—On June 18, 1977, ex-Drummer George Garrett. Aged 91 years. He served with the 3rd and 4th Bns.

The funeral was attended by Maj R. W. J. Smith, MBE, Sqn Ldr J. M. Abell and Mr C. D. Ashby. Full obituary in next issue of Newsletter.

**HUMPHRIES**—On April 8, 1977, ex-Pte Ronald Humphries (6203884). Aged 63 years. He enlisted On August 24, 1939, and served until November 4, 1945. The majority of his service was with the 9th Bn. He was in possession of the Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-45 and the TA Efficiency Medal.

**JOYCE**—On December 9, 1976, Lt Col A. R. Joyce, MC. No other details available.

**LEE**—On June 22, 1977, Mr W. F. Lee. Served with 1st and 2nd Bns.

**LOW**—On May 22, 1977, Maj Thomas Ralph Low, MC, French Croix de Guerre. Served with 2/9th Bn 1914-17 and then transferred to Indian Army.

**MARTIN**—On April 15, 1977, ex-Pte Ernest Martin (6208371). He enlisted on May 16, 1940, and was discharged on May 1, 1946. He served with the 1st Bn in Hong Kong and was a prisoner of war. No other details are available.

**MIRIAMS**—On June 30, 1977, Phyllis, wife of the late Lt Col S. Miriams, MC.

**NASH**—During February 1977, killed in BAOR whilst riding to work on a bicycle. Lt Col G. H. Nash, OBE. Serving with British Defence Section, The Soviet C-in-C's mission, BUNE, BAOR. No other details available.

**STEAD**—On May 13, 1977, Mr E. J. Stead. Served with 2nd and 5th Bns.

**TAYLOR**—On May 24, 1977, Theresa Ann, wife of ex-Sgt N. Taylor.

**WEEDON**—On March 9, 1977, Maj Martin Pryce Weedon (64628), MC, aged 61 years, as a result of a shooting accident. He was commissioned into the Regiment on January 31, 1935. He joined the 1st Bn in Singapore in 1936 and proceeded to Hong Kong in August 1937. He was with 'B' Coy when the Japanese captured Hong Kong on December 25, 1941, was wounded in action and awarded the Military Cross for distinguished conduct. After being taken POW by the Japanese he spent the first nine months in Hong Kong, moving to Kobe, Japan, on the ill-fated *Lisbon Maru*. He remained in Japan until October 1945 when he was repatriated to UK. He retired from the Army on January 31, 1948. He later qualified as a barrister and prior to his retirement in 1976 was employed as Clerk and Receiver to the United Westminster Schools and Greycoat Hospital Foundation.

He was for many years a member of the Regimental Association Executive Committee and Finance Sub-Committee.

He also wrote a book on his POW experiences titled 'Guest of an Emperor'. He was in possession of the following medals: Military Cross, Mention in Despatches, 1939-45 Star, Pacific Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-45. He was a fine Officer who will be sadly missed by all his friends.

The funeral was attended by Brig A. E. Green, DSO, OBE, Col A. S. J. de S. Clayton, OBE, and Mrs Clayton, Maj J. I. D. Pike, MC, Maj R. W. J. Smith, MBE, Lt E. C. Graham and Drum Maj C. Holdford, BEM.

**WOLLOCOMBE**—On April 19, 1977, Mary Clements (Molly) wife of the late Lt Col T. S. Wollocombe, MC.

The funeral was attended by Maj Gen G. P. L. Weston, CB, CBE, DSO, Lt Col J. R. B. Worton and Mrs Worton, Lt Col C. N. Clayden and Mrs Clayden, Maj J. I. D. Pike, MC.

## REGIMENTAL GOODS

The following regimental goods are available for purchase:

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Ties regimental (new pattern) terylene		00.80
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