



# The Die-Hards

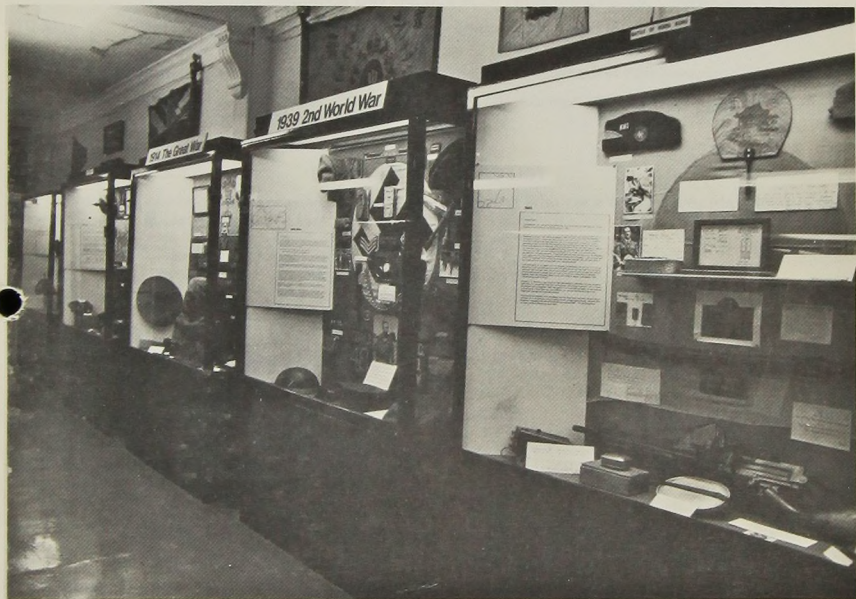
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THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

#### FORECAST OF EVENTS 1984-85

- 18 Sep Middlesex Regiment Golfing Society Meeting, North Hants Golf Club, Fleet, Hants.  
5 Oct 2/7th Bn Annual Dinner at the Victory Services Club, Seymour St, London W2.  
6 Oct Queen's Regiment Past & Present WOs and Sgts Dinner at Depot The Queen's Division, Basingstoke.  
10 Oct Housing Sub Committee Meeting 6.15 p.m. Venue later.  
12 Oct Queen's Regiment Officers Club Reunion at Haberdasher's Hall.  
12 Oct Regimental Association Church Parade with the Chelsea Pensioners at Royal Hospital Chelsea.  
8 Nov 7th Middlesex officers' Club Dinner, TA Centre, Hornsey N8.  
10 Nov Ceremony at the Field of Remembrance, Westminster.  
11 Nov Remembrance Day Service at Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, at 10 a.m. followed by Reunion at TA Centre, Edgware.  
7th Bn Remembrance Service and wreath laying ceremony at the Church of St Mary with St George at 10.20 a.m.  
2/10th Bn Remembrance Day Service at St Nicholas Church, Chiswick at 3 p.m.  
10 May Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club Dinner, Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, London WC2.  
11 May Albuhera Service of Remembrance at St Paul's Cathedral commencing 2.30 p.m.  
Annual Reunion at the Victory Services Club, London W2, commencing 6.30 p.m.  
Annual General Meeting will be at 8 p.m.

#### BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

We send our heartiest congratulations to the following who received the awards stated in the recent Queens Birthday Honours List:

M.B.E. (Civil)

Lt-Col (Retd) C.N. Clayden

M.B.E. (Military)

Major D. Carson, LTCL, PSM.

(A former DieHard and recently appointed Director of Music to the Band of the Scots Guard)

#### BENEVOLENT CASES

During the period 1 January to 30 June 1984 the sum of £3281 has been spent from the Charitable Funds of the Regimental Association on assisting 41 members of the regiment. The Army Benevolent Fund contributed £1010.

#### DONATIONS TO THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE FUND

The Secretary gratefully acknowledges the following donations to the Charitable Fund:

- i Legacy of £50 from the estate of the late Major H.K. Hardcastle, TD.
- ii Donations totalling £491.00 were received in memory of the late Lt-Col G.L. Fox, TD, DL
- iii A donation of £25.00 from members of the 1/7th Bn 1939-45 Dinner Club.
- iv A donation of £200 from the Lilley Benevolent Trust - £100 for the Regimental Association Charitable Fund and £100 for the 9th Bn The-Middlesex Regiment Museum Fund.



v Individual donations from:

A.N. Anonymous, Mr R. Arnold, Mr J.B. Baker, Mr R.I. Baker (7th Bn), Mr A.J. Briggs, WO2 K.H. Brown, Mr C. Burgess, Col I.R. Burrows (in memory of the late Capt R.J. Tarrant), Mr R.F. Campkin, Mr E.C. Colebeck, Mr C.J. Cox, Mr A.G.W. Cooper, Mr F.A. Ecott, I/P G. Fulton, Mr R.H. Gilbertson, Mr P. Hale, Mr G.C. Higgins, Lt-Col E.A.H. Jeffcoat, Mrs Tilly Jones, Major W.T.J. Lane, Mr J.M. Mannering, Mr R.T. Marshall, Mrs D. Pike, Mr M.C. Quinn, Mr E.J. Soden, Mr N.G. Tarrant, Mr A.E. Tuthill, Mr D.P. Weller, Major M. Wild and Mr E. Wilson.

### FREE NEWSLETTERS

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

Mr J. Baker, Mr J.B. Baker, Mr T. Barnett, Mr H.T.W. Barter, Mr S.J. Bartle, Mr T.A. Barton, Mr J.W. Barton (ACC), Mr E.J. Birmingham, Mr A.A. Bradley, Mr A.J. Briggs, Mrs C.A. Brust, Mr R.P. Burnage, Mr E.J.F. Clarke, Mr R. Clements, Mr E.J. Collier, Mr A.G.W. Cooper, Mr D.L. Cory, Mr C.J. Cox, Mrs M. Crawford, Mr S.C. Diamond, Mr F.J. Dickinson, Mr J.D. Forgham, Mr D.H. Goodman, Mr A. Goode, Major F.L. Griffiths, Mr G.C. Higgins, Mr A. Hughes, Major A.R. Jenkins, Mr A.W.P. Kelly, Mr W.F. Landers, Mr R.M. Lawford, Mr A.E. Lewin, Mr J.M. Mannering, Mr R.T. Marshall, Mr L. McDonald, Mr J.W.H. Morgan, Major A.W.F. Peal, Mr J.A. Poole, Mr J. Preston, Mr M.C. Quinn, Mr T.H. Rockall, Mr R. Smith (RAOC), Mr E.J. Soden, Major C.W.E. Summers, Capt E.J. Thompson-Gordon, Mr D.W. Watson, Mr D.P. Weller, Major M. Wild, Mr J. Willmington, Mr W.J. Wright.

### DONATIONS

The following donations have been made:

- i A donation of £150 to the Middlesex and North West London Army Cadet Force.
- ii A donation of £75 to the Patients Amenities Fund of the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital, Woolwich.
- iii A donation of £20 to the Gallipoli Association (we still have 6 members). Brig B.B. Rackham, CB, MC, is a Past President.
- iv A donation of £25 to the Army Physical Training Corps Association to enable them to enter two teams in the London-Paris Triathlon, which took place on the weekend 9-10 June. The event involved teams of four running 100 miles from London to Dover; a channel swim; and a 300km cycle ride from Calais to Paris. The cost of entry fees for the A.P.T.C. teams was £6000. 2 International teams took part. A letter of thanks has been received from the A.P.T.C. which stated that the response from Regimental Associations was incredible.

### ALBUHERA SERVICE

The annual Albuhera Service in the Regimental Chapel in St Paul's Cathedral was held on the afternoon of Saturday 12 May. Bishop Woolcombe, Canon of St Paul's took the service, General Christopher Man read the Lesson, and the Reverend Gus Jones, former padre to the 1st Battalion, gave the Address. The service was again well attended by Old Comrades and their families, and there were few vacant places in the Chapel. The flower arrangements were exceptionally well done this year whilst outside at the entrance to the Cathedral Mr Les Plumb in the full dress uniform of the 1902-14 period added colour to the occasion.

### ALBUHERA DAY

On 16 May, Major R.W.J. Smith, Chairman of the Mill Hill Branch, organised a wreath laying ceremony in conjunction with the Home Postal and Courier Depot R.E. at Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill. Wreaths were laid by Lt-Col M.A. Browne, RE, and Major R.W.J. Smith. The Old Comrades on parade were inspected by Lt-Col M.A. Browne and at the conclusion they were all invited into the Officers Mess for drinks. The Regimental Flag was flying above the Mess. The Regimental Standard was carried by Mr Les Plumb, escorted by In Pensioners Charlie Painter and George Fulton. Our hosts once again did the Regiment proud and we are indeed grateful to them.



Lt-Col M.A. Browne, RE, and Major R.W.J. Smith laying the wreaths at the Memorial.

### OFFICERS' CLUB DINNER

The Annual Dinner was held at the Cavalry and Guards Club on Friday 11 May. Lt-Col Tom Chattey presided and 68 members with wives and relatives attended. Major Colin Bellingham of The Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) was the principal guest and five widows of former officers were also present as our guests.

A message of loyalty was sent to Her Majesty The Queen and the customary gracious reply was received from Buckingham Palace. Lt-Col Tom Chattey gave a brief account of the Association's activities throughout the year and remarked on the pleasure of having two of our remaining three Generals, Generals Sir John Willoughby and Christopher Man, present together at this dinner.

In welcoming the principal guest, our President made special mention of the affiliation and special relationship which exists between our two regiments.

At the conclusion of the Dinner, a special presentation was made to Major Dick Smith in recognition of his outstanding contribution over many years, both as Curator of the Regimental Museum, and of organiser-in-chief of the Mill Hill Branch of the OCA and numerous other regimental occasions at our old Depot. The presentation consisted of a suitably inscribed silver frame to a most engaging colour photograph of Dick and Dollie being presented to Her Majesty during her visit to Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, on 16 July 1982.



This was a very enjoyable occasion, as was evident by the numbers who stayed on after midnight to exchange reminiscences.

The following attended:

**Official Guests.**

Major C.J. Bellingham, The Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers).  
The Rev and Mrs W.E.B. Jones  
Mrs Molly Bower and Miss Jean Bower  
Mrs Eva Honeybun  
Mrs Joan Nolda  
Mrs Doris Pike and daughter, Mrs Rosemary Hancock  
Mrs Christine Pollard.

**Members and Private Guests.**

Lt-Col T.W. Chattey and Mrs Chattey, Maj-Gen Sir John Willoughby, Maj-Gen C.M. Man, Brig B.H. Marciandi, Brig D.B. Rendell and Mrs Rendell, Col I.H. Battye and Mrs Battye, Col I.D. Brotherton and Mrs Brotherton, Col I.R. Burrows and Miss B. Colley, Col R.M. Cain and Mrs Cain, Col A.S.J. de S. Clayton and Mrs Clayton, Col A.M. Man, Col H.J.A. Moore, Col A.R. Waller and Mrs Waller, Lt-Col R.H. Graham and Mrs Graham, Lt-Col J.M. Hewson and Mrs Hewson, Lt-Col R.D. Hutchings and Mrs Hutchings, Maj M.J. Beaumont, Major P.D.J. Clarke and Mrs Clarke, Maj P. Collins and Mrs Collins, Maj H.E. Couch and Mrs Couch, Lt J.P.A. Day, Capt M.J.S. Doran and Mrs Doran, Maj S.M. Dowse and Mrs Dowse, Maj D.M. Falcke and Mrs Falcke, Capt J.S.C. Flavell and Mrs Flavell, Capt R.M. Fox, Maj C.L. Lawrence and Mrs Lawrence, Maj I.M.E. Lloyd and Mrs Lloyd, Maj A.E. McManus and Mrs McManus, Maj R.E.B. Morris and Mrs Morris, Maj B. St. G.A. Reed and Mrs Reed, Maj R.W.J. Smith and Mrs Smith, Maj A.E.F. Waldron and Mrs Waldron.



Presentation to Major Dick Smith

**ALBUHERA CLOSE**

The Regimental Memorial Homes at Albuhera Close, Enfield, consist of 16 houses and 8 flats and they are all occupied by former members of the Regiment and their families.

Present rents and rates are as follows:

House	Rent £8.00 per week.	Rates £8.50 per week.
Flats	Rent £4.50 per week.	Rates £4.50 per week (Except No. 4 £5.50)

Any member of the regiment is entitled to be placed on the waiting list and this includes widows. If you wish to be considered all you have to do is to forward your particulars to the Secretary, Major A.E.F. Waldron, MBE, Lynsore Bungalow, Upper Hardres, Canterbury, Kent CT4 6EE, who will be very pleased to hear from you. The present waiting list is small!!

Priority is given to those in receipt of a war disability pension.

The properties are very well maintained and are in excellent condition.

Last year the Enfield in Bloom Campaign resulted in Albuhera Close being 'Highly Commended' in the Best Residential Street Competition. Well Done.

**THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS)**

The London Branch of The Royal Hong Kong Regiment Association held their annual dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club on Friday 18 May. Lt-Col John Bell, Chairman of the Branch, presided and Major Colin Bellingham was the organising secretary. Sir Jack Cater, Hong Kong Commissioner in London, and our President, Lt-Col Tom Chattey were guests. Sir David Trench, former Governor of Hong Kong, and some 30 members were present including our Secretary, Major Frank Waldron.

It was a most enjoyable and successful evening, during which it became abundantly clear that the special relationship between The Volunteers and our Regiment is as strong as ever. During the dinner our President made a presentation of a Middlesex regimental Drum Major's sash and in a short speech he said that as the regimental representation in Hong Kong is now almost at an end, it was appropriate to make this presentation before endeavours and memories fade, in the hope that it might become a permanent memento of the affiliation between us.

The Drum Major's sash was particularly appropriate as it was that which was used on numerous ceremonial parades in Hong Kong between 1939-40, and was amongst the Regimental relics and regalia which were recovered from the vaults of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank in Singapore when hostilities ended.

**THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT**

The 1st and 2nd Battalions have now passed the half-way mark of their two-year 'Resident' tours in Northern Ireland (Omagh and Londonderry respectively).

The 3rd Battalion from BAOR started their 'roulement' tour in West Belfast in February and return to Fallingbowl in mid-June.

Future moves in the Arms Plot are:

- 1 QUEENS - To Gibraltar in Jan 85
- 2 QUEENS - To Oakington in Nov 84 - (Falkland Islands Mar - July 86)
- 3 QUEENS - To Howe Barracks, Canterbury Jan 86

Brig Charles Millman, The Colonel of The Regiment, Col John Holman, Deputy Colonel, and Col John Francis, Regimental Secretary, spent the weekend 30 Mar/1 Apr in Northern Ireland visiting all three regular Battalions - an unique occasion. On the Friday, they attended a 'Freedom' Parade in Belfast and on the next day, a Band Reforming Parade in Londonderry (marking the reduction from three regular Bands to two). Both these events were spectacular successes.

On 7 Feb, the Regiment formed an Affiliation with the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers at a ceremony held at Haberdashers' hall in the City followed by a luncheon which was attended by the Regimental hierarchy and all Commanding Officers.

Our 5th (V) Bn were in BAOR for their annual camp (Ex "Man Brace") from 25 Apr to 4 May. The 6th/7th (V) Bn (Lt Col Peter Hubert OBE) will be holding their camp at Sennybridge from 22 June to 7 July.

RHQ staff at Canterbury had a special lunch at the George & Dragon, Fordwich on Wed 16 May, to celebrate Albuhera Day.

G.U.Y



# REUNION D COMPANY (MORTARS), 1st Bn 1944-45

On Saturday 12 May 1984, D Company (Mortars) 1st Battalion (2/8th) 1944-45 held their first reunion luncheon at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London W2, at 12 noon.

The reunion was organised by Sgt Roy Bishop, Ex Platoon Sgt 13 Platoon and later CQMS of D Company. 51 members attended. Brigadier Tony Pielow, Chairman of the Regimental Association, sent his best wishes for a successful function and was very sorry that he could not attend as he was away in Yugoslavia on official business.

The following attended:

Major Geoffrey Townend, Company 2IC (from Devon), Platoon Commanders Ted Bindloss (from Cornwall) and A.W.P. Gribble (from Glamorgan), Col and Mrs Desmond Ellis, Major Tony Klitz (Merseyside), Capt John Gerrard, Roy Bishop, Mark Bishop, Mrs C. Bartlett, A.A. Colley, Mr and Mrs J.R. Rose, C. Farebrother, R. Ashton, A.E. Kimber, Paul and Mrs Francia with guest, Mr and Mrs Lowth (Yorkshire), A.E. Tatt, E. Honeychurch, E.G. Whitbread, Mr and Mrs D. O'Connell, E. Platt, Mr and Mrs L.C. Bennett and son, H.W. Blackwood (Northern Ireland), F. Waterfield, A. Middleton, T. Emerson, L. Jupp, C. Phillips, Mr and Mrs P. Benson-Cooper, Mr and Mrs J.M. French, C. Pratt, K. Day, M. Brease, D. Mears, B. Herman and guest, R. Jupp, K. Sleat, W. Gibbons, K.W. Reynolds.

It was very much a family affair and the conversation flowed, and after 40 years memories went back to the Normandy days and our shared experiences. A number of old friends sent their best wishes, such as Doug Smith (ex Company Storeman), from Harrogate who had to decline the invitation because of friends coming over from the U.S.A., also Fred Lavender wished for a photograph of the gathering, which will be sent to him in due course. We drank a toast to absent friends and stood in silent tribute to our comrades who were killed in action or who were seriously wounded.

During his speech during the luncheon, Major Geoffrey Townend applauded the efforts Paul Francia had made in touring the country interviewing members of the Mortar Company and getting their experiences and reminiscences recorded on audio tape for posterity. Quite an achievement for a blind person and we do all warmly acknowledge his endeavours.

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Members who attended the Luncheon

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1. A. Kimber 2. D. Mears 3. K. Reynolds 4. C. Pratt 5. K. Day
6. C. Farebrother 7. L. Jupp 8. R. Bishop 9. E. Whitbread
10. F. French 11. A. Cooley 12. T. Klitz 13. T. Emerson
14. M. Brease 15. E. Platt 16. E. Honeychurch 17. J. Rose
18. I. Bennett 19. F. Waterfield 20. A. Tatt 21. C. Phillips
22. A. Middleton 23. R. Ashton 24. K. Sleat 25. D. O'Connell
26. J. Lowth 27. H. Blackwood 28. P. Benson-Cooper
29. W. Gibbons 30. R. Jupp 31. P. Francia 32. E. Bindloss
33. A.W.P. Gribble 34. G. Townend 35. J. Gerrard

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#### 1/7th Bn (DINNER CLUB) 1939-45

The last Saturday in April came and as usual we held our annual dinner at the Drill Hall, Hornsey. We continue to maintain our numbers. This year there was a touch of sadness. Our President Brigadier B.B. Rackham, our Chairman Major 'Tigget' Hughes, RSM Rocky Knight and Les Hosslen were 'Tom and Dick' and could not attend. We all wish them a speedy recovery. Major Dicky Bartram filled the Chair at a moments notice and did a real 1/7th job. Thank you Sir! It was nice to see old faces, some we had not seen for quite a while, do keep coming. If you know of anybody who would like to attend for the first time do give them my telephone number (01 723 7437) and I will do the rest. To listen to the natter at these do's how the 1939-45 war lasted so long I will never know. Seeing you all there makes the effort more than worth while.

Finally Eddie Johnson is retiring to Lands End soon and I take this opportunity to thank him for all his efforts he has put in on our behalf over the years. Thank you Eddie.

Our thanks are also due to the Company Commander, Major P.I. Roberts, for the use of the Hornsey Drill Hall.

See you all again last Saturday April 1985.

Tony White

#### 2/10th Bn THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OCA - 1914-19

The 56th Reunion Luncheon was held at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London W2, on Saturday 26 May 1984. The Chair was taken by Mr A.D. Scudamore, OBE, and the principal guest was Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, OBE, President of the Regimental Association. 20 members and their guests attended.

A.D.S.





### 7th BATTALION – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 1983, HORNSEY

For the first time for many years a 7th Bn War Memorial Chapel was the centre of the Hornsey Parish Church's Remembrance Service.

This year, the Chapel having been completed and 'rededicated' the Rector of Hornsey and the PCC of St Mary with St George reorganised their morning programme so that the mid-morning service was really only a Remembrance one in which all present could take part.

After the opening prayers and hymn a Procession was formed with the Wreath Bearers and the Clergy and proceeded to the Chapel. There the Curate said a short prayer, 'To The Fallen' was recited and, following the 'Two Minutes Silence' wreaths were laid by representatives of the 7th Bn Officers Club, the Hornsey and Enfield Diehards Club, and B Company 6/7th (V) Bn The Queen's Regiment T. Following this Ceremony at the Chapel the Procession returned to their seats and the Service continued with a lesson, read by Lt-Col D.E. Simpson, and an address by a member of the Clergy.

After the service the marching body of B Company, 6/7 Queen's, under command of Major P.I. Roberts, and the Hornset A.C.F. Marched Past on their return to Hornsey, the salute being taken by Lt-Col Simpson accompanied by the Rector, the Rev Geoffrey Seabrook. The Church was very full with the local congregation and the uniformed parties but, regrettably, not very many from the old 7th.

It is hoped that next year, with the altered and much simpler short service, many more will attend. After everyone had assembled at the Hornsey Drill Hall far more old 7th were present.

Belated apologies for the late inclusion of this item.

D.E.S.

### REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

Trustees : Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, OBE, Chairman  
Maj-Gen Sir John Willoughby, KBE, CB.  
Maj-Gen B.P. Hughes, CB, CBE.  
Lt-Col J.D. Gunnell, TD.  
Douglas Clark, Esq.  
Major W.G.A. Crumley.  
Major C.L. Lawrence, MC.  
Major A.E.F. Waldron, MBE, Secretary.

Curator : Major R.W.J. Smith, MBE.

It was the intention of the Museum Trustee Committee to hold a Reception at Bruce Castle to mark the re-arrangement of the Regimental Museum but unfortunately complications arose with the local authorities which resulted in the Trustees deciding regrettably not to proceed with their proposals. However the re-arrangement is now virtually complete and happily the Museum is open again for public viewing.

The main room consists principally of thirteen show cases, each depicting an era or period of our regimental history, starting with the formation of the 57th Foot in 1756 and its participation in the American War of Independence and the 77th Foot in 1787 and their operations in Mysore, Southern India. The final mention is, of course, the decision to amalgamate the regiments of Surrey, Kent, Sussex and Middlesex, and hence the absorption of the Middlesex Regiment into the new Queen's Regiment in 1967. Each show case has internal lighting and contains a plaque which describes the events of the period that is depicted. The centre of the room contains one large show case in which is a model of the Duke of Cambridge wearing his Field Marshal full dress uniform, a model of Lieut Wilkinson, 77th Foot, in the Light Company uniform of 1830 and of a Drummer Boy wearing the scarlet of 1914. There are many other relics, pictures, armaments, etc. to be seen, including a colourful display of uniforms, headgear and the like appertaining to the periods depicted in the show cases. Altogether it is a most attractive and interesting room which has already drawn much favourable comment from those who have seen it.

Recent additions to the Museum of special note are a colour reproduction of Peter Greenham's portrait of Lieut. General Sir Brian Horrocks wearing his regalia of the Parliamentary office of Black Rod, and also a Seringapatam medal in silver which has been purchased to replace the medal that was lost through burglary some years ago.

A numbered reproduction copy of the picture by Andy C. Neilson, who is also an officer in the Royal Hong Kong Regiment, titled 'The Lasting Honour' representing the defence together of the Stanley Peninsula in Hong Kong by the Middlesex Regiment and The Hong Kong Defence Corps in 1941, has been kindly presented by Colonel H.A. Botelho, a very old friend in the Volunteers well known to many of the Regiment in Hong Kong.

Other recent acquisitions are:-

Medals of the late Major H.K. Hardcastle, TD. :-

1939-45 Star, France & Germany Star, War Medal 1939-45 with Oak Leaf Emblem, Territorial Efficiency Medal. Mentioned-in-Despatches – the Oak Leaf Emblem is worn on the War Medal 1939-45.

Presented by his widow Mrs P. Hardcastle.

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Medals and other documents of the late Lt-Col G.L. Fox, TD, DL. :-

British War Medal 1914-18, Victory Medal 1914-19 with Oak Leaf Emblem, General Service Medal with two bars, Iraq and Kurdistan, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-45, Coronation Medal GVI, Jubilee Medal QEII, Territorial Efficiency Medal GV, with three bars.

Document Mentioned-in-Despatches, Southern Kurdistan 1919.

Document Appointment as Deputy Lieutenant for County of Middlesex dated 9th January 1947.

Various photographs and other documents such as Officers Mess Rules, 9th Mx, Magazines of the 9th Mx 1916 and 1917.

Presented by his son Mr G.R. Fox.

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Medals of the late Cpl M.I. Gregory (TF/4016) – 1st Bn :-

D.C.M., British War Medal, Victory Medal.

Presented by Mr H.D. Ryder, nephew.

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Medals of C/Sgt L.I. Priddy (6195275) – 1st Bn :-

1939-45 Star, Burma Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-45, Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Service Medal.

Presented by his son Mr John Priddy.

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Medals of Captain H.N. Wegg, 16th (Public Schools) and 2nd Bns, killed in action 25.3.18.

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal and Bronze Plaque.

Presented by Captain A.J. Richards and Mr William Brodrick, cousins.

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Medals of 6192257 Private A.C. Handford, 1st Bn (Father of 6203528 L/Cpl J. Handford lost when Lisbon Maru sunk 2.10.1943)

Presented by his daughter, Mrs L. Finch.

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Medals of Private E.W. Evans (PS/2459), 16th (Public Schools) Killed in action 1.7.1916.

1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal.

Presented by Commander John Coleman, R.N., nephew.

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Medals of CSM A.T. Myers (TF/1429 and 203993) 7th/TF and 8/TF.



1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal w/oak leaf, Defence Medal, Territorial Efficiency Medal, French Medaille Militaire.

Loaned by his widow, Mrs C. Myers.

Letter from Lieutenant John Nicholson, 77th Regiment, from Bulgaria, 23 August 1854, to his brother Octavius. Captain Nicholson was killed in action 5 August 1854.

Purchased by the Army Museum Ogilby Trust on behalf of our Regimental Museum, the cost being shared equally.

Some documents of the 23rd (Service) Bn.

Presented by Mr H. Oxley who served with the 23rd (Service) Bn.

Regimental Plaque of the 16th Field Regiment Royal New Zealand Artillery to commemorate our association at the Battale of KAPYONG, KOREA, April 1951.

Presented by Lt-Col P.J. Calvert, RNZA.

#### REGIMENTAL GOLFING SOCIETY

Members will remember that in order to generate maximum support, one Meeting only is being held this year – on Tuesday 18 September at the North Hants Golf Club, Fleet.

We have a full programme, i.e. in the morning playing partnerships have to be in three's to compete for the following events:-

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| The Transvaal Cup  | - a singles scratch stableford competition. | ) |                                    |
| The Darjeeling Cup | - a single handicap stableford competition  | ) | these will be played concurrently. |
| The Horton Cup     | - a singles bogey stableford competition    | ) |                                    |

In the afternoon, play will be for the Jay Cup – a stableford handicap foursomes competition and of course, there will be the usual Divot prize! So there should be something for everyone to have a 'go' for, and the customary sweepstakes will make it all the more fun.

All playing members are earnestly asked to make a special effort to come to this, our one and only Meeting this year. We really need a full turn-out.

But this is not only a Meeting for golfers – it is also a very enjoyable social gathering of old friends. So wives, relatives and friends are also most welcome as 'watchers' – it all adds to the fun of the occasion.

Make a special note! the day is Tuesday 18 September.

#### ANNUAL REUNION

The annual reunion took place on Saturday 12 May 1984, in the Carisbrooke Hall at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London W2.

200 members attended and a most enjoyable evening ensued. Syd Webb supplied the music which was a great improvement on the previous year. During the evening a fish and chip supper, with roll and butter, together with coffee was served. It was very good indeed to see a number of new faces and to have General Chris Man in attendance.

The Annual General Meeting was held during the evening. Lt-Col Tom Chattey, our President took the chair in the absence of the Chairman, Brig Tony Pielow, who was abroad on business. During the meeting the Accounts for 1983 were discussed and passed unanimously.

#### PERSONAL JOTTINGS

Ex Private Terence Edward Ainger (23126728) has joined the Regimental Association. He was a National Serviceman from March 1955 to April 1957. His service was with the 1st Bn in Austria, Cyprus and Jordan. He was ration storeman.

Mrs Peggy Baldwin, widow of ORQMS B. Baldwin, sends her regards to In Pensioner Charlie Painter and says tell him 'I'm still in the land of the living'.

Ex Sgt Victor Edward Barley (6210229) has joined the Regimental Association. He served from September 1939 to January 1946 with the 2/8th (1st Bn). We were very pleased to see him at the reunion in May.

Former CSM Stan Bartle was rushed to hospital the evening prior to the annual reunion with a burst blood vessel in the stomach. He reckons it must have been John Medlock's porridge. He tells me that he managed to establish a new record for the Middlesex Hospital – intensive care on Friday, home the following Wednesday. He reckons he gets more rest at home. We are very pleased indeed to know that he is making such a good recovery.

Capt Ken Beale retired from the army on 30 April 1984.

Ex L/Cpl William Butler Birdsey (822539), has joined the Regimental Association. He enlisted on 19 January 1937 and joined the 1st Bn in Hong Kong during January 1938 and was posted to A Company. He was taken POW on 25 December 1941 and in 1942 was sent to Camp 10D, Tokyo. He was discharged in 1945. A pleasure to see him at the reunion.

Ex Private Walter Alfred Blake (6203553) has joined the Regimental Association. He enlisted on 13 April 1937 and joined B Company, 2nd Bn, until 1938 when he was drafted to the 1st Bn in Hong Kong, again joining B Company. He was taken POW on Christmas Day 1941 and moved to Japan in 1942. He was medically discharged on 20 June 1947. Now in receipt of a war disability pension.

Ex Sgt Tony Briggs, Signal Platoon, sends his regards to all Diehards from Berlin. He regularly meets Drum Major John Lewis and also Capt (QM) Roy Scott now stationed in Berlin.

Major Johnney Bull, MM, who was our Armourer in Hong Kong from 1938 and was also taken POW with the 1st Bn on Christmas Day 1941, was attending the REME Armourers reunion at the Victory Club on the same night as the Regimental Association and very kindly looked in and had a chat to all his old pals. Very nice indeed to see him again.

A recent correspondent was Sgt R.F. Campkin (6197878) who served with the 9th Bn 1927-46. He is now retired and living at Ilminster, Somerset.

Our sincere congratulations to Major Don Carson on his appointment as Director of Music to the Scots Guards. He was previously Director of Music to the RAMC Band, one of which was recently disbanded. He tells me that his son is a State Trumpeter in the Band of the Life Guards and that they created a bit of history last year when they performed the Hayden Trumpet Concerto, Don being the guest conductor. I always remember with pleasure the duels on the hockey field between the Band and the Details. The then Sgt Carson, Bill Jackson and Alec Torrie doing their best to be top dogs in HQ Company. They were very good days.



Former RQMS George Cooper (6210526) retired on St George's Day, 23 April.

Another Diehard to send his regards to all his old pals was Mr D.L. Cory (6210136) who served with A Company, 2/7th Bn 1939-42 and then Royal Engineers until 16 January 1946.

Steve Cox (6199597) who lives at Herne Bay has just returned from six months holiday in Australia. He tells me that he took part in the Dunkirk Veterans march with members of the British Division in Sydney. Steve was a pre-war member of the 1st Bn and was with the 2nd Bn at Dunkirk.

Ex Sgt Albert Harold Cox (6200126) has joined the Regimental Association. He enlisted on 22 April 1931 and on 22 December 1931 was drafted to the 1st Bn in Palestine and joined D Company. Service in Egypt, Singapore and Hong Kong followed and he was transferred to the Reserve on 19 September 1938. He was recalled on 15 June 1939 and served at the Depot until the 14 November 1941 when he was transferred to the Royal Pioneer Corps.

Major Gordon Crumley who has recently visited Hong Kong, in his capacity as Permanent President Court Martials, informs me that our cap badge still stands in good order on the hill above Fanling. Colonel 'Bots' Botelho is still very active and at his usual desk in the government offices. He achieved his aim of 50 years with The Volunteers before handing over as Honorary Colonel. Not for the first time. Gordon also states he was reminded that the Regimental tie should be tied left handed so that the stripes on the knot and on the tie are in the same order. Apparently we have Colonel Aymar Clayton to thank for this ruling, as it originated in his period of command of The Volunteers. The mind boggles - I suggest that we get Colonel Aymar to give a demonstration. The Volunteers are in very good spirit and exhibiting all their usual enthusiasm. Like all good regiments, they base their tradition on past struggles whilst adapting to present requirements.

CSM Bob and Mrs Cubitt have moved into Albuhera Close and are gradually settling down. Bob works at the adjacent Chase Farm Hospital so is able to walk to work. We wish them a long and happy occupation. Bob who served with 3 Commando during the Normandy landings attended the celebrations in June.

Captain Warwick Deacock who emigrated to Australia in 1955 is still exploring. In 1965 he established the Sydney based company Ausventure which specialises in exotic holidays with a touch of adventure. He is presently organising a trek across the northern Gibson Desert with 17 camels. In 1982 he traversed the Finke River and in 1983 crossed the Simpson Desert. Never a dull moment. All done on 'Fosters'?

Major John de Gaye has retired from the North Atlantic Treaty organisation in Brussels and taken up residence at Lagorce, France.

Ex Private John Edward Dorey (23318996) who did his National Service with D and HQ Companies of the 1st Bn in Cyprus 1956-58, has joined the Regimental Association. John was for a time Officers Mess waiter and then Bn Sports Storeman. He was also a Bn footballer and a member of the team that won the Dhekelia Garrison Major Units Cup. I see that Lt-Col Malcolm Gilham and Sgt Argent were also in the team. He lives at Rainham Kent and works at Whitstable as a Timber Yard Manager. He recently paid me a visit and we spent a very pleasant hour together.

Former Cpl Frank Herbert Ecott (14420805) has joined the Regimental Association. He volunteered for service in February 1943 and joined D Company 2/8th (1st Bn). He served until September 1947. He would like to hear from any of his old pals - D Company (Mortars) in particular. You can telephone him on Stow-on-the-Wold 30346.

WOI (RSM) John Frost, BEM, a former Diehard, is due to be commissioned at the end of June 1984, and will be posted to 2 Queens.

Captain Brian Alfred Graham, BEM, is now a member of the Regimental Association and is currently serving as Administration Officer with 19th Infantry Brigade Headquarters and Signal Squadron at Colchester. He enlisted on 19 March 1962 and served with 1st Bn (Bn HQ) 1962-66, 4 Queens (Bn HQ) 1967-69 and on disbandment of 4 Queens was posted to 3 Royal Anglian Regiment. He was commissioned in 1980.

Ex Cpl Edward Gwynne (14659179) who served with the 1/7th Bn, mostly D Company, from 1943-46 and then 1st Bn until transfer to the Reserve on 10 November 1947, has signed on again, this time with the Regimental Association. He is a Bank Manager.

A recent correspondent was Major Fred Griffiths who on retirement moved to West Yelland, Barnstaple, Devon. He reminds me that he enlisted on 15 May 1933, 51 years ago. Actually he is quite a young soldier. A recent mishap - parked the car in his drive, left the handbrake off, result a badly dented rear. I bet Ethel gave him a rollicking.

RQMS Percy and Rhoda Hale have now moved into Albuhera Close and as Secretary I have had the pleasure of paying them a number of visits. Percy is still very cheerful despite finding it very difficult to move around, even with his Zimmer frame. Rhoda does an admirable job looking after him. We wish them a long and happy occupation.

Ex Sgt John Horne (6212879) has joined the Regimental Association. He served with 14 Platoon D Company 1/7th Bn, from 18 April 1940 to 5 June 1946. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre Bronze Star. Presently employed as Head Hall Porter at the Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh.

Mrs. Aubrey Jacob, widow of Major M.A. Jacob, writes from Piltown, Kilkenny, to say that she is well and looking forward to the summer.

Former Private Edward Dennis Jones (14216067) has joined the Regimental Association. He enlisted on 16 July 1942 and served with 70th Young Soldiers Bn until May 1943 when he was posted to the 2/8th (1st Bn) serving until August 1947.

Major W.T.J. (Bill) Lane, recently went into hospital for a major operation and I am pleased to tell you that he is making a good recovery. He sends his regards to all Diehards.

Former Private Vic Manktelow (T/6096185) has joined the Regimental Association. He commenced his service with the Queens Royal Regiment at Guildford in May 1940 and was posted to the Middlesex Regiment in 1942. Unfortunately he sustained an injury to his right leg resulting in twelve months in hospital and transfer to the RASC in 1944. Now retired he works part time and is also Treasurer of the Gateway Hospital Broadcasting Service, Dover.

C/Sgt John Moyse, well known to all members of the 1st Bn has just retired from the Prison Service. He worked at Canterbury Prison. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Ex Private Charles Phillips (6212821) has joined the Regimental Association. He enlisted on 14 April 1940, serving until December 1945 with C and D Companies of the 2/8th (1st Bn).

Congratulations were sent on 27 April 1984 to Major (QM) W.H. (Bill) Pilley on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Bill lives in Germany.



Another new member is Ex Sgt James Robinson (6198310) who served from 22 February 1928 to 30 July 1937. He was with D Company 2nd Bn in Madras and Sudan and with C Company 1st Bn, Egypt, Palestine, Egypt and Singapore. He was Captain of the Bn rugby team, a good sprinter and did a bit of boxing. He now lives in Dagenham, Essex.

Ex Private Jack Rose (6209157) who served with C and D Companies 2/8th (1st Bn) has joined the Regimental Association. He is now retired and living at Heworth, York.

Former Private Henry Shepherd (6206678) who joined the T.A. in 1938 and served with HQ, A & Companies of the 2/7th Bn from 1939 to 1946, has joined the Regimental Association. He was the Commanding Officer's driver.

Cpl John Silk (24033485) who served from 1964 to 1970 has joined the Regimental Association. From October 1964 to April 1966 he served at the Home Counties Brigade and then with the Queen's Division until April 1970 when he purchased his discharge.

Our sincere congratulations to Major Dick and Dolly Smith on celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary on 27 June.

Ex Private Edwin George Stanley (22671581) has joined the Regimental Association. He enlisted on 17 June 1952 and joined A Company 1st Bn in 1953. He left the army on 16 June 1955 on completion of his 3 year engagement. Now works as a supervisor for British Railways.

Colonel Max Summers sincerely regrets that he was unable to attend the Albuhera Service of Remembrance at St Paul's Cathedral this year.

Former Sgt Arthur Bertram Sykes, BEM (6203560) has joined the Regimental Association. He enlisted as a boy soldier on 7 April 1937 and joined the Corps of Drums of the 2nd Bn serving until 7 June 1948. He was recalled to the Colours on 10 August 1950 and was posted to the 1st Bn The Gloucestershire Regiment and served with this unit in Korea.

A New recruit for the Regimental Association is former Cpl Norman George Tarrant (6198014) who enlisted on 12 September 1927. He served with A Company 1st Bn at Catterick, 2nd Bn Madras and Sudan and was then posted to A Company 1st Bn in Palestine. Service in Cairo and Moascar followed where he became an Officers Mess waiter until proceeding to UK in 1935 for transfer to the Army Reserve. On 1 September 1939 he rejoined the 2nd Bn and went to France. As a qualified nurse he transferred to the RAMC on 7 May 1940 with whom he served in the Middle East and Normandy. He was finally released with 16 Age and Service Group in 1945. He is now a funeral director. He is the elder brother of the late Captain Bob Tarrant.

A recent correspondent was Captain Walter Ward of the 1/7th Bn who is a mine of information.

Sgt Edwin James (Eddie) Walmsley (14887069) enlisted on 7 December 1944 and served until 26 February 1948, recently joined the Regimental Association. He was with B Company of the 1st Bn from 18 January 1945 serving with the demonstration platoon at the Netheravon Heavy Weapons Wing and School of Infantry, Warminster. He is now a builder and was one time Mayor of Newhaven.

D.W. Watson (6199513) was another correspondent whose CSM in B Company of the 1/7th was Sammy Platten. He is looking forward to visiting the Museum.

Lieut John Willmington has joined the Regimental Association. He served with the Middlesex and North West Army Cadet Force from May 1964 to September 1976 and is in possession of the Cadet Forces Medal. He is also a member of the Hounslow Branch.

Robert J. (Dusty) Wright (816754) who served with B Company 1st Bn in Hong Kong and Japan has had a spell in hospital and is slowly recovering. We wish him a speedy recovery. He tells me he was 68 on Albuhera Day. Dusty wrote the book "I was a Hell Camp Prisoner".

## OBITUARY

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

**ABBOTT** - On 12 January 1984, Sir Myles John Abbott, aged 77 years. Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant to the 9th Bn T.A. in 1933. Promoted Lieutenant 1936 and transferred to Army Reserve Officers 1936. Recalled for service in Hong Kong during 1941 and joined the 1st Bn. Was taken POW and released 1945.

Admitted Solicitor 1932, joined Colonial Legal Service 1935. Served Hong Kong, called to Bar 1940. President, High Court of Ethiopia 1946-49, Puisine Judge, Nigeria 1950-55, Judge of High Court, Lagos 1955-57. Federal Justice, federal Supreme Court Nigeria 1957-61, Knighted 1964. Chief Justice of Bermuda 1961-71. Sir Myles died in Bermuda where he had resided for over 20 years.

**ALLEN** - On 9 January 1984, Ex Sgt Frederick Charles Allen (6207464), aged 66 years. He joined the T.A. in the Spring of 1939. Served with B Company 2/7th Bn throughout the 1939-45 War and became Platoon Sgt of The Mortars at Anzio.

**BARE** - On 7 January 1984, Major Reginald George Bare, aged 83 years. Reggie Bare was commissioned into the Middlesex Regiment during 1940 and on completion of his training was posted to the 2nd Bn The Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment. The period from September 1942 until June 1944 was spent on training for the invasion. Major Bare was given command of D Company. The Bn embarked for Normandy on 8th June 1944. On 18 August 1944, Major Bare accompanied by his Commanding Officer, Lt-Col D.V.G. Brock were reconnoitring towards Lisieux for positions for the 4.2 inch Mortars in preparation for a further advance. Whilst they were at the approach to a blown bridge across the River Touques, Major Bare was fired upon by a sniper at 200 yards range and was severely wounded in the side, back and left arm. He was later evacuated to the U.K. where he spent 14 months in hospital. During this period of action he was awarded the Croix De Guerre Gilt Star and was also 'Mentioned in Despatches'. He was released from active military duty on 5 October 1945.

The following is an extract from the 'History of the Kensington Regiment':  
"In him the Company lost a gallant and popular commander who had done sterling work in the formation and training of the company, as well as in these early stages of the campaign, and who richly deserved the Croix De Guerre subsequently awarded to him."

**CARLESS** - On 11 January 1984, Captain Thomas Frederick Gordon Carless, MC, aged 86 years. Gordon Carless attended the University College School (Gowers) 1909-14 and obtained O.T.C. 'A' Certificate which qualified for consideration for a commission. Just after 5 August 1914, although not yet 17 years of age, he contacted the Adjutant 5th Middlesex Regiment at Mill Hill and applied for a commission. The forms were quickly completed and approved. He was instructed to report to the 5th Middlesex at Gravesend, on 9th October, his 17th birthday. However his commission was dated 15 August 1914 when he was but 16 years and 10 months old. This must be a record. On Christmas Day he crossed to France and was attached to the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. Some of his platoon were veterans of the Boer War. In April 1915 he was invalided home and he eventually returned to France to join the 1st Middlesex a year later. On 22 August 1916 he was wounded on the Somme near High Wood and evacuated to U.K. and joined the 5th Middlesex at Chatham. Promoted Captain on 1 January 1917. On 18 February 1917 he was posted to the 17th (Footballers) Bn Middlesex in France. He remained with them (as Adjutant from August) until February 1918 when the 17th were disbanded. Leave in U.K. followed. April 1919 saw him posted to 1/18th London Regiment (London Irish Rifles) as Adjutant. This was followed by demobilisation on 8 July 1919. He was awarded the Military Cross on 10 October 1918.



Two years at University followed his war service where he achieved a degree. He joined the Sudan Political Service and was duly accepted. In 1939 he was due to return to the U.K. but was retained for the duration of the war. He was then Assistant Controller General of the War Supplies Department in Khartoum. Eventually he returned to the U.K. and was employed in the War Graves Commission until final retirement. Gordon Carless was the brother-in-law of the late Lt-Col Graham Fox.

**CHILCOTT** – On 20 March 1984, Ex Private William Roger Chilcott (573654), aged 87 years. He joined the 9th Bn at Pound Lane Drill Hall, Willesden, in May 1915 and served with them in France until he was medically discharged during November 1917.

**CHURCH** – On 19 June 1983, Ex Private Alfred William Church, aged 87 years. Served with the 9th Bn during 1914-18 Great War.

**DAVIES** – On 18 April 1982, Major Noel Vivian Drury Davies, aged 70 years. Prior to the Second World War he served with the Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment and held the rank of C/Sgt. At the outbreak of the Second World War he was commissioned and posted to the 2nd Bn Middlesex Regiment joining them in February 1940 and serving until March 1942. He was with D Company.

**DOWELL** – On 26 March 1984, Ex L/Cpl Frank Charles (Bomber) Dowell (6199042), aged 72 years. Bomber Dowell joined the regiment on 6 January 1931 and after training joined the 1st Bn in Palestine on 22 December 1931. This was followed by service in Egypt 1933/36, Singapore 1936/37 and three months in Hong Kong. He was transferred to the Army Reserve on 15 February 1938. A very good boxer who competed at Welter weight. He was a member of the 1st Bn Boxing team which won the Egyptian Command Team Championship 1935/36. He gave a lot of pleasure to members of the Bn in the boxing ring. At that time Lieut A.E.F. Peal was the Boxing Officer and L/Cpl Ellis and Private Drake were in the team. He was recalled from the Reserve on 1 September and went to France with the 2nd Bn on 29 September, returning via Dunkirk on 31 May 1940. A period of home service followed and then to North West Europe on 7 August 1944. He was invalided to U.K. on 26 November 1944 having been wounded three times and finally medically discharged on 28 March 1945 with a war disability pension. Regretfully the last ten years of his life have been dominated by illness.

**FAWCETT** – on 2 June 1980, Ex Sgt Harry Fawcett (6202913), aged 61 years. The death of Harry Fawcett has just been brought to the notice of the Regimental Association. He enlisted in 1937 and joined the 1st Bn in Hong Kong during 1938. He was taken POW in 1941 and released in 1945. He served until 1950 when he was medically discharged. He suffered continual ill health for the rest of his life. Harry was a member of 1st Bn Boxing team, competing at Middleweight.

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL GRAHAM LAIDLAW FOX, TD, DL.**

Graham Fox died on 24 January 1984, aged 87, and the Regiment lost one of its most enthusiastic members who over many years had been closely involved in almost every aspect of the Regimental Association.

The younger of two brothers, Graham went to University College School in 1909 where he showed great promise, particularly at games and gaining school colours at both rugby and cricket. For family reasons he left school early in 1913 and the following year enlisted in the Artists Rifles. It was not long before his potential was recognised and in 1915 he was commissioned into the 9th Bn The Middlesex Regiment and drafted to India, serving in Dinapore, Barrackpore and Rawalpindi. The Bn then moved to Mesopotamia in November 1917 to deal with the Iraq rebellion and shortly afterwards Graham became Signal Officer to 55 Indian Infantry Brigade. His service in India and later in the Middle East made a great impression on him and he was tempted and almost accepted an offer of a regular commission. He was Mentioned in Despatches for operations in Southern Kurdistan in 1919 – the official certificate being signed by Winston Churchill, then Secretary of State for War.

Graham returned to UK for demobilisation in 1920 and became articulated to a firm of chartered accountants with whom he spent two years and during which time he himself became qualified. In 1930 he founded his own firm of Fox and Hoare with offices first in Manchester Square and later in the City, to which he moved in 1939. However during all this time he always retained his close interest in the Regiment and its affairs, having rejoined the 9th Bn when it was reconstituted as a T.A. unit. He was promoted Captain in 1922, then Major in 1930 and appointed to command in 1937 which he did till 1941. He was awarded the Territorial Decoration in 1936 and

subsequently granted three clasps to the Decoration, a rare distinction which indicated at least thirty years service in the TA.

Post-war he resumed his professional accountancy career in the City but continued his interest and involvement in Regimental affairs. He served on the Executive Committee of the Regimental Association for many years and was its Chairman for ten years. He managed the investments with great skill and his advice, particularly on financial matters, was of great value. He was closely concerned in almost every project undertaken by the Regimental Association, in particular the financing of the Albuhera Close Memorial Homes at Enfield and the setting-up of the successful public appeal which financed the Regimental Chapel in St Paul's Cathedral; for which his name will always be associated. He was also involved in the appeal for funds for the Regimental Museum and in the negotiations with the Charity Commissioners for up-dating the various regimental trusts.

In 1941 his London home was badly damaged in an air raid and the family moved to Dane Hill in Sussex. The loss of his wife Margaret, who died in 1967 after forty one years of happy married life, was a great blow which he bore with characteristic courage. Although Graham suffered from arthritis for a long time and had operations on both hips, he refused to give in to his infirmity and retained his delightful sense of humour. There was always a chuckle over something in his conversation.

He became a Deputy Lieutenant in 1951 for his services to the County of Middlesex. He also gave much of his time to the affairs of his Parish Church at Dane Hill, and served in London on the Board of Governors of his old school for many years.

The large Regimental representation at the Memorial Service in Dane Hill Parish Church on 4th February consisted of Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, President of the Old Comrades Association, and Mrs Chattey, Maj-Gen Sir John Willoughby, Brig and Mrs B.A.M. Pielow, Col and Mrs A.S.J. de S. Clayton, Col and Mrs W.D. Ellis, Col I.R. Burrows, Lt-Col G.C.D. Scott-Lowe, Lt-Col J.R.B. Worton, Lt-Col and Mrs C.N. Clayden, Major L.A. Baker and his aunt, Miss Sampson, Major A.M.H. Jones, Major C.H. Mieville, Major F.J. Millard, Lt-Col J.T. Dear, Major and Mrs A.E.F. Waldron, Mrs M. Crawford and her son, Mrs J. Sherwood, Mrs M. Neal, Mrs J. Bower.

To his sons, Geoffrey and Murray, and to his sister Kathleen we send our deep sympathy in their sad loss. Murray has now succeeded his father in the family firm, and also has undertaken the management of the Association's investments and audit of accounts.

Always ready to help anyone in need, Graham was respected and greatly admired by so many, and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. But most particularly by the Old Comrades of the Middlesex Regiment who held him in such high regard and to whom he was someone very special.

**GIRLING** – On 15 March 1981, S/Sgt Edward Girling (REME), aged 62 years.

Ted Girling was permanently attached to the 1st Bn as Armourer from 1957 to 1964. He will be well remembered by all members as a loyal and dedicated member of the Quartermaster's department. He never failed to obtain for the Bn an 'Excellent' annual arms report. Regretfully as Secretary I only learned of his death when speaking to members of the REME who were holding their annual reunion at the Victory Club on the same night as the Regimental Association. I have since spoken to his widow.

**HAMLIN** – On 22 November 1983, Ex Drum Major William Hamlin (6197303 and 22550446), aged 72 years.

Wag Hamlin enlisted into the regiment as a Boy soldier on 2 June 1926 serving with the 2nd Bn until 1940. This was followed by service with – 70th Bn and 1 PLK 1941-43, 1 Hants 1944-45, 1 PLK 1945-46, Depot and 2nd Bn 1947-48. He was discharged on 6 May 1949. He re-enlisted into the Royal Warwickshire Regiment on 2 March 1957, serving in Cyprus and Singapore. During this time he was appointed Drum Major. He was discharged at his own request on 30 June 1963.

**HILLIER** – On 14 May 1984, Ex Private James Hillier (No. 275), aged 100 years.

Jim Hillier served with the 17th Footballers Bn in 1915-16. He died in the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond. As Secretary of the Regimental Association I had the pleasure of attending his centenary birthday party on 2nd December 1983. He was a grand old man and proudly wore his regimental tie. After his service in the First World War he became a postman.

**HOLLOWAY** – on 26 September 1983, Ex Private Stanley S. Holloway, aged 83 years.



'Steamship' Holloway served with the 2nd and 3rd London Regiments (R Fus) 1917-18, York and Lancaster Regiment 1918-20, 8 Middlesex (DF) 1921 and the 2nd Middlesex Home Guard 1939-45.

**HUMPHRIES** - On 16 January 1984, Ex WO2 A.W.E. (Pop) Humphries, aged 80 years.  
He joined the Princess Louise Kensington Regiment in 1923 and became a member of B Company. He saw action in France in 1940 and on his return was promoted CSM of A Company. He was unfortunately severely burned when a petrol cooker exploded and spent over a year in hospital recovering from his injuries. On returning to duty he joined the 2nd Battalion and served in Iceland. He was a member of the Central Branch of our Regimental Association for many years.

**HYNSON** - On 15 April 1984, Ex WO2 Stanley Hynson (ACC).  
Stan Hynson will be well remembered by members of the 1st Bn in the 1960's. Captain T. McMillan very kindly represented the Regimental Association at his funeral on 24 April.

**KERLEY** - On 13 April 1984, Ex Private Norman W.N. Kerley (6205851), aged 62 years.  
He served with the 2/7th Bn during the 1939-45 War.

**LEVY** - On 11 June 1984, Ex Private Lewis Levy (10849), aged 93 years.  
He served with the 21st Bn during the 1914-18 Great War.

**McKEW** - On 7 April 1984, Reverend Joseph Henry KcKew, CBE, MC, MA, R.A.Ch.D., aged 97 years.  
He was Padre to the 2nd Battalion, stationed in Singapore, during the period 1922 and 1923.

**MEADOWS** - On 11 June 1984, Ex Private Samuel John Meadows (6196067), aged 78 years.  
Jack Meadows enlisted on 7 February 1924 and joined the 9th Battalion T.A. and was posted to D Company, serving until 6 February 1928. He rejoined on 8 January 1938 and once again was posted to D Company. He remained with the 9th until transferred to 72 Searchlight Regiment R.A. during August 1941, this was followed by posting to the 66 Searchlight Regiment and demobilisation at the end of 1945. He was always very proud indeed that he served with D Company then commanded by the late Lt-Col Graham Fox. He was a very loyal Diehard who regularly attended the 9th Bn Dinner/Luncheons.

**MOLD** - On 12 April 1984, Ex Private Victor Donald Mold, aged 81 years.  
He served with the 1/7th Bn 1939-45. He was a member of the Hornsey Branch, membership No. 113, in 1946. No other details available.

**OWEN-HUGHES** - On 14 April 1984, Colonel Harry Owen-Hughes, OBE, aged 83 years.  
A well known member of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) and a friend of the 1st Battalion, both pre-war and post-war. Colonel Aymar Clayton very kindly attended the Memorial Service on behalf of the Regimental Association.

**PALETHROP** - On 4 March 1984, Ex L/Cpl Glen Horace Palethorpe (265252), aged 87 years.  
He served with the 1/9th Bn 1914-18, serving in India and Mesopotamia. On leaving the army he joined H.M. Prison Service retiring in 1962.

**PEGRAM** - On 14 May 1984, Ex Private George Pegram (G43205), aged 87 years.  
George served in the 1914-18 war with the 13th Battalion and became the Secretary of the Old Comrades Association, at one time he was also treasurer. He never gave up the job and saw all his members off, except for one, Mr A.E. Freeburne. His old comrades were very important to him. Regretfully his last few years have been spent in hospital and a nursing home but his daughter always kept in touch and in the end, I feel sure, became a converted Diehard.

**PETERS** - On 10 February 1984, Ex Private William G. (Joe) Peters (6196359), aged 75 years.  
Regretfully I have not been able to obtain details of his service.

**POLLECOFF** - On 11 January 1984, Captain Bernard B. Pollecoff, aged 52 years.  
Bernard Pollecoff served with the 7th Bn and the 5th Bn T.A. in the early 1960's. He was 2IC of C Company and later A Company. Captain Spencer Richards attended the Memorial Service held on 23 January. Regretfully he had been ill for many years but kept this fact to himself being determined to fight to the end.

**RISELEY** - On 11 March 1984, Captain John Ronald Clive Riseley (6198006) and P/288269, aged 72 years.  
Jack Riseley enlisted as a boy soldier on 1 September 1927, joining the Band of the 2nd Battalion. He continued to serve in the Band for the next 16 years and reached the rank of Sgt. On 30 July 1943 he was granted an Emergency Commission and posted to the 1st Reserve Battalion. On 31 October he joined the 8th Bn and this was followed by posting on 25 July 1944 to the 26 M.G.T.C.

where he remained until taking his discharge on 6 January 1946. Captain Riseley was with the 2nd Bn in France from September 1939 to June 1940. He was a fine sportsman excelling at soccer, cricket and athletics. A very staunch member of the Regimental Association.

**TARRANT** - On 1 February 1984, Captain Robert John Tarrant (6200112 and 439334), aged 70 years (the day before his 71st birthday).

Bob Tarrant enlisted into the regiment on 8 April 1931 and on completion of his recruit training joined the 1st Bn in Palestine. This was followed by service in Egypt, Singapore and Hong Kong. He returned to UK on completion of 7 years service and was transferred to the Army Reserve on 7 August 1938. On 9 September 1939 he was recalled from the Reserve and spent the next seven and half years at the Depot and 26 M.G.T.C. On 16 June 1947 he was drafted to the 2nd Bn then in Palestine returning to the UK on 3 June 1948. During this time the amalgamation of the 1st and 2nd Bns was taking place. Bob found himself posted as C.S.M. to A Company of the 1st Bn and moved with them to Hong Kong on 15 June 1949. He proceeded with the Bn to Korea on 25 August 1950 returning to Hong Kong on 11 December 1950. Bob returned to UK with the Bn on 1 December 1952 and for the next 3 months was stationed at Warley Barracks. In early 1953 he was promoted WO1 (RSM) replacing RSM Weller who had been granted a regular Quartermaster Commission. On 14 March 1953 RSM Tarrant moved with the 1st Bn to Austria and one of his first jobs was to prepare the Battalion for the presentation of New Colours. This took place on 27 September 1953 and was a great success. The C.I.G.S. Field Marshall Harding wrote to the Commanding Officer following the parade and stated "I was most impressed by your drill and marching, by your turnout and steadiness on parade". All due to the tireless work of RSM Tarrant. On 5 December 1954 Bob bid the Bn farewell returning to the U.K. for commissioning. He had been granted a short service commission and posted to Malaya for service with the Malay Forces. He finally retired in 1969.

Bob Tarrant was a very good sportsman and represented the Bn at Athletics, Swimming, Water Polo and Hockey. In later life he took up golf and was a regular competitor at all Regimental Golf Meetings.

He was in possession of the following medals - Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-45, General Service Medal with clasp Palestine, Mentioned in Despatches, Korea Medal, United Nations Medal, with clasp Korea, Coronation Medal 1952, Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Service Medal.

The funeral took place at Chichester Crematorium and many members of the regiment attended. Mrs Doris Tarrant has asked me to thank everyone for attending the funeral and also for the numerous letters that she received and to say how much she appreciated their sympathy.

**VALENTINE** - On 5 March 1984, Captain Robert Keith Valentine (PS1217), aged 81 years.  
Captain Valentine joined the 16th (Public Schools) Battalion during November 1914. At that time the Bn was commanded by Lt-Col J.H. Hall. He was wounded in November 1916 but owing to his medical category was transferred to a Labour Corps and never rejoined the 16th. After the First World War he joined a business firm in Hong Kong. He became a member of the Hong Kong Defence Corps and as a Company Commander was very closely associated with the 1st Battalion during the Battle of Hong Kong. He became a P.O.W. and was well known to many members of the regiment. He was a member of the Officers Club and the Regimental Association.

**WILTON** - On 28 February 1984, Ex Private Albert Edward Wilton (3399), aged 87 years.  
He served from 6 May 1914 until 16 May 1920 serving with the 16th (Public Schools) Bn. Albert Wilton was admitted to the Royal Star and Garter Home on 10 May 1983 and in residence at the time of his death.

## BOOK - DIEHARDS IN KOREA

Complimentary copies of the 'Diehards in Korea' have been presented to the following:-

- Imperial War Museum.
- National Army Museum.
- Army Museums Ogilby Trust.
- Ministry of Defence Whitehall Library.
- RHQ The Queen's Regiment (two copies).
- 16th Field Regiment Royal New Zealand Artillery.



### THE ROYAL HOSPITAL, CHELSEA

To be eligible for admission as an In Pensioner, a candidate must be:-

- a. in receipt of a Service or Disability Pension awarded for Military Service, or of the Victoria Cross or George Cross Annuity awarded in respect of bravery while serving in the British Army.
- b. of good character
- c. normally at least 65 years of age; exceptionally, a candidate may be admitted between 55 and 65 if through disability he cannot earn his own living and receives a pension for an Army disability
- d. able to look after himself - that is, to wash, shave and dress himself, attend for meals in the Great Hall and walk around without assistance
- e. free from the obligation to support a wife or children
- f. passed medically fit for admission.

In addition, a man of good character drawing Service Retired Pay who had at least 12 years' full time service in the ranks of the British Army over the age of 18 may be eligible for admission after attaining the age of 65.

A form of application for admission to In-Pension may be obtained from The Secretary, Room 6, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London, SW3 4SL.

### REGIMENTAL GOODS

The following regimental goods are available for purchase. These can be obtained by writing to the Secretary, Major A.E.F. Waldron, MBE, Lynsore Bungalow, Upper Hardres, Canterbury, Kent CT4 6EE. Cheques should be made payable to the Middlesex Regimental Association. Postage and packing is included in the price.

Badges Blazer, Middlesex	£ 5.00 each
Ice Buckets, miniature side drum with regimental emblazon	£11.00 each
Glass, Whisky tumbler engraved Middlesex Regiment badge	£ 4.50 each
Ties Regtl Old pattern Terylene (Maroon and Old Gold)	£ 1.75 each
Ties Regtl New Pattern Terylene	£ 1.75 each
Ties, Officers Club Silk	£ 3.50 each
Wall Plaques, Middlesex	£11.00 each
History 'Diehards in Korea'	£ 5.00 each
Famous Regiments Series - The Middlesex Regiment by Gregory Blaxland	£ 3.00 each



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