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*Picture by Robin Humphreys, honorary photographer
to the Royal British Legion Hornsey branch.*

March Past by B (Middlesex) Company 6/7th Bn The Queen's Regiment TA,
at the 7th Bn The Middlesex Regiment TA Rededication Service
- Brig. B.A.M. Pielow taking the Salute.

Mr E J Bermingham
Mr E C Colebeck
Mr G Young
Major A E F Waldron MBE

Secretary.

Col I D Brotherton is also Chairman of the Housing Committee and Lt-Col G L Fox Chairman of the Finance Committee.

BENEVOLENT CASES

During the period 1 January to 30 June 1983 the sum of £2635.25 was spent on assisting 40 members of the Regiment.

ALBUHERA SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The annual Service of Remembrance was held in the Regimental Memorial Chapel in St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday 14 May 1983. The Service was conducted by the Rev W.E.B. Jones, MA, former Chaplain to the 1st Bn in Korea. He was assisted by the St Paul's Clergy.

Once again the Service was splendidly supported and every seat was occupied with an overflow occupying the adjoining seats around our Chapel.

Despite a liaison visit in April by Lt-Col T W Chattey to the St Paul's authorities and the presence of a leading member of the staff the sound relay system commenced for a short period and then failed. This is most regrettable and we have again been assured that even more effort will be made to improve the sound system. Please bear with us and do come next year.

ANNUAL REUNION

The Annual Reunion took place on Saturday 14 May 1983, in the Carisbrooke Hall at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London W2. This was our first visit to the Club and without doubt was a great success. Over 250 members attended. It was very pleasing indeed to see a party of Diehard members of the Queen's Regiment present. They had travelled from Northern Ireland and were a great boost to the proceedings.

During the evening a fish and chip supper, with roll and butter, together with coffee was served. This was another success and was served hot and attractively.

The Disco Band worked hard but was much too loud, a point we must rectify next year.

To assist those who wish to stay the night temporary membership accommodation was arranged and 15 beds were reserved - 6 twin and 3 singles. The cost was £10 per person. This is an asset and was used by our members.

The Carisbrooke Hall is attractively furnished, very clean with all the supporting facilities, cloakrooms, etc. The nearest Underground Station is Marble Arch, two minutes walking distance from the Club.

The Annual General Meeting was held during the evening. Brigadier B.A.M. Pielow took the Chair for the first time - 20 members were present. During the meeting the Accounts for 1982 were discussed and passed unanimously. Brig Pielow outlined the affairs of the Association together with future activities. The meeting then closed.

DONATIONS TO THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE FUND

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

- (a) Cheque for £25 from the 1/7th Bn (1939-45) Dinner Club.
- (b) From the following members: Mr D.E. Bailey, Lt A.E. Brett, Mr A.J. Briggs, Mrs W A. Brust, Mr C. Burgess, Capt T.F.G. Carless, Lt-Col S.F. Caulfield-Kerney, Col A.S.J. de S. Clayton, (in memory of Major R.J.P. Cummins), Mr A G.W. Cooper, Major A.R. Cooper, Mr B.A. Crawley, Mr R.H. Gilbertson, Mr A.C. Gill, Mr G.A. Hooker, Mr J.M. Mannering, Mr H.S. Molloy, Col D.C.L. Nolda, Mr K. Partridge, Mr J. Pullen, Major C.E.E. Scott, Mr A.E. Tuthill, Major M. Wild.

DONATIONS BY THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

The following donations have been made by the Regimental Association:

- (a) The sum of £25.00 to the Australian Bush Fire Relief Fund in view of the Regiments long and historical connection with Australia.
- (b) The sum of £25.00 to assist with the maintenance of the 15th Scottish Divisional Memorial at Tourville in France. The 2/8th Bn (resuscitated 1st Bn) were part of the 15th Scottish Division.
- (c) The sum of £100.00 to the Middlesex and North West Sector Army Cadet Force.

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 S. Bartle, Mr D.S. Bartrick, Col I.H. Battye, Mr E.J. Bermingham, Major F.H. Blackburn, Mr C.C. Bradish, Lt A.E. Brett, Mr A.J. Briggs, Mr C. Burgess, Mr F. Cairns, Mr A.G.W. Cooper, Major A.R. Cooper, Mr S.C. Diamond, Mr F.J. Dickinson, Mr R.H. Gilbertson, Mr A.C. Gill, Mr C.D. Goddard, Lt E.C. Graham, Lt J.H. Hedgely, Mr G.C. Higgins, Mr L.E. Howell, Mr S. Hurlock, Major R.J. Jenkins, Lt-Col H.P. Lambert, Mr S. Lloyd, Mr J.M. Mannering, Mr J.C. Morgan, Mrs E.E. Newman, Col D.C.L. Nolda, Mr K. Partridge, Major A.W.F. Peal, Mr F.C. Penman, Mr G. Pocock, Mr M.C. Quinn, Major C.E.E. Scott, Lt-Col E.P. Shanks, Mr E.J. Soden, Mr H.F. Stilwell, Major C.W. Summers, Mr K.V. Sutton, Mr R.H. Taylor (2/7th), Mr W.B. Ure, Mr D.P. Weller, Mrs Rose Weller, Major M. Wild.

7th BN THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DCO) TA

On Sunday 1 May 1983 a Service of Thanksgiving for the Restoration and Rededication of the War Memorial Chapel of the 1/7th and 2/7th Bns The Middlesex Regiment (DCO) TA was held at the Parish Church of St Mary and St George, Muswell Hill.

The Chapel replaces the one originally dedicated in the 1920s, after the First World War, in the old church of St Mary, Hornsey, which church has since been demolished, and the parish combined with St George. The Chapel is in the North Aisle of the church, and is thus very much visible and in the centre of all their activities. The Colours of the 7th Bn at Laid-up in the Chapel, as is the King's Colour of the 25th Bn The Middlesex Regiment, a First World War battalion, 1915-1919, and which was largely recruited in that part of Middlesex.

The Altar and Reredos from the old Chapel have been regilded and painted and are now the centre feature of the Chapel, and the various plaques are refixed on the walls; the Book of Remembrance with the names of The Fallen of the 1/7th and 2/7th Bns of the 39/45 War rests on the altar. The Regimental Association has presented a plaque naming the Chapel and recording its move from St Mary's and the Rededication date.

A short, but very impressive, service was conducted by the Rector of Hornsey, the Rev Geoffrey Seabrook, assisted by his Curate.

After the Welcome and opening hymn, Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, OBE, read the Lesson, and then a Procession of the clergy, church warden and Lt-Cols Chattey and Simpson moved to the Chapel for the actual Dedication by the Rector, followed by Lt-Col Simpson saying the famous lines "They shall grow not old", a short Silence, and the Collects of the Middlesex Regiment and the Queen's Regiment, read by the curate.

The Service concluded with another hymn, "I vow to thee my Country", prayers, and the National Anthem.

We were honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of the London Borough of Haringey, Councillor and Mrs Bullard.

Among those present were Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, OBE, President of the Middlesex Regimental Association, Brigadier B.A.M. Pielow, Chairman of the Regimental Association Executive Committee and also representing the Colonel of The Queen's Regiment, Major A.J. Hughes, MC, TD, DL, Chairman 1/7th Middlesex 1939-45 Dinner Club, Lt-Col D.E. Simpson, TD, last Commanding Officer of the 7th Bn and Chairman of the Chapel Restoration Committee, Brig B.B. Rackham, CBE, MC, DL, Colonel

A.M. Man, DSO OBE, Colonel W.D. Ellis, OBE, TD, DL, – all previous C.O.'s of the 7th Bn, Colonel D.R.W. Thomas, MBE, Lt-Col G.C.D. Scott-Lowe, TD, Lt-Col J.R.G. Putman, TD, Commanding Officer 6/7th Bn The Queen's Regiment TA, our successor unit, and a number of other ex members of the 7th Bn of all ranks.

A marching party of B Company, 6/7th Bn The Queen's Regiment, under the command of Major P.I. Roberts, attended, and we were particularly pleased that a large number of members of the Church congregation were present. We were delighted to see them and it made us feel that the Chapel is really a part of the Parish.

Following the Service there was a March Past by the serving TA, with the Salute being taken by the Mayor and Brig B.A.M. Pielow, accompanied by the Rector; regrettably the rather poor weather deterred the Old Comrades from joining the march.

Afterwards, everyone returned to Hornsey Drill Hall where B Company kindly provided refreshments, and many a yarn was swapped over a pint of ale, or other beverage.

So ended a memorable occasion in the history of the old 7th, and one which we hope will cement the ties between the new parish and the old Battalion.

Much of the cost of the restoration has been covered by a War Memorial Fund set-up by Lt-Col Simpson before the amalgamation of the 7th Bn with the 8th and 9th in 1961, and since managed successfully by Lt-Col J.D. Gunnell, TD, Chairman of the 7th Bn Officers Dinner Club, to whom our thanks are due; he, regrettably, was unable to be present at the Service.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) ASSOCIATION – UNITED KINGDOM BRANCH

The Association held their annual dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, London W1, on Friday 20 May 1983.

The following members of the Middlesex Regimental Association attended:

Lt-Col T.W. Chattey (Guest), Major W.J.T. Lane and Major A.E.F. Waldron.

1/7TH BN (1939-45) DINNER CLUB

Our Annual Dinner was once again held in the Officers Mess at Hornsey by kind permission of the Officer Commanding B (Middlesex) Company of 6/7th Bn The Queen's Regiment. The Dinner took place on Saturday 30 April 1983 and as usual was a great success due to the very hard work of Blanco White and the ever ebullient Eddie Johnson. It was a great joy to see so many old friends again on this our 21st dinner.

After Dinner a presentation was made to our beloved leader, Brig B.B. Rackham, CBE, MC, DL, who retired from the Chair he has occupied since our first Dinner. The presentation was a framed picture of Lt-Col Thomas Graham Egerton who commanded the 77th Regiment from December 1850 until April 1855 when he was killed in the attack on the Quarries before Sebastopol. The inscription on the picture read 'Presented by all ranks of the 1/7th Bn The Middlesex Regiment (DCO) to our much loved and respected Commanding Officer Brigadier B.B. Rackham, CBE, MC, DL'. He also received a gift of a leather handbag for his dear wife in appreciation of the way she has looked after him for us. Brigadier Rackham will remain as President.

We are extremely lucky to have as our new Chairman another favourite, Major Tiggett Hughes who was one of the original Territorial Officers with us throughout 1939-45, and who (I understand from "Rocky") is not now "Taking in Washing"!! As you will no doubt guess I have been staying in Honiton with Rocky since the dinner and he was obviously so disappointed at being absent through being hospitalised and especially at being unable to see you all, and make the presentation, I am happy to say that he is out and recovering very well and has had me standing to attention relating a full account of all that took place at the dinner.

He was very pleased to receive our 'get well' card signed by us all and sends his thanks.

It was great to see you all again, but our numbers are not as good as they could be and I sincerely hope more of you will back up our committee and attend next year.

Looking forward to seeing you all – God Bless.

Les Hosslen

OFFICERS' CLUB DINNER

The Officers' Club Dinner was held at the Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, London W1, on Friday 13 May 1983.

In accordance with our usual custom widows and nearest relatives of former officers were invited as guests and the following attended.

Mrs Molly Bower and Miss Jean Bower, widow and daughter of Major G.A.H. Bower, Mrs M. Crawford widow of Col M. Crawford, Mrs D. Pike widow of Major J.I.D. Pike, Mrs C. Pollard widow of Lt-Col J.S.B. Pollard.

Lt-Col T.W. Chattey and Mrs Chattey, Brig B.A.M. Pielow and Mrs Pielow, Brig B.H. Marciandi, Brig D.B. Rendell and Mrs Rendell, 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 H.J.A. Moore, Col A.R. Waller, Lt-Col C.N. Clayden and Mrs Clayden, Lt-Col G.L. Fox, Lt-Col J.M. Hewson and Mrs Hewson, Lt-Col R.D. Hutchings and Mrs Hutchings, Major M.J. Beaumont, Major F.J. Bennett and Mrs Bennett, Major B.A. Carlston and Mrs Carlston, Major R.A.J. Cheffins, Major J.G. Chiverall and Mrs J. Batchelor, Capt R.N. Colbourne, Major P. Collins and Mrs Collins, Major H.E. Couch and Mrs Couch, Capt M.J.S. Doran and Mrs Doran, Major D.M. Falcke and Mrs Falcke, Capt J.S.C. Flavell, Major S.L.J. Henshaw and Mrs Henshaw, Major C.L. Lawrence and Mrs Lawrence, Major A.E. McManus, Major R.E.B. Morris and Mrs Morris, Major E.J. Naish and Mrs Naish, Capt P.J.A. Pielow and Mr Pielow, Major R.W.J. Smith and Mrs Smith, Major A.E.F. Waldron and Mrs Waldron.

9TH BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DCO) T.A.

OFFICERS'S TRIENNIAL REUNION DINNER

The Triennial Dinner took place on Friday 8 October 1982 at the Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, London W1. Lt-Col G.L. Fox was in the Chair and the guests attending were – Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, Major R.W.J. Smith and Major A.E.F. Waldron.

The following members attended: Maj Gen B.P. Hughes, Lt-Col G.L. Fox, Major P. Blair, Major D.A. Bond, Wing Comd P.J. Cundy, Dr. B.T. Davis, Lt-Col J.T. Dear, Lt-Col D.E. Dowlen, Lt-Col J.R. Doyle, Lt-Col A.G.B. Drabble, Major H.H. Grey, Lt-Col H.G. Hansen, Major H.J. Hesketh, Capt L.G. Holgate, Capt P.W.S. Hodge, Capt E. Howkins, Major A.M.H. Jones, Major D.V. Littlejohn, Major F.J. Millard, Major L.F.E. Nichols, Lt G. Reeson, His Honour Judge John Slack, Major D.C. Tomlins, Capt F.H. Tyler, Capt R. Wheatley.

A short informal speech was made by Col Fox. The evening was much enjoyed and the same numbers attended as were present at the last Dinner.

The Editor apologises for omitting this report from the last issue of the Diehards Newsletter.

51ST HIGHLAND DIVISION ANNUAL DINNER

The 80th Reunion Dinner of the 51st Highland Division Dinner Club was held at the Army and Navy Club on Friday 4 March 1983, in the presence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

The following members of the 1/7th Battalion attended – Major A.J. Hughes, Major M.F. Pearson, Major H.N. Wigan and Major A.B. Carter.

2/10TH BN THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OCA – 1914-18

The 55th Reunion Luncheon was held at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London W2, on Saturday 7 May 1983. Although the numbers present – 15 – showed a substantial fall due entirely to age and travel difficulties, the gathering, under the Chairmanship of Mr A.D. Scudamore, President of the 2/10th OCA, was a most worthwhile occasion and was enjoyed by all.

For the record, those present were:

Guests/Honorary Members – Col Aymar Clayton, former President of the Regimental Association; Major Frank Waldron, Secretary; Major Dick Smith, Curator Regimental Museum; Reverend Patrick Tuft, Vicar of Chiswick and Honorary Chaplain to the 2/10th OCA and the Reverend G.A. Lewis Lloyd, former Vicar of Chiswick.

Honorary Members present – Capt D.A. Hawkins and Mr R. Fordham.

Friends of the 2/10th – Mr D. Woodbridge and Mr J. Rawes ex Scots Guards.

Former members of the 2/10th Bn – Mr A.D. Scudamore, President, Major C.V. Sharman, Messrs A.J. Dean, E. Newman, A.L. Surfleet and C.A. Rush.

We greatly missed the customary presence of Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, President of the Regimental Association who was unavoidably prevented from attending.

The OCA was formed in 1920 – 63 years ago and, although our numbers have sadly but inevitably diminished, the 'Spirit of the 2/10th' remains as constant as ever. We aim to attain our 70th anniversary – at least!

Our customary Remembrance Service will be held at St Nicholas Church Chiswick, at 3 p.m. on Sunday 13 November 1983, where the Battalion's Colour is deposited and our Memorial, including the Roll of Honour, is erected. All Members and 'Friends of the 2/10th' (the support of the latter has boosted our attendance to approximately 150/200 in recent years) will be most welcome. Enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary at Cleveland, Byes Lane, Sidford, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 9QX. Details of the Service and of the proposed 56th Reunion Luncheon to be held in May 1984 will be circulated in due course.

It is with deepest regret we have to record the deaths of the following Old Comrades since our last Reunion: R.J. Beale; A.E. Chapman; G. Cousins; G. Needham; G.G. Parr Head; and A.H. Williams.

A.D.S.

DEPOT THE QUEEN'S DIVISION

Unfortunately I was on duty over the Albuhera weekend and could not attend the reunion, etc. However, here at Basingbourn on Monday 16 May we celebrated in traditional style. At lunch time all ranks of the Queen's Regiment on the staff of the depot gathered together in the new Junior Ranks Club. In the evening all the Queen's Regiment officers and senior ranks assembled in the Sergeants Mess for the Silent Toast, followed by dinner. Diehards present on this occasion were Major Peter Gybbon-Monypenny, C/Sgt Roger Furlotte, Sgt Billy Butler, Sgt Christopher Hull and myself.

Percy Beale (not related) passed away on 13 February 1983 aged 89 years. He served throughout the first World War in the 13th Battalion initially and then in the 2nd Battalion. Percy was wounded at Ypres and up to his death was a very proud Diehard. I attended his funeral in Royston on 21 February.

Recently, out of the blue, I received a telephone call from Ex Private Tom Marshall. Tom joined the 1st Battalion in Hameln in 1959 and was with me in A Company. I remember him as a staunch member of the Company, particularly on the sports field. He left the army in 1974 and went into the prison service in Northern Ireland where he is currently serving.

At Easter I was fortunate enough to spend a couple of weeks in Cyprus. Syd Webb, the Secretary of the Korean Club, had briefed me that ex Diehard, Lt-Col Leslie Sharpe was living in retirement in Cyprus. I made a point of visiting his lovely home in the village of Lania. Unfortunately he was overseas but I met his wife and members of his family. On my next visit to Cyprus I am determined to pin him down.

Quite by accident whilst in Episkopi, Cyprus, I met a very old friend, who is now serving in the Royal Army Educational Corps. Captain Dennis Quilter BA, RAEC, served with 1 Mx and 4 Queens until 1967, when he transferred to the SASC. Jakes as he was known in those days played football for the battalion and in fact continued in representative football up until last year. His wife Doreen and their three children Paul 15, Joseph 11, and Thomas 2 are in Cyprus with him. Dennis's address is 55 AEC Episkopi, BFPO 53.

A recent arrival at Queen's Divisional Headquarters is Major Peter Gybbon-Monypenny who has joined us from Duntroon, the Australian equivalent of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Peter's service with 1 Mx goes back to BAOR days. CSgt Furlotte reminded me that when he was a Lance Corporal in the Drums Platoon in Gibraltar in 1965 Lt Gybbon-Monypenny was his platoon commander. Happy days! During the two years Peter will be at the Depot he will reside in married quarters with his wife Doronee, daughter Amanda 16 and sons Duncan 8 and James 6.

Two other Diehards now at the Depot are CSgt Roger Furlotte and Sgt Billy Butler. Roger Furlotte enlisted at Canterbury in January 1960 as a junior drummer. He served with the 1st Bn and 4

Queens in the drums platoon until Warminster days when he transferred to C Company. Later he went to 2 Queens and became an assault pioneer. At the Depot he is assault Pioneer CSgt and will remain in this appointment until he leaves the army in December 1984. Roger is a keen runner and represents the depot at cross country. In addition he has entered several mini marathons and is in training for a full marathon. His main hobby is wine making and he is the main supplier to the Sergeants Mess. Roger's home is in Oulton Broad, Suffolk, where his wife Sue and 16 year old daughter, Tracy live.

Sergeant Billy Butler, a broad Irishman, enlisted in Canterbury in October 1965 and joined 1 Mx in Holywood in February 1966. He was with B Company in Guyana and Warminster before posting to 2 Queens. Billy is the CQMS of A and B Companies and lives in quarters at Basingbourn with his wife, Margaret and their two children. In October 1983 he is due to join 3 Queens in Fallingbowl.

Ex Capt George Cripps is still spending a great deal of time in hospital as a result of a motor accident in November 1981. His latest operation involved a second new hip being fitted. This latest operation has proved more successful and he has limited mobility although still experiencing considerable pain.

Capt Roy Scott's stay at the Depot was a short one. Soon after arrival he went off on a six month tour of duty in the Sinai. On his return he was posted to 3 RRF in Berlin as Q.M. Tech.

Next month Cpl Peter Beadle leaves the army after 22 years service. Peter joined 1 Mx in 1961 and was for many years a member of the assault pioneer platoon. Here at the depot he was equipment storeman initially and for the past year provost corporal.

The Depot is host to the Queen's Regiment reunion on Sunday 31 July 1983 and it is hoped that as many Diehards as possible will attend.

Captain Ken Beale

ALBUHERA DAY – 16TH MAY 1983

The Mill Hill Branch OCA, led by their Chairman, Major R.W.J. Smith, MBE, celebrated the 172nd anniversary of Albuhera Day in grand style.

As usual by kind permission of the Commandant, Home Postal and Courier Depot Royal Engineers, the Mill Hill Branch paraded at our Regimental Memorial, Inglis Barracks in their customary manner.

After inspection by Brigadier D.J. London, CBE, ADC, the Director Postal and Courier Services, wreaths were laid by Lt-Col M.A. Browne, RE, on behalf of the Postal and Courier Services and by Major R.W.J. Smith on behalf of the Mill Hill Branch. The Standard Bearer for the occasion was Mr Stan Hurlock escorted by Chelsea Pensioners, Laurie Priddy, Charlie Painter and George Fulton.

At the conclusion of the Parade members present were invited to lunch by the WOs and Sgts of the Royal Engineers. The luncheon was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mr Les Plumb, Secretary of the Mill Hill Branch, assures me that the Diehard spirit is alive and well.

A E F W



Laying of wreaths by Lt-Col M A Browne, RE, and Major R W J Smith, MBE, Mill Hill Branch OCA. Old Comrades on parade.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

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

In some respects, progress on the re-arrangement of our Museum has been disappointingly slow in that, contrary to our expectations, the display of exhibits and regimental memorabilia has been delayed and the museum is not yet ready for public viewing. On the other hand, the very necessary preparatory work, such as the installation of a temperature controlled security system, modern display lighting equipment, the fixing of window shutters and new door locks, the provision and placing of new showcases, provision of tailors dummies on whom to show off the uniforms, name plates, etc, has been steadily going ahead and this is the work which has to be undertaken and quietly completed, unseen by the general public, before the regimental exhibits can be reinstated in their showcases for general viewing. Currently our contractors are installing a purposely designed, hessian covered, backing to all the showcases, each with a panel which will not only carry a descriptive account of the campaign, battle or circumstances applicable to the items on display in the particular showcase and therefore greatly enhance the interest in each showcase, but also enable the contents to be arranged and presented in a modern and practical manner.

In all this undertaking we are greatly indebted to the enthusiasm of our untiring Curator, Major Dick Smith who, despite considerable travelling problems in getting to and from his home in Mill Hill and the Museum in Tottenham, manages regular visits to supervise most of this work and undertake the necessary liaison with the Haringey museum in Bruce Castle. We also very much appreciate the diligence of our museum attendant, Mr. David Whybrow, in safeguarding and maintaining the numerous mementoes and relics while we are in this stage of flux. There is still much to be accomplished, of course, before we can announce completion of the re-vamping of our museum and its re-opening for public viewing, but all who are involved in this project are confident that the eventual outcome will be a much improved and greatly enhanced Regimental Museum.

ACQUISITIONS AND UPKEEP

The following presentations have been made to the Museum :

Medals of the late 6199886 Drum Major C. Holdford, BEM, consisting of: British Empire Medal, 1939/45 Star, Pacific Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-45, Korean United Nations Medal, Korean Medal, Long Service and Good Conduct Medal KGVI, Territorial Efficiency Medal QEII.

Two photograph albums period - 1932 - 1938

Presented by his widow Mrs Nora Holdford.

Medals of LCpl John Commerford (6010413), who lost his life on the Lisbon Maru 2 October 1942 - 1939-45 Star, Pacific Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-45.

Presented by his brother Ex Private Edward Commerford (6201486).

Log Book and History Sheets for MMG Gun No. V6964 and Gun No. V5696 used by 3 Section, 14 Platoon, D Company, 1/7th Bn The Middlesex Regiment in 'action' during 1944.

Presented by Mr Len Faiers, 1/7th Bn

(i) Postcard of 57/77th Foot 1765-1902.

(ii) Picture print of 'Tottie' the regimental pet 57th of Foot - 'Tottie' was wounded in the battle of Ginghival during the Zulu Wars, but survived to return to Britain. Printed 1882 hand coloured.

(iii) Booklet Folder - 'Bible' of Major G.G. Norton in 1966 during Brit. Guiana and Guyana tour showing locations, nominal roll of B Company, Aide Memoire, Company and Platoon Orders,

- Instructions to individuals for opening fire, instructions to officers acting in aid of civil power, etc.
 (iv) Machine Gun Carrying Cape as used in World War 1. A rare piece of MG equipment.
 Presented by Major G.G. Norton.

Two photograph albums of 2/10th Bn World War 1.

Presented by Mr A.D. Scudamore, OBE.

British War Medal and Victory Medal of 22895 LCpl W.A. Rattenbury, who served with the 6th Bn 1914-18.

Presented by his daughter Miss R. Rattenbury.

Roll of Honour of The Middlesex Regiment (DCO) 1914-18

Presented by Mrs Sylvia Finch, widow of the late ORQMS A.E. Finch, MBE.

One pair of Drum Sticks presented by Capt W.H. (Battler) Craydon.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT GOLFING SOCIETY

SPRING MEETING AT THE NORTH HANTS GOLF CLUB, FLEET - 19 APRIL 1983.

Heavy rain the previous day made conditions extremely wet and sodden underfoot but, except for a club ruling that trolleys were banned for the day in order to save the course from undue damage, - and this proved a considerable inconvenience for those who had not brought a lightweight carryin golf bag, - a full day's play was completed in very acceptable and reasonable weather. Unhappily the day's enjoyment was marred by a most unfortunate and unusual accident to Mrs Merle Miles who was accidentally hit in the face by a golf ball. She was immediately taken to a local hospital and later in the evening was able to return home by car with David, her husband. Next day she entered East Grinstead Hospital for a facial operation and, happily, we are now able to report that this has been entirely successful and that she is making a splendid recovery.

Major Bill Grogan and Doug Matthews won the stablefore handicap foursomes for the Cooper Cup and Col Tom Chattey in partnership with a guest player were the runner's-up.

The scratch medal competition for the Transvaal Cup was won by Col Tom Chattey with a score of 88 and Alec Torrie was the runner-up with a score of 89. Both these were reasonable scores considering the difficult playing conditions.

The handicap medal competition for the Darjeeling Cup was won by Capt Bob Tarrant who playing off a 23 handicap returned a nett 72. Col Tom Chattey also returned a nett 72 but was determined the runner-up as Bob Tarrant had the better handicap score over the final nine holes.

Once again, Eddie Johnson took the Divot prize!

Brig Tony Pielow, the new Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Regimental Association, took time away from his office to join the party for lunch - hopefully he will be able to play in the Autumn Meeting - and everyone particularly appreciated the special effort made by Col John Worton, the doyen of our Golfing Society, who paid a visit during the morning.

At the prize-giving afterwards our President mentioned the accident to Mrs Miles and everyone present asked to be associated with the bouquet of flowers which were sent with all good luck and best wishes to Merle. Col Tom Chattey also drew attention to the fact that only eight of our regular playing members had supported this Spring meeting and he said that this was a matter of concern for the future of our golf meetings. Various alternatives to the continuance of two meetings per year were discussed, which the President summarised and he said that he would be writing to everyone on this subject.

Meanwhile, please make a note that the Autumn Meeting is arranged for Tuesday, 4 October and it is very much hoped that all our regular playing members will be able to come and take part on that date.

PERSONAL JOTTINGS

Mrs R.I. Avery is a resident at the Royal Cambridge Home for Soldiers' Widows, East Molesey, Surrey.

Ex Private Doughty Baker (6201138) sent me a number of photographs that he took at the reunion for distribution to the people concerned. This has been done and I might add the recipients were very pleased.

Major M.J. Ball has qualified for entry into the First Grade Staff Pool and is entitled to the symbol 'Sq' after his name in military records.

Capt Ken Beale was very sorry indeed that he was unable to attend the Albuhera Service and the Reunion. He was on duty in Nottingham. He will be spending the month of August in Cyprus probably drinking Keo Brandy.

A recent correspondent was CQMS Sid Bishop (6192538) who joined the regiment in 1920 serving with the 3rd Bn and 2nd Bn until his discharge on 26 January 1939. He then joined the War Department Constabulary. On 28 September he will be 81.

Ex C/Sgt Tony Briggs, a well known member of 1 Mx, writes from Berlin and tells me that he is now the Transport Supervisor (an MTO type of appointment) in British Military Government and that he enjoys the challenge. He still works closely with former WO2 Drum Major John Lewis who sends his regards to all his old friends in the regiment.

WO2 Kevin Brown (23785090) currently serving with 1 Queens in Northern Ireland has joined the Regimental Association. He enlisted on 6 May 1960 and served with 1 Mx until amalgamation.

A newly joined member of the Regimental Association is former Cpl George Burton (22899838) who served with 1 Mx in Austria and Cyprus during the period 1953-57. He was with A and D Companies and was a groom in Austria.

Ex Bandsman Henry Bywaters (18829 and 6189656), 2nd Bn 1919-28, sends his regards to all Diehards.

Former Sgt R.F. Campden (6197878) who served with C Company, 9th Bn, has moved into a warden controlled flat at Ilminster, Somerset. He like so many members of the 9th writes in glowing terms of the late Reggie Meers who will be so sadly missed.

Lt-Col P.V. Cheesman resigned his commission on 1 May 1983 and took up an appointment as Services Liaison Officer in Hanover.

Mrs D. Sims (Nellie Clark daughter of the late Major 'Nobby' Clark) tells me that her brother, Wally, died last year. Nellie likes to keep in touch with the regiment and enjoys attending the Albuhera Service in St Paul's but regrets that she now feels a stranger as all the old ones seem to have gone.

Ernie Colebeck (6202735) and his wife Daisy have recently spent four weeks in Australia. I am waiting for a full report.

Captain Roger Colbourne is home from Dubai in the Arabian Gulf having completed his contract.

Ex Private Albert Ernest Cooke (14308817) who served with D Company 1/7th from 1943-46 has joined the Regimental Association. He lives in Liverpool but is at present unemployed.

Lt-Col A.B. (Andrew) Cowing, a contract officer with the Sultan of Oman's Land Forces, was promoted to that rank on 24 February 1983. Our sincere congratulations and well done.

We are very pleased indeed to welcome to the Regimental Association former RSM Ray Dodkins (6968442). He commenced his service with the Rifle Brigade in 1942. He landed in Normandy with 32 Guards Brigade and took part in the rapid race to Brussels. After the war he remained in Germany joining the 1st Bn as a Corporal. He served with the 1st Bn in Iserlohn, Chelsea, Hong Kong, Korea, Hong Kong, Austria, Cyprus, Hameln, Lydd and Gibraltar. In 1961 he was promoted WO1(RSM) and retired on 29th January 1969.

Sgt Alf Ellis (6197742) tells me that Colonel Tony Hewitt will be visiting the U.K. in July. Maybe we shall see something of him.

Major David Falcke has retired and taken up an appointment with London Transport as Press Officer.

Mr. Keith J. Fox (360749) was admitted to the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond on 14 December 1982. His time in the regiment was short 7 December 1944 to 18 January 1945, when he was commissioned into the Essex Regiment.

CSgt Roger Furlotte (23738349) currently serving with Depot the Queens Division has joined the Regimental Association. He enlisted on 25 January 1960 and tells me that he is due for discharge to pension in 1984. He served with 1 Mx, 4 Queens and 2 Queens. Another capture by Capt Ken Beale.

Major D.C.F. Gouda having successfully completed an Army Staff Course at the Belgian Institute is entitled to the symbol 'psc' against his name in military records.

News has been received of Major H.K. Hardcastle, 9th Bn. Ken is a solicitor by profession and for many years was a member of our Executive Committee where he provided invaluable legal advice. He was particularly involved and concerned with the establishment of charitable status for the various funds and finances of our Association and helped guide us through the numerous legal complications in sorting out the Regimental and Association's assets at the time when the Regiment was disbanded in 1966. Ken was always a keen supporter of the Regimental Golf Meetings but now lives in retirement at Ringstead in Norfolk where he and his wife Pam are prominent members of the Royal West Norfolk Golf Club at Brancaster. Ken is now the Honorary Treasurer of that Club. Unfortunately since last March he has not been at all well and now has to take things very quietly indeed. Those who know Ken will understand that this does not come easy to him. However we have lately received an order for a regimentally engraved whisky glass, which we gather, makes his evening too even more enjoyable. His many friends in the Regiment will be hoping for his full and complete recovery and we all send our best wishes to both Ken and to Pam.

Contact has been made with former Sgt A.E. Harvey (2733278) who commenced his service with the Welsh Guards in April 1931 until transferred to the Reserve in 1934. In 1937 he re-enlisted into the Middlesex Regiment and consequently served with the 2nd Bn at Portsmouth and went with that Bn to Dunkirk. In 1941 he was posted to 1 Kensingtons with whom he served through Sicily and onwards being demobbed in 1946. He was awarded the Military Medal. He has recently suffered a heart attack and has not been at all well. We take this opportunity to wish him a full and complete recovery.

Major David Iddleston, 9th Bn, has unfortunately been in recent poor health and underwent open heart surgery at the London Chest Hospital. This information came from his friend, Mr H.B. Harris, of the 1/7th Bn. We wish David a speedy and full recovery.

His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales visited the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, at the end of last year. During his visit he spoke to Mr J.G. Hillier who served with the 17th (Football) Bn. Mr Hillier is now 99 years of age and must be the oldest known Diehard.

Mr G.A. Hooker has retired and moved from London to St Neots, Cambridge. He served with the 1/7th Bn 1938-40, then Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment until 1945 but returned in 1946 to Hornsey to become a member of the Corps of Drums.

Former Sgt D.V.S. Howard (23924969) has joined the Regimental Association. He served from 13 August 1962 until 7 April 1972 serving with B Company 1 Mx, B Company 4 Queens and C Company 3 Queens. He is now a member of the Northern Ireland Prison Service.

Lt-Col P.J. Hubert, OBE, we are glad to hear, is now fit again and assumed the appointment of Commander Force Troops, Belize on 29 March (for seven months). He is due to command the 6/7th (V) Bn of The Queens Regiment in February 1984 vice Lt-Col J.R.G. Putman, TD.

Lt-Col E.A.H. Jeffcoat has retired from his appointment with the National Trust House, Waddesdon Manor, and tells me that he finds retirement very time consuming.

Ex Private Leslie John Kearnes (6205060) has joined the Regimental Association. He enlisted on 28 December 1938 and was posted to the 2nd Bn serving with 7 Platoon B Company at Dunkirk. In April 1942 he was posted to the 6th Bn Cheshires with whom he served until 8 July 1946.

Captain John Lofting is still at the Lee Valley Regional Park. His title is Director of Leisure Services. I have good reason to believe that service with 1 Mx qualified him for this appointment.

George Low (6193855) has purchased a regimental ice bucket. He is now putting ice in his whisky! George recently had a nasty spell in hospital and we wish him a complete and speedy recovery.

Major R.E. Lowans, TD, has been awarded 1st Class Clasp to his Efficiency Decoration.

Brig B.H. Marciandi, OBE, retires in August 1983. He will be taking up an appointment as ROI at the Ministry of Defence CM(S)4f, i.e. organisation and control of all retired officer appointments.

Mrs. Pat Newman widow of Major Percy Newman deeply regrets that she is unable to attend regimental functions owing to distance and lack of 'stamina'. She sends her kind regards to all Diehards.

A new member of the Regimental Association is Ex Private John Sidney Oxley (6199482) who served with the 1st Bn at Colchester, Egypt and Singapore from 1930-37. He spent some time with the horse transport section under the late Sgt Jack Christie. In 1939 he was called up for service with the 1st Bn Manchester Regiment and served with them in Burma. Sadly he now suffers very badly with his breathing and cannot walk far without using his little 'pump'. He now lives in Herne Bay and I recently had the pleasure of visiting him.

Former WO2 Ken Partridge (2221320) tells me that he and his wife will be visiting Australia later in the year. He is arranging to meet up with Ex S/Sgt Gordon Harrison, RAPC, who was attached to 1 Mx 1960-66. Gordon Harrison has settled in Perth and works in insurance. Ken will also be meeting up with his brother in law who was a National Serviceman with the Regiment 1959-60. He did not tell me his surname.

Mr E.E. Peggrem (6216961) has been for many years on the Central Branch register. I wrote to him and have now obtained his service details which are - MGTC Chester May 1942 - September 1942, A Company 60th Bn until March 1943, 2/8th (1st Bn) A Company until August 1945 and A Company 2nd Bn until April 1945. Another little mystery solved.

A recent correspondent was Ex Sgt Joe Pettigrove who served with the 9th Bn 1938-46.

George Pocock (6189323) regrets that he was unable to attend the St Paul's Service and the Reunion. He has not been too good of late but sends his good wishes to all Diehards.

At last we have caught up with Ex Sgt James Preston (6205018) who enlisted on 8 September 1938 and was discharged on 7 September 1960 on completion of 22 years service. He was with the 2nd Bn at Dunkirk and was then posted to the MGTC at Chester until 1946. In 1947 he was posted to the 2nd Bn serving in MELF until April 1948. Was with the 1st Bn 1949-52 Hong Kong and Korea and Austria 1953. This was followed by tours with the Eaton Officer Cadet School and the Junior Leaders Plymouth.

Colonel J.G.E. Reid sends his regards to all Diehards from New York USA.

Ex-Private P.G. (Wally) Shaw (19033093) has reported for duty and joined the Regimental Association. He served with 1 Mx from 1946-52, including Korea and was with B, HQ and S Companies.

Belated congratulations to Major Dick and Dolly Smith for Monday 27th June 1983 on the occasion of their 49th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Pamela Weller, widow of the late Major A.V. Weller, now resides at the Marillac Hospital, Warley, Essex, and sends her regards to all that may remember her.

Ex Private Albert Edward Wilton (SR3399) was admitted to the Royal Star and Garter Home on 10 May 1983. He served with the 18th Battalion from 1914-20 when he was discharged with a permanently deformed right foot after being buried and trapped in a trench. He is now 86 years of age.

Colonel B.R. Wood, President of the Princess Louise's Kensington Regimental Association has retired from the City. However, he is still busily occupied having become President of St John Ambulance South East Area of London and also Chairman of Management Committee of Bromley Citizens Advice Bureaux and of an Old Peoples Home.

Ex Sgt Len Woodman had to miss the 1/7th Dinner and the Reunion through sickness. He tells me that he is now much better and back in circulation.

OBITUARY

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

BAYFIELD - On 10 February 1982, Ex Private James Edward Bayfield (6920656) He enlisted into the Rifle Brigade on the 10th February 1941. Within a few weeks he was transferred to the Middlesex Regiment and posted to the 2/7th Bn with whom he served until discharged in early 1946. Page 228 of our Regimental History 1919-52 records a report on his very gallant action which earned him a commendation from the Divisional Commander.

BEALE - On 13th February 1983, Ex Private Percy Beale, aged 90 years. He served with the 13th Bn and was wounded at Ypres. On recovery he was posted to the 2nd Bn. Period of service 1914-19. Capt Ken Beale (no relation) attended the funeral.

BEAN - On 4 June 1983, Captain William Bean (6196986), aged 79 years.

Bill Bean commenced his service with the regiment in 1926 serving with the 1st Bn. In 1940 he was posted from the 1st Bn, then in Hong Kong to UK, and came home via Singapore and India which took some time. In 1942 whilst serving in Ireland he was granted a Quartermaster commission in the Middlesex Regiment but due to the requirements of the services was posted to the Staffordshire Regiment. He was later to serve as a Captain Quartermaster with the Royal Artillery from 1948 until final retirement in 1957. At the time of his death Bill had been married for 52 years and to his wife Olive we send our sincere condolences on her sad loss.

BETTS - On 4 March 1983, Ex Private George Henry Betts (6208184), aged 70 years.

He enlisted on 30 October 1939 and was posted to the 1st Bn in Hong Kong in 1940. He was taken POW on 25 December 1941, survived the Lisbon Maru and was in Kofe Camp until his release on 15 August 1945. He finally left the army on 10 December 1945.

BREED - On 25 February 1983, Ex Sgt Sydney Arthur Breed (6193291), aged 78 years.

Sgt Breed served with the 9th Bn from 12 October 1920 until 11 April 1931. He re-enlisted into the Royal Engineers on 9 February 1937 serving with them in NW Europe from July 1944 until transferred to the Army Reserve 29 September 1945.

BUSH - On 14 May 1983, Ex Private Charles Henry Bush, aged 96 years.

He served from 1915-20 and saw service with the 7th and 1st Bns. Charles Bush was admitted to the Royal Star and Garter Home on 8 June 1982.

BUTTERWORTH - On 11 February 1983, Ex L/cpl Albert Charles Butterworth (6196605), aged 76 years.

Served with the regiment from 17 April 1925 until 16 April 1932 and from 2 September 1939 until 14 March 1944, serving in India, Sudan, Belgium, France and Germany.

CARROLL - On 17th January 1983, Ex Private Terence James Carroll (22168047), aged 51 years.

He served as a National Serviceman from 7 August 1949 until 7 October 1951 with the 1st Bn in Hong Kong and Korea. He re-enlisted as a regular soldier on 13 January 1956, serving with the 1st Bn in Cyprus and Germany. He was medically discharged on 11 February 1960.

CRITCHLEY - On 22 December 1982, Ex C/Sgt A. Critchley.

He served from 1941 to 1951. No other details are available.

CRUMP - On 13 February 1983, Ex WOII(CSM) William John Crump, BEM (6199934), aged 69 years.

Bill Crump enlisted into the T.A. and the Middlesex Regiment on 21 January 1931, joining the 8th Bn. At the outbreak of the war in 1939 he was promoted WOII(CSM). He served throughout the war with the 2/8th (resuscitated 1st Bn).

Colonel Desmond Ellis writes - He was a man of great courage whether it was in the field or the boxing ring. For the latter he was a member of the Bn Boxing Team and his successes are recorded in past regimental journals. He was an 'in fighter' with the ability to floor his opponent with the quick short jab. He was of course a great character respected by all with a colourful flair for whatever he did. During the awful rain at Antrim Camp, N. Ireland when we were under canvas during the winter, his drainage trenches were so superb and always known as "Crumps Sumps". He held a kit inspection one day for P.A.D. in which he commanded all ORs with torn gas capes to fall in on the left. He then gave the command 'Torn Gas Capes - right turn - quick march'. His Company Commander during the latter stages of the war was Major Derek Phillips and the 2IC Capt Henry Euren but I am not in touch with either. After the war he worked for the MX TA Assn and was responsible for maintenance at the Drill Halls at Ealing, Edmonton and Southall.

Ex Cpl Bill Hambly also writes: "The man they called Bossil" - To other than C Company he was known as CSM Crump, to C Company he was affectionately called "Bossil", a short cropped head, bursting with muscles. A man who only thought of the welfare of his man and was very proud to be its mentor. I very much regret his passing but am grateful to have been part of his life. To all those that served with Bill Crump I send my regards wherever you may be, we are better persons for knowing a man they called "Bossil".

CUMMINS - On 8th January 1983, Major Robert J.P. Cummins, MBE, aged 69 years.

Colonel Desmond Ellis writes - Bob joined the Regiment in 1932, his father had died prematurely, times were hard and here he was to find his home, as a Diehard.

I know little of his early career other than he became Educational Corporal in the 2nd Bn which was to be his prewar battalion. He was well read and by the time of Dunkirk he had become a

Platoon Sgt Major. Having got back to this country he was commissioned and posted to 2/8th Mx later to become the resuscitated 1st Bn.

He served for a short time in D Coy and then quite a spell as Messing Officer in N. Ireland where he was renowned for being up before the cooks. He then joined me in B Coy where he was to serve in many capacities both when it was a MMG Coy and at one time a Brigade Support Group.

However 'D' Day saw him as my 2IC of B Coy where he took over my Company when I was wounded and was then wounded himself. Though a family man, he came from one of diverse interests and my mother and sister had him for his convalescent leave, after which they became life long friends.

Unlike myself after being wounded he had difficulty in being posted back to 1st Mx and we sent to a battalion doing outer perimeter guard for H.M. The King when on holiday at Balmoral in the autumn of 1944. He so impressed The Queen with his desire to rejoin 1st Mx that by The King's command he was sent back to join us in Holland. Some years later I was to meet the Queen, then the Queen Mother, and on reminding her of this story she said 'Do please give my kind regards to Major Cummins.'

After the war in Germany Lt-Col A.E. (Stumps) Green, DSO, OBE, then commanding 1st Mx chose him as his Adjutant where he proved a successful choice particularly at a time when the Bn was transferred from 15th Scottish Division to Guards Division. After the battalion returned to this country in 1948 he came out into civilian life joining Schroder Bank on the Property Maintenance side where, until his retirement, his efficiency left its mark.

In the early 50's he rejoined me again as 2IC of 7th Mx in which capacity he was later to be appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire.

Bob was renowned for his sense of humour and many stories, such as:-

A sentry looking for a lump of coal, thrown by an engine driver in return for a stone was charged by Bob (Guard Comdr) with 'Quitting his post in search of loot!'

A young subaltern describing in Mess the location of the local pub in Yorkshire said 'Round by the Church' - What says Bob 'Run by the Church'.

When all cameras were impounded on the local hall in Germany after the war, Bob after a jar or two was heard to be saying 'See I'm dancing on Licas'.

No word could be said without mention of The Rector of Kelsale and his wife where Bob lived in retirement. Mr P.J. Burgoyne, OBE, QHC, BSc., a former Naval Chaplain and Mrs Burgoyne were quick to befriend him both regularly visited him in hospital and Mrs Burgoyne was with him nearly up to the end. They are both good friends and christians.

The funeral was attended by Brig and Mrs B.B. Rackham, Colonel and Mrs I.H. Battye, Colonel H.J.A. Moore, Major B. St G.A. Reed and Captain D.A. Chipp.

ELLIS - On 27 May 1983, Ex Private A.H. (Mum) Ellis (TF1238), aged 89 years.
Served 7th Bn 1914-18.

FRANKLIN - On 7 May 1983, Major Fred Franklin, aged 82 years.
He enlisted in 1920 as Fred Denchfield (6191807), serving with the 3rd Bn. On disbandment of that Bn he was posted to the 2nd and served continuously with them until early 1939 when he was posted to the Depot as CQMS. In 1933 he changed his name to Franklin. At the outbreak of war in 1939 he was promoted WOII and posted to the East Surrey Regiment, being again promoted in 1940, this time to RSM. In early 1942 he was commissioned into the Royal Pioneer Corps and served in East Africa and Kenya. Bill Lee who served 1920-27, tells me that Freddie Franklin was a true Diehard and a sportsman in the real sense of the word, which is not always the case, although many are good at sport.

GARRETT - On 23 April 1983, Ex Private Alfred Garrett, aged 80 years.
He served with D Company 9th Bn enlisting in 1921. An excellent boxer who fought at Light-weight. His Company Commander at that time was Capt G.L. Fox who will no doubt remember this period in the history of the 9th.

JERRUM - On 22 January 1983, Ex Private A.W. Jerrum (6207107), aged 62 years.
He enlisted into the 8th Bn T.A. in March 1939. At the outbreak of war he joined the 1/8th and went to France with them and was captured at Dunkirk. He remained a POW for the rest of the war.

JOHNSON - On 2 March 1983, Mrs N.W. Johnson, aged 82 years, widow of Major H.B.W. Savile, MC, who died on 14 May 1939.

LANSDALL - On 25 May 1983, Mrs Lily Lansdell, aged 76 years, widow of Ex Private L.G. Lansdell (6201452) who died 26 November 1971. Mrs Lansdell occupied one of the Regimental Flats at Albuhera Close, Enfield.

LEAT - During May 1983, Mrs Peggy Leat, wife of Ex Sgt J.C. Leat.

LEE - On 16 May 1983, Mrs Olivia Lee, aged 86 years, wife of Mr Bert Lee who served with the 25th Bn and resides in Richebourg, France.

LOWE - On 5 January 1983, Ex Cpl Thomas Joseph Lowe (6193270 and 14229950) aged 80 years.
Tom enlisted into the Regiment on 11 November 1920 serving with the 1st Bn until transfer to the Army Reserve in early 1928. He re-enlisted on 7 July 1942 and served with the RAOC until 29 January 1946.

McDAVID - On 16th May 1983, Lieutenant Malcolm McDavid, aged 59 years.
He joined the Royal Artillery in 1942 and after a short period was commissioned into the Durham Light Infantry serving with the 6th Battalion at Alamein where he was wounded. In 1951 he joined the 7th Middlesex T.A. with whom he served until 1957.

NORFIELD - On 5 September 1981, Ex Sgt H.T. Norfield, BEM, ISM, (6203254), aged 63 years.
He served with the 2nd Bn in UK and France from 25 September 1936 until 19 December 1944 when he was discharged on medical grounds. In 1977 he was awarded the British Empire Medal and the Imperial Services Medal.

PAGE - On 31 May 1983, Major Henry Arthur Clayton Page, aged 65 years.
Henry Page was commissioned into the Middlesex Regiment in February 1940 and in the March he was posted to the 1st Bn Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment, joining C Coy as a Platoon Commander. He served with this Bn throughout North Africa, the Sicilian Campaign and Taranto to the Apennines. On 6th October 1943 he was seriously wounded in the face by a shell fragment. He was rushed to a dressing-station, and although he sustained the loss of an eye and was for some time on the 'dangerously ill' list, he managed to survive, but never rejoined the Bn despite his innumerable efforts to do so. The loss of this gallant officer was felt very much. 1944 and 1945 was spent at the Chester Training Unit.

PAGE - On 14 February 1983, Ex Private Leonard John Page (6205306), aged 61 years.
He enlisted into our regiment on 25 October 1938 and served until he was posted to the Cheshire Regiment on 30 October 1939. He was badly wounded whilst serving with the Cheshires losing his right arm and suffering severe gun shot wounds.

He was admitted to the Royal Star and Garter Home on 11 May 1982.

ROWNTREE - On 16 April 1982, Ex Private Thomas Tallintire Rowntree (6199859), aged 67 years.
He enlisted into the regiment on 16 March 1931 serving with the 1st Bn in Egypt, Singapore and Hong Kong. He was transferred to the Army Reserve in 1938. He was called up for service in 1939. In 1942 he transferred to the Royal Artillery and was discharged on 6 February 1944.

SMITH - On 28 June 1983, Ex Private A.J. (Jim) Smith, aged 64 years.
Jim commenced his service with the 7th just before the war and joined the 2/7th. He was later posted to the 1/7th and was badly wounded at El Alamein losing a leg and suffering other wounds. He was medically discharged in 1944. He lived at Ashford in Kent and I had the pleasure of taking him to the 1/7th Bn Dinner on 30 April last.

SMITH - On 4 February 1983, Ex Private William Charles Smith (6204150), aged 64 years.
Service details are 2nd Bn 1938-39, 1/8th Bn 1939-41 Dunkirk, 6th Cheshires 1941-45 with whom he was wounded. Transferred to the Reserve 3 September 1945.

WRIGHT - On 20 January 1983, Ex WOII Albert Francis Wright, MBE (6193571 and 22517721), aged 81 years.
He served from 12 January 1921 to 11 September 1945, the majority of his service was with the 2nd Bn. He re-enlisted on 1 August 1952 and served on the Recruiting Staff at Kentish Town and Finchley and was finally discharged on 31 July 1957.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, MILL HILL

As published in the Mill Hill Branch Newsletters in February, May and June, a special parade service as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the church built by William Wilberforce, the practical Christian who threw his whole energy into the cause of liberating the slaves, was held on Sunday 26 June.

This church became the Garrison Church for our Depot from April 1905, the date we occupied the barracks, until the outbreak of war in September 1939. After the war, a building in the barracks was used as a Regimental Chapel and a member of the Royal Army Chaplains department in office for ecclesiastical duties. Inglis Barracks now has its own church, where we attend on Remembrance Sunday. Before the outbreak of war in August 1914, the troops led by the band in their scarlet uniform and spiked helmet, would every Sunday, march to St Paul's Church watched by an admiring population. During the war khaki was the uniform and remains so until today. In the church hang the Colours of a number of our Service Battalions raised for the war of 1914-1919. They are the 11th, 12th, 13th, 16th (Public Schools), 17th (First Football), 19th (2nd Public Works Pioneers), 23rd (2nd Football) and 26th (3rd Public Works Pioneers). There are a number of brass and marble memorials to our regiment on the walls.

The parade was headed by the Band of the 2nd Bn The Queen's Regiment, our successor regiment. The bandsmen in their scarlet uniform marched from the barracks leading a detachment of soldiers of the Postal and Courier Depot, Royal Engineers, to a pre-arranged point in Mill Hill Village, where we joined the column. I felt, at first, our pathetic numbers would dismay the onlookers who came to watch the ceremonies. Our representatives were: Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, our Association President, myself, Stan Hurlock, our Standard Ensign who carries our Standard so ably, Bob Ambler, Alf Bailey, Frank Dickinson, Dennis Edwards, Arthur Lewin and Albert Windows. Two of those on parade had travelled a long distance, Arthur Lewin from Hastings and Alf Bailey from Brentwood, not at all easy journeys by public transport on a Sunday morning. However, they were at Mill Hill Station at 8.30 a.m., an extremely commendable effort.

When the band struck up with the two, three-pace rolls followed by our Regimental March, I am convinced I heard a series of cracks behind me as every pair of shoulders went back with a jerk of great elation and I am sure that I heard a joyous exclamation from each Diehard on parade. Our numbers may have been meagre, but our pride was abundant and it was with great elan we marched to the church door, to the stirring music of a military band. There we were received by the Incumbent, the Reverend Jeremy Harrold. At the altar, he received our Standard, our party being led by Colonel Chattey to our specially reserved pews were three spouses of our party, Mesdames Bailey, Dickinson and Edwards. Arthur Lewin, as a young shavelling in 1914, used to attend the services with his parents and it must have caused him a few moments of nostalgia remembering the days his father was a member of the Orderly Room staff, then in 1914, going to France where he has rested in the soil since October 1915. Also assisting at the service was Deaconess Pat Masterman of Inglis Barracks, making it a soldier service in addition to an anniversary celebration. Near the end of the service, a procession of children, many of them toddlers, were led up the aisle, and took up a position in the apse, sitting on the floor, a most impressive picture they made with their little innocent faces looking at the congregation, and demonstrating a true impression of the ideals of our faith of the Shepherd and his flock. The Bishop with his crosier in hand, and wearing his mitre of office, giving the blessing to the seated children and adult congregation made a touching finale to the service.

As the strains of the Outgoing Voluntary sounded from the organ, the Mayor led the civic dignitaries down the aisle, followed by we Diehards again led by Colonel Chattey who was preceded by our Standard Ensign with Standard, the remainder of the congregation following into the bright sunshine.

After the Divine Service, the Bishop of Edmonton opened the Exhibition in the Church Hall where a number of regimental relics were on display, including photographs of our Depot in 1905, 1955 and 31 January 1961, when our Regimental Flag was lowered for the last time as our Regimental Depot. A thousand children in addition to adults have since viewed the exhibition, our own exhibits proving of great interest, especially the headdress of 1914.

Our small party then made a trail through St Paul's Churchyard where we paid our respects at the graves of the late Colonel M. Browne, Colonel of The Regiment 1942-1952; Major Quartermaster A.W. 'Nobby' Clark, exRSM G.W. 'Kicker' Kerswill; 1395 E.H. Dodman who died in October 1906; and SR/1338 John Copley who died in September 1914. There are a number of other regimental graves in the churchyard which time did not allow us to visit.

When arranging our exhibits in the Church Hall, I was given considerable help by Mr Ray Hubbard, the Hall Manager who is also a Sidesman in St Paul's. His enthusiasm was understandable when he told me he was a Diehard who did his National Service in the regiment. Also of great help was Mr Howard Mallatrat, the Exhibition Organiser and local historian. A man of encyclopaedic knowledge.

As with all good soldiers after a successful ceremony, we repaired to the local hostelry, the 'Three Hammers', to carry out the instructions given to Tommy so many years ago, 'After putting down your prayer book for private devotion, pick up the one with the handle on it'. Then away to our respective homes, shriven of our sins, shining with pride of our regiment and satisfied with a job successfully executed, small in numbers as we were.

R.W.J.S.

Since the above was written, I have looked in St Paul's and found that Arthur Lewin, in the pew, was sitting under the Colour of the battalion - the 13th - in which his father, C/Sgt Ernest Edward Lewin (G7354), was serving when killed in action on 23 October 1915.

R.W.J.S.

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.

Badges Blazer, Middlesex	£5.00 each
Ice Buckets, miniature side drum with regimental emblazon	£9.50 each
Glass, Whisky tumbler engraved Middlesex Regt badge	£3.50 each
Ties Regt Old Pattern Terylene	£1.75 each
Ties Regt New Pattern Terylene	£1.75 each
Ties, Officers' Club Silk	£2.50 each
Wall Plaques, Middlesex	£9.50 each

KING EDWARD VII's HOSPITAL FOR OFFICERS

SISTER AGNES'S

King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, affectionately known as Sister Agnes's, provides the best medical and surgical facilities at the lowest possible cost to officers of all three services (including women officers) serving or retired, who have held a permanent or temporary commission in the Armed Forces. This facility also extends to officers' wives, widows and dependent children of not less than 4 years of age.

The hospital has both private rooms and small wards, and well-equipped X-Ray and Physiotherapy Departments. Medical check-ups can be arranged at a moderate price.

Serving officers are entitled to free nursing and maintenance in the shared rooms. Retired officers and their dependants are charge £315 per week for a private room. The charge for other patients is £665. If, however, a patient can pay a sum nearer to the actual cost of his/her maintenance (now over £680 per week) this is much appreciated as it helps others. Consultant's fees are a matter for personal arrangement between patient and Consultant. There is a generously administered Benevolent Fund for those in straitened circumstances.

Subject to age BUPA gives friends of the Hospital a 15% reduction on their BUPACARE subscriptions, and PPP and Western Provident a 25% reduction on their Family Masterplan and Supercover policies respectively, if payment is made by direct debit.

The hospital is currently handling over 2200 in-patients and 700 out-patients a year. It is not part of the NHS and is therefore reliant on voluntary aid via subscriptions, donations and legacies for which there is an increasing need as the demand for beds increases.

If you would like to receive information or become a subscriber please write to the Appeals Secretary, (N.B.), 6 Buckingham Place, London SW1E 6HR, or phone 01-828 4454. Applications for admission should be made to the Matron on 01-486 4411.

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