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1910 - 1990

Brigadier Godfrey Lerwill came to the Middlesex Regiment following a highly successful and distinguished career in the Indian Army.

Godfrey was born in 1910 and having been educated at Eastbourne College and attended the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, he was commissioned into the Sikh Regiment in 1931. In those days the Indian Army was in almost constant action on the Afghan frontier against the well equipped tribesmen who were being incited by their leaders, the Faquir of Ipi being the most well known, to challenge the Government of India's authority over the area. Following early training as a young officer, he was sent to the frontier to command a detachment of 150 men which included local scouts and garrison troops. The operations were varied, consisting mostly of patrolling, setting up ambushes, and nearly every night an engagement with the tribesmen which often ended with throwing grenades. In the summer of 1938 Godfrey was in command of the fort at Datta Khel, some 10 miles from the Afghan border. The fort came under violent attack and was besieged for six months before a relief column was able to break through and scatter the tribesmen. For the stalwart defence of the fort and his outstanding leadership qualities Godfrey won an immediate MC - a decoration which was rarely awarded in so called 'peace time' soldiering. Later he attended the Staff College at Quetta and when WW2 broke out he saw further active service in Burma. In 1945 he was appointed to command a machine gun battalion of the Sikh Regiment in Burma, where his leadership qualities again came to the fore in having to weld companies of Sikhs and Punjabis into a co-operative team which more than proved an effective fighting force against the Japanese around the Singi Bridgehead. Lerwill's strong personality and complete indifference to personal danger was a major factor in boosting morale during these particularly difficult operations. Later the battalion was in Mandaley and distinguished itself in bitter fighting in the Mauchi and Toungu regions.

With the partition of India, Lerwill transferred to the British Army and we were particularly proud that such a distinguished officer elected to join the Middlesex Regiment. In 1948 he became a company commander with the 1st Battalion and in the following year he was appointed 2IC of the Battalion in Hong Kong. In 1950 he was posted as GSO1 East Anglian District and in 1953 Godfrey became Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion (Royal) Nigerian Regiment. His period of command coincided with the presentation of new colours by HM The Queen. Godfrey's final command came in 1956 when he was appointed Brigadier Commanding 168 Infantry Brigade, TA, in London. He retired from the Army in 1959.

In retirement he was employed by the Cornwall County Council as emergency planning officer and as such he had to co-ordinate the relief services and deal with the oil spillage caused by the grounding on the rocks of the tanker Torre Canyon. He was awarded the OBE and became a Deputy Lieutenant for Cornwall.

Known with very much affection as 'Loppy', Godfrey was a large man with a wonderful sense of humour. Always very much a front line and professional soldier, he was also a keen and active games player, excelling particularly at tennis and achieving Army Championship standard. He was also a keen supporter of the Regimental Golf Meetings. When he became a Die Hard, he adopted his new regiment with tremendous enthusiasm and he will be greatly missed by all.

The funeral took place at Marston Magna, near to his home, and the regimental representation consisted of Colonel and Mrs. Clayton, Major P. Hall and Major P. Marshall. Godfrey is survived by his wife Dorothy ('Dee' to so many of us) and his family, to whom we offer our deepest sympathy.

FORECAST OF EVENTS 1990/91

1990

- 15 September Korean Club Reunion at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London W2, 6.30 p.m.
- 4 October 2/7th Bn (1939-45) Luncheon at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London W2. 12 noon.
- 12 October The Queen's Regimental Association Meeting, Conference Room, Duke of York's HQ Chelsea, London SW3. 11.15 a.m.
- 13 October Queen's Regiment WOs & Sgts Past and Present Dinner at Basingstoun.
- 6 November Housing Sub Committee Meeting, Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea, London SW3, 6.45 p.m.
- 8 November 7th Middlesex Officers' Club Dinner at Stationer's Hall, Ave Maria Lane, London EC4.
- 9 November Ceremony at Field of Remembrance, Westminster SW1. Assemble at Middlesex Guildhall 10.40 a.m.
- 11 November 2/10th Bn (1914-18) Remembrance Service at St Nicholas Church, Chiswick, London W4, at 3 p.m. All members of the Regimental Association are invited to attend.

7th Bn Remembrance Service at St Mary with St George Parish Church, Hornsey. Assemble 10.30 a.m. After the Service all are invited to the Priory Road Drill Hall.

1991

- 26 March Regimental Association Executive Meeting at Conference Room, Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea, London SW3, at 6.15 p.m.
- 27 April 1/7th Bn (1939-45) Luncheon at the TA Centre, Priory Road, Hornsey. Assemble 12 noon.
- 10 May Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club Dinner.
Venue to be announced later.
- 11 May Albuhera Service of Remembrance, St Paul's Cathedral, commencing 2.30 p.m.

Annual Reunion at the Victory Services Club, Seymour St, London W2, at 6.30 p.m.
Annual General Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 14 May 9th Bn Officers' Annual Luncheon at the Overseas League, Park Place, St James's St, London SW1. Assemble 12.15 p.m.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

We send our sincere congratulations to Mrs Moira Audrey Coates Jeffcoat, wife of Lt-Col E.A.H. Jeffcoat, MBE, on the award of the M.B.E. for Political and Public Service.

Surely a very unique occasion to have husband and wife holders of the MBE.

BENEVOLENT CASES

During the period 1 January to 15 June 1990 the sum of £6426.00 has been spent from the Regimental Charitable Fund in assisting 47 members of the Regiment. The Army Benevolent Fund contributed £1248.00.

DONATIONS TO THE CHARITABLE FUND

The Secretary and Treasurer gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the Charitable Fund:

- a. A further donation of £348.74 from the estate of the late Sgt Archie Brown, 9th Bn, making a total of £2348.74, in addition the sum of £110 was received from his friends.
- b. Donation from Brig B.H. Marciandi in memory of the late Maj Gen C.M.M. Man.
- c. Donations from Mrs J. Smith (widow) and Mrs B.M. James (daughter) in memory of the late Mr J. Smith '36, former FEPOW 1st Bn.
- d. Donations from Major W.H. Lovell and Mr L.T. Plumb in memory of the late Major R.W.J. Smith.
- e. Donation from Sqn Ldr J.N. Hereford, RAF, in memory of his late uncle, Mr R.C. Barber, who served with our Regiment in WW1 and who died last year aged 91.
- f. Donation of £25 from members of the 1/7th Bn (1939-45) Luncheon Club.
- g. Donation in memory of the late Mr Jack Christie from his daughter Sheila.
- h. Donations totalling £146.90 received by Mrs D. Lerwill in memory of her husband the late Brig Geoffrey Lerwill.
- i. Plus donations from individuals to the charitable fund:
- j. A donation of £200 from the estate of the late Maj Gen C.M.M. Man, CB, OBE, MC, £100 to the Regimental Museum and £100 to the Regimental Charitable Fund.

Mr D.F. Barrett, Mr A.J. Briggs, Mr K.H. Brown, Mr P.J. Cain, Capt J.L.A. Ceaton, Major B.K. Clayden, Mr E.J. Collier, Miss E.A. Deeves, Lt P.H. Denning, Mr W.J.C. Gardner, Mr R.J. Gibson, Mr B.A. Gostick, Mr W.J. Gould, Miss P. Harrison, Lt J.H. Hedgely, Mrs M.F. Hofman, Mr J.E. Hutchins, Mr S.E. Mason, Mr H.J. Mellor, Mr J.O. Sullivan, Mr S.M. Peart, Capt G. Plummer, Mrs J. Riseley, Mr A. Russell, Mr E.H.T. Steward, Mr P.J. Stewart, Mr W.R. Stone, Mr M.D. Thomas, Mr A.E. Tuthill.

FREE NEWSLETTERS

The Editor wishes to thank members for their generosity in donating extra subscriptions so that free copies of the Diehard Newsletter can be sent to deserving Old Comrades. 149 members did so - too many for names to be published.

DONATIONS

The following donations have been made during the period 1 January to 15 June 1990:

- a. A donation of £400 to the Middlesex and North West Sector of the Army Cadet Force League.
- b. A donation of £100 to B(Albuhera) Company, 8th(V) Bn The Queen's Fusiliers(City of London), Edgware, to assist with the travel costs, entry fees, accommodation and messing of a team of 13, to compete in the 1990 NIJMEGAN Marches. Each individual contributes £30 and the overall cost of supporting the team is £1600. We take this opportunity to wish those taking part every success.
- c. A donation of £100 to Friends of St Paul's Cathedral.
- d. A donation of £50 to assist with the restoration of the 1914-18 King George Hospital War Memorial in the forecourt of the Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Waterloo Road, London SE1. 1200 names are commemorated on this memorial, many from the Middlesex Regiment. The cost of restoration is estimated at £5000. Any member who would like to assist should send their donation made payable to the Waterloo Parochial Church Council, 1 Secker Street, London SE1 8UF, who are sponsoring the appeal.
- e. A donation of £100 to the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond. At the present time 3 members of the regiment are being cared for in the home.

OFFICERS' CLUB DINNER

The annual dinner was held at Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1, on Friday 11 May. Lt-Col T.W. Chattey presided. The Very Reverend Eric Evans, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral was the principal guest.

The following attended:-

Official Guests: The Very Reverend Eric Evans and Mrs Evans, Maj Gen P. Baldwin and Mrs Baldwin, Major C.J. Bellingham The Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers), The Rev and Mrs W.E.B. Jones, Miss Jean Bower and Mrs Christine Pollard.

Members and Private Guests: Lt-Col and Mrs T.W. Chattey, Brig and Mrs B.A.M. Pielow, Brig M.H. Marciandi, Brig and Mrs D.B. Rendell, Col I.R. Burrows and Miss B. Colley, Col and Mrs R.M. Cain, Col and Mrs A.S.J. de S. Clayton, Col and Mrs R.H. Graham, Col A.M. Man, Col H.J.A. Moore, Lt-Col and Mrs B.A. Carlston, Lt-Col and Mrs C.N. Clayden, Lt-Col and Mrs J.M. Hewson, Major and Mrs R.A. Bartlett, Major R.A.J. Cheffins, Major and Mrs P.D.J. Clarke, Major and Mrs H.E. Couch, Lt J.P.A. Day and Miss C. Day, Capt and Mrs M.J.S. Doran, Major and Mrs D.M. Falcke, Capt R.M. Fox, Major F.K. Gladden, Major D. Harwood and guest Major P. Bateman, Capt D.A. Hawkins and guest Mr A.D. Scudamore, Major and Mrs S.L.J. Henshaw, Capt and Mrs P.J.T. Lane, Major and Mrs C.L. Lawrence, Major and Mrs A.E. McManus, Major and Mrs R.E.B. Morris, Capt and Mrs K.D. Murray, Major G.G. Norton, Major and Mrs A.E.F. Waldron, Major V. Williams.

Apologies were received from: Maj Gen Sir John Willoughby, Major K.P. Baxter, Major P.G.V. Bellers, Col I.D. Brotherton, Major G. Chiverall, Major P. Collins, Major W.G.A. Crumley, Col W.D. Ellis, Capt S. le M. Enthoven, Lt-Col R.D. Fisher, Capt J.S.C. Flavell, Lt-Col P.W. Galvin, Major P.H. Marshall, Capt P.J.A. Pielou, Col J.N. Shipster.

The venue for the Dinner in 1991 is still to be arranged.

9th BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.)T.A.

OFFICERS' ANNUAL REUNION LUNCHEON

The fifth annual luncheon took place on Tuesday 15th May 1990 at the Royal Overseas League, St James's Place, SW1. Colonel H.W.W. Gray was in the Chair and the guest was Major A.E.F. Waldron.

The lunch was attended by 17 officers who were:

D.A. Bond, P.J. Cundy, B.T. Davis, D.E. Dowlen, J.R. Doyle, A.G.B. Drabble, H.W.W. Gray, H.J. Hesketh, P.W.S. Hodge, E. Howkins, R. Hughes, A.M.H. Jones, D.V. Littlejohn, W. MacGregor, K.O. Sayers, J.K.E. Slack, D.C. Tomlins.

Colonel Gray proposed the loyal toast and a short informal speech was made by D.E. Dowlen, the Lunch Secretary, during which he read the text of a loyal message which had been sent to Her Majesty the Queen, and Majesty's reply.

He advised with regret the passing of General Bill Hughes, Tim Mayhew and Freddie Tyler, and proposed a toast to 'Absent Friends' to which all raised their glasses. The following officers being unable to attend had sent their apologies and best wishes to all for a successful occasion:

J.T. Dear, H.G. Hansen, W.D. Hiddleston, R. Wheatley, L.C. Wright.

He was very happy that 17 officers were present, which out of a possible total of 31 was a very good turnout particularly bearing in mind that due to age or physical incapacity, it was now no longer possible for a number of the non attenders to make the journey. There were however one or two absentees who he hoped would make the effort to attend another year as it would be nice to see them again.

Colonel Gray thanked David Dowlen for arranging such a pleasant lunch and his efforts were much appreciated by all.

Next year's lunch has been booked for Tuesday 14 May 1991, and all are asked to make a special note of the date as there will be no further reminder until the usual notice is sent out next Spring.

D.E.D.

THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT



BATTALIONS' MOVES AND CHANGES OF COMMAND

The 1st Battalion completed a 4 1/2 month tour of duty in N. Ireland at the end of February and returned to Tidworth where they will be based until their move to Minden in early 1991. Their CO, Lt Col Chris Charter handed over command to Lt Col Amédée Miéville on 6 April. In the 2nd Battalion, Lt Col Merrick Willis will be succeeded as CO on 8 June by Lt Col David Wake and the battalion will be posted to Canterbury from Minden in early 1991. The 3rd Battalion moved from Aldergrove, after a two year tour there, to Cyprus in March where they are based in the Episkopi Sovereign Base Area. The 5th (Volunteer) Battalion will have a new CO in November when Lt Col Philip Pearce hands over to Lt Col Chris Argent, a TA officer. No successor has yet been nominated for Lt Col John Salmon who commands the 6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion but on 20 July Lt Col Peter McLelland, a Queensman, takes over command of the 8th Queen's Fusiliers from Lt Col Nick Brunt RRF.

REGIMENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Some readers may not have heard that, last summer, the 1st Battalion Cricket Team achieved a unique hat-trick by winning the Army Major Unit Cup, the Infantry UK Cup and the Infantry (Worldwide) Cricket Championships. These three victories have never before been gained by The Queen's Regiment or any of our forbear regiments.

This year, 2nd Battalion teams have won the 10km Novices Competition at the Infantry Ski meeting and also the BAOR Smallbore Shooting. Meanwhile, with three individual winners, the 6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion came first in both the Mens' and Womens' events, at the South East District TA Orienteering Championships.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Maj Hugh Tennent and Maj Dick Waite who have worked in Regimental Headquarters respectively for 10 and 11 years retire this June. They will be succeeded by Maj Joe O'Gorman who started Army life in The Middlesex Regiment (DCO) and Maj Bill Marshall who originally joined The Buffs.

£63,000 FOR CHARITY

During 1989 the Regiment raised or assisted in raising no less than £63,000 for good causes. The Battalion donated £11,000 to the Acorn Trust for the Handicapped, the 3rd Battalion £6,600 for the Royal National Life Boat Institute and 8th Queen's Fusiliers £3,800 for the St George's Hospital Scanner Appeal. The 6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion, in conjunction with the Reed Business Publishing Group, raised £30,000 for the Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Disabled. In addition, smaller sums were accumulated by all battalions for a wide variety of charities.

THE FLYING DRAGONS

For the second successive year the Regimental Free Fall Team, the Flying Dragons, did their team training in California in February. During the 1990 season they will again be giving over fifty displays of sky-diving at shows, fetes and other functions throughout UK, and will be running a programme of one day parachuting courses at Bassingbourn. There are a few dates still available in their programme for further bookings. Danepak have generously agreed to extend their sponsorship of the Flying Dragons to at least the end of 1992.

HMS CHATHAM

The Regiment has another Affiliation with the Royal Navy, this time with HMS Chatham, a new 4,200 ton Frigate. The Colonel of the Regiment headed a small representative party from the Regiment at her Commissioning in Chatham Dockyard on 4 May, at which our Albuhera Band and 1st Battalion Corps of Drums played. That evening the Flying Dragons gave a display and the Band and Drums Beat Retreat in the magnificent setting of Rochester Castle. A few days later a party of Queensmen sailed with HMS Chatham from Chatham to Portsmouth.

'PRIVILEGE' OF CITY OF LONDON

On 21 May the 8th Queen's Fusiliers exercised the 'Privilege' of marching through the City of London, which is held by both its parent regiments. The Lord Mayor of London took the salute and a reception followed afterwards in the Guildhall.

FREEDOM PARADE IN WORTHING

On Saturday 23 June a contingent from the 1st Battalion, led by their Corps of Drums and the Kohima (Volunteer) Band, will exercise the Regiment's Freedom of Worthing, jointly with a detachment from HMS Sussex. This parade will be part of the Borough's Centenary Celebrations. In the early evening the Band and Drums will Beat Retreat outside the Town Hall.

REGIMENTAL LIFE

The Queen's Regiment appeared on BBC 2 TV in a series of six 40 minute programmes called 'Army Lives' from 3 April to 8 May. At the time of going to press these programmes had not been seen, but they were intended to give a view of the life of a serving soldier and his family. Much of the filming had been done in our battalions.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) ASSOCIATION

The Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers), London Branch, held their annual dinner on Friday 1 June, at the Cavalry and Guards Club, London W1.

Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, OBE, attended.

ALBUHERA DAY

The Home Postal and Courier Depot, Royal Engineers, Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, kept up the tradition of laying a wreath on our Regimental War Memorial on Albuhera Day. As usual the Regimental Flag was flown for the day.

8 members of the Regiment attended. Mr L.T. Plumb, Mr R.E. Beall, Mr M. Bradwell, Mr G.T. Boswell, Mr T. Barnett, Mr R.J. Cubitt, all former members of the 1st Bn, Mr S.C. Cole, 1/7th Bn and Mr J.E. Sceats, Home Defence.

At 11 a.m. wreaths were laid by the Commandant, Colonel M.A. Browne, on behalf of the Postal and Courier Depot R.E. and Mr L.T. Plumb, on behalf of the Regimental Association. The party were then entertained in the Officers Mess.

A firm liaison will be made in 1991 with the Home Postal and Courier Depot Royal Engineers.

The Regimental Flag was also flown on Albuhera Day from the London Borough of Enfield, Civic Centre, Enfield. This was arranged by Mr H.J. Mellor.



Colonel M.A. Browne and Mr L.T. Plumb

ANNUAL REUNION

The annual reunion was held in the Carisbrooke Hall of the Victory Services Club, Seymour St, London W2, on Saturday 12 May, and commenced at 6.30 p.m.

The attendance was an increase on last years numbers which I did not think possible, but it happened. The cost was £6 per head (kept to this price by a regimental association subsidy) and the staff of the Victory Services Club produced a nice meal and a well laid out and attractive hall which received many favourable comments. The staff were excellent and this all helped to make the evening a memorable one. This year we were allocated a separate room for the Annual General Meeting which was a great help and made it possible to hear one another.

The Manager tells me that the Diehards 'elbow lifting' in the bar is exceptional and their behaviour exemplary.

I must again remind all Diehards who are members of the Victory Services Club to book rooms early - I suggest you do so by February.

The Korean Club were given permission to run the raffle with profits to club funds. I must record our thanks to Mrs Good who made a beautiful cake which was raffled and resulted in a good profit to the Korean Club. Regrettably I was not able to thank Mrs Good for this very fine gesture which was much appreciated as she was unable to attend. Her husband did his national service with the 1st Bn in Cyprus and he had a very appropriate name - B.E. Good - I hope he is ! and I wish I was !

Quite a number of members have written or phoned to say how much they enjoyed the evening. It is nice to know that it is all worthwhile and that members appreciate and enjoy seeing one another.

Every year when I book the hall I think of the late WO2 Stan Bartle who first recommended the Victory Service Club as the ideal place for our reunion. His son, Robert, who also became a WO2 regularly attends.

See you all next year.

ALBUHERA SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The annual Albuhera Service of Remembrance was held in the Regimental Chapel of St Paul's Cathedral, on Saturday 12 May and commenced at 2.30 p.m.

The service was conducted by Canon John Halliburton, St Paul's Cathedral assisted by our own Rev W.E.B. Jones and the Rev Patrick Tuft, Vicar of St Nicholas and St Mary Magdalene, Chiswick (honorary Chaplain to our 2/10th Bn 1914-18). Brig B.A.M. Pielow read The Lesson and The Address was by the Rev Jones. Once again the Service was exceptionally well attended and an increase on last year making it necessary to bring in more seating. The flowers in regimental colours were exceptionally well presented. Once again the sound system let us down – this is now becoming an annual disaster despite the efforts of the Cathedral authorities. Free copies of the Order of Service are available to anyone interested – all you have to do is to ring the Secretary on 022787445.

As usual our three stalwarts paraded at the entrance to the Cathedral and welcomed those attending the Service.



Les Loomes, Les Plumb, Bob Yerby

DIEHARDS KOREAN CLUB

The annual reunion of the Diehards Korean Club will be held on Saturday 15 September 1990, at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London W2. The Bar will open at 6 p.m. and the Annual General Meeting will commence at 6.30 p.m. Tickets will cost £8 per head and applications should be made forthwith to Mr S. Webb, 24 Polstead Way, Clacton, Essex CO16 7AJ. Cheques should be made payable to the Middlesex Regiment Korean Club.

1/7th BN (1939-45) LUNCHEON CLUB

The 28th Annual Reunion and Luncheon was held at the T.A. Centre, Priory Road, Hornsey, on Saturday 28th April. Major Alan Carter was in the Chair. Our guests were Lt-Col T.W. Chattey and Major A.E.F. Waldron, President and Secretary respectively of the Regimental Association.

The attendance showed a slight drop from last year some of our members having reported to that Guardroom in the sky – 8 in number. It was as usual a carnival occasion, Major Derrick Harwood driving up from camp with CSM Smith and other members travelling from all corners of the British Isles. We learned that Lt-Col Tom Chattey had the honour of being the Guard Commander at Buckingham Palace the night that the Prince of Wales was born. We also learned that his nickname was 'Flash!' Say no more.

With the passing of the years these meetings grow more mellow like the fellows who come – they seem to get more enjoyable too. The Diehard spirit lives on, whilst it does the country has not much to worry about. All members sent best wishes to former RSM 'Rocky' Knight and RQMS Les Hosslen.

We all left with promises to meet again on 27 April 1991. I do hope our members will increase, if you know of anybody who would like to attend just send me their address. Thank you all for coming.

Tony White.



2/8th Bn (Resuscitated) 1st Bn

The 2/8th Bn(Resuscitated) 1st Bn held their Biennial Luncheon at the Victory Services Club, London W2, on Saturday 12 May 1990.

The luncheon was a great success with 55 Diehards attending from all parts of the U.K. including Northern Ireland. It was good to see Col W.D. Ellis once again. There were one or two new faces this year, notably Lt-Col J.D. McFarlane who was with the 2/8th in 1939 as a subaltern. Also Sgt Derrick Deamer a member of the Diehards Korean Club. Another guest was Colonel Cameron Stewart of the Gordon Highlanders who lives in London. Roy Bishop met him in Geel, Belgium, when representing the Diehards during the celebrations of the 45th Liberation Days, last September.

The next Luncheon will be in May 1992, same venue.

Roy Bishop.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR THE LATE MAJ GEN C.M.M. MAN, CB, OBE, MC.

After the Service many members asked if the Address by Maj Gen David L. Lloyd, CB, DSO, OBE, MC, could be published in the Regimental Newsletter. It is repeated below:-

"Most of us here will have known General Chris Man best before he moved north with Topsy to manage the Duke of Atholl's excellent caravan site at his castle home in Perthshire.

So I thought I would talk for a few minutes about the life he led up there after he left the Army in 1969 and during which time I saw quite a bit of him.

Perhaps not everyone knows that in April 1988 Chris Man had a leg amputated adding to all the other strains which he was struggling so bravely to overcome.

He had already had a stroke; and this affected his speech as well as the use of his arm and leg all down one side. He was absolutely determined not to be defeated by this. So he did all that he could to regain the faculties of which he had been so suddenly deprived. Of course, slowly, he conquered it all marvellously.

Soon after he had lost his leg I went to see him in hospital at Bridge of Earn just outside Perth. And a little later I went to the Artificial Limb Centre in Broughty Ferry where he was being fitted, and learning how to cope with, his new limb.

I arrived in the afternoon when Chris and some others were being given those horrible, hearty exhortations about how to manoeuvre their wheelchairs. There he was, laughing away and trying so hard to show the others - most of whom were half his age - that he could propel a wheelchair just as well as they could.

And he then told me that he was full of admiration for the way some of the others were making progress. He just assumed that their lot was so much worse than his. I took him a bottle of whisky, which he popped into his bedside locker and was going to share with his new-found friends. So typical of him!

I never ceased to wonder at the courage, the humour and the steadfastness with which he faced up to the distress he suffered in his last years. It was not only the physical torment he had to endure. There was also the constant worry that was ever with him about Topsy.

And I recall how, shortly after I had bought myself an electric tricycle, which did so much to restore my own mobility, I took it to show him. It was a lovely sunny day. He was sitting on a wooden seat outside his flat at Blair Castle, which the Duke had generously given Chris for his lifetime.

I demonstrated my machine to him and he was thrilled with it. He quickly sized up the advantages which one would bring him. Within a few weeks he bought his own and it made a great difference to his life from then on.

Whenever I was in Scotland, and had my electric tricycle with me, I would drive over from Angus to see him. Together we used to ride around the lovely grounds among the many visitors to the castle. Then we'd go down the majestic lime avenue to the main gates before turning into the caravan site, which Chris ran so successfully after he left the army twenty years ago.

How we used to laugh at the thought of us two decrepit old Generals racing each other at about 8 mph down to Blair Atholl village!

The first time we did this I discovered that my steed was just a little faster than his. When I next met the Distributor, who looked after us both, he told me that he had 'governed down' Chris's machine. He felt, quite rightly, that he would only want to drive it flat out. I never let on about this; nor did I ever dare to pass Chris again. He was senior to me anyway!

One of Chris Man's more endearing qualities was his essential humility. It was this which prompted him to join up and serve in the lowest rank, as a Private soldier without thinking it in any way out of the ordinary. Chris once told me what fun it was to have as a Sergeant-Major someone who had previously been a Squadron-Leader in the Royal Air Force. To start with they were both in a muddle as to what they should call each other!

Chris Man would never have endured the four years that he had as a prisoner of the Japanese without the noble characteristics with which he was so handsomely endowed. He was one of the very few who was not obviously affected by the sub-human horror of his experiences. For, quite exceptionally, he went on in the Army and distinguished himself in many Command appointments.

He loved the Army and he especially loved The Middlesex Regiment. So it is fitting that we are all together here, in the Regimental Chapel in this great Cathedral - a Chapel that he was so instrumental in establishing, to salute his memory.

It is my privilege to have been invited by his Regiment and by his family to speak about the gratitude we all owe to Chris Man.

Not only did he set us a selfless example; but he also gave his gentle and understanding friendship to so many in all walks of life.

We will remember his own life as a Christian, for it epitomised everything that is decent and upright."

2/10th Bn The Middlesex Regiment(DCO) OCA 1914-18

The 62nd annual luncheon of the 2/10th Bn Old Comrades Association was held at the Victory Services Club, London W2, on Saturday 19 May, to celebrate in particular the 75th anniversary of the Landings on the Gallipoli Peninsula in April and August 1915. Mr A.D. Scudamore, a veteran of this campaign presided. Lt-Col T.W. Chattey was the principal guest; Brig B.A.M. Pielow, Col A.S.J. de S. Clayton, Major A.E.F. Waldron, the P. Patrick Tuft, Capt D.A. Hawkins and many 'Friends of the 2/10th' attended. A very warm welcome was extended to Capt Dan Cattel, visiting U.K. on business from Australia. Mr Scudamore and Capt Hawkins having recently taken part in the 75th anniversary pilgrimage to Gallipoli organised by the Royal British Legion were able to give a lively report on their experiences on this never-to-be-forgotten occasion which included a meeting with the Prime Minister and the Minister for Defence, and a Reception at the British consulate at Istanbul. The nominal roll of the OCA now contains only four names of original members of the Battalion.

Our customary Remembrance Service will be held at St Nicholas Church, Chiswick, at 3 p.m. on Sunday 11 November next. All members and 'Friends of the 2/10th' will be most welcome, and this applies especially to MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION WHO IN PAST YEARS HAVE ATTENDED THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT INGLIS BARRACKS.

A.D.S.

PERSONAL JOTTINGS

Lt Bob Avery who served with the 2nd Bn from 1946-47 retired at the end of 1989 as a Chartered Building Surveyor. He has very kindly offered to assist with the maintenance of the regimental properties at Albuhera Close, Enfield.

I feel I must record my thanks to Charlie(Boy) Bellchambers for the very interesting 'tapes' he has sent from New South Wales, Australia. I enjoy listening to his reminiscences.

Roy Bishop, D Company 2/8th(1st Bn) wrote on 10 June to say that he attended a Dinner given by the Municipal Authorities at Estry, Calvados, to celebrate the renaming of the Village Square of Estry to 'Kings Own Scottish Borderers Place'. Roy was Platoon Sgt of 13 Platoon who were giving support to the KOSB's in liberating Estry in 1944.

Former Private W.A. Blake (6203553), FEPOW 1st Bn, informs me that his gall bladder operation was successful and that his badly ulcerated legs have improved. He sounded very relieved!

Former Sgt Tony Briggs Signal Sgt, 1st Bn, who is employed by the British Military Government Berlin as a transport supervisor, informs me that since the opening of crossing points between East and West Berlin, every VIP has had to get into the act, visiting the city and extending their tour to get over the other side, and as he is expected to provide drivers, transport and often a programme it has taken much of his time. I am sure he coped very well, Signal Sgts usually do. Former Drum Major John Lewis works for the same unit.

A recent correspondent was Mr A.B.S. Broadbent (49395), now in his 91st year, who served with the 25th Bn in World War 1 and survived the sinking of the SS Tyndareus.

The following members of the 2nd Bn attended the 50th Anniversary celebrations at Dunkirk in June - Capt J. Ceaton, Bill Phipps, Steve Cox, Ken Horton and 'Dukie' Lewin.

Joe Clements wrote on 12 June to inform me that he was a member of a party of eleven members of the Normandy Veterans Association who have just returned from a visit to Caen, Bayeux, Ranville and Cambes-En-Plaine. The party also visited the American, German and Canadian cemeteries. They visited the well known 'Cafe on the Pegasus Bridge' and he sat next to the famous Major Howard! His chest measurement is now 57 inches which exceeds his waist line.

RQMS George Cooper (6210526) wrote to say that he was sorry not to be able to attend the reunion due to medical problems. He wished us all a very good meeting.

A regular correspondent from Queensland, Australia, is Reg Cotton (6202683) who was a FEPOW the 1st Bn.

Capt W.H. (Battler) Craydon, now 87 years, wrote to say how sorry he was that he could not attend the reunion. He sends his regards to all his friends.

Former WO2 Bob Cubitt is anxious to purchase a Middlesex Regiment car badge. If you wish to sell get in touch with Bob.

Mr Frank Dickinson (6216927), 70th Bn 1942-43, 1st Bn 1943-44, 2nd Bn 1944-45, has moved to Lincolnshire.

Major Pat Donovan, Major Jimmy Wild and Capt Tom McMillan and their families are all well and send regards to all Diehards. They also patronise the 'Old Inn' at Allington, Nr Salisbury, run by former Drum Major Jeff Leat.

Another invalid, Arthur Drake (6201472) tells me he and his wife have recently enjoyed a holiday in Spain. We hope this change of scenery will do them good.

Many members asked why that faithful and popular Diehard former Sgt Alf Ellis (6197742) did not appear at the annual reunion. He later telephoned to say that he was unwell but is making a good recovery. He is now 82 and tells me that the reunion is something he looks forward to very much.

Capt W.C. (Willie) Fletcher celebrated his 90th birthday on Thursday 31 May.

Capt Alfred Goldman informs me that he was appointed President of the Old Millhillians Club last October and this office lasts for one year. One of the things he had to do was to give a short address on Remembrance Sunday. He said inter alia, 'For a moment my mind wanders south along The Ridgeway, where a similar service is taking place to the memory of those who served and died in the Middlesex Regiment, The Diehards, and in whose Battalions in both World Wars and in Korea and Cyprus many Old Millhillians served, whose former headquarters at Inglis Barracks was bombed just sixteen months ago this weekend. Our histories have, in fact, coincided, for the School was founded in 1807 and on May 16th 1911, the regiment won its battle honours at Albuhera, and its Commander, Colonel Inglis, cried amidst the carnage, Die Hard, my men, die hard!', and they did!'

Mrs Rhoda Hale sends her best wishes to all her friends in the Regiment.

A recent correspondent was Horace Ham (1615) who served with our 16th and 12th Bns in World War 1. Horace will be 95 in July and is cared for in the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond.

Colonel Tony Hewitt writes from Queensland, Australia, to inform me that his second book 'Corridors of Time' will be published towards the end of the year. He will be going to Hong Kong for the Battlefield Tour, 18-19 September which is being organised by Colonel Oliver Lindsay.

Our best wishes to Jock Hughes (2978223), FEPOW 1st Bn, for a speedy recovery after suffering 3 strokes. Ill health has been his lot for many years and luckily he is well cared for by his wife Betty.

Mrs Nora Jeffree, now 94 years, widow of former Drum Major and Band Sgt Jeffree, although frail, keeps going and resides in a nursing home.

Our best wishes to WO2 R.W.R. (Sonny) Makewell, DCM, now 89 years, who has been seriously ill for a long time. At the moment he is in hospital and this has enabled his wife to have a well earned rest. He won the D.C.M. whilst serving with the 1/7th Bn between 25 and 27 May 1940.

Former Sgt George Lawrence (6198352), now 80, sends regards to old comrades.

Another regular correspondent is Drummer A.E. (Dukie) Lewin (6104549), shortly to be 84 years of age. He keeps me up to date with information about Drummers of the 2nd Bn. He keeps fit and attends most functions. His father served in the regiment during WW1 and whilst attending the Dunkirk parade visited his grave.

Mr E. McEvoy, 30 Hythe Road, Dymchurch, Kent, is very anxious to trace Drummer David Pumfrey who was the best man at his wedding 25 years ago. If you can help please get in touch direct.

George Neville (5247) 2nd Bn WW1, celebrated his 94th birthday in style at the Red Lion, Harlington. Seven guests attended a splendid luncheon and the wine flowed freely. George still works as a freelance physiotherapist, goes fishing and enjoys a lunch time pint.

I will tell you a story of a dear old man
A wonderful character he,
I only tell you what I can,
When we met he was ninety three.

Every day he visits our Pub
He walks a steady mile.
Though he really comes just for the grub,
He's always got a smile.

He always turns up on the dot,
Hardly ever is he late.
The kitchen staff are on the trot
As they rush to fill his plate.

He tells us stories of long ago
And of all the things he has done.
He has not had it easy though,
And many a battle he has won.

As he comes in through the door,
We are pleased to see his face;
For this dear chap of ninety four
Keeps everyone in place.

Somehow he always seems to thrive,
Though he's been through thick and thin;
Full of life pushing ninety five,
That sure beats Errol Flynn!

Dear George, we hope you have a special day
With lots of "Bubbly" and good cheer.
While we all think of things to say,
We know you will be drinking beer.

So keep your spirit, my dear friend,
Don't think what might have been.
Keep smiling through, and in the end
You'll be hearing from the Queen.

Bill Phillips (6201806) writes from Christchurch, New Zealand, to give me all his news and to say how much he enjoys the Newsletter.

Capt Patrick Pielou will be organising private tours to Singapore-Malaya-Penang, taking in Kuala Lumpur-Cameron Highlands-Penang, during September 1990 and to Burma February/March 1991. Anyone interested should make contact to Patrick at 2 Emperor's Gate, London SW7.

Our sincere congratulations to Mr and Mrs Albert Pilfold (6208222), FEPOW 1st Bn, on celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary with a two week holiday in Tenereife.

Colin Quickenden (6208249) FEPOW 1st Bn has recently been into hospital for surgery and is now making a good recovery.

Our sincere congratulations to Mr and Mrs Jim Ridler (6214250) on celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary on 23 December 1989 with a two week holiday in Spain.

Would anyone with knowledge of Capt Thomas Rollason MC (17th Bn, Mx Regt, 1915/18) or who has any photographs of the 17th Bn, please contact Lt Col Harry Mainwaring, Lower Green, Denston, Newmarket, CB8 8PN. Tel 0440 820512.

A retired Sapper, Major D.M. Roy, has asked if any Diehard can complete the concluding lines to the following verse:

OH to the Middlesex Fair

OH to the Fair Middlesex
etc etc

Do let me know if you can and no 'home made' proposals.

Sgt Dick Stone (6201255), regrets he is unable to attend regimental gatherings owing to his limited mobility and sends best wishes to all his friends. He was badly wounded serving with the 1st Bn in Hong Kong.

Mr W(Billy) Thompson, MM(617139), now 96 years, who originally enlisted into the Army Service Corps and later served with our 19th Bn in WW1. He informs me that he was a member of a party that travelled to Mons, 27 May - 1 June. He appeared on T.V. wearing his Middlesex maroon and Old Gold tie and looked very smart indeed. The leader of the party was Brig Strake of the Old Contemptibles Association and Billy presented him with a Middlesex Regiment Ice Bucket.

Mr J. Viner (6211154) would be pleased to hear from comrades who served with him in 2 Platoon A Company 2nd Bn 1940-46.

All members of the Regimental Association wish Maj Gen Sir John Willoughby, a speedy recovery from his recent hip replacement operation.

Former WO2 Bill Wright has written to apologise for not being able to attend the reunion this year owing to a family wedding.

The grandson of Bob Yerby (6217123) was christened in the Regimental Chapel, St Paul's Cathedral, on 24 March 1990. Bob recently had a heart scare and is now on light duties.

Mr C.J. Young, 33 Lytham St, London SE1, is trying to obtain a maroon and old gold cap badge backing. If you can help drop him a line.

The following have joined the Regimental Association:-

Cpl H.G. Alcock (24307529), served C Company 1/7th Bn and B Company 1st Bn, 1942-47.

Private M. Braddick (23979629), served HQ Company 1st Bn and 4 Queens, 1963-70.

Private K.G. Branton (6205139), served Depot, Mill Hill 1939, 1 Kensingtons 1940, taken POW 1940-45. Discharged 1946.

Cpl H.A. Brown (19118394), served 2nd Bn, 1947-49.

Cpl R.G. Chaddock (6206766), served B Company 2/7th Bn, 1939-46.

Private B.T. Bunton (23146394), served HQ Company, 1st Bn, 1955-57. Batman to your Editor.

Private V.E. Clements (6203565), served D Company 2nd Bn 1937-40, and then service with Kensingtons, London Scottish and R. Inniskilling until 1946.

Cpl R.T. Cooper (23245262), served Band 1st Bn, 1955-70.

Private P.F. Crowley (19025483); served R. Hampshire Regt 1946-47 and HQ Company 2nd Bn 1947-48.

Private V.C. Debenham (14417189), served D Company 1/8th Bn 1943-45, 1/7th Bn 1946 and 1st Bn 1947.

Private F.W. Edwards (6207879), served B Company 1/7th Bn 1938-44, R. Signals 1944-45 and Cheshire Yeomanry 1946.

Colonel J.K. Evans, Royal Marines 1947-59, Middlesex A.C.F. 1961-68, Middlesex and N.W. London ACF 1968-88, Currently Chairman N.W. London(MX) Branch SSAFA and Divisional Secretary for Harrow.

Sgt J.E. Field (6205552), served 1st Bn 1939, MGTC Gosport until 1942, HQ and D Company 1/8th Bn until 1945 and then a few months with 26 MGTC.

Private W.J.C. Gardner (6212154), served 8 Pl B Company 1/7th Bn 1940-46.

Private D.T.A. Gatehouse (23979944), served 1st Bn 1963-68, 4 Queens 1968-70, 1 Queens 1970-73.

Private T. Gatehouse (24128470), served 4 Queens 1967-71, 1 Queens 1971-73.

Private J.A. Girdler (24128958), served C and HQ Company 4 Queens 1967-73. Wounded Northern Ireland 1971.

Private P.J.W. Gray (19042354), served 1947-49, Royal Fusiliers and 1st Bn 1949-52.

Sgt D.C. Hannam (6217109), served Band 2nd Bn 1945-47 and Band 1st Bn 1947-54.

Private T.P. Jones (14320246), served 1/7th Bn 1943-45 and 2nd Bn 1945-47.

LCpl D.A. Binns (Dusty) (14320246), served Band 1st Bn 1956-68. He is now known as D.A. Kinig, having changed his name by Deed Poll in 1972.

Private P.K. Lambert (7944859), served R.A.C. 1941-43, A Company 1/8th Bn 1943, wounded Normandy 10 July 1944, discharged 1945.

Private R. Maynard (23638996), served 1st Bn 1959-61.

Private W. Miles (14425565), served 8th Bn and 2nd Bn 1942-47.

LCpl F.W.G. Newman (14453628), served Queens Own Royal West Kent Regiment 1944-47, HQ Company, Drums, 1st Bn 1947-54.

Drummer H. Revell (6203208), served A Company 2nd Bn 1936/37, HQ Company 1st Bn 1937-46. FEPOW and held in Tokyo No. 2 Camp.

Drummer F. Revell (6217032), served C and HQ Company 2nd Bn, 1942-47.

Drummer A.W. Revell (19002640), served HQ Company 2nd Bn 1946-48.

Cpl A.A. Roe (6212557), served C Company 8th Bn 1940-46.

Sergeant A.H. Rowson (6209978), served C and D Company and finally B Company, 2nd Bn 1939-46.

Drummer P.G. Shelton (23257709), served HQ Company 1st Bn 1956-58.

WO2 T.C. Skerry (6209839), served A Company 2/7th Bn 1939-46.

Private D.W. Spice (22466594), served 1st Bn 1951-56.

Private A.R. Swinscoe (6206634), served 1/7th Bn 1939-46.

Bandsman W.W. Wallwork (22803132), served Band 1st Bn 1954-62.

Private R.G. Wills (24033905), served B Company 1st Bn and 4 Queens 1964-74.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

The following items have been presented to the Regimental Museum:

- Medals of LCpl Ronald Wilfred Weller (6405154), consisting of the 1939-45 Star, France & Germany Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-45. Presented by Mrs A. Weller, widow, of 75 Little Haven Lane, Horsham, West Sussex.
- b. 1914-18 War Diary of Lt-Col T.S. Wollocombe, MC. Presented by his son, Mr R.H. Wollocombe.
- c. Powder Horn, 77th, inscribed Seringapatam, Badajos, El Bodon, Peninsula, Ciudad Rodrigo. Presented by Mr A.K.G. Gilbertson, Rowanlea, Kilconquhar, Fife.
- d. Manuscript by Samuel Gresty, RASC, 'My Last 7 Days with the British Expeditionary Force, May-June 1940.' (Concerns the 1/7th and 2nd Bns).
- e. Picture of Band, 2nd Bn 1948 in a frame inscribed 2nd(DCO) Regt, Burmah 1883. Presented by 6199287 Bandsman G. Geary.

NORMANDY VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The Hoddesdon Branch, Herts, has been recently established and they are looking for new members. To be eligible to apply you must have landed in Normandy between 5 June and 20 August 1944. The Secretary is - Mr L.J. Toop, 63 Trinity Lane, Waltham Cross, Herts.

OBITUARY

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

- ALGAR** – On 18 February 1990, Private Claude John Morris Algar (6207707), aged 70 years. He served from 1939-45 with B, C and HQ Companies, 1/7th Bn.
- BATCHELOR** – On 27 May 1989, WO2 Douglas Arthur Batchelor, MM, (6209862), aged 70 years. Doug Batchelor served with the 2/7th Bn from 1939-46 and was with B Company and B Group. He was awarded the Military Medal on 23 December 1944 for gallantry in the Carne Farm area.
- BIRD** – On 1 March 1990, Private John James Bird (6204648), aged 69 years. He joined the T.A. on 25 May 1938 and served with the 1/8th Bn until March 1942 when he was posted to the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.
- BISSET** – On 1 December 1989, Major Alan Bisset (6198753), aged 77 years. Alan enlisted as a Boy soldier on 10 December 1928, joining the Band of the 1st Bn, service in Palestine 1931-33, Singapore 1936-37, Hong Kong 1937-39 followed. He was posted to the U.K. in early 1939 on completion of his engagement and transferred to the Army Reserve on 21 June 1939. On 2 September 1939 he was recalled and joined the Depot at Mill Hill. In 1942 he was posted to the Officer Cadet School and was commissioned into the Northumberland Fusiliers. A few months later, June 1943, then in the Middle East he had a knee operation, was medically downgraded and posted to the Army Catering Corps, then in the formation stage. On 10 July 1964 he retired from the A.C.C. with the rank of Major. He was a member of the North Hants Golf Club and regularly attended the Regimental Golf meetings. In his younger days he was a keen sportsman and enjoyed soccer, hockey and swimming.
- BLAKE BUDDEN** – On 7 June 1990, Mrs Barbara Blake-Budden, aged 90 years, widow of Capt E.J. Blake-Budden, who served with the 8th(TF) Bn in WW1. He died 15 November 1971. Barbara was a life long supporter of the Regiment and regularly attended the St Paul's Remembrance Service.
- BURNAGE** – On 18 February 1990, Cpl Roger Paul Burnage (23129956), aged 56 years. Roger completed his National Service with the 1st Bn in Cyprus 1955-57 and was a very popular member of the Bn. In civilian life he was employed in the wholesale meats trade.
- CHACKSFIELD** – On 16 December 1989, Doris, wife of Private George Chacksfield (6201836).
- CLARKE** – On 23 May 1990, Private Bernard Allan William Clarke (22275706), aged 59 years. He enlisted into the Royal Norfolk Regiment in April 1949, and on completion of his training was posted to the Northamptonshire Regiment where he remained until May 1951. He was posted to the Diehards on 16 May 1951 and service in Korea, Hong Kong and Austria followed. He was transferred to the Reserve on 11 March 1954. He was very proud to be a Diehard, sadly for the last ten years he suffered very poor health.
- COLEBECK** – On 17 December 1989, WO2(ORQMS) Ernest Charles Colebeck (6202735), aged 73 years. Ernie Colebeck enlisted at Mill Hill on 6 December 1935 and joined the 1st Bn in Singapore in early 1937 and in the same year moved with the Bn to Hong Kong. He was a member of a special draft of 3 led by the late Capt Vic Cooper which left Hong Kong in 1940 destined for U.K. The draft got stopped in Malta and were then posted to various units in Egypt. He eventually arrived in UK November 1943. He was posted to the 2nd Bn and took part in the Normandy landings returning to the U.K. in August 1945. The next 7 years were spent at the Depot and ERE. In 1953 he joined the 1st Bn in Austria 1954, Cyprus 1955-58 and BAOR 1959. He was discharged on 1 June 1961 on reduction of establishment, having served for 25 years 178 days. In April 1964 he became a civil servant and joined Regimental Headquarters at Edgware, where he remained until 1977. Ernie was the Secretary of the Mill Hill branch for some years and also ran the bar for the Club. The funeral was well attended by his former comrades. We must also thank his wife, Daisy, for all help with the running of the Mill Hill branch.
- CORNFORD** – On 10 February 1990, Private David Keith Cornford (23684409), aged 49 years. He enlisted as a regular soldier in November 1958, serving until November 1960, when he was discharged medically unfit. He served with the 1st Bn in BAOR.
- CUSSELL** – On 26 February 1990, Private Henry Richard John Cussell (6140801), aged 72 years. He enlisted on 12 August 1935 and after recruit training was posted to the 2nd Bn. He joined the 1st Bn in Hong Kong during August 1938 and was taken P.O.W. on 25 December 1941. During 1943 he was moved to Japan and was held on Omori Camp, Tokyo. He was transferred to the Army Reserve on 19 October 1946. In civilian life he became a chauffeur.

- DANIELS** – On 18 November 1989, Private J.A.(Gypsy) Daniels (6201422), aged 73 years. He enlisted into the Regiment in 1934 and joined the 1st Bn in 1936 in Singapore. He purchased his discharge in 1937. Mr H. Foakes attended the funeral.
- DESCH** – On 8 February 1990, the Reverend Roland Desch, MBE(Military), aged 78 years. Roland was Padre to the 1st Bn 1959-60 and it was a sad day when he had to return to U.K. Lt-Col and Mrs C.N. Clayden, together with Major and Mrs C.L. Lawrence attended the funeral.
- EDWARDS** – During January 1990, Private Dennis Donald Edwards (G/32559), aged 90 years. He served with the 5th Bn 1916-17 and 6th Bn 1917-18.
- EDWARDS** – On 13 May 1990, Mrs Grace Edwards, aged 81 years. She married the late Sgt F.J. Edwards, VC, in 1948. The medals of the late Sgt Edwards were purchased by members of the regiment and are on display in the Regimental Museum.
- FULTON** – On 23 December 1989, LCpl George Robert Fulton (6974684), aged 87 years. He served with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers from 1921 to 1937 and with the Middlesex Regiment from 1937 to 1947. He was admitted to In Pension Royal Hospital Chelsea on 12 June 1972. He became a very popular member of the Royal Hospital and paraded with the Regimental Association Old Comrades on many occasions. Major A.E.F. Waldron attended the funeral.
- GUMBURD** – On 7 April 1990, LCpl Abraham (Issy) Gumburd (6203907), aged 72 years. Issy Gumburd enlisted at Mill Hill in 1937 and after his recruit training was posted to the 1st Bn in Hong Kong joining B Company. On 25 December 1941 he was taken P.O.W. and was eventually sent to Japan and held in Shinagawa Camp. He was a regular correspondent. He was transferred to the Army Reserve in 1946.
- HOLMES** – On 27 December 1989, LCpl David Llewellyn Holmes (6211795), aged 72 years. He served with HQ Company 2/7th Bn from 1940-46 and saw service in North Africa and Italy. He was a driver. Mr R.H. Taylor and Mr S. Loe attended the funeral.
- JENKINS** – On 27 March 1990, Major Gilbert Jenkins (204414), OBE, MC, aged 77 years. Gilbert Jenkins joined the territorial A.A. Regiment in 1938 and was commissioned in the Middlesex Regiment in 1941 and joined the 2/7th Bn, serving with the Bn until 1946. He commanded M.G. and Mortar Companies during the Italy and Anzio campaign and was awarded the Military Cross on 9 February 1944. The citation read:
- "On 9 February 1944, the Heavy Mortar Company commanded by this officer was in action East of Carroceto in the Anzio Beachhead, and in its vicinity was a Machine Gun Pl, both sub-units being in support of an Infantry Battalion. During the afternoon the enemy attacked in strength, and at the same time heavy artillery and mortar fire was put down. The Machine Gun Pl Comd was killed; his Pl Sgt had previously become a casualty. Capt Jenkins was ordered to take command of it, and was successful in extricating it from its position which had become untenable, and bringing it again into action at another place where its fire could be brought to bear effectively on the enemy. Later, due to shell fire, wireless communication failed between the mortar control post and the mortar line, and he repeatedly transmitted the fire orders himself, and to do so had to cross about 1,200 yards of open country each time. For approximately 5 hours he was under constant heavy shell fire, and during this time he showed fine qualities of leadership and great gallantry."
- In civilian life he joined the Surrey Comet as a reporter and served the paper for the next 40 years, becoming Editor and Managing Editor. He played a large part in the rapid growth of the publishing company Knapp Drewett & Sons Ltd and the publicly quoted Trident Group Printers, a company with printing centres throughout the country. He was Chairman of the Sea Cadet Corps and Honorary Treasurer, Sea Cadet Association. For his services to these organisations he was awarded the O.B.E. in the 1983 Queen's Birthday Honours. During his long association with Kingston he held many local appointments. I understand a number of members of the 2/7th Bn attended the funeral.

KIDD – Major Peter Goulding has written the following few words in memory of Capt D.E. McF. Kidd, whose death was briefly announced in the December 1989 Newsletter.

Douglas Kidd joined the 2/7th Bn from OCTU and previous T.A. service during the early years of WW2. I first met him when he joined C Company, then on coast defence in Norfolk, in 1941. He soon showed himself to be a keen and efficient platoon officer. Off duty he had a great flair for organising sport and entertainment, and his civilian experience as a Bank Official was invaluable in dealing with mess accounts etc. Upon the reorganisation of the Bn into Support Groups Douglas was given command of one of the new 20mm Oerlikon Gun companies, and threw himself into the job of retraining in the new role with his customary enthusiasm, while at the same time preparing for the Bn's departure overseas. He shared the disappointment of all concerned when it was decided a year or so later to disband the 20mm companies, after so much keen work had been put in. He continued serving with the Bn in North Africa and Italy in various capacities until demobilisation. On return to civil life he was promoted to Manager of one of the Bank's principal branches in the West End of London, and was a loyal supporter of the 2/7th reunions. In retirement he acquired a holiday apartment in Spain and took the opportunity to visit Albuhera and bring back photographs of the area. Some 4 years before his death he suffered a severe stroke resulting in total incapacity, which he bore with fortitude. My abiding memory is of his irrepressible enthusiasm and cheerfulness at all times. He was a good mate.

JONES – On 3 May 1990, Mrs Matilda (Tilly) Jones, aged 89 years, widow of Sgt Kenny Jones (6197370).

MILLER – On 15 April 1990, Sgt Lewis George Victor Miller (2685), aged 93 years.

He served with A Company, 12th Bn, during WW1. He had two sons who died during WW2, one in action during the Burma campaign and the other on the Death Railway in Malaya, both serving in the Australian army.

MOODY – On 2 January 1990, LCpl Alan James Moody, aged 60 years.

His regiment was the Royal Corps of Military Police with whom he served from 1947 to 1953. During the Korea campaign he was attached to the 1st Bn and D Company for a short period. After leaving the service he served for 25 years with the Metropolitan Police and from 1978-89 as a Security Officer with the Bank of England. He regularly carried the 'Old Comrades Standard' at the Field of Remembrance, Westminster. He was also National Chairman of the Korean Veterans Association. Brig D.B. Rendell attended the funeral.

MORTIMER – On 3 March 1990, Sgt George Mortimer, aged 76 years.

George joined the 9th Bn in 1932 and was demobbed in 1947. He well remembers the conversation to 60 S/L Regiment and we both served in 431 Battery but in different locations.

(John R. Ryall, Brig)

O'CONNOR – On 18 May 1990, Mrs Nora Josephine O'Connor, aged 84 years.

Nora will be remembered with affection by members of the 1st Bn as our W.V.S. lady in Cyprus 1955-58. I(Editor) remember Nora winning the Ladies Race during the Dhekelia Garrison Swimming Gala at Fisherman's Cover on 17 August 1957. Other information from Brig B.H. Marciandi.

PITMAN – On 24 December 1989, Major Roger Charles Pitman, aged 51 years.

Roger was granted a regular commission with the Middlesex Regiment on 19 December 1958, promoted Major on 30 June 1972, retiring Queen's Regiment 15 October 1976, with redundancy terms. From 1976-82 he became Export Sales Manager for Portalcabin Ltd, York. He was a contract officer with the Sultan of Oman Forces 1982-85. The funeral was attended by Col H.J.A. Moore, Major and Mrs Gordon Crumley and Capt Roger Jennings, Queen's Regiment.

PRITCHARD – On 26 February 1990, Sgt Brian Alan Pritchard (22233303), aged 59 years.

Sgt Pritchard commenced his service on 19 August 1948 with the Light Infantry Brigade (KSLI). He was posted to the Middlesex Regiment on 28 August 1950 and joined the 1st Bn then on the move to Korea – he continued to serve with the Bn and service in Hong Kong 1951-52, Austria 1953-55 followed. He left the army on 18 August 1955 but re-enlisted on 24 May 1956 rejoining the 1st Bn in Cyprus. He moved to BAOR with the Bn in 1960-64, Gibraltar 1964-65 followed by a ERE posting to the 3rd Bn Malay Rangers until 1968. His last year of service was with 4 Queen's 1968-69. He left the army on 11 June 1969. The majority of his time was either with the Signals or M.T. In civilian life he worked for the Water Board at Richmond. He suffered a very painful illness during the last few years of his life which he bore stoically. His daughter, Frances is a nurse at the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond.

ROBERTS – On 17 February 1990, WO2 Ridwen Glynn (Taffy) Roberts (4187711), MBE, aged 78 years.

Taffy Roberts served as a regular soldier with the Royal Welch Fusiliers, the Welch Regiment and the Border Regiment from 1931-45. He was also with the Parachute Regiment 1945-46. 7 months in civvy street was enough and rejoined the Parachute Regiment in August 1946 serving at Home and the MELF 1952-53 and then to 11 Para (8 Mx) 1953-54. He was discharged on 27 September 1954 having completed 22 years service. In 1954 he re-enlisted on a 4 year engagement serving with 11 Para (TA) and 8 Mx (TA) until 1958. Once again Taffy signed on this time on a TA engagement serving from 1958 to 1969 with 8 Mx and 5 Mx. He was awarded the MBE on 20 December 1968. Taffy Roberts gave great service to the Diehards and the following members attended the funeral – Lt-Col Peter Hall, Lt-Col Jerry Gunnell, Major Stuart Henshaw, Mr Mike Ward and Mr Gordon Young.

SMITH – On 27 March 1990, Private James William Smith (6202336), aged 72 years.

He enlisted on 10 July 1935 and on completion of his recruit training was posted to the 2nd Bn. On 5 February 1937 he was posted to the 1st Bn in Singapore and moved with the Bn to Hong Kong in August 1937. He was taken P.O.W. on Christmas Day 1941 and was moved to Japan embarking on the ill fated Lisbon Maru on 25 September 1942. The ship was torpedoed on 1 October but Smudger survived, and was taken to Shanghai. He was too ill to move with the other survivors to Kobe Japan and remained in Shanghai for the duration of the war. He was transferred to the Army Reserve on 8 July 1946. Mr D. Cavill and Mr A.E. Allchorne attended the funeral.

SUMMERS – On 23 December 1989, Colonel Maxwell Hamilton (Max) Summers, DSO, OBE, TD, DL, aged 90 years.

Rheumatic fever as a child prevented him joining the regular army, however, he was granted a T.A. commission in January 1922 and posted to the 8th Bn(TA) Middlesex Regiment until 1923. Service in the RAMC TA followed and he became R.M.O. to the 8th Bn for the next 13 years. In 1935 he was medical officer to the Bucks and Berks Yeomanry and in 1937 was promoted Lt-Col with the Royal Army Medical Corps at Harrow. He was awarded the D.S.O. for his wartime services and promoted to full Colonel.

Dr. Maxwell Summers bought Burnham House and practice on 1 April 1927. Later that year, on 27 October, Dr. Evelyn Baird. While he was on active service during World War Two, Dr. Evelyn Summers ran the Burnham practice. After the war, Dr. Maxwell Summers involvement with local affairs was phenomenal. He inaugurated branches of the British Legion in Cippenham and Burnham, organised Remembrance Day in Burnham and for many years acted as Parade Marshall. He played a leading role in the 'Bells Parade' to raise money for the Bells of St Peter's Church; sponsored a fund for the erection of ornamental gates at the entrance to Burnham Memorial Ground, was chairman of the War Memorial Committee. For 25 years he was People's Warden at St Peter's Church; for 30 years President of Burnham Football Club, Cippenham Cricket Club, Burnham Volunteer Fire Brigade, Burnham Working Men's Club. He served on the Burnham Council of Social Service, Burnham Abbeyfield Society and was a past President of the Slough and District Probus Club. He loved the Middlesex Regiment and supported the regiment in every way possible. In latter years he could not attend functions but always had to be told what was happening and insisted on making a contribution towards expenses. He lived up to the quotation "Once a Diehard, always a Diehard". He was an exceptional man, a forceful and kind character and loved and respected by everyone with whom he made contact. Col and Mrs Desmond Ellis, Col Andrew Man and Major George Hartley attended the funeral.

TAYLOR – On 11 June 1990, suddenly Sgt Ronald Harley Taylor (6207535), aged 69 years.

Ron enlisted on 8 May 1939 and joined the 7th Bn. In August 1939 the 7th Bn was 'Duplicated' and became 1/7th and 2/7th, and Ron found himself with 2/7th Bn. He served with C and HQ Companies and also with B Group for the duration of the war seeing service in Italy, Anzio and Palestine. Ron became Orderly Room Sgt. He was mentioned in dispatches. In January 1948 he was transferred to the army reserve and later awarded a 100% disability pension. Many years ago he became Secretary of the 2/7th (1939-45) Dinner Club and arranged the annual 'get together' meticulously. His knowledge of members of the 2/7th and their activities was quite outstanding. He was a good friend and will be sadly missed by all members of the Regiment. Many members of the 2/7th attended the funeral and the regimental flag draped the coffin.

WEBB – On 16 May 1989, Private Frederick Arthur Webb. He served with 1/7th Bn 1939-46. No other details available.



Mr A.D. Scudamore and Capt D.A. Hawkins

BOOKS

Caught in Court by John Scott

Capt John Scott did his National Service from 1948-50 when, although he was commissioned into the Middlesex Regiment, he served with the 1st Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment in Germany. After National Service he volunteered for the T.A. and served with the 7th Bn under Lt-Col 'Stumps' Green and Lt-Col Desmond Ellis. He was articled to the late Major Ken Hardcastle and five years after qualifying as a solicitor became a partner in a large City of London firm. He has always been a keen cricketer and played occasionally in the Regimental week at Mill Hill.

The book, which is illustrated and to which Colin Cowdrey has kindly written a Foreword, concerns cases in the law courts involving the game of cricket or well-known cricketers or both. The book was published by Andre Deutsh on 26 October 1989 and costs £12.95.

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. Postage and packing is included in the price. Cheques or Postal Orders should be made payable to the Middlesex Regimental Association.

Blazer Badges	£ 6.50 each
Ice Buckets, miniature side drum with regimental emblazon	£16.00 each
Ties Regtl Old Pattern, Maroon and Old Gold	£ 3.00 each
Ties New Pattern, Terylene	£ 3.00 each
Ties Officers' Club Silk	£ 6.00 each
Wall Plaques, Middlesex Regiment	£13.00 each
History 'Diehards in Korea'	£ 5.00 each
Christmas Cards - Steady the Drums and Fifes	.20 each
Cards 6" x 4" embossed badge and Regtl Ribbon	.35 each
Middlesex Cap Badge (not originals)	£ 2.50 each
Tumblers, Whisky, engraved with Middlesex Regimental Badge	£ 6.00 each

MEMORANDUM

The following report was prepared by the staff of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, in response to the request of the Secretary of the Interior, dated 10/1/54, for a study of the feasibility of establishing a National Monument in the State of Alaska.

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