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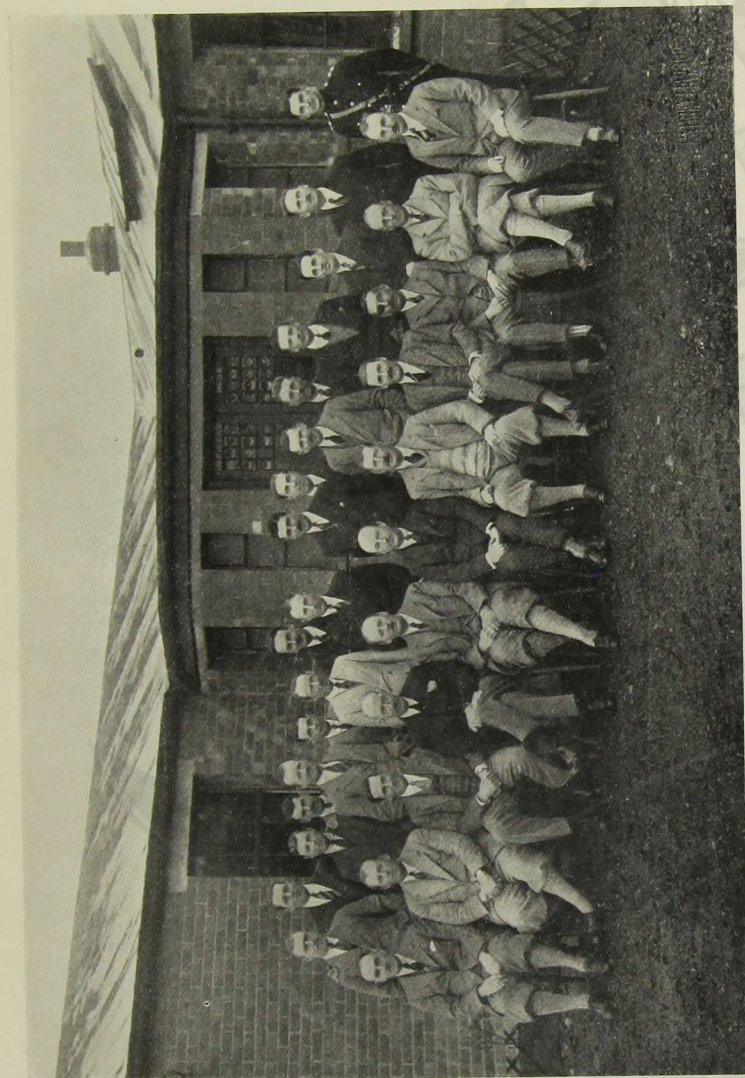


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1st BATTALION OFFICERS, CATERICK CAMP.  
Albuhara Day, 1928.

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## EDITORIAL



WE take this opportunity of wishing our readers a very happy Christmas and the best of luck in the coming New Year.

We welcome to the Regiment Lieut.-Col. H. E. Stanley-Murray, M.C., who joins us from the Royal Scots. He has been selected to command the 2nd Battalion in place of Lieut.-Col. H. P. F. Bicknell, D.S.O., whose tenure of command expired on September 28th.

We offer our congratulations to Brevet Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson,

D.S.O., on his promotion to command the 1st Battalion, and to Brevet Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., on his promotion to the substantive rank of Major.

We should be glad to receive literary contributions from our readers. Articles on sport generally, or on matters of regimental interest, would be welcomed, also stories, anecdotes, or any "copy" which would make our pages brighter. Photographs would be very acceptable, and great care would be taken of them until their return to their owners. It would be a great help if full titles were written on the backs of photographs. It would also assist if contributions were written on one side of a sheet only, and, better still, if same could be typewritten.

The Regimental Diary for 1929 is now ready, price 1s. 6d. This is, of course, an experiment, and we shall welcome any criticisms which will tend to improve future diaries. There will necessarily have to be an adjustment in the matter of subscriptions, as some of our readers have paid one shilling only, that being the price of the usual Calendar. However, the Diary is being sent to all our supporters who have paid the shilling, and the sixpence due can be added to the next renewal remittance.

On Armistice Day a short service will be held at the Regimental War Memorial, Mill Hill Barracks, on Sunday, November 11th, at 10.45 a.m. All relatives and friends of those who gave their lives in the Great War are invited to attend. It is hoped that battalions will send representatives and wreaths.

We wish to draw attention to a notice regarding the Ladies' Guild, which appears under the heading of "Regimental Association Notes." The Guild does very splendid work, and deserves every possible encouragement. It is seldom that a week passes without appeals being received for clothing, and we feel confident that the members of the Guild and other friends will see to it that the supply is equal to the demand.

LIEUT.-COLONEL  
W. A. STEWART, O.B.E.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL WILLIAM ARCHIBALD STEWART, whose tenure of command of the 1st Battalion expired on September 20th, was born on December 8th, 1880, the son of Major Alexander Stewart, and grandson of General Alexander Stewart, who served throughout the greater part of the Napoleonic wars, and whose kinsman, Sir William Stewart, was the 57th's Divisional Commander at Albuhera.

Lieut.-Col. Stewart was gazetted to the 2nd Bn. Middlesex Regiment from Sandhurst on August 12th, 1899, being then eighteen years old. Relations of his had previously served in the 57th Regiment, and his great uncle, Sir David Rae, in the 77th Regiment.

In December of 1899 the 2nd Battalion was ordered on active service to South Africa. With it Lieut.-Col. Stewart saw much of the fighting for the relief of Ladysmith, including the action of Spion Kop, together with the operations which cleared Natal and South-East Transvaal.

In 1901 he joined the Mounted Infantry, and at the early age of twenty commanded a company of the 14th Bn. Mounted Infantry. In 1903 he was promoted to a captaincy, and returned to England with the 2nd Battalion. In 1907 Capt. Stewart transferred to the 1st Battalion, and served with this Battalion in India until 1912, when he was appointed Adjutant of the Rangoon V. Rifles. On the outbreak of war local disturbances broke out in Burma, which were suppressed largely by the Rangoon Volunteers. The isolated position of Burma caused the Government some anxiety. It was decided that a regular officer must be retained with the Volunteers. Capt. Stewart's applications to resign the appointment were refused therefore, until 1917, when, after a brief period as acting A.A. and Q.M.G. of the Burma Divisional Staff, he was despatched to Mesopotamia, where he held various staff appointments until 1920.

In December he rejoined the 1st Battalion as Second-in-Command after nearly ten years of extra Regimental and Staff employments. He had been promoted to

We publish the first instalment of the reminiscences of Sergt.-Major James White, late 77th Regiment. These present a striking commentary on the conditions of Army life in the latter half of the nineteenth century.

The poem "On the Crimean War," which is reprinted on page 85 was found among the papers of the late Lieut.-General R. A. Logan, C.B., of whom an article and photograph appeared in our last issue.

Brig.-General Wallace Wright, V.C., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who was the last Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion, has just been elected Member of Parliament for the Tavistock Division. We tender our congratulations to him; also our best wishes for a successful Parliamentary career.

Lieut.-Col. G. L. Oliver was placed on retired pay on August 29th on relinquishing command of the 1st Battalion King's Regiment (Liverpool). He was originally gazetted to the West India Regiment in 1898, being promoted Captain into the Middlesex Regiment in May, 1907, and was transferred to the King's on the disbandment of the 3rd and 4th Battalions.

Attention is invited to the revised list of prices for covers for binding the Journal and for bound copies of same. Please see "Notice to Contributors, etc." We shall be pleased to receive orders from Messrs, Institutes, and individual subscribers.

## REGIMENTAL FIXTURES.

November 11th, 1928.—Armistice Day Service at the Regimental War Memorial at the Barracks, Mill Hill, at 10.45 p.m.

January 5th, 1929.—Quarterly Concert at the Masonic Rooms. "Goat and Compasses," 341, Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.





LIEUT.-COLONEL W. A. STEWART, O.B.E.

a majority in 1915. With the 1st Battalion he served in Germany, Upper Silesia, and in Ireland during the troubles of 1921.

In 1923 the Battalion was posted to the 1st Guards Brigade at Aldershot from Germany, and in 1924 Lieut.-Col. Stewart took over command from Col. Heath. One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, 1925 and 1926 were years of extraordinary success for the 1st Battalion, who won, or were runners-up, in practically every competition held within the Command, including all the infantry events at the Horse Show and the winning of the Infantry Transport Challenge Shield for three consecutive years, the Evelyn Wood Competition (marching and shooting test), Aldershot Command Small Arms Championship, Connaught Cup (tactical competition), Aldershot Command Rugby Association, Hockey, Cricket, Athletics, Swimming and Team Boxing Competitions.

In 1926 the Battalion moved to Catterick. In 1927 it was filled up with Section "A" Reservists from eighteen different regiments, and despatched at six days' notice to China, where it served at Hong-Kong, Shanghai and Wei-hai-wei. In the last days of the year Col. Stewart brought the cadre of the Battalion back to Catterick.

Col. Stewart married, in 1908, the daughter of Col. Charles Briggs, J.P., D.L., of Hylton Castle, Hylton, County Durham. Mrs. Stewart has devoted much of her time to the welfare of the married families of the Battalion, amongst whom she has been deservedly very popular. In recognition of the interest she has taken in them the wives of the Battalion presented her, on her departure from Catterick, with a very handsome salad bowl.

#### LIEUT.-COLONEL H. P. F. BICKNELL, D.S.O.

**L**T.-COL. HENRY PERCY FRANK BICKNELL, who was placed on half-pay on September 28th, on completion of tour of command of the 2nd Battalion, was born in 1879, and was educated at Charterhouse School.

He was gazetted to the Middlesex Regiment as Second-Lieutenant in May,

1899, from the old 4th Battalion (Militia). Joining the 2nd Battalion on first appointment, he embarked with that Battalion for South Africa in December, 1899, and served throughout the campaign, taking part in the Relief of Ladysmith, the actions at Spion Kop, Vaal Kranz, Tugela Heights, and Pieter's Hill, and the operations in Natal, Cape Colony, and the Transvaal, for which he received the Queen's Medal with five clasps, and the King's Medal with two clasps.

He became Lieutenant in March, 1900, Captain in November, 1901, and Major in December, 1914. He was Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion from March, 1905, until March, 1908.

The outbreak of the Great War found him still serving in the 2nd Battalion, which he accompanied to France. He commanded the 4th Battalion from October, 1915, to April, 1917, and his period of command included the Battles of the Somme and Ancre in 1916. He was Instructor at the Senior Officers' School from April to October, 1917, and commanded the 20th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers from October, 1917, to November, 1918.

For his services in the war of 1914-18, Col. Bicknell received the 1914 Star, with clasp, the British War Medal, and the Victory Medal; was mentioned in despatches on four occasions, and was awarded the D.S.O.

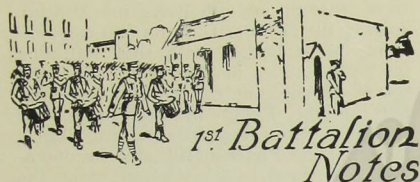
An outstanding event during Col. Bicknell's command of the 2nd Battalion was the presentation of new Colours by the Commander-in-Chief in India, General (now Field-Marshal) Sir Claud Jacob, at Ahmednagar, on July 15th, 1925.

The fine thing about the sixteen-year-old girl to-day is that she will outgrow it twenty years from now—that is, when she is twenty-five.

There is a glacier in Alaska which moves downwards at the rate of three feet a year. They ought to call it "The Cost of Living."

Women are very like houses. It is difficult to tell the new ones from the old after they have been painted and shingled.





ON September 28th, Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., assumed command of the Battalion. We wish him the best of luck. Much to the concern and regret of all ranks, Lieut.-Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E. had to undergo a severe operation a month before giving up his tenure of office. However, the fact that he is now well on the way to a complete recovery gives us some small compensation for his departure.

Athletically, we have had a most successful quarter. The Battalion and Brigade Sports are described elsewhere in detail. We congratulate "G" Company on their overwhelming victory in the former, and our exciting struggle with The King's Regiment, in the latter, will be remembered in northern circles for many a year. Our medley relay team, which visited all the neighbouring units sports, had the happy story of two victories, one walk over and two seconds in open relays.

The month of July was spent in some real soldiering—a hectic period of training, when steel helmet opposed soft cap. Imagination is now called upon to play a very large part in modern warfare at home, although strenuous efforts are being made by higher commands to stimulate reality in the form of multi-coloured flags representing anti-tank guns, machine guns, reserve platoons, and even companies. In fact, this Battalion, marching out for training, might well have been mistaken by the ghost of King Richard for one of his own crusading columns. Possibly, by next year's manoeuvres, the green and white banners of the anti-tanks may be replaced by the deep barking of the guns themselves, which will materially assist our artistic umpires in their efforts to paint the picture.

During August and September the Battalion was encamped at Bellerby for

the unpleasant task of building ranges. We understand that a debate held in camp by our neighbours, the Cameronians, on the subject of "do soldiers make good diggers?" it was unanimously decided that the solution to the unemployment question lay in the introduction of dole-drawers to this bleak section of the Yorkshire Moors.

A portion of the Garrison Shoot has been rented by the Officers' Mess, and, although our grouse moor was used during the early part of the year for the purpose of musketry, several very good drives have been organized, resulting in a total bag, so far, of 46 brace. Fishing in the River Swale has also provided the Officers' Mess with many excellent breakfasts, but a unique run of haddock in these fresh waters is said to have greatly disturbed our most ardent anglers.

Lieut. H. A. A. Howell, M.B.E., has joined the Battalion from Singapore, and has been posted to "A" (M.G.) Company. 2/Lieut. H. F. Mackenzie and 2/Lieut. W. H. P. Chattey have also arrived on first appointment, and have been posted to "B" and "D" Companies respectively. The sad death of 2/Lieut. A. Cole (S.R.O.O.). The Middlesex Regiment, occurred recently in an air collision. He had only just completed a month's attachment to this Battalion.

We congratulate Capt. H. Phillips, M.C., on reaching the fourth round of the Welsh Amateur Golf Championship, at Harlech, this year, where he took the holder and ultimate finalist to the 19th hole. Capt. E. F. Lyons, M.C., is leaving us for a tour with the Instructional Staff at Hythe. His name has been synonymous with the Weapon Training Cadre since 1924, and his loss will be greatly felt.

The Battalion has presented five large pictures, of a sacred nature, for the adornment of St. Oswald's Church. These pictures were originally bought for the private chapel which the Battalion established in the Kronprinz Barracks at Kalk in Germany in 1922. They make a very welcome addition to the Garrison Church at Catterick, which is a particularly bare edifice.

### 13th INFANTRY BRIGADE SPORTS.

These sports were held on September 8th at the Stadium, Catterick. Catterick produced one of its worst days for the occasion, a drizzling rain falling practically the whole afternoon. The one redeeming feature was that Catterick's permanent gale took a day off, presumably in order not to inconvenience the rain. In spite of the above conditions some keen racing was seen. The contest very quickly settled down to a struggle between ourselves and The King's Regiment (Liverpool). All the events were run on the team system, the winners counting 5 points, second 4 points, and so on.

The first event was the 100 Yards. We ran between 2nd and 3rd over the first three stages, but 2/Lieut. Powell, by a fine effort over the last stage, pulled up to second place. The King's won this event. The next race was the 1 Mile Team, and again we lost to The King's by one point, The King's placings being 3rd, 7th, 8th and 10th, and ours, 1st, 4th, 11th and 13th. Dmr. Woodward practically ran himself out at the end of the third lap, thinking he had finished the race. But for this mistake we might have won. However, we were second again. Cpl. Donovan ran a good race to become the individual winner in 4 min. 57.1-5 sec.

The King's now had 10 points, and we were second with 8.

The Long Jump, the next event, put us ahead. We tied for first place in this with the Green Howards, while The King's were bottom. Cpl. Williams got 19 ft. 1 in., while Bdsn. Chillery supplied a useful 18 ft.

The points now read:—King's, 11; Middlesex, 12½.

The fourth event, the 440 Yards Relay, we took with a bit to spare. Lieut. Worton, with his well-known strong finish, established a lead over the first stage which was increased on each hand-over. The time for this event was 3 min. 57.3-5 sec. The Cameronians were 2nd, and The King's 3rd, so the points now stood: King's, 14; Middlesex, 17½. The hurdles were run next, and this we also won, with The King's second. Our team accomplished this always doubtful race in fine style, their being no mistakes

at all in spite of the very treacherous state of the turf.

At the half-way distance we held the lead with 22½ points, and The King's were second with 18 points. As the Americans would say, we seemed to be "sittin' pretty."

In the sixth event, however, the Weight, we had a rude shock. The King's won this with two good puts of 34 ft. 4 in. and 33 ft. 10½ in., while we filled bottom place. The points now stood: King's, 23; Middlesex, 23½.

Event No. 7 was the Three Mile Team. The King's gave a very fine exhibition of team running to win easily. Their placing was 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th. We came third, our placing being 2nd, 8th, 13th and 14th.

The points now were:—King's, 28; Middlesex, 26½.

The 220 Yards Relay came next. Cpl. Painter started off for us. At the first corner he lay third, but at the half distance went right away to hand over a commanding lead to McNamara, and Cpl. Williams and 2/Lieut. Powell increased this to about 40 yards. The take-over in this event went particularly well, and fully repaid the large amount of practice put in at this particular phase of relay running. The method used was brought back from Stamford Bridge by an eye witness of the British Empire versus America meeting. The King's were second in this event after a tight fight with the Cameronians.

Points: King's, 32; Middlesex, 31½.

Last but one on the programme was the High Jump. 2/Lieut. Powell and Bdsn. Walker were our representatives in this event. The former had only just completed the 220 Yards, and there were some anxious moments until The King's second string failed at 4 ft. 10 in. Lieut. Powell cleared 4 ft. 11 in., and Bdsn. Walker put us on top with a fine leap of 5 ft. 4 in., which also made him individual winner. The King's drew for 3rd place in this event with the Border Regiment.

Points: King's, 34½; Middlesex, 30½.

The last event was the 880 Yards Relay, and in this event we had to be 1st or 2nd. The race went very much the same way as the 440 Yards Relay, and Cpl. Donovan finished the last stage with



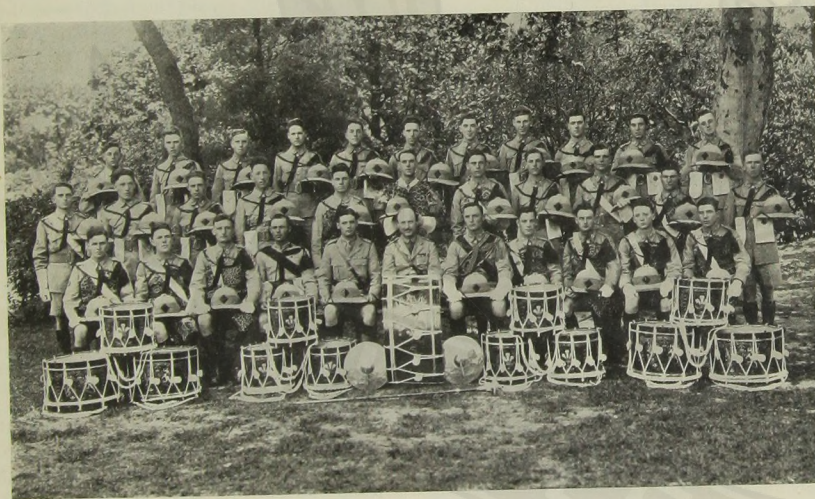


[Photo : Swallow, Richmond, Yorks.]

#### 1st BATTALION ATHLETIC TEAM.

Winners 13th Infantry Brigade Sports, Catterick, 1928 (Second Successive Year).

*Top Row (Standing).—*L./Cpl. Hammond. L./Cpl. MacNamara. L./Cpl. Timson. Bdsn. Walker. C.Q.M.S. Darby. Dmr. Woodward. Bdsn. Chillery. Pte. Keefe. Dmr. Blackman.  
*Second Row (Seated on Chairs).—*Cpl. Painter. Lieut. Crawford. Lieut. Cubitt. Lieut.-Colonel Pearson. Capt. Rackham.  
*Bottom Row (Seated on Ground).—*Bdsn. Clarke. Pte. Hewitt. L./Cpl. Williams. L./Cpl. Donegar.  
 (2/Lieut. Powell was unavoidably absent.)



#### THE DRUMS.

1st BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT IN SHANGHAI, 1927.

plenty to spare. The King's were 2nd, and thus the final points were:—

Middlesex, 41½.  
 King's, 38½.  
 Border Regiment, 25½.  
 Cameronians, 24.  
 Green Howards, 15½.

The cup, therefore, remained with the Battalion for another year. Its return was celebrated in the usual manner.

In addition to the above events there was a Tug-of-War Competition. This did not count for the cup. We drew the Cameronians in the first round, the other three regiments getting byes.

After a false pull, our team, under the able leadership of Lieut. Dobbs, made short work of the Cameronians. Our next opponents were The King's Regiment, whom we also beat. This put us into the final with our old friends of the Karmala, the Border Regiment. They beat us on the first pull. On the change over of ends we won. In the third pull, after a good struggle, we were pulled over.

The teams were as follows, and ran in the order named:—

100 Yards.—L./Cpl. Williams, Pte. McNamara, Cpl. Painter, 2/Lieut. Powell.

220 Yards.—Cpl. Painter, Pte. McNamara, L./Cpl. Williams, 2/Lieut. Powell.

440 Yards.—Lieut. Worton, Lieut. Cubitt, Lieut. Crawford, 2/Lieut. Powell.

880 Yards.—Lieut. Worton, Lieut. Cubitt, Lieut. Crawford, Cpl. Donovan.

One Mile.—Cpl. Donovan, Dmr. Woodward, Bdsn. Clarke, Pte. Hewitt.

Three Miles.—Dmr. Woodward, L./Cpl. Hammond, Ptes. Donegar and Keefe.

Hurdles.—Cpl. Painter, Bdsn. Chillery, Dvr. Blackman, Bdsn. Walker.

Long Jump.—L./Cpl. Williams, Bdsn. Chillery.

High Jump.—Bdsn. Walker, 2/Lieut. Powell.

Putting Shot.—C.Q.M.S. Darby, L./Cpl. Timson.

#### BATTALION SPORTS MEETING.

The Annual Sports Meeting, which had been postponed from May 16th, was held on the Stadium Ground, Catterick, on

July 14th, 1928. For once the weather was kind to us, and we were able to go through a lengthy programme without any undue delay.

A meeting of this kind requires a lot of organization, and a vote of thanks is certainly due to those responsible for the arrangements.

"G" Coy ("H.Q.") were the winners of the Athletic Shield, with "C" Company as runners-up. Some fine races were run, and in many cases the result was in doubt until very near the finishing post.

The meeting has brought to light much new talent. It has shown that, although we lose good men, we can replace easily from the "reserve."

The following are the results of the events:—

400 Yards Relay.—1, "C" Coy.; 2, "G" Coy.; 3, "D" Coy.; 4, "B" Coy.; 5, "Q" Coy.; 6, "A" Coy.

480 Yards Hurdles.—1, "G" Coy.; 2, "Q" Coy.; 3, "C" Coy.; 4, "A" Coy.; 5, "B" Coy. "D" Coy. were disqualified.

Three Miles Team Race.—1, "A" Coy.; 2, "G" Coy.; 3, "B" Coy.; 4, "Q" Coy.; 5, "C" Coy.; 6, "D" Coy. First three home: 1, Dmr. Woodward; 2, L./Cpl. Donegar; 3, Pte. Keefe.

High Jump.—1, "G" Co. (10 ft. 2 in.; Bdsn. Walker cleared 5 ft. 3 in.); 2, "C" Coy.; 3, "Q" Coy.; 4, "A" Coy.; 5, "B" and "D" Coys. (tied).

One Mile Relay.—1, "G" Coy.; 2, "B" Coy.; 3, "A" Coy.; 4, "C" Coy.; 5, "D" Coy.; 6, "Q" Coy.

Two Miles Relay.—1, "G" Coy.; 2, "B" Coy.; 3, "A" Coy.; 4, "C" Coy.; 5, "D" Coy.; 6, "Q" Coy.

One Mile Team Race.—1, "C" Coy.; 2, "G" Coy.; 3, "A" Coy.; 4, "B" Coy.; 5, "Q" Coy.; 6, "D" Coy. First three home: 1, Dmr. Woodward, "Q" Coy.; 2, L./Cpl. Hammond, "C" Coy.; 3, Pte. Clark, "G" Coy.

Putting Shot.—1, "A" Coy. (66 ft. 4 in.); 2, "D" Coy.; 3, "C" and "B" Coys. (tie); 5, "G" Coy.; 6, "Q" Coy.

880 Yards Relay.—1, "G" Coy.; 2, "C" Coy.; 3, "B" Coy.; 4, "A" Coy.; 5, "D" Coy.; 6, "Q" Coy.

Long Jump.—1, "G" Coy. (36 ft. 4½ in.); 2, "C" Coy.; 3, "Q" Coy.; 4, "A" Coy.; 5, "B" Coy.; 6, "D" Coy.



*Order of Merit.*—1, "G" Coy., 53 points; 2, "C" Coy., 42½; 3, "A" Coy., 37; 4, "B" Coy., 32½; 5, "Q" Coy., 24; 6, "D" Co., 19½.

#### AWARD OF SHIELDS.

*Efficiency Shield.*—"G" Coy.  
*Athletic Shield.*—"G" Coy.  
*Football Shield.*—"G" Coy.  
*Musketry Shield.*—"Q" Coy.  
*Hockey Shield.*—"Q" Coy.  
*Tug-of-War.*—"A" Coy.  
*Passball Shield.*—"A" Coy.

#### OTHER EVENTS.

*Enlisted Boys' Race.*—1, Boy Higgins; 2, Boy Madden; 3, Boy Bodle.  
*Potato Race.*—1, Pte. Hatchett; 2, Dmr. Woolley; 3, L./Cpl. Hutson.  
*Veterans' Race* (18 years' service and over).—1, Clr.-Sergt. Darby; 2, Capt. and Ormr. English; 3, C.S.M. Walker.  
*Children's Races.*—Boys: 1, G. Clark; 2, W. Clark; 3, J. Darby. Girls: 1, M. Walker; 2, M. Stone; 3, L. Beaman.  
*Ladies' Race.*—1, Mrs. Mynott; 2, Mrs. Osterholm; 3, Mrs. Sloane Stanley.  
*Band Race.*—1, Sergt. Carter; 2, Bdsn. George; 3, Bdsn. O'Halleron.  
*Sergeants' Race.*—1, Sergt. Cullen; 2, Clr.-Sergt. Darby; 3, Sergt. Warren.  
*Inter-Mess Relay.*—1, Officers; 2, Corporals; 3, Privates.  
*Garrison Open Relay.*—1, Training Bn. R.C. of S.; 2, Training Bn. R.C. of S.

#### "A" (M.G.) COMPANY.

We have little to record in this issue of the Journal, except that we have been engaged on battalion training and "digging" at Bellerby Moor. Sports have been plentiful, but results are not to hand, so cannot be reported.

We provided quite a few of the recently successful Battalion teams, and in a novices' boxing tournament we were runners-up. We are discovering new talent.

We have won the Northern Command Machine Gun Challenge Cup, presented yearly to the unit with the highest aggregate during the annual Machine Gun Course, and we feel very pleased at possessing such an imposing trophy. We have recently had a new draft from the Depot, and are getting another in the near future. These, with the addition of

certain men from the rifle companies, will bring us up to peace establishment.

A great many of the Company are at present on furlough, prior to their being drafted to the 2nd Battalion.

We wish them the best of luck in their new station. We congratulate the members of the Company who have recently gained their Second Class Certificates of Education, and we wish "Dodger" the best of luck in his next attempt.

EMMA GEE.

#### "B" COMPANY.

A glance through our notes for the usual contribution makes one realize what a moving population ours is; hardly a dozen Shanghai spirits remain, and although new and younger blood replaces them and are trained in duties and sports, yet all seem to be in transit only.

Several have been showing promising form in practice matches held at Bellerby Camp, which has raised our hopes of doing better in the usual Company league and knock-out competitions. Rugby has found favour lately, and ears and necks feel like much-used elastic, according to reports.

The Battalion Novices' Boxing provided some good fare for three nights to a crowded gymnasium; Pte. Stroud, one of ours, well earned a handsome cup after several gruelling bouts, in taking the feather-weight final. Other Company novices who earned many points with their bouts were Ptes. Benham, Miller, and Hows, the last named going strong for the welter-weight final, until a mishap to his right hand caused a stoppage. The Company eventually tied for third place in the Championship.

Major Sloane-Stanley has left us, to take over the duties of P.R.I., and as Company Commander we now have Lieut. Hudson, who shares us with his many sports duties. We also welcome 2/Lieut. Chattey, who has now joined us.

Sergt.-Major Smith has gone on a hurried journey to the Far East, this time as Ship's Sergeant-Major for H.M.T. *Dorsetshire*. Bon voyage and hopes that his "Brownie" will lead to some good developments on his return. Following him up will be our large draft for the 2nd Battalion in India, and then "there we are, where are we?"

#### "C" COMPANY.

Since the last issue we have, after a strenuous time, completed Collective Training. The training consisted of Company, Battalion, and Brigade Training, and although some very exciting battles were fought and some very nice walks indulged in, I think everybody was glad when the training finished. Marching and fighting through waist-high heather is tiring in the extreme, and when there are hidden bogs as well the excitement is too much. Directly after the training the Battalion marched out to Bellerby Moor Camp to assist in the making of rifle ranges, and many a moan has been heard since, and many are the places that rifle ranges have been consigned to, especially the one at Bellerby Moor.

Since we have been here we have played several football matches and have only lost two. This has been the only sport it has been possible to play.

At the annual sports we did very well indeed, and were unlucky to just lose the Athletic Shield to "G" Company. In 2/Lieut. Powell we have an excellent sprinter and high jumper, and we hope he will remain with us for some time.

We have fared very well in the Inter-Company Cricket Knock-out Competition, and we are looking forward to winning that.

In the first round we played "B" Company, and won rather comfortably by an innings and a few runs. The next round also provided us with a fairly easy win. This time it was "A" Company that fell, and again the win was by an innings, and one run. We are greatly looking forward to the final, which comes off on September 22nd, our opponents this time being "G" Company, and we are expecting a much closer result than the other two matches provided.

The Battalion Novices' Boxing Competition has provided us with yet another win to our credit, with a clear margin of points. Further details of this will be found on another page of this issue.

#### "D" COMPANY.

Since our last issue we have commenced Company Training, and after two months of keen work in preparation for the Company march, etc., the Com-

pany received sudden orders on the afternoon of July 4th to proceed to Bellerby Camp at 3 p.m. on July 5th to assist in making the new ranges.

The stay on the Yorkshire Moors was enjoyed by all, especially the draft we had posted to us, who took to the pick and shovel as good as they did to soccer, having several matches with "A" Company, 1st Battalion The Cameronians.

In the Battalion Sports the Company was unfortunate in being disqualified in the hurdles after commencing in good style. Better luck next time.

We have survived the first round of the Inter-Platoon Pass Ball, and hope to reach the final with the new talent we have received from the Depot.

Since our return to barracks the casualties have commenced training in preparation for their Annual Musketry Course. We hope for good results.

The Company garden also takes up a lot of time, having three months of weeds to be removed.

The Company was represented by six entries in the Battalion Novices' Boxing Tournament, and did well under the circumstances, as several of our competitors were on draft leave, etc. We congratulate the six competitors on their good show.

We have lost the services of Major R. D. Bennett, M.C. who has taken over other duties. We wish him the best of success.

We welcome Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, who has taken over command of the Company, and trust he will have a longer stay.

Lieut. C. C. Musselwhite has once again joined us after a tour with the "M.G." Company, also Cpl. Thompson and L./Cpl. Rumens who have been posted from the Depot. Congratulations to L./Cpls. Buckland, Donegar, Padgett and Parsons on their appointment to Lance-Corporals. Don.

#### TRANSPORT.

Many competitions appear to have been organized for the benefit of our little band of heroes.

The Company Novices' Boxing Tournament resulted in a win for us; thanks to the excellent coaching of Sergt. Fleming, our Transport Sergeant, and



to Messrs. Stapleton, winner heavy-weight, and Reddy, winner feather-weight.

The remainder entered, and, although not winning their weights, secured the necessary points enabling us to win. On the result of the Annual Musketry Course we finished up as the best shooting section in Headquarter Wing.

L./Cpl. George and Pte. Day won the Riding and Driving Cup, held at the M.G. Concentration Camp. The course was a difficult one, and they went round in fine style, only scoring one fault.

The hearty applause accorded them by the spectators was thoroughly deserved.

We regret losing Lieut. Goulden to West Africa, and Ptes. Brittain and Seaburgh to the Army Reserve, and wish them every good wish for the future.

#### BAND NOTES.

We are sorry we failed to send any notes for the last quarter, but at the time they went in we happened to be busily engaged at the seaside.

In each of the gardening competitions we came out well, taking first prize each time. All credit to Bdsn. Shreeve for his untiring labour.

We did very well in the Annual Musketry Course. All the Aldershot "marksmen" retained their guns, while some of the younger members joined their ranks.

As the Band and Drums did not fire the same course, Capt. Procter's shield was competed for on the 30 yards range. It was decided that the best average of five drummers and eight bandmen would be the winners. We won it with an average of 47 out of 60. We have now held the shield three times each. Although we anticipated a good cricket season, we only had time for two matches—one with the Cameronians' Band, and the other with our Signal Section. We are hoping the soccer season will bring us more fixtures.

Our engagements this year have not been as numerous as other years—a week at Cheltenham and Weston, a fortnight at Lowestoft (where these notes are being written), and one or two days at various engagements.

A week at Bath had to be cancelled owing to Battalion Training, during which period we served several fronts, some as the enemy, others as stretcher bearers. The half a dozen apparently unwanted, who remained, did some very good work pushing cycles all over the moors. This gallant six were known as the intelligence section, and a very happy lot they were. We say happy, because Bdsn. Brind would not let us be otherwise. If he noticed any of us looking in the least downhearted he would immediately rise to the occasion and give us a wonderful exhibition of trick riding, regardless of the nasty knocks he sustained from doing so. During a practice spin in one little village he greatly amused three young ladies by the manner in which he dismounted. Rumours are afloat that he will shortly leave us for the boards.

Since our last notes appeared we have lost three members in Cpl. Murphy, Bdsn. Middleton and Bdsn. Andrews. The second named is now serving with the Bradford City Police. We wish them all the very best of luck in their new spheres of life.

Our congratulations to Bdsn. N. Elliott on his appointment to Lance-Corporal, to L./Cpl. Edwards on obtaining his 2nd Class Certificate, and to Bdsn. Clarke and Chillery on being chosen to represent the Battalion in athletics.

At the Annual Sports, under the able captaincy of Lieut. Crawford, we again helped to bring the Athletic Shield to "G" Company.

TREBLE CLEF.

#### DRUMMERS' NOTES.

Since our last contribution to the Journal many incidents worthy of note have happened in the Corps.

Firstly, Capt. B. B. Rackham, M.C., has been presented with a framed photograph of "Q" Company hockey team, by the Drummers, which, no doubt, will remind him in years to come of the exciting games he has had with us.

We are just reaping the benefit of the hours of toil that we put into our gardens; there are bunches of flowers in our rooms, and we are feeding on lettuce for all we are worth, and the rest of the

Company are wondering if we are trying to turn into rabbits.

The results of the Battalion and Brigade Sports will be found elsewhere in the Journal, and in our column we wish to congratulate Dmr. Woodward on winning the one mile and three miles races in the Battalion Sports and running such a good second in the Brigade three miles; also Dmr. Blackman, for being chosen to represent the Battalion in the hurdle team.

Whilst Battalion Training was in progress, the A.A. team, consisting of one non-commissioned officer and six men, all Drummers, had some very trying times when trying to find the limber driver. The driver had a very bad habit of getting stuck in the numerous brooks on the moors; we are wondering if he was bathing his feet, after the amount of walking he was doing.

After training, the Battalion moved to Bellerby, for the purpose of building a range. It proved to be a proper navying course, and quite profitable to those venturing into civilian life. Here again the Drummers exchanged their drums and fifes for picks and shovels, not to mention waterproof sheets. Our stay was not long, though, because the R.E. officer thought we were working too hard and that there wouldn't be enough work for the rest of the Battalion.

Now that the football and hockey season are in progress, all other platoons had better search the transfer lists for new players, because we are even stronger than last season.

To conclude, we had better mention that the draft which came to us a few weeks ago are progressing favourably, and are at present undergoing their annual musketry course.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The last quarter has been very unproductive from the "Note" point of view. Training and digging have not allowed many functions to occur.

A dance, held in conjunction with the Scottish Rifles at Bellerby Camp, was a great success, the ladies putting in a very good attendance. Our marriage rate has advanced very rapidly the last quarter—it must be the bracing Catterick air—and

our congratulations are showered to all who have forsaken single blessedness for married bliss. Another member is on the brink, and, if it is not too early, we will wish him success.

At the present moment four of our members are studying for their First Class Certificates. We wish them every success, and hope to record their success in the next issue.

C.S.M. Smith has joined the "navy" for a tour of duty. He has been appointed Ship's Sergeant-Major of the *Dorsetshire*. May he have fair winds and a calm sea.

As this issue will be the last prior to Christmas, we tender the compliments of that season and best wishes for a happy time to all members, old and new, of the Sergeants' Messes of the Regiment.

HEARD IN THE MESS ROOM.

A Knock is as good as a Wink to a hungry man.

G. A. P. S. A.

### REMINISCENCES OF MY THIRTY-NINE YEARS ARMY LIFE.

BY SERGEANT-MAJOR JAMES WHITE,  
LATE 77TH REGIMENT.

#### PREFACE.

To My Sons,

In making this rather rough attempt at writing a description of the events of my military life, I, at first, had an idea of doing something which would be of interest regimentally, if not generally.

I found, however, as I went on, that I could do nothing that would be likely to charm, or even interest anyone except, maybe, the members of my own family.

You, my sons, have each of you military experience; so there is little I can say as regards military usages that you do not already know more or less of. You have also each had war experience, which has not been my lot.

In looking through these rather wandering statements you will find that it has been, in a great measure, a case of "chronicling small beer," and may feel disposed to call it "piffle"; but you can



take it as plain, true, and unvarnished. You will be able to note in what the Army has most improved—pay and allowances.

Your loving father,  
JAMES WHITE.

(*Rewritten. Northampton, September, 1911. First written, 1906.*)

#### EARLY LIFE.

The son of a journeyman painter, and one of a family of ten children, I had dropped into the position of a grocer's errand boy before reaching the age of 13 years, and afterwards became an under-hand at a wholesale grocers; and I may have arrived at the dignity of earning twenty shillings weekly later on, for that was about the top wage for a grocer's warehouseman.

My outlook was not a grand one, and I am glad now to think I took a step which did away with the probability of ending my days as a pauper, or an inmate of an almshouse, which might well have happened; for a pound a week (for a week of eighty-eight and a half hours, less the time taken for meals) does not allow of anything being put by towards the time when work must cease.

I boarded and lodged in the house in which I was employed, and one half hour daily was all the time I could call my own, so there was no time in which I could improve my very scanty education; nor had I any opportunity of doing so had the time been at my disposal.

A little later on I must have left that situation (really a big boy's job), and, failing the getting into the job of warehouseman, should have drifted into the ranks of unskilled labour, but—

#### ENLISTMENT.

In the month of January, 1859, I enlisted for the 77th (East Middlesex) Regiment.

Enlistment began at that time, and for twenty years after, by the receipt of a shilling from the Recruiting Sergeant. Even now (1911) one may read of a man accepting the King's shilling, which, of course, never happens.

On the following day, 12th, I was inspected by a surgeon and passed "fit for service." On the following day, 13th, I was "sworn in." My age at

that time was 16 years and 10 months. However, I answered for myself as being 18 years of age, assisted in this deception by the recruiter's advice. My height was 5 ft. 6½ in., and as the standard height was 5 ft. 3 in. I was more than equal to many (in inches) joining who were twenty-one years of age.

Army officers, unless magistrates of a borough or county, were then not capable of attesting a recruit, nor were they until after the Army Act of 1879.

No recruit could be taken before a magistrate for twenty-four hours after enlistment, and any recruit could object to being attested until just before the ninety-six hours from enlistment; and any recruit could, within the ninety-six hours, on payment of twenty shillings, called "smart money," obtain his release from enlistment and a paper signed by the Magistrate stating that he was so released. Half the money went to the recruiter, half to the State.

Having been attested I had some days to wait, on pay, employing myself as I thought fit.

After waiting six days I was sent, with two other recruits, under the charge of a Sergeant of Permanent Staff, 22nd Royal Surrey Militia, to London, Charles Street, Westminster, where I was again examined—this time by a medical board, passed as "fit" and paid ten shillings advance of bounty. Three pounds was the total amount of bounty paid to each recruit.

That evening I left London for Southampton in company with about twenty other recruits, and, at midnight, embarked for Jersey, where the Depot 77th Regiment formed part of the 13th Depot Battalion.

Before leaving Westminster each of us had been supplied with an Army great-coat (condemned stores), and very much we appreciated them when we found ourselves to be "deck passengers," and very strictly kept to our part of the vessel, although the seas swept the deck pretty freely, and rain came on. A rather dreary journey of sixteen hours sitting under the canvas shelters.

About four o'clock the next afternoon we landed, and proceeded up to Fort Regent, where we were handed over.

We were taken to the canteen and supplied, on payment, of course, with food, which was very acceptable after a twenty-eight hours' fast. Then each man was shown where he was to sleep, and in some cases it was the bed of a man then on guard.

Looking back on those days, I wonder why so unsuitable a place as Jersey could have been selected for a depot battalion to be stationed in; for Fort Regent, which was the Headquarters, would not hold half the men. Therefore, one company was stationed at Elizabeth Castle, and this had a detachment at St. Peter's, and there were two detachments from the other company: one at Roselle and one at Bonne Nuit.

The Depot Battalion consisted of the 41st, 55th, 73rd and 77th Regiments, two companies in each Depot.

The Depots were of various strengths, and three times a week most had additions, in the shape of batches of recruits, the 77th getting some every time, in parties of from ten to thirty, until, at the end of three months from my joining, the Depot stood at 660 strong—330 to each company, nearly 600 of whom had less than six months' service.

Rising from my bed on the morning after joining, I found that my clothes had not yet thoroughly dried after the swamping they had got on the vessel during the journey, but they had to be worn, for I had no others with me.

My first job: attend morning roll call, then a little cleaning up of the barrack room; afterwards, breakfast.

A pound of bread of good wholesome quality was provided for each man, and a pint of very good coffee. I was told that if I needed butter I could buy a pennyworth at the canteen. This I did, and found that for my penny I had less than an ounce of very inferior butter, such as in those days would be sold in shops at tenpence per pound (about "4th Cork," as it would be called in the grocery trade).

After breakfast, to the hospital, and yet another medical inspection; after which we went before the Commanding Officer, were posted to companies, and each was informed of his regimental number. It was easy to see the reason of each man having a number, for our

party contained two men of the same name.

Dinner was soon afterwards served up. A large piece of boiled fresh beef, fairly tough, but well boiled, was divided into equal portions and placed on the plates; there was ¾ lb. per man of it, including bone before cooking. About a pint of excellent soup, thickened with pearl barley, onions, etc., was poured into a basin for each man, and three or four



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East Middlesex Regiment.

potatoes, boiled in their jackets, were laid on each plate.

How was I to eat my portion? No knife, fork, or spoon had I; wait and borrow them from someone who had finished. My verdict on the dinner was, "A trifle rough in the serving, but plentiful and good." I once heard a recruit, who had been a journeyman painter, describe his first dinner in the barracks as "a pig's mess." Some cannot be satisfied.



After dinner a wash for parade, using, as every newly-joined-on had to do, towel, comb, etc., kindly lent by someone in possession of a kit. A man joining should have such very necessary articles issued to him at once, either as portion of his kit or temporarily supplied. Even today there is much more delay than there should be in many cases, though, I think, pretty generally kits are issued to men on the day they join. I know I waited five days for my kit. I did not get verminous, but might very easily have done so.

#### PARADE.

It was my good luck to be handed over to a corporal of the 55th Regiment for instruction, and very carefully and patiently he did his work. How many recruits have been disheartened and disgusted, or rendered insubordinate by being imperfectly instructed, and then blamed for not knowing what is required of them.

#### SUPPER.

At five o'clock supper was served—half a pound of bread per man and a pint of tea, fairly strong, rather too sweet, and had evidently been allowed to boil; but a growing lad generally has a good appetite, and is not nice about trifles. For butter, the canteen was available.

I have described a day's food, every day's food, except that about once a week the dinner was a dish of meat and potatoes baked—a nice change, but the bowl of good soup was missed. Usually, not invariably, on Sundays mutton was supplied for the dinner.

#### ISSUE OF PAY.

I did not mention that just before dinner time a call went round, "Turn up for pay." All turned into a barrack room near, and there I found an officer seated on a form at a barrack room table, over which a rug, off one of the beds, had been thrown. The Colour-Sergeant of the Company sat at the table with the pay book in front of him. On the table there was a large number of pennies and many shillings. There was no attempt at any parade over the matter; men stood anywhere and anyhow, so long as they kept silent and did not approach the table until their names were called. Many stood at the

back, away from the eye of the officer, and had a quiet smoke. The Colour-Sergeant called the names, and the officer paid the men. Fully half of the older men received each one penny, and those who were on "full pay," i.e., not under stoppages of any sort, received fourpence, and there were many paid in threes, a shilling being paid to one, and he to pay the other two when he had obtained change at the canteen or where he could. A penny in Jersey in those days was one-thirteenth of a shilling, so change having been obtained there was usually a gamble for the odd coin. I can safely say that this was my only gambling experience, but I have, later in my life, played games of cards for drinks. In the evening, that is my second evening in barracks, I was told to go to another room, as the bed I had used on the previous night belonged to a man who had been on guard. I was taken to a room at the other end of the Fort where I found about twenty recruits, only one of whom had been supplied with a kit; the others, like myself, in plain clothes and without any article of necessities such as a knife and fork, comb, etc. It was four days later we received our kit. In the meantime we all had to do the best we could, using the articles of kit of the one man. But, at dinner time the first day, we were in a fix; there was the one knife and fork among the whole twenty-one of us. Luckily, the Orderly Officer came in, and he did what he could; knives and forks and spoons were borrowed, and two "duty men" were set to apportion the food, and this was done daily until we had been supplied with our kits. In the room I speak of there were, for some reason, three bed cots only; consequently the other eighteen of us had our bedding on the floor. No one seemed to bother himself about us so long as we appeared on parade for drill. Any military man could tell where the fault lay. There was scarcely a non-commissioned officer there worth a rap—either inexperienced or worthless could be said of most of them. After a few more days I was sent to another barrack room, and there, for some days, we had too many occupants, and several had to make shift by three sleeping on two beds made up together. At last things got into shipshape. I could afterwards understand it. In

addition to the accommodation being insufficient, the non-commissioned officers were too few, which is often the case when detachments have been sent out, and those we had were not much good.

#### CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.

One morning, within a fortnight of my joining the Depot, I saw on the barrack square a wooden tripod about eight feet in height. I asked one of the old soldiers what it was, and he answered, "Oh, them's the triangles; some fellow is going to get his back scratched." Soon afterwards the parade took place, and after inspection, etc., the whole were formed into three sides of a square, the triangle standing on the fourth side. As soon as this was done the guard marched up, with prisoners in charge. The Adjutant then read the proceedings of a Court-Martial; a private of the Depot of the 55th Regiment had been arraigned on a charge of committing an unnatural offence (the full nature of it was specified). Finding: "Guilty." Sentence: "The Court sentence the prisoner to suffer a corporal punishment of fifty lashes, to be inflicted in the usual manner, and to be imprisoned with hard labour for 365 days." "The Court do further sentence the prisoner to be discharged with Ignominy from Her Majesty's Service." The prisoner was ordered to strip. He took off his jacket and shirt, fastening up his trousers by tying his braces round his waist. He was then made fast to the triangles, his ankles being strapped to it at the foot, the points of which were about a yard apart. His wrists were fastened to it as high as he could reach. A collar made of buff, the material of which the pouch belts were made, was placed round his neck and made fast to the top of the tripod by a cord. His waist rested against a bar across the triangles, his body made fast to it. Thus it was impossible for him to move any part of his body. This fastening was done by the Drum-Major, but, had the prisoner made any resistance, a party of eight strong men were near ready to assist.

The Drum-Major then stepped back about ten paces, and by this time a drummer, with his tunic off and shirt sleeves rolled up, had taken up a position about a yard to the left rear of the

prisoner, holding in his hand a "cat." This article is a stick about three-quarters of an inch in diameter and twelve inches in length, to which is bound nine pieces of stout whipcord, each piece having, near the end, three knots; the length of each cord from the end of the stick being eighteen inches. The Drum-Major saluted the Commanding Officer, who gave him a nod, as a sort of asking and receiving permission to proceed. When all was ready the Drum-Major called out "One," on which the drummer, swinging the "cat" above his head, brought the lashes down with all his strength on to the prisoner's back, between the blade bones, then allowing it to pass by his own left and around his head, back to the original position. "Two" followed, when a second stroke was given in precisely the same manner, and so on until "twenty-five," and on the twenty-fifth stroke being given the Drum-Major called "Halt, twenty-five." The drummer then retired, handing the "cat" to another drummer, who took up the same position. "One" was again called, and so on up to "twenty-five," the Drum-Major again calling "Halt, twenty-five," and then turning round and saluting the Commanding Officer, who returned the salute. The prisoner was cast loose, the back part of his shirt was wetted with water, which had been provided in a mess tin in case he should have fainted, and he put on his shirt and jacket, and the guard and prisoners were marched back to the guard-room and us recruits off to drill. I will describe the effect of the flogging as well as I can.

First stroke, a fiery red mark about an inch broad, by four inches long, with a visible depression of the skin. Second, same spot struck, but the mark now a deep crimson inclining to purple.

Third, another mark, similar to the first and just above it. About the tenth stroke a drop of very dark, thick blood had oozed out. By the twenty-fifth blood was running freely, and by the last stroke a red, raw-looking place four or five inches square had been formed.

From first to last stroke about five minutes had elapsed, the counting being quite slow and deliberate. The general opinion among those who had seen that sort of thing before, was that "he got it pretty stiff."



By the time I had been eleven weeks joined, I had witnessed five more turns of the same sort; once two men on the same parade. On one occasion the prisoner fainted at the seventh stroke, and was at once taken down, the Medical Officer giving the order, I suppose with the concurrence of the Commanding Officer.

In every case subsequent to that I first saw, the punishment was awarded for using threatening language to non-commissioned officers, offering violence to non-commissioned officers, or for theft.

In 1860 a General Order was issued regulating the liability to the infliction of corporal punishment, by which a man was not liable to suffer it except for certain specified offences, and then only if he was within twelve months of the last entry against him in the Regimental Defaulters' Book. Before that time it was inflicted, or could be, for any offence whatever, and it was quite a common occurrence. I fancy that, as a rule, Army officers, who are those who, on Court Martial duty, had the power to order this punishment, were in favour of the use of it; for a man very rarely escaped it, if liable to it.

In 1867 it was, by General Order, discontinued, except on active service, and about 1881 it was abolished. In my opinion the discipline of the Army is quite as well maintained without it.

#### "DRUMMING OUT."

About ten to fourteen days after the sentence of the corporal punishment being carried, during which interval the prisoner's back was treated at the hospital, there was a special parade for the purpose of carrying out the ceremony of "Drumming Out," which was done in all cases of discharge with ignominy. All officers attended. A square was formed, and the prisoner was brought to the centre of it, the numerals were taken from his forage cap, the facings and buttons cut from his jacket, and the stripes from his trousers, as far as could be done without loosening the seams. Two single rank lines, about thirty paces apart, facing inwards, were then formed, the prisoner was taken to the end of the line farthest from the gate of the Fort, a rope was tied round his neck, one end of it, about five yards away, being held by the

smallest boy in the garrison. Two men were placed in front and two in rear of the prisoner, at the position of "Charge Bayonets," the points of the bayonets within a foot of his body. "Quick March" was given by the Commanding Officer, and the party, the Drums and Fifes in rear, moved down between the ranks, the Drummers and Fifers playing "The Rogue's March," the two men in front of the prisoner marching backwards, the small boy holding the rope being in front of the whole. The prisoner was apparently the most unconcerned of anyone present. On arriving outside the gates of the Fort the party was halted, two constables of the island stepped up and handcuffed the prisoner, the rope was removed from his neck, and he was taken away to undergo the twelve months' imprisonment in the gaol of the town of St. Heliers.

The tune called "The Rogue's March" is also known as the air of a song called "The Tight Little Island."

#### ALLOWANCE OF CLOTHING.

One tunic, a pair of black cloth trousers, and one pair of boots yearly, one shako every three years. This was all the allowance. All other articles of clothing and necessities must be paid for. On joining a recruit was supplied with a "free kit" and was also supplied with one of each article of clothing mentioned above, but with two pairs of boots. After that, he had to keep up his kit, and replace any article of clothing which he could not make last the prescribed period, out of his pay. The tunic was of good stout cloth, red, not scarlet, in colour; scarlet for sergeants. The trousers were of fair quality stout black cloth, finished without a nap. The boots were of the kind known as "Bluchers," two lace holes at each side, and unnailed. The nailing was done, if wished, at the man's own expense. The headdress (shako) was a silk hat, straight in front (perpendicular) and sloping forward in rear, rather smaller at the top than where it fitted on the head. It had a large leather peak in front and a smaller one at the back, a leather top, so blocked that the edge of it was half an inch higher than the remainder of the crown. A brass star of very thin metal was fitted in front, and this was surmounted by a woollen ball called

a "tuft," part red, part white, and a narrow band of leather binding where the article fitted round the head.

I have read of the soldier's "stock" and seen it described as something of an instrument of torture, but I have never read anything of, or heard remarks on the policeman's "stock"; yet a precisely similar article of neckwear was in use by each. A "stock" was a thick strap of leather, about two inches wide, fastened at the back by a brass clasp, worn over the shirt collar and under the jacket, so shaped that it was slightly narrower in front and where it was fastened at the back. Except for very short-necked men, it was a comfortable article of wear, and very cleanly, since it kept the collar of the tunic, or jacket, perfectly clean at the top.

#### FREE KIT.

The free kit supplied to a recruit consisted of a shell jacket, a round forage cap, of thick woollen material, a pair of blue serge trousers, three cotton shirts, three pairs of woollen socks, a stock, brushes, towels, and as now, except that the brass brush was like a broad tooth-brush with a flat handle would be, and it fitted inside the holdall, no drawers and no flannel shirt.

#### SOLDIERS' PAY.

Sergeants 1s. 10d., corporals 1s. 4d., privates 1s. Sergeants and corporals drew a penny per day for each Good Conduct Badge to which they were entitled, but sergeants did not wear Good Conduct badges. All ranks, in addition, drew a penny daily "beer money" and nothing more. Rations were paid for by stoppages from the 1s. 1d., etc.

A song of those days said:—

"Come and lose your eyes and limbs  
For thirteen pence a day."

#### STOPPAGES FROM PAY.

Firstly, the bread and meat ration was charged for, fourpence-halfpenny per day. A man was liable, in times of dearth of food, to have this charge increased, but no higher sum than sixpence per day could be stopped on that account. Really this charge never, or very rarely, defrayed the cost of three-quarters of a pound of meat and a pound of bread, so part, at any rate, of the soldier's food was

supplied free to the soldier. Groceries, *i.e.*, tea, coffee, sugar and milk, potatoes and potherbs, supper bread, half a pound per man, and condiments, salt, pepper, etc., was supplied, usually on agreement by a private firm and not by the canteen, and a stoppage of threepence or threepence-halfpenny daily was made on this account. There was no saving clause, as with bread and meat, and no matter how dear provisions were, the whole cost must be defrayed by the soldier. I have never heard of more than threepence-halfpenny being paid for groceries; if prices ran high less was provided and it had to be sufficient. I heard of a case of a time of dearth being met by providing no half-pound of bread for supper. It was when, in 1853, the 77th were quartered in Glasgow. The rough boys of the city, to annoy the men, would call out from a safe distance, "The sodgers hae nae sipper." The interior affairs of a barrack seem bound to leak out.

The further stoppages included sheet washing twopence per month, barrack damages, sometimes as high as sevenpence-halfpenny a month, repair of boots as needed, and that was a frequent charge, as one pair a year only was provided; all deficiencies of kit through loss or wear. Each man paid a halfpenny per day for personal washing (shirt, socks and towel). If in winter a man's mits required washing—and they would do—he either had to wash them himself or pay a penny from the cash he received. For two years I paid a farthing (two pies) a month, as a charge for "browning arms"; I believe it was unjustly charged, and should have been a charge against the "Contingent Allowance," which was, in India, very liberal—Rs.50 a month.

#### KEEPING UP KIT.

He was an extremely careful man who could make a shell jacket last twelve months, and 9s. 6d. was the cost of a new one. The same may be said of blue serge trousers, and the cost of a new pair was ten shillings. The turning of shell jackets was permitted, if very well done, and trousers were always turned. Boot repairs, and articles of kit being worn out, I have mentioned. Shirts, socks, towels and brushes all wore out, and, taking all these stoppages into consideration, it is easy to see that the average of



daily pay drawn by a private did not exceed three-halfpence, out of which he must keep up a supply of cleaning materials, soap, blacking, pipeclay, etc. How many men there were who, on joining, had an idea of drawing quite a shilling a day to spend just as they liked.

#### UNLINED SHELL JACKETS.

A recruit joining for a regiment stationed in India was supplied with an unlined jacket, although his tunic was lined; a cruel piece of economy on the part of the authorities. I remember how chilly I felt (and Jersey is mild in winter) on my first morning parade after being supplied with my kit, with nothing on me but a cotton shirt and an unlined jacket. Luckily I had kept a waistcoat, which I wore on the next parade, and in the evening I provided myself with a jersey. I had to pay a boy to carry it to barracks. I had been cautioned against smoking in the streets, or carrying a bundle or parcel. Smoking in the streets was not permitted until 1882, and then only after sunset. Some years later the time limit was withdrawn.

#### "TATTOO."

The "First Post" of "Tattoo" was at eight o'clock from October 15th to March 15th; nine o'clock during the rest of the year. This was altered, to 9.30 all the year round, in 1869.

#### FATIGUE DUTY: WEARING OUT CLOTHING.

One afternoon soon after being supplied with kit, I, with nine or ten others, recruits, was kept back on being dismissed from drill, for fatigue duty. We were marched to the Quartermaster's Stores, and each one was given a cask, about the dimensions of a puncheon, to take to the pier head. These casks had held stores, boots I think. Each rolled his cask out of the Fort, and, on arriving at the top of the hill outside, let it run down anyhow. I lifted mine as soon as we were near the harbour, lest it might get into the water. Arriving at the steamer, near the pier head, I put my cask down, and, in doing so, had my blue serge trousers torn down the thigh about eight or ten inches. On returning to the Fort I visited the tailor's shop and had "repairs while you wait," sitting bare-legged, as I had no other trousers—in

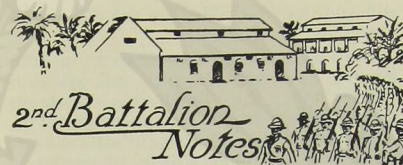
fact, I was not supplied with a second pair until I had nearly three months joined; some were kept much longer with one pair only. The torn trousers were neatly repaired, but on the following Sunday they were noticed, and I was "marked" to receive a new pair, on payment. On the following day I received one penny only, as daily pay, and that rate was continued for more than a month, until the repairs and the new trousers had been paid for.

#### SENT ON DETACHMENT.

One day, about three weeks after my joining the Depot, I received an order, while getting my dinner, to parade at 2 p.m. to march to Bonne Nuit. We marched off, and after a five-mile journey arrived at Bonne Nuit Barracks, on the shore of Bonne Nuit Bay, in the north-east of the island. This place contained accommodation for about 90 of all ranks, with the usual out-buildings, except there was no ablution room. We had to wash at the edge of a tiny pond formed at the foot of a hill, down which a tiny stream, our water supply, trickled. The water was excellent and the open, pure air was a sharpener of our appetites, so there were very few crumbs of food wasted. We found there a small party, of the 55th Depot. They were moved into Headquarters next day, and they were needed there, for I had noticed sentries in plain clothes—re-enlisted men who had just joined. We were reinforced by more recruits, until the barracks were fully occupied. Recruits as we were, we commenced duties, and I found myself on guard before I had been four weeks joined. I was under the command of a recruit like myself—in fact, with two days' less service. He was one of four recruits who had been given the lance-corporal's stripe for duty on the detachment, otherwise our non-commissioned officers consisted of three sergeants, and those three had the drilling of the whole of the recruits—in fact, two of them did it, for one of them knew very little of drill.

(To be continued.)

Why is a man talking in his sleep like a person with a cold in the head?  
Because he talks through his doze.



OWING to the fact that at the time of writing the Battalion has nearly completed its fifth year in Ahmednagar, it is difficult to recall any particular exciting event which has occurred in the last three months. Although the date of our move to Madras has been shrouded in mystery for some time, it now appears to be as certain as things can be certain in India that we shall move early in December. We travel by train as far as Guntakal, and thence march the rest of the way. Despite the march, the move will be welcome to all ranks.

By the time this appears in print, Lieut.-Col. H. P. F. Bicknell, D.S.O., will have left us, and Major H. E. Stanley-Murray, M.C., will be commanding the Battalion. We shall all be very sorry to lose Col. Bicknell, who has endeared himself to all ranks during his tenure of command, but we take this opportunity of welcoming Major Stanley-Murray to our midst.

We congratulate Capts. Pain and Kempster on their promotion, Capt. Appelbe on passing his promotion examination, and Lieut. Jacob on his engagement.

2/Lieut. Baldwin has recently returned from a physical training course at Kasauli, and has made use of the knowledge he gained there by officiating as starter in the Battalion and some of the company sports. Reports of these events appear on other pages.

Lieut. and Qmr. Douthet is to be congratulated on his shooting at Meerut earlier in the year when he took fourth place in the King's Medal Competition. Congratulations are also due to R.S.M. Cox, Sergt. Hewitt, Cpl. Budd and Pte. Deacon in being selected to represent the Southern Command in this competition. It says a great deal for the shooting of the Battalion, when we consider that out of the twenty men representing the Southern Command five came from the Regiment.

The Battalion Sports are now finished, and H.Q. Wing have come out the winners in the Inter-Company Championship for the year 1927-1928. Details of the championship are shown below.

#### FINAL POSITIONS IN COMPANY CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1927.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
"H.Q." "D" "A" "B" "C"					
Cross-Country Run, 1st	25	10	20	5	15
Cross-Country Run, 2nd	20	25	15	10	5
Company Football	50	40	10	30	20
Company Cricket	40	50	20	20	20
Company Hockey	50	40	30	10	20
Open Boxing	20	50	20	40	20
Company Tag-of-War	40	30	50	10	20
Company Athletics	45	10	45	30	20
Total points	290	255	210	155	140

Novices' Boxing (Scissors Cup).—"A" Company.

Platoon Football.—No. 13 Platoon.

Platoon Hockey.—No. 9 Platoon.

Platoon Cricket.—Drums and Employed.

Quadrangular Cricket.—Privates.

Guillemarde Hockey Cup.—"H.Q." Wing.

Champion Company.—"H.Q." Wing.

#### "H.Q." WING.

It has been a busy quarter, but with the move to Madras the next we fear will be still busier.

The Wing Sports were held on July 11th, 12th and 13th. This year it was decided to run team as well as individual events, which proved a very popular decision. The rain did its best to intervene, but we managed to get them over. Mrs. Bicknell presented the prizes on the third day, and, with the exception of our few "stars," the winners were fairly representative.

The results were as follows:—

#### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

100 Yards.—1, Bdsn. Gower; 2, Bdsn. Moule; 3, Sergt. Hewett. Time, 10 2-5 sec.

220 Yards.—1, Bdsn. Gower; 2, Bdsn. Moule; 3, Sergt. Hewett. Time, 22 3-5 sec.

440 Yards.—1, Bdsn. Gower; 2, Cpl. Kemp; 3, Bdsn. Moule. Time, 58½ sec.

880 Yards.—1, L./Cpl. Ramsay; 2, Pte. Copelin; 3, Bdsn. Gilbert. Time, 2 min. 25 sec.



*One Mile.*—1, Sergt. Jenkin; 2, Pte. Knights; 3, Pte. Williams. Time, 5 min. 31 2-5 sec.

*Hurdles.*—1, Cpl. Kemp; 2, Sergt. Beaveridge. Time, 20 sec.

*Three Miles.*—1, Sergt. Jenkin; 2, Pte. Such; 3, Pte. Holland; 4, Bdsn. Kemp. Time, 18 min. 44 sec.

*Putting the Shot.*—1, Pte. Such; 2, Pte. Hobbs. Length, 29 ft. 3 in.

*High Jump.*—1, Cpl. Kemp; 2, Pte. Bonfield. Height, 4 ft. 10 in. Cpl. Kemp, on winning, did not continue to jump.

*Long Jump.*—1, Cpl. Kemp; 2, Sergt. Hewett.

Races were also run for the boys and girls, and the Veterans' Race, always a popular event, was won by Lieut. and Qrnr. Douthet, who was presented with a doll for his quick starting and sudden burst of speed.

#### TEAM EVENTS.

*100 Yards.*—Band (Bdsn. Gower, Cpl. Kemp, Bdsn. Moule, Bdsn. Goldsmith).

*220 Yards.*—"M.G." (Ptes. Armitage and Bonfield, Sergt. Hewett, L./Cpl. Jackson).

*440 Yards.*—Band (Cpl. Kemp, Bdsn. Broadbridge, Bdsn. Moule, Bdsn. Gower).

*880 Yards.*—"M.G." (Lieut. Overell, Ptes. Copelin and Macdonald, Sergt. Jenkin).

*Three Miles.*—"M.G." (Sergt. Jenkin, Pte. Holland, Pte. Burgess, L./Cpl. Smith).

*Putting the Shot.*—Employed (Pte. Such, L./Cpl. Wilson).

*High Jump.*—Band (Cpl. Kemp, Bdsn. Gordon).

*One Mile.*—"M.G." (Sergt. Jenkin, Pte. Holland, Pte. Burgess, L./Cpl. Smith).

*Hurdles.*—Band (Cpl. Kemp, Bdsn. Broadbridge, Bdsn. Goldsmith, Bdsn. Moule).

The results for the Group Championship were:—1, Band; 2, "M.G."; 3, Drums and Employed; 4, Signals.

This year we have carried away the unmentioned company and platoon trophies: Cross-country, Company Football, Company Hockey, Guillemarde Hockey Cup. The Athletic Shield we share with "A" Company.

Before continuing with the boxing, we

will add that the Wing are the Champion Company for 1927-28.

We were well represented in the Boxing Tournament, which took place on August 6th. Pte. Trayhorne was again the runner-up in the feather-weight, Pte. Vickers won the light-weight after a keen fight, L./Cpl. Marshall was runner-up in the welter-weight, and Pte. Walker in the light heavy-weight.

The boys put up a really good show, and some very fine fights were seen. The results were:—

*Mosquito-weight.*—Boy Wheeler; runner-up, Boy Avery.

*Fly-weight.*—Boy Pope; runner-up, Boy Hills.

*Bantam-weight.*—Boy Walker; runner-up, Boy Sewell.

*Middle-weight.*—'58 Boy Lawrence; runner-up, '06 Boy Lawrence.

L./Cpl. Cole was challenged by Cpl. Goodall for the Battalion Light-weight Championship, but held his title.

Dmr. Lewin and Boy Lavalette were awarded good losers' prizes.

In the Battalion Athletic Sports, as we have said before, we tied with "A" Company. Space forbids us to mention all the men who competed for the Wing, but the following results are worth recording:—

In the team events "H.Q." won the 100 yards, 220 yards, long jump, putting the weight, and the hurdles. We were second in the 880 yards, and third in the 440 yards, one mile (tie with "D" Company), and the relay.

Our individual winners were:—

*100 Yards.*—Bdsn. Gower (10 4-5 sec.).

*220 Yards.*—Bdsn. Gower (23 2-5 sec.).

*440 Yards.*—Cpl. Kemp (56 sec.).

*Long Jump.*—Sergt. Hewitt (19 ft. 11 1/2 in.).

The boys' sports were held concurrently with the Battalion's. In the events for boys over 17 years of age, '58 Boy Lawrence was the most successful.

Owing to our impending move, these sports are to count for the two periods 1927-1928 and 1928-1929. As a result, so far, we are in a satisfactory position as regards next year's championship. It now behoves everybody in the Wing to do his best to ensure that we finish up next year as well as we have done this year.

#### "A" COMPANY.

Congratulations to Capt. E. T. Pain on his promotion, and may he remain with the Company until our tour of duty abroad is finished.

Times have moved since the publication of our last notes, and Individual Training has been finished with. The annual course has been fired (Oh! where are those badges!), and the Company has done moderately well.

The Company Sports have been run off, and caused consternation, No. 1 Platoon winning the Championship. Pte. Coker must be congratulated on winning the Individual Championship.

The Company Sports Team covered itself with glory, tying with "H.Q." Wing for first place. Our long distance runners were responsible for this, namely, Ptes. Coker, Woodley and Gardener, and L./Cpl. Brown. We believe Coker is challenging Nurmi on his return to England. His times for the individual races, Three Miles and Mile, were 16 min. 5 1/2 sec. and 4 min. 51 sec. respectively.

The Football Team was placed third in the Company League, "B" Company beating us for second place on goal average.

At the present time we are in the middle of platoon football and cricket. These results will be sent for the next publication.

During the last quarter another Boxing Meeting was held, and the Company acquitted itself rather well. Pte. Evans (25), challenger of Pte. Berks, holder of the Feather-weight Belt, won on points after a fairly even fight. Pte. Bull, holder of the Heavy-weight Belt, lost on points to Pte. Hammond. In the Novices' Class "A," Ptes. Hope and Gibbons put up a very good show, Pte. Hope getting a good loser's prize. In Class "B," Pte. Parker (02) won his weight, and Pte. Noakes also.

A very interesting and good fight was witnessed in a four-round contest between Pte. Coker and Pte. Burton, which Coker did well to win on points.

#### "B" COMPANY.

The greater part of last quarter has been spent by "B" Company in carrying out duties and Individual Training. With the firing of the Annual Course, we have

completed the latter for the present year. The shooting, both with the rifle and Lewis gun, has shown a considerable improvement from 1927, and although it has not come up to our more optimistic expectations the Company has no reason to be dissatisfied with the results.

As regards our future movements, we provide the Fort Detachment from September 1st to the 22nd. One imagines that this is *really* the last time—carry out Section and Platoon Training for a month, and then proceed to camp.

The chief sporting events of the quarter have been the Company Football League and the Battalion Sports. In spite of numerous trial matches, we had for some time some difficulty in getting our team definitely settled, chiefly owing to players becoming crooked. Consequently the Company side were disappointing, in the first half of the League, but subsequently they improved very considerably, and in the second half won all their matches except one, in which our opponents—"H.Q." Wing—equalized in almost the last second. The general composition of the team was as follows:—Goal, Harriss (94); backs, L./Cpl. Oram or Davis (55) and Lowen; halves, L./Cpl. Lee, Robinson (29) and Chapman (02); forwards, Barnard, Moore, Holness, Treadwell or Knott, and Clark. A special mention should be given to Harriss for his goalkeeping, which was brilliant in the later matches. With just a little extra confidence he should become really good. He was absent owing to injury from some of the earlier matches, when his place was filled with considerable success by Pte. Holmes. The halves were, as usual, the back-bone of our team, and we congratulate L./Cpl. Lee on being selected once more to proceed to Bombay with the team for the Rovers Cup Tournament. At the same time, we sympathize with Pte. Holness, who was crooked in the match with "H.Q." Wing, and is still in hospital at the time of writing. He was improving in every match he played, and was developing into a most effective player.

We finished third in the Battalion Sports, which was probably the position which we had really expected. We did well in the long distance events, and our team for these was a good one, consisting of Pte. Allen, Cpl. Slate, Ptes. Barnard





"B" COMPANY, 2nd BATTALION FOOTBALL TEAM.  
Runners-up Company League, 1928.



"B" COMPANY, 2nd BATTALION, ATHLETIC SPORTS TEAM, 1928.

and Spicer, but "A" Company produced a team a little better, and we had to be content with second place. Our competitors failed in the Weight and Long Jump, for in the latter they were rather stricken with "stage-fright," but our High Jump pair gained most unexpected points for us, Pte. Cosgrove jumping in promising style and L./Cpl. Searle improving at least two inches on his previous best. In the final, and, perhaps, the most exciting race of the meeting, the Company Relay Race, we at last managed to score a win over our "A" Company rivals, after a good race between Allen and Coker in the last half-mile. We also secured some successes in the individual events: Pte. Allen won the 880 Yards in 2 min. 7 sec., Lieut. Stephenson won the Hurdles, Pte. Chapman (02) was second in the 440 Yards, and L./Cpl. Harper finished up a good second in the 100 and 220 Yards. He was unlucky to have such a good runner as Bdsn. Gower to compete against, but he received some consolation in winning a tankard in the Corporals' Race, and more should certainly be heard of him next year.

Another Novices' Boxing Tournament has been held since the last notes were written. Our entries were not as numerous as in the previous one, but were still satisfactory. Ptes. Lyford and Lught must be congratulated on winning their weights, the latter against Pte. Lazarus, also of "B" Company. Others who did well were Ptes. Wilder, Hayward and Conway, the last-named having the misfortune to be forced to scratch owing to a poisoned hand, but he showed promising form in the ring, and we should like to see more of him. Finally, the Company wishes to congratulate Cpl. Slate on achieving his ambition of winning the Battalion Bantam-weight Belt, after a hard six-round contest with L./Cpl. Brown, the holder. Cpl. Slate has on more than one previous occasion missed this championship only by the barest margin, and his success on this occasion, achieved after months of strict training, was most well deserved. It is hoped that his efforts and enthusiasm will inspire the other promising boxers, who are certainly present in considerable force in the Company.

During the last few Monday afternoons

there has been considerable excitement at the eastern end of our Company lines whilst our Inter-Platoon Basket Ball Tournament, for which a cup is to be awarded, was being decided. This has resulted in Nos. 7 and 6 Platoons tying for first place—up to the time of writing. We have been asked, by the way, to contradict the rumour that "Busty" Barnard has been asked to join the English Olympic Basket-Ball Team.

Very little cricket has been played yet, but we have had one or two trial matches. Our team is almost settled, and is quite likely to be strong. We had several Sergeants playing in one trial, and great things were expected of them, but their combined score came to nothing, so there was some relief when the Company Quartermaster-Sergeant hit up a dashing one in the second innings.

Finally, the Company wishes to bid good-bye and the best of luck to the following, who are going by early boats, and will probably have left by the time these notes are in print:—Ptes. Allen, Deamer, Parker, Wright, Chapman (02) and Lowen, and also to L./Cpl. Lee and Pte. Carter, who are going home for vocational training. The former will leave a gap in our football and hockey teams which will not easily be filled.

The Company will also very greatly regret the approaching departures of C.Q.M.S. Steadman and Sergt. Hazeldine, who are both due to proceed to the Depot for a tour of duty at the beginning of the forthcoming trooping season. They will be sadly missed here, and one can only hope that they will return to us after their time at Mill Hill is finished.

#### "C" COMPANY NOTES.

The chief events of the quarter have been the Company Football League, Company and Battalion Sports, a little boxing—a very little, we regret to say, as far as "C" are concerned—the annual musketry course, and Fort detachment duty.

When several possible Company footballers were sent amongst the "change of air" people to Purandhar, it was certainly never imagined that they would automatically be classified as invalids and fall into the tenacious clutches of the medical authorities. Such,



however, proved to be the case, and several hale footballers were therefore kept to complete a cure long after they were expected back, with the result that it was only at the end of the League that we had a side which could be called representative. We shall know better another time.

Dawson, Endersby, Daly, L./Cpl. Scott and L./Cpl. Cartwright were our outstanding players. Dawson did yeoman work as centre-half, and will be much missed, whilst Endersby's lack of weight alone can prevent him going further. Daly, L./Cpls. Cartwright and Scott have been tried for the Battalion team, Cartwright in goal and Scott and Daly in a variety of places—in fact, Daly seems to be the sort of utility man of the Battalion team, as we have seldom seen him play in the same place twice, but it is probable that it will be as a back that he will be allowed to settle down after this year.

The Platoon League ended in a victory for No. 11 Platoon, followed by Nos. 10, 9 and 12 in that order.

No. 11 Platoon followed up the football by romping away with the sports, which were held at the Fort on July 20th and 21st.

Although the Inter-Platoon Competition was won easily, the individual competition was keen, and the finals, almost without exception, interesting and close.

Pte. Daly won the three miles from '26 Pte. Brown, after a good race, but Brown had his revenge in the mile, which, incidentally, produced another useful runner in Pte. Stevens. Pte. Stevens appeared to be new as a runner, but has style and balance which betoken possibilities.

The 100 yards was won by Pte. Barnett from 2/Lieut. Else, but the verdict was reversed in the 220 yards. Pte. Brown won the 880 yards, after a good race, and the 440 yards produced a well-judged finish by Lieut. Chapman, to beat '60 Pte. Chapman.

In putting the weight, Pte. Hammond was easily the best, with Ptes. Chapman and Barnett second and third. The long jump was not very good, but conditions were against good results. 2/Lieut. Else was first, Sergt. Colbourne second, and Pte. Searle third. The high jump was more promising, Lieut. Else

clearing 5 ft. 3 in. and C.S.M. Rand 5 ft., whilst Sergt. Colbourne, Ptes. Kemp, Barnett and Bland all got close on 5 ft.

The event for husbands and wives required serious judging, and it was therefore necessary to call upon Sergt. Buckle, Pte. Tandy and Pte. Bloomberg to judge. We must give them full marks. After a minute inspection of the hats, during which the C.Q.M.S. was heard to say several things about pins and his head, the judges retired, and, after a solemn deliberation, awarded the prize to a tasty little confection from "Maison Rand," created by Mrs. Rand and worn with considerable "chic" by the C.S.M.

Pte. Tandy proved to be our fleetest veteran, but we won't say who was last, as it might encourage the Band-boys to believe they won't be caught.

Pte. Brown (26) won the Individual Championship.

Our success in the Battalion Sports was rather meagre, as except for the high jump, won by 2/Lieut. Else and C.S.M. Rand, we had to be content with second in the 880 yards relay (four 220's) and long jump. Pte. Hammond having strained his wrist in practice, could only put some 5 ft. less than he had been doing in practice, which robbed him of a chance of winning the Individual Championship and the Company of a place. The absence of Pte. Daly from the mile and three miles was also a catastrophe, especially as Ptes. Brown and Stevens ran a well-planned race in the mile, which would have got us a place had they had Daly as well to keep them company.

Entries for the second Novices' Boxing Competition were very poor, though the Company was well represented in the Championship fights. Pte. Smith (07), the middle-weight, had no challengers, but Pte. Berks was called upon to defend his title as feather-weight against L./Cpl. Evans. He failed to keep the belt, for after doing well in the first three rounds he was outboxed in the last three, and, although full of go to the end, became wild and presented Evans with too many openings.

Cpl. Goodall challenged L./Cpl. Cole for the light-weight belt, but was unable to wrest the prize from a stronger fighter. It says much for his fitness and fighting

qualities that he stayed the course, and he is to be congratulated on a very fine effort.

Lastly, but by no means least, Pte. Hammond appeared as challenger for the heavy-weight belt, and is to be congratulated on bringing another belt into the Company, although he damaged his hand early on in the fight. We hope the belt has come to stay for a long time, and hope that very soon our roll of reigning champions will be increased.

"A" and "C" were the first to fire this year, "A" firing in the morning and "C" in the afternoon. As the course is a new one it is hard to compare the results with last year, but at any rate they seem to be no worse, and we hope the final results will be somewhat better.

The Lewis Gunners were also about the same, owing to an unfortunate crash in No. 10 Platoon, who seemed to find it harder than the other platoons. Nos. 9 and 11 Platoons had a keen fight for the Lewis Gun Shield, everything depending on the shooting of Pte. Endersby, a casual, and his score just makes No. 9 Platoon the winners.

Sergt. Buckle is certain to be Company Shot, and Pte. Sims, a new Lewis Gunner, becomes Company Lewis Gun Shot.

We congratulate Cpl. Jones, L./Cpls. Chandler, Scott, Brett and Balls on passing their promotion examinations, and a long list of successful candidates for the Second Class Certificate. Cpl. Turner has gone on an Education Course to Belgaum, and we shall soon have a nursing staff of our own, as Pte. King has just returned from a course, and Ptes. Flude and Mileham have gone to be trained in the "sick bed manner."

By the time these notes appear it will be near to Christmas. As ours will be spent on the roadside somewhere between here and Madras, we would ask all other "Cs.," when having what we hope will be a very happy Christmas, to have one for us.

#### "D" COMPANY.

During this quarter the Company has not done well as regards sports. In the Inter-Company Football League we finished fourth, while in the Athletic Sports we were last.

We were unlucky in losing one or two good athletes through sickness just prior to the sports, while our "champions" did not run, jump, or pull up to our expectations. However, congratulations to "H.Q." Wing on winning the sports, and thus securing the Athletic Shield for the year 1927-1928.

The Company Sports were held at the Fort during the last week in June, and although we were a little worried regarding the weather on the preliminary days the final day was ideal. The results were as follows:—

*Long Jump.*—1, L./Cpl. Hamer, 18 ft. 8½ in.; 2, Lieut. Sugden; 3, L./Cpl. Higgins.

*Putting the Weight.*—1, Pte. Hawker, 30 ft. 3 in.; 2, Cpl. Addinall; 3, Pte. Sweeting.

*Three Miles.*—1, Pte. Francis; 2, Pte. Redwood; 3, Pte. Webb. Time, 17 min. 23 sec.

*100 Yards.*—1, Lieut. Sugden; 2, Pte. Carey; 3rd, L./Cpl. Higgins. Time, 10 3/5 sec.

*High Jump.*—1, Lieut. Sugden; 2, L./Cpl. Hamer; 3, Cpl. Merry.

*220 Yards.*—1, Pte. Carey; 2, Lieut. Sugden; 3, L./Cpl. Higgins. Time, 25 2/5 sec.

*One Mile.*—1, Pte. Francis; 2, Pte. Clarke; 3, Pte. Redwood. Time, 5 min. 10 2/5 sec.

*440 Yards.*—1, Pte. Carey; 2, L./Cpl. Higgins; 3, Pte. Fricker. Time, 59 2/5 sec.

*120 Yards Hurdles.*—1, Lieut. Sugden; 2nd, Pte. Ash; 3rd, Pte. Tointon and L./Cpl. Hamer. Time, 20 sec.

*880 Yards.*—1, Pte. Francis; 2, Pte. Clarke; 3, Pte. Webb. Time, 2 min. 21 sec.

*Platoon Relay.*—1, No. 15 Platoon; 2, No. 14 Platoon; 3, No. 16 Platoon; 4, No. 13 Platoon.

*Consolation Race.*—1, Pte. Warnes; 2, Pte. Sweeting.

*Band Race.*—1, Sergt. Glover; 2, Bdsn. Walker.

*Ladies' Race.*—1, Mrs. Cobbett; 2, Mrs. Glover.

*Children's Races.*—Girls: 1, Edna Brown; 2, Elsie Brown. Boys: 1, Reggie Brown; 2, Billy Kent. (The Brown family will be heavily handicapped at our next sports.)



*Points obtained by Platoons.*—No. 14, 40 points; No. 15, 30 points; No. 16, 20 points; No. 13, 10 points.

The Individual Cup was won by Pte. Francis, Pte. Carey being the runner-up. The Spence Cup, which is awarded to the Platoon obtaining most points in all branches of sports, has been won for the year 1927-28 by No. 14 Platoon.

In the Boxing, L./Cpl. Brown lost his Battalion Belt to Cpl. Slate after a most excellent fight. The entries in Novices' "A" all showed good form, and should do well next year.

Congratulations to L./Sergt. Poulter and Cpl. Palmer on their promotion to their present rank, and to L./Cpl. Hoyes, Atkins, Orton, Watson and Higgins to Paid Lance-Corporals.

The following men were awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education:—Ptes. Clowes, Gurr, Oatway and Smith (29).

Here we must close, and start preparing for our camp at Shingwe once again.  
DECOY.

#### MACHINE GUN NOTES.

There is very little to record this quarter. The Platoon, augmented by partially trained gunners who came in the last draft, has been training hard. Some of the new class thought life a trifle strenuous when work in the field began, but they can now double across country as well as the "old-timers."

We have finished our Annual Classification. It had to be fired in the afternoon, as the range was taken by the Machine Gun School in the morning. This was not popular, but we managed to beat our last year's average. Some of our best shots were beaten by the light (so they say) and the coveted sixpence has gone for a year.

The Wing Sports were held in July. The individual events were run off, for which prizes were given, and afterwards the team events took place. Medals were presented for the latter, and they counted towards the Group Championship. In the end the Platoon finished second, being 3½ points behind the Band.

In the Boxing Tournament held at the beginning of August, L./Cpl. Cole, the Battalion Light-weight Champion, was again challenged by Cpl. Goodall, of "C" Company. It was a six-round con-

test, and, after an interesting fight, L./Cpl. Cole won on points.

By the look of things we are in for a strenuous time. There is a camp in view, a possible concentration, and then the march to Madras. But 'Nagar will soon be a station of the past, thanks be, and the Tomb, though a very good "Ack. Ack. Emma," gets a bit boring after five years.

#### SIGNALS NOTES.

Yet another trooping season has arrived. Previous troopers have hit us hard, but this one takes the biscuit.

It will be with many regrets that we bid good-bye to the lucky homegoers from the Section. They are the last of the old Singapore Signallers, and have served the Section faithfully in the past, both in signalling and sport. We are, nevertheless, optimistic about the new class, as we have found quite a lot of talent in the sporting line. In signalling they are coming along well, and we are now looking forward to gaining an excellent percentage in the Annual Classification, which takes place in October.

Training of the new class has been carried on under difficulties, owing to the shortage of instructors, but credit is due to the junior non-commissioned officers of the Section for the way they have adapted themselves to instructing the new class as far as it laid in their power to do so.

A boxing competition was held in the Battalion recently, and we had two entries only. The entries were Ptes. Blatchford and Williams (both welter-weights in the same class). They both put up a very fine show. Blatchford winning his weight and Williams getting into the semi-finals. Had Williams beaten his man it would have been an all-Signals final. Williams lost, after putting up a game effort, and in the final Blatchford, after a pretty fight, beat his man on points. Our "congrats" to both.

The Signals have now taken to the Royal and Ancient game. We have our own golf course and are running competitions monthly, with the aid of Pte. Tingey, our original golfing enthusiast, who, besides lending clubs to contestants, is called upon to solve all knotty points. The art of golf, according to one of our

golfers, is the ability to play both billiards and hockey, and, when going round the course, to play both at once.

A camp is rumoured for October. Most of the homegoers are hoping that Dame Rumour is wrong again, though they feel that their hopes are already dashed, in any case, che sara, sara.

S. S.

#### EMPLOYED GROUP NOTES.

Owing to our previous "fount of inspiration" having left us, and no one being desirous of "filling the breach," news of the group has lately been conspicuous by its absence. But once again we make another spasmodic essay in journalism in a belated attempt to remedy this omission.

A favourite topic (especially with our cooks) is that home-going rumours are predominant, but they are founded more on personal hopes than on definite information, and, according to the latest news, disappointments will be general, but "while there's life there's hope."

The Company Sports were held on July 16th, 17th and 18th, and the group did not do very well, but we finished third. We may have done better had not Sergt. Beaveridge hurt himself in the individual events.

Pte. Such was successful in the Battalion and Company "Putting the Shot." We have done very well in winning "H.Q." Wing's Football League.

In the Novices' Boxing Tournament we won the twenty-five points given towards the Company Shield for the group that collected the most points.

All our entries did very well, and three just missed winning their "weights," but better luck next time.

We welcome Pte. Maunders from "A" Company, as he will be a great asset to "H.Q." Wing's boxing team, and we also congratulate L./Cpl. Bennett and Pte. Baker on passing their trade tests.

Last, but not least, we wish the best of luck to those who leave us for civilian life this "trooper," and may they get on as well as they did while they were in the Army.

INK SLASHER.

#### BAND NOTES.

Fresh news from a place like 'Nagar is scarce, and since the last notes little of interest has happened.

We have again been working hard, and although engagements have been few and far between, the many and various duties have been carried out in a good keen spirit. During the past few weeks we have been particularly busy playing at Company and Battalion Sports, a Torch-light Tattoo, and taking a prominent part in two Concerts given in the Station.

Unfortunately, during our stay in Ahmednagar, we have suffered many losses owing to people leaving us for home, but we are not disheartened.

Our boys, now numbering fifteen, are showing promise, and should be very useful, from an all-round point of view, in the near future.

Our Band President, Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence, takes a very keen interest in them, organizing various sports and plenty of boxing, the latter much to the Bandmaster's discomfiture.

If our hopes materialize, we should be welcoming a few more from England during the next trooping season, and shall then have the foundation for working up a really good combination for our home-going.

In the recent Company Sports we did remarkably well, Bdsn. Gower and Cpl. Kemp again distinguishing themselves. In fact, the combined efforts of our sportsmen, after a hard struggle, gave us the Group Shield. A most satisfactory performance, and a great credit to all who helped. Congratulations to all concerned.

Our competitors in the Battalion Sports also did very well, and showed a fine example of sportsmanship to the youngsters coming in.

In December we expect to move to Madras, where we sincerely hope a few more engagements will come our way so that we may purchase one or two instruments urgently needed.

By the time these notes are in print, we shall have lost two good friends in our Commanding Officer and his wife, Col. and Mrs. H. P. F. Bicknell, who leave us in September for the United Kingdom. We are all very sorry, and take this opportunity of wishing them "God-speed."



## DRUMS NOTES.

"No news is good news." It is hoped that the Editor will consider these notes in the same light, as there is little of importance to write about.

As far as the sports are concerned, we have done very little, but too much cannot be expected from us, for it must be remembered that we are the smallest Group in the Wing, numbering only sixteen, and six of these are on leave in Blighty.

Two out of our four boys showed their talent by winning nearly all the boys' prizes. For boys under seventeen years of age Boy Lavalette won first prize in the 100, 440 and 880 Yards and the High Jump, and second prizes in the 220 Yards and Hurdles. He has the makings of a good athlete.

For boys over seventeen years of age, Boy Jones won the Mile and 880 Yards, and came second in the Hurdles, High Jump and Long Jump.

Boy Wheeler won second place in the Consolation Race.

Congratulations are due to all those who represented "The Drums" at the last Boxing Tournament. Dmr. Lewin lost to Pte. Blatchford, of the "Flag Bashers," and won a good loser's prize. Dmr. Gatehouse, who was up against a good man in Pte. Vickers, of the "Gunners," had hard luck.

Dmr. Burrows won his weight, and put up a good show.

We were glad to see our Adjutant back from his short leave in Blighty, and looking very fit and well.

We congratulate L./Sergt. J. T. Donaldson on his appointment, and are sorry to lose him from our little band.

We are all eagerly looking forward to our move to Madras, which will be quite a change from the "Green Hills of Nagar."

F. SHARP.

## BOXING NOTES.

## DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Through an oversight no boxing notes were submitted for the last publication of the Journal, and so rather more than usual will appear in this issue.

The chief event since the last notes were published has been the District

Team Championships, which took place this year at Secunderabad. As happened last year, the Battalion team was beaten in the first round of the competition, after an extra fight, by the Royal Corps of Signals, from Jubbulpore. The result of the match was very disappointing, especially after the excellent performances put up by the smaller members of the team. The Fly, Bantam, Feather and Light weights were all won by the Battalion, but, after that, a rot set in, and not a single one of the heavier weights was won. L./Cpls. Cook and Howlett, and Ptes. Brown and Evans are to be congratulated on winning their weights, as also is Pte. Smith on the plucky fight he put up in the Middle-weight match. He fully deserved the applause accorded to him after his fight.

In the Individual Championships, Pte. Brown again won the Fly-weight, but L./Cpl. Cook and L./Cpl. Howlett, who were last year's winners of the Bantam and Light-weights respectively, were on this occasion beaten in the finals. All three however, did well throughout the tournament, and great credit is due to them.

Brown, at the conclusion of the District Tournament, went on to Poona and defended his title as Fly-weight Champion of the Southern Command. This year, however, he was defeated in the final of the competition, after a good fight.

## NOVICES' TOURNAMENTS.

The first Novices' Tournament for the present year was held at the end of April, and was a great success. Altogether there were 32 entries for Class "A" and 46 for Class "B," and the fighting throughout was well up to the average.

The list of prize-winners, by classes, is as follows:—

## Class A.

*Feather-weight.*—Winner, L./Cpl. Ray, "C" Coy.; runner-up, Pte. Fountain, "B" Coy.

*Light-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Burton, "D" Coy.; runner-up, Pte. Coker, "A" Coy.

*Welter-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Maunder, "A" Coy.; runner-up, Pte. Bell, "B" Coy.

*Middle-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Simpson, "A" Coy.; runner-up, Pte. Brown, "C" Coy.

## Class "B."

*Bantam-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Clark, "B" Coy.

*Feather-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Barry, "B" Coy.

*Light-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Rayment, "B" Coy.

*Welter-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Baker, "H.Q." Wing.

*Middle-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Bland, "C" Coy.

*Heavy-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Warnes, "D" Coy.

In addition, a special four-round contest was arranged, and an eliminating open tournament. The latter was held with a view to finding out suitable men to challenge the present belt-holders in the Battalion. This proved to be a successful innovation, the winners being as follows:—

*Bantam-weight.*—Pte. Brown, "D" Coy.

*Feather-weight.*—Pte. Berks, "C" Coy.

*Light-weight.*—Pte. Cole, "H.Q." Wing.

*Welter-weight.*—Pte. Sayers, "B" Coy.

*Middle-weight.*—Pte. Smith (07), "C" Coy.

*Light Heavy-weight.*—Pte. Sweeting, "D" Coy.

*Heavy-weight.*—Pte. Bull, "A" Coy.

The four-round contest was between Pte. Brown, "D" Company, and L./Cpl. Munro, 2nd Bn. Prince of Wales's Volunteers, and a really good fight was seen. Exchanges during the first round were even, but Munro was leading at the end of the second. In the third round, however, Brown took the lead, scoring freely, and, in the last round, quite outpaced Munro. The fight was awarded to Brown.

At the conclusion of the tournament the cups and medals were presented by Major Grove White, in the absence of the Commanding Officer on leave.

The second Novices' Tournament for the present year was held on August 2nd, 4th and 6th. In addition, a Boys' Competition was held and certain Battalion championships were decided.

The entries for the novices on this occasion were not so numerous as at the last tournament, but, in spite of that, some really good boxing was witnessed. The finals took place on August 6th, and were attended by a large number from the garrison.

At the conclusion of the tournament, cups and medals were presented by Lieut.-Col. H. P. F. Bicknell, D.S.O., who complimented the competitors on the excellent performances they had given.

The following were the prize winners:

## Novices, Class "A."

*Feather-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Lye-ford, "B" Coy.; runner-up, Pte. Trayhorne, "H.Q." Wing.

*Light-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Vickers, "H.Q." Wing; runner-up, Pte. Fricker, "D" Coy.

*Welter-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Blatchford, "H.Q." Wing; runner-up, L./Cpl. Marshall, "H.Q." Wing.

*Middle-weight.*—Winner, Dmr. Burrows, "H.Q." Wing; runner-up, Pte. Wilder, "B" Coy.

*Light Heavy-weight.*—Winner, Bdsn. Gordon, "H.Q." Wing.

## Novices, Class "B."

*Bantam-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Laight, "B" Coy.

*Light-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Noakes, "A" Coy.

*Middle-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Parker, "A" Coy.

## Boys' Competition.

*Mosquito-weight.*—Winner, Boy Wheeler, "H.Q." Wing.

*Fly-weight.*—Winner, Boy Pope, "H.Q." Wing.

*Bantam-weight.*—Winner, Boy Walker, "H.Q." Wing.

*Middle-weight.*—Winner, Boy Laurence (68), "H.Q." Wing.

The following were the results of the contests for the Battalion championship belts:—

*Bantam-weight Championship.*—Cpl. Slate, "B" Coy., beat L./Cpl. Brown, "D" Coy., the belt holder.

*Feather-weight Championship.*—Pte. Evans, "A" Coy., beat Pte. Berks, "C" Coy., the belt holder.

*Light-weight Championship.*—L./Cpl. Cole, "H.Q." Wing, retained his belt



against Cpl. Goodall, "C" Coy., the challenger.

*Heavy-weight Championship.*—Pte. Hammond, "C" Coy., beat Pte. Bull, "A" Coy., the belt holder.

In a special four-round contest, Pte. Coker, "A" Coy., beat Pte. Burton, "D" Coy.

It was hoped to describe in detail each contest for the belts, but, owing to the space already taken up by these notes, it has been decided to give bare details only.

Each contest was of six rounds' duration, and all went the full distance. Good, scientific boxing and hard hitting were seen throughout, and each of the contestants gave of his best. The surprise of the tournament was provided by L./Cpl. Brown, who was beaten on points by Cpl. Slate, a much improved boxer. This was undoubtedly the best fight of the tournament, and the margin of points at the end must have been very slight. Slate deserves every praise for his gallant effort in wresting the belt from so formidable an opponent as Brown.

The belt-holders at present are:—

*Bantam-weight.*—Cpl. Slate, "B" Coy.  
*Feather-weight.*—Pte. Evans, "A" Coy.

*Light-weight.*—L./Cpl. Cole, "H.Q." Wing.

*Welter-weight.*—Cpl. Howlett, "A" Coy.

*Middle-weight.*—Pte. Smith (07), "C" Coy.

*Light Heavy-weight.*—Pte. Sweeting, "D" Coy.

*Heavy-weight.*—Pte. Hammond, "C" Coy.

#### "WHITHER SMITHERS."

A musical comedy in two acts, by Lieut. S. J. Clark, presented by "The Pothooks," on July 30th, 1928:—F. Wilson Smithers, of Bishopsgate, E.C., Lieut. S. J. Clark; the Hon. Hugh Footlingbotham (his friend), Capt. N. P. Procter; Horce (a waiter), C.S.M. J. Hart; Bright (manager of the hotel), 2/Lieut. F. H. Else; Daisy Davis (an elderly barmaid), Lieut. A. N. Overell; Cumberland Cartridge (Wilson's lawyer), Sergt. Beaveridge; Jim Smithers (his brother), C.S.M. H. Rand; Betty Lennox

(his ward), Mrs. H. Rand; Casimir (a detective), Pte. Brown. Producer: Bandmaster H. Clibbens, A.R.C.M.

### REGIMENTAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

AUGUST 18TH AND 19TH, 1928.

NO complaints can be registered against the weather this year, as conditions were ideal on both days, and some very close matches were fought throughout the Tournament.

Unfortunately, the 2nd Battalion were not represented, but one pair entered from the 1st, 7th, 8th, 9th and the Depot, and twelve players contested the singles.

Several ladies were among the spectators, and altogether it was a cheery success. Perhaps on future occasions it may be possible to spread the Tournament over a longer period than two days, as the number of sets to be played rather overtaxed the energy of players reaching the semi-finals and finals:—

The following are the results:—

#### DOUBLES.

*First Round.*—Capt. Manson and Lieut. Lambert (Depot) beat Lieuts. Worton and Cubitt (1st Battalion) 6—0, 7—5. The 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions drew byes.

*Second Round.*—Capt. Manson and Lieut. Lambert (Depot) beat Capt. Horrocks and Lieut. Hogg (9th Battalion) 6—3, 7—5.

*Semi-final.*—Lieuts. Carey and Pattison (8th Battalion) beat Col. Smith and Capt. Ford (7th Battalion) 6—1, 6—1.

*Final.*—Capt. Manson and Lieut. Lambert (Depot) beat Lieuts. Carey and Pattison (8th Battalion) 6—4, 10—8.

#### SINGLES.

*First Round.*—Lieut. Lambert beat Lieut. Cubitt 6—4, 6—4; Capt. Manson beat Capt. Horrocks 6—1, 6—4; Lieut. Pattison beat Lieut. Clowes 5—7, 6—3, 6—2; Lieut. Carey beat Lieut. Worton 7—5, 6—3.

*Second Round.*—Capt. Manson beat Lieut. Lambert 6—2; Lieut. Carey beat Lieut. Pattison 6—4; Lieut. Hogg beat

Lieut. Hughes 6—3; Capt. Ford beat Col. Smith 6—2.

*Semi-final.*—Lieut. Carey beat Capt. Manson 7—5, 6—4; Lieut. Hogg beat Capt. Ford 6—2, 6—2.

*Final.*—Lieut. Hogg beat Lieut. Carey 4—6, 6—4, 6—2.

Thus the 9th Battalion retained the Singles Challenge Cup, and the Doubles returned to the Depot.

### ON THE CRIMEAN WAR.

O YE who live at home at ease, and sleep on downy beds,  
Pray think of us who on the ground are forced to lay our heads.

In camp before Sebastopol, in mud up to our knees,

Our gallant British Army here is dying with disease.

Without a shirt, in filth and dirt, too dreadful to behold,

A blanket wet is all we get to shield us from the cold.

Without a bed to rest our head, or aught to keep us dry,

Though sick at heart, we are compelled on muddy ground to lie.

The French are well provided for, and from the first have been,

They have a friend in Buonaparte, unlike our Aberdeen:

For Britons are neglected here, and doomed in youth and bloom

To die a sad and early death, and fill a Crimean tomb.

From the Camp to Balaklava, we like horses work in dirt,

Up to our knees in mud and snow, with neither shoes nor shirt,

Then slaving in the trenches, and mounting guard at night,

Then weary to our pillows go, and then roused up to fight.

The glory of Britannia is her soldiers, one and all,

Who failed not in the hour of trial before Sebastopol,

Though crushed with plague and hunger, braving danger with a smile,

No nation in the world can match the sons of Britain's isle.

With war's undaunted heroes, you will sympathize I'm sure,

No pen can write, no tongue can tell, the sufferings they endure;

The English, Irish, and the Scotch, we'll make them pay for all,

Yes, we'll revenge our gallant sons, Sebastopol must fall.

I heard a maiden say with tears (all down her cheeks they ran),

At Alma father dear was killed, my love at Inkerman,

My brother dear was wounded too, my gentle loving Harry,

And in the dreary Hospital, now lies at bleak Scutari.

May God defend our soldiers brave with His Almighty hand,

And send them back victorious to their dear native land:

Befriend their wives and little ones from whom they've had to part,

Protect their aged parents here, and ease each lover's heart.

*Written in the Crimea by one of the 46th Regiment, January, 1855.*

### REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPT. 30TH, 1928.

Amount of grants and loans made: £122 17s. 11d.

Number of cases dealt with: 185.

Number of cases assisted: 79.

Number of men registered for employment: 93.

Number of men found permanent employment: 12.

Number of men offered employment: 13.

Number of married couples found employment: 1.

Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 20.

The report of the Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee, which took place on October 31st, is left over until next issue of the Journal.

A list of officers and others who have expressed their willingness to become representatives is given below. Replies



have been received from numerous others who, whilst regretting their inability, through various causes, to act in this capacity, have promised to inform the

Hon. Secretary if they hear of any openings for men on the employment register. As will be seen, the list includes branches, *vide* the last Annual Report.

#### LIST OF BRANCHES AND DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES.

DISTRICT.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.
OVERSEAS.		
Malaya Branch ... ..	Captain H. B. W. Savile, M.C. (Hon. Secretary)	Fort Canning, Singapore.
Australia ... ..	Mr. F. Arden ... .. Mr. D. Tierney ... .. Mr. T. W. Hammond ... ..	8, Railway Parade, Melbourne, 121, Forrest Street, North Perth. Wharf Street, Cannington, Western Australia.
India ... ..	Mr. A. H. Say ... ..	8, Staunton Road, Poona.
New Zealand ... ..	Mr. E. Bezar ... .. Mr. G. A. Brown ... ..	19, Rintoul Street, Wellington. 47, Norfolk Street, Ponsonby, Auck- land.
South Africa ... ..	Mr. W. Trezona ... .. Mr. R. S. Ozard ... ..	P.O., Maraisburg, Transvaal. Edytheda e Dairy, City Deep, Johannesburg.
HOME.		
County Areas:—		
Bristol ... ..	Mr. L. J. Mon han ... ..	52, Portbury Grove, Shirehampton.
Chatham ... ..	Mr. H. A. Twigg ... ..	Duncan Road, Gillingham, Kent.
Colchester ... ..	Lieut.-Colonel C. P. Rooke, D.S.O.	Monks Horton, Colchester.
Devon (North) ... ..	Colonel G. W. W. Savile, C.B.E., D.S.O.	Collatons, Bow, Devon.
Devon (South) ... ..	Major F. Sapte, D.S.O. ... ..	Highdown, Exeter Road, Teignmouth.
Salisbury ... ..	Colonel C. S. Collison, D.S.O. ... ..	Stratford Toney, Salisbury.
Somerset ... ..	Captain W. E. Hancock ... ..	48, Alexandra Road, Frome.
Essex ... ..	Mr. B. G. Watkins ... .. Mr. A. Safferty ... ..	65, Vicarage Road, E. 15. 22, Southend Road, E. 6.
Weymouth, Dorset ... ..	Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Hayes, C.M.G.	Radpole Manor, Weymouth.
Middlesex:—		
Twickenham ... ..	Mr. A. C. Chidley ... ..	"Ruddleton," Strawberry Vale.
Edmonton & Tottenham ... ..	Mr. C. B. Dellow ... ..	5, South Eastern Avenue, N. 9.
Hendon ... ..	Mr. J. Morgan ... ..	17, Sturges Avenue, N. W. 4.
Wealdstone ... ..	Mr. R. C. Whiting ... ..	89, Athelstone Road, Wealdstone.
Uxbridge ... ..	Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M. ... ..	The Red Lion Hotel, Hillingdon.
Ruislip ... ..	Captain L. F. Findlay ... ..	Marinhoe, Eastcote, Ruislip.
Metropolitan Areas:—		
Chelsea ... ..	Colonel A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L.	34, St. Leonard's Terrace, S.W. 3.
Fulham ... ..	Mr. H. E. Meadley ... ..	48a, Danehurst Road, S.W. 6.
Paddington ... ..	Mr. E. Morris ... ..	4, Cambridge Street, W. 2.
St. Marylebone ... ..	Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Samuel ... ..	9, Abercorn Place, N.W. 8.
St. Pancras and Highgate ... ..	Mr. E. J. Warren ... ..	28, Langdon Park Road, N. 6.
Wandsworth and Putney ... ..	Mr. T. A. J. Hicks ... ..	68, Trencham Street, S.W. 18.
North Kensington ... ..	Mr. W. Hemington ... ..	7, Bosworth Road, W. 10.
Kensington ... ..	Captain H. E. Foster ... ..	30, Kensington Square, W. 8.
Territorials:—		
7th Battalion Branch—		
Hampstead and Highgate ... ..	Sergt. C. E. Saunders (Hon. Sec.) ... ..	Highgate Hill, N.W.
Enfield and Barnet ... ..	C.Q.M.S. S. Eeles (Hon. Sec.) ... ..	38, Cecil Avenue, Enfield.
Hornsey and Tottenham ... ..	Sergt. S. V. Edge, D.C.M. ... ..	28, Melrose Avenue, Willesden Green.
8th Battalion Branch—		
Hounslow ... ..	Hon. Sec.: The Adjutant ... ..	Hanworth Road, Hounslow, Middx.
9th Battalion Branch—		
Willesden ... ..	C.S.M. W. D. Fitzgerald (Hon. Sec.) ... ..	Drill Hall, Pound Lane, N.W. 10.
2/10th Branch ... ..	Mr. C. A. Rush (Hon. Sec.) ... ..	29, Faraday Road, W. 10.

#### LADIES' GUILD.

The Hon. Secretary would be much obliged if members and other friends who have any clothing available could now

send the same to her, also the annual new garments. The stock is very low at present, and the applications from families in necessitous circumstances are as

numerous as ever. Parcels, unless sent by post or carrier, should be consigned via Mill Hill Station, L.N.E.R., otherwise they reach the Midland Station, whence they have to be fetched, as the barracks are outside that railway's delivery area. Will ladies kindly note?

OLD COMRADES' QUARTERLY CONCERT.  
Those who attended at the Masonic Rooms, Euston Road, on Saturday

illness. This announcement was received with universal regret, and hopes were expressed for the speedy recovery of the Entertainment Committee's popular Chairman. Later, Col. Passingham made a sympathetic reference to Mr. Morris, and in the course of his remarks referred to the forthcoming Old Comrades' Dinner.

Among those present were: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E.,



REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION—MALAYA BRANCH.

Alubhera Dinner, 1928.

Standing (left to right).—Capt. J. N. Jones (late R.E.). Mr. J. T. McNeill (late A. & S. Highrs.).\* C.S.M.I. H. Enser (King's Own Regt.).\* Mr. G. E. Pockney. Mr. E. J. Venables (late R.M.).\* Mr. McGahay, M.C. Major M. F. Grove-White, D.S.O., O.B.E. (R.E.).\*

Seated (left to right).—Mr. F. Thurston. Capt. H. A. A. Howell. Lieut.-Colonel B. A. Thompson. Mr. F. Deason. Mr. G. S. Sutherland. Mr. J. Schooling.

\*The article in Mr. Deason's hand is his original "small" book.

evening, October 6th, were rewarded by the clever and amusing entertainment provided by "The Whimsicals," under the direction of Mr. Fred E. Wilton. Thanks are due to Madame Ghita Corri, who kindly made the necessary arrangements with Mr. Wilton's party.

The chair was taken by Mr. F. E. Holmes, who announced that Mr. E. Morris was unavoidably absent through

D.L., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Major Payne, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Holmes, Mr. Barry Sullivan and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Quick and Miss Rider, R.S.M. and Mrs. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. E. J. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Coe, Mr. Costello, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Harrington, Mr. Judd, Mr. and Mrs.



Courtin, Mr. and Mrs. Meachen, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. W. Keyser, Mr. J. H. Cattell, Mr. J. Bradford, Miss Hicks, Mr. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. W. Lodge and Miss Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. Snelgrove, Mr. Lovejoy, R.S.M. and Mrs. Mantell, R.Q.M.S. Purcell, Major E. H. Amor, Mr. Coldicott, Mrs. Adkins, Mr. Isaac, Mr. and Mrs. Munday, Mr. Everitt, Mr. and Mrs. Beard, Mr. W. White, Mr. L. Clark, Mr. King, Mr. W. White, jun., Mr. and Mrs. Furniss and Miss Church, Mr. Nethercott, Mr. Rouse, Mr. T. Bailey, Madame Corri, Mr. W. G. Walter, Mr. Carey, Mr. A. Weston, and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Avery.

#### MALAYA BRANCH.

The Fifth Annual Reunion Dinner of the Malaya Branch was held at the Europe Hotel, Singapore on Albuhera Day, 1928. Lieut.-Col. B. A. Thompson presided.

The toasts were "The King," "Our Colonel-in-Chief," and "The Regiment," the Chairman making a short speech before proposing the latter. Although the numbers were fewer this year—owing to several members being on leave and to the rubber slump—the splendid *esprit de corps* and love of the Regiment displayed in previous years was as apparent as ever.

Mr. "Dandy" Deason produced his original Small Book, which was the subject of much interest by all present.

A most enjoyable evening terminated at a late hour.

The table decorations were in the Regimental colours, whilst the hotel orchestra played the Regimental Marches.

#### THE LATE CAPT. R. N. MOORE.

ROBERT NOË MOORE, elder son of the late Lieut.-Col. Moore, R.A.V.C., joined the 4th Battalion from Sandhurst in 1909.

He proceeded to France with the 4th Battalion on the outbreak of the Great War in August, 1914, and was twice wounded. Later in the war he served on

the Staff of the Northern Command, and on the G.H.Q. Staff of the British Salonika Force and the Army of the Black Sea. He was awarded the 1914 Star, with clasp, and the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

He was promoted Captain in March, 1915, and joined the 2nd Battalion in Egypt in 1920, being appointed Adjutant of that Battalion in 1925.

In August, 1926, Capt. Moore was invalided home from India, since when constant treatment in hospital and sanatoria failed to arrest his illness, which terminated fatally on Sept. 10th. The funeral took place at Bournemouth, a wreath being sent from the Officers' Club.

The death of this popular officer, at the early age of 39, is mourned by the whole Regiment.



#### DEPOT NOTES.

##### QUARTERMASTER - SERGT. - INSTR.

E. ELLIOTT, A.P.T.S., has left the Depot, on taking his discharge from the Army.

During the three years he was at the Depot he maintained the standard of physical training of the recruits at a high level, and he trained the boxing teams which won the Recruits' Inter-Depot Boxing Tournaments of the Home Counties Area in 1927 and of the Eastern Command in 1928. In the sporting and social activities of the Depot he took a large part, and his presence will be greatly missed.

All ranks of the Depot wish him a happy and successful career in civil life.

There are now four squads of recruits being trained and one squad on leave.

Since January 1st last, 229 have been posted to the 1st Battalion and 59 direct to the 2nd Battalion.

One hundred and fifty-two are still required before March 31st of next year, to bring the Regiment up to establishment.

##### POSTINGS.

6192841 Cpl. H. Pratt, 6197943 L./Cpl. A. Veares: Posted from 1st Battalion for tour of duty, 1/9/28.

6191570 L./Cpl. F. Rumens: Posted to 1st Battalion, 1/9/28.

6196167 Cpl. L. West: Posted to 1st Battalion, 5/9/28.

##### APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

2604867 Cpl. G. Blake: Appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 22/6/28.

6197916 Pte. W. Pinkney: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal, 19/7/28.

##### CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

The undermentioned were awarded Third Class Certificates of Education during the past quarter:—

6198241 Pte. T. Andrews, 6198319 Pte. V. Thomas, 6198230 Pte. F. Wright, 6198362 Pte. W. Keen, 6198238 Pte. A. Robinson, 6198011 Pte. L. Pratt, 6198293 Pte. G. Burton, 6198335 Pte. E. Barton, 6198324 Pte. A. Doran, 6198322 Pte. F. Leach, 6198337 Pte. J. Regan, 6198342 Pte. A. Steer, 6198349 Pte. H. Davidge, 6198399 Pte. G. Lucas, 6198374 Pte. J. Robinson, 6198401 Pte. C. Turnbull, 6198357 Pte. A. Williams, 6198414 Pte. S. Bullock, 6198422 Pte. T. Fitzgerald, 6198433 Pte. L. Maloney, 6198400 Pte. W. Sargent, 6198310 Pte. J. Robinson, 6198428 Pte. W. Allen, 6198436 Pte. J. Johns, 6198461 Pte. C. May, 6198426 Pte. F. Povey, 6198429 Pte. H. Wilkes, 6198395 Pte. G. Girdlestone, 6198228 Pte. D. Vince, 6198321 Pte. W. Deer, 6198235 Pte. A. Poore, 6198365 Pte. T. Newman, 6198302 Pte. W. Bell, 6198304 Pte. A. Lee, 6198327 Pte. A. Barnes, 6198290 Pte. G. Hobbs, 6198323 Pte. C. Lee, 6198308 Pte. J. Smith, 6198329 Pte. E. Taylor, 6198355 Pte. F. Gardiner, 6198356 Pte. W. Long, 6198370 Pte. C. Theobald, 6734320 Pte. J. Thirkettle, 6539432 Pte. E. Wadsworth, 6198432 Pte. E. Buck, 6197743 Pte. L. Hall, 762536 Pte. H. Marshall, 6198303 Pte. C. Bolton, 6198427 Pte. W. Abbott, 6198459 Pte. B. Bedward, 6198434 Pte. W. Goddard, 6722850 Pte. G. Le Dain, 6198393 Pte. J. Marnham, 6198443 Pte. C. Parker, 6198225 Pte. W. Harknett, 6198386 Pte. H. Nelson, 6198233 Pte. C. Hunt, 6198345 Pte. L. Luchford, 6198072 Pte. S. Wright, 6630895 Pte. J. Stone, 6198368 Pte. E. Whichello, 6198301 Pte. R. Balman, 6198338 Pte. S. Knight, 6198336 Pte. A. Naulder, 6198296 Pte. E. Smith, 6198388 Pte. G. Bryant, 6198060 Pte. A. Hamblin, 6198358 Pte. F. Penman, 6198395 Pte. T. Robinson, 2216490 Pte. G. Vallance, 6198413 Pte. J. Benson,

6198331 Pte. J. Eldridge, 6198352 Pte. G. Lawrence, 6197379 Pte. R. Skinner, 6198318 Pte. G. Marsh, 6198410 Pte. C. Adams, 6198450 Pte. J. Francis, 6198423 Pte. J. Johnson, 6198380 Pte. S. Leonard, 766524 Pte. A. Pollard.

##### SECOND CLASS CERTIFICATES.

6584440 L./Cpl. F. Butfield, 6197323 Pte. A. Stokes: On 3/8/28. 6197943 L./Cpl. A. Veares: On 22/7/28.

##### EXTENSIONS AND CONTINUANCE IN SERVICE.

6190175 Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) A. Finch: Re-engaged for the Middlesex Regiment at Mill Hill on 5/7/28, for such term as shall complete 21 years' service.

6191974 L./Cpl. A. Sparkes: Permitted to continue in the service for a further period of one year, i.e., 31/8/29.

6191748 Sergt. A. Russell: Re-engaged for the Middlesex Regiment at Mill Hill on 17/7/28, for such term as shall complete 21 years' service.

619880 C.Q.M.S. W. West: Re-engaged for the Middlesex Regiment at Mill Hill on 19/7/28, for such term as shall complete 21 years' service.

##### SERGEANTS' MESS.

Since our last notes annual furlough has been in vogue. Most of our members have been on leave, and look much fitter for their well-earned rest. The result of our Tennis Tournament is hereby published, but the scores are not available:—

##### SINGLES.

*First Round.*—R.S.M. Mantell beat Sergt. Russell; C.Q.M.S. West beat Sergt. Stevenson; Sergt. I. Osborne beat Sergt. Shaw; C.S.M. Cook beat Mr. Gooley; L./Sergt. Northcott beat Sergt. Mewett; Sergt. Burt beat Sergt. Peck.

*Second Round.*—C.S.M. Cook beat Sergt. Northcott; Sergt.-Instr. Osborne beat Sergt. Burt. Byes: R.S.M. Mantell and C.Q.M.S. West.

*Semi-final.*—C.Q.M.S. West beat R.S.M. Mantell; C.S.M. Cook beat Sergt. I. Osborne.

*Final.*—C.S.M. Cook beat C.Q.M.S. West 6—0, 9—7, 6—4.

##### DOUBLES.

*First Round.*—C.S.M. Cook and Sergt. Russell beat C.Q.M.S. West and Sergt. Northcott. Byes: Sergts. Burt, Shaw



and Stevenson, R.S.M. Mantell, and Sergt.-Instr. Osborne.

*Semi-final.*—R.S.M. Mantell and Sergt. Russell beat Sergts. Burt and Shaw; C.S.M. Cook and Sergt. Stevenson beat Sergt.-Instr. Osborne and Sergt. Mewett.

*Final.*—R.S.M. Mantell and Sergt. Russell beat C.S.M. Cook and Sergt. Stevenson, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.

On August 8th the finals were played, and the Mess were "At home" for the occasion. Tea was served in the Mess, and after the matches Mrs. Mantell kindly presented the prizes:—

*Singles.*—C.S.M. Cook and C.Q.M.S. West, wrist watches.

*Doubles.*—R.S.M. Mantell, salad bowl; Sergt. Russell, biscuit barrel.

We concluded the evening with a social.

On Wednesday, September 12th, the Officers were "At home" to the Sergeants. We all spent an enjoyable afternoon at tennis, croquet, quoits and bowls. Tennis is at present the Officers' strong point, but next season we hope to produce a team to beat them.

Tea was served in the Officers' Mess at 5 p.m., then more tennis, etc. We concluded the day with a "spot" or two, and reminiscences were unfolded.

On September 19th the Sergeants were "At home" to the Officers and Corporals. We played a hockey match in the afternoon, which resulted in a win for our guests 1-0. It was a splendid game, full of "pep" (ask Sergt. Shaw). Tea was served in the Sergeants' Mess, and followed by a billiards match, which the Sergeants won by a big margin. I think the Corporals are now having private instruction. We all spent a very pleasant evening. Apparently some of the juniors could not stand the pace. When we called the roll later in the evening a few had "floated."

We were sorry to lose L./Sergt. Webb, who has returned to the 2nd Battalion. We wish him every success, and hope he will continue his good work as a "tec." Congratulations to L./Sergt. Blake on his promotion.

We have unfortunately lost Q.M.S.I. Elliott, A.P.T.S., who has retired on pension. We wish him every success in "dole" land.

We also welcome Sergt.-Instr. Patterson, A.P.T.S., the successor of Q.M.S.I. Elliott, to our midst.

We congratulate L./Sergt. Honeybun on his marriage, and wish him every success.

The notes of the Annual Rifle Meeting are published in Depot notes, but we should like to congratulate R.S.M. Mantell on winning the Individual Shoot with a score of 51; also Sergt. Peck for second place with a score of 50, after a shoot-off with Sergt.-Instr. Patterson, A.P.T.S.

In the Inter-Mess Challenge Cup we suffered with very bad luck. "Nuff sed."

L./Sergt. Blake, with Lieut. Clowes, won the L.G. Competition in good style, with Sergt. Peck and Cpl. Hull as runners-up.

Sergt. Peck had a very hard try for the Rapid Fire Competition, but fell by the wayside by one point.

The side-shows were a success, especially Q.M.S.I. Elliot's original "greyhound racing," and coconuts fell fast and furious.

COOKIE.

#### CORPORALS' ROOM NOTES.

As our last notes were very brief, we will try to enlarge upon our journalistic efforts as promised. The arrival and departure state of the club shows a little alteration since last quarter. Cpl. Boen has returned to India to rejoin the 2nd Battalion, and the very best of good wishes go with him from the many friends he made during his stay with us. We also send our very best to Sergt. Webb, and hope that he will not have to catch deserters on horseback in the jungle. Perhaps having no (CI—es) clues he will not be quite so successful. We regret to have lost Cpl. Blake, who has gone to the Sergeants' Mess, and we congratulate him upon his promotion, and wish him every success. We also wish Cpl. West every success in the 1st Battalion, and hope that he will find the climate of Catterick more healthy than that of Mill Hill. We welcome Cpl. Pratt and L./Cpl. Vears from the 1st Battalion, and wish them a successful tour. Cpl. Pratt will certainly be a help to us during the soccer season.

We would like to know if "A" Company, 1st Battalion, are concentrating all their original N.C.Os. at the Depot for any special purpose.

On September 5th, 1928, we played our first hockey match this season, Sergeants *v.* Officers and Corporals, the latter losing by 9 goals to 2. The overwhelming victory of the Sergeants was due to the number of experienced players which they have. Sergt. Peck was certainly a bulwark against our young forwards as far as experience goes, and with such forwards as C.Q.M. West and Sergt. Mewitt, supported by ex-Cpl. Steward at centre-half, our goal came in for a few severe bombardments. Never mind, we hope to improve with training, and may yet give a good account of ourselves.

On September 12th, 1928, we played the Depot Staff at soccer, and managed to draw 2-2. The game was fairly even all through, and was very cleanly played. As far as dances are concerned, we have to take a back seat. Having had our piano re-conditioned, our funds have received a rather hard blow. We are hoping that when Cpl. Egan wins the football sweep he will place it to the Mess Funds. We may then be able to finance a dance.

On September 19th, 1928, we were entertained by the members of the Sergeants' Mess at a hockey match during the afternoon and billiards in the evening. On both occasions the Commanding Officer was present, and his interest was fully appreciated by all. Our hockey team was reinforced on this occasion by the presence of Capt. Haydon and Lieut. Clayden, and, as previously stated, we have certainly improved. The game was very fast all through, and we managed to be the victors by 1 goal to nil, L./Cpl. Barley scoring for the Officers and Corporals.

At billiards we were not quite so successful, the results being as under:—

Cpl. Mason *v.* Sergt. Stacey, 99-100.  
Cpl. Foulger *v.* Sergt. Russell, 133-100.  
Cpl. Endersby *v.* Sergt. Osborne, 67-100.  
Cpl. Butfield *v.* Sergt. Patterson, 87-100.  
Cpl. Woodroff *v.* Q.M.S. Finch, 82-100.  
Cpl. Coulling *v.* Sergt. Shaw, 55-100.

We spent a very enjoyable evening in the Sergeants' Mess, C.S.M. Cook being the chief juggler and Cpl. Egan the chief comedian, and we are all hoping that in the near future we may again be able to spend such an enjoyable day.

The Depot Rifle Meeting was held on Thursday and Friday, September 20th and

21st, a report of which will be found elsewhere.

Best wishes from all to our friends at home and abroad, and best of wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

B.B.B. CLUB.

#### CRICKET.

The cricket team can hardly be said to have distinguished themselves this season. However, owing to lack of talent among the Depot Staff, there has been an opportunity of playing several very promising recruits, who, with experience and practice, should make useful cricketers.

The following recruits have played for the Depot team: Ptes. Keen, Lock, Brewer, Spooner, Long, Bullock, Down, and Goddard.

#### RESULTS.

July 7th, Depot *v.* Old Finchleas. Depot 72 (Lieut. Clowes 27, Sergt. Mewett 19), Old Finchleas 142.

July 21st, Depot *v.* Old Elizabethans. Depot 112 (Pte. Long 30, Pte. Down 19), Old Elizabethans 187.

July 25th, Depot *v.* Finchley. Finchley 254 for 3 (declared), Depot 150 (Sergt. Northcott 60, Pte. Spooner 17).

July 28th, Depot *v.* Royal Fusiliers. Royal Fusiliers 157 for 3 (declared), Depot 47 (Sergt. Northcott 18).

August 8th, Depot *v.* R.A.F. Stanmore. R.A.F. 189 for 4 (declared), Depot 68 (Capt. Stock 23).

#### HOCKEY.

The following trial games have been played with a view to finding a Depot team. Judging by the standard of play, the hockey team should be quite good this season.

September 5th, Officers and Corporals *v.* Sergeants. Sergeants won by 11-2.

September 12th, Albuhera Squad *v.* Mons Squad. Albuhera won by 4-3.

September 19th, Officers and Corporals *v.* Sergeants. Officers and Corporals won by 1-0.

Our first match is on Wednesday, October 3rd, versus Royal Fusiliers.

#### FOOTBALL.

This season the football ground appears to be in quite good condition and it is



hoped that the mole draining has had the desired effect. The following matches have been played.

September 1st, Depot v. Elgin A.F.C. Lost, 0—4.

September 26th, Depot v. Hendon Traders. Draw, 4—4.

#### RIFLE MEETING.

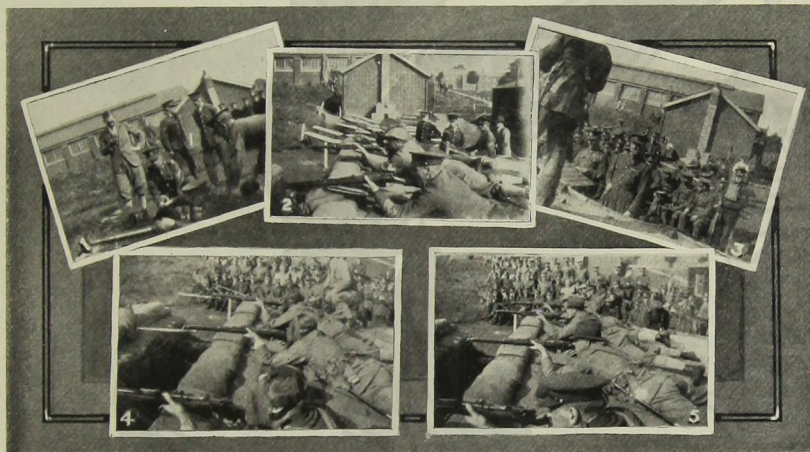
The Depot Rifle Meeting was held in ideal weather on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 20th and 21st. R.S.M. Mantell

#### Competition "B"—Clay Pipe Knock-out Pairs.

Winners, Lieut. Clayden and Lieut. Lambert; runners-up, Ptes. Turner and Shephard.

#### Competition "C"—Inter-Mess Challenge Cup.

1st, Officers, 134 (Capt. Haydon, M.C., Lieut. Clowes, Lieut. Clayden and Lieut. Lambert); 2nd, Corporals, 126 (Cpl. Bayles, L./Cpl. Coulling, L./Cpl. Barley and L./Cpl. Endersby); 3rd, Sergeants,



DEPOT RIFLE MEETING, 1928.

won the Individual Championship with a score of 51 out of a possible 55. Pte. Lyons was the winner of the All Comers Rapid Fire Competition with a score of 37 out of 40. Results:—

#### Competition "A"—Individual Championship.

1st, R.S.M. Mantell, 51; 2nd, Sergt. Peck, 50; 3rd, Sergt. Patterson, A.P.T.S., 50.

A reshoot for second place was carried out, in which Sergt. Peck again scored 50, Sergt. Patterson 40.

Winner of wooden spoon—Pte. Stokes, 7.

116 (S.S.M. Mantell, Sergt. Russell, Sergt. Peck and Sergt. Stevenson); 4th, Privates, 36 (Pte. Weller, Pte. Skinner, Pte. Britton and Pte. Savagar).

Competition "D"—Recruits' Handicap. 1st, Albuhera Squad, 120; 2nd, Mons Squad, 111; 3rd, Ypres Squad, 84.

Competition "E"—Lewis Gun Pairs. Winners, Lieut. Clowes and Sergt. Blake, 56; runners-up, Sergt. Peck and Cpl. Hull, 51.

#### Competition "F"—Inter-Squad Competition.

1st, Albuhera "A," 48; 2nd, Albuhera "B," 45.

#### Competition "G"—All Comers' Rapid Fire.

1st, Pte. Lyons, 37; 2nd Sergt. Peck, 36.

Q.M.S.I. Elliott, assisted by Sergt. Patterson, Cpl. Woodroff, L./Cpl. Butfield and Pte. Connelly, ran some very successful side shows.

All worked very hard, and proved themselves experts in advertising their own particular show.

### 7th BATTALION NOTES.

OUR Annual Camp is over—much to everyone's regret—and we are all already looking forward to next year's. The camp was in every way most enjoyable, and the weather excellent. The attendance was rather larger than last year, more men being able to stay for the full period.

One heard a few complaints of the hilly nature of the training areas, but, all things considered, the training was not too strenuous, and the work very instructive. Night operations, which took place on two occasions, appeared to be enjoyed.

The annual cricket match, Officers v. Sergeants, was played at Preston Park, Brighton, the score being appended. The result was a tie, each side scoring 114.

#### OFFICERS.

Capt. H. E. R. Ford b Walsh	...	6
2/Lieut. H. G. Arnold c Parker b Galloway	...	37
2/Lieut. S. M. Pratt c Tack b Galloway	...	29
Col. J. K. Maitland b Walsh	...	8
Lieut.-Col. S. C. M. Smith b Walsh	...	2
Capt. W. E. H. Muir b Walsh	...	9
2/Lieut. N. E. T. Christodoulo b Galloway	...	2
2/Lieut. E. G. W. Amor b Galloway	...	5
Capt. W. E. Pringle b Walsh	...	5
Capt. L. C. D. Doidge not out	...	0
Capt. E. N. Cunliffe b Walsh	...	0
Extras	...	11
Total	...	114

#### SERGEANTS.

Sergt. B. Tack b Arnold	...	39
C.Q.M.S. G. Vaughan b Arnold	...	1
Sergt. H. Webb c Amor b Arnold	...	13
C.Q.M.S. A. E. Galloway b Arnold	...	1
L/Sergt. E. Parker b Arnold	...	4
C.S.M. E. Walsh not out	...	38
L/Sergt. P. Whiting b Arnold	...	0
C.S.M. W. Bennett b Ford	...	4
L/Sergt. L. A. Chapman b Ford	...	0

Sergt. D. C. Bryan c Cunliffe b Arnold	...	6
L./Sergt. C. Cutting b Arnold	...	0
Extras	...	8

Total ... 114

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Lieut. A. G. Cole, who was killed in an aeroplane accident in Lincolnshire. He had only left the Battalion three weeks before he met his death. Lieut. Cole joined the Battalion in April, 1925, and had undergone attachments at the Depot and with the 1st Battalion. He contemplated taking a commission in the Regular Army, but changed his mind, and decided to join the R.A.F.

The undermentioned officers are to be congratulated on their promotion to Captain:—

Lieuts. L. C. D. Doidge, E. N. Cunliffe and W. E. Pringle, M.C.

The vacancies created are in process of being filled.

Congratulations are also extended to the Commanding Officer on being awarded the T.D., and to C.Q.M.S. G. Vaughan and Cpl. Silvey on being awarded the Territorial Efficiency Medal.

By the time this issue is published, we shall have lost the services of Sergt. Walsh, the P.S.I. of "D" Company, at Tottenham. His services will be missed by all. He has done yeoman service with the Battalion, and was very popular with all. We wish him the best of luck and speedy promotion.

"B" Company at Enfield will be without a P.S.I. for October, November and part of December, as Sergt. Bennett will be attending a Machine Gun Course at Netheravon.

The Battalion's efforts at the 132nd Brigade Rifle Meeting at Bisley on September 23rd were not as good as in previous years. Capt. L. C. D. Doidge is to be congratulated upon winning the Brigade Championship.

Since the last issue, the undermentioned appointments and promotions are recorded:—

"H.Q." Wing.—Cpl. Gill, to be Sergeant; L./Cpl. Danvers, to be Corporal; Ptes. Margrove, Howes, Griggs and Platten, to be Lance-Corporals.

"A" Company.—Ptes. Law, Fordham and Cox, to be Lance-Corporals.



"B" Company.—Cpls. Cutting and Parker, to be Lance-Sergeants.

"C" Company.—L./Cpl. Shuttelwood, to be Corporal; Ptes. Dehuel, Howes and Nolan, to be Lance-Corporals.

"D" Company.—L./Cpl. Whiting, to be Corporal; Pte. Smith to be Lance-Corporal.

#### "A" COMPANY.

Since our last issue, we have been carrying out various items. On Sunday, July 29th, the Company, together with "C" Company and "H.Q." Wing, marched out of Headquarters for Hornsey station, where we entrained for our Annual Camp, which was held at Balmer Camp, Falmer, near Brighton, and, after a very pleasant send-off and journey, we arrived at Falmer about 3.30 p.m., where we detrained and marched to camp, everyone being in the best of spirits. On arrival in camp, a good hearty meal was served to all concerned (thanks to the old soldiers of the Q.M. Branch).

During our sojourn in camp, everybody enjoyed the training that was carried out, trying to flatten out the bumps on the Sussex Downs.

#### SPORTS.

We had hard luck in the Inter-Company Tug-of-War, pulling against "B" Company (last year's champions). We lost by 2 pulls to 1, which was no disgrace, as all three pulls were finely contested.

The Inter-Company Football was competed for, but, owing to insufficient time, was not finished. We hope, however, to play it off during the winter months.

The Warner Cup Competition was won by "C" Company by a very narrow margin, our Company being second. We intend, however, to win it next year.

On Sunday, we struck camp, much to the sorrow of all concerned.

We entrained at Falmer at 11.20 a.m. and arrived at Wood Green about 3 p.m. We then marched to Headquarters, where a good welcome home was given to everybody by the local inhabitants.

We regret to announce the death at Southall on August 30th, 1928, of Pte. A. E. Cotton, and extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Cotton and family; and also to the relatives of Lieut. A. G. Cole, who was killed in an aeroplane accident in Lincolnshire.

#### "B" COMPANY.

Another camp has passed, almost before we realized it had come. It is safe to say that it has been in every way a satisfactory one, the work being very interesting, the weather good, and, perhaps most important of all, the cooking excellent.

The night operations were very much appreciated, if only as a break in the comparative similarity of the day-time manoeuvres. The responsibility of the night compass-march rested, of course, on the shoulders of the officers, our part being to keep quiet and follow on. This we did, and discovered many interesting points about the negotiation of hills, fences and gorse-bushes at night, which had hitherto escaped our notice. The night outpost position gave us more scope for individual talent as sentries, section commanders, and the like, while patrols at intervals crossed meadows populated by alleged dangerous cattle, ejaculating, "Tripe and onions!" in a blood-curdling whisper on the slightest provocation.

With regard to our own achievements in sport this year, there is little to say, except that we did our best, but without our usual success. All, however, enjoyed such events as they took part in.

The Brigade Meeting at Bisley is also a thing of the past. Our best effort at distinction was put up by the Young Soldiers' team, which failed by 5 points to head the Battalion. Our Lewis-gun team also failed, by a few points, to come out top, but the High Sheriff's team was not so high up.

Now, with our winter's shooting ahead of us, the range is echoing with steady firing, with a pause now and again to allow energetic bayonet fighters to skirmish in the middle.

#### RECRUIT.

#### "C" COMPANY.

The old proverb, "Soldiers in peace-time are like chimneys in summer," is very true, and, in attempting to justify our existence over a period of some weeks, I find there is little to make a smoke about; but here goes.

Annual Training at Falmer was enjoyed by those who attended (46 in number), and it was agreed that a fortnight is not nearly long enough. There was sufficient

time, however, for us to lift the Warner Drill Cup again.

I wonder if C.S.M. Allin has found that fire picquet yet. He was last seen with six men paraded in canvas (their trousers with that undulated appearance, which canvas trousers will adopt when not braced up), and freely expressing his views of the men of his Company.

The training at camp was not too hard, though one heard a few moans about "Why don't the 'eads get a fatigue party out to roll the 'ills darn?" It may have been Selway or Hersant that one heard.

Sergt. Carter did very well as trainer to the Company tug-of-war team, and he is to be congratulated on the result. Whenever I think of him, it brings to my mind that epitaph in Winchester Cathedral—"An honest soldier never is forgot, whether he die by musket or by pot"—for, if there is anything doing, "Chili" is there.

A very interesting competition was held at camp, i.e., marching on a compass bearing by night, and was won by "C" Company. This does not mean that the men of the Company *always* follow a night occupation.

We are very sorry to lose Capt. L. C. D. Doidge, who, on his recent promotion, took over command of "H.Q." Wing. Best wishes to him in his new job.

There is a rumour going around that a Glee Singing Club is being formed in the Company, led by L./Cpl. Larner, with Cpl. Richardson as "first croaker," assisted by Gleesters Stock, Nolan and Gillespie as "runners-up" with Meux's.

The miniature range is once more in evidence, shooting in which being one of the most popular forms of training, and one hears whispers of "King Cup; quiet preparation, etc. Sh! 'Nuff sed," remembering that "One drop of ink may make a million think."

About recruiting. Just a suggestion, which, if carried out, will double the strength of the Company: *Every man of the Company bring up one recruit*, and let's get things going with a Company up to strength.

#### "D" COMPANY.

As this is the first issue of the Regimental Journal since camp, we cannot do

better than commence with a mention of our doings at Falmer.

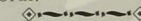
Throughout the whole of the fortnight, "D" Company was the strongest company in numbers, and this enabled us to carry out the various schemes and operations satisfactorily, and also to understand them. The training areas, though a trifle mountainous, were within easy reach of the camp and very pleasant to work in. On the whole, we came back feeling much brighter and fitter for the fortnight's training.

At the recent Brigade Rifle Meeting at Bisley, we succeeded in being first in the Battalion in both the Lewis Gun and the Young Soldiers' Competitions, only losing the Arnold White Cup by a few points to "B" Company. The shooting of the Company has been very encouraging, and we have every hope of retaining the King Cup, which we won last year.

We have just commenced firing on the new miniature range. This is a great improvement on the old range in the drill hall, as is also the electric lighting which has been installed throughout the detachment.

We have recommenced to play Badminton, and hope to challenge some of the other companies during the coming season.

We take this opportunity of congratulating L./Sergts. Whiting and Chapman on their appointment to their present rank and Cpl. Knight on his promotion from Lance-Corporal.



#### 8th BATTALION NOTES.

THE subject of real importance since our last issue is Annual Training. Camp was at Falmer this year, on the Downs between Brighton and Lewes. The weather was good, and the camp successful in every way. The most striking feature of the site was the commanding position of the officers' lines. The daily spectacle of exhausted officers storming the heights (with lunch as their objective) was one not easily forgotten. One can understand, even though one criticizes, the feelings which prompted the officers of one company to drive daily in state from the Mess to their orderly room and back.



The training was hard, but interesting, and—judging by the appearance of the Battalion at the end of camp—successful. In addition to the ordinary work, there was a Brigade field day, two evenings for night operations, and a Brigade ceremonial parade. The latter was a welcome innovation, and took place in glorious weather. The Brigade was drawn up for inspection in line, and the Divisional Commander, Major-General Wauchope, was the inspecting officer. The battalions then marched past, first in column and then in close column, while the massed bands and drums of the Brigade played the regimental marches. The Divisional Commander congratulated the Brigade on its soldierly appearance, and expressed his satisfaction at the progress made in training.

The Battalion Sports were held during camp, the Sports Cup being won by "B" Company. Brigade transport events were judged on Friday, August 10th. L./Cpl. Slaughter won the prize for the best turned-out officer's charger, and he and Pte. Bavin gained first and second places respectively in the grooming and saddling competition.

The Battalion Efficiency Cup was won by "C" Company, who are to be congratulated on the brave fight they have made against adverse circumstances, and the way they have raised themselves to their present state of efficiency under the leadership of Capt. Hughes.

The Band worked hard and with excellent results under Mr. Groves, the new Bandmaster, and contributed largely to the efficiency and enjoyment of all ranks, both on and off parade. The Drums have fulfilled the promise of last year, and played really well. We are all very proud of them.

We have two additions to the Officers' Mess. Capt. D. L. Rees, who is an old friend, has rejoined us on his return from India; and 2/Lieut. the Hon. J. A. E. Lawrence, who has been gazetted to us and posted to "B" Company.

At the Brigade Rifle Meeting, which was held at Bisley, on Sunday, September 23rd, we were successful in winning the High Sheriff's Competition and the Cheylesmore Cup. "H.Q." Wing team deserves our congratulations, especially Pte. Arthurs, on carrying off the cup.

The Commanding Officer, Sergt. Reeve and Pte. Arthurs all tied for second place in the Brigade Championship, and Bdsn. Greeney took seventh place.

The next competition to look forward to is the Winter Weapon Training Competition, including Vickers gunners and signallers. Both the latter-mentioned have decided that they mean to have a good try to carry these off for the Battalion during the coming training year.

#### "H.Q." WING. (HOUNSLOW)

We are very full of ourselves just at present, for we have just won the High Sheriff's Competition for the Battalion, having beaten the next team by 21 points out of a field of twenty-two teams. Our team, and the scores of its respective members were as follows:—

Pte. Arthurs, 56; Pte. Ghost, 51; Sergt. Reeve, 47; Pte. Greeney, 40; Pte. Smith, 30; Cpl. Henson, 22; Pte. Reeve, 41; Pte. Cook, 28.

Pte. Arthurs, having made the top score in this competition, was awarded the Cheylesmore Cup. In the Brigade Championship, which is decided on two practices only, Pte. Ghost and he were equal second. The fact that "H.Q." Wing can produce two men to take such high places in the Brigade, proves that the Wing is still maintaining its high standard of efficiency.

We were not quite so fortunate in the Vickers Gun Competition, for we were only third—the 9th Battalion beat us with two of their three teams. Our team was third this year, but the Ninth will have to work hard if they intend to beat us next year. Sergt. Power, as might have been expected, made the highest individual score.

With all this more recent excitement, we are almost losing sight of the fact that, since we last wrote our contribution to THE DIE-HARDS, we have been to camp. We had a splendid time at Falmer. We, being very much specialists, did not do much training with the companies, as on most days the Machine Gunners and Signallers were working under Brigade arrangements. We, however, lent our aid on night operations and other big

show days. We hope the rest of the troops were grateful.

On the first ceremonial parade in camp, Sergt. Power was awarded the Territorial Efficiency Medal by the Divisional Commander.

#### "A" COMPANY. (HAMPTON)

We all enjoyed camp, although it had its "ups and downs"—mostly "ups" it seemed to us when we marched daily out of camp up a slope compared with which Mont Blanc would appear to be a gentle undulation. However, we retained enough energy to take a very good second place ("B" Company being the winners once again) in the Sports Cup Competition.

We were third in the Efficiency Cup Competition, which was disappointing.

We put in some hard work in practising for the Brigade Rifle Meeting, which was held on September 23rd, and it was gratifying to take first place in the Battalion (third in the Brigade) in the Lewis Gun Competition, and also first place in the Battalion (fourth in the Brigade) in the Young Soldiers' Competition. A great deal of keenness was shown this year, and our teams are to be congratulated. Col. Dams has very kindly presented us with a handsome silver cup, to be awarded annually to the member of the Company with the highest individual Lewis-gun score at the Brigade Rifle Meeting, and Cpl. Hammerton becomes the first holder, the Brodie Memorial Cup going to Pte. Light, a recruit, who obtained the highest individual rifle score at the meeting. We congratulate both of the cup winners. Our best thanks are due to Col. Dams for his presentation of the new cup.

Recruiting is going well, and our numbers are now about 85, which is the highest point we have reached for some years. Another pleasing feature is the number of honorary members who have joined the Company Club. We are glad to have their support, and we hope they will make use of the "sand table" room, which is fast being converted by the C.S.M. and Mrs. Pelly into a reproduction of the lounge at the Ritz.

Youth is also served at Hampton, and nearly twenty junior members have joined the Club, and consume cakes and (ginger)

ale in the intervals between strenuous exercise on the billiard table. They also fire on the miniature range with considerable accuracy, and we hope that many junior members will follow the example which has already been set by some of their members in joining the Company when they reach the necessary age.

We hope to be able to run a football team this season, and to arrange matches frequently, if not regularly.

Congratulations are due to Cpls. Holden and Hughes on their promotion.

We have heard from our old friend C.S.M. Manders, who has now transferred to civil life and holds a post at Greenford. We hope to see him and Mrs. Manders often at the drill hall.

#### "B" COMPANY. (EALING)

We congratulate Sergt. Manester and members of the miniature rifle team on their success against "C" Company at Staines early in July. Both teams were complimented by the Commanding Officer on the great progress they had made since the competition started.

In perfect weather, we spent a very enjoyable day at Brighton on Sunday, July 15th, where we held our first annual outing. Leaving Ealing shortly after 9 o'clock, we arrived by the sea at midday. The day was spent by many bathing and basking in the sun; a few went in search of cosy nooks to which they could retire when on leave from Falmer. We all met at the Palace Pier at 5.30 p.m. for the return journey by charabanc, arriving at Ealing at 9 p.m.

We welcome to the Company 2/Lieut. the Hon. J. A. E. Lawrence, on transfer from the Gunners. We feel sure he will quickly master "Shank's pony."

We congratulate Cpl. A. Rowe on his promotion to Sergeant, L./Cpls. A. V. Rowe and R. Farmer on their promotion to Corporal, and Pte. Woodman on his appointment as Lance-Corporal. We wish them every success in their new ranks.

On Sunday, July 29th, we left Ealing at 9 a.m. for Annual Training. We arrived at Falmer early in the afternoon. The camp was situated in a very pleasant spot just north of the Brighton-Lewes Road. From the first, all ranks quickly settled down to hard training. The granting of



passes, with permission to wear civilian clothing, was very much appreciated, and the many sports suitings and coloured ties to be seen quickly gave us the nickname of the "College Company."

The success of C.S.M. Huntingford, L./Cpls. Aitken and Cowler, and Ptes. Alcorn, Budden, Cane and Marston in gaining so many points at the Battalion Sports Meeting secured for the Company the new Sports Cup.

We cannot close our camp notes with-

Since our return, we have enlisted two recruits, and we hope that this number will quickly increase.

We are extremely sorry to lose Lieut. P. S. Mitcheson, who has, for business reasons, transferred to the Reserve.

#### "C" COMPANY. (STAINES)

The big feature of this quarter's Company notes is that we have at last



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out congratulating "C" Company on winning the Efficiency Cup.

We were very pleased that Cpl. Brampton, and L./Cpls. Whitbread and Pond obtained good reports from the Training Cadre.

We returned to Ealing on Sunday, August 12th. All ranks looked exceedingly fit after their fortnight's training. We were delighted to find amongst those waiting to meet us Lieut. Elliott, C.S.M. Simons, L./Cpl. Bear (Depot Middlesex Regiment) and Rfn. Scarman (Rifle Brigade)—all former members of the Company.

succeeded in winning the Battalion Efficiency Cup. Our success is mainly due to the efforts of our Company Commander and our Permanent Staff Instructor, C.S.M. Rogers.

In the Battalion Sports at camp, the Company was well represented. The tug-of-war team again repeated their success of last year, thanks to the able coaching of C.S.M. Reed, who also coached the Battalion team which won the Brigade tug-of-war. Sergt. Browning succeeded in obtaining second place in both the 100 Yards and 220 Yards.

Other events during the period included

the Half-yearly Meeting of the Company Club, and a church parade at St. Mary's Church, Staines, where we had the pleasure of meeting some of our comrades from other companies. We should like to take this opportunity of saying how very grateful we are for the support they gave us on these occasions, and we can assure them that at any time they care to visit us we will give them a right royal welcome.

We are now looking forward to our winter training programme and our social events, which include a Company Dinner and our usual monthly dances.

#### "D" COMPANY. (UXBRIDGE)

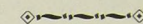
Now that we have returned from camp, and have come to the end of that period of apparent inactivity which follows Annual Training, and the C.S.M. knows all about everything that was taken down to Falmer, and why it isn't, we are turning our attentions to our autumn programme.

Recruits are still coming to hand. We had, in camp, a far greater number of recruits than any other company, and this speaks well for the success of our efforts in this direction. Our position in relation to the Efficiency Cup was certainly not one that permits us to congratulate ourselves, but, at the same time, we feel that the opportunity of working together for a whole fortnight, which camp provides, was in no way wasted this summer. We embark upon a new training year with every hope that, with our many recruits attaining the status of trained men, and our trained men benefitting by becoming still more trained, and everybody keeping up his enthusiasm, we shall do better in future.

Cricket, chiefly owing to the geographical formation of Sussex, was not an easy game to play at Falmer, although keenness was not lacking. We must see what we can do this winter at basket-ball.

We have just completed the Brigade Rifle Meeting at Bisley. We cannot say that any of our teams distinguished themselves by their scores—more's the pity. But, counting only Battalion teams, our Young Soldiers' team was a very close second to "A" Company. We hope

that their good start this year will prove a good omen for the High Sheriff's Competition next year.



#### 9th BATTALION NOTES.

THE last three months have been filled with numerous activities for all ranks. The first event of importance was, of course, camp, which was held this year at the village of Falmer, three miles from Brighton. The site could hardly have been bettered, and the result was a dry, compact, well-laid-out camp, in the midst of the most attractive surroundings. The Battalion, 800 strong, marched off from Willesden at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 29th, the turn-out showing a great improvement, and the hard-worked Quartermaster must have had ample reward for his six months' strenuous work. The journey passed without incident, and on arrival we found that we were the first Battalion there.

It is completely outside the scope of these notes to deal in detail with all the hundred-and-one incidents which took place during the hectic, but enjoyable, fortnight that followed. Several events for note, however, must be mentioned, and, taking them in order of importance, we commence with food.

There was no question that Sergt. Brooks and his merry men surpassed themselves this year; meals became a time of delight to everyone, and during the entire camp not a single grouse was heard. The cookhouse was a hive of industry, and the cooks, beaming with pride, reminded us of the fairy godmother who always had something appetising up her sleeve. Still, even cooks get swollen heads, so we will leave it at that, and only hope that they will go one better in 1929.

The next people who excelled themselves were the Signallers. In the past we have been wont to pass rather hurriedly over the question of the Signallers, and they will be the first to admit that they have not been our "strong point," but the present Signal Section have changed all this, thanks to the untiring efforts of Lieut. Heffer, Sergt. Missen, and the extraordinary keenness of the men themselves. Not content with the ordinary



parades, they put in a lot of time on their own, with the result that seventeen classified out of eighteen, and we hope that another five will get through at Stamford Brook.

The Machine Gunners, as usual, were excellent, and we have now come to rely on them to win all competitions in the Brigade. During 1928 they have won the Machine Gun Efficiency Competition, were the strongest platoon at camp, and won the Inter-Battalion Competition held

to have such an able successor as Drum-Major Goodwin, and it is certain that the Drums will not lose by the change.

The Guard-Mounting Competition was won this year by "B" Company, after a neck-and-neck struggle with "C" Company; in fact, the latter were leading right up to the last guard, when, thanks to Sergt. Battey, "B" Company just got home by a short head.

The Section Leading this year took the form of an outpost situation, which appar-



9th BATTALION—GUARD MOUNTING IN CAMP.

by the Brigade Machine Gun Officer; while to finish up the year they were first and second in the Machine Gun Competition at the Brigade Rifle Meeting.

When handing out bouquets, the Drums must not be forgotten. They have steadily improved during the last year, and are now undoubtedly a first-class Corps of Drums. Unfortunately, Drum-Major Inkster is departing to Australia, and we shall miss him very much. Not only was he an excellent Drum-Major, but also a good friend to every drummer in the Battalion. We are, however, lucky

ently caused much trepidation among the competitors. "C" Company produced the first two, and Sergt. Carroll is to be congratulated on the clearness of his orders and the handling of his section. "C" Company also won the football, which had to be played off on the last day, and was rather a scramble. Originally it had been intended to play a series of matches during camp, but whether it was the strenuous training or the lure of Brighton, the men seemed disinclined to turn out.

The usual night operations were held

in the first week, with Capt. Fox commanding the Composite Company and Capt. Lamont the enemy. Unfortunately, rain rather curtailed matters, and the very wet bivouac was anything but pleasant. This, however, was the last of the rain, and for the whole of the second week the sun shone gloriously. In the Brigade combined exercise the 9th Middlesex played a very important part. Col. Beach commanded the Composite Battalion, and the 9th were the leading Company. The little red books tell us that the essence of an advance guard is rapid and resolute action by the leading troops. These qualities were certainly highly developed in the 9th, and the speed with which they covered the ground was remarkable; in fact, the umpires had the utmost difficulty in curbing their enthusiasm at all.

As usual, there was a large crowd to greet the Battalion on their return, and the smartness of the troops marching through Willesden was a fitting end to a most instructive and enjoyable camp.

During August and September a certain quietness is experienced in the Drill Halls, in fact the "lull before the storm," but by the time these notes appear we shall be well in the throes of the first winter training period. The only event of importance has been the Brigade Rifle Meeting, where the Battalion again did well. "C" Company won the Young Soldiers, the Machine Gunners were first and second, and for the third year running we won the Ross Cup, which is given for the unit gaining the highest aggregate number of points during the whole meeting.

The Battalion Football Club is once again in being, and an extremely good ground at Kenton has been secured. We hope this year to go even further in the Territorial Army Cup than we did last year. Boxing training and Badminton clubs are starting in October at all Drill Halls, so that the sports side of training will be well in evidence during the winter months.

Before concluding these notes we would like to congratulate Capt. Hardcastle on his marriage and wish him the best of luck. We only hope that married life will not be so attractive as to keep him completely away from Pound Lane.

### "C" COMPANY.

We think we can safely say that everyone thoroughly enjoyed this year's Annual Training at Falmer—the weather behaved quite well, though we would have been glad to have seen the sun a little oftener; the camp itself was, on the whole, nicely situated, and the tactical schemes were interesting.

The latter was partly due to the fact that, with two exceptions, the training areas were good, partly because each day's exercise was clearly explained to all ranks, but chiefly because the excellent rations, including breakfasts, enabled even the youngest and hungriest of us to get sufficient steam up to climb to the top of the Downs without feeling the least bit short of "petrol" at the end—with the result that umpires had their time fully occupied throttling us down with much "red-flagging," otherwise the schemes would have ended long before the cooks had had time to prepare "dinners"!

However, we naturally had our grouse, strongly objecting to having to hand over a large proportion of our earnings to the Brighton-Falmer bus proprietor. Another snag to camp was that, owing to the nature of the ground (as they say), some of the occupants of the tents were compelled to lay their heads in close proximity to their comrades' feet, causing somewhat restless nights for the lower deck, though a distinct improvement was noticeable as a result of "Foot-inspection."

It is most unfortunate that only about fifty per cent. of our Company can manage to attend camp: all the same, "C" managed to come out quite well in the competitions, as well as winning the football competition. At first it looked as though the Battalion would return without completing the latter competition, but, chiefly owing to Sergt. Carroll's initiative, the matches were played off with six in each team.

As far as the competitions are concerned, our Company were both first and second in the Section Leading Competition, through the splendid efforts of Sergt. Carroll (first) and one of our Company's youngest non-commissioned officers—L./Cpl. Dyer (second), both of whom we heartily congratulate. In the



Guard Mounting Competition we gained second place, being beaten by "B" by less than a short head—one and a half points to be exact, and, though Sergt. Maloney's guard was a good one, the smartness and drill of Sergt. Hattley's guard deserves special mention. This guard was found by Ptes. Thorpe, H. Iredale, Berry and Thompson, and we take this opportunity of congratulating both them and their commander.

"B" and "D" Companies were equal first in the Company Tactical Exercise, and it is satisfactory to know that we were only a few points behind.

Lack of time prevents us from giving in these notes a full account of the part played by this Company at the Brigade Rifle Meeting on September 23rd at Bisley, but our Young Soldiers' team won the B.S.A. Competition for the Battalion—a fine effort. Pte. Paine made top score with 35, Pte. Campkin was second with 34, and the other members of the team were Ptes. Pratt, Humphrey, Kent, Hunt, Tooley and Lock. We wish them all further successes in the future. Our Lewis gun "B" team, in charge of Sergt. Hattley, came out second in the Battalion, and our High Sheriff's team, with a score of 244, led, as far as the Battalion was concerned, by over 60 points.

As on previous occasions, our C.S.M., Sergt.-Major Todman, distinguished himself by making 50—the highest individual score in the Battalion. He missed figuring in the list of prize winners by a matter of only three points, and we trust he gets that extra "inner" another year.

H. S.

#### "D" COMPANY.

Another Annual Camp has been and gone, and we now commence another winter's training period. From the Company's point of view, it was not quite such a successful camp as last year, especially as regards the competitions.

Last year we won all there was to be won. This year, in spite of a good start off in the Guard-Mounting Competition, we managed only to tie for first place in one competition, but, still, it is no use grumbling; everyone did their best, and we can't expect to win always, but we

must take good care that we are amongst the winners next year.

In the Battalion Rifle Meeting at Purfleet we did fairly well, winning the Young Soldiers' Competition and being second in the Lewis gun. We also had the highest individual score on the Lewis gun, and the highest individual score amongst recruits (L. Mansbridge and L. Podger) respectively. The Clerk of the Weather, however, was very unkind towards the end; probably he had heard that there was no canteen open, and that the troops were dry, so he thought he would do his best.

In the Brigade Meeting at Bisley we were unfortunate not to have our best teams available. The young soldiers again did very well, being only twenty points behind the winners, and firing one man short. Again we had the highest individual scores amongst recruits and Lewis gun, L. Podger again being at the top of the Recruits, and Sergt. Brad the Lewis gun.

We are sorry to lose Mr. Conbro, who has been transferred to "B" Company. What is our loss is their gain. However, we wish him all success with his new Company.

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#### SIGNALLING NOTES.

We have been back in the Drill Hall about six weeks, after having spent a very pleasant camp, and we may be excused if we pat ourselves a little on the back for several reasons.

Firstly, there were no absentees from camp, and so making the attendance a record.

Secondly, our strength has been considerably increased by adding a few boys: at first on probation and keeping them if suitable. This has been a great success, as it is remarkable the interest with which these young soldiers attend, and the rapidity with which they learn the code, etc.

Our strength at the time of writing is one officer and twenty-six other ranks, including boys.

Thirdly, the result of classification at present is decidedly first-rate. Eighteen men were entered, and only one failed. However, we have little fear of that one man running second at Stamford Brook.

It is interesting to note that although Battalion Orders stated no parades till October, a large number of drills have been made by several N.C.Os. and men, but it is only the same few keen men who have been up, and we can see who—at least at the moment—shows lack of interest. But, still, when these notes appear, no doubt everyone will be pulling their weight as usual.

Our Section, like nearly all Signal Sections, do not excel only in their speciality, as four of our corporals have been attending Battalion Rifle Meetings, and the percentage of N.C.Os. in a Section cannot be beaten.

Judging by the sporting way many members of the Section entered the Boxing Competition at camp, boxing seems to be another side-line in which the Signals will be heard of this winter. It is rumoured that "Son" (Boy) Jackman will give another "trouncing" to "Father" (L./Cpl.) Jackman shortly, and with the aid of Ptes. Munn and Lobb, etc., "H.Q." Company may be winners of Battalion Boxing.

It is hoped that all N.C.Os. will attend the Promotion Examinations.

We have no more news this month, but wish all Signal Sections of the Regiment the best of good wishes, and although it will be a month in advance we wish them a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

WIND TICKLER.

#### 9th BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

IN 1798, when Napoleon had already swept away the military traditions of the eighteenth century, the peace-loving intensely patriotic British citizen began to consider whether the whirlwind might not come his way too, and so the "Military Associations of Loyal Volunteers" came into being.

Amongst others were the "Marylebone Volunteers," which corps—"formed principally of Master Tradesmen and officered by Gentlemen"—undertook the defence of its own district, and was, by the summer of 1799, sufficiently advanced in drill and administration to be reviewed

by King George III. In 1802 the corps was renamed "The Royal York Saint Marylebone Volunteers" and commanded by Viscount Duncannon, under whom it is recorded that "The corps soon arrived to great perfection in order and discipline and comprised upwards of 1,000 effective members."

In 1814, when presumably all danger of invasion by the "Corsican Ogre" was considered to have passed, the corps was disbanded, and the historian is somewhat hard put to it to effect a "liaison" between it and the 5th West Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps, which came into being in 1859 when the British citizen was once more compelled to "sit up and take notice" of a potential invader in the person of the Corsican's nephew, Napoleon III. But as the 5th *Marylebone Rifles* it may not be considered unduly imaginative to look upon them as the lineal descendants of the original *Marylebone Volunteers*. In 1859, too, there was born at Harrow the 18th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers—subsequently the 9th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers, a four-company unit attached for administrative purposes to the 5th West Middlesex. From the records of the two units it would appear that at one period of their early history the 5th were numbered 9th, and that when the 9th (Marylebone) became the 5th, the 18th (Harrow) became the 9th. As their direct descendants are now the 9th Battalion of the Regiment, this is something of a coincidence.

The present 9th really dates from 1898, when the old four-company Volunteer Battalion was abolished and the 9th (Harrow) were finally merged into one unit with the 5th West Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps (4th Volunteer Battalion of the 60th K.R.R.). The first Commanding Officer of the joint Battalion was Col. Henry Harris, who had previously commanded the Harrow Rifles and whose name deserves to be mentioned, as he was largely instrumental in welding the two units into a successful whole. As a Volunteer Battalion of the 60th the 5th West Middlesex sent a section to South Africa for service in the Boer War of 1899-1902, which was exceedingly well reported on. So that the first active service seen by the Battalion was actually



when they served as Rifles and wore the 60th uniform.

When the Territorial Army—or Force, as it was first called—was created by the late Lord Haldane, the 5th West Middlesex had to make a big decision. Either they could remain part of a County of London unit and lose their identity, being merged with another unit, or they could cease to be rifles and become men of the Line by filling a gap in the Territorial Battalions of the Middlesex Regiment, which required a 9th Battalion to maintain the new organization. The fateful decision was made that the Battalion should not die, but be reborn as a “Die-Hard” unit, and never for one moment has anyone of those with whom the decision rested ceased to be grateful that it was taken. For from that time onwards there was added to the Battalion spirit that was always there, that “Spirit of the Regiment” which it has ever since been the pride of the 9th Battalion to maintain.

The new Battalion being based on West Middlesex, but having no longer any connection with Marylebone, new headquarters were built for it at Willesden and were opened by the then Minister for War—Lord Haldane—in 1911, from which date the Battalion has been able to administer its outlying companies and platoon—Wealdstone, Hendon and Roxeth—from a convenient centre.

In June, 1913, the Princess Beatrice, Queen Victoria's youngest daughter, presented Colours to the Battalion, and on August 5th, 1914, these Colours were confided to the care of the Vicar of Willesden, to be deposited in the Parish Church on the Battalion's departure for its first war station, covering Sheerness.

In October, 1914, the Battalion was warned for service in France “in about six weeks,” but, before that time had elapsed, found itself on the high seas bound for India with its Division (the 44th Home Counties). It was not until November, 1917, that the Battalion got its longed-for call to active service, and, as part of the newly-formed 18th (Indian) Division, was at Baghdad by mid-December, 1917.

“Mesopotamia, 1917-18,” was one of the ten battle honours gained by the

Regiment during the Great War emblazoned on the King's Colour.

The campaign in Mesopotamia was entirely different from the fighting anywhere else. Battle casualties were far less numerous than in France, and actual fighting, after the Relief of Kut, was the exception rather than the rule, but on no other front were physical fitness and discipline more essential to achieve successful results. Climatic conditions involving extremes of temperature, short rations, the absence of amusements, no leave and long and trying marches over the desert, often in intense heat, were the not unusual experience of the 9th Battalion.

The two principal operations in which the Battalion took part were the Neff blockade and the advance on Mosul, ending with the Battle of Shargat.

The former was the siege of a walled city, and lasted eight weeks, during which rations were short and conditions trying.

The advance on Mosul found the Battalion in the midst of an outbreak of the influenza epidemic of 1918. Nevertheless, the Middlesex were ordered to move on October 5th, 1918, and during the next twenty days marched over 200 miles.

The longest march was on the night of October 27th/28th, where thirty-five miles were covered. This was immediately followed by the Battle of Shargat, which lasted forty-eight hours, involving continuous fighting, and moving day and night with practically no food. Not a man fell out, not a man went sick, although the majority had very sore feet and had just recovered from influenza.

The operations culminated in the surrender of the Turkish Army and the occupation of Mosul. In complimenting the Battalion, the G.O.C. said that all ranks had worthily upheld the highest “Die-Hard” traditions of the Regiment.

The “Cadre” came home in 1919, and on the reconstruction of the Territorial Army the Battalion mercifully escaped the fate that befell many another Territorial unit, successfully maintaining its identity, and is to-day still able to proclaim itself the 9th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (The Die-Hards).

To some playwrights it seems that nothing succeeds like sexess.

## NOTICES.

### OFFICERS' LEAVE.

Major D. C. G. Sharp, R.A. (retired), is Proprietor of the United Service Garages, Palmerston Road, Southsea, and 126, High Street, Old Portsmouth. Officers can hire a Car to drive themselves for any period. Officers can purchase guaranteed used cars at less than current market value. Major Sharp will re-purchase any used car he sells for cash, deducting from the purchase price from 10 guineas per month for wear and tear (three months minimum). Weekly list of cars sent on application. Major Sharp would be pleased to send any car on sale or return, and would meet officers in London, or any place convenient to them. Cars bought for cash; 12 months' written guarantee given with every used car. London Office, 40, Regent House, Regent Street, W. Mayfair 4504.

### BALANCES OF DECEASED SOLDIERS UNDISPOSED OF.

Applications from persons supposing themselves entitled as next-of-kin should be addressed by letter to “The Under Secretary of State, War Office, Caxton House, Tothill Street, London, S.W.1,” and marked outside “Effects.”

Atkinson, W. (alias Thompson), Private, Middlesex Regiment, £61 14s. 9d.

Jacobs, W. R., Corporal, Middlesex Regiment, £39 19s. 10d.

We have received the Winter Sports Catalogue of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes. This gives prices of every description of sports goods which can be seen and handled at the Sports Department of their Headquarter Warehouses at White Hart Street, Lower Kennington Lane, S.E.11.

### WAR OFFICE,

September 26th, 1928.

### WORK FOR DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

Last month 185 soldiers completed courses of training at Hounslow, Aldershot and Chisleton Vocational Training Centres, and were formally discharged from the Army on the termination of their Colour service.

Of this number 126 obtained immediate employment in civil life, some going to private service and positions of trust, some to bricklaying, carpentry, plastering, painting and decorating, and others to fitting and turning, plumbing, motor and electrical work, and other forms of employment.

### WAR OFFICE,

September 26th, 1928.

### RAILWAY CONCESSIONS FOR THE ARMY.

The railway companies of Great Britain and the Irish Free State have agreed to a number of new concessions for Regular Army personnel in connection with journeys on leave or furlough. These concessions are as follows:—

(a) The waiving of the wearing of uniform as a condition of the grant of cheap tickets; (b) an extension of the existing concession to apply to journeys to all stations in the Irish Free State; (c) an extension from two to three months of the period of availability of the return portion of cheap tickets issued to personnel stationed at home; (d) the grant of more than one cheap ticket to officers in respect of any one complete period of leave; (e) the extension of the concession for serving regular officers to their families; and (f) the extension of the concession for soldiers and barrack wardens and their families to paid pensioner recruits and their families.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

WORLINGTON HALL,  
ELY, SUFFOLK.

October 6th, 1928.

To the Editor of “The Die-Hards”  
SIR,

I shall be very obliged if, through the medium of “THE DIE-HARDS,” you will allow me to thank any of the wives of the 1st Battalion whom I was unable personally to see before leaving Catterick, for the very handsome salad bowl they have given me on the completion of my husband's command.

I find it difficult to express how much I appreciate this gift, which will always be the pleasantest reminder of the many



happy years my husband and I have spent with the Battalion, and of my friends in the married lines, from whom I shall always be delighted to hear.

I would also like to thank them for the signed album given to my daughter, which she equally appreciates.

Yours truly,  
HILDA H. STEWART.

September 26th, 1928.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

SIR,  
I thought that the following item might be of interest to you, and I will try to let you have some other news, from time to time.

The Brass Band of the 1st Battalion The Wentworth Regiment, under Bandmaster F. P. Thornton, won first prize at the Canadian National Exhibition, Class "B" Bands, in competition with eight other bands. This is the second year in succession that this honour has been won.

The winners in this competition get a handsome cup, a substantial cash prize, and a silver medal for each individual member.

Wishing your Journal every success, I am, yours very truly,

E. S. SAWELL, Lt.-Col.,  
Officer Commanding,  
1st Bn. Wentworth Regiment.

[Congratulations to our overseas comrades.—Ed.]

## OBITUARY.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Capt. Robert Noël Moore, which occurred at Bournemouth on Sept. 10th, 1928, at the age of 39 years.

CHARLES HENRY NIXON, D.C.M.

We much regret to announce the death of this member of our Malaya Branch on June 26th last, aged 42 years.

Mr. Nixon enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment in April, 1904, and was finally discharged in March, 1920. He served with the 3rd Battalion in France, being wounded in the Battle of Loos. He was awarded the Medal for Distinguished

Service in the Field, and the Meritorious Service Medal, in addition to the other medals for the Great War. After the war he returned to the Straits Settlements to resume employment on the Prison Staff, and was invalided home in March last. He had only recently been admitted to pension when he passed away. The funeral took place at Lambeth Cemetery, Tooting, on July 2nd. New of this old comrade's death has only come to hand as we go to press. We tender our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Nixon and her two sons in their sad bereavement.

## ALFRED EDWARD PETERS.

It came as a great shock to the many friends of ex-Sergt. Major A. E. Peters to learn that he had died in the Finchley Memorial Hospital on October 10th following an accident at Church End, Finchley, on October 8th, when he was knocked down by a car and sustained a fractured skull.

Mr. Peters was fifty-two years of age, and leaves a widow, three sons and four daughters. He was extremely well-known in Finchley and Mill Hill, for he was gymnastic instructor at Mill Hill School, and taught gymnastics at the Finchley County School evening classes; also at other schools in the district. He originally belonged to the Scottish Rifles, and later to the Army Gymnastic Staff. He served in the South African War, and rejoined the Army on the outbreak of the Great War. He was for some time an instructor at Mill Hill Depot.

The funeral took place at St. Pancras Cemetery on October 15th, and was attended by representatives of the Brigade of Guards, Army Gymnastic Staff, Metropolitan Police, Special Constabulary (in which he was a Sergeant), Mill Hill School, and other bodies. The 1st Battalion Irish Guards furnished a bearer party of twelve N.C.O.s and men.

We tender our most sincere sympathy with Mrs. Peters and her family in their sudden bereavement.

## MRS. R. C. LANE.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. R. C. Lane, which occurred suddenly at Rouen on October 15th. Mrs. Lane was Olga, daughter of Admiral

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## THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN).

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Home Counties Area.

Colonel-in-Chief	Col. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., M.C., Col. W. Gds, Colonel-in-Chief 12th L., R. S. Fus., S. W. Bord., D.C.L.I. P.W. Vols., Seatorth, and R. Wilts. Yeo. Personal A.D.C. to the King.			
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	Quartermaster. Dymore, H., M.C. Capt. 19Apr.20	Major. Tupper, G. W. H. T.D. Lt. 7Jan.21	Adjutant. Lamont, J. N., M.C. 1June16 Findlay, L. F. 25Oct.21 Fox, G. L. 17Aug.22 Sherwood, H. 22Oct.22 Hardecastle, H. K. 12July27
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Hall, R. R. 15Oct.26 Maddex, S. 21Oct.26 Clark, J. P. B. 6Nov.26 Warlow, R. E. 12Feb.27 Hartley, G. 15Dec.27 Lawrence, Hon. J. A. E. 13June28	Hon. Colonel. Blumfeld, J. L., T.D. Lt. A. 10Jan.22	Quarter-Master. Lawson, E. C., M.C. capt. 15July24 [Uniform—Scarlet. Facing—Lemon Yellow.]	19th London Regiment (St. Pancras). The figure of St. Pancras Town, N.W.1.

## SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'S.

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Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
R.S.M.	R. Mantell	Depot	26/9/24	Sgt.	E. Shaw	Depot	19/1/24
R.S.M.	W. Beaman	1st	15/8/26	Sgt.	A. Campbell	1st	16/2/24
Bdmr.	J. W. Clark	1st	27/6/16	Sgt.	G. H. Anderson	1st	20/2/24
R.Q.M.S.	A. W. Clark	1st	5/11/21	Sgt.	G. Cullen	1st	20/2/24
R.Q.M.S.	A. Purcell	Depot	15/7/24	Sgt.	H. Farrow	1st	7/5/24
O.M.S. (O.R.S.)	A. Finch	Depot	13/6/28	Sgt.	J. Griffen	1st	11/6/24
C.S.M.	W. Beasley	9th	30/1/15	Sgt.	V. Brockman	1st	15/7/24
C.S.M.	H. Seamark	24th Lond.	6/10/15	Sgt.	L. Clarke	19th Lond.	1/9/24
C.S.M.	J. Walker, M.M.	1st	3/7/16	Sgt.	W. Clements	1st	10/11/24
C.S.M.	H. Gray, D.C.M.	7th Lond.	4/9/17	Sgt. (I.M.)	A. Russell	Depot	18/2/25
C.S.M.	E. Crouch	1st	1/9/24	Sgt.	E. Jones	1st	1/3/25
C.S.M.	C. Denton	9th	26/3/25	Sgt.	E. Burt	Depot	26/3/25
C.S.M.	E. Green, M.M.	19th Lond.	26/5/25	Sgt.	E. Fleming	1st	16/4/25
C.S.M.	G. F. Goodall	1st	4/6/25	Sgt.	W. Rogers	T.A.	26/5/25
C.S.M.	J. Tugate, D.C.M.	1st	17/6/25	Sgt.	W. Raindle	1st	16/8/25
C.S.M.	F. Pelly	8th	28/10/25	Sgt.	T. Page	19th Lond.	20/5/26
C.S.M.	C. W. Cook, D.C.M.	Depot	1/9/26	Sgt.	W. Bennett	7th	19/6/26
C.S.M.	T. E. Smith	1st	28/2/28	Sgt.	J. Trapp	1st	30/1/27
C.O.M.S.	A. Goldstraw	1st	28/10/25	Sgt.-Dmr.	J. Bray	1st	9/2/27
C.O.M.S.	E. Sheppard	22nd	No records	Sgt.	G. Clift	9th	9/2/27
C.O.M.S.	C. E. Goodall	1st	15/2/27	Sgt.	G. Horrex	8th	9/2/27
C.O.M.S.	J. Wilcockson	1st	11/6/27	Sgt. (I.M.)	T. Robbins	1st	15/2/27
C.S. (O.R.S.)	B. Baldwin	1st	2/7/27	Sgt.	R. Challis	1st	21/2/27
Clr.-Sgt.	A. King	Egyptian A.	22/2/28	Sgt.	F. Stacey	Depot	22/2/28
C.O.M.S.	A. West	Depot	22/2/28	Sgt.	C. Misso	1st	28/2/28
C.O.M.S.	H. Darby	1st	28/2/28	Sgt.	H. G. Thomas	1st	5/3/28
C.O.M.S.	P. Newman	1st	5/3/28	Sgt.	J. Steward	1st	7/3/28
Sgt.	A. Baynham	1st	13/10/25	Sgt.	H. Warren	1st	29/3/28
Sgt.	H. G. Manders	1st	28/2/17	Sgt.	T. Tiller	Depot	20/5/28
Sgt.	E. D. Pain	1st	26/10/18	Cpl.	W. Overton	1st	11/5/20
Sgt.	C. Mabb	1st	19/9/19	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	A. F. Jones	1st	10/4/23
Sgt.	W. Sadler	8th	10/2/21	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. West	Depot	11/1/24
Sgt.	E. Walsh	7th	25/8/21	Cpl.	W. Egan, M.M.	Depot	16/2/24
Sgt.	F. Stevenson	Depot	25/8/21	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. H. E. Northcott,		
Sgt.	A. Hart	1st	9/1/22	M.M.		Depot	18/3/24
Sgt.	H. Tisdale	9th	22/1/22	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. Tibble	1st	11/6/24
Sgt.	C. H. Stuart	1st	23/4/22	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	G. Soper	Depot	10/7/24
Sgt.	V. Osterholm	1st	18/10/23	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	G. E. Goss	1st	1/9/24
Sgt.	R. Mewett	Depot	12/12/23	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	A. Stenning	1st	10/11/24
Sgt.	F. Peck	Depot	12/1/24	Cpl.	G. Blake	Depot	13/12/24

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
Cpl.	R. J. King	Supny. Fire 30/12/24 Bde. Bordon		L./Cpl.	H. Meakins	1st	14/10/27
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	E. Williams	1st	26/3/25	L./Cpl.	C. Brown	1st	20/10/27
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. H. Kennett	1st	1/3/25	L./Cpl.	L. Williams	1st	12/11/27
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. J. O'Brien	1st	16/4/25	L./Cpl.	C. Drummond	1st	10/11/27
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. Honeybun	Depot	26/5/25	L./Cpl.	T. Skinner	1st	13/12/27
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	E. Denyer	1st	17/2/26	L./Cpl.	S. Hutson	1st	13/12/27
Cpl.	H. C. Hull, M.M.	Depot	18/2/26	L./Cpl.	E. Rous	1st	20/12/27
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	(O.R.C.) L. I.			L./Cpl.	J. Dodgson	1st	1/1/28
Cpl.	Priddy	1st	13/3/26	L./Cpl.	S. Baker	1st	15/1/28
Cpl.	H. Riley	1st	20/5/26	L./Cpl.	J. Purcell	1st	15/1/28
Cpl.	J. Painter	1st	23/5/26	L./Cpl.	P. Barley	Depot	15/1/28
Cpl.	T. Sewell	1st	3/7/26	L./Cpl.	A. Couling	Depot	15/1/28
Cpl.	A. Wallace	1st	9/7/26	L./Cpl.	W. Huggins	1st	15/1/28
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	G. Knock	1st	28/7/26	L./Cpl.	A. Stone	1st	15/1/28
Cpl.	G. Theobald	1st	5/8/26	L./Cpl.	R. R. Chaplin	1st	15/1/28
Cpl.	H. Wilson	1st	14/10/26	L./Cpl.	C. Warren	1st	15/1/28
Cpl.	L. Westney	1st	26/10/26	L./Cpl.	R. George	1st	15/1/28
Cpl.	R. Glover	1st	9/2/27	L./Cpl.	C. Nicholson	1st	15/1/28
Cpl.	A. Case	1st	12/2/27	L./Cpl.	F. Butfield	Depot	4/1/28
Cpl.	D. Stagpoole	1st	30/10/27	L./Cpl.	W. Bean	Depot	20/1/27
Cpl.	A. Hows	1st	11/12/27	L./Cpl.	A. Lawrence	1st	15/1/28
Cpl.	H. Anson	1st	13/12/27	L./Cpl.	R. Simmons	Depot	20/1/28
Cpl.	A. Thompson	Depot	13/12/27	L./Cpl.	J. Ayres	1st	20/1/28
Cpl.	R. Bayles	Depot	13/12/27	L./Cpl.	S. Green	1st	28/1/28
Cpl.	L. West	1st	1/1/28	L./Cpl.	S. Boiling	1st	1/2/28
Cpl.	B. Carroll	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl.	P. Andrews	1st	8/2/28
Cpl.	N. R. Phillipson	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl.	W. Lack	1st	21/2/28
Cpl.	W. Woodroff	Depot	15/1/28	L./Cpl.	F. Davis	1st	21/2/28
Cpl.	G. Fletcher	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl.	W. Davey	1st	22/2/28
Cpl.	G. Wheatley	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl.	A. Turner	1st	28/2/28
Cpl.	C. Painter	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl.	H. Kruck	1st	5/3/28
Cpl.	A. R. G. Russell	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl.	A. Davis	1st	8/3/28
Cpl.	T. Rowbottom	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl.	A. Vicary	1st	8/3/28
Cpl.	E. J. Foulger	Depot	28/1/28	L./Cpl.	A. Boiling	1st	8/3/28
Cpl.	J. Fletcher	1st	8/2/28	L./Cpl.	F. Brightman	1st	14/3/28
Cpl.	H. Pratt	Depot	22/2/28	L./Cpl.	F. Millar	1st	18/3/28
Cpl.	A. Mason	Depot	28/2/28	L./Cpl.	J. Harmer	1st	29/3/28
Cpl.	F. Donovan	1st	5/3/28	L./Cpl.	A. Tutte	1st	5/4/28
Cpl.	M. Horton	1st	7/3/28	L./Cpl.	R. Dyson	1st	5/4/28
Cpl.	H. Patterson	1st	8/3/28	L./Cpl.	H. Tyler	1st	12/4/28
Cpl.	H. Dallimore	1st	8/3/28	L./Cpl.	E. Edmunds	1st	20/4/28
Cpl.	P. Hale	1st	8/3/28	L./Cpl.	E. Patterson	1st	1/5/28
Cpl.	J. Little	Depot	14/3/28	L./Cpl.	F. Hammond	1st	18/5/28
Cpl.	A. Ball	1st	29/3/28	L./Cpl.	W. Murcott	1st	23/5/28
Cpl.	F. Rochester	1st	5/4/28	L./Cpl.	A. Veares	Depot	29/3/27
Cpl.	W. Webster	1st	12/4/28	L./Cpl.	C. Christmas	1st	4/6/28
Cpl.	W. Holt	1st	1/5/28	L./Cpl.	E. Brand	1st	8/6/28
Cpl.	J. Thompson	1st	4/6/28	L./Cpl.	R. Scott	1st	21/6/28

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L./Cpl.	C. Staines	1st	27/7/23	L./Cpl.	B. Lyons	Depot	29/3/28
L./Cpl.	P. Edwards	1st	15/2/24	L./Cpl.	J. Gould	1st	5/6/28
L./Cpl.	G. O'Connor	1st	12/9/25	L./Cpl.	C. H. Ives	1st	5/6/28
L./Cpl.	J. P. O'Neill	1st	28/1/26	L./Cpl.	C. G. Jones	1st	5/6/28
L./Cpl.	A. Chasney	1st	18/2/26	L./Cpl.	T. G. Elliott	1st	7/6/28
L./Cpl.	L. Timson	1st	19/6/26	L./Cpl.	E. Zetter	1st	14/6/28
L./Cpl.	F. Rumens	1st	6/8/26	L./Cpl.	J. Ringe	1st	4/7/28
L./Cpl.	F. Bowden	1st	14/1/27				

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## 2nd BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.
R.S.M. S. Cox	20/1/26	C.S.M. S. Wilson	21/12/26	†Sgt. W. West	10/9/17
Bdmr. H. Clibbens	22/2/24	C.O.M.S. S. Steadman	23/7/23	Sgt. H. Glover	1/5/20
R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley	7/3/26	C.O.M.S. C. Kent	4/2/25	Sgt. A. Walker	1/5/20
C.S.M. I.M. C. Davis	13/10/24	C.O.M.S. W. O'Brien	27/2/25	Sgt. W. Palmer	1/5/20
C.S.M. E. Burns	28/1/25	C.O.M.S. C. King	26/5/25	Sgt.-Dmr. E. Heath	20/11/20
C.S.M. H. Rand	28/1/25	C.O.M.S. L. Hills	3/11/26	Sgt. J. Cook	30/11/20
C.S.M. J. Hart	20/1/26	Sgt. W. Sperry, M.C.	23/12/14	Sgt. G. Capel	9/1/22

† Tour of duty at Depot.



Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.
†Sgt. H. Hart ...	9/1/22	Cpl. W. Green ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. F. Cook ...	19/10/27
Sgt. F. Hill ...	22/8/23	Cpl. G. Blackman ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. R. Smith ...	24/10/27
Sgt. R. Colbourne ...	6/10/23	Cpl. H. Adams ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. W. Boothby ...	25/10/27
†Sgt. G. Mewett ...	12/12/23	Cpl. W. Goodall ...	10/12/27	*L./Cpl. F. Williams ...	26/10/27
Sgt. H. Hewett ...	10/1/24	Cpl. L. Brown ...	24/12/27	*L./Cpl. C. Watson ...	31/10/27
†Sgt. F. Peck ...	12/1/24	Cpl. F. Howlett ...	24/1/28	*L./Cpl. D. Horsman ...	2/11/27
†Sgt. L. Simmonds ...	24/8/24	Cpl. H. Ison ...	9/2/28	*L./Cpl. F. Higgins ...	7/11/27
Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	28/1/25	Cpl. W. Skull ...	20/3/28	*L./Cpl. H. Holland ...	12/11/27
Sgt. S. Ingle ...	27/2/25	Cpl. J. Merry ...	20/3/28	L./Cpl. J. Deamar ...	12/11/27
Sgt. G. Lambert ...	26/5/25	Cpl. G. Slate ...	26/4/28	L./Cpl. A. Brett ...	18/11/27
Sgt. S. Mason ...	2/2/26	Cpl. W. Chalkley ...	26/4/28	L./Cpl. H. Hastings ...	30/11/27
Sgt. C. Banfield ...	13/2/26	Cpl. E. Ormes ...	26/4/28	*L./Cpl. E. Bridger ...	3/12/27
Sgt. (O.R.S.) W. Fletcher ...	7/3/26	Cpl. H. Lowry ...	26/4/28	*L./Cpl. G. Chandler ...	10/12/27
Sgt. G. Bone ...	19/3/26	Cpl. E. Halverson ...	26/4/28	*L./Cpl. A. Brett ...	20/12/27
Sgt. E. Hazeldine ...	5/4/26	Cpl. P. Palmer ...	26/4/28	L./Cpl. R. Jackson ...	23/12/27
Sgt. A. Wright ...	10/2/27	Cpl. R. Ginnaw ...	26/4/28	*L./Cpl. J. Scott ...	31/12/27
Sgt. W. Cobbett ...	15/2/27	Cpl. L. Newstead ...	26/4/28	L./Cpl. G. Herbert ...	4/1/28
Sgt. W. Harwood ...	17/8/27	Cpl. E. Noakes ...	10/7/28	L./Cpl. H. Hamblin ...	4/1/28
Sgt. C. Olden ...	2/10/27	*L./Cpl. A. Rowell ...	22/12/22	L./Cpl. W. Searle ...	6/1/28
Sgt. S. Bishop ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. R. Wilson ...	10/11/25	L./Cpl. E. Ringham ...	7/1/28
Sgt. J. Brown ...	15/12/27	L./Cpl. A. Statham ...	4/3/26	L./Cpl. J. Johnson ...	7/2/28
Sgt. L. Johnson ...	24/12/27	*L./Cpl. E. Jennings ...	29/5/26	*L./Cpl. P. Godfrey ...	8/2/28
Sgt. E. Aird ...	9/2/28	*L./Cpl. W. Pike ...	14/12/26	L./Cpl. L. Waddington ...	8/2/28
Sgt. (O.R.C.) W. Baker ...	23/3/28	*L./Cpl. H. Cartwright ...	28/1/27	L./Cpl. E. Bennett ...	14/2/28
Sgt. S. Buckle ...	20/3/28	*L./Cpl. J. Harper ...	21/3/27	L./Cpl. G. Balls ...	27/2/28
Sgt. F. Denchfield ...	20/3/28	*L./Cpl. J. Chester ...	5/4/27	L./Cpl. E. Oram ...	30/3/28
†Sgt. T. Tiller ...	29/5/28	*L./Cpl. E. Wilby ...	11/4/27	L./Cpl. G. Hornett ...	11/4/28
*L./Sgt. S. Copelin ...	1/1/27	*L./Cpl. F. Grainger ...	12/4/27	L./Cpl. H. Dujardin ...	11/4/28
*L./Sgt. A. Webb ...	2/10/27	*L./Cpl. H. Sandle ...	13/4/27	L./Cpl. J. Nicholls ...	18/4/28
*L./Sgt. H. Poulter ...	15/12/27	*L./Cpl. W. Ray ...	13/4/27	*L./Cpl. G. Maund ...	1/5/28
*L./Sgt. E. Jenkin ...	24/12/27	*L./Cpl. J. Jackson ...	16/4/27	L./Cpl. G. Cole ...	22/5/28
*L./Sgt. T. Ballard ...	24/1/28	*L./Cpl. C. Trestain ...	16/4/27	L./Cpl. J. Smith ...	22/5/28
*L./Sgt. C. Wright ...	9/2/28	*L./Cpl. E. Clifton ...	22/4/27	L./Cpl. C. May ...	26/5/28
*L./Sgt. S. Burgess ...	19/4/28	*L./Cpl. W. Knighton ...	4/5/27	L./Cpl. D. Drew ...	11/6/28
*L./Sgt. C. Donaldson ...	3/7/28	*L./Cpl. R. Hannam ...	7/5/27	L./Cpl. W. Brown ...	23/6/28
Cpl. W. Patterson ...	28/7/24	*L./Cpl. R. Parsler ...	10/5/27	L./Cpl. S. Mills ...	23/6/28
Cpl. W. Millbery ...	2/2/26	*L./Cpl. E. Hillier ...	4/6/27	L./Cpl. H. Marshall ...	19/6/28
Cpl. H. Short ...	19/6/26	*L./Cpl. T. Robinson ...	18/6/27	L./Cpl. F. Knight ...	3/7/28
Cpl. J. Simmonds ...	2/11/26	*L./Cpl. G. Brown ...	18/6/27	L./Cpl. H. Hamer ...	18/7/28
Cpl. A. Jones ...	16/12/26	*L./Cpl. P. Gorman ...	20/6/27	L./Cpl. F. Deane ...	20/7/28
Cpl. C. Champion ...	16/12/26	*L./Cpl. G. Lee ...	6/7/27	L./Cpl. P. Carter ...	23/7/28
Cpl. W. Schooledge ...	21/12/26	*L./Cpl. J. Ramsey ...	12/7/27	L./Cpl. H. Frewin ...	18/8/28
Cpl. C. Turner ...	22/1/27	L./Cpl. J. Bennett ...	29/7/27	L./Cpl. L. Woodley ...	18/8/28
Cpl. E. Addinall ...	21/2/27	L./Cpl. D. Green ...	8/8/27	L./Cpl. E. Miller ...	18/8/28
Cpl. A. Boen ...	11/4/27	L./Cpl. F. Crawshaw ...	24/8/27	L./Cpl. S. Baker ...	18/8/28
Cpl. W. Makewell ...	17/8/27	*L./Cpl. S. Cudmore ...	28/9/27	L./Cpl. T. Fisher ...	20/8/28
Cpl. J. May ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. C. Cooper ...	28/9/27	L./Cpl. S. Lilley ...	20/8/28
Cpl. G. Sherriff ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. F. Hayes ...	3/10/27	L./Cpl. W. Fricker ...	27/8/28
Cpl. W. Kemp ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. F. Atkins ...	3/10/27	L./Cpl. H. Tompkins ...	27/8/28
Cpl. F. Gribble ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. F. Orton ...	8/10/27	L./Cpl. W. Fountain ...	27/8/28
Cpl. A. Loom ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. C. Simmons ...	15/10/27	L./Cpl. A. Fletcher ...	28/8/28
Cpl. F. Nash ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. H. Freeman ...	15/10/27	L./Cpl. H. Taylor ...	28/8/28

\* Denotes paid appointments.

† Tour of duty at Depot.

‡ Supernumerary (Instructor at Small Arms School, Pachmarhi).

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Fitzgeorge, and grand-daughter of H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Colonel of the Regiment.

At the beginning of the war her husband—now Major R. C. Lane—joined the 11th Battalion, and all ranks who served in that Battalion have good reason to remember the indefatigable work she did on their behalf. She raised a fund to

send comforts to the men in the field and in hospital. She also kept a complete registry of casualties, and was able to supply the relatives of the wounded with frequent bulletins of their condition, and to put the men into communication with wounded friends about whom they were anxious. After the war she continued to take an interest in the Regiment, and was a contributor to the Ladies' Guild.