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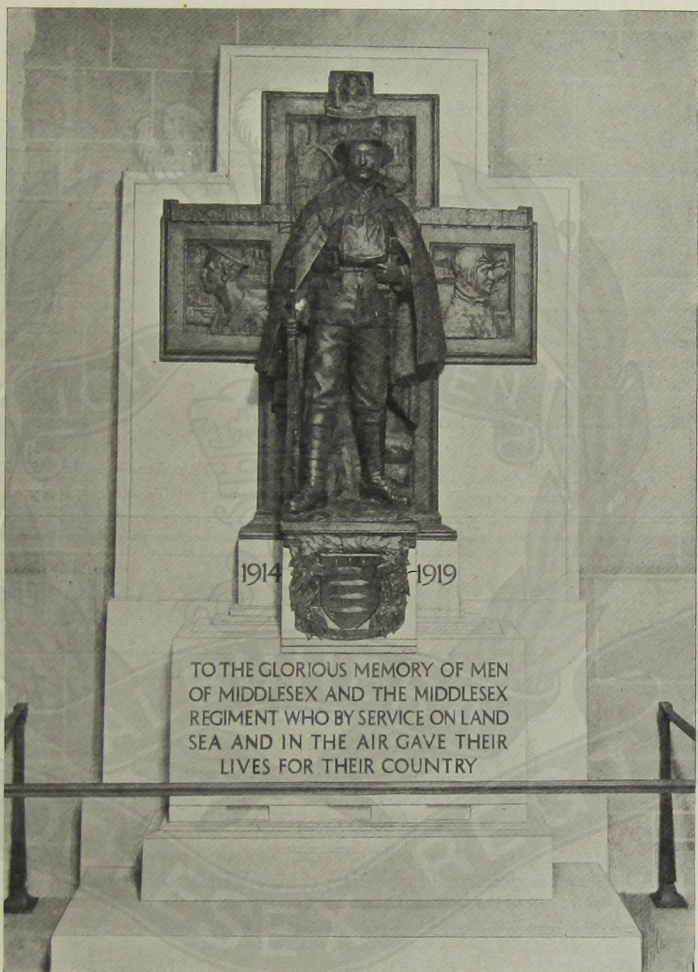
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## EDITORIAL



OF course, we must start by wishing our readers all the very best for 1925. May we keep our New Year resolutions rather longer than we did last time.

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One more Battle Honour has been awarded to the Regiment—"Scimitar Hill," where the 2/10th Battalion was present.

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Congratulations to Major W. W. Jefferd on his promotion.

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The following letter has been received from the Middlesex County Council:—

GUILDHALL,  
WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.  
January 8th, 1925.

DEAR COL. PEARSON,

General Sir Ivor Maxse has been here to-day to inspect the Colours recently presented to the County Council, which have now been placed in position on the walls of the Council Chamber. He expresses himself as being very pleased with the result.

Now that the Colours are in position, may I, on behalf of the County Council, convey through you to the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Middlesex Regiment, including, of course, the Territorials, an invitation to call here and inspect the Colours at any time that any of them may be in the vicinity of this building. I have given instructions to the hall porter that facilities are to be given to anyone from the Regiment who desires to see the Colours upon the walls.

I hope that the recent presentation may have the result of strengthening what, I am afraid, has been in the past, a rather slender relationship between the County Council and the County Regiment, and that in the future our association may become closer and more intimate.

Yours truly,

E. S. W. HART,

Clerk of the County Council.

### THE OLD COMRADES' DINNER.

THE Old Comrades' Dinner will be held at the Grand Dining Hall, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone Road, London, on Saturday, February 28th, 1925, at 7.30 p.m.

All ranks who have served with either Regular, Special Reserve, Territorial, or New Army units of the Regiment, are cordially invited to attend.

Applications for tickets (price 6/-, exclusive of drinks), should be made to the Secretary, Regimental Association, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W. 7, or to the Headquarters of any Battalion of the Regiment, not later than February 14th, 1925, accompanied by cheque or postal order.

Early application is advised as the accommodation is limited.

It is hoped that those attending will wear medals and decorations, and the Old Comrades' badge.

Dress optional.

The Annual General Meeting of the Regimental Association will be held in the same building at 7 p.m.

### MIDDLESEX WAR MEMORIAL.

ON November 20th, 1924, Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., unveiled the war memorial to the men of Middlesex and the Middlesex Regiment which has been erected at the Middlesex Guildhall. The central figure is a fully-armed soldier in bronze standing at the entrance of a trench, while on either side of him are panels depicting the heads of a sailor and an airman, and in the background appear ships of the Fleet at sea, and an aeroplane in flight, the whole composition making the form of a cross. At the top of the cross is the badge of the Middlesex Regiment, and beneath the figure are the arms of the County of Middlesex. The memorial, which is constructed of Portland stone and fine bronze, is the work of Mr. Richard R. Goulden.

The Duke of Bedford, the Lord-Lieutenant of the County, said that, although they had won the war, there were still discords and disturbances. For the sake of those who had given their lives he hoped that all would unite for the betterment of the Empire.

After the unveiling ceremony the party adjourned to the Middlesex Council Chambers, where the Colours of the disbanded 3rd and 4th Battalions of the Middlesex Regiment were handed over to the safe keeping of the Middlesex County Council, who are to have them placed in suitable positions in the Middlesex Guildhall, Westminster.

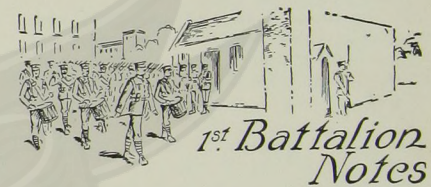
The presentation was made by Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse at a meeting of the County Council. The ceremony was attended by the Duke of Bedford (Lord-Lieutenant of the County), and there was present a contingent of non-commissioned officers of the Middlesex Regiment, including a number who had served with the disbanded battalions in the Great War. Col. Glover, who commanded the 3rd Battalion, was also present. The Colours have been specially treated with the object of ensuring their preservation and they are enclosed in hermetically-sealed glass cases.

The Chairman of the Council (Mr. B. Todd) welcomed the Duke of Bedford and Sir Ivor Maxse.

Sir Ivor Maxse, before presenting the Colours, said that the usual procedure with regard to the deposit of colours was to place them in a cathedral or a church or museum or in the United Service Institution. They had considered St. Paul's Cathedral as the place wherein to deposit the Colours, but finally decided upon the Middlesex Guildhall. He had been struck by the absence from the walls of that building of anything of an historic character. Their real object was to preserve the names of those two disbanded battalions.

The Chairman, in accepting the Colours on behalf of the County Council, said they felt a tinge of regret that the battalions had been disbanded. These flags would remind them of what they owed to the Middlesex Regiment in particular, and to the many other regiments during the Great War. The Council greatly appreciated the action of Sir Ivor Maxse in presenting the Colours, and they would do all in their power to preserve them.

A large and representative gathering was present at the ceremony, but owing to the very limited space in the Guildhall premises, the County Council were unable to issue many invitations to the Regiment. Officers from all battalions attended.



THE great event of the last few months has been Christmas. There was the usual keenness in the decorations of the Company dining-halls, and all of them were up to a high standard, so the judging committee had no easy task. However, "D" Company were the winners and "H.Q." Wing the runners-up. Most people seemed to be on leave, so the number who sat down to dinners was not very large. Only twenty-four appeared to represent the Battalion on church parade, but far in excess of that number appeared for the Christmas turkey! "B" Company were the hosts on Christmas evening, when they invited the remainder



of the Battalion and all the other "B" Companies of the Brigade to their entertainment. Everyone present enjoyed themselves immensely—in fact, as much as they did last year, which is saying a great deal. On the 30th there was the Christmas tree for the children of the Battalion. A tea was provided first, followed by a Punch and Judy show, and later the most popular event, the distribution of presents.

We have missed something this year in being put out of the Army Cup so early. Probably the only unit who are worse off than ourselves are last year's holders, who beat us in the semi-final, and who this season were dismissed by a score of 9-0 by the 17/21st Lancers in the first round. It is very disappointing but it only tends to show the vagaries of "Soccer," as we had almost exactly the same team as last year, and should with reasonable luck have gone a little farther than we did. Let us hope that next year we shall be able to do something better. There is one comforting hope: we could not be worse off than after this season's result! In "Rugger" we are doing better, and with such players as Lieut. Worton, who recently played against the All Blacks, and Capt. Haydon, who also played for the Harlequins on an occasion when the England Selection Committee were present, and many others, we should go a long way in the Cup.

Before the next issue of the DIE-HARDS we shall have commenced the training season for yet another year. Last time we did not know what was in store for us, but this year we do!

#### FOOTBALL.

Our hopes of going farther than we did last year in the Army Cup have been rudely dashed to the ground. On Saturday, November 22nd, we were defeated in the first round by the 13/18th Hussars by 3-1. Such is the luck of the game. Our conquerors last year in the semi-final, the Wiltshire Regiment (Cup-holders), also fell in the same round.

In the Aldershot Senior Cup on the following Saturday we passed into the third round by defeating the Aldershot Albion by 8-3.

In friendly matches we have played three and won three—Coldstream Guards twice, 4-0 and 5-1; and The Queen's, 4-3.

In League matches we have played three also; two we have won, and one drawn; *v.* Scots Guards, 2-0; *v.* R.C.S., 13-4; *v.* Service Coys. R.A.S.C., 1-1.

In the Boys' League, out of four played we have won one, drawn one, and lost two.

Three Inter-Company League games have been played: "A" beat "C," 4-1; "D" beat "B," 4-0; "C" beat "D," 5-4.

*Inter-Platoon Football.*—Six teams are left in: 5 and 11 have reached the semi-final, and 21 play 13, and 17 play 15 in the second round.

#### RUGBY.

Up to the present—and we have every hope and prospect of the future—we have carried all before us, with the exception of one friendly game with the Gloucesters, in which the score of 25-5 against us gives a very false impression of the run of the play, the score being 5-5 until fifteen minutes from time. In the first round of the Army Cup we met the Black Watch, and after a hard game narrowly defeated them by 5-0. We were unlucky in losing Lieut. Pennycook within the first twenty minutes of the game through injury, as with seven forwards against a heavier eight we were at a disadvantage. In the second round we won very comfortably against the Scots Guards by 43-0.

In the third round we meet the winners of the Beds and Herts and Royal Engineers.

In the Command Tournament we have played one match, *v.* 1st Anti-Aircraft Brigade, and won by 57 points to nil.

We have played the following friendly matches:—

*v.* Coldstream Guards; won, 17-5.

*v.* Gloucesters; lost, 5-25.

*v.* East Lancers; won, 11-6.

*v.* No. 2 Coy. R.M.C.; won, 44-0.

*v.* No. 5 Coy. R.M.C.; won, 33-0.

*v.* No. 2 Coy. R.M.C.; won, 36-0.

*v.* Leicester Regiment; won, 3-0.

*v.* Gloucester Regiment; won, 9-0.

The second XV has played two games with the Gloucester Regiment second XV, both of which they have lost, 31-0 and 16-0.

#### HOCKEY.

Out of seven friendly games played we have won three, lost three, and drawn one.

*v.* R.A.S.C.; won, 8-3.

*v.* Queen's; won, 2-1.

*v.* Gloucesters; lost, 0-3.

*v.* Rifle Brigade; won, 3-1.

*v.* 1st Pack Brigade R.A.; lost, 2-3.

*v.* Queen's; lost, 1-5.

*v.* 13/18th Hussars; drawn, 4-4.

In the first round of the Command Hockey Tournament, which is a preliminary stage of the Army Cup, we defeated the R.A.S.C. by 9 goals to 1.

#### BOXING.

We were distinctly unfortunate to lose the first round of the Novices' Boxing Competition to the Black Watch. There were several good fights, notably that of L./Cpl. Tompkins, who appeared to be leading nearly all the way; and that of Cpl. Young, who was unfortunate in being knocked-out after running up a splendid lead on points.

In the Inter-Company Novices' Competition "B" Company gained by far the majority of points, 40; "A" Company 2nd, with 19; "C" 3rd, with 18; "D" 4th, with 15; "G" 5th, with 9; and "Q" 6th, with 4.

In the Inter-Company Open Competition "B" again ran out the winners, with 93; "D" 2nd, with 84; "C" 60; "A," 52; "Q," 27; and "G," 8.

Special attention was drawn by the referee, Col. J. Betts, D.S.O., O.B.E., to the plucky exhibition put up by Sergt. Mabb in the Heavy-weights, "who, despite his age, set such a good example to the younger generation."

We are in the third round of the Open Team Competition, the Rifle Brigade having scratched to us in the first round, and the Foresters, whom we drew in the second round, having left the Command. As we won the competition last year, we hope that we have not inspired too much terror in the breasts of our would-be opponents that we shall go through to the final without a fight.

#### "B" COMPANY.

Owing to the leave period during this quarter, and the Company not being together, there is a dearth of news for this issue, but we will do our best. The main item of interest is the competition for the Platoon Efficiency Shield, which comprised duels between the various teams at football, shooting, swimming, and cross-country

running. There was not much to choose between the scores in the shooting, but the cross-country run was decidedly No. 5 Platoon's. Donovan, of course, was first man in, followed by Stemp. The race was run in pouring rain, this, perhaps, being an excuse for the late arrivals. On December 11th a Swimming Gala was arranged and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. Sounds rather a funny sport for this time of the year, but the water was warm. All due praise to those who took part in the Inter-Company Boxing Tournament and enabled us to retain our former position. Quite a good three evenings' performance was provided, and although we have lost a few old ones, there should not be much trouble in filling their places with the new talent that has turned up since the last Tournament. We are again to the fore in the six-a-side football competition, and although at the time of writing the final event has not been played we can depend on ours being there.

The Christmas festivity went off very well again this year, and thanks are due to all who took part in the decoration of the dining-hall, which certainly looked very well. The following day saw the visit of Santa Claus to the wives and children at tea, and although a few of the younger generation cried when he arrived they were very glad to receive the presents he had for them. Sergt. Windsor played his part very well. The fact that the "Fate of the Nations" hangs in the hands of C.Q.M.S. Pelly was again proved on Christmas night, when he arranged a very pleasant evening in the form of a whist drive and concert, which everyone enjoyed immensely.

Now that we have all recovered from the effects of the festive season, we must settle down and try to make 1925 a better year than this one. In taking this opportunity of wishing everyone a "Happy New Year," we must ring off and will endeavour to do better next time.

#### "C" COMPANY.

Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., took over command of the Company during October, 1924.

A shoot on the miniature range was organized by the non-commissioned officers of the Company against eight non-commissioned officers of "D" Company, which we



lost easily; but, owing to furlough season, some of our best shots were away. We should like to record our appreciation of the splendid fight put up by Sergt. Mabb in the Battalion Boxing Competition. Col. Betts said some very nice things about him, and it is believed that his wife did also when he got home.

We are just getting over the festive season, or, at least, some of us are; but everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Although only third in the decorating competition, it was a very close thing, and nobody envied the judging committee.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Is Sergt. Mabb getting a commission in the Navy?

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Is T.O.E.T. a clue to a cross-word puzzle?

#### "D" COMPANY.

I intended writing a full page this month, but, owing to the fact that we have only just got over Christmas, please excuse brevity. We took first prize for the best decorated room, which we hope is the beginning of many more. Great credit goes to the working committee, particularly Sergt. Heath, who showed wonderful taste in the dining-hall. We must congratulate Lieut. F. G. Parker and L./Sergt. Gray on the fine results obtained at Hythe, which clearly shows what "D" Company can do. We welcome C.S.M. Walker from the Territorial Staff. At hockey we beat "A" Company, and at football we are doing very well; unfortunately, we have lost our centre-half, who has gone to "A" Company. We won second prize in the Battalion Boxing, and L./Cpl. MacMurdie obtained a good loser's prize.

#### THINGS WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Where was the Company storeman on Christmas Day?

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#### RESULT OF A TEST HELD BY THE O.C. COMPANY.

One of the last draft was asked to look down the barrel and describe what he saw. After a lot of hesitation, he said, "A little teeny hole at the other end, sir."

We are doing very well at shooting on the miniature range. We have pulled off quite a large number of silver spoons. "C" Company will have to keep their eye on the shooting shield this year, as we only lent it to them.

#### "Q" BRANCH



News for the Journal during the Christmas quarter is very problematical. Members disappear on furlough and leave, and sometimes the Mess looks very deserted. Yet even these dreary times are brightened by little functions. We have had our "Pokey Die," our billiards, and—last but by no means least—a visit from our late next-door neighbours, the 1st Battalion the Grenadier Guards, but each in turn.

The "Pokey Die," fiend is very slack in these days. The interest seems to have abated somewhat of late. However, he will doubtless recover after the festivities, which, by the time these notes are in print, will be over. The following members have won the competition during the quarter and have had the honour of having their names engraved on the shield:—October, C./Sergt. Fox; November, Sergt.-Dmr Goodwin; December, Sergt. Stuart.

The monthly Tankard Billiards Tourney has produced some surprising results, winners being as follows:—October, Sergt. Denton; November, Sergt. Stevenson; December, Sergt. Russell.

In the Inter-Unit Billiards Championship we were successful in knocking out the Royal Engineers, quite a good performance, as they were a hot lot. An exceedingly pleasant evening was spent in the Mess, and we won four games to the Engineers' two, thus qualifying to meet the R.A.S.C. in the next round.

Now for the tit-bit of the quarter, the visit of the 1st Grenadier Guards. As most of our readers know, that battalion left Aldershot for Wellington Barracks, London, recently. During their sojourn in the wilds of "Shot," a really remarkable

friendship, such as is rarely seen nowadays, sprang up between the two regiments. To show their appreciation of various little acts of kindness, the "Grennys" came down to make us a presentation. This came as a great surprise, and added another link to the chain of friendship. R.S.M. Bryant and four members of their Mess came down to Aldershot on Friday evening, November 21st; when they returned is doubtful. After the usual greetings (What's yours? etc.), we gathered for the presentation. R.S.M. Bryant, in a breezy little speech, gave a résumé of the happenings of the past year, bearing especially on the happy hours spent together, and asked R.S.M. Anderson to accept a magnificent silver cup, which was to be a commemoration of those happy days. R.S.M. Anderson, responding on behalf of our Mess, endorsed the remarks made by the previous speaker, and said what pleasure it had been to us to have had the company of such a fine regiment; he only wished their stay in Aldershot had been of a much longer duration. The cup was passed round (needless to say, well filled), and the toast of the 1st Grenadier Guards drunk with musical honours. After this songs were given by C.S.M. Beaman, C.S.M. Crouch and Sergt. Moore; Sergt. Tibbs gave a very amusing interlude; and some monologues were given by Sergt. Parsons with great effect, Sergt. Anderson working overtime on the piano. The party later adjourned *en bloc* to the Mess of the Coldstream Guards, where a dance was being held. Here comes a blank, and the rest of the show is mercifully covered up, but we must conclude with the words of the famous English monarch, *Honi soit qui mal y pense*.

The burning question of the present is the Annual New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance, the tale of which will be unfolded in our next issue.

#### "EMMA GEE" GROANS.

Having hidden our light under a bushel for such a protracted period, we feel that the time has arrived when we should add to the list of "Popular Falacies," so ably exposed by Charles Lamb, that of "Silence is golden."

Many new faces are to be seen in the tents of the "Emma Gees." The annual turnover took away the majority of the old

hands, and the present training season was commenced with practically a new crew. Capt. Paul is still at the helm, with Lieut. Roberts as second-in-command. We welcome Lieut. Dobbs, a fine sportsman whom "A" Company, no doubt, are sorry to lose. Still, their loss is our gain.

Of the N.C.Os., we still have Sergt. Parsons, L./Sergt. Tibbs, and Cpl. Gibson. L./Sergt. Russell from "C" Company, Cpl. Soper from "D" and Cpl. Tibble from "B," are welcomed to the fold; and by the way they are consuming knowledge of the mysteries of machine gunnery, some of us will have to look to our laurels ere long.

For the rest, we have 14 old gunners, including 7 L./Corporals, who blend well together with a new class of 30, composed of men from various companies. When the whole lot get properly into working harness they should make a formidable combination both at work and in the world of sport.

We have already played several matches at football and hockey with Machine Gun platoons, etc., of other units, and by this means we have made many new friends. These games have helped to keep all ranks wonderfully fit, and our "sick list" has been remarkably low.

We rather fancy our chance at hockey, as when we have a full team out we can boast of two Battalion players in Capt. Paul and Lieut. Dobbs, and several company players; so no doubt, when these notes appear in print, we shall be bombarded with challenges.

In preparation for the musketry season, we have held an inter-gun team competition on the miniature range, on the knock-out system. This provided some keen competition and some excellent shooting. Nine teams entered, and after some strenuous struggles No. 8 team emerged victorious, beating No. 7 team in the final by 9 points.

We hope that the Machine Gun Platoon will do exceptionally well in the annual courses and various competitions during 1925.

MAGUN.

#### THINGS WE'D LIKE TO KNOW.

How much Willow has spent in football competitions?

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Who won the dart championship at the "Barley Mow"?



Who is the N.C.O. who said that rifles should be fumigated after a gas attack?

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What is the standard time for putting on a pair of putties, and if a certain N.C.O. took half an hour on one occasion?

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Whether a lady had anything to do with this?



## A NIGHT MARCH IN FLANDERS IN 1795.

*Being a march of the 57th Regiment (now 1st Middlesex Regiment) during the campaign in Flanders, 1793-95, where a British Force, under H.R.H. The Duke of York, was assisting the Austrians, Prussians, Belgians and Dutch against the French.*

THE account is taken from a Journal kept by Cpl. Robert Brown, of the Coldstream Guards. This march is also alluded to by the late Major H. H. Woollright in his excellent "History of the 57th Regiment."

The 57th Regiment was in the 2nd Brigade (there were six British brigades), under Major-General de Burgh. In the brigade were the 8th, 37th, 44th, 57th and 88th Regiments.

The British troops were at the end of 1794 holding the line of the Waal River from Osterhout to Wadonoyin. The frost had just begun and the sick had greatly increased, half the number of some regiments being in hospital.

The French sentries and ours frequently conversed across the river, and they complained of having no liquor and very little meat.

*December 25th, 1794.*—On Christmas Day, the Diary reports, the frost continued, with a fall of snow. Meat and every article of living was very scarce on account of the bridge at Arnheim being broken by the ice.

*January 2nd, 1795.*—As the ice was now strong enough, 700 of the French crossed the Waal, so orders were given to our troops to fall back to the Leck river. Frost continues, every arrangement is made for a

retreat across the Leck, the sick being removed to the general hospital at Rhenen. Duty is or has been very hard, fuel and provisions very scarce.

*January 4th, 1795.*—This morning the artillery began to destroy the limbers and carriages of the guns, as all guns, etc., that cannot be taken are ordered to be destroyed.

*January 10th.*—The Brigade crossed the Leck and took outposts on the heights to the left of Rhenen, sheltered a little in the large sheds used for the purpose of drying tobacco, as the plant is much cultivated here. Frost excessive, severe.

*January 14th.*—This day the enemy made a general attack on our outposts, and our picquets opposite Rhenen stood the contest till darkness put an end to their firing. After dark the picquets were withdrawn, and about midnight the whole Army marched by different routes for the River Essel, leaving about 250 sick in hospital, who were unable to be moved.

*January 16th.*—The Brigade of Guards, and Col. Strutt's brigade of the line (the 57th Regiment being in this brigade) were ordered to march at 4 a.m., and assembled at Lunteron awaiting the orders of Major-General de Burgh. After a very tedious march, about 3 p.m. we reached the verge of an immense desert called the Welaw; when, instead of gaining a resting-place for the night as expected, we were informed we had fifteen miles farther to go. Upon this information many began to be much dejected, and not without reason, as besides suffering the severity of the weather and fatigue of the march, they had had neither to eat nor to drink anything except water that day.

In the first three or four miles such a dismal prospect appeared as none of us had ever witnessed before.

A bare sandy desert, the wind excessive, high, and drifted the snow and sand together, so strong that we could hardly wrestle against it, to which was added a severe cold almost insufferable. The frost so intense that the water which came from our eyes, freezing as it fell, hung in icicles to our eyelashes, and our breath freezing as soon as emitted, lodged in heaps of ice about our faces.

Night fast approaching, a number of both men and women began to linger behind, their spirits being quite exhausted,

as if they once lost sight of the column of march there was no track to follow, or any chance of finding it.

In this state numbers were induced to sit down, and a few moments consigned them to sleep, but, alas! whoever slept awakened no more.

Others, sensible of the danger of sitting down, but having lost the column, wandered up and down the pathless waste, till they sink to rise no more.

About 10.30 at night we reached Bick-borge, when, to add to our misfortunes, we could hardly find room to shelter ourselves from the weather, every house being filled with the Hessian infantry, who refused us admittance, till, partly by force and partly by stealth, we crept in where we could, glad to obtain the shelter of a house at any rate.

*January 17th.*—We halted this day, and in the morning waggons were sent out to search for those who were left behind. A great number were found dead near the route of the column, but a greater number who had struggled farther off were never heard of more; in one place seven men, one woman and a child were found dead. One or two men were found alive, but their hands and feet were frozen to such a degree as to be dropping off by the wrists and ancles (*sic.*).

*January 18th.*—Marched at daylight, the Grenadiers, 1st Coldstream and 3rd Regiment to Vansson; the Light Infantry Battalions to Welson; the Army being cantoned all along the west side of the Essel river from Zutphen to the sea.

*January 19th.*—Perhaps never did a British Army experience such distress as ours does at this time; not a village, not a house, but what bears witness to our misery in containing some dead and others dying, other houses containing five, six or seven, some dead, others unable to walk; and add to all this, the inhabitants are our most inveterate enemies, and when opportunity offers will rather murder a poor lost, distressed Englishman than direct him the right way. It is reported in several columns of the Army about 700 are missing since we left the River Leck.

*January 20th and 21st.*—Our numerous hospitals, which were lately so crowded, are for the present considerably thinned. Removing the sick in waggons, without clothing sufficient to keep them warm in

this rigorous season, has sent some hundreds to their eternal home, and the shameful neglect that prevails through all that department makes our hospitals mere slaughter-houses.

*February 25th.*—The 57th Regiment marched from Benthem as a reinforcement to the Light Infantry Battalion at Northorn, which post had been attacked.

*March 30th.*—Every preparation is making for the embarkation of all the British Infantry.

*April 14th.*—The Brigade of Guards embarked for England, but did not disembark at Greenwich till May 8th, when His Majesty saw the first three companies of the 1st Regiment of Guards before they marched to London.

*May 9th.*—The rest of the Brigade disembarked on the next day and marched to the parade in St. James' Park.

The men then had eight days' leave given to them, excused from all kinds of duty, in order to see their friends.

Cpl. Brown ends his Diary by thanking their generous friends in England, Scotland and Ireland for their donations of articles, which each man received during the time they were on the Continent, and says: "Our soldiers frequently broke out in rough but sincere expressions of gratitude, to those benevolent characters who so generously and timely supplied our wants, especially to the ladies, several of whom, we were informed by the papers, disdained not to make up with their own fair hands a number of articles which we received."

G. W. W. S.

*Note.*—The 57th Regiment, under Major Balfour, landed at Portsmouth in May, 1795, and were quartered in Hilssea Barracks, only 400 men being left fit for duty.



## OFFICERS' CLUB.

THE Executive Committee Meeting of the Officers' Club was held at the Central London Recruiting Depot on Saturday, October 25th, 1924.

Present:—Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E. (in the Chair), Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, T.D., Major D. C. Percy-Smith, D.S.O., Major R. A. Slee, Capt. W. W. Jefferd (2nd Battalion), Capt. H. E. Foster,



Capt. M. Thorne (8th Battalion), Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M., Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed.

The Hon. Secretary presented the financial state of the Club, which showed a balance cash credit of £79 14s. 4d. in Current Account and a credit of £617 2s. in Reserve Account.

Number of members : 184.

The account for the annual dinner was presented and passed. This showed that £13 11s. of the amount allocated had not been expended.

The Cricket Week Account was also presented and passed, the amount of £3 7s. 11d. being recorded as unexpended out of the sum allocated.

#### FIXTURES FOR 1925.

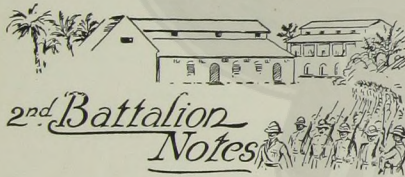
Cricket Week, Mill Hill Barracks, June 29th to July 2nd. At Homes : July 1st and 2nd.

Annual Dinner : Trocadero Restaurant, June 30th.

#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY CRICKET CLUB.

Members wishing to obtain tickets for the 1925 season should apply to the Hon. Secretary as early as possible, as only a limited number are issued to the Club.

The tickets, one guinea, admit members to Lords Cricket Ground, pavilion and members' stands, on days when county matches are played.



#### OFFICERS' NOTES.

LIEUT. A. N. OVERELL rejoined from long leave August 20th, 1924.

Major D. C. Owen, D.S.O., proceeded on the Senior Officers' Course at Belgaum on September 5th 1924.

Lieut. W. H. V. Jones rejoined from long leave in the United Kingdom September 14th, 1924, during which he passed promo-

tion examination (b). On arrival, he was posted for trooping duties at the Embarkation Office, Bombay.

Capt. C. T. Whinney and Lieut. E. M. G. Wray, D.S.O., proceeded to Satara on September 24th, 1924, for Small Arms Course, lasting three months.

Lieut.-Col. F. E. Swainson left the Battalion on expiration of his tenure of command on September 28th, 1924. He and Mrs. Swainson departed by car for Ootacamund, where they are settling down in a new bungalow which they are having built.

Lieut.-Col. H. P. F. Bicknell, D.S.O., has assumed command, upon which he has congratulations and best wishes from us all. A further cause for congratulations is the fact that almost simultaneously he became a very proud father of a son and heir.

Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., and Lieut. E. P. Manson, M.C., returned on October 25th, 1924, from Poona, where they sat for their promotion examinations in subjects (d) and (b) respectively.

2/Lieut. M. A. Jacob has been posted to the Battalion on first appointment.

#### SPECIAL ORDER

BY

LIEUT.-COL. F. E. SWAINSON, *Commanding 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.*

On handing over the command of the Battalion, after four strenuous years in Egypt, Malaya, and India, I wish to tender to all ranks my heartiest thanks for the excellent way they have supported me, though often working under distinctly discouraging conditions.

Your smartness of turn-out, precision in arms handling, steadiness on parade and at close order drill, and general discipline, good conduct, and courtesy to all, have won nothing but praise from those in authority.

Training and musketry are hardly up to the same high standard, but this is unavoidable after running to seed for a year and a half in Malaya, and leeway in this direction is rapidly being made up.

I therefore confidently expect that I shall soon hear that the old Battalion has attained the same high reputation for all-round excellence that they previously enjoyed in India, and are considered on all hands and

in all ways worthy descendants of the men of El Bodon.

I wish you all the best of luck and goodbye.

F. E. SWAINSON, *Lieut.-Colonel, Commanding 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.).*

#### OFFICERS' PROMOTION EXAMINATION.

Lieut. E. T. Pain passed in subject "A" at a promotion examination held at Poona on July 8th, 1924.

#### INSPECTION.

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief India (H.E. Gen. Lord Rawlinson of Trent, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., A.D.C.) inspected the Battalion on July 31st, 1924 (16th Indian Infantry Brigade Parade).

#### COMPLIMENTARY.

##### SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

I am very pleased to be able to publish the following letter received from Brigade Headquarters :—

H.Q. 16TH INDIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
August 1st, 1924.

To : THE OFFICER COMMANDING,  
2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGT  
(D.C.O.).

"His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, during his inspection yesterday (31/7/24) directed that all ranks should be informed that he was very pleased to see the smart turn-out, soldierly bearing, and marked steadiness of the troops on parade. He particularly singled out the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment as deserving of congratulation in these respects.

He noted with pleasure the way in which both the Battalions worked simultaneously on the executive words of command of their respective Commanding Officers.

The Brigade Commander wishes me to add that he himself is very pleased that His Excellency should have arrived at this opinion, and congratulates you and all ranks of the unit under your command on their share of the good work which brought about this most satisfactory result."

(Signed) W. LEITH-ROSS, *Major, Brigade Major, 16th Indian Infantry Brigade*

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief further mentioned to me his appreciation of the marching of the Battalion.

His Excellency was also very complimentary as to the state of the barracks and institutes, and the order and cleanliness in which he found the one barrack room that he had time to inspect.

I am personally extremely glad that the last inspection during my command should have passed off so satisfactorily, and that so much appreciation should have been shown of the good work put in by all ranks.

(Signed) F. E. SWAINSON, *Lieut.-Col., Commanding 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regt.*

#### POONA DISTRICT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

The finalists for the Poona District Cup are the winners of the Poona Group, and the winners of the Secunderabad Group.

The Battalion fought its way to the final by winning the Poona Group, beating the 1st Bn. The Royal West Kent Regiment 1—0 in the first round; 1st Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry 2—0 in the second round; and defeating the Royal Tank Corps in the Group final 3—0.

Our opponents in the final were the 1st Bn. The North Staffs, who had previously defeated us by the narrow margin of 1—0 after a re-play for the same cup.

So much enthusiasm was shown by the Battalion that 2 officers and 300 other ranks made the journey to Secunderabad (a 24-hour train ride) to give the team a cheer.

Arriving on the morning of August 11th, the supporters of the Midds quickly made themselves acquainted with the Bazaar, Soldiers' Home, etc. We made many new friends amongst the North Staffs, whose hospitality we enjoyed. Many of the men found their way to the barracks of the 1st Bn. The Royal Scots, stationed at Trimulgherry, which adjoins Secunderabad.

The match took place on August 12th, and some 3,000 spectators lined the ropes. These included, besides the Regimental supporters, men of "L" Battery R.H.A., 4/11th Dragoons, Royal Scots, and numerous others, not to mention a couple of old Midds who were in the Battalion in 1896. The rival supporters of each having the utmost faith in their respective teams.



After the kick-off, a fast ding-dong struggle ensued, in which both teams came near to scoring, but half-time arrived with no score. On resuming, the Midds took up the offensive, and after a few minutes' play, Flint scored the only goal of the match from a centre by Hewett, with a delightful header. The North Staffs made great efforts to equalize, but our defence prevailed, and we gained the trophy after a splendid match.

The team was as follows:—Lincoln; Dack and Palmer; Neighbour, Capel, and Wilson; Hewett, Smith, Budd, Flint, and Glibbery.

THE 2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGT.  
IN THE ROVERS TOURNAMENT,  
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1924.

In the first round we met the R.G.A., Bombay, on September 18th. Though manifestly the better team, we were unable to score, and the game ended in a goalless draw. Our forwards did not shoot well, but it must be said that they had the most atrocious luck, Budd in particular hitting the cross-bar several times.

In the re-play we had to take the field without Sergt. Wilson, who had gone on a course, Smith playing left-half and Turley inside-right. The first half of the re-play proceeded on the same lines as the first match, our forwards doing everything but score; after the interval a penalty was awarded to the Gunners; it was missed—very badly—but it woke up our team, and we scored two goals in rapid succession, the second by Hewett being a particularly fine effort. After this our attack died down again, and the Gunners managed to reduce the lead, Lincoln being so surprised at getting a shot to stop that he let it through; he never allowed himself to be surprised again in the tournament.

Our play in these two matches rather deceived the Bombay football experts, who did not realize the better the team against us the better we play.

In the second round we met the 5/6th Dragoons from Bangalore, who put up a most excellent fight against us and were only beaten 1—0, Flint scoring with a low ground shot in the first half. Their goalkeeper gave a brilliant display. Linley played centre-forward for us in this match.

In the semi-final we met our old opponents the 2nd Bn. D.L.I. Our first match was a

draw 1—1, a fitting result to a game played in the most appalling weather conditions, the ground being partly under water and the light very bad. The D.L.I. scored in the first half through Dack slipping in the mud and letting their outside-left through. Dack made up for this in the second half by equalizing from a penalty; he played centre-forward during the second half as we were a goal down at half-time.

The re-play was won most deservedly by us by 2—1. Flint, who played particularly well in this match, scored both our goals. The D.L.I. only scored from a penalty, whilst we missed one, Dack hitting the cross-bar with a terrific shot.

The final against The Royal Scots, from Secunderabad, took place on October 1st, and resulted in a goalless draw. It was not by any means such a good game as our second match against the D.L.I., and perhaps a draw was the best result. Glibbery was unable to play for us owing to fever, and Budd took his place at outside-left, Turley coming in at inside-right. Both goals had the narrowest escapes, but on the whole we looked more dangerous. Lincoln played a very good game, and made some splendid saves.

The description of the re-play of the final is taken from the *Times of India*. It only remains to be said that our team created a most favourable impression in Bombay and thoroughly deserved their victory both through pluck and endurance as well as skill. The defence, and particularly the backs, Palmer and Dack, was considered to have been the best seen in Bombay for many days and was described in one paper as "probably the best in Undia."

Many old admirers of the Regiment turned out at Bombay to watch us play, and the team much appreciated telegrams of good wishes and congratulations sent from Calcutta by Hugh Doherty, who was in the 2nd Battalion cricket and football teams as long ago as 1896.

(Extract from "The Times of India Illustrated Weekly," dated 5/10 24.)

MIDDLESEX WIN THE ROVERS CUP.  
SPLENDID RECOVERY IN RE-PLAYED MATCH,  
EQUALIZING GOAL IN THE LAST MINUTE,  
AND THE WINNING GOAL IN THE EXTRA TIME.

In the re-played final of the Rovers Football Cup before a huge crowd in Bombay



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Rifle Team, 1924.

Battalion Football Team, 1924.

Winners Poona District Tournament; Winners Rovers Cup.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN)



yesterday, the Middlesex beat The Royal Scots by 2—1.

It was a great and thrilling game. There was no score until nine minutes after the teams had crossed over, when the Scots scored the goal, the eligibility of which some of the Middlesex players appeared to doubt.

The Middlesex played up splendidly, and equalized within a couple of minutes of time after the Scots' goal had undergone many narrow escapes.

In the first part of the extra time which was played the Middlesex scored the winning goal amidst scenes of enthusiasm. The county regiment deserved their success. Their team work was better, and the forwards the cleverer of the two lines. Had the defence of the Scots not been brilliant, the latter's defence would have been penetrated more often.

The replayed Rovers Cup Final between The Royal Scots and the Middlesex Regiment attracted a huge crowd to the Cooperage on Saturday: the stand was packed, and extra seating accommodation all occupied, and people were sitting on the ground outside the touch-line. The big tree at the dressing-room end was crowded with chokras and enthusiastic Indian followers of the game, and when the teams, led by the pipers of The Scots, appeared on the field they were received with a roar of welcome from about six thousand throats.

The Middlesex just about deserved their victory, if only for their better combined work as a whole, but until the last minute it looked as if the Scots would leave the field winners. Then in the fifty-ninth minute Dack headed the equalizer, and during the extra time Flint got the winning goal. It was a typical cup-tie, with science sacrificed for vigour, and it was fought out at a terrific pace. Hard knocks were given and taken in the true sporting spirit, and every one of the twenty-two players did his utmost. Where the Middlesex had the pull was at half-back, their line working like Trojans and seldom wasting the ball. Glibbery was a dangerous raider and Palmer a cool back, while Lincoln was brilliant in goal. In fact, both goalies were excellent and earned round after round of applause for brilliant saves. The best man on the field, Brown, the Scots' left back, whose volleying was perfect and the way he times the tackles faultless. The Scots' wing halves ballooned the ball too

much and did not feed their wings on the ground as Langford, who played splendidly, did.

#### THE GAME.

The Middlesex won the toss, and the Scots kicked off towards the bandstand end. They forced a corner in the first minute, which was cleared, and Barron mis-kicked, but Brown had covered his partner and danger was averted. Glibbery got down but put behind and Hewett chased along, beat Brown, and tested Morine, who proved safe. Findlay was given off-side when he appeared through, and at the other end Brown made a splendid clearance, though pressed, Morine came out and fielded a centre from Glibbery, and Capel was pulled up for a foul on Woods. A good tackle by Brown was the next incident of note, and Barron was worried by Linley, and gave a corner.

The Middlesex now set up a hot attack, but Brown again came to the rescue. A long pass to Glibbery found that player offside.

All four backs were playing a fine game, and, generally speaking, both attacking lines were well held. Hewett had a good run down the wing, but Langford cleared his centre. Hands against Lafferty spelt danger, but the free kick went behind. Brown stopped the Middies right wing and gave to Langford, who in turn transferred to McNair; the latter shot, but Lincoln brought off a good save. The Scots maintained the pressure, but could make no impression on the Middlesex defence. Brown at this stage was brilliant, and Palmer was safe. The game was very fast, each end being visited in turn. Some nice combination on the Scottish right resulted in Lincoln being called into action. Brown came across and stopped Glibbery when that player looked dangerous, and the Scots' next attack was stopped by Dack, who sent Budd away but Morine saved his shot. Brown stopped Hewett and Langford made a brilliant clearance when Linley looked all over a scorer. The burly centre-half fed Findlay, who gave to Woods, but the latter's shot skimmed the bar. Half-time arrived with the score sheet blank.

The interval was whiled away by the Scots pipers, whose selections were much appreciated.

The re-start saw Palmer rob McNair, and a pretty piece of combination on the "Die-Hard" left followed. Langford fouled Linley, and then cleared the "free" which sent Findlay away. Dack darted in and sent into touch. Mitchell made a nice dribble and ended with a shot, but Lincoln was on the spot.

From a foul on Douglas, Mitchell dropped the ball into the goal, where, in a scrimmage, the ball was adjudged by the referee to have crossed the line and he awarded a goal, much to the delight of the Scots' supporters. The Middlesex now reorganized their team, Dack going centre-forward, and Capel dropping back and this seemed to put a bit of life into the forwards. Glibbery sent in a great shot which Morine beat out, and Findlay raced to the other end, where Capel applied the closure. The Middlesex now set up a hot attack on the Scots' goal, and their defence had a gruelling time. Morine was playing brilliantly, and there were some exciting moments in the Scots' goal-mouth. They worked down to the other end, where Lincoln saved Douglas's shot, and his clearance sent Hewett away, but the winger put over the bar. Douglas made another good run, but Capel brought off a fine tackle, and at the other end Brown was forced to give a corner. Hewett sent in a stinger which Morine saved, and Budd shot just over.

The Middlesex were attacking with great determination, and the Scots were defending desperately. Palmer was very cool, but Brown was positively brilliant. As the game was nearing its close the excitement was intense, and it became a duel between the Scots' defence and the Middlesex forwards. Vigour was also creeping in, and Mitchell and Flint were temporarily laid out.

In the last minute Hewett got down and centred from near the corner flag, and Dack, dashing up, headed into the net amid tremendous cheering. The whistle blew immediately afterwards, and the teams crossed over with the score one all.

The first half of the extra time saw the Scots press, but Dack, who had resumed his original position, cleared. The Scots' defence then faltered and that faltering cost them a goal. Neighbour lobbed the ball into the goal, and both Barron and Morine had ample time to clear. Each left it to the other and Flint dashing up

headed into the net, Morine making a desperate but futile effort to save. The Middlesex supporters nearly went mad at this. The Scots now made desperate efforts to draw level and the end of the first five minutes found them attacking. From the re-start they crowded on full steam, and it was the Middlesex defence that now received a gruelling. The Scots played all out for the equalizer, but the "Midd's" defence kicked anywhere as long as the ball was sent out of the danger zone, and the end came with the Middlesex winners by 2—1.

*Teams.*—Middlesex: Lincoln; Dack and Palmer; Neighbour, Capel, and Smith; Hewett, Budd, Linley, Flint, and Glibbery. The Royal Scots: Morine; Barron and Brown; Mitchell, Langford, and Lafferty; McNair, Douglas, Tuvay, Woods, and Findlay.

#### SIDELIGHTS ON THE GAME.

Why the Middlesex won.

The game ended as most would have liked to see it end. The Middlesex played slightly the better football, and there certainly was a doubt about that goal which the Scots scored. About five minutes from the end of the second half there came a prolonged blast on the whistle. The Scots' supporters rushed across the field under the impression that the cup had been won. But it was a player hurt, and not the final whistle which the Scots wanted.

The way in which the Middlesex played up after the Scots had scored is deserving of all praise. They completely reorganized their team—their usual practice in such circumstances, so it is said—and had they had their deserts they would have scored before they did. That was late enough. The referee seemed ready to blow his whistle when the ball was nicely headed through from a nice centre from the right winger—a clever and fast and tricky player who shone throughout the game.

The match was a pleasant contrast to some of the football which has been shown in the Rovers Tournament. There was some really excellent football shown, and it was not the sort of football that usually is associated with cup-ties, and in particular with cup-finals. The play of the Middlesex front rank was often a delight to watch, and there was unison between the whole team.



The Scots' backs were magnificent. That is the only word for them. On their form, and particularly when they were playing an uphill game, the Middlesex would have scored four or five goals against any Harwood League defence in sixty minutes. But the Scots' backs never knew when they were beaten, and their kicking was always accurate, though at times rather too lengthy.

The Middlesex men won because they were slightly—very slightly—the better side. And they played the better football. There was much haphazard kicking on the part of the Scots, much ballooning of the ball. But the Middlesex halves and backs placed the ball, and the forwards were always in their places. It was a fine final, not so thrilling, perhaps, as that of last year, but productive of football quite as good.

The Rovers Tournament, which finished yesterday, has this year been a great one—of the most successful in the history of the competition—and the Cooperage has been the scene of many a titanic struggle during the past three weeks.

In a tournament where the defences have been superior to the attack the hairbreadth escapes and thrilling moments in the goal-mouth have been few and far between. The football played has been of a high standard—clean, scientific, and maintained at a fast pace throughout. There have been few dull and uninteresting games, and very few injuries to players, which in itself is a tribute to the spirit in which the competing teams have played.

#### CRICKET.

The Company Cricket League is still in progress, with "B" Company leading, not having lost a match yet.

There have been a few regimental matches in which the Battalion has come out with flying colours. In August we played the Royal Tank Corps, whom we beat by 101 runs, Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer making a splendid 73, hitting four 4's and four 6's. The Royal Tank Corps scored 72, the Battalion scored 161.

On August 16th the 1st Bn. The Royal West Kent Regiment came over from Poona

and played us a two-day match, which we won by 214 runs. The scores were as follows:—

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
1st Innings.	
L./Cpl. Flint, b Davis	22
Pte. Lincoln, c Barham b Bullions	0
Sergt. Capel, c Davison b Peacock	0
Sergt.-Dr. Palmer, b Bruce	78
C.S.M. Siddons, c Davis b Hayward	0
Capt. Whinney, b Davis	0
Lieut. Pain, b Davis	0
Pte. Worger, lbw b Bullions	13
Sergt. Wilson, b Bruce	2
Bdsmn. Goatley, lbw b Bruce	5
L./Cpl. Addinall, not out	1
Extras	47
Total	168
2nd Innings.	
L./Cpl. Addinall, b Bullions	7
L./Cpl. Flint, run out	27
Bdsmn. Goatley, b Bullions	20
Lieut. Pain, b Peacock	12
Pte. Worger, b Bullions	0
Pte. Lincoln, b Peacock	27
Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer, c Bruce b Peacock	35
Capt. Whinney, c Froome b Peacock	10
C.S.M. Siddons, c Addison b Peacock	22
Sergt. Capel, c Froome b Peacock	0
Sergt. Wilson, not out	5
Extras	25
Total	190

1ST BN. THE ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.	
1st Innings.	
Lieut. Barham, b Wilson	12
Pte. Hayward, b Lincoln	10
Pte. Cannacott, b Lincoln	2
Lieut. Davison, b Wilson	16
Lieut. Addison, b Siddons	2
Cpl. Davis, c Whinney b Siddons	3
L./Cpl. Froome, run out	1
Cpl. Bruce, run out	12
L./Cpl. Peacock, c Lincoln b Wilson	7
Pte. Bullions, not out	3
L./Cpl. Farrington, run out	1
Extras	14
Total	83
2nd Innings.	
Lieut. Barham, b Wilson	14
Pte. Hayward, c Lincoln b Whinney	0
Pte. Cannacott, b Lincoln	0
Lieut. Davison, c Capel b Whinney	3
Lieut. Addison, b Whinney	4
Cpl. Davis, lbw b Sergt. Wilson	15
L./Cpl. Froome, b Whinney	0
Cpl. Bruce, b Wilson	10
L./Cpl. Peacock, c Flint b Whinney	2
Pte. Bullions, c Worger b Wilson	3
L./Cpl. Farrington, not out	0
Extras	10
Total	61

Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer played a very fine game, making a good 78 in the first innings, hitting eleven 4's and one 6. Sergt. Wilson bowled very well in both innings. It was a pleasant match, the weather being fine throughout.

On September 13th we played the Gymkhana Club and we won by 64 runs. Sergt. Wilson made a very good 50 not out, and Worger took 4 wickets for 5 runs. The scores were:—The Club, 58; the Battalion, 122.

On October 11th we again took on the Club, and the match ended in a draw in our favour. The Battalion made 211 for 7 and declared. C.S.M. Siddons scored an excellent 78 and Lincoln 45 not out. The Club scored 76 for 9, when light stopped play.

Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer and C.S.M. Siddons were asked to play for the Club against Poona Gymkhana Club. Owing to rain, only one innings each could be played. Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer scored 46, and C.S.M. Siddons took 6 wickets for 46 runs out of a total of 200 runs.

#### ANNUAL BATTALION SPORTS MEETING, 1924.

The Battalion Sports were held at Ahmednagar on September 10th and 11th at East Ridge. On the first day the preliminary heats were run off and some good times were recorded, in spite of the monsoon rains, the first of the 100 yards being covered in 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  seconds.

The preliminary heats resulted as follows: 100 Yards.—1st Heat: 1, Pte. Gower; 2, Pte. Donnecker; 3, L./Cpl. Clarke; time, 10 2/5 sec. 2nd Heat: 1, L./Cpl. Crossman; 2, Cpl. Palmer; 3, L./Cpl. Granshaw; time, 11 1/5 sec.

Hurdles.—1st Heat: 1, L./Cpl. Crossman; 2, Cpl. Palmer; time, 21 sec. 2nd Heat: 1, Sergt. Capel; 2, L./Cpl. Addinall; time, 21 sec. 3rd Heat: 1, Bdsman. Milehand; 2, L./Cpl. Fisher; time, 21 4/5 sec. 4th Heat: 1, L./Cpl. Granshaw; 2, Pte. Wade; time, 20 3/5 sec. Semi-Final: 1st Heat—1, L./Cpl. Crossman; 2, Cpl. Palmer; time, 19 4/5 sec. 2nd Heat—1, L./Cpl. Granshaw; 2, Pte. Wade; time, 20 sec.

440 Yards.—1st Heat: 1, Pte. Gower; 2, L./Cpl. Ballard; 3, Pte. Donnecker;

time, 58 1/5 sec. 2nd Heat: 1, Sergt. Hewett; 2, L./Cpl. Crossman; 3, L./Cpl. Neighbour; time, 59 2/5 sec.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—(To last 4.) 1, Pte. Boggeln; 2, Pte. Worger; 3, Pte. Roberts; 4, Pte. Stock.

220 Yards.—1st Heat: 1, Pte. Gower; 2, Sergt. Hewett; 3, Pte. Donnecker; time, 24 4/5 sec. 2nd Heat: 1, L./Cpl. Crossman; 2, L./Cpl. Clarke; 3, Cpl. Palmer; time, 25 sec.

High Jump. (To last 4.)—1, Major Wollocombe; 2, L./Cpl. Crossman; 3, Sergt. Colbourne; 4, L./Cpl. Fowler.

On the following day, which was marred by occasional showers, but not enough to damage the ground, a long programme of events commenced at 2.30 p.m. before a large and appreciative crowd. Lieut.-Col. F. E. Swainson and the officers were "At Home" to the officers of the garrison and their wives; the warrant officers, sergeants, and the corporals being also "At Home."

These sports were held to decide which company should be in proud possession, for the ensuing year, of the Battalion Athletic Sports Shield.

The following events took place for the Sports Trophy. Three points were awarded for 1st place; two for 2nd; and one for 3rd. These points counted towards both company and individual championships.

Results:—

100 Yards.—1, Pte. Gower; 2, L./Cpl. Crossman; 3, L./Cpl. Clarke; time, 11 sec.

220 Yards.—1, Pte. Gower; 2, L./Cpl. Crossman; 3, L./Cpl. Clarke; time, 23 sec.

440 Yards.—1, L./Cpl. Crossman; 2, Sergt. Hewett; 3, L./Cpl. Ballard. Time, 56 sec.

880 Yards.—1, Bdsman. Turner; 2, Pte. Smith ("D" Coy.); 3, Pte. Trestain. Time, 2 min. 16 2/5 sec.

One Mile.—1, Pte. Smith ("D" Coy.); 2, Bdsman. Turner; 3, Pte. Butler. Time, 4 min. 56 2/5 sec.

Three Miles.—1, Bdsman. Turner; 2, Pte. Butler; 3, Pte. Smith ("D" Coy.). Time, 17 min. 58 4/5 sec.

High Jump.—1, L./Cpl. Fowler; 2, Sergt. Colbourne; 3, L./Cpl. Crossman. 4 ft. 10 1/2 in.

Long Jump.—1, L./Cpl. Crossman; 2, Sergt. Colbourne; 3, Cpl. Myland. 10 ft.

Putting the Weight.—1, Sergt. Peck; 2, Cpl. Myland; 3, Cpl. Palmer. 31 ft. 9 in.



*Throwing the Cricket Ball.*—1, Pte. Worger; 2, Pte. Roberts; 3, Pte. Boggeln. 96 yd. 2 ft. 11 in.

*Hurdles, 120 Yards.*—1, L./Cpl. Granshaw; 2, L./Cpl. Crossman; 3, Cpl. Palmer. Time, 19 2/5 sec.

*Inter-Company Relay.*—1, "H.Q." (2); 2, "D"; 3, "H.Q." (1). Time, 4 min. 7 sec.

#### Final Placing of Companies.

"C" Coy. ...	23 points.
"H.Q." (2) ...	20 "
"D" Coy. ...	14 "
"A" Coy. and	
"H.Q." (1) ...	6 "
"B" Coy. ...	3 "

#### Individual Championship.

1. L./Cpl. Crossman ...	13 points.
2. Bds. Turner ...	8 "
3. Pte. Gower and	
Pte. Smith ...	6 "

Great excitement prevailed when the ex-champion of Malaya (Bds. Turner) was beaten by Pte. Smith ("D" Coy.) in the mile, after a strenuous run over a heavy course. This was the most surprising event of the day, and it was found that we have a good substitute to represent the Battalion in this event, in the forthcoming Indian Championships, in the place of Bds. Turner, who proceeds to U.K. this trooping season.

During the afternoon, in addition to the Trophy Events, Field Service Sports and other interesting races took place, in which the Royal Tank Corps Centre, 4/11th Sikh Regt., and the Indian Machine Gun Platoon of the Battalion took part. The Tank Corps "Alarm Race" was very much appreciated by the spectators, owing to its novelty. The 4/11th Sikh Regt. Relay Race proved them to be no mean athletes. The Veterans' Race was keenly contested by the "Old Sweats," first home being Sergt. Blake, second Sergt. Banfield, and third R.S.M. Fane. The Ladies' Race also drew great applause from the onlookers.

#### Results:—

*Field Service Race.*—1, "A" Coy.; 2, "D" Coy.; 3, "B" Coy.; 4, "C" Coy. Time, 5 min. 50 sec.

*Bombing Competition.*—1, Pte. Worger; 2, Pte. Pope; 3, Cpl. Palmer.

*Indian Platoon, 220 Yards.*—1, Lance Naik Mukh Ram; 2, Havildar Mani Lal; 3, Sepoy Ram Nath. Time, 28 sec.

*Corporals' Race, 120 Yards.*—1, Cpl. Palmer; 2, L./Cpl. Clark; 3, Cpl. Myland. Time, 13 4/5 sec.

*Alarm Race.*—1, "B" Coy.; 2, "A" Coy.; 3, "D" Coy.; 4, "C" Coy.

*Lewis Gun Competition.*—1, "A" Coy.; 2, "C" Coy.; 3, "D" Coy.; 4, "B" Coy.

*Indian Platoon Long Jump.*—1, Lance Naik Parbati; 2, Havildar Mani Lal; 3, Sepoy Ram Nath.

*Royal Tank Corps Alarm Race.*—1, No. 4 Car (Sergt. Jones).

*Sergeants' Race, 120 Yards.*—1, Sergt. Hewett; 2, Sergt. Colbourne; 3, Sergt. West. Time, 13 2/5 sec.

*4/11th Sikhs Transport Platoon v. 2nd Middx. Indian Transport Platoon.*—1, 4/11th Sikh Regt.; 2, 2nd Middx. Regt. Time 4 min. 30 sec.

*Children's Race (Boys).*—1, Boy Selman; 2, Boy Jones; 3, Boy E. Walter.

*Children's Race (Girls).*—1, Cissie Baker; 2, Joyce Baker; 3, Nellie Walter.

*Ladies' Race.*—1, Mrs. Sutherland; 2, Mrs. Poulter; 3, Mrs. Connelly.

*Veterans' Race.*—1, Sergt. Blake; 2, Sergt. Banfield; 3, R.S.M. Fane.

*Band Race.*—1, Bds. Robinson; 2, Bds. Jennings; 3, Bds. Milton.

*Consolation Race.*—1, L./Cpl. Mountfort; 2, Pte. Wade.

*4/11th Sikh Regt. Relay Race.*—1, "H.Q." Coy.; 2, "C" Coy. Time, 4 min. 12 2/5 sec.

#### RIFLE CLUB NOTES.

The Battalion entered several teams for the S.I.R.A. competitions fired on our own range, for which all companies first of all shot off, with the result that "A" and "B" Companies represented the Battalion for both the Ruthven (Company) Cup and Monro (Young Soldiers) Cup, "A" and "D" Companies for the Rawlinson (Platoon) Cup, and "C" Company for the Marshall (Lewis Gun) Cup.

The Young Soldiers Cup was never competed for owing to insufficient entries. During all our practice and in the final competitions we had to compete against a permanent but variable cross-wind, and were using rifles which have since been proved to be defective. However, all the teams shot well, although they did not win anything. "C" Company's Lewis Gun Team was exceedingly unfortunate in

having a stoppage which they could not rectify, as they had beaten the winning score more than once in practice.

The Battalion Team shot for the Dewar Shield, which they succeeded in winning and brought back with them from Bangalore, as well as medals for the team.

A team of fifteen of all ranks was sent to Bangalore for the S.I.R.A. Meeting, and did exceedingly well, especially in the Bangalore Cup, in which they were second, being only eight points behind the winners in spite of some very fine shooting at 600 yards, where they pulled up on an average two points per man. This was an especially good performance, as the winning team and most other teams were using aperture sights and slings.

In the Officers' Cup we came second, being only three points behind the winners. Lieut. R. T. Douthet was second in the Championship; C.S.M. Cox and C.S.M. Siddons and Pte. Austin won cups. C.S.M. Siddons scored a "possible possible" at 500 yards with all central bulls, which was only done on two other occasions during the whole meeting, which showed that the Middlesex Regt. was the best all-round regular unit competing, as the results below will show:—

*Match 1—200 Yards Slow.*—4, L./Cpl. Jones, 20 points; 15, Sergt. Colbourne, 19.

*Match 2—300 Yards Slow.*—4, Lieut. Douthet and L./Cpl. Jones, 19 points; 10, L./Cpl. Jenkins, 18.

*Match 3—400 Yards Slow.*—5, L./Cpl. Jones, 17 points; 8, R.S.M. Fane, 16.

*Match 4—500 Yards Slow.*—1, C.S.M. Siddons, 20 points (S.I.R.A. Cup); 5 central bulls; 2, C.S.M. Cox, 20; 4, Pte. Robinson, 20; 8, L./Cpl. Jenkins, 19; 11, Pte. Stagg, 19; 12, Lieut. Douthet, 18.

*Match 5—600 Yards Slow.*—1, C.S.M. Cox, 20 points (S.I.R.A. Cup); 3, Pte. Robinson, 19; 8, C.S.M. Siddons, 18.

*Match 6—200 Yards Snapshooting.*—1, Pte. Austin, 12 points (S.I.R.A. Cup); 4, Pte. Robinson, 11.

*Match 7—300 Yards Snapshooting.*—3, Lieut. Douthet, 9 points.

*Match 8—300 Yards Rapid (10 rounds).*—3, C.S.M. Cox, 34 points; 7, L./Cpl. Jones, 32.

*Match 9—400 Yards Rapid.*—7, Lieut. Douthet, 58 points; 15, Lieut. Lambert, 52.

*Match 10—500 Yards Rapid.*—6, R.S.M. Fane, 35 points; 14, Pte. Robinson, 34.

*Match 11—Fire with Movement, 600—500 Yards.*—6, C.S.M. Cox, 22 points.

*Match 12—Fire with Movement, 300—200 Yards.*—10, C.S.M. Cox, 18 points; 12, L./Cpl. Jenkins, 18.

*Match 13—Fire with Movement, 500—200 Yards.*—2, Pte. Stagg, 20 points; 3, R.S.M. Fane, 17; 5, L./Cpl. Jones, 15.

*Match 14—Slow Fire Aggregate.*—2, L./Cpl. Jones, 87 points.

*Match 15—Snapshooting cum Rapid Aggregate.*—1, Lieut. Douthet, 130 points.

*Match 16—Fire with Movement Aggregate.*—4, C.S.M. Cox, 51 points.

*Match 19—Officers' Championship.*—4, Lieut. Douthet, 229 points.

*Match 20—S.I.R.A. Championship.*—2, Lieut. Douthet, 65 points (Bronze Medal).

#### UNLIMITED SERIES.

*Match 1—200 Yards Slow.*—6, C.S.M. Siddons, 19 points; 10, C.S.M. Cox, 19; 13, L./Cpl. Jones, 19; 14, Cpl. Newton and Pte. Austin, 19.

*Match 2—300 Yards Slow.*—4, C.S.M. Siddons, 19 points; 7, Pte. Austin, 19; 9, C.S.M. Cox, 18.

*Match 3—400 Yards Slow.*—4, Cpl. Newton, 17 points; 7, C.S.M. Siddons, 17; 8, L./Cpl. Jones, 17; 11, L./Cpl. Jenkins, 15.

*Match 4—500 Yards Slow.*—2, C.S.M. Siddons, 20 points.

*Match 5—600 Yards Slow.*—2, C.S.M. Cox, 20 points; 3, C.S.M. Siddons, 20; 5, L./Cpl. Jenkins, 19; 9, Pte. Austin, 18; 10, Lieut. Douthet, 18; 12, Pte. Boggeln, 18; 13, Pte. Robinson, 17.

*Match 6—Snapshooting, 200 Yards.*—5, C.S.M. Siddons, 10 points.

*Match 7—Snapshooting, 300 Yards.*—2, Pte. Austin, 9 points.

*Match 8—300 Yards Rapid.*—5, L./Cpl. Jones, 30 points.

*Match 9—400 Yards Rapid.*—4, L./Cpl. Jenkins, 55 points.

*Match 10—500 Yards Rapid.*—2, C.S.M. Cox, 37 points.

*Match 23—Bangalore Cup: Snapshooting, 200 Yards; Slow, 300 and 600 Yards.*—2 (Silver Medals). Team: Lieut. Douthet, R.S.M. Fane, C.S.M. Cox, C.S.M. Siddons, L./Cpl. Jenkins, L./Cpl. Jones, Pte. Robinson, Pte. Austin. 300 points. Winning team scored 309.



Match 24—Officers' Cup.—2, 108 points. Winning team scored 111.

Match 25—N.C.Os' Cup.—11, 137 points.

Match 26—Knock-out Stakes.—“A” Team knocked out in semi-final; “B” Team knocked out in 3rd round.

Match 28—Regular Army v. Auxiliary Forces.—Bronze Medals: Lieut. Douthet (captain), C.S.M. Cox, C.S.M. Siddons. Auxiliary Forces won by 8 points.

Spoons for Pool Bulls won by:—R.S.M. Fane (1); C.S.M. Cox (2); C.S.M. Siddons (2); Cpl. Newton (1); L./Cpl. Jones (1).

#### SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Several members of the Mess proceeded to Bangalore for the Annual Rifle Meeting (The Bisley of India), and needless to say, a few cups, medals, and spoons have now found their way into the Mess. Great credit must be given to our teams on the results obtained. In the Bangalore Cup, the regimental team came second, being beaten by a civilian team by nine points, truly a great performance for us, especially this being our first year in India. The civilian teams were allowed to use peepsights. Watch events, Mr. Editor, it's ours next year. R.S.M. Fane, C.S.M. Cox, and C.S.M. Siddons are to be congratulated on being selected to fire for the British Army against the Indian Army.

Farewell socials have been arranged of late, on members leaving for United Kingdom. C.Q.M.S. Walter and Sergt. Blake, both leave us on completion of 21 years' service; L./Sergt. Rowlands to the Army Reserve, and Sergt. Hart to the Depot. We were very pleased to see our “draftys” Rand and Hart obliging with several songs, which were greatly appreciated. The organizing and management in finding such talent for these socials were left to that hard-working committee of three—namely, C.Q.M.S. Smith, Sergts. Colbourne, and Hart. (Turn the fan on, boy.)

We all congratulate our football team on the splendid victories of late, with the result that we now have two more large cups added to the Mess silver. The biggest cup, “Rover” by name, is one of the finest to be won for football in India, and the 2nd Battalion won this same cup in 1897.

The monthly dances have taken place with the usual success.

Bdmr. Clibbens has arrived and taken over the band, and we wish him every success.

Lieut.-Col. F. E. Swainson and Mrs. Swainson gave a “Farewell At Home” to the members of the Mess and their wives. A very pleasant afternoon was spent. The tennis cracks were all out for fresh laurels, and very excellent tennis was seen. The old “wallahs” partook of clock golf, and Sergt. Cook won the first prize for same. The golf experts at home will have to take second place when (?) Jim Cook comes home. “Tiny” Cushion rather excelled himself as the “Master of Badminton,” and his figure and style on the court was the topic of the day, evidently he has caught the “Kruschen feeling.”

Col. and Mrs. Swainson are residing in India, and we all hope that in the near future we may meet again.

SMUGGER.

#### HEADQUARTER WING.

Congratulations are due to “H.Q.” Wing II (Band and Regimental Employed) on their winning the Battalion Hockey League without losing or drawing a match.

Cricket has now commenced and a number of men from “H.Q.” Wing have been given a trial, and are playing for the Battalion team. The services of Sergt. Glover are much missed, he is at present away attached to the Bombay, Baroda, and Central Indian Railway Regiment. He did very deadly work with his bowling last year both for the Regimental team and “H.Q.” 2. We are now busy selecting teams for an Assault-at-Arms to be held at Poona. The company is representing the Battalion both in the Machine Gun and Signalling competitions. Judging from the excellent results that the Machine Gun Platoon achieved in their annual classification, they should do well.

We have also been selected to represent the Battalion both in the Tug-of-War and the Inter-Regimental Relay Race. It is to be hoped that Lieut. E. L. Heywood will have returned from the frontier in time to take his place in the relay team. Bdsman, Turner has also been selected to represent the Battalion in the Open Mile. He recently won an Open Mile event at Bombay, to be added to his previous successes.

The Machine Gun Platoon has furnished a demonstration section for the Machine Gun School during the last two courses there. They received frequent complimentary remarks on their efficiency at the work and general turn-out. It also afforded excellent training for the section.

#### MACHINE GUN PLATOON.

At the end of June the Machine Gun School applied to our Battalion for a demonstration section, with which we easily complied. We were polished up for two days by the school staff, and then commenced a series of dazzling displays, witnessed by the students, including senior officers from all over India, after which we knew the full meaning of the words: “Liase, reconnoitre, rendezvous, and coordination.”

During our stay here we have always held our own with the Royal Tank Corps and Machine Gun Schools in all sports.

On completion of the first course a section from another unit was detailed to relieve us, previous to which we were severely inspected by them both in demonstration and cleanliness. Our section sergeant was rather indignant when a sepoy came to inspect his equipment and general appearance, and he was politely ordered off.

We just managed to reach barracks when we were given orders to “About turn,” and returned to the school, as the relieving section had not come up to scratch at their first demonstration. Here we stayed for the duration of the next course. At the time of writing the relieving section are still taking “tips.”

During the second course we were paid a visit by the Adjutant of the Canadian Small Arms School, and once again we dazzled.

To finish the end of the second course we are delving into the mysteries of electric light firing gear, which has just arrived in India (about two years late).

We learnt several things on the course, but we still want to know how to change the colour of mules.

Our next item on the programme is a Machine Gun Competition at Poona for all India, on which we have designs.

We are very glad to have back two of our number ones—namely, L./Cpl. Webb and Pte. Glew, from a strenuous six months'

convalescence at Wellington. Two of our senior Corporals are at present on a course at which we believe they are progressing favourably. Cpl. Howard (92) has just rejoined us from the last course, with a certificate to be proud of. We must congratulate Capt. Moore on passing a course so successfully, after such a short spell with the Machine Gun Platoon.

We are also proud to have amongst our members two of the Regimental football team—namely, Sergt. Hewett and Pte. Linley, who helped to win the Rovers Cup at Bombay.

After firing our last course we possess more than fifty per cent. marksmen and L./Cpl. Gwinnett obtained 35 hits on the Y.M.C.A. target.

Before concluding we must not forget to congratulate Lieut. Clayden and Sergt. Palmer on the skilful handling of the section which made it so successful in all stunts and demonstrations.

STEAM TUBE.

#### “A” COMPANY.

We have been doing fairly well in the way of sports lately, though have not managed to reach the top in most cases. In the Battalion Football League we drew with “B” on points, but had to be contented with second place owing to goal average. We were unlucky in being without Sergt. Capel and Pte. Arnold when we played against “B” Company.

In the hockey we managed to pull up to second place to “H.Q.2,” who had an exceedingly good team. Again we were handicapped by having players away on courses. We had four members of the Company in the Battalion Hockey XI, and also four in the successful Battalion football team.

At cricket, in the Inter-Company League, we have won three out of the four matches played, losing against “B” Company, when our side batted very poorly with the exception of C.S.M. Siddons, who made a splendid 45; he also made 130 (not out) against “C” Company.

The finals of our Company Sports had to be run off on the roads around barracks owing to the rain having made the track impassable, but there were good times put up.



In the Battalion Athletic Sports we came fourth, L./Cpl. Granshaw doing very well in winning the hurdles. We did much better, however, in the military events, No. 14 Platoon winning the Field Service Order Race, which is a great test of endurance, and they will represent the Battalion in the Assault-at-Arms at Poona. No. 2 Platoon's team won the Lewis Gun Competition, No. 1 Platoon came second in the Alarm Race by a small margin, and Pte. Pope got second place in the Bombing.

The Company had the best average in the Battalion in the S.I.R.A. Competitions. The Company team and No. 4 Platoon's team shot well in the final round, the former scoring a hundred points more than "B" Company. We had a good Young Soldiers' Team, but this event was not held owing to insufficient entries. Five of the Company went to Bangalore with the Battalion shooting team, and C.S.M. Siddons and Pte. Austin brought back cups.

Inter-Platoon games have been played regularly with great keenness, and the platoon will be very closely contested between all four platoons.

Dances have been given in the Company dining-hall fairly regularly on Saturday evenings, and have been very popular and successful.

The Company Concert Party gave some very good shows down at the Fort at very short notice, which was well attended.

We are sorry to lose Sergt. Hart, who has gone to the Depot for a tour of duty; also eleven others, who have gone for discharge or premature transfer to the Army Reserve. We wish them all the best of luck.

#### "B" COMPANY.

Since our last contribution we have again been to the Fort. Whilst there we held our Annual Company Sports. We were fortunate to have had fine weather as the monsoon season was in full swing.

The Company turned out in force to watch the various events which took place on two successive evenings. The winners were:—

100 Yards.—L./Cpl. Welsh.  
200 Yards.—Pte. Hodgson.

440 Yards.—L./Cpl. Fowler.

880 Yards.—Pte. Hodgson.

Company Relay.—No. 8 Platoon.

One Mile.—Pte. Payne.

Three Miles.—Pte. Payne.

Long Jump.—Sergt. Simmonds.

High Jump.—L./Cpl. Fowler.

No. 8 Platoon are still the proud possessors of the Tug-of-War Cup. L./Cpl. Fowler was the individual champion of the Company.

Mrs. D. C. Owen kindly presented the prizes at the conclusion of the sports.

The Cricket League is not yet finished, and up to the present we have done very well, having played four matches and won each of them. Our last match is with "D" Company. It is hoped that we finish up in the same position in this league as we did in the Football League. Our stay at the Fort terminated on August 30th, and we returned to East Ridge.

Again we carried on with our dances with huge success, affording amusement and great delight to large attendances.

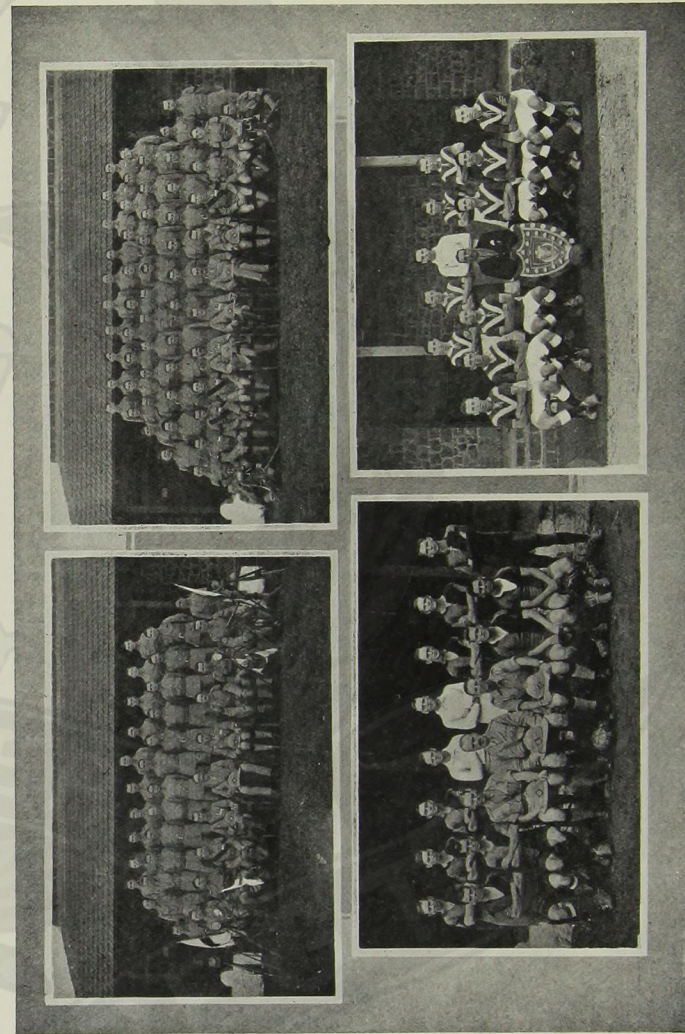
The Battalion held their sports on September 11th and 12th. We did not do so well as we expected, one of our best runners being away on convalescence. L./Cpl. Fowler won the High Jump (4 ft. 10½ ins.); we also won the Team Alarm Race. This team will represent the Battalion in the sports which are to be held at Poona in the near future. The Battalion Football Team proceeded to Bombay on September 14th, to play the R.A. in the first round of the Rovers Tournament Cup, our Company being represented by Sergt. Wilson, Ptes. Dack, Budd, and Lincoln.

We started to fire Table "R" course on September 18th.

In the preliminary shoots to choose the best company, platoon, etc., to represent the Battalion for the S.I.R.A. competitions, "B" Company won the Company and Young Soldiers' Competitions; unfortunately the latter was afterwards cancelled owing to the lack of entries.

C.S.M. Steadman, our new acting company-sergeant-major, has left us, having proceeded to Deolali to take over the duties of Camp Sergeant-Major during the trooping season. We regret the loss of our esteemed C.Q.M.S. Walters, who has left us after 21 years' service. We all hope that he will get on as well in civilian life as he has done in the Army. His successor is Sergt. Sperry, M.C., who is as well-known in the 1st as in the 2nd Battalion.

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Machine Gun Platoon.

"B" Coy. Football Team.  
Winners Company Football Shield, 1923-24.

Signallers.  
"A" Coy. Football Team.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN)



## "C" COMPANY.

The Company Cricket League has commenced, and in spite of the enthusiasm shown by our company we have only managed to win two of the first four matches played. We have been giving a weekly dance in the company lines for some time, and they have proved very successful, and if one can believe what one hears, the Palais-de-Danse is right out of the question as far as some of our fairies are concerned.

Owing to a prolonged visit by Mem-Sahib Monsoon our Company Sports had to be run off at a few odd moments; her ladyship allowed things to dry a little, but even this did not damp the (already wet) spirit shown in all events.

L./Cpl. Crossman managed to get going and pulled off six firsts and one third, quite a good individual effort. The final results of the sports were as follows:—

*Throwing the Cricket Ball.*—1, Pte. Worger, No. 10 Platoon; 2, Pte. Jackson, No. 11 Platoon. Distance, 100 yards.

*Long Jump.*—1, L./Cpl. Crossman, No. 12 Platoon; 2, Sergt. Colbourne, No. 10 Platoon. Distance, 17 ft. 8 ins.

*High Jump.*—1, L./Cpl. Crossman; 2, Sergts. Colbourne and Rand. Height, 5 ft. 3½ ins.

*100 Yards.*—1, L./Cpl. Crossman; 2, Pte. Donnecker, No. 11 Platoon.

*220 Yards.*—1, L./Cpl. Crossman; 2, Pte. Donnecker.

*440 Yards.*—1, L./Cpl. Crossman; 2, Pte. Jay, No. 11 Platoon.

*880 Yards.*—1, Pte. Butler, No. 9 Platoon; 2, Pte. Jay, No. 11 Platoon.

*One Mile.*—1, Pte. Butler; 2, Pte. Adams, No. 12 Platoon.

*Three Miles.*—1, Pte. Butler; 2, Pte. Harris, No. 12 Platoon.

*120 Yards Hurdles.*—1, L./Cpl. Crossman; 2, Sergt. Rand, No. 12 Platoon.

*Putting the Shot.*—1, Pte. Gutteridge, No. 11 Platoon; 2, Pte. Franklin, No. 11 Platoon.

Two Platoon competitions were run off to decide upon teams to represent the company in the Battalion Sports. The teams finally selected were No. 11 Lewis gun team under L./Cpl. Jones, and No. 10 Field Service Race team under L./Cpl. Milne.

It was with great hopes that we turned out in full force on September 10th and 11th to see our company representatives do their utmost to win for us the Battalion Athletic Shield. This they did in great style, and we must congratulate our team on the splendid show they made enabling us to carry off the shield for the first time for quite a number of years.

Here again, L./Cpl. Crossman made doubly sure that we should remember his last of many successes he has made during his service with the Company by winning the Battalion Individual Championship Medal. His best efforts during the two days being:—100 yards and 220 yards, 2nd place; 440 yards, 1st place; high jump, 3rd; long jump, 1st; hurdles, 2nd; obtaining a total of 13 points. Our remaining points were obtained by Pte. Butler, 3rd place in the mile and 2nd in the three miles; Sergt. Colbourne, 2nd place long and high jumps; and Pte. Worger, 1st place throwing the cricket ball.

The next event of note was the Southern India Rifle Meeting, our representatives in this being C.S.M. Cox, Sergt. Colbourne and L./Cpl. Jones, we are sure they will never be able to use all the silver spoons etc., they found at Bangalore. We congratulate C.S.M. Cox and L./Cpl. Jones on being selected to assist the Battalion team to win the Dewar Shield, and the former on being selected to assist a team representing the British Army *v.* The Indian Army.

It is with great regret we have to report the loss of our Company Commander, Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., who has left us to brave a musketry course at Satara, and we all wish him every success and shall miss him greatly, not only as a Company Commander, who has done great things for the company since he first came to us at Singapore, but also as one of the best sportsmen the Company has had for some time past.

Our C.S.M. is also leaving us to perform the duties of C.S.M.I.M., and we cannot thank him enough for the energy he has shown in helping one and all both on and off parade. (Lucky "H.Q." Company.)

Pte. Nobby Owen has left us to make his fortune in "civies," and L./Sergt. Banfield to attempt the same with the Poona Rifles.

## "D" COMPANY NOTES.

Our weekly dances and whist drives have been carried on with great success. We can always reckon on a full house, and everyone appreciates the good music and arrangements. We are unfortunate in losing L./Sergt. Rowland, who has proceeded to England. He was always a great help in organizing these dances and whist drives, and we shall all miss him. We sincerely hope that he will do well in civilian life, and we wish him the best of luck and health in his new adventure.

We have not been successful in sports. At hockey and cricket we are fair, at football—well, that remains to be seen; but still, we hope to be up with the heads next year. We certainly hope to retrieve our honour in the Battalion boxing.

Now, this is where we do shine! Our Company Concert Party has made a great hit. Lately we gave a two-night show, and it proved a huge success—a full house on both occasions—and everyone wants to know when we are giving our next performance. Pte. Moss at the piano and Pte. Leonard are artists of merit, and credit must be given to this duo on their double turn. Leonard is a born comedian, and he holds his audience spellbound. If he carries on much longer he will put our funds in debt, because he always brings the "House down." Pte. Moss, both during the rehearsals and the actual show, worked very hard, and the boys are very fortunate in having him in the Company. Pte. Morgan makes a great hit with his falsetto voice, and each of his songs were encored. L./Cpl. Smith can always be relied upon with his up-to-date songs, and many thanks are due to him by helping to make the show a success. Ptes. Higgins and Taylor were very good, especially this being their first time on the boards, and now they have got over their first night feeling we hope to see them well to the fore in the next show. L./Cpl. Wright as a classical dancer is "it," and although he is amusing with his antics, he is certainly clever with his dancing. L./Cpl. Lane as a Sheikh was good, and his make-up excellent. L./Cpl. Bracey, who has always been a great help in the show as a comedian, gave a good display, and now "Wag" has gone home we shall have to look further afield to fill his place. We feel certain that he will prosper in civilian life.

Everyone in the Battalion who attended these concerts were very pleased, and several congratulations were sent to the party.

A./C.S.M. Smith has now relinquished the appointment of Acting Company Sergeant-Major, and has been appointed Colour Sergeant of "H.Q." Wing, and we are sorry to lose him. C.Q.M.S. Davis, of "H.Q." Wing, has taken over the duties of C.S.M.

Nineteen men of the Company proceeded to the United Kingdom during October, seventeen going to the Army Reserve and two for discharge. We wish them every success, especially Alf Paradise and old Bill Pontnoy.

With reference to the Battalion Sports, we congratulate Pte. Smith on winning the mile.

We are looking forward to Company training, and we are certainly looking forward more to the time when it finishes.

Before closing, a word of thanks must be given to the Band for their service, free of charge, at our concert, which put the polish to it. Gentlemen of the Band, many thanks!

Don Coy.

## BIRTHS.

HATHAWAY.—On 10/7/24, at Ahmednagar, the wife of No. 6189289 L./Cpl. W. Hathaway—a son, William Charles Patrick.

BRATBY.—On 30/8/24, at Ahmednagar, the wife of No. 6192552 Cpl. W. Bratby—a daughter, Doreen Patricia.

BROWN.—On 8/9/24, at Ahmednagar, the wife of No. 4256283 Pte. L. Brown—a son, Leslie George Arthur.

POCOCK.—On 17/9/24, at Ahmednagar, the wife of No. 6189323 Dmr. G. Pocock—a son, George Edwin Leonard.

## LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS.

No. 6188457 C.S.M. Siddons and No. 6188440 Pte. Knight, awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (with gratuity).

## PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

No. 6190336 L./Sergt. L. Simmonds promoted Sergeant, 24/8/24.

No. 6190649 Cpl. G. Bone appointed Paid L./Sergeant, 30/8/24.



No. 6191568 C.Q.M.S. Davis promoted W.O. Class II and appointed C.S.M., 3/10/24.

No. 6191851 Sergt. T. Smith promoted Clr./Sergeant and appointed C.Q.M.S., 3/10/24.

No. 6188917 Cpl. Harwood appointed Band Corporal, 8/10/24.

#### STRENGTH.

The undermentioned embarked at Bombay for the United Kingdom per H.M.T. *Assaye* on 10/10/24:—

No. 6189672 C.Q.M.S. J. Walter, for discharge.

No. 1851542 Sergt. E. Blake, for discharge.

No. 6193510 Pte. A. Owen, for discharge.

No. 6192515 Pte. E. Goode, for discharge.

No. 6190118 Pte. E. Austin, for discharge.

No. 6190868 Pte. F. Davis, for discharge.

No. 6192240 L./Cpl. C. Bracey, for discharge.

No. 6194283 Pte. H. Slaytor—discharge from the Service, 24/9/24, at his own request on payment under Art. 1001 (a) Pay Warrant, 1922.

No. 3048555 Pte. R. Cooper transferred from 1st Bn. The Royal Scots, 11/9/24.

Bandmaster H. Clibbens embarked at Southampton, 23/9/24, per H.M.T. *Assaye*. Disembarked at Bombay 14/10/24. Taken on strength 23/9/24.

#### CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION

*Awarded 3rd Class, 5/9/24:—*

No. 6194354 Pte. Jones.

No. 6194789 Pte. Wall.

No. 6189594 L./Cpl. Brown.

No. 6193955 Pte. Matthews.

No. 7813723 Pte. Rice.

No. 6193028 Pte. West.

No. 6190076 Pte. Endersby.

No. 6192402 Pte. Jones.

No. 6194089 L./Cpl. Milne.

No. 6194099 L./Cpl. Carter.

No. 6192699 Pte. Poulson.

No. 6191434 Pte. Lawrence.

No. 6189925 Pte. Wood.

No. 6194797 Pte. Churchill.

No. 6195687 Boy Goldsmith.

No. 6195710 Boy Green.

No. 6195712 Boy Gordon.

No. 6190127 Pte. Baulch.

No. 6195632 Boy Williams.

No. 1044043 L./Cpl. Potter.

No. 6194635 Boy Potts.

No. 6195639 Boy Pugh.

#### LIEUT.-COL. HARVEY GOODWIN, D.S.O.

**HARVEY GOODWIN** was born on August 13th, 1877, and after serving with the Imperial Yeomanry for nine months, was gazetted 2/Lieutenant in the Middlesex Regiment on July 24th, 1901.

He was in the South African War, operations in Natal, March to June 1900; operations in Transvaal, December 1900 to May 1902; Queen's Medal with two clasps, King's Medal with two clasps.

After serving with the 4th Battalion at Aldershot and Dublin, he joined the West African Frontier Force in February, 1905, until March, 1909. He was present at the operations of the Kissi Field Force (medal and clasp).

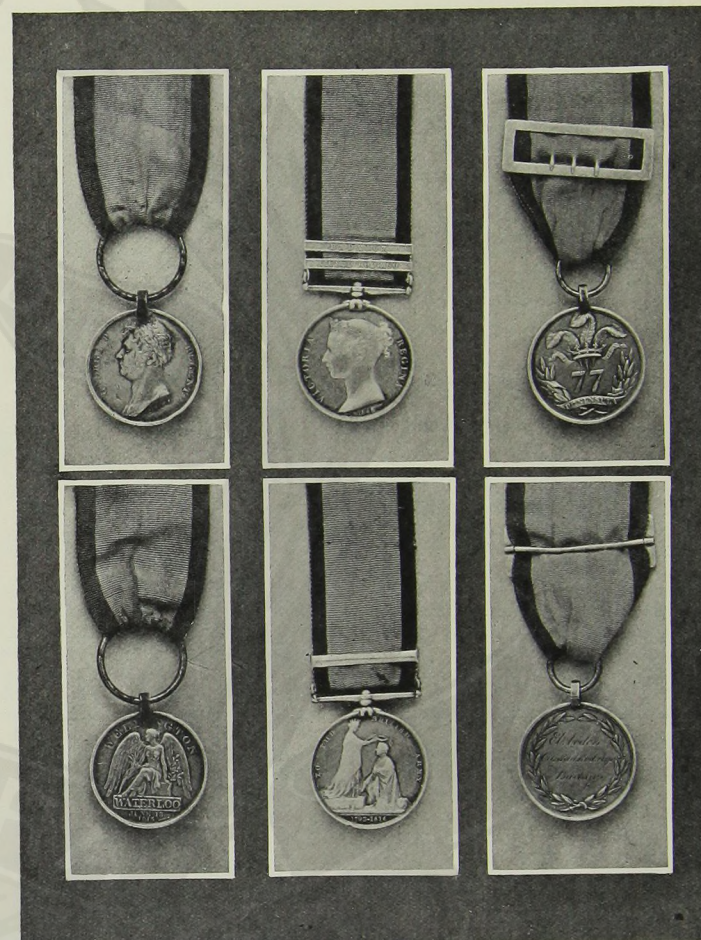
During the Great War he commanded the 2nd Bn. Cheshire Regiment and the 16th Bn. West Yorkshire Regiment in France and Belgium. He also served in Egypt during the war, and was wounded once. For his services he was mentioned in despatches and rewarded with a Brevet Lieutenant-Colonelcy, D.S.O., French War Cross, 1914-15 Star, British War, and Victory Medals. Since 1922 he has been employed as Commandant Detention Barracks in Cologne.

He was promoted Captain in January, 1911, and Major in July, 1916.

Lieut.-Colonel Goodwin retired in December, 1924.

**WHAT'S YOURS?**  
Ours is news please  
and double measure!

#### MEDALS OF THE REGIMENT.



WATERLOO  
MEDAL.

PENINSULAR  
MEDAL  
with Clasps:  
Badajoz and Ciudad  
Rodrigo.

RÉGIMENTAL MEDAL  
77TH FOOT  
Engraved: El Bodon,  
Ciudad Rodrigo,  
Badajoz.

The above group of Medals belonged to Sergeant Alexander Campbell, 77th Foot, who served in the Peninsular War, and was present at the battles of El Bodon, Ciudad Rodrigo, and Badajoz.

At the Battle of Waterloo he was serving as Orderly to General Sir Thomas Picton, G.C.B. (Fifth Colonel, 77th Foot), Commanding 3rd Division.

[We are indebted to Mr. E. Morris for the above photograph, and to E. E. Needes, Esq. in whose possession the medals are, for kindly permitting the photograph to be taken.]



## REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1924.

Amount of grants made:—£121 3s. 9d.  
 Number of cases dealt with: 70.  
 Number of cases assisted: 53.  
 Number of men registered for employment: 549.  
 Number of men found employment: 13.  
 Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 9.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Central London Recruiting Depot, on Saturday, October 25th, 1924.

*Present*:—Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E. (in the chair), Lt.-Cols. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., and G. Beach, T.D.; Majors D. C. Percy-Smith, D.S.O., and R. A. Slee; Capt. H. E. Foster, W. W. Jefferd (2nd Bn.), M. Thorne (8th Bn.), and V. E. Stock, M.C.; R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, C.Q.M.S. A. Lewis, Mr. E. Morris, Mr. J. G. Peacock, Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Secretary and Honorary Treasurer).  
 The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The accounts for the Old Comrades' Dinner were presented and passed. The question of holding the Old Comrades' Dinner during the winter months was considered, and it was decided that the next should be held on February 28th, 1925. (Notes and details will be found on p. 334.)

The History Committee reported progress and presented estimate for printing and publishing.

Correspondence relating to the election of a candidate for admission to the Star and Garter Home, Richmond, was read.

A candidate nominated by the Executive Committee was admitted to the Home for permanent residence on December 19th.

It was notified that C.Q.M.S. Lewis, 1st Battalion, had been elected a member of the Executive Committee *vice* R.Q.M.S. G. H. E. Duffield, discharged to pension.

A letter from the Middlesex County War Memorial Committee was read, and it was decided that two morocco bound and four

paper covered copies of the Regimental Roll of Honour be presented in connection with the County War Memorial unveiling ceremony.

### REPLACEMENT OF LOST MILITARY DECORATIONS

New provisions in the King's Regulations state that when the insignia of British Orders, other decorations, and medals are lost by a serving officer or soldier, entirely through unavoidable circumstances arising out of the exigencies of the service, these decorations or medals may be replaced at the public expense.

Campaign medals lost after the death of the recipient will not be replaced.

An officer no longer on the Active List may, after taking reasonable steps to recover a lost decoration or medal, submit an application for replacement on prepayment direct to the Under-Secretary of State, The War Office, but new insignia will not be issued until two months have elapsed from the date of the loss.

### WEARING OF MILITARY DECORATIONS.

Approval has been given by the Army Council for the wearing on appropriate occasions, of orders, decorations, and medals with service dress uniform by retired officers, officers of the Regular and Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, officers who have resigned or relinquished their commissions with permission to retain rank, and officers and other ranks who have been granted permission to wear uniform on special occasions.

### A "DIE-HARD" VETERAN.

(*"Evening Post," Wellington, New Zealand, February 18th, 1924.*)

"To-day is the 86th birthday of Edwin Bezar, of Rintoul Street, South Wellington, an ex-Sergeant-Major of the 57th (West Middlesex) Regiment, known to military fame as the 'Die-Hards'—one of the historic British regiments that took an active part in suppressing that section of the Maori rebellion which kept the settlers of Taranaki province in a fever of unrest, in the early sixties, for several

years. Associated with the famous regiment prior to and during its participation in the Crimean War campaign, Sergeant-Major Bezar sought, upon its return to England in 1867, a reluctant "discharge," but remained identified with military enterprises in New Zealand—as a sergeant-major of Militia and Volunteering—for a further period of twenty-two years. Prior to his retirement from active participation in Colonial military affairs in 1892, Sergeant-Major Bezar published, in Dunedin, a volume entitled, 'Some Reminiscences of the Die-Hards.' He was later a veteran Volunteer drill instructor in Wairarapa, and many Volunteers passed through his hands."

### 7th BATTALION NOTES.

THE beginning of each training year is generally a rather quiet period, and this one has proved to be no exception. Now, however, Battalion and Brigade competitions are in full swing, and things are again livening up in the Drill Halls, though larger attendances are still wanted.

It seems that the rigours of the winter have encouraged some members of the Battalion to hibernate for an even longer period than usual.

It seems likely that the Association are going to do a lot to improve the men's canteens at the various Drill Halls in the near future. Some of them could certainly be made more comfortable, but support from the men themselves is also needed if they are ever going to be made a real success. The thing to remember is that all the profits on goods bought in the Canteens are spent on the men in some form or another, while money spent outside won't help them.

The re-starting of the Battalion competitions this year should prove of great benefit to the companies. There are some very fine trophies to be won, the Lewis Gun Cup in particular being exceptionally handsome, and competition for it should be keen.

A point to be borne in mind regarding these competitions is that, whereas every

man can help his company to win, a man who does nothing will lose points for his company, and so spoil the good work of the others; it is these slackers that want watching.

### OFFICERS' NOTES.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Lieut.-Colonel S. C. M. Smith on his Brevet Lieutenant-Colonelcy awarded to him in the New Year's Honours.

Major Smith was gazetted to the 1st Volunteer Battalion, Middlesex Regt., as a 2/Lieutenant in 1908, and proceeded abroad with the 7th Battalion on the outbreak of the Great War, and served in France for eighteen months until invalided home in 1916. He was twice mentioned in despatches, and received the Territorial Decoration in 1923.

Second-Lieut. Harrison has been transferred to the Supplementary Reserve of Officers.

Second-Lieut. E. C. Kent has joined the Battalion, and been posted to "C" Company.

Owing to the fact that he is temporarily leaving the neighbourhood, 2/Lieut. E. J. Hay is being attached to the Royal West Kents at Maidstone.

During December Capt. Vickerage and Lieuts. Murray and Lindsay qualified at a sixty hours' small arms course held at the Depot. We hear that they had a strenuous time, but we congratulate them on the results of their labours.

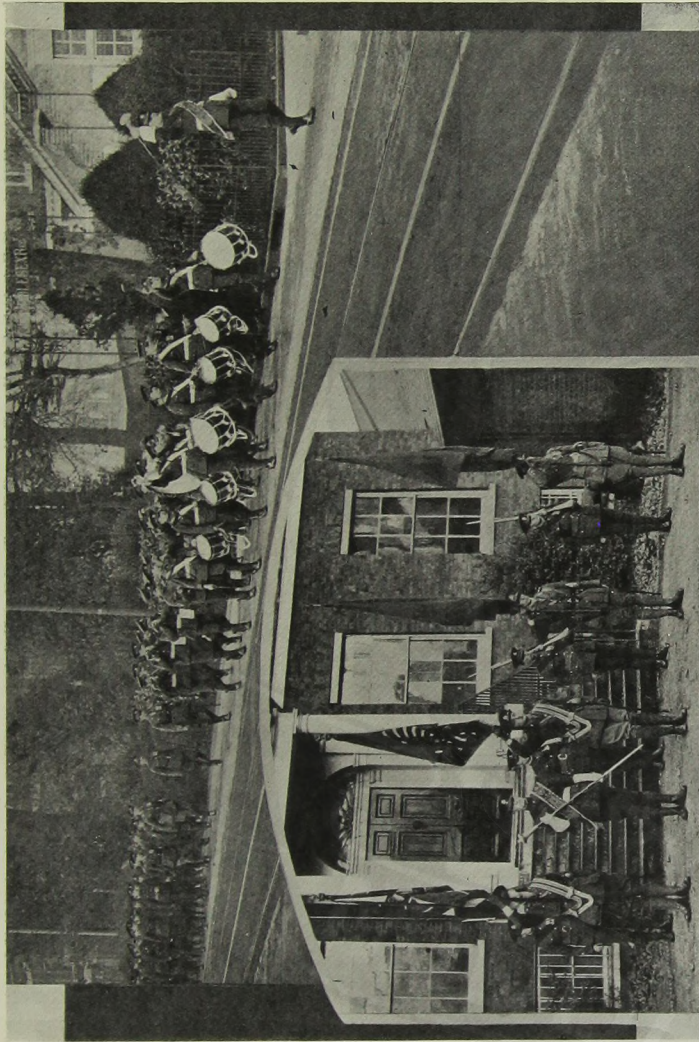
### ARMISTICE DAY ANNIVERSARY, 1924.

On Sunday, November 16th, a very interesting and well-attended Battalion parade was held in connection with the Armistice Day celebrations.

On this occasion opportunity was taken to place the old Colours of the Loyal Hampstead Volunteers in the Memorial Chapel in Hornsey Parish Church. These Colours were presented by the Baroness Alvanley in 1802, so on the occasion of their last parade were no less than 123 years old.

Contingents from all companies attended the parade and marched to the Parish Church. On arrival outside the Battalion was halted and the old Colours were





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## 7TH BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN)

On Parade on Armistice Sunday, 16th November, 1924.

The Colours of the 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment with the Old Colours of the Loyal Hampstead Volunteers presented by The Baroness Alvanley in 1802.

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marched down the ranks by the Drums, the Battalion afterwards filing past them into the church.

Prior to the commencement of the service the Colour party bore the Colours up the aisle to the gates of the Battalion memorial screen, where they were handed over to the Archdeacon of Hampstead.

On the conclusion of the service, the Battalion, led by the Drums, marched over to Tottenham, where everybody enjoyed an excellent dinner, at the conclusion of which the parade was dismissed.

### DEPOT NOTES.

FOUR squads are undergoing training at the Depot. A draft of 26 proceeded to join the 1st Battalion on February 6th.

It is interesting to note that although the areas open for enlistment into the Regiment embrace Surrey, Kent, Sussex and Middlesex, no less than 73 out of 118 men now at the Depot come from the Metropolitan districts.

The following Territorial and O.T.C. officers have completed their initial course at the Depot:—

Lieut. O. W. Mitchell, King William's College, Isle of Man; Lieut. J. Johnson, Rossall School; 2/Lieut. R. G. Gibbon, Wrekin College; 2/Lieut. G. L. Drake, Wrekin College; 2/Lieut. J. R. J. Macnamara, 3rd City of London Regiment; and 2/Lieut. L. E. Dashwood, Mill Hill School.

Capt. H. G. Vickerage, M.C., Lieuts. A. Lindsay and H. A. Murray, all of the 7th Bn. Middlesex Regiment, completed a Weapon Training Course at the Depot in December.

An outdoor service was held at the Regimental Memorial, Mill Hill Barracks, on Armistice Day, November 11th, 1924.

The Depot paraded at full strength, and was supported by representatives from the Territorial battalions. Many relatives of those who fell were present. Wreaths were placed at the foot of the Memorial from The Officers, The Sergeants, The Corporals, and The Privates of the Depot, 1st, 8th and 9th Battalions, and numerous others from private sources.

The annual Christmas dinner was held on Wednesday, December 31st, 1924. Sergt. Shaw and his experts are to be congratulated on the general excellence of the preparation, cooking, and service of the feast.

On Thursday, January 1st, the annual tea and Christmas tree was held in the Theatre for all married N.C.Os. and men, their wives and children. After tea, Father Christmas (ably represented by Lieut. A. Weller) announced his arrival from a neighbouring chimney. At this moment the Theatre was placed in darkness, and the stage curtain withdrawn, revealing the Christmas tree aglow with tiny coloured electric lights and tastefully festooned with the customary Yuletide decorations. Toys in abundance were laid across the stage. After a hearty welcome, Father Christmas presented all the children with gifts. The afternoon closed with dances and games, which appeared to be enjoyed by the parents as much as by the younger generations. The Depot Jazz Band, a new organization, under the able directorship of Mrs. Skeggs, rendered an appropriate selection of music.

A concert was held in the Theatre on Thursday, December 18th. This time the programme was provided by The "Gossips'" Variety Company. A feature of the entertainments is that all ranks may invite their friends free of charge. A thoroughly good show was enjoyed by a full house.

The annual Depot Rifle Meeting was held on the thirty yards' range early in December. The following were the results:—

*Individual Championship of Depot.*—1st, Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C.; 2nd, L./Sergt. Taylor; 3rd, Sergt. Clarke.

*Knock-out Competition (pairs, any rank).*—1st, Sergt. Clarke and L./Sergt. Burt; 2nd, L./Cpl. Hull, M.M., and L./Cpl. Jones.

*Team Competition.*—1st, Sergt. Goldstraw, Sergt. Darby, L./Sergt. Taylor, and L./Sergt. Robbins; 2nd, Capt. W. Jefferd, Lieuts. S. Mirams, M.C., B. Reckham, M.C., and A. Weller; 3rd, Cpl. Steward, Cpl. Duckmanton, L./Corpls. Jones and Hull, M.M.

*Inter-Mess Championship (open to one team of each rank).*—1st, Officers' Mess; 2nd, Sergeants' Mess.



Individual Shoot for Prize given by Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C.—1st, L./Sergt. Robbins; 2nd, Sergt. Clarke.

The Depot Football League to date is as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals—		
					F.	A.	Pts.
Sergeants ...	6	6	—	—	19	5	12
Corporals ...	6	3	1	2	10	5	8
Privates (Staff) ...	5	2	1	2	19	9	6
Mons Squad ...	5	2	1	2	8	8	6
Albuhera Squad ...	9	1	7	1	10	33	3
Ypres Squad ...	5	—	4	1	4	12	1

The Depot is second in the Finchley and District Football League, the results being as follows:—

P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals—		
				F.	A.	Pts.
9	5	3	1	25	19	11

#### POSTINGS.

1851542 Sergt. E. Blake: From 2nd Battalion, per H.T. Assaye, for discharge.

6188650 L./Cpl. J. O'Neill: From 1st Battalion for tour of duty (12/11/24).

6188510 Sergt. H. Hart: From 2nd Battalion, per H.T. Neurulia, for tour of duty.

6192077 Cpl. H. Dare: From 2nd Battalion, per H.T. Neurulia, for A.R. (13/11/24).

6192067 L./Cpl. E. Crossman: From 2nd Battalion, per H.T. Neurulia, for A.R. (13/11/24).

6190625 Cpl. C. Garner: From 2nd Battalion, per H.T. Neurulia, for A.R. (13/11/24).

6191907 L./Sergt. J. Rowland: From 2nd Battalion, per H.T. Neurulia, for A.R. (13/11/24).

6192146 L./Cpl. C. Ormes: From 2nd Battalion, per H.T. Neurulia, for A.R. (13/11/24).

6191470 Cpl. S. Stone: From 2nd Battalion, per H.T. Neurulia, for A.R. (13/11/24).

6192662 Sergt. W. O'Brien: Embarked H.T. Neurulia for 2nd Battalion (24/11/24).

6188394 R.Q.M.S. P. Coles: From 2nd Battalion, per H.T. Marglen, for discharge (12/12/24).

#### APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

6077634 Pte. W. Bells: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal (6/11/24).

6192240 L./Sergt. W. Clements: Promoted Sergeant (10/11/24).

6191726 L./Sergt. E. Robbins: Appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant (10/11/24).

6192848 Pte. W. Clarke: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal (1/12/24).

6196326 Pte. G. Blackman: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal (15/12/24).

6196345 Pte. W. Jackson: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal (15/12/24).

#### DISCHARGES.

183142 Sergt. E. Blake: Discharged to pension (18/11/24).

6188394 R.Q.M.S. P. Coles: Discharged to pension (29/12/24).

#### CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

The undermentioned Boys and Privates have obtained 3rd Class Certificates at Mill Hill during the last quarter:—

6196381 Boy A. Drane, 6196357 Boy R. Stretton, 6196316 Pte. G. Brooks, 6196354 Pte. A. Coulling, 6191613 Pte. F. Gibbons, 1671286 Pte. S. Kerr, 6196308 Pte. E. Reyland, 6196302 Pte. H. Smith, 6196322 Pte. J. Smithers, 6196300 Pte. E. Whitwell, 6196356 Boy H. Hayes, 6196230 Pte. F. Burrows, 6196326 Pte. G. Blackman, 6196310 Pte. A. Dennis, 6196318 Pte. F. Holland, 6196306 Pte. W. Robbins, 6196325 Pte. E. Sullivan, 6196218 Pte. W. Smith, 6196319 Pte. L. Woodley, 6196327 Pte. E. Bennett, 6196350 Pte. E. Franks, 6196348 Pte. W. Griffen, 6196345 Pte. H. Jackson, 6196349 Pte. H. Kelly, 6196353 Pte. F. Parfitt, 6196235 Pte. J. Scott, 6196317 Pte. H. Brady, 6196347 Pte. H. Green, 6196351 Pte. P. Hopwood, 6196334 Pte. J. Kimble, 6196303 Pte. L. Long, 6196338 Pte. F. Ranns, 6196333 Pte. A. Venes, 6196371 Pte. W. Bryson, 6196389 Pte. F. Chapman, 6196383 Pte. E. Folley, 6196379 Pte. W. Fricker, 6196368 Pte. J. George, 6196384 Pte. C. Hamilton, 6196399 Pte. W. Swann, 6193519 Pte. R. Young, 6196321 Pte. W. Searle, 6196368 Pte. L. Cox, 748759 Pte. F. Edwicker, 6196378 Pte. W. Faris, 6196362 Pte. J. Grainger, 6196370 Pte. P. Grout, 6196363 Pte. H. Holness, 6196304 Pte. A. Thomas, 6196196 Pte. A. Gibson, 6196339 Pte. A. Tate.

6189130 Sergt. J. Tungate: Awarded 1st Class Certificate of Education (15/10/24).

6190031 Sergt. C. Denton (1st Battalion): Awarded 1st Class Certificate of Education (15/10/24).

6190512 Cpl. G. Goss: Awarded 1st Class Certificate of Education (new series), (17/10/24).

6196323 Pte. G. Carpenter: Qualified in Map Reading at examination for 1st and Special Certificates held in October, 1924, and being in possession of the University of London Matriculation Certificate, will be regarded for Army purposes as though he possessed Army Special Certificate of Education.

LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS.

The undermentioned have been awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medals, with gratuity, under A.Os. of October, 1924:—

6188450 C.Q.M.S. A. Lewis, 6188463 Cpl. T. Hannah, 6192557 Pte. S. Bezer, 6192721 L./Cpl. A. Sando, 6188444 Sergt. G. Hoadley, 6188468 L./Cpl. H. Baker, 6188447 Pte. S. Hutton.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS.

Since our last issue we have started our winter social events.

A dance was held in the Theatre on Friday, October 30th, 1924, and was attended by the members and their friends, and with the assistance of the Depot Jazz Band a very pleasant night was spent. Dancing continued until 2 a.m.

The October Tournament of Skittles was won by W.O. Dunham, who beat the R.S.M. in the final.

The November Tournament was Whist, and was won by R.S.M. Mantell and S./Sergt. Elliott, A.P.T.S., thereby winning a tankard each.

During the month Sergt. O'Brien left us to join the 2nd Battalion in Ahmednagar, and his place is filled by Sergt. Hart.

Early in December a short visit was paid to us by R.Q.M.S. Coles, who came home from the 2nd Battalion for discharge to pension. He has promised to look us up on February 28th at the Old Comrades' Annual Dinner.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Sergeants' Mess on January 2nd, 1925, and attended by all members. After dinner we were honoured by the attendance of all the officers, and a toast was given by R.S.M. Mantell, which was readily responded to by Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.

After dinner we adjourned to the Theatre, where everything was in readi-

ness for a dance. This lasted until 2 a.m. Many friends were present, and all voted it a very enjoyable evening.

During the quarter the sergeants were very much in evidence at the Depot Rifle Meeting, Sergt. Clarke and L./Sergt. Burt winning the "Knock-out" Competition for pairs.

The Inter-Mess Competition was won by the Sergeants, the representative team being Sergeants Goldstraw and Darby and L./Sergeants Taylor and Robbins.

The Officers won the Team Championship, being closely followed by the Sergeants' Team, composed of Sergt. Wilcockson, Sergt. Clarke, and L./Sergeants Taylor and Robbins.

In the Individuals' Championship we took second and third place, namely, L./Sergt. Taylor second and Sergt. Clarke third, the winner being Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C., whom we congratulate.

Lest we forget, the Sergeants are undefeated in the Depot Football League, the results being as follows:—

Played, 6; won, 6; lost, 0; drawn, 0; goals for, 10; goals against, 5; points, 12.

#### DEPOT CORPORALS' ROOM NOTES.

Our belief in commencing the New Year with good resolutions has led to the appearance of these, our first notes, in the Regimental Journal, a resolve, which it is hoped, will be kept.

Billiards has played an important part in social evenings held in the room recently.

A tournament was arranged in October in order to pick a team of six for the purpose of challenging the members of the Sergeants' Mess to a billiards match.

The acceptance of the challenge led to a very enjoyable evening on November 3rd, which somewhat compensated us for a defeat by 98 points.

On the promise of a return match we stiffened our cueists' ranks, but only succeeded in reducing the margin to 92 at the next attempt on December 17th. However, the social part of the evening was a success, and even if chess and shoveha'penny is mixed in we will live in hope of turning the scale when another of these enjoyable occasions presents itself.



The scores for each match were:—

Corporals.		Sergeants.	
Cpl. J. Steward	100	Sgt. E. Shaw	97
L./Cpl. R. Ecclestone	88	Sgt. J. Tungate	100
L./Cpl. R. Sando	100	C.S.M. H. Gray,	
		D.C.M.	77
L./Cpl. C. Kingdon	95	Sgt. E. Burt	100
Cpl. H. Warren	36	Sgt. J. Wilcockson	100
L./Cpl. S. Jones	57	Sgt. P. Phipps,	
		R.A.M.C.	100
Total ... 476		Total ... 574	
Sergeants.		Corporals.	
R.S.M. R. Mantell	100	L./Cpl. R. Sando	84
Sgt. J. Wilcockson	100	L./Cpl. J. O'Neill	42
C.S.M. H. Gray,		Cpl. G. Goss	100
D.C.M.	49		
Sgt. E. Burt	100	Cpl. J. Steward	70
Sgt. P. Phipps,		L./Cpl. C. Kingdon	100
R.A.M.C.	74		
Sgt. J. Tungate	100	L./Cpl. R. Bearne	35
Total ... 523		Total ... 431	

A party representing the Corporals' Room had an entertaining evening at the Old Comrades' Concert held at Holborn in September.

The Depot Football League is going strong, and after having an unfortunate commencement the Corporals now hold second place in the League, the figures reading:—Played, 6; won, 3; lost, 1; drawn, 2; goals for, 10; goals against, 5; points, 8. As the Sergeants are only four points ahead, we have high hopes of taking the lead in the near future.

The junior ranks' whist drives and dances have been greatly appreciated; in fact, so much so, that we were tempted to organize a dance of our own.

Our efforts were well rewarded on the night of December 22nd, Col. and Mrs. V. L. N. Pearson, the majority of the officers and ladies, and the members of the Sergeants' Mess honouring us with their presence.

We were also enabled to welcome many friends met at the dances given by the 7th and 9th Battalions.

A most enjoyable and successful evening was spent before scattering far and wide for the Christmas holidays.

The slogan of the room is now, "Roll on the next."

During December a Billiards Handicap was introduced; the advent of L./Cpl. O'Neill necessitated this move.

The semi-final stage has now been reached, with Cpl. J. Steward, Cpl.

Mardle, L./Cpl. O'Neill, and L./Cpl. Sando, looking ahead, and everybody else wishing that it was Hobbs and Sutcliffe scoring instead.

At the Depot Rifle Meeting held in December the Sergeants again proved too many for us, our only consolation being runners-up in Competition "B" (pairs), L./Cpl. H. Hull, M.M., and L./Cpl. Jones being the expert pair.

We must now get ready for strenuous hours of training in preparation for that day of days, *i.e.*, the Depot Albuhera Sports Day. As we don't allow the grass to grow under our table, and have no ruts to dig from, we shall have to consult "Slasher" on how to roll, or else fall back on that ancient manoeuvre of climbing Bittacy Hill at midnight.

Our sincere congratulations are extended to our ancient member, L./Cpl. R. Sando, on the award of his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

We welcome the arrival of L./Cpls. J. O'Neill, W. Clarke, G. Blackman, and W. Jackson to the Corporals' Room.

We close our Notes wishing our friends at home and abroad "A Happy and Prosperous New Year." GEG.

#### "GEGISMS."

Who is the member who inaugurated a "smoker" all to himself in the piano?

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Has the Fire Fighting Member been consulted?

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Are apples a "Bake" or a "Stew-ard" on the menu of future dances?

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Has the installation of electric lighting any connection with the "Live Wire" operating in the room recently?

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Is the connection with the loud speaker in the Lecture Hall really necessary in the Corporals' Room?



**WHAT'S YOURS?**  
Ours is news please  
and double measure!

## RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS.

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### V.

PROBABLY most of us at some time or other have experienced the pleasing sensation caused by a flattering remark, having the effect of making one feel like the proverbial monkey with ten tails. I can recall at least one such occasion, a very bright spot on an otherwise somewhat gloomy day, from a financial point of view. In August, 1920, I found myself in Ostend, still showing very clear evidence of bombardment, but full of gaiety. On the Sunday a friend having one or two horses running I was optimistic enough to anticipate a profitable afternoon at the races. But it was not to be. The first three races sufficed to clear me out of all my Belgian currency, and when the horses had all gone to the post for the fourth race I had to fall back on English notes. Producing a "fiver," I tendered it to the "bookie," who agreed to accept it at about 150 francs below its market value. Before I had time to tell the "bookie" what sort of a thief I thought he was, I felt a tug at my coat. Turning, I saw a little fat Belgian, who told me I was being robbed, and how much did I want, producing a fat bundle of Belgian notes. I thanked him, and said 500 francs would do very nicely; that it was very kind of him, and where should I find him to repay his 500 francs. Hurriedly stripping off five notes he thrust them at me, and saying he would be somewhere about he rushed off. Another "also ran" left that bet in the bookie's bag, and having changed some English money I set about trying to find my little fat Belgian. It was not till quite an hour later that I succeeded in spotting him in the crowd. Returning him his 500 francs with renewed thanks, I added: "Surely it was a rather a risky thing to hand over 500 francs to a stranger and foreigner?" to which he replied, "Oh no! Not at all! I knew you were an Englishman!" I only hope that little man found every winner. I didn't find one; but what are winners compared to such a handsome compliment to the Union Jack!

### VI.

Of England in war time—ten years ago now—I have but scanty knowledge, having been re-called to the East while on leave, and embarked in H.T. *Dongola* on August 11th, 1914, not returning to England till July, 1920. Thus my experience of England in war time was limited to little more than one week, sufficiently long, however, to leave lasting impressions, as vivid now as if they had happened this year. On August 10th I went up to town *en route* to Southampton and embarkation, and it was a case of standing room only in the corridor of the only ordinary passenger train running that morning from Yarmouth to London. Not seeing the joke of standing all the way to Liverpool Street if it could be avoided, I asked a friendly ticket collector at Ipswich the best thing to do, and learnt that ordinarily there ought to be a boat train from Harwich waiting in a siding at Manningtree to let us pass and follow immediately, and that if it was there I should probably find it almost empty. Sure enough the train was there, and I quickly transferred myself and kit and settled comfortably in a compartment to myself. As I got in I noticed sentries in the corridor of the adjoining carriage. On investigation after starting they proved to belong to a guard over, I imagine, the first Bosche prisoners to be landed in England—five naval officers rescued from the mine layer sunk by the Harwich Flotilla off Felixstowe the previous day.

On the night of August 10th, 1914, I was staying in a hotel at one of the seaside resorts on the south coast not far from Brighton. It was practically empty, there being only one other couple besides my wife and myself staying there. As was usually the case, most of the hotel staff appeared to be of Continental extraction, the first to attract a new arrival's attention being the hall porter, a burly, obvious Hun, with a string of weird medal ribbons across his chest, all unknown to me except the two South African ribbons. Not till about 11 p.m. did the man's existence come back to me, when, in the course of conversation over a "night-cap" with the other male visitor (who proved to be a planter from South India), he enlarged on that fine old British soldier, the hall porter, and told



me what he had been, where he had served, etc., a tissue of the most palpable falsehoods, as the man had absolutely given himself away. Having explained the position to my planter acquaintance, he quite agreed that if our Hunnish friend repeated the same cock-and-bull story to me the only safe place for him was under lock and key, with which resolve we adjourned to the hall to interview the suspect, which I proceeded to do. With his tongue in his cheek, no doubt, he gave his name as Von Platen, and claimed to be a Swede. He further claimed to have served with a British cavalry regiment, Vereker's Horse, in South Africa, Bombay, Rangoon, and Sabaing. (The appearance of a British cavalry regiment in Rangoon and Sabaing must have astonished the natives somewhat, I fancy.) It is curious that he hadn't got any fairly creditable tale ready to pitch about his medal ribbons, as after he had worked off the South African he had nothing to fall back on for the others except "General Service." Thus we came to the point when I had to gently persuade him to go into his "box" and call up the Police. So far, the planter and I had quite enjoyed ourselves, but with the arrival of a sergeant and constable after a few minutes we found ourselves up against a brick wall of obstinate obstruction. To put it shortly, the Police absolutely declined to "take care" of the Hun, because he had already reported himself at the station as a Swede, and nothing would induce them to budge from that position without an order from the Chief Constable, who lived miles away at Horsham, and we failed to get him on the 'phone: The argument with the Police lasted till after 2 a.m., enlivened first by the boots, evidently another Hun, who, discreetly in the background, wanted to fight us, and later by the proprietor, in a very advanced stage of intoxication, to whom we had to be very rude before he collapsed, muttering curses on us for casting aspersions on his trusty hall porter. Very early that morning before catching my train for Southampton I wrote a detailed report to the Chief Constable, and many months later had the satisfaction of receiving his thanks, and hearing that Mr. Von Platen had been put where he could do no harm.

"DOUBLE SEVEN."

## 8th BATTALION NOTES.

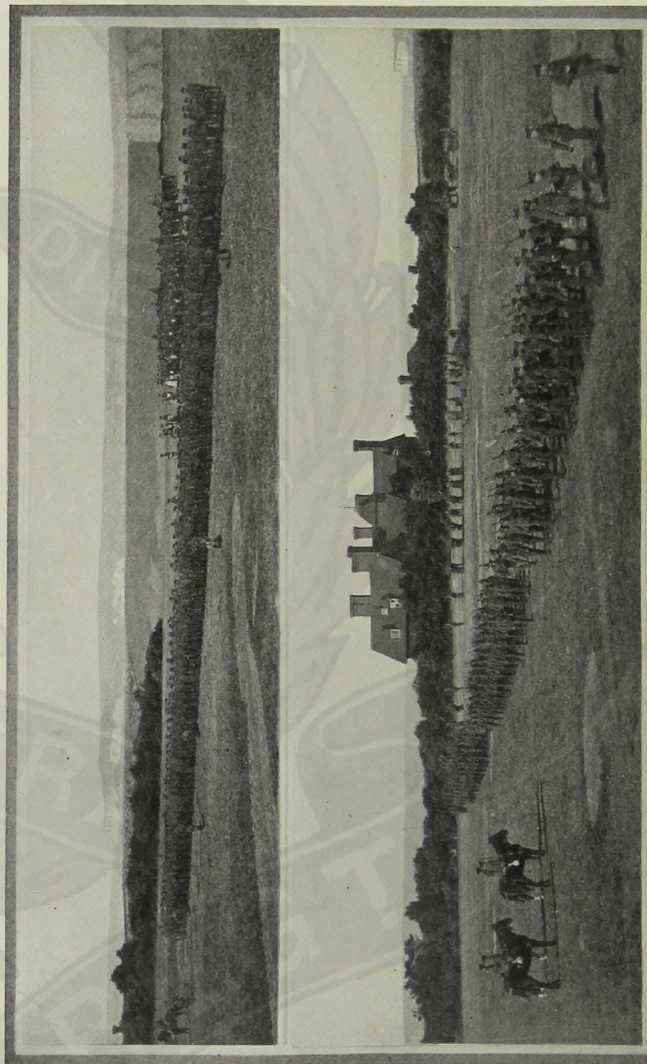
### HEADQUARTER WING NOTES.

HEADQUARTER Wing are not unreasonably feeling rather proud of themselves at the moment, as a result of a most successful year. Out of seven Battalion trophies for which they were able to compete, "H.Q." Wing have won five, including the much-coveted Company Championship Cup. Credit is due to all ranks for combining to achieve this result. For the first time, at any rate since the war, a tea and Christmas entertainment was given in Hounslow Drill Hall on Wednesday, December 17th, to the wives and children of all married members of the Company. About eighty grown-ups and 140 children sat down to tea at long tables decorated with regimental colours. After tea a loud knocking was heard, and Father Christmas entered via the stage, carrying a large sack, and took his place by the side of a gaily-decorated Christmas tree. Each child present was then presented with a toy.

The same evening the Annual Prize-giving was held. Proceedings commenced at 7.30 with an overture by the Regimental Band, and this was followed by various vocal items until 9 o'clock, when the prizes were distributed by Col. W. Garner, C.M.G., T.D., Honorary-Colonel of the Battalion. About fifty prizes were given away in connection with the Annual Miniature Range Competition, and there were also prizes for competitions held during the year for musketry, for the greatest number of drills performed before Camp, and for the neatest tents in Camp. Capt. Palmer's Cup for the best company shot went to Sergt. Mullaley, who was, incidentally, also the best shot in the Battalion.

The Edwards Memorial Cup for the most efficient group in "H.Q." Wing went for the second year in succession to the Band and Transport group.

The Individual Efficiency Cup, awarded this year for the first time, was won by Cpl. G. Stone. An engraved cigarette case was also presented to C.S.M. Walker (late Permanent Staff Instructor at



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Battalion on Parade.

Battalion Marching Past, Seaford, 1924.



Hounsloy) in recognition of his services with "H.Q." Wing. After the distribution of prizes, the concert was continued until a late hour.

Among those present besides Col. Garner was Lieut.-Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., Capt. W. H. Parmeter, Capt. H. Dymore, M.C., Mr. and Mrs. R. H. G. Boys, Mr. and Miss Summers. There was also a large audience consisting of members of the Wing, their families and friends.

"H.Q." Wing is making strenuous efforts on behalf of the War Memorial Fund. At the time of paying bounties a sum of £4 11s. 6d. was collected, and many other small subscriptions are being gathered in on the occasion of dances and other functions.

Dances continue with undiminished success, under the capable management of Capt. H. Dymore, M.C., who still finds himself able to discover even more novelties for use in the Dance—No, Drill Hall.

#### YELLOW FLASHES.

There was a young fellow of Hythe,  
Who was young, handsome, active and  
lithe,

He said "For a prickle  
You need just a sickle,  
For a Thorn you'll be wanting a scythe."

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Here is a riddle for the children. What  
is the difference between the R.S.M. and  
Father Christmas?

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Bounties were paid, as usual, this year  
just before Christmas, and married men's  
wives again wondered why bounties were  
reduced. Canteen receipts went up to  
"set fair."

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We have not had time to write any  
more Yellow Flashes for this issue, as we  
have been too busy doing Cross Square  
Puzzles.

#### "A" COMPANY NOTES.

The Brigade Commander, Col. Solly-Flood, C.M.G., D.S.O., inspected the Company on Tuesday, December 16th, 1924. He expressed his appreciation of the work and system of training.

Our Christmas tree and tea for the wives and children of the married mem-

bers of the Company was a great success. In all about twenty-six wives and forty-six children were entertained, and much credit is due to Sergt.-Major Manders and C.Q.M.S. Unsted for their splendid organization and hard work.

We offer our congratulations to our Second in Command, Lieut. P. R. Pattison, upon his promotion, and to Headquarter Wing on winning the Championship Company Shield.

#### "B" COMPANY NOTES.

"B" Company and Battalion Drums attended a special service at St. John's Church, Ealing, when an address was given by the Rev. O. S. Watkins, C.M.G., C.B.E., Assistant Chaplain General to the Forces. Immediately after the service a wreath was placed on the Company Memorial by Capt. W. H. Parmeter on behalf of the serving members of the Company, and a wreath by Mr. G. Butler in remembrance of past members.

The "Last Post" and "Réveillé" was then sounded by the Battalion buglers, the Rev. Owen Watkins, who was accompanied by the Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. Summerhayes), giving a short prayer and blessing.

After this parade Capt. W. H. Parmeter and thirty-five other ranks attended the unveiling of Uxbridge War Memorial.

#### PRIZE GIVING—PRESENTATION OF NEW EFFICIENCY CUP.

A foretaste of the festive season characterized the annual prize distribution and concert of "B" Company, held on the Tuesday evening before Christmas in the Drill Hall, West Ealing. Despite almost the worst that the weather could do in the day of pelting rain, there was a good attendance of officers, N.C.Os. and men and the general public. The Mayor and the Mayoress of Ealing, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ruston, Lieut.-Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C. (who presided), and Capt. W. H. Parmeter, O.C., were among those present.

A musical programme, in which there was no lack of humorous items, was enjoyed by the gathering. The proceedings included two prize distributions. Mrs. A. C. Ruston presented the awards in connection with the Christmas shoot.

Capt. Parmeter, speaking on behalf of "B" Company, warmly thanked Mrs. Ruston and Mrs. Howell-Jones for the kind and practical interest they had shown, and thanked the ladies of Ealing who had presented the new efficiency cup. It was a beautiful cup, he added, and it would be much prized.

The second distribution of awards was made by the Mayoress to winners of the Company cup and prizes for the Territorial year ended on November 30th.

During this part of the proceedings Lieut.-Col. Baker gave his address. It always gave him real pleasure, he said, to come over to Ealing, because he admired the keenness and warmth of enthusiasm, which were outstanding features of the Company, and the amount of civic support received. He was delighted that the Mayor and the Mayoress of the Borough were with them that night, and he could see that they intended to follow the excellent example set in this respect by the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, of whose interest the beautiful cup on the table was a splendid souvenir. Whenever the Territorial unit was buoyed up by local support, and had such a backing from the Council and civilian population as it had in Ealing, efficiency was maintained.

Capt. Parmeter gave a brief review of the work of "B" Company during the past Territorial year. It had been a successful year, he said, and the spirit of the Company had been good. Its strength, excluding officers, had risen by eighty-five in 1923 to ninety in 1924. Twenty-five per cent. of the discharges during the year had been into the Regular Army and into the Royal Air Force, and these discharges had been made good. Dealing with the Company's work in musketry, Capt. Parmeter stated that ninety N.C.Os. and men had qualified in the general musketry course. Thirty-two had qualified for the Lewis Gun Badge. The Company had also won the Brigade Lewis Gun Battalion Competition. In the matter of sports, the Company had won the Inter-Company Football Cup for the 1923-4 season, and in the Battalion sports at Seaford Camp Pte. Hooper took seven prizes, Cpl. Gosling, Pte. Tripp, and Pte. Newbery also being among the prize-winners. At the Brigade sports Pte. Hooper, Cpl.

Gosling, and Pte. Newbery had won several awards.

The Mayor said that he had himself served with the Territorials, and he had been keen on his job. He was delighted to see the evidence of so much keenness among local Territorials as he had witnessed that night, and if he could help Capt. Parmeter during his year of mayoral office he should be only too pleased.

#### LADIES OF EALING CUP.

The Ladies of Ealing Proficiency Cup, which stood in the centre of the table of handsome trophies, is of silver, in the shape of a Corinthian urn, with two handles and lid. It bears the arms of Ealing on one side, and underneath the inscription: "Presented to the 'B' Company of the 8th Battalion Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), T.A., by the Mayoress of Ealing (Mrs. D. Howell-Jones) on behalf of the ladies of Ealing, 1924."

#### "C" COMPANY NOTES.

We think we see an all-round improvement in the Company on the past two or three years, most of the credit for which must be given to certain N.C.Os., who have shown greater keenness. In this connection Sergt. Nicholas should be mentioned in particular.

#### MUSKETRY.

Two Battalion cups have come to the Company this year, *i.e.*, the Ladies of Whitton Challenge Cup, held by the Company with the highest average in annual musketry, which is the result of good hard work by all ranks, and the Colonel Botts' (Lewis Gun) Cup, for the best Lewis gun section in the Battalion. This was captured by No. 14 Section, commanded by L./Cpl. Reeves. The work of this section has been good throughout the year, but others in the Company run it close in field work.

#### SPORTS.

At last we are running a football team, which is in the North-West Surrey Junior League, and to date it occupies second place in the League. After several seasons of unsuccessful struggling to maintain a team in the field we hope we may be pardoned at feeling pleased with



ourselves. Anything is possible to a keen and energetic side, and we are tempted to hope.

Considerable credit is due to Cpls. Browning and Seager for the way they have kept the side together, and a word of appreciation is also due to Sergt. Nicholas for the interest he has taken in the team's doings.

#### DANCES.

Successful dances are held each Saturday evening, and hearty invitation is extended to all past members of the Battalion. We are holding a social evening on February 5th next, when there will be a presentation of prizes.

We offer congratulations to Cpl. B. Reed, winner of the Ladies' Challenge Cup; Pte. G. Baker, M.M., runner-up in this event; Pte. Woodward, winner of the Low Cup (recruits' prize); the members of Cpl. Reeves' No. 14 Section, winners of the Battalion (Lewis Gun) Cup.

#### "D" COMPANY NOTES.

Hullo everybody! "D" Company calling! Here is the local news!

On Monday, December 1st, a meeting of officers, W.Os. and N.C.Os. was held at the Drill Hall. Lieut. H. C. Ellis, O.B.E., who is in command, presided, and was supported by Lieut. J. G. Maclure and 2/Lieut. P. R. H. Elliott. The meeting was well attended, and many important matters were freely discussed and new committee's were formed.

Our football team have, at the time of going to press, done exceedingly well, and are now in the semi-final of the Uxbridge and District Junior Cup, and holds second place in the Second Division of the same League.

Our thanks are due to C.S.M. Sparkes for the assistance he has given to the team. He is always to be seen on the touchline. (Sparks fly everywhere, you know!)

Our weekly dances, under the supervision of the new committee, are gaining popularity, and the hall is always full. A very successful carnival dance was held on Boxing Night.

On Sunday, December 21st, a tactical exercise was carried out at Uxbridge by the officers and N.C.Os. of the Company. Schemes embracing outposts, billeting

and platoon in the attack were carried out, and great keenness was shown. An interesting and instructive morning was brought to a close by an "assault" upon the "Coach and Horses" at Ickenham, where refreshments were served.

In conclusion, we wish all readers good luck for 1925.

### THE 8th BATTALION WAR MEMORIAL.

(A fund has been opened for the purpose of erecting a War Memorial at Battalion Headquarters. Subscriptions may be sent to the Adjutant.)

Long years ago before the war  
The 8th Battalion proudly bore

The Imperial Service title.

When call there came to arms at last  
Each man obeyed the bugle's blast  
And nailed his colours to the mast

When each man's help was vital.

Though many fell in fighting sore,  
Yet many left England's shore

And went to take their places.

And so the 8th, by further fame,  
Maintained their ancient Die-Hard name;

And even when they died the same

Proud spirit lit their faces.

Now peace has reigned six years or  
more,

The 8th Battalion, as before,

Goes on and does its duty.

And yet no column rises high,

Nor tablet e'en to signify

Our pride in those content to die

For England, home and beauty.

F. T. C.

### 9th MIDDLESEX REGIMENT COLOURS.

#### RESTORATION AT HARROW.

**H**ARROW Parish Church in the course of centuries has witnessed many interesting national functions, but none claimed so much attention from the general public as that of Sunday afternoon, November 9th, 1924, when the Colours of the 9th Middlesex Regiment, with war honours added, were restored

to the 9th Battalion. There was scarcely breathing room in the church, and it was estimated there was a greater number outside doing unpremeditated damage to the well-kept churchyard than could be accommodated in the building. The officers of the 9th Middlesex, the band, Harrow Council and Fire Brigade were housed in the chancel, the Harrow School O.T.C. occupied the John Lyon bay and side, with the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the British Legion and Old Comrades, the N.C.Os. and men almost entirely filled the centre aisles, and the Church Lads and John Lyon School Cadets completely filled the seats on the South side. The public were thus left with a few seats beneath the tower and near the pulpit, and it was difficult to see how any other arrangement could be made, as it was obviously impossible to accommodate all those who wished to be present. Those who were fortunate enough to get inside were privileged to take part in a memorable service which will long be remembered.

#### THE GATHERING.

The service was one which recalled the patriotic fervour of the early days of the war. The Colours were placed at the altar-rails and the drums—also newly emblazoned—were deposited in the chancel. The Harrow O.T.C., smart and soldier-like, were among the first to arrive, under Col. E. G. Mercer, and then followed the Church Lads' Brigade, under Major the Rev. H. F. Peerless, and the Cadets from the Lower School, under Capt. W. Wilson. The British Legion sent a strong contingent, headed by Dr. A. H. Bindloss and Mr. W. A. Boulter, and these were followed by St. John Ambulance, under Chief Officer Hartmann. Then the 9th Middlesex began to arrive, among those occupying seats in the chancel being Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, Colonel of the Middlesex Regiment, Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, officer in command, Major G. W. H. Tupper, Capt. N. Lamont, M.C., Capt. N. P. Proctor, Capt. Sherwood, Capt. Findlay (Harrow and Wealdstone), Capt. Fox, Lieut. H. K. Hardcastle, Lieut. F. G. Hogg, C.Q.M.S.'s Shand, Fitzgerald, and Hawkesworth, and Capt. and Qr.-Mr. Lawson; Col. J. L. Blumfeld, Capt. L. M. Hewlett, Capt. E. H. Butt, and

the Harrow Council, Messrs. V. D. Dempster, T. Charles, M. F. S. Kittoe, G. H. Exeter, E. W. Bruce, A. N. Tuck, A. B. Champniss, G. A. Jordon, and B. W. Handley, with the Medical Officer, Dr. C. E. Goddard; the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. A. B. Kramm; Madame Ghita Corri, chief recruiting officer for the district.

#### THE SERVICE.

The service did not err on the side of length; it was commendably short. The huge congregation right heartily sang the two familiar hymns, "Praise to the Holiest" and "For all the Saints," and listened attentively to the Lesson read by Col. Beach from Ecclesiastes, beginning "Let us now praise famous men." They echoed the short prayer by the Vicar, the Rev. Edgar Stogdon, on the remembrance of the fallen, responded to the poignant pathos of the "Last Post," played by the buglers of the Regiment, prayed in silence for an ever-lengthening two minutes, and sang as never sung before the concluding hymn, "O God our help in ages past." The Regimental Band, with Mr. E. C. Broadhurst at the organ, led the unison singing, the echoes of which must have reverberated to the townships below the Hill, and disturbed the slumbers of the apathetic.

#### HONOUR TO HARROW.

The Vicar, preaching from the text in Psalm xvii., 29, "With the help of my God have I leaped over a wall," said they at Harrow thought it a great honour that the 9th Middlesex Battalion should have chosen that church in which to have their Colours rededicated with the new battle honours—honours hardly and deservedly won indeed through much difficult fighting in most trying climatic conditions, and crowned with the laurels of a most distinguished tactical success.

#### THE PRINCE'S SYMPATHY.

They welcomed the 9th Middlesex Battalion so long and, during the years of the war, so intimately connected with the town. On their Colours was embroidered the Prince of Wales's badge, and there was a story told in a paper some time ago of the visit of the Prince to a hospital in which were thirty-six men who were so terribly injured in the war that they must remain within its walls until they died.



After the Prince had been round the wards he said, "I was told you had thirty-six patients; I have only seen twenty-nine." It was explained that the other seven were so disfigured that the visit to their ward had been purposely omitted. He insisted on being taken to it, and spoke to each of the men. Then he said, "There are only six here. Where is the seventh?" He was told that no one could see this seventh man. Blind, deaf, disfigured out of the likeness of humanity, he lay in a room by himself. "I wish to see him," said the Prince. The account continued: "One member of the staff accompanied the Prince into that little darkened room. The Prince walked firmly to the bedside, and he turned very white, but stood there with bowed head looking at the man who could neither see him nor hear him, looking at that awful wreck of manhood as though he would see the final anguish of murderous and monstrous war. Then very slowly the Prince stooped down and kissed the man's face." It is men like those who had embroidered the new names on the Colours, as also the men who died for them, of whom they thought so solemnly, so affectionately on that Armistice Sunday, as also the men who braved the same dangers unscathed, so many of whom they had the very great honour to welcome that afternoon. Might the dedication of those Colours be a symbol to them that they dedicated their lives anew to their country and to their God.

#### THE WAR HONOURS.

Then came the restoration of the Colours, to which the war honours of the Regiment had been added, and which include Mons, Ypres, Bazentin, Hindenburg Line, Jerusalem, Marne, Albert, Cambrai, Suvla, Mesopotamia, while sixty-nine others are not borne on the Colours. The Vicar handed the King's Colours to Major Tupper, and the Regimental Colour to Capt. Lamont, and the escort for the Colours at the same time, followed by the drums playing the Regimental March, marched down the church from the tower. At the chancel steps they halted, and here Gen. Maxse gave an address.

#### MIDDLESEX AT THE BOTTOM.

Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, before presenting the Colours, said the Colours were the

emblem of a great past, and a reminder of the services—especially the recent services—that this Battalion performed in the Great War. Still more, he thought, the Colours should be an inspiration to the younger men as regarded their duty in the future. He had just come down from a period of command in the North as Commander-in-Chief of a very big district, and it had been his duty during the last four or five years to study the official figures of the Territorial Army. Every month they came in, and throughout that period he found that whereas in the North of England at the head of those figures came Yorkshire, Lancashire, Scotland and Wales, at the bottom every time came London and Middlesex. Middlesex had something like three million inhabitants, and they were only asked to produce three thousand Territorial soldiers—one man to a thousand inhabitants, and he did not understand why it was that this was not easily accomplished. There must be some reason why on exactly similar lines Yorkshire and Lancashire could produce the men and London and Middlesex could not. The history of London and Middlesex was magnificent, yet for some reason they did not get that support which was required. There was generosity in giving money to help the Territorial Army, but as regarded personal service, officers and men they were entitled to more support. Nothing would make him believe that London and Middlesex were less patriotic, less soldier-like, less loyal than the North. He asked the Harrow O.T.C. to remember that when they left school the Middlesex Regiment required their services; the John Lyon Cadets, the Church Lads, to remember also that they wanted them as officers and men. He was confident if those figures were better known and not embodied in official reports, that the response from Middlesex and London would be infinitely better.

#### THE RESTORATION.

Gen. Maxse, at the conclusion of the address, handed the King's Colour to Lieut. H. K. Hardcastle, and the Regimental Colour to 2/Lieut. H. Heffer, both sinking to the knee. The newly-embazoned drums were then handed to the drummers, who beat a flam, after which came the "Long Réveillé" by the buglers, the drummers meanwhile beating

a roll. The Blessing was given by the Vicar, and the National Anthem brought a memorable service to a close.

Gen. Maxse, after the service, was escorted to the steps of the School Memorial, where the Battalion marched past, and then descended the Hill, pausing at the War Memorial in Lowlands Road to deposit a wreath and then on to Wealdstone, where a second was laid at the Memorial in High Street. The streets were lined with interested spectators, who took a particular interest in the proceedings.

#### 21st MIDDLESEX COLOUR.

A CEREMONY never to be forgotten, either by those who took part in it or by those who witnessed it, took place on November 16th, 1924, at Islington, when the Colour of the gallant 21st (Service) Battalion Middlesex Regiment was deposited in the Parish Church of St. Mary, Upper Street.

The procession, half a mile in length, mustered at Highbury Corner and marched along Upper Street to the music of the Old Comrades Band. Behind the band came the following units:—Fifty members of the original Islington Battalion, wearing their medals and poppies in memory of their dead comrades; several hundred ex-Service men, commanded by Gen. Sir Newton Moore; a contingent of blind ex-Service men from St. Dunstan's, accompanied by nurses from the Royal Northern Hospital, and led by Ambulance-Sergeant C. Blake, aged 83, one of the Empire's oldest veterans, late 1st Middlesex R.E. and R.A.M.C.; a column of 500 ex-special constables of "N" and "Y" Divisions, with their own band; Royal Naval Volunteer Reservists, also with their band; a large contingent of the Islington National Reserve; detachments from the Boys' Brigade, Girl Guides, London and Provincial Friendly Society; a Cadet Battalion, Queen's Islington Company, London ex-Fireman's Association; and about 600 of the Salvation Army.

At the Town Hall all heads were bared as Lieut. S. Mirams, M.C., escorted by three sergeants with fixed bayonets, bore the Colour from the building. Joined by

the Mayor and Corporation, the procession moved to the Cenotaph, where a minute's silence was observed in homage to the dead. The buglers sounded the "Last Post" to the accompaniment of the drums, and several wreaths were placed at the foot of the memorial. In St. Mary's Church the Colour party advanced to the chancel steps, where the Colour was formally presented to the Vicar by Lieut.-Col. E. Wake. The Vicar then carried it to the altar and offered up a prayer, followed by the Benediction and the National Anthem. In a stirring address, the Rev. H. W. Hinde reviewed the history of the formation of the Battalion and its splendid record of war service from the time it went to the western front in June, 1916, under the command of Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel.

After the church service the procession was reformed and marched first to Thornhill Square, where further addresses were given, and then to Canonbury Square, where the commanders of the various units were addressed by Gen. Sir Newton Moore.

The parade, which was capably organized by the Canonbury ex-Service-men's Club, is intended to be an annual institution.

#### 9th BATTALION NOTES.

OUR first note this time is a bitter pill, and there is no sugar coating. Capt. C. E. Abbott, who has hitherto compiled the Battalion notes, has found it impossible to combine his business and Territorial activities, and, having decided to carry on with the former, has obtained a separation from the latter; so, although not entirely divorced, he has found it necessary to apply for a transfer to the T.A. Reserve.

We understand that he will return to active soldiering when everyone is tired of taking photos; but, in the meantime—what about our notes? Poor readers, you are in for a dull time.

Perhaps the Editor will kindly have a black border put round these notes. Applications for the honorary position of Battalion Sub-Editor should be sent to Headquarters, and if a stamped-addressed envelope is enclosed it will come in useful



for sending the next month's orders in, and a reply to the application will also be enclosed.

Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Fitzgerald on his marriage, which took place on December 21st.

Since the last collection of notes was made there has been the usual quiet period, outside the orderly-room, which seems to follow the end of the training year. However, there have been one or two outstanding bursts of activity.

First, there was the Church Parade at Harrow on Armistice Sunday, when Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse came down to restore the Colours and Drums to the Battalion after the alterations had been made consequent on the grant of honours for the Great War and the sixteen pre-war Regimental honours not borne previously by the Territorial battalions. A full account of the service appears elsewhere.

Secondly, on Armistice Night, a short Memorial Ceremony took place at Headquarters. Hitherto there has been no actual ceremonial observance of the day in the Drill Hall, but it was thought that some form of service might be appreciated, especially by those who were unable to attend any of the various services in the morning. If one may judge by the numbers who were present, many of them fully an hour beforehand, the arrangement was popular. A few minutes before 8 p.m., two sentries were posted before the memorial in the hall, and shortly after, the Colour party, composed of 2/Lieuts. Heffer and Ryan, C.Q.M.S. Shand, C.Q.M.S. Fitzgerald, and Sergt. Martin, with four drummers and two buglers, took up their position also in front of the memorial. The service consisted of a hymn, some prayers, and a short address by the Rev. W. M. Hope, who very kindly came to assist us at very short notice, the "Last Post," silence, and "Réveillé," after which the Commanding Officer laid a wreath on the memorial, a second hymn was sung, and "God Save the King."

After the service, the remainder of the evening was devoted to a social for past and present soldiers of the Battalion and their relations, and dancing was interspersed with songs, for which we were indebted to Pte. Why and the artists he got to assist.

"D" Company opened the "Company Dinner" season on November 29th, at Hendon. As a full account appears in their notes, we will content ourselves with remarking that if every other company tries to outdo them in the list of notabilities invited (at least one Cabinet Minister was invited), some company will have to requisition the Guildhall and better the Lord Mayor's Show.

It is hoped to hold a tactical exercise at Datchet whilst the floods are still out, in order to give "Ich Dien" some really good material to work on.

We understand that the last car to get away from Pound Lane after the fog, arrived at its destination all (W)right by Christmas.

It is rumoured that "C" Company are to have a porch outside their present main entrance, and also some form of heating for the hall. This should remove one of their worst handicaps, as we have always felt that they would be stronger if their would-be recruits were not blown out before they can be attested.

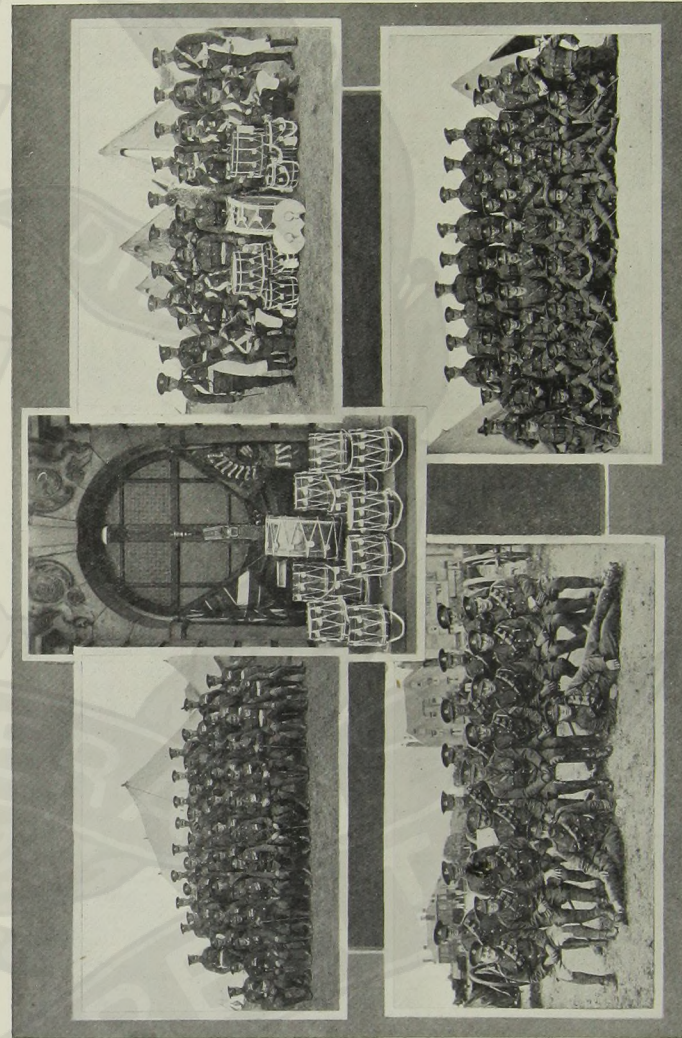
Redecoration and alterations seem to be all the rage at present. "C" Company now have a miniature range; at Hendon extensive painting has taken place, and renewed lighting has done away with the necessity for striking matches to find the way across the hall; whilst at Pound Lane the Sergeants' Mess has been vastly improved by the disposal of the billiard table and the recent redecoration; the Coffee Bar, which has been opened since our last notes, has become the "Gunners' Rest" at once; and the Officers' Mess have replaced a heterogeneous mass of furniture by a more useful and presentable suite which is a great improvement to the Mess.

We understand that the pastime of "spotting the winner" has, at any rate in "C" Company, been replaced by "touching the human spot."

#### "D" COMPANY (HENDON) NOTES.

The work performed by the Company during the past quarter has been chiefly instruction in Lewis gun, miniature range work, and bayonet fighting, together with specialized training classes for N.C.Os.

In connection with the latter, a tactical exercise for officers and N.C.Os. of "C"



The Drums, Seaford Camp, 1924.  
"D" Coy., Seaford Camp, 1924.

The Drums and Colours.

The Sergeants, Seaford Camp, 1924.  
Transport Section, Seaford Camp, 1924.

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and "D" Companies was held near Elstree on December 14th. During this exercise a great deal of ground was covered—in more senses than one. The preliminary stages of the advance were somewhat sticky—again in more than one sense—but the grand finale, from the Grove to the Vine, was a masterpiece of strategy and trencher work.

The two parades at Armistice time are doubtless described elsewhere. Both were very impressive, and appropriate to the occasion.

#### "D" COMPANY DINNER.

The Annual Dinner of the 9th Battalion Middlesex Regiment ("D" Company) was held at the Hendon Drill Hall, Algernon Road, on Saturday, November 29th, 1924. There was an attendance of about 120, and the evening was a great success.

Capt. G. L. Fox presided, and was supported by Councillor C. W. Hill (Chairman of Hendon Urban District Council), The Rev. S. E. Chettoe (Vicar of Hendon), Col. R. E. Solley Flood, C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. Alwyn-Passingham, O.B.E., Col. J. L. Blumfeld, T.D., Lieut.-Col. G. Beech, T.D. (Commanding Officer of the Battalion), Capt. and Adjutant N. P. Proctor, M.C., Capt. J. M. Lamont, M.C., Capt. H. Sherwood, and Capt. L. F. Findlay.

#### REGIMENTAL PRIDE.

Col. Blumfeld, proposing the health of "The Regiment," said most of those present either were or had been members of the Regiment, and they were all proud of it. Since 1812 they had been known as the "Die-Hards," and they were proud of the name. He was glad to see so many young members present, and he asked them, when they wore the uniform, to remember the name that was won on the battle-field. They should think of that and be prepared to die hard for the Regiment, in the meantime living hard for it. He coupled with the toast the name of Col. Passingham, who had spent his life in the Regiment and was an honour to it.

Col. Passingham, responding, pointed out that he had spent twenty-three years in the Middlesex Regiment, to which he was devoted, and by the Regiment he meant all the battalions. His appointment as secretary to the Association was

just what he wanted, as it brought him into closer touch with the whole Regiment. He did not think it was generally realized what an intense interest the Regular battalions took in the doings of the Territorial brother officers and men. In the Middlesex Regiment during the last few years the Regulars and the Territorials had come very much more together, and he hoped as time went on they would be one body, especially as the Regular battalions were feeling aware of the very fine record of the Territorials. Particularly did this apply to the 9th Battalion during the Great War.

Capt. Fox proposed "The Guests," coupling with the toast the name of Councillor C. W. Hill, whose presence he felt to be an example to Hendon of the interest and co-operation they wanted from local residents. He appealed to local employers of labour to assist the men to fulfil their few obligations, expressing the opinion that if all employers adopted the attitude shown by Mr. Hill there would have been no need for the appeal which the Secretary of State for War made at the recent banquet at the Guildhall. The speaker referred with pleasure to the presence of the Brigadier, Col. Solley Flood, the Rev. S. E. Chettoe, and Col. Blumfeld.

Col. Solley Flood presented the year's trophies as under:—

Lewis Gun Winners.—L./Sergt. Porter, L./Cpls. Mannall, Breed, Barnes, Davis, Taylor and Garrett.

B.S.A. Winners. — Ptes. Lester, Langran, Doughty, Mannall, Johnson, Kenny, Lathwell and Tokley.

Guard Mounting.—L./Sergt. Porter, L./Cpl. Gray, Ptes. Mannall, Garrett and Holloway.

Highest Rifle Score.—Pte. Levett.

Highest Lewis Gun Score.—L./Sergt. Porter and L./Sergt. Doughty.

Best Shot in Company.—L./Sergt. Doughty.

Best All-round Recruit of the Year.—L./Cpl. Gray.

The artistes who entertained during the evening included Wal. Gordon, Jack Gamlin, Dot Bailey, Ossie Francis and Jack Wigmore.

The occasion of the award of the Crowborough Cup to the Company saw

the time-honoured custom of "wetting" it thoroughly carried out.

One junior N.C.O. seemed quite carried away by the spirit of—er—the occasion.

If the season were spring instead of winter, we might perhaps be able to find some excuse for those of our Company who have fallen for "green charmeuse" as though it were "greenchat(reuse)."

It was very gratifying to hear from Col. Passingham that our Regular comrades do take a real interest in us, and we try, for the most part, to make ourselves worthy of that interest, but we have been handicapped by our appearance. The brightest of boots, brasses and buttons cannot make up for jackets cut à la Eton jacket, butterfly collars, and caps of doubtful shape. We rejoice therefore, to hear that a great improvement may be expected in the near future.

### A SUNDAY TACTICAL EXERCISE.

AS the above was published in Orders for officers and N.C.Os. only, I forthwith prepared my best attire. I knew also that as the exercise was at Elstree there would be none of the "mountaineering" stunts so common with us, the Terriers. However, when a real motor coach arrived to convey us to the rendezvous, I wondered if I ought to have cleaned the backs of my buttons.

Arrived at Elstree, we disembarked (for future reference, please note that you "debus"—"Ich Dien") and adjourned to a near-by field, and there, working in syndicates, we started operations.

It was quite interesting giving one's opinion as to how the enemy should be attacked, as my only previous experience of this manoeuvre had been confined to running up very steep hills, to the accompaniment of streams of loud-voiced sentiments.

After the best way was at last impressed on us, we started to advance. At first the going was just a little muddy, and some of us began to lose our shine. Conditions got worse, so much so that I began to think that "Tactical Exercise" was a misprint for "Reliability Trial."

Deeper and deeper into the mire we plunged, stopping at intervals for slight arguments on the Official Solution.

After a time we arrived at a ridge which, officially, was selected as a suitable position for our Lewis guns, but which appealed to me as a remarkably good burial ground. It was only necessary to lie down, and the mud did the rest. A vast expanse of yellow clay, churned up and intermixed with miniature lakes. A horrible, obnoxious, lovingly embracing mass. Here the tactics,—or, rather, antics—really began.

Led nobly by our officers, we slithered and waded across.

Half-way a certain C.S.M., in order to examine the stuff more closely, dived into it. Judging from his remarks, when he failed to extract his gloves, he was not highly pleased. Still, "*Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.*"

Once across this soul-searing obstacle, there was a general removal of mud and another debate, at which we mildly demurred at the official solution necessitating the posting of guns in such beautiful surroundings. After this, we advanced to the final objective, which, sad to relate, was by this time, for most of us—tea, at the Vine Inn, Stanmore. However, the end would have been the same in any case.

"ICH DIEN."

#### HEROES OF THE DAY.

1.—The aspirant for promotion who, when asked by the C.O. which hedge would offer the best cover, turned to a comrade and said, "Which one shall I say?"

2.—The Sergeant who, attempting, in confusion, to explain why he had waded through the muddiest spots, said, "I thought the C.O. was following me."

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Only hard work promotes good appetites. At tea, "D" Company only toyed with their food. So "D" may eat and "D" may go, but "C" eat on for ever. (The answer, I understand from our Hendon correspondent, is as we thought on reading "Ich Dien's" account. "D" Company did not skip the final objective, and, on arriving at the Vine—well, you can guess the rest.)



## THE SOUTH AND TENTH MIDDLESEX OFFICERS' CLUB.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Constitutional Club, Northumberland Avenue, on Friday, December 12th, 1924, with Col. C. F. W. Dimond, T.D., in the chair.

About forty-one were present, among whom were:—

Colonel W. F. Cheesewright, D.S.O.  
Colonel C. F. W. Dimond, T.D.  
Lieut.-Colonel F. J. Bull, O.B.E., T.D.  
Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Grey, V.D.  
Lieut.-Colonel C. C. Fayer-Hosken, T.D.  
Lieut.-Colonel C. R. Johnson, T.D.  
Lieut.-Colonel F. W. Miller, M.C.  
Lieut.-Colonel V. N. Pearson, D.S.O.  
Major R. H. Forster.  
Major C. Jarrett, D.S.O., T.D.  
Major A. E. Hart.  
Major A. W. Lewey.  
Major P. C. Lisle.  
Major J. G. Overbury.  
Major D. B. Watson, M.C.  
Major R. R. Wood.  
Captain A. J. Falconer.  
Captain J. H. Girling, M.V.O.  
Captain H. Jeans.  
Captain E. G. C. Pauley, M.C.  
Captain N. P. Procter, M.C.  
Captain F. W. Wallis.  
Mr. W. C. Bennett.  
Mr. P. F. Frost.  
Mr. H. S. Salter.  
Mr. D. B. Topham.

And many guests.

A pleasant evening was spent, and, as usual, there were no speeches, the only toasts being "The King" and "Our Fallen Comrades."

An amusing incident was the holding of a mock "Lodge" of some members of the 2nd Tenth. When in billets at Ashford, Middlesex, in the winter of 1914, the officers of this battalion were able, by the courtesy of the Ashford Manor Golf Club, to hold a weekly mess at the club. Some of the liveliest spirits inaugurated a "rag" and formed a "mystic order" with much ceremonial. A sword of state was presented to the "order" by Mr. Latham Wilkinson, and this sword—a beautiful two-handed weapon—has been treasured ever since. It was produced this year at the dinner, and with much ceremony handed over to the South and Tenth Club.

The Club has asked the Depot to take care of it for them, and it is now in the ante-room of the Mess there.

After the ceremony of the sword, the acting president of the "order"—Major Lewry—held a court, and some amusing speeches and "promotions" were made—with appropriate fines, chiefly consisting of bottles of whisky.

We hope to publish a full account of the sword in a later number.

## OBITUARY.

### LIEUT.-GEN. H. D. HUTCHINSON.

Lieut.-Gen. Henry Doveton Hutchinson, C.S.I., Colonel, 3rd (Queen Alexandra's Own) Gurkha Rifles, died in London on November 21st, 1924, at the age of seventy-seven. The son of Dr. T. Cayley Hutchinson, Deputy-Inspector-General of Hospitals, Indian Army, he served in the 77th from July, 1867, till he was appointed to the Staff Corps, Indian Army, in August, 1869, in the Sikkim operations in 1887-8, in the relief of Chitral in 1895, commanding the troops in Chitral after the British occupation, and in the Tirah campaign of 1897-8. In 1891 he raised for service the 2nd Battalion of the 3rd Gurkha Rifles. Gen. Hutchinson was Director of Military Education in India from 1896 to 1901, and was then on special duty in the India Office for the China Expedition. In 1902-4 he was Assistant Military Secretary (for Indian Affairs), and from 1904 till his retirement in 1908 he was Director of Staff Duties at the War Office. His books, "Military Sketching Made Easy," and "Field Fortification," were appreciated by soldiers, and each of them went into five editions. He also wrote "The Story of Waterloo," "The Story of 1812," "The Story of Corunna," "The Campaign in Tirah," and other works. He married, in 1874, Alice, daughter of Col. Stuart-Menteth. He was a brother of Sir Sydney Hutchinson, formerly Director-General of Telegraphs in India.

Another Old Comrade, Charles Adams, passed away on November 30th last. The deceased, who had nearly twenty-three years' service in the Regiment, was fifty-eight years of age, and was in possession of the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. He leaves a widow

and five sons and daughters to mourn his loss. The funeral took place at Streat-ham Park Cemetery on December 9th, when a N.C.O. from the Depot attended and laid a wreath on the grave as a token of respect from the Regimental Association.

### THE "LAST POST" FOR A VETERAN.

That hardy survivor of many fights and many marches, Mr. Edwin Bezar, late Sergeant-Major in H.M. 57th (Middlesex) Regiment, looked in at the *New Zealand Free Lance* office the other day to tell of the death of an old-time comrade. This was Mr. Walter B. Hinton, of the Lower Hutt, a Wiltshire man, whose age was eighty-two. In his young days Hinton served in the Royal Navy; then he enlisted in the 57th and came out to New Zealand from India, in 1861, as orderly to Col. Logan. With the famous "Die-Hards" he served in Taranaki and Wanganui, and took his discharge, like so many other soldiers, when the Regiment finally sailed for England; New Zealand was too good a country to leave. Mr. Bezar, who is almost the last of the "Die-Hards" now alive in the Dominion, went up to the funeral at Clareville, Wairarapa, and laid a wreath on the grave of his fellow-soldier in the name of the Regimental Association at headquarters in England—for the famous Middlesex Regiment is still in existence.—*New Zealand Free Lance*, September 29th, 1924.

(Extract from the "Eastern Post," *New Zealand*, December 2nd, 1924.)

### COL. R. J. COLLINS.

General regret will be felt at the death of Col. R. J. Collins, C.M.G., I.S.O., V.D., for many years Secretary to the Treasury and latterly Controller and Auditor-General, and one of the best-known citizens of Wellington, who passed away at his residence, Park Terrace, last night, after a short illness.

Col. Collins, who retired from the position of Auditor-General on December 31st, 1921, after over fifty-six years' service as a Government officer, was born in Cavan, County Cavan, Ireland, in 1848, and educated in Ireland, India, and New Zealand. A son of Capt. Robert Collins, New Zealand Militia, and formerly of the 57th Regiment, he joined the New Zea-

land Government Service as clerk in the Militia Office, New Plymouth, on July 1st, 1865, and after holding many important positions, in February, 1910, he was appointed Controller and Auditor-General. Only those within the inner circle know how, as Auditor-General, he at times fought strenuously in his insistence on the strict adherence to the law in connection with the payment of public moneys, and also in respect of the accounts of local authorities.

Soon after the outbreak of the war, Col. Collins was appointed a member of the War Pensions Board, the duties of which he performed for over four years.

In 1909 His Majesty the King conferred upon Col. Collins the Imperial Service Order (I.S.O.), and in 1911 created him a Companion of the Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George (C.M.G.) in recognition of his services to the Crown.

A correspondent, Sergeant-Major Bezar, writing with reference to the late Col. R. J. Collins, states:—"Probably I am the only man in the Wellington district who knew Col. Collins as a boy. With his mother and other members of the family, Robert, then eight years of age, arrived at Malta in the year 1856 to meet his father, who had just landed with the 57th Regiment, the "Die-Hards," from the Crimea. His father was a very popular man in the Regiment, and little Bob naturally shared his popularity. I have, it may be well understood, taken an interest in Robert Collins's career during the sixty years I have been in this country. There are only four of the old Regiment, the "Die-Hards," of that date, left in the Dominion.

## BALANCES OF DECEASED OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS UNDISPOSED OF BELONGING TO THE REGIMENT.

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Colonel-in-Chief ... Col. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, K.G., K.T., 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., Seaforth, and R. Wilts. Yeo. Personal A.D.C. to the King
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2 Bicknell, H. P. F., D.S.O.
1 Stewart, W. A., O.B.E.
Majors (8).
1 Percy-Smith, D. C., D.S.O., O.B.E.
2 Owen, D. G., D.S.O.
d. 1 Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O.
2 White, P. G. (Detm. Bks.)
1 Dundas, A. C., O.B.E.
1 Browne, M. C., (s.c.)
1 Brown, G. L., D.S.O. (Phys. Trng. Staff)
d. 1 Jeffery, W. W.

4. Arnold, A. C., O.B.E., M.C., p.s.c., s.
2 Thorp, J. R. [I]
1 Phillips, H., M.C.
d. 1 Bucknall, G. C., M.C. (s.c.)
1 Paul, H. W. M., C.B.E., M.C. (s.c.)
1 Horrocks, B. G., M.C.
1 Hayden, C. W., M.C.
2 Lawrence, F. A. L.
(1) del Court, S. F. W., M.C.
c. Dallas, J. C., M.C.
2 Whinney, C. T., M.C.
t. Procter, N. P., M.C.
(1) Lyons, E. F., M.C.
2 Garrow, V. J.

2 Overell, A. N.
1 Clowes, J. H.
2 Chapman, J. R. S.
1 Tait, J.
2 Pater, P.
2 Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O.
2 Clayden, H. W.
2 Stephenson, G. A. (Adj. Singapore Vol. Corps)
2 Howell, H. A. A.
(1) Clark, S. J.
c.o. Walden, F.
2 Heywood, E. L.
2 Ayscough, E. S. M.
spec. appt. Reid, J. G. E.
a.m. Colam, E. F.
a.m. Hudson, E. V. H.
a.m. Musselwhite, C. C.
1 Cubitt, D. Y.
2 Tuckey, P. E. C.
1 Worton, J. B.
2 Lambert, H. P.
1 Gordon, I. D. S.
1 Crawford, M.

Subalterns (35).

Lieutenants.

2 Bailey, F. A.
2 Manson, E. P., M.C., Adj.
1 Roberts, W. L., M.C.
1 Butterfield, H. R. F., M.C.
1 Nunn, F. J., M.C.
c.o. Hill, R. L.
1 Bostock, F. E.
1 Dix-Lewis, A.
d. 1 Mirams, S., M.C.
1 Roffe, H. S.
d. Rackham, B. B., M.C.
s. Stevens, L., O.B.E., M.C.
c.s. Charlesworth, J. F., M.C.
1 Kempster, G. W.
d. 2 Weller, A. V.
2 Pain, E. T.
1 Dobbis, J. E., M.C.
2 Jones, W. H. V.
1 Pennycook, G. H. C., M.C.
1 Hedgcock, S. F.
(1) Parker, F. G.
2 Clyne, A.

2nd Lieutenants.
1 Newton, W. C.
2 Jacob, M. A.
7th Battalion (Territorial).
"South Africa, 1900-02. Drill Hall, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.
Hon. Colonel. Bowles, H. F., TD Ia.
Lt.-Colonel. Maitland, J. K., M.C.
Major. Smith, S. C. M., TD Ia.
5th Battalion (Militia).
Hon. Colonel. Rolleston, V. (Hon. Lt.-Col. in Army I)
p.s.
1 English, J.
2 Douthet, R. T.

Majors.
Rooke, C. P., D.S.O., (H)
Owen, H. C., O.B.E., M.C. (S.C.), Capt. ret. pay
Captain. Schooling, J. H.
6th Battalion (Militia).
Hon. Colonel. Mashier, Sir George C. K.C.B., C.M.G., Lt.-Col. ret. pay Ia.
Lt.-Colonel. Graves, C. A. H., O.B.E.
Captains.
Josephs, L. H. O.
Graham-Toler, L. J., M.C.
Pechell, H. C.

Lieutenants.
Hill, C. W.
Murray, H. A.
Lindsay, A. S.
Pringle, W. E., M.C.
Doide, L. C. D.
Widdicombe, A. G.
7 June 22
Cunliffe, E. N.
Garloch, F. H.
2nd Lieutenants.
Thompson, A. F.
Hayes, W.
Harrison, A. E.
Adjutant. Savile, H. E. W., M.C. capt., Middx. Regt.
Quarter-Master. Hudson, J. T. H., D.S.O., TD, maj. 7 Oct. 02.
[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]
Cadet Units affiliated.
1 Cadet Bn. Midd'x R.
5 Cadet Bn. Midd'x R. Schools.

8th Battalion (Territorial).
"South Africa, 1900-02. Drill Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow.
Hon. Colonel. Garner, W., C.M.G., TD Ia.
Lt.-Colonel. Baker, E. E. F., D.S.O., M.C., Ia.
Major. Lewey, A. W.
Captains.
Palmer, H. A.
Parmeter, W. H.
Young, A. H.
Newbery, R. E., M.C. (Prov.)
10 Jan. 23



<b>Lieutenants.</b> Wells, E. T. W. 1Mar.19 Ellis, H.C., O.B.E. 2Mar.19 Murray, P. F. 28Mar.19 Rees, D. L. 16Dec.19 Boys, R. H. G. 5July22 Jewson, D. A. 12Aug.23 Maclure, J. G. 1Mar.24	<b>Adjutant.</b> Thorne, M., capt. Loyal R. 1May22  <b>Quarter-Master.</b> Dymore, H., M.C., lt. 19Apr.20  [Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]  <b>Lt.-Colonel.</b> Blumfeld, J. L., TD t.a. 10 Jan. 22  <b>Major.</b> Tupper, G. W. H. TD t.a. 7Jan.21	<b>9th Battalion (Territorial).</b> "South Africa, 1900-02." Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W.10.  <b>Hon. Colonel.</b> Blumfeld, J. L., TD t.a. 10 Jan. 22  <b>Lt.-Colonel.</b> Beach, G., TD t.a. 17Aug.22  <b>Cadet Units affiliated.</b> 2 Cadet Bn. Midd'x R. 2-2 Cadet Bn. Midd'x R.	<b>Captains.</b> Lamont, J. N., M.C. 1June16 Findlay, L. F. 25Oct.21 Fox, G. L. 17Aug.22 Sherwood, H. 22Oct.22	<b>2nd Lieutenants.</b> Heffer, H. 17Mar.24 Furness, G. J. B. 30July24 Ryan, J. W. S. 24Oct.24 <b>Adjutant.</b> Procter, N. D. M.C., capt. Midd'x R. 1Mar.24 <b>Quarter-Master.</b> Lawson, E. C., M.C. (Capt. Res. of Off.) lt. 15July24 [Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.] <b>Cadet Unit affiliated.</b> No. 1 Co. 3 Cadet Bn. Midd'x R.
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**SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS' AND N.C.O.'S.**

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
Sgt.	W. Green, D.C.M.	1st	18/2/17
Sgt.	H. Manders	8th	28/2/17
Sgt.	L. Hills	2nd	26/4/17
Sgt.	C. King	1st	2/8/17
Sgt.	W. West	2nd	10/9/17
Sgt.	H. Rand	2nd	27/10/17
Sgt.	E. Kelly	9th	20/11/17
Sgt.	G. Goodall	7th	17/6/18
Sgt.	J. Tungate, D.C.M.	Depot	19/9/18
Sgt.	C. Parsons, M.M.	1st	13/10/18
Sgt.	E. Pain	1st	26/10/18
Sgt.	King	1st	18/1/19
Sgt.	C. Mabb	1st	19/9/19
Sgt.	W. Moore	1st	7/11/19
Sgt.	S. Speakes	1st	1/5/20
Sgt.	H. Glover	2nd	1/5/20
Sgt. (O.R.S.)	W. Pilley	2nd	1/5/20
Sgt.	C. Cox	2nd	1/5/20
Sgt.	A. Walker	2nd	1/5/20
Sgt.	A. Mayhew	2nd	1/5/20
Sgt.	W. Palmer	2nd	1/5/20
Sgt.	W. Nokes-Bourne	2nd	1/5/20
Sgt.	E. Margrave	2nd	1/5/20
Sgt.	W. Willard, M.M.	1st	3/11/20
Sgt.	E. Heath	1st	20/11/20
Sgt.	J. Wilcockson	Depot	30/11/20
Sgt.	J. Cook	2nd	30/11/20
Sgt. Dmr.	G. Goodwin	1st	1/7/21
Sgt.	H. Darby	Depot	25/8/21
Sgt.	E. Walsh	7th	25/8/21
Sgt.	J. Hart	2nd	25/8/21
Sgt.	F. Stevenson	1st	25/8/21
Sgt.	H. Hart	Depot	9/1/22
Sgt.	W. Thompson	2nd	9/1/22
Sgt.	G. Capel	2nd	9/1/22
Sgt.	S. Wilson	2nd	9/1/22
Sgt. (O.R.S.)	A. Finch	Depot	1/2/22
Sgt.	H. Tisdale	8th	22/1/22
Sgt. (O.R.C.)	C. Stuart	1st	23/4/23
Sgt.	F. Hill	2nd	22/8/23
Sgt.	S. Colbourne	2nd	6/10/23
Sgt.	V. Osterholme	1st	10/10/23
Sgt.	R. Mewett	2nd	12/12/23
Sgt.	W. Leatherby	2nd	12/12/23
Sgt.	W. Connors	2nd	12/12/23
Sgt.	H. Hewett	2nd	10/1/24
Sgt.	T. Massey	2nd	12/1/24
Sgt.	F. Peck	2nd	12/1/24
Sgt.	E. Shaw	Depot	19/1/24
Sgt.	G. Anderson	1st	20/2/24
Sgt.	G. Cullen	1st	20/2/24
Sgt.	H. Farrow	1st	7/5/24
Sgt.	J. Griffen	1st	11/6/24

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
Sgt.	V. Brockman	1st	15/7/24	Cpl.	W. Travarthen	1st	19/12/23
Sgt.	L. Simmonds	2nd	24/8/24	Cpl.	W. Duckmanton	Depot	19/12/23
Sgt.	L. Clarke	Depot	1/9/24	Cpl.	J. West	1st	11/1/24
Sgt.	W. Clements	Depot	10/11/24	Cpl.	H. Gibson	1st	11/1/24
L/Sgt.	L. Fairchild	2nd	*5/12/21	Cpl.	E. Lione	2nd	12/1/24
L/Sgt.	G. Lambert	1st	*1/2/22	Cpl.	W. Grace	2nd	12/1/24
L/Sgt.	V. Morley	1st	*29/8/22	Cpl.	T. French	2nd	12/1/24
L/Sgt.	W. Fletcher	2nd	*1/12/22	Cpl.	C. Olden	2nd	12/1/24
L/Sgt.	E. Burt	Depot	*1/9/23	Cpl.	T. Hannah	1st	2/2/24
L/Sgt.	S. Tibbs	1st	*17/4/23	Cpl.	O. Phelps	1st	5/2/24
L/Sgt.	W. Rogers	1st	*3/11/23	Cpl.	T. Fuller	2nd	9/2/24
L/Sgt.	G. Clift	1st	1/9/24	Cpl.	G. Egan	1st	16/2/24
L/Sgt.	S. Mason	2nd	*12/1/24	Cpl.	J. Stretton	1st	20/2/24
L/Sgt.	C. Banfield	2nd	*12/1/24	Cpl.	Kelly	Depot	12/3/24
L/Sgt.	C. Taylor	Depot	*19/1/24	Cpl.	W. Northcott, M.M.	1st	18/3/24
L/Sgt.	A. Russell	1st	*16/2/24	Cpl.	E. Norman	1st	7/5/24
L/Sgt.	B. Gray	1st	*20/2/24	Cpl.	E. Howard	2nd	14/5/24
L/Sgt.	A. Lawrence	1st	*20/2/24	Cpl.	W. Tibble	1st	11/6/24
L/Sgt.	E. Jones	1st	*9/5/24	Cpl.	Davis	2nd	2/7/24
L/Sgt.	E. Flemming	1st	24/8/24	Cpl.	C. Lewis	1st	16/7/24
L/Sgt.	F. Draper	2nd	*12/12/23	Cpl.	W. Howard	2nd	23/7/24
L/Sgt.	G. Bone	2nd	*30/8/24	Cpl.	W. Patterson	2nd	28/7/24
L/Sgt.	W. Cobbett	1st	*30/1/23	Cpl.	C. Soper	1st	16/7/24
L/Sgt.	J. Trapp	Depot	*1/9/24	Cpl.	R. Wood	2nd	23/8/24
L/Sgt.	Robbins	Depot	*1/9/24	Cpl.	G. Goss	Depot	1/9/24
Cpl.	W. Overton	1st	1/5/20	Cpl.	H. Sammons, M.M.	1st	29/10/24
Cpl.	R. Green	1st	1/5/20	Cpl.	A. Stenning	1st	10/11/24
Cpl.	J. Sharman	2nd	1/5/20	Cpl.	W. Swindon	1st	*25/11/24
Cpl.	H. Wilson	2nd	1/5/20	Cpl.	G. Rawlings	1st	*25/11/24
Cpl.	A. Clifford	2nd	15/5/20	L/Cpl.	W. Forshaw	1st	*10/7/20
Cpl.	A. Ward	1st	*20/8/20	L/Cpl.	J. Murphy	1st	*20/8/20
Cpl.	W. Raindle	1st	19/11/20	L/Cpl.	A. Sando	Depot	*1/1/21
Cpl.	T. Page	1st	20/11/20	L/Cpl.	B. Pope	1st	*1/4/21
Cpl.	W. Bennett	1st	30/11/20	L/Cpl.	F. Clarke	1st	*1/4/21
Cpl.	E. Aird	2nd	30/11/20	L/Cpl.	F. Carter	1st	*6/4/21
Cpl.	L. Baker	2nd	30/11/20	L/Cpl.	J. O'Brien	1st	*18/6/21
Cpl.	J. Bray	1st	29/12/20	L/Cpl.	J. O'Neill	1st	*19/6/21
Cpl.	R. Thompson	1st	1/7/21	L/Cpl.	H. Channon	1st	*21/11/21
Cpl.	F. Newcombe	1st	1/7/21	L/Cpl.	D. Jones	1st	*6/6/22
Cpl.	G. Horrex	Depot	1/7/21	L/Cpl.	C. Kingdom	Depot	*12/10/22
Cpl.	S. Hawkins	1st	1/7/21	L/Cpl.	G. Skeats	1st	*12/10/22
Cpl.	R. Holder	1st	18/7/21	L/Cpl.	J. Peters	1st	*31/10/22
Cpl.	F. Stacey	Depot	25/8/21	L/Cpl.	J. Morden	1st	*24/1/23
Cpl.	C. Misso	1st	25/8/21	L/Cpl.	J. Painter	1st	*23/3/23
Cpl.	E. Hazledene	2nd	25/8/21	L/Cpl.	A. Reed	1st	*1/4/23
Cpl.	H. Thomas	1st	26/10/21	L/Cpl.	R. Ecclestone	Depot	*4/4/23
Cpl.	C. Rawlings	2nd	4/12/21	L/Cpl.	W. Tomkins	1st	*13/7/23
Cpl.	W. Harwood	2nd	4/12/21	L/Cpl.	W. Curl	1st	*13/7/23
Cpl.	W. Richardson	2nd	9/1/22	L/Cpl.	W. Smith	1st	*13/7/23
Cpl.	T. Tiller	2nd	9/1/22	L/Cpl.	G. Staines	1st	*27/7/23
Cpl.	H. Clark	2nd	9/1/22	L/Cpl.	G. Green	1st	*27/7/23
Cpl.	E. Alford	2nd	9/1/22	L/Cpl.	L. Yesterley	1st	*20/8/23
Cpl.	H. Ruff	2nd	10/1/22	L/Cpl.	A. Williams	1st	*6/10/23
Cpl.	W. Floyd	2nd	21/2/22	L/Cpl.	G. Foley	1st	*13/10/23
Cpl.	H. Barker	2nd	7/3/22	L/Cpl.	A. Fowler	1st	*15/2/24
Cpl.	R. Rutledge	2nd	17/11/22	L/Cpl.	Kennett	1st	*15/2/24
Cpl.	J. Steward	Depot	1/4/23	L/Cpl.	A. Hames	1st	*15/2/24
Cpl.	G. McDonald	1st	1/4/23	L/Cpl.	W. Eldrett	1st	*15/2/24
Cpl.	H. Warren	Depot	1/4/23	L/Cpl.	G. McGlone	1st	*15/2/24
Cpl.	A. Jones	1st	10/4/23	L/Cpl.	P. Edwards	1st	*15/2/24
Cpl.	A. Brady	2nd	1/5/23	L/Cpl.	W. McMurdie	1st	*15/2/24
Cpl.	F. Button	2nd	4/7/23	L/Cpl.	A. Bartram	1st	*15/2/24
Cpl.	H. Myland	2nd	4/7/23	L/Cpl.	G. Stagpoole	1st	*15/2/24
Cpl.	F. Buckley	2nd	4/7/23	L/Cpl.	G. Frost	1st	*15/2/24
Cpl.	W. Bratby	2nd	21/8/23	L/Cpl.	Rearne	Depot	*15/2/24
Cpl.	W. Palmer	2nd	12/12/23	L/Cpl.	H. Wilson	1st	*15/2/24
Cpl.	W. Morris	2nd	12/12/23	L/Cpl.	R. Challis	1st	*15/2/24
Cpl.	C. Newton	2nd	12/12/23	L/Cpl.	C. Watson	1st	*20/2/24
Cpl.	S. Ingle	2nd	12/12/23	L/Cpl.	C. Turner	1st	8/3/24
Cpl.	G. Hatfield	2nd	12/12/23	L/Cpl.	L. Honeybun	1st	*18/3/24
Cpl.	C. Mardle	Depot	19/12/23	L/Cpl.	E. Leggett	1st	*31/3/24
Cpl.	C. Young	1st	19/12/23	L/Cpl.	E. Battersby	1st	*13/5/24



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L./Cpl.	E. Denyer...	...	1st *21/5/24	L./Cpl.	J. Riley ...	...	2nd 5/8/24
L./Cpl.	H. Williams ...	...	1st *21/5/24	L./Cpl.	Bayles ...	...	1st †13/8/24
L./Cpl.	J. Henderson ...	...	1st *21/5/24	L./Cpl.	Vials ...	...	1st †13/8/24
L./Cpl.	R. Arniboldi ...	Depot	†13/7/23	L./Cpl.	Bowden ...	...	1st 10/8/24
L./Cpl.	S. Harnett ...	...	1st *17/8/23	L./Cpl.	W. Banham ...	...	1st 19/8/24
L./Cpl.	L. Priddy ...	...	1st *7/9/23	L./Cpl.	C. Pettitt ...	...	1st 19/8/24
L./Cpl.	H. Short ...	...	1st *8/10/23	L./Cpl.	H. Reddings ...	2nd	4/9/24
L./Cpl.	G. Sewell ...	...	1st *8/10/23	L./Cpl.	Giles... ..	...	1st 8/9/24
L./Cpl.	G. Mills ...	...	1st *8/10/23	L./Cpl.	Gough ...	...	1st 8/9/24
L./Cpl.	A. Wallace ...	...	1st *8/10/23	L./Cpl.	Barley ...	...	1st 8/9/24
L./Cpl.	J. Frost ...	...	1st *8/10/23	L./Cpl.	Marshall ...	...	1st 11/9/24
L./Cpl.	E. Ratty ...	...	1st †22/12/23	L./Cpl.	Norman ...	...	1st 11/9/24
L./Cpl.	Goodall ...	...	1st †22/1/24	L./Cpl.	O'Neill ...	...	1st 25/9/24
L./Cpl.	S. Jackson ...	...	1st †8/3/24	L./Cpl.	T. Jolliffe ...	2nd	†26/9/24
L./Cpl.	H. Riley ...	...	1st †8/3/24	L./Cpl.	Tompkins ...	...	1st 29/9/24
L./Cpl.	H. Stemp ...	...	1st †14/3/24	L./Cpl.	Kelly ...	...	1st 2/10/24
L./Cpl.	G. Theobald ...	...	1st †14/3/24	L./Cpl.	L. Westney ...	...	1st 9/10/24
L./Cpl.	E. Burton ...	...	1st †17/3/24	L./Cpl.	Thompson ...	...	1st 11/10/24
L./Cpl.	E. Pinder ...	...	1st †8/5/24	L./Cpl.	G. Matthews ...	2nd	*11/10/24
L./Cpl.	R. Glover ...	...	1st †8/5/24	L./Cpl.	P. Phillipson ...	...	1st 17/10/24
L./Cpl.	R. King ...	...	1st †17/5/24	L./Cpl.	Weedon ...	...	1st *31/10/24
L./Cpl.	R. Aldridge ...	...	1st †18/5/24	L./Cpl.	J. Fowler ...	2nd	*22/10/24
L./Cpl.	H. Batt ...	...	1st †21/5/24	L./Cpl.	W. Chalcott ...	2nd	*22/10/24
L./Cpl.	A. Case ...	...	1st †28/5/24	L./Cpl.	E. Geary ...	2nd	†3/10/24
L./Cpl.	A. Hows ...	...	1st †28/5/24	L./Cpl.	J. Tandy ...	2nd	10/10/24
L./Cpl.	A. Anson ...	...	1st †28/5/24	L./Cpl.	W. Bell ...	Depot	6/11/12
L./Cpl.	C. Pestell ...	...	1st †3/6/24	L./Cpl.	W. Clarke... ..	Depot	1/12/24
L./Cpl.	W. Smith ...	...	1st †3/6/24	L./Cpl.	Fletcher ...	...	1st 1/12/24
L./Cpl.	S. Nicholls ...	...	1st †3/6/24	L./Cpl.	Hammond ...	...	1st 1/12/24
L./Cpl.	G. O'Connor ...	...	1st †11/6/24	L./Cpl.	Woodroff ...	...	1st 1/12/24
L./Cpl.	G. Oskinat ...	...	1st †21/6/24	L./Cpl.	Wheatley ...	...	1st 10/12/24
L./Cpl.	West ...	...	1st †14/7/24	L./Cpl.	Chasney ...	...	1st 1/1/25
L./Cpl.	W. Pollard ...	2nd	5/8/24	L./Cpl.	Carnoll ...	...	1st 1/1/25
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