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The Plume of the Prince of Wales. In each of the four corners the late Duke of Cambridge's Cypher and Coronet.

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Depot—Mill Hill.      Record Office—Hounslow.	

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9th Bn. ... .. Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W. 10.	

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The Taranaki Regiment.

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#### Colonel:

Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.

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**EDITORIAL**

**GENERAL SIR IVOR MAXSE, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.**, the Colonel of the Regiment, has lately undergone an operation. He is now convalescent. We wish him a speedy recovery to good health.

It was agreed by a show of hands to hold the Old Comrades' Dinner during the winter months in future. Although there was a slight falling off in the numbers who attended this year, the dinner was an unqualified success and a great improvement on that of last year.

The marriage took place at the Cathedral, Singapore, on February 14th, 1925, between Lieut. H. A. A. Howell, The Middlesex Regiment, and Miss M. M. M. Thompson, only daughter of Col. R. L. B. Thompson, C.M.G., D.S.O., of 7, Auriol Mansions, West Kensington.

The Regiment has entered for the Army Golf Championships to be held at Burnham,

Somerset, and will be represented by Capt. H. Phillips, Major G. L. Brown, Major G. C. Bucknall, Capt. C. T. Whinney, and Capt. B. G. Horrocks. The competitions commence on May 11th. We wish our team every success.

We congratulate Col. F. Ramsay, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., on his appointment to the command of an infantry brigade in India.

Many subscriptions expire with the present issue of the journal, and subscribers are requested to forward remittances at their earliest convenience—2s. for journal, or 3s. for journal and calendar (1926).

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**BRIG.-GEN. J. HAMILTON  
HALL, C.M.G., D.S.O.**

Brigadier-General J. Hamilton Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O., retired on February 1st last after 33 years' service in the Army, of which he had served nearly 29 years in the Regiment.

Born on February 23rd, 1871, General Hall was educated at Fettes College, Edinburgh, and passed into Sandhurst, twenty-third on the list, direct from school. He was in the R.M.C. Rugby team, and awarded the prize for Organization and Administration.

He passed out third from Sandhurst, and thus was able to select his Regiment. Gazetted to the Middlesex Regiment on Nov. 7th, 1891, he joined the 2nd Battalion at Mhow in January, 1892. Obtained a Distinguished Certificate at School of Musketry, Deolali. Appointed Battalion Paymaster, 1894 (Q.M.S. Warren, Chief Clerk).

Was captain of the Battalion football and cricket teams until the Battalion left India. Played cricket for the Bombay Presidency, and was also in the Battalion polo team.

Transferred to the 1st Battalion (Lieut.-Colonel A. W. Hill in command) on its arrival in India in 1898, he took over the duties of Battalion Paymaster (Q.M.S. Blackwood, Chief Clerk). On promotion to Captain on March 14th, 1900, he was posted to the 2nd Battalion, then on active service in South Africa, joining it at Utrecht (Lieut.-Colonel F. D. Lumley in command).

Appointed Assistant Provost - Marshal, Natal, in March, 1901, on the Staff of Major-General J. F. Burn-Murdoch, then temporary D.A.Q.M.G., Natal, from the end of the war till September, 1902. Awarded Queen's South African Medal and four clasps. Appointed temporary D.A.A.G. in September, 1902, and later Staff Captain, Harrismith O.R.C., from May, 1904, to October, 1907. Gained Distinguished Certificate and Special Mention in Army Orders (March, 1906) for Promotion examination to Major. Promoted Major February 17th, 1908, and posted to 4th Battalion at Tidworth (Lieut.-Colonel C. R. Dyer in command).

Posted Regimental Depot, September, 1909, and assumed command of the Depot in July, 1910. Whilst at the Depot he recovered the Tottenham Recruiting Area for the Regiment, and was the first O.C. Depot to invite O.C. Territorial Army Battalions to make use of the Depot for training purposes. He initiated with Colonel F. D. Lumley, C.B. (then commanding No. 10 District) the formation of the Regimental Association, and also initiated the commencement of the Regimental Journal at the Depot embracing all Battalions of the Regiment. In 1911 and 1912 he received congratulatory letters of appreciation from the Army Council on the regimental recruiting results for those years.

In November, 1912, he joined the 2nd Battalion at Warley as Second-in-Command to Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Hayes. Joined the Eastern Command Staff in August, 1913, as Temporary Assistant Inspector of Recruiting, and confirmed in that appointment a year later as D.A.A.G. On September 19th, 1914, he was appointed Temporary Lieut.-Colonel in command of the 16th (Public School) Bn. Middlesex Regiment, and proceeded to France with that unit. Awarded D.S.O. in July, 1916, for the part that Battalion took in the Battle of the Somme. Promoted Substantive Lieut.-Colonel on September 29th, 1916, and posted to command the 2nd Battalion in February, 1917. Awarded bar to D.S.O. for the part the Battalion took in the capture of the village of Heuducourt and four machine guns, March, 1917.

Awarded C.M.G. for the capture of Westhoek Ridge by 2nd Battalion on the first day's offensive in the third Battle of Ypres, July, 1917.

Returning to England on January 14th, 1918, he was in temporary command of 12th Bn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment. On April 18th, 1918, he took over command of 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment at Kemmel Hill (Flanders), and, finally, was appointed to command of an Infantry Brigade with temporary rank of Brigadier-General from October 6th, 1918, to August 4th, 1919; acting as Divisional Commander for six months after the Armistice. He was awarded Commander of the Order of the Crown of Rumania, 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, and mentioned five times in Despatches during the European War.

He took over command of 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment in July, 1919, promoted Colonel on September 28th, 1920, and appointed Officer i/c Infantry Records, Lichfield, on February 1st, 1921, retiring four years later.

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**THE OLD COMRADES  
DINNER.**

**T**HE Old Comrades' Dinner of all ranks, past and present, of the Regiment was held at the Grand Dining Hall, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone Road, London, N.W., on Saturday, February 28th, 1925.

Great regret was expressed at the absence of our Colonel, Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., who was again prevented through illness from presiding over the gathering.

The chair was taken by Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., chairman Executive Committee, Regimental Association.

The gathering was a large and representative one, and officers and other ranks of all Battalions were to be seen. The Depot turned up in full force, fifty-four being present, and large contingents from 8th and 9th Battalions also put in an appearance.

Our old friends, ex-Sergt. Dmr. Deacon, with ex-Cpl. Sutherland, sailed in from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, looking as young and sprightly as ever. Ex-Colour-Sergt. Harry Lowen and ex-Pte. Pasby, occupants of our Memorial Homes, were early on the scene, and appeared as if about to burst into song with "Old Soldiers never die."

Mr. Morris, with his energetic committee, saw that none of the final touches which insure success were left undone.

The room and tables were tastefully decorated with the regimental colours and an excellent dinner provided.

Col. Passingham gave the Royal Toast; the toast of the "Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, H.R.H. The Prince of Wales," and the toast of "The Regiment," while that of "The Colonel and Officers of the Regiment" was proposed by Mr. E. Warren.

The Chairman, Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., in proposing the toast of "The Regiment," deplored the absence, through illness, of Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, the Colonel of the Regiment, and expressed the hope that he would soon be restored to health.

Col. Passingham also alluded to the absence of Brig.-Gen. F. D. Lumley, who was on the Continent, and to the presence of Col. R. M. Heath (who had only arrived from France at 6 p.m. that evening), Cols. Blumfeld and Garner, and of Mr. H. H. Buller, a cousin of the late Gen. Kent.

He welcomed other Old Comrades, who had travelled great distances in order to be present:—Lieut.-Col. H. A. Bethune, from Fife, and others from various parts of England and Wales.

Continuing, the Chairman said how gratified he was to see their Old Comrades, ex-Sergt. Dmr. Deacon and Cpl. Sutherland, from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea; Mr. Morris and Mr. Warren; and such a large attendance of serving members of the 1st, 7th, 8th, and 9th Battalions and Depot.

Col. Passingham urged all present to subscribe to the regimental journal and thus keep in touch with the doings of the Regiment and the Association, and said that he read, with pleasure, every word in the journal.

In conclusion, the Chairman congratulated the Committee on the arrangements made for the dinner, and the band on the excellent music provided, and said he hoped that at least 500 members would be present at the next annual dinner.

During the evening the following telegram was dispatched to H.M. The King:—

"PRIVATE SECRETARY,  
"BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

"The Old Comrades of the Middlesex Regiment assembled at their Annual Dinner offer their humble duty to His Majesty.

"CHAIRMAN,  
"GREAT CENTRAL HOTEL."

A telegram to our Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, was also sent immediately after:—

"PRIVATE SECRETARY,  
"ST. JAMES'S PALACE.

"The Old Comrades of the Middlesex Regiment assembled at their Annual Dinner offer their humble duty to their Colonel-in-Chief.

"CHAIRMAN,  
"GREAT CENTRAL HOTEL."

During the evening a reply to the former, which read as under, was received:—

"CHAIRMAN OLD COMRADES,  
"MIDDLESEX REGIMENT DINNER,  
"GREAT CENTRAL HOTEL.

"I am commanded by the King to ask you to thank the Old Comrades of the Middlesex Regiment for their loyal message. His Majesty hopes that all are enjoying a pleasant evening.

"EQUERRY."

The reply to the latter was a letter addressed to the chairman, which read as follows:—

"ST. JAMES'S PALACE, S.W.

"March 2nd, 1925.

"SIR,

"I am desired by the Prince of Wales to request you to convey to the members of the Old Comrades Association His Royal Highness's sincere appreciation of the telegram sent to him as Colonel-in-Chief of the Middlesex Regiment on the occasion of the Annual Dinner on Saturday last.

"Yours faithfully,

"A. LASCELLES,

"Assistant Private Secretary."

"THE CHAIRMAN,  
"THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT  
"OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION,  
"THE BARRACKS, MILL HILL, N.W.7."

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Morris and his committee, composed as under, for the successful way in which everything was carried out, and for the good fare provided



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OLD COMRADES REUNION DINNER, 1925.

*Dinner Committee*: Mr. E. Morris (chairman); Mr. F. Holmes; R.Q.M.S. E. Griffen, 8th Bn.; R.Q.M.S. Bowles, 9th Bn.; Mr. E. R. Furniss; Sergt. W. Rogers, 1st Bn.; R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, Depot.

A photo of the dinner in progress is published on page 391, and Old Comrades wishing to obtain copies should apply to Kamra Press Studios, 166, Strand W.C.2. Price—mounted, 5s.; unmounted, 3s. 6d.

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Blumfeld, Col. J. L.	Elliott, Pte.
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Browne, Major M.	Forshaw, L./Cpl.
Barton, Sergt. E.	Fletcher, L./Cpl.
Bradshaw, Pte.	Fletcher, Pte.
Bateman, Pte.	Frost, Sergt. P. R.
Branch, Pte. T.	Ford, Pte. W.
Brigg, A.	Folley, Pte. J.
Brazear, W.	Forbes, J. B.
Blinco, A.	Furniss, E. R.
Boothby, J.	Fry, —
Bishop, W. A. A.	Fitzgerald, C.Q.M.S.
Buller, H. H.	
Bucknall, Major G. C.	Garner, Lieut.-Col. W.
Burdon, Capt. C. S.	Garner, Lieut. W. M.
Bray, Cpl.	Green, Cpl.
Blackman, Lieut. W.	Griffen, R.Q.M.S. E.
Backway, Sergt.	Gray, C.S.M. H.
Beach, Lieut.-Col. G.	George, Pte. E.
Bossard, —	Green, Pte. E.
Bowles, R.Q.M.S.	Gregory, H.
	Grover, V. V. F.
Cook, C.Q.M.S.	Griffin, Pte. W.
Carter, L./Cpl.	
Cox, Pte. T.	Heath, Col. R. M.
Cleary, Pte. P.	Holder, Cpl.
Chapman, Pte. F.	Heelan, Pte.
Curzen, Pte. T.	Harrison, Cpl. H. R.
Coulling, Pte. A.	Hart, Sergt. H.
Cox, F. F.	Hall, L./Cpl. H. C.
Crow, G.	Holder, Pte. S. G.
Coldicott, A. B.	Hamilton, Pte. C.
Cook, W.	Hewitt, H.
Chidley, A. C.	Hattley, Sergt.
Capel, T. A.	Hall, W. J.
Creedon, W.	Horne, B.
Cronin, —	Hazell, W. J.
Carey, —	Holman, J. F.
Copple, Pte.	Holmes, F. E.
	Harrigan, —
	Havard, A. W.
	Halsey, Pte. E.
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Day, E.	Jefferd, Major W. W.
Digby, C.	Johnson, Capt. G.
Dennis, J. H.	James, Gordon.
Dines, W.	Johnson, Pte. A.
Davey, Pte. C.	
Dundas, Major A. C.	Knocke, L./Cpl. G.
Dymore, Capt. H.	Kerswill, G.
Dobner, Lieut. A.	
Deacon, Sergt. J.	

Kilner, Pte. W.

Le-surf, L./Cpl.  
Lerpiere, L./Cpl. G.  
Leaton, W.  
Lawrence, R. D.  
Lawrence, J. J.  
Lowen, H.  
Lambourne, J. J.  
Lichington, G.  
Lawson, Capt. E. C.  
Linton, —

McLernon, E.  
McDonald, Cpl.  
McDonald, Lieut. D.  
Maitland, Lieut.-Col. J.K.  
Mirams, Lieut. S.  
Manders, Sergt. H.  
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Meads, L./Cpl. J. R.  
Mantell, R.S.M. R.  
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Miller, Pte.  
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Marsh, Pte. J.  
Morris, E.  
Mackenzie, T. R.  
Masters, T.  
Molloy, W.  
Meachen, W. A.  
Morris, —  
Miller, —  
Martin, Sergt.  
Merison, F. J.

Newbery, Pte. C. R.  
Nethercott, G.

Owen, Capt. T. A.  
O'Donoghue, Lieut. W.  
O'Driscoll, J. J.

Passingham, Col. A. M.  
O. Anwyl.  
Pearson, Lieut.-Col. V. L. N.  
Percy-Smith, Major D. C.  
Phillips, Capt. H.  
Paiba, Capt. R. I.  
Priddy, L./Cpl.  
Painter, Pte.  
Power, Sergt. A.  
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Parfitt, Pte. F.  
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Roberts, C.Q.M.S. H. S.

Reeves, Sergt. G.  
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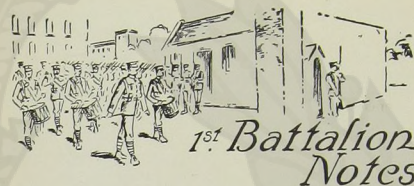
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THE POSITION OF ATTENTION.  
(As given by a Cadet Battalion Instructor.)  
"Heels together, feet 14" apart, thumb down seam of trouser, chest well back."



THIS month sees the ending of the sports season of 1924-25. In spite of the disappointment of our unexpected defeat in the Army "Soccer" Cup in the first round (last year's team who defeated us then in the semi-final shared the same fate), we can look back with some satisfaction to our records. Our successes at cricket, running, and swimming have already been chronicled, and need no further reference.

For the second year in succession we have won the Aldershot Command Team Boxing. This year our position is not shared by our old friends the Black Watch, as it was last season, for they succumbed to the East Lancashires, the team we defeated in the final.

In the Army Team Championship we were beaten by the winning team, but we made them go all out for their victory, which was in doubt until the last two fights. We hope to eventually reach the champions pinnacle and the finest augury for this hope is the keenness shown by the younger boxers. A hundred entries for the Battalion Novices' Competition at a time when the Battalion was unusually weak, is very creditable, as were the entries for the Company Tournaments.

We were particularly gratified by the references made by the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Philip Chetwode, in his speech when he presented the Army Championship Trophy to the winners.

An old Die-Hard Berry, who served for fifteen years in the Regiment, is now Light Heavy-weight Champion of England, and a letter from him appears elsewhere in this number, we are sure that he has the best wishes of all ranks, and their hopes that he may long retain the championship.

At Rugby we reached the fourth round of the Army Rugby Cup. In this alas, we were beaten by the Glosters by 17-0, but as the papers next day told us that the difference in the score did not represent the difference in the teams. That the newspapers were right, was proved when

we next met the same team in the final of the Aldershot Command Rugby Cup, when they beat us after a most gruelling game by the narrow margin of one try. Those of us who saw the early attempts at introducing Rugby to the Battalion three years ago could have scarcely dared to hope that 1925 would see us fighting out the final of the Command Cup against so old established a Rugby playing regiment as the 28th, and one which has always been so formidable in what the sporting reporters call the handling code.

What we need now is some more fresh blood. Examples such as Cpl. Sammons, Pte. Bolden, and Sergt. Jones have shown us that a player can be equally good at both games, but it should be unnecessary to have the same players representing the Battalion at both. What we want is sixty odd Rugby players, so that we can keep practice games going.

At "Soccer" we have had a mixed season. We entered the Army Cup with high hopes that 1925 would see us one round farther than 1924, that is, into the final. But in sport, as in war, the unexpected frequently traps the best laid schemes, and we got no farther than the first round. In the Command League we finished second to the R.A.M.C. in our division. The fact is that our team has been somewhat variable, at times they have reached brilliancy, but at others an unaccountable failure to shoot successfully after pressing their opponents to their own goal end for three-quarters of a match, has resulted in downfall. However we finished strongly, and we shall have another determined attempt to win the Army Cup next year.

At "Soccer," as in Rugby, we need new blood. The same tried and trusted players have represented the Battalion with little change for the last three seasons, but nowhere does a player last for ever, and less so in the Army with its endless changes than elsewhere. The platoon games have fortunately been fought out with the usual keenness, and we hope the selection committee have kept their eyes on this recruiting ground.

Our hockey team were only partially successful as they were defeated in the second round of the Army Cup by the Royal Engineers. A little more preliminary practice next year should obviate this in the future. The Boys' hockey was much

better, and they did well in reaching the final of the Aldershot Cup. It is encouraging to see the future men of the Battalion doing so well.

We must now look even farther ahead than next season's games, and a most important point which should influence the policy is that from the spring of 1926 onwards a considerable number of the various teams are due for transfer to the Reserve. These losses will have to be made good, and we may expect the Selection Committees to be very busy searching for new talent as soon as we start again. It is to be hoped this will provide the incentive for everyone to demonstrate their latent capabilities in the sports world. Up to the present it is very remarkable how few changes have been made during the last two or three years in the various Battalion teams.

Albuhera Day, this year, will not be celebrated on May 16th, owing to the "exigencies of the service." The month of May has been allotted to us for musketry, and as we shall be encamped at Mytchett for firing on the Ash Ranges, Albuhera Day has been postponed until Friday, June 26th, when we have all been promised a holiday. An Albuhera Day could never be held in camp quite as it should, and the decision to celebrate it on June 26th is very much more satisfactory than holding the Regimental Sports on one day, and an attenuated celebration under such adverse conditions as a camp necessitates, on another. It is unfortunate in some respects, for an anniversary held on any other than the right day is bound to lose some of its meaning, although it is unavoidable on this occasion, as "duty calls."

On the departure of our Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, for his tour abroad, a telegram of good wishes was sent to him. His Royal Highness replied from H.M.S. *Repulse* asking that "his sincere thanks might be conveyed to all ranks of the 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment for their good wishes."

Several changes have occurred in the command of companies, and the position is now as follows:—"A" Coy.—Capt. H. Phillips; "B" Coy.—Capt. C. W. Haydon; "C" Coy.—Major L. L. Pargiter; "D" Coy.—Major A. C. Dundas; and "H.Q." Wing—Major M. Browne. In addition, there are three officers who have joined us—Lieut. F. A. Bailey from the 2nd Battalion, who

arrived on February 25th, and who has gone to "C" Coy. He appeared in the boxing ring as a heavy-weight in the round of the Army Championship when we fought the Gloucesters; Lieut. H. R. F. Butterfield, who is in "D" Coy., came to us after a tour of duty with the King's African Rifles; and 2/Lieut. D. A. Goulden, who is now in "A" Coy., and who came from Sandhurst on February 2nd, where he played in the second XV at "Rugger," and now plays back in our own XV.

2/Lieut. D. L. Welman has resigned his commission. He is the third brother to have served with the Regiment.

At the moment we are in the midst of Company Training. When this is over we commence our musketry, and return from camp on May 30th. Immediately after this Battalion Training starts, lasting until July 11th. However, there will be a break in June for the King's Review, which has been provisionally booked for June 10th, and Albuhera Day on the 26th. Following on after the Battalion Training will be Brigade Training, which ceases on August 1st. On September 4th and 5th we march to Petersfield and begin the manoeuvres, returning, also by march, on the 27th and 28th, to barracks. This certainly provides a strenuous programme for this year.

#### BOXING.

During the year we have had several boxing competitions in the Battalion. Other than inter-platoon shows, we have had a novices' individual, an open individual and an inter-company team competition. All were keenly contested. The number of men who have boxed in these tournaments is 156, or roughly one man in every four in the Battalion. All companies are to be congratulated on the excellence of the boxing, and the very keen spirit shown throughout.

The Battalion team, for the second year in succession, won the Aldershot Command Championship. This year we first met our old Rhine friends, the 3rd Brigade R.F.A. In this contest we had to win the last five fights to carry us through. The deciding factor was Hawkins, who defeated the only man who had beaten him on the Rhine. In the fourth round we again met the Gloucesters and defeated them by 18 points to 15 points. The contest of the evening

was that of Bayliss and Campbell (Gloucesters). It was a stiff fight throughout, in which either might have taken the count, but Bayliss triumphed through skill, after showing great pluck. In the final we met the East Lancashire Regiment, who were an entirely unknown quantity. After a good display of boxing the result was a draw. The decision now rested with the reserve string, the Light-weights of each battalion. Hance (Middlesex) set our minds at rest by boxing splendidly and out-pointing Gowland (E. Lancs.). This was an extremely good fight which the E. Lancs. expected to win. In the semi-final of the Army Championship we met the Signals from Maresfield, and were defeated after battling the whole way. The result was not unexpected, as our opponents had been in the final for the last two years, and went on to beat the Loyals this year. We must congratulate the team on the results achieved, and also on the way they have trained. In order to win through they have been in training for over three months, and we must especially congratulate the trainers and seconds, Fleming, Beaman and Campbell, on their work with the team.

In the Individual Army Boxing Championships, held at Aldershot on Saturday, April 18th, Sergt. Fleming, last year's Imperial Services Fly-weight Champion, won the Army Bantam-weight Championship, defeating Pte. Christie, of the Royal Scots. The comment on this which appeared in the *Sporting Life* on April 20th cannot be bettered. It states "There is something anomalous in this 'Service Amateur' business, for, to my thinking, Fleming is the finest amateur of them all. Realizing that he cannot, as an ex-professional, compete at A.B.A. meetings, he has yet deliberately signed an Army amateur form in order that he may box in his regimental team for the Inter Unit Trophy. What finer exposition of the real amateur spirit could one desire?"

#### ALDERSHOT COMMAND TEAM BOXING

##### *Enlisted Boys' Championship.*

1st Series: R.A.M.C. beat 1st Foresters; R.A.S.C. Training College beat 2nd Dorset Regt.; 1st Middlesex Regt. beat 1st Gloucester Regt.; 2nd Hampshire Regt. beat Service Coys, R.A.S.C.

Semi-finals: R.A.M.C. beat R.A.S.C. Training College; 2nd Hampshire Regt. beat 1st Middlesex Regt.

Final: R.A.M.C. beat 2nd Hampshire Regt.

##### *Officers and Other Ranks Championship.*

1st Series: Byes—2nd Q.O.R.W. Kent Regt., 1st Cameronians, Royal Engineers, 1st Coldstream Guards, 4th Field Bde., R.A., 2nd E. Lancs. Regt., 1st The King's Regt., 1st Devon Regt., 2nd Bn. R. Tank Corps, 2nd Black Watch; 1st Bedfs. & Herts. Regt. beat 3rd Grenadier Guards; 1st Gloucester Regt. beat Royal Signals; 1st Foresters beat 2nd Dorset Regt.; 1st Middlesex Regt. w.o. (2nd Rifle Bde. scratched); 3rd Field Bde. R.A. beat 2nd Hampshire Regt.; Service Coys, R.A.S.C., beat 9th Field Bde., R.A.

2nd Series: 2nd Q.O.R.W. Kent Regt. beat 1st Cameronians; Royal Engineers beat 1st Coldstream Guards; 2nd E. Lancs. Regt. beat 4th Field Bde., R.A.; 1st Devon Regt. beat 1st The King's Regt.; 2nd Black Watch beat 2nd Bn. R. Tank Corps; 1st Gloucester Regt. beat 1st Bedfs. & Herts. Regt.; 1st Middlesex Regt. w.o. (1st Foresters left Command); 3rd Field Bde., R.A., beat Service Coys., R.A.S.C.

3rd Series: 2nd Q.O.R.W. Kent Regt. beat Royal Engineers; 2nd E. Lancs. Regt. beat 1st Devon Regt.; 1st Gloucester Regt. beat 2nd Black Watch; 1st Middlesex Regt. beat 3rd Field Bde., R.A.

Semi-finals: 2nd E. Lancs. Regt. beat 2nd Q.O.R.W. Kent Regt.; 1st Middlesex Regt. beat 1st Gloucester Regt.

Final: 1st Middlesex Regt. beat 2nd E. Lancs. Regt.

##### FIGHT WINNERS—OFFICERS.

*Welter-weight.*—Lieut. J. R. B. Worton (1st Middlesex Regt.) beat 2/Lieut. M. Manlove, the referee intervening in the 1st round.

*Middle-weight.*—Lieut. S. F. Hedgecoe (1st Middlesex Regt.) beat 2/Lieut. S. G. D. Jones on points.

*Heavy-weight.*—Lieut. J. R. Thatcher (2nd E. Lancs. Regt.) beat Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, the referee intervening in the 2nd round.

##### OTHER RANKS.

*Bantam-weight.*—L./Sergt. Fleming (1st Middlesex Regt.) beat L./Cpl. Holdcroft on points.

*Feather-weight.*—Cpl. Swindon (1st Middlesex Regt.) beat Sergt. Brayden, the referee intervening in the 1st round.

*Light-weight.*—Pte. Bayliss (1st Middlesex Regt.) beat L./Cpl. Crossley on points.

*Welter-weights.*—L./Cpl. Head (2nd E. Lancs. Regt.) beat L./Cpl. McMurdie on points; Pte. Bailey (2nd E. Lancs. Regt.) beat Pte. Bolden, the latter being disqualified in the 2nd round.

*Middle-weight.*—L./Cpl. Jackson (1st Middlesex Regt.) knocked out Pte. Bowley in the 1st round.

*Light Heavy-weight.*—Pte. Benson (2nd E. Lancs. Regt.) knocked out Cpl. Hawkins in the 1st round.

*Heavy-weight.*—L./Cpl. Langton (2nd E. Lancs. Regt.) beat Pte. Hatchett on points.

#### DECIDING BOUT.

*Light-weight.*—Pte. Hance (1st Middlesex Regt.) beat Sergt. Gowland on points.

#### THE ARMY UNIT TEAM BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP.

*Semi-final.*—Training Bn. R. Signals beat 1st Middlesex Regt.

#### OFFICERS.

*Welter-weight.*—Lieut. H. G. Spencer (R. Signals) knocked out 2/Lieut. W. A. Newton in the 1st round.

*Middle-weight.*—Lieut. S. F. Hedgecoe (1st Middlesex Regt.) knocked out Lieut. A. J. Keddie in the 2nd round.

*Heavy-weight.*—Lieut. L. B. Nicholls (R. Signals) beat Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court in the second round.

#### OTHER RANKS.

*Bantam-weight.*—L./Sergt. Fleming (1st Middlesex Regt.) beat Sig. Fee in the 2nd round.

*Feather-weight.*—Sig. Richmond (R. Signals) beat Pte. Pratt on points.

*Light-weight.*—Sig. McCarthy (R. Signals) beat Pte. Bayliss by a small margin of points.

*Welter-weights.*—L./Cpl. Dibbs (R. Signals) beat L./Cpl. Thompson on points; Sig. Clarke (R. Signals) knocked out Pte. Hance in the 2nd round.

*Middle-weight.*—L./Cpl. Jackson (1st Middlesex Regt.) beat Sig. Rodda on points.

*Light Heavy-weight.*—Dvr. Emblem (R. Signals) knocked out Cpl. Hawkins in the 1st round.

*Heavy-weight.*—Cpl. Wheeler (R. Signals) knocked out Pte. Hatchett in the 1st round.

#### RUGBY.

This has been our second season of serious Rugby. The game was first started in the Battalion in 1922. Last year was the first time the Regiment has ever been represented in the Army Rugger Cup, and acquitted themselves with honours. This year the Battalion reached the fourth round of the Army Cup and the final of the Command Cup. In both events we were knocked out by the Gloucesters, in the former by 0—17, in the latter by 3—6. Throughout the season we have only lost four matches, all of which have been against the Gloucesters. The points in all the matches were 364—77. The team have played throughout an enterprising and clean game. The great handicap is the lack of experience and weight in the scrum. Of the newcomers to the game, Sammons is very promising as scrum-half. Bolden has developed into a good wing-three. In the scrum, Stemp, Hatchett, Hawkins and Lambert have all greatly improved with a further season's experience. We hope to see Henderson in the R.M.C. team next year. Fast and heavy forwards are our most urgent need if we are to win the Army Rugger Cup. Can anyone help us?

Results of the various matches are as follows:—

#### ARMY RUGBY CUP.

1st Round *v.* Black Watch (20/11/24) Won 5—0  
2nd Round *v.* Scots Guards (10/12/24) Won 43—0  
3rd Round *v.* R.E. (30/1/25) ... Won 11—3  
4th Round *v.* Gloucesters (11/2/25) ... Lost 0—17

#### COMMAND RUGBY CUP.

1st Round *v.* Anti-Aircraft Bde. (10/11/24) ... Won 57—0  
2nd Round *v.* R.E., R.T.C. (14/1/25) Won 40—0  
3rd Round *v.* Dorsets (2/2/25) ... Won 41—3  
4th Round *v.* A.A. Searchlight Bn., R.E. (16/3/25) ... Won 18—0  
Final ... *v.* Gloucesters (26/3/25) ... Lost 3—6

#### FRIENDLIES.

*v.* Coldstream Guards ... Won 17—5  
*v.* Gloucesters ... Lost 5—25  
*v.* E. Lancs. ... 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.* Leicesters ... Won 3—0  
*v.* Gloucesters ... Won 9—0  
*v.* Gloucesters ... Lost 8—9  
*v.* R.M.C. ... Won 22—3

#### FINAL OF THE ALDERSHOT COMMAND RUGBY.

1ST BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGT. *v.* THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE REGT.

On March 26th we played our old friendly rivals the Gloucesters in the final of the

Aldershot Command Rugby Cup. They had previously beaten us in the fourth round of the Army Rugby Cup by 17 points to nil. We lost the toss and started playing with a high and cold northerly wind. The game was chiefly a forward one, due to the tactics of the Gloucester forwards. Our forwards, in spite of the helping wind, were beaten, and the ball did not come out to our "threes." On one of the few occasions that the "threes" of either side got going, Clowes made a masterly

continually being pressed back on to our own line, but it looked as if the defence would hold out. However, a penalty kick against us enabled the Gloucesters to equalize, and shortly afterwards through a misunderstanding the Gloucesters scored the only try of the day. Our team rallied again; a fine run by Bolden looked as if we might save the game, but it was not to be. Pennycook was injured during the last five minutes and had to leave the field; he and Horrocks played a fine wing forward game, time after



1ST BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.) RUGBY TEAM, 1924-1925.

*Top Row*—Pte. A. Bolden, Pte. P. Hatchett, Capt. B. G. Horrocks, M.C., Lieut. F. A. Bailey, Lieut. S. F. Hedgecoe, Pte. E. Hows, Sergt. F. Campbell.

*Middle Row*—L./Cpl. F. Stemp, Capt. H. W. M. Paul, O.R.E., M.C., Lieut. J. R. B. Worton, Lieut. G. H. C. Pennycook, Capt. G. W. Haydon, M.C., Lieut. J. H. Clowes, L/Sgt. S. Hawkins.

*Bottom Row*—L./Cpl. W. Anson, Cpl. H. Sammons, M.M., Lieut. D. Y. Cubitt, L./Sgt. G. Lambert.

break through, but for a forward pass a certain try behind the posts would have been made. A penalty against the Gloucesters enabled Worton with a long kick to give us the lead of 3 points. On several occasions we were severely pressed, and the Gloucesters nearly scored far out. Half-time score: Middlesex 3 points, Gloucesters nil. In the second half our forwards surpassed themselves by putting up one of the best defensive games that has been seen for some time. For half an hour we were

time bottling the Gloucester offensive. Result: Middlesex 3 points, Gloucesters 6 points.

#### SEMI-FINAL OF THE ALDERSHOT COMMAND RUGBY CUP.

1ST BN. MIDDLESEX REGT. *v.* SEARCHLIGHT B.N., R.E.

On Monday, March 16th, we played the Searchlight Bn., R.E., in the semi-final of the Aldershot Command Rugby Cup. The ground was in good condition, and we were



short of Horrocks and Sammons. At the commencement of the game, the R.Es. were superior in the scrum and their "threes" looked dangerous. Several times, however, good tackling saved our line. After about fifteen minutes' play the ball was obtained by our forwards and passed well along our "threes." Bolden completed the movement by scoring the best individual try of the match, handing off two opponents and swerving past the back. Worton failed to convert. At this point Fryer, the R.Es.' fly-half, was injured, and had to leave the field. Immediately afterwards Clowes cut through and passed to Haydon, who outpaced his opponents and scored behind the posts. Worton converted. Then ensued a ding-dong struggle, the R.Es. trying to make the game a forward one. Just before half-time a clever passing movement by Paul, Worton and Haydon resulted in a try by Worton under the posts, which he converted. Half-time: Middlesex 13 points, R.Es. nil.

The second half was one of relentless forward play chiefly in the middle of the field. Clowes seized one of the few opportunities allowed us, and after a clever run from the half-way line passed to Worton, who scored and again converted. All backs were playing well, Bolden playing his best game this season, and Paul almost recovering his old form. Of the forwards, Henderson was hooking well and played a hard game. Howes, as substitute for Horrocks, showed up as being a fearless hard worker, and Lambert was very conspicuous in defence. Result: Middlesex 18 points, R.Es. nil.

#### 1ST BN. MIDDLESEX REGT. v. ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE.

On March 13th the Battalion visited Sandhurst and played the R.M.C. Our team was without Horrocks and Sammons. Goulden was making his first appearance. The R.M.C. kicked off with the wind, our "threes" obtained the ball and with a good passing movement nearly scored in the first minute. The R.M.C. managed to clear to the half-way line. From a scrum the "threes" again got possession, after five minutes' play, and Clowes, cutting through, scored far out. Worton failed to convert. Play then settled down in midfield, and both sides brought off some good passing movements. Goulden was on several

occasions severely tried, and was sound. After fifteen minutes' play a forward rush was started and ended in a magnificent try, entirely due to Hatchett, Worton converted. The Regiment now obtained complete ascendancy. They obtained the ball in the scrum nine times out of ten. Henderson was hooking well. Weak passing prevented more tries being obtained. Haydon just before half-time scored a try. Half-time: Middlesex 11 points, R.M.C. nil.

The second half commenced with considerable pressure from the R.M.C., who penned us in our "25" and gained a try by a forward rush. Goulden at this stage had to leave the field owing to injuries, Henderson taking his place from the scrum. From this time onwards our forwards played extremely well and completely broke down the R.M.C. defence. Worton scored once and Haydon twice. One of these tries was due to Hawkins, who charged down two kicks in the same rush, and the other two to fine running by Haydon. The team showed the best form they have done this year, Hawkins, Stemp, Hatchett and Bolden being prominent throughout the game. Result: Middlesex 22 points, R.M.C. 3 points.

#### FOOTBALL.

All things considered the season has been a disappointing one. We are probably led to this conclusion on account of being knocked out of the Army Cup in the first round. At times the team has played brilliantly, always when meeting a strong team; on the other hand, when meeting weak opponents, the team have hardly been recognizable.

Throughout the season the defence has played well, and cannot be blamed for any defects. The forwards have, however, been most disappointing as a whole, with the exception of Cullen and Williams, who have played well throughout. Shooting is fast becoming a thing of the past. If we are to win next year we must learn to shoot hard, straight, and often; a good defence can never win a game on its own. Over-confidence when meeting weak opponents must be got rid of; our dismissals from the Amateur and Army Cups were undoubtedly due to this sad mistake.

The standard of company football, is, we consider, much improved. Our future must always depend on this. Next year

we intend giving company league matches a miss. In doing this we hope to accomplish two things—one to be able to run a second team with a full fixture list, and secondly, to afford companies more opportunity of playing inter-platoon games with the object of discovering even more talent.

Below are set out the results of the year:—

#### COMMAND LEAGUE.

29/10/24	v. Scots Guards	...	Won	2—0
8/11/24	v. Royal Corps of Signals	...	Won	13—4
13/12/24	v. Service Coys., R.A.S.C.	...	Draw	1—1
17/1/25	v. Scots Guards	...	Won	4—1
21/1/25	v. Royal Corps of Signals	...	Won	4—2
28/1/25	v. Coldstream Guards	...	Won	3—1
7/2/25	v. R.A.M.C.	...	Won	1—0
14/2/25	v. R.A.M.C.	...	Lost	0—2
18/2/25	v. Coldstream Guards	...	Won	9—1
14/3/25	v. 1st Pack Bde., R.F.A.	...	Won	4—0
28/3/25	v. Service Coys., R.A.S.C.	...	Lost	1—4
1st Pack Bde., R.F.A., forfeit points to us.				

#### AMATEUR CUP.

11/10/24	1st Round, v. Wellington Works	...	Lost	2—0
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#### ARMY CUP.

22/11/24	1st Round, v. 13/18th Hussars	...	Lost	3—1
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#### ALDRESHOT SENIOR CUP.

1st Round a bye.				
2nd Round	v. Aldershot Albion	...	Won	8—3
3rd Round	v. R.A.S.C. Training College	...	Lost	4—1

#### INTER-COMPANY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Coy.	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
"A"	5	4	0	1	9
"D"	5	4	1	0	8
"B"	4	2	2	0	4
"C"	5	2	3	0	4
"G"	4	0	2	2	2
"Q"	5	0	4	1	1

Match to be played, "B" v. "G."

#### INTER-COMPANY FOOTBALL KNOCK-OUT.

Left in the final, "Q" v. winner of "C" v. "D."

#### INTER-PLATOON FOOTBALL KNOCK-OUT.

No. 17 Platoon beat No. 5 Platoon by 4 points to 1 in the final. In the semi-final were No. 21 v. No. 5 and No. 11 v. No. 17.

#### COMMAND SENIOR LEAGUE TABLE.

DIVISION III.		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
R.A.M.C.	...	13	11	1	1	66	11	23
1st Middlesex Regt.	...	13	10	2	1	47	16	22
3rd Grenadier Gds.	...	13	6	2	5	21	26	14
1st Coldstream Gds.	...	13	4	2	7	21	40	10
Service Coys., R.A.S.C.	...	12	4	1	7	23	27	9
1st Scots Guards	...	14	4	1	9	16	27	9
Royal Signals	...	11	3	2	6	26	50	8
1st Pack Bde., R.A.	...	9	2	1	9	14	38	5

#### HOCKEY.

The Battalion was beaten in the second round of the Army Cup by the Royal Engineers by 2—1, after having defeated the R.A.S.C. in the first round by 9—1. The latter game was played on a very heavy ground which seemed to handicap our opponents more than ourselves, and we won easily. In the second round we only lost after a great struggle. The backs were good, as usual, but the forwards could not get going properly. The team was:—Cpl. Sammons, Lieut. Dobbs, C.Q.M.S. Tulley, Sergt. Jones, Capt. Procter, Capt. Paul, Pte. Bartropp, L./Cpl. O'Brien, Lieut. Clowes, Sergt. Farrow, and Lieut. Worton. Capt. Procter, playing regularly for Hampstead during the season, was the best man on the side, while the backs always played a sound game. Our chief weakness was the shooting of the forwards, of whom L./Cpl. O'Brien was the best.

The Boys reached the final of the Command competition when they were beaten by the Hampshires (the holders) by 1—5.

They are particularly to be congratulated on reaching this final. In Boy Moore we have a goal-keeper who should go far in the future, whilst the brothers Chillery show that they have been well coached before joining the Army, and are at present in a class by themselves. In the Inter-Company Knock-out the following are left in the final:—"C" v. the winners of "B" v. "G."

#### "A" COMPANY.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, we regret that last quarter's notes had to be omitted, but will try to make amends this quarter.

The company is going great guns, having won the Inter-Company Football League with an unbeaten record this season. We also have great expectations for the Inter-Company Knock-out, which takes place very soon. We have already played one game against "D" Company in this competition, and drew with them after a thrilling game.

A very successful Inter-Platoon Boxing Competition took place recently, and many coming champions were found. We also drew for first place in the Inter-Company Team Championship with "D" Company.

So now we consider ourselves rivals to them in many of the coming competitions.

We were unfortunate in the Hockey

Knock-out Competition, losing to "G" Company in the first round after scoring in the first five minutes.

We welcome some new members into the fold, and have some very good sportsmen amongst them. The names of the new members are 2/Lieut. Goulden, Sergt. Nokes-Bourne, Cpl. Swindon, and Cpl. Mardle. C.Q.M.S. Green takes the place of our old friend C.Q.M.S. Tulley.

A very nice watch was presented to our late C.Q.M.S., who made a speech worthy of a soldier and Die-Hard, and we wish him every success in his new life.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

What is the position of a section commander when told that he must advance back?

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Who originated the saying "Good you"?  
No. 1 COMPANY.

#### "B" COMPANY.

Again we venture upon our training period, and by all accounts we anticipate many things. Since last year we have had many additions to our strength and some individuals are joyfully looking forward to the Frensham Pond district initiation.

Games have been spoilt by the weather, but we managed to play "A" Company with whom we drew, in the Inter-Company Knock-out we defeated "D" Company after extra time. In the first game with "A" we fielded very few of the company team, but the newcomers put up a very good show. During February and March the whole company paid numerous visits to the swimming baths and challenged the "world." "A" and "H.Q." Companies promptly produced teams which unfortunately did not win. Our team won by a quarter of a length. Major M. Browne has presented a clock to the company for competition for the cleanest platoon barrack room; at present No. 8 Platoon hold it, and so have no excuse for being late on parade.

The left half company played the right half at "Soccer" twice, the left half winning on each occasion. They also won similar matches at Hockey.

In the Inter-Platoon Boxing Nos. 7 and 8 Platoons tied for first place, No. 5 Platoon being second, and No. 6 Platoon being last.

In the third series of company boxing, after just defeating "C" Company, we disappeared from the contest when we met "A" Company. We have, however, the consolation of knowing that we still hold the Boxing Shield for the season 1924-25.

KNOW-ALL.

#### "C" COMPANY.

After several changes in the Company, we seem to have resumed normal conditions.

Lieut. F. A. Bailey has been posted to the Company from the 2nd Battalion, and has temporarily taken over command.

C.Q.M.S. Wigginton, from the 2nd Battalion, has taken over the duties of C.Q.M.S.

We are now in the middle of the Collective Training season, and much useful knowledge is being gained. Our two visits to the digging area have been instructive; we learnt how the "cave dwellers" dealt with the housing shortage, but I am afraid some of us would have gone homeless for a long time according to the progress made. Pte. C— was heard to declare that it was easier to work out a cubical contents by mathematics than by pick and shovel.

In the field we are doing wonderfully well, and all our N.C.Os. are bursting with knowledge of diamond and squashed square formations, etc., and Pte. Cotton proved himself a fine tactician when he assaulted the wood on his own; his platoon sergeant was seen talking very earnestly to him afterwards, apparently congratulating him.

We were all pleased to see our representatives in the Battalion Boxing team do so well in the semi-final of the Command Knock-out Competition against the Gloucesters. Mr. Worton and L./Sergt. Hawkins won, and Pte. Bolden, although losing, was congratulated by the referee for putting up a fine fight. Mr. Bailey is to be congratulated for entering after practically just disembarking from India, and no blame can be attached to him for losing to such a good opponent. In the final against the East Lincs, we did not do so well. L./Sergt. Hawkins lost, and Pte. Bolden was disqualified. A full report and results will be found elsewhere.

The football team have not done at all well in the Company League, but appear to be saving it up for the Knock-out Competition, and scored a good win over "G" Company by 3-0 in the first round.

Great things are expected of them in this competition.

The hockey team have not done well, but should improve, as they have been strengthened by the return of Sergt. Farrow from Hythe, and we hope by the time these notes appear that we shall have won both the Hockey and Football Knock-out Competitions.

The undermentioned are congratulated: L./Sergt. Hawkins on his appointment to Lance-Sergeant.

L./Cpls. Palmer and Edwards on their appointment to Lance-Corporal.

L./Cpls. Smith and Edwards on obtaining their 2nd Class Certificate of Education.

C. F. D.

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

If Pte. Briton judges when eggs are done by the time he can remain at the "aim"?

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Is marked man's drill at 5.30 or 2 p.m. daily?

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Has the mustard and cress bed gone rusty?

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Do tailors make good jugglers?

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Has a trumpet more uses than one?

#### "D" COMPANY.

Winter sports are nearly over now, and looking back we have been very successful; we were second in the Company League, our old rivals "A" Company being the top. In the Company Knock-out we met "A," and a very fine game resulted in a draw. In the re-play Cpl. Lewis is to be congratulated upon captaining our team to victory. Such stalwarts as Cpl. Northcott, C.S.M. Walker, L./Cpl. Staines ("Iodine") certainly mean to bring the shield to "D" once more.

In the Hockey we were not so fortunate. We drew with "B" Company after a fast and furious game, and in the re-play, lost 1-0 after extra time.

We are all congratulating ourselves on the reappointment of Capt. Horrocks to "D," and hope that his stay is going to be a long one.

Easter is upon us once more, and the "Quarter" is reading through innumerable chits regarding leave, ration allowance, debit and credit, etc., etc.

Our respects to "B" Company, but we are also taking a tug-of-war rope to camp with us. 'Nuff said.

Nos. 15 and 16 Platoons are isolated, but we are pleased to say that this has not prevented the war cry from raging on the football field.

A very successful boxing tournament took place. Our company representatives gained second. Sergt. Fleming, in the capacity of trainer, worked very hard, neither sparing himself in the training, or in the effort to gain fresh blood.

We shall soon be packing up for camp, and we hope that we shall be successful this year and regain the Battalion Musketry Shield; so look out "A."

J. S.



OUR last notes ended with the anticipation of the festive seasons. Christmas was, as usual, spent with the troops. It can be truthfully said that those of our members who were in barracks at this time enjoyed themselves *very* much. If I may quote "And the red wine did flow."

On New Year's Eve we had our dinner in the Sergeants' Mess. There were present 80, included in which were members' wives and friends. The table decorations were very effectively done in the regimental colours, and the silver being displayed added further to the beauty of things. After an excellent dinner, the assembly adjourned to the Maida Drill Hall, where a dance was held. Invitations having been sent to the garrison, great numbers were expected and arrived. By 11 p.m. over 450 had arrived, and were making merry. Col. Stewart and the officers of the Battalion with their ladies, were early present. It was a very good representation of the Aldershot Command, for nearly every regiment in the Command was represented.

The orchestra, a local one, provided some excellent music, and did not seem to tire. Dancing was carried on in the hall until 3 a.m.; but some members were dancing at a much later hour. However, no names no marked men's drill. Great credit is due

to the committee who looked after the decorations in the dance hall. They were really excellent, especially when one considers the size of the hall. It is obvious that a great deal of time and patience must have been spent in the labour.

A word of praise must also be given to all those members of the committee who ran the dinner and the dance. It was undoubtedly a very successful night. Of course, at 12 p.m. "Auld Lang Syne" was sung with great gusto by the whole party.

The tankards for billiards are still being won, the latest winners being C.S.M.I.M. Crouch and Sergt. Williard.

In the inter-unit competition we reached the semi-final, but were beaten at this stage by the 3rd Bde., R.F.A. Our previous wins were as follows:—Service Coys., R.A.S.C.; Training College, R.A.S.C.; Tanks; and R.E. We also won friendly matches with the Royal Fusiliers, and lost to the R.E. In the inter-unit games some very good billiards occurred. Considering the teams we met, all of whom were very good teams, we did extraordinarily well to reach the semi-final.

Our boxing member, Sergt. Fleming, is still upholding his reputation. In the inter-unit competitions he has never yet been beaten. He has also won two very fine cups. One was for beating Seaman Harrod, who was the Olympic Games Champion of 1922. This fight, which took place at Market Harborough, was between the Inter-Services Champions. The other cup was given to Sergt. Fleming for defeating the Air Force and Bedfordshire Fly-weight Champion. We heartily congratulate this member on his fine achievements.

C.S.M. Cartwright and L./Sergt. Morley have left us for civilian life. A presentation was made to both before leaving, the former receiving a clock and the latter a watch. We wish them all success in their future undertakings.

#### THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Who was the last member to leave the dance on New Year's Eve?

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How long it took him to walk 200 yards?

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Why the Mess is so often empty?

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If Younger's is stronger than Simmonds'?

G. A. P. S. A.

#### CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

Cross-word puzzles reign supreme in the Mess at present—during the break, after dinner, and again at night. It seems to have affected even Henry Stemp, whose cheery grin was replaced by a worried frown and the query, "What's —?"

We have recently obtained two new innovations in the shape of a Dart Challenge Shield and Billiards Handicap Shield. The former has been won on two occasions by L./Cpl. Theobald, who completely out-darted all his rivals.

The Billiards for February was won by Cpl. Sammons, who played Cpl. Macdonald in the final. Both played a good game. Breaks were as follows:—Sammons, 23, 19, 25, 33, 17; Macdonald, 17, 23, 17, 19.

In the Command Billiards (Corporals and Privates) Knock-out we met the Royal Fusiliers; the following team represented the Battalion:—Cpls. Sammons, West, Hawkins, Gibson, O'Brien and Pte. Lindsay. A fine struggle ensued, and we lost by a narrow margin, West and Gibson being the two winners.

Our practice dances have been very successful, and Cpls. Williams, Thomas and Glover are to be congratulated upon music. It is well known that Williams could syncope Verdi or Beethoven upon a Jew's-harp. As regards the dancing, St. Vitus himself could not show us anything, and Cpls. Lewis, Riley, MacMurdy and Jackson could interpret the rhythm of a bugle.

Two of our older members are leaving us shortly, L./Cpls. Jock Forshaw and H. Stemp. We wish them success in their new vocations.

Cpl. Holder, another cross-word enthusiast, is very quiet these days, and we would all like to know the reason why? Does he remember the Corporals' Boat Race?

Cpl. Sammons, who spent a happy week or so in hospital, is now well again. Both he and his committee were a success. Being one of said committee, I take pride in expressing this. This is what H. S. would call "perfectly and sublimely inconsistent with fact."

However, with Easter here we are all looking forward to camp and manœuvres. We are assured by a contemporary "daily" that there were none last year, but I think that we can all doubt that statement. Is the Battle of Frensham Ponds forgotten so soon?

J. S.

#### HEADQUARTER NOTES.

To get the various groups of "H.Q." to write notes for the Journal is like trying to squeeze water out of a stone. Here is a company of over 200 strong who apparently are not making history, for if they have nothing to write about, then history cannot be written. However, after various threats some groups have produced material. It is hoped that in future the leaders of the groups, or rather those who usually write the notes, will send plenty of MSS. along.

Details group, the bane of the O.C. Company and Group Commander, although spread all over barracks, have by some unknown means been drawn together, and have taken up arms in conflict against other groups. The result being that we defeated the M.Gs. by 4—0 and the Signals 3—0 at football. Unfortunately, we lost the hockey to the Signals after extra time. In the inter-group sports we came well to the fore, and won amongst other things the football, billiards and boxing.

The difficulty with Details is that the men cannot get away from their employments for the various games. We are not excusing ourselves for our losses, as we are not last by any means. In the Battalion boxing team we were represented by L./Cpl. Tompkins, in the football team Cpls. Sammons and Norman, and we also had several members in the hockey and Rugby teams. In the cross-country we have always been well represented.

Of late we have had several new officers to command our Company. Capt. del Court took over from Capt. Paul, and now Major M. Browne has taken over from Capt. del Court. All ranks send their felicitations to their new Company Commander.

Recently C.S.M.I.M. Cartwright left us to go on a tour of civilian life after completing 22 years' unbroken service. A handsome gold watch and chain was presented to him by the Company before he left. All ranks wish him the best of luck in the future.

#### THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Why did the Machine Gunners police the Details group when they heard that the Band and Drums were signalling for the Sano Squad.

MIXED PICKLES.

#### THE DRUMS.

At football we have beat our opposites in the Grenadiers and Coldstream, and also the Machine Gunners of our own unit; at hockey the M.Gs. beat us. We are now starting training for the inter-platoon cricket. The Regimental Sergeant-Major kindly presented that well-known photo of the Drums, taken before the war. We were very pleased to receive this, and hold it as being one of our treasured possessions. We have heard that the band are training in earnest in the hopes of winning the "Captain Procter Shield" for musketry this year. We can only say, "After us, please."

Rex, our ever faithful canine quadruped, is apparently training for manœuvres. He can often be seen "taking cover" behind a sandbag or a tin of biscuits.

Dmr. Primette has left for a tour of duty at the Depot.

SNAKE CHARMER.

#### "EMMA GEE" GROANS.

We are now in the midst of another training period [I hope someone soon patents this phrase—SUB-EDITOR] and en-clothed in the mysteries of tactical exercises. All are looking forward (*sic.*) to our forthcoming visit to Larkhill training camp in May.

We are receiving a visit during Easter from our fellow-groaners of the 7th, 8th and 9th Territorial Battalions. We hope they enjoy themselves and imbibe much useful knowledge.

In the field of sport we have done exceptionally well. The great event was the Inter-Group Knock-out Competition, which consisted of all things, such as shooting, swimming and the various games. This we won, and received for it a shield, which we hold until next year. We have played 19 games of football during the season, winning 14, drawing 1, and losing 4. Our goal average was 56 for and 28 against. At hockey we have played 5, winning 4 and losing 1; goals for were 12, those against 6.

A MARKSMAN.

#### SIGNALS.

Having been bullied by the Sub-Editor, we are trying our hand at writing notes for the Journal.

Sergt. Green has now left us with a view to becoming C.Q.M.S. of "A" Company;

we wish him luck in his new appointment. We have had plenty of games lately in the inter-group competition, but have not been very successful. At present we are hard at work preparing for classification of both signalling and musketry. Our present Signalling Officer is Lieut. Crawford, who recently took over from Lieut. Hedgecoe. While pleased to have Lieut. Crawford with us, we regret having to lose Lieut. Hedgecoe. Will any of the Signal section of the 2nd Battalion who care to interchange things in general write to us?

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Where did a certain N.C.O. find his "form"?

Who was the man found walking on the ceiling, and how much did his walk cost him?

Who was the signaller who wanted to kiss the section after a regimental dance?

"FLAG BASHER."



### EXTRACTS FROM "A SUBALTERN'S SPORTING DIARY IN INDIA," 36 YEARS AGO.

JUST round the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Spion Kop (January 24th, 1900) I was reading an old diary of the late Capt. C. L. Muriel, who was killed at that battle, and whose grave is now at the foot of the hill near Coventry's Farm, several Middlesex men also being buried alongside it. I last saw Capt. Muriel on the day of the battle hurrying up the hill at the head of his company, carrying up a lot of sandbags himself, and when I asked him what he was doing that for, he said, "Oh, they want them badly at the top of the hill."

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I thought it would be of interest to the readers of THE DIE-HARDS journal to hear of the doings of this officer some twelve years earlier, when the 2nd Middlesex Regiment was quartered at Kamptee, and he and another brother subaltern (now a distinguished Colonel and retired) spent two months in the jungle big-game shooting.

#### EXTRACTS FROM DIARY.

*Tuesday, May 15th, 1888, at Kohalgaon.*—We found Dama, our shikaree, waiting for us, so I started off at once in the heat of the day to tie up "kills" (*i.e.*, bullocks) for the Surtoli tigress, five miles on. As we got near the place we saw two natives squatting on the ground with their clothes all wrapped round them. At first we could not for the life of us make out the joke, and neither of these objects could speak to enlighten us, but in a few seconds Dama twigged it and uttered the magic word "Mukkee" (bees), and the next moment they were on us too! We ran as we had never ran before; no chaff could have scattered better in the best wind. I had to drop my rifle, my topee fell off, and I tore off my coat and whipped it over my head. Twice was I stung in the neck and face, and still they were not satisfied; and I stood still to gasp for breath. Presently by degrees we all began to show ourselves at each corner of the ground, and made signs to one another like a game of "Puss in the Corner," but only let two or three gather together, then up came a bee and dispersed us. The natives with their naked skins had afforded a fine target for this game; they had suffered badly, and, to tell you the truth, I was glad of it, for it was entirely due to their stupidity at the water that the bees had been disturbed. At last I got back my rifle and hat and went off with Dama, leaving the men to recover their runaway bullocks as best they could, and in a perfect rage with them for having spoilt all chance of getting the tigress after this. On the way back we had gone about two miles when, going through some thick bamboo jungle with lots of high grass about, Dama, ever on the look-out, suddenly stopped in front and beckoned me on by his side. Looking round to the left about 70 yards off, by a marvel of good luck there stood a magnificent bull bison, feeding all by himself with his tail towards us. How eagerly I raised my rifle! I knew I could not miss such a huge target, but where to aim was the momentous question. I selected the inside of his thigh and fired! At the report the bison rushed away for about 40 yards, and then turned round to see what it was; seeing us, he rushed away at headlong pace. We ran up at once to pick up the trail; at first, Dama thought it was not hit, but I was perfectly satisfied of that myself, and then

we got on to blood high up on the grass. It was already beginning to get dusk, so we followed up as fast as we could through the long grass. About 200 yards on Dama, who was in front, suddenly looked round to the left and gave a warning cry. I just caught a glimpse of the bison standing only 10 yards off, and the next moment we were running for our lives. Providentially our bolting in different directions had confused the bison, and he stopped in the middle of his charge, not knowing whom to go for. I can account for it in no other way, for he must have caught one of us for a certainty if he had only kept it up. Dama had bolted behind some bamboo up the opposite hill, the chagul-man (water-carrier) had rushed off behind another clump, and I turned in round the nearest tree. I never saw a man go off so fast as the nimble Dama; he could have given me 20 yards and won, whilst the chagul-walla was up at the top of his tree before I reached mine; so if the bison had made for the hindmost I should have been a "gone coon" before now. However, to resume: seeing that he had not come on and that he was standing there only 30 yards off, I determined to bag him yet if possible, but the only part visible—standing as he was front on—was his head, and at this I took a steady aim and fired. The next instant I saw him coming straight for me. I jumped behind the tree, and just had time to spring up the sapling at the side (for the tree was too big to grasp) and to tuck my legs up under me, as he struck the tree with terrific force about 18 inches below and slid off the other side. As soon as he had gone by I swarmed up on to the big tree, whose branches I could now reach, and which he, with all his weight and strength, had failed but to shake. Meanwhile the bison had taken up his old position and stood prepared to charge again; however, he did not come on at once, so, shouting to Dama to keep his eye on him, I slid down, secured my rifle and topee, and climbed up again. Twisting my legs round the tree, I again took aim at the vital place between his eyes and fired; instead of charging again as I expected, this seemed to baulk him, and he turned round with a snort and made off into the jungle. So we all got down from our trees and had a look at the mark he had made on my tree; it was very easy to see with what tremendous force he had come on and how near it had been for me; he had actually made a raw

dent a good inch deep and the height of the top of my thigh from the ground; if he had struck the sapling or slid off on my side, I must have been done to a turn!

Determined not to lose such a splendid prize, we now hurried up to the top of a hill to cut him off; then we saw him labouring up the side of another hill and running round the neck I got a distant shot which struck him in the hind quarters. This sickened him terribly, and he twisted about for a moment as if staggered; still he went on, and we went round nearer. At 100 yards I hit him well in his near foreleg just below the shoulder, and he fell over; my sixth and last bullet fetched him on his other foreleg, and then Dama fired at his neck. He was done, but not dead, and so we had to leave him and get home as best we could in the dusk.

On arriving at the camp at Kohalgaon, I related my little episode to H— during the intervals of tubbing, and Dama went through a pantomime performance to illustrate the successive issues of the fray. The next morning H— and I and Dama started with a couple of carts to pick up the bison. I showed H— the scene of action, and we found the bison dead lying where it had fallen. He was a splendid specimen, his horns curling well in, and was as big and full-fledged as they make them. Measuring him as he lay, from the sole of his fore-foot to the top of his withers was 17 hands, and to the level top of his back was another 5 inches, so that he really stood 18.1 hands (just over 6 feet). In girth he was as big as a prize bull, and there were ten rings on his horns. We cut off his head after taking photos of him and of the tree. We then returned to camp, and H— bagged a 27-stone pig, the result of a neatly-placed snap shot.

G. W. W. S.



### OFFICERS' CLUB.

#### REGIMENTAL CRICKET WEEK.

The Cricket Week "At Homes" will be held at the Depot on July 1st and 2nd. Members wishing to invite friends or relatives can obtain invitation cards from the Hon. Secretary.

There will be a lunch tent for members of the Club. The charge for lunch will be 3s. 6d. Members will greatly assist the

Committee if they will kindly warn in for lunch the day previous.

The following are the fixtures for the Cricket Week:—

Monday, June 29th ...	Royal Fusiliers.
Tuesday, June 30th ...	M.C.C.
Wednesday, July 1st	Free Foresters.
Thursday, July 2nd ...	Cryptics.

#### ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner of the Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club will be held at the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, on Tuesday, June 30th, at 7.45 p.m. Evening Dress and Miniatures. Members' tickets (5s.) and non-members' tickets (25s.) can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

#### COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Executive Committee Meeting was held at the London Central Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on Saturday, January 31st, 1925.

Present:—Colonel A. M. O. Anwyl Pas-singham, O.B.E. (in the Chair); Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, T.D., 9th Battalion; Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.; Major D. C. Percy-Smith, D.S.O., O.B.E., 1st Battalion; Major W. W. Jefferd, 2nd Battalion; Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C.; Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M., Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The accounts for the year 1924 were read and passed.

It was decided to send a copy to P.M.Cs. of Battalion Messes, and to retired and seconded officers.

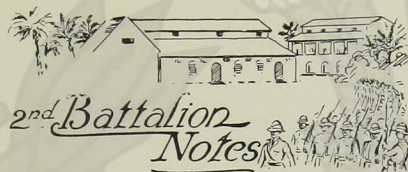
The following sub-committees were elected:—

*Dinner Sub Committee.*—President, Capt. H. E. Foster. Members: Lieut.-Colonel V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.; Capt. J. N. Lamont, M.C.

*Cricket Week Sub-Committee.*—President, Lieut.-Colonel V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O. Members: Major W. W. Jefferd, 2nd Battalion; Capt. H. B. Savile, M.C., 7th Battalion; Capt. N. P. Procter, M.C., 9th Battalion; Capt. M. Thorne, 8th Battalion.

It was decided to sanction a grant of £10 for the purpose of improving and preparing the ground for the Cricket Week.

The question of paying for teas for members' private guests at the Cricket Week "At Homes" was considered, and it was decided that no charge be made.



2/Lieut. M. A. Jacob: Disembarked at Bombay ex H.M.T. *Marglen*. Joined Battalion on posting, 7/11/24.

Lieut. E. L. Heywood: Rejoined Battalion from Waziristan District on ceasing to be employed as Cypher Officer, 20/11/24.

Major P. Grove-White.—Rejoined Battalion from leave in United Kingdom, 29/11/24.

Capt. and Bt. Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C.: Proceeded to Small Arms School, Pachmari, for duty, 28/11/24.

Major D. C. Owen, D.S.O.: Rejoined Battalion from Senior Officers' School, 6/12/24.

Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., Lieut. E. M. G. Wray, D.S.O.: Rejoined Battalion from Course of Instruction at Small Arms School, Satara, 10/12/24.

Lieut. E. S. M. Ayscough: Rejoined Battalion from leave in United Kingdom, 20/12/24.

Lieut. F. A. Bailey: Embarked for United Kingdom per H.M.T. *Marglen*, 17/1/25, on being posted to the 1st Battalion.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS.

Social events in our life for the past few months have been few.

We have been in the midst of the training season, and consequently have had to give up the pleasures of life for a time and settle down to a serious perusal of F.S.Rs. and I.T. It is all over now, and we hope shortly to have the usual sports, tournaments, etc., running smoothly.

We have lost quite a lot of our old friends from the "Tanks." They have been distributed to different units in India, and have been replaced by a new staff of instructors. We had barely sufficient time to become thoroughly acquainted, but there is no doubt in the near future we shall initiate them into the intricacies of that wonderful game "Pokey die." However, more of that anon.

I have mentioned training previously. The first place we were all together



#### 2ND BATTALION.

- 1.—The Verilites, "A" Company Concert Party.
- 2.—Mandolin Quintette.
- 3.—"A" Company on Battalion Training, Imampur.
- 4.—Children's Christmas Tree.
- 5.—The Colours.

was at Imampur, where the Battalion Training took place. It was very strenuous, but we all looked forward to the evening when we gathered together under a couple of "80 pounders" and held a post-mortem on the day's work.

It is easy to surmise that some of the arguments grew quite hot at times, but they generally ended with "Set your lay," and then everything was else forgotten until the next morning, when members rolled up to breakfast and asked for two raw eggs.

Talking of eggs, it is rather amusing to hear some of the orders given to the native boys. One hears such expressions as "Chota boiles," "Medium," "Fried under," "Fried over," and a hundred and one other expressions. The boy says "Yes, Sahib," and departs with a grin on his face. The eggs generally manage to arrive as hard as a bullet, or, if fried, they bear a resemblance to an omelette that has been walked over by a battalion.

We have just arrived from Adavhvadi, where brigade manoeuvres were held.

I rather think the majority of members preferred the cold comfort that two blankets offered, rather than stay in the mess and freeze. It was "Atora Tunda," and I think everyone was glad to return, even if only to have a warm bed at night.

There has been one function in the Mess that I must not forget. That was our annual "New Year's Dinner." It was a tremendous success from the "soup to the savoury." Our heartiest thanks are due to the various committees for the splendid way everything was arranged. As usual, we sang the old year out and the new one in by joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne." There are quite a lot of the members with visions of seeing the Old Year out in Blighty next year. Let us hope their visions are not mirages.

The Mess played the Corporals at billiards a short time ago. The following represented the Sergeants' Mess:—R.S.M. Fane, Sergts. Palmer, Rand, Wilson, Colbourne, and Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer. Games were played 200 up, and the results were very even, each side winning three games. I think the Corporals won by a small margin of points.

Since the last publication we have lost two old members of the Mess—namely, R.Q.M.S. Coles and C.Q.M.S. Wigginton. The R.Q.M.S. has gone home for discharge

(time expired), and C.Q.M.S. Wigginton has left to be discharged medically unfit. Something wrong with his "innards," as he used to tell us.

I must write "finis" for this quarter, but for the next publication I hope to have a much more lengthy and interesting narrative.

L. C. F.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who remarked that he took Eno's every morning for a "purgatory"? Whether it had the desired effect?

If the sergeant who was marching behind the black mule on "night ops" found a piece of white paper of much use?

Whether he continued bumping into the mule after the paper had been affixed to its tail?

Who collected the greatest number of "medals" during brigade manoeuvres?

Who will be the fortunate (?) individual in the Mess to receive the first "order."

#### FOOTBALL.

Since winning the Rovers Football Tournament in Bombay last October, the Battalion team has unfortunately had no opportunity of playing against any outside teams. Our next engagement is not until the end of March, when we are due to play in the first round of the All-India Tournament at Rawalpindi. This competition is limited to the winners of District Tournaments throughout India, and we have qualified for it through beating the North Staffords in the Poona District final last year.

Within the Battalion, as no Company League for 1924 had been played, it was decided to finish it off during December, but owing to shortage of time it had to be limited to a half-league only. "H.Q. 1" had a very strong team and won all their matches.

The final placings were:—

Company.	Goals.					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A. P.
"H.Q. 1"...	5	5	0	0	11	3 10
"H.Q. 2"...	5	1	1	3	4	5 5
"A"...	5	2	3	0	8	7 4
"C"...	5	1	2	2	2	4 4
"D"...	5	1	2	2	2	5 4
"B"...	5	0	2	3	4	7 3

A Platoon Knock-out Tournament is being started at the end of January, and also the first half league of the Company

Football Tournament for 1925 is shortly due to begin.

#### REGIMENTAL CONCERT PARTY.

After a rather long period of inactivity, "The Pothooks" once more put in an appearance on November 20th. They repeated their performance the next evening.

The Regimental Cinema has been renovated and the stage repaired. New wings had been added, and the Regimental Badge and a large selection of battle honours painted above and beside the curtain.

The show itself was quite good. Sergts. Rand and Hart, Bdsn. Smith and Pte. Leonard were perhaps the best members of the troupe, Sergt. Rand scoring particularly in "Angus Macdonald," accompanied by the band. L./Cpl. Gower and Dmr. Raymond were also quite good. Other members of the party were: Sergt. Massey, L./Cpl. Wingrove, M.M., and Pte. Tucker, W.O. Inst. West, A.E.C., being the pianist.

As well as the above-mentioned "Angus Macdonald," other turns worthy of mention were "Riley's Cowshed" (Smith), "Oogie-Oogie Wah-Wah" (Leonard), "Girl Shy" (Hart), and a sketch called "The Miser's Ghost," cleverly played by Rand, Hart and Smith.

The troupe is now busily rehearsing for the next concert, which is to take place next month. We have suffered a severe loss in Bdsn. Smith, who is leaving the Battalion, but new blood is being brought into the party, which it is hoped will make up for this loss.

S. J. C.

#### "A" COMPANY.

Training and still more training, that has been the password for the last quarter. We have had Company Training, Battalion Training, and Brigade Training; but now it is all over, and we have begun to settle down to a life of comparative ease, compared with the last few months.

It is a glorious sensation to lie in bed in the afternoon and think of days gone by when we attacked "Spion Kop," and "leap frogged" to "Moses," "Isaac," and "Jacob," and finally finished the day in the vicinity of "Soloman's Ridge"; and then again when we gained a decisive victory over the "Tribesmen" by attacking at

dawn. We drove them from the "First Finger" on to the "Second Finger," and finally routed them off "Third Finger"; and then that glorious call (no, not the "charge") but "Dismiss." However, that is over for twelve months, so why worry about the future.

The usual sport has been carried out with varying success. The Company had very bad luck in the Battalion Inter-Company Hockey. There is no doubt that we were beaten, but at the same time if all the openings that were given us had been taken advantage of the ultimate result would probably have been different.

In the Battalion Novices' Boxing Competitions we finished up equal second to "C" Company. L./Cpl. Champion put up a very good show in winning his weight. Many others fought well, especially Spicer, Hines (60), and L./Cpl. Grandshaw.

We have just finished playing off various sports for the Inter-Platoon Shield. The different branches included Boxing, Hockey, Cricket, Football, Cross-country Running, etc. The final results were close. The winning Platoon—No. 1—had a score of 16 points to their credit, and were closely followed by No. 3 with 15½ points. Following came No. 2 with 15 points and then No. 4 Platoon with 13½ points.

The Company has extended its activities lately by blooming forth with a concert party ("The Verilites"). Great interest was taken in this by our "skipper," Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence, and also by Lieut. F. A. Bailey, who was officer in charge. Lieut. Bailey, by the way, has recently left us for the United Kingdom, and I am sure we all wish him the very best of luck. The show was given on January 5th and 6th, and we had a crowded house each evening. On the second night Col.-Comdt. Moens, the Brigade Commander, attended with a party from Flagstaff House. After the show he congratulated Capt. Lawrence on an excellent performance, and also asked him to thank the concert party on his behalf.

Among the artists who appeared were Sergt. Massey, who has a good voice for a sentimental song. The comedian, Pte. Jacobson, also did excellent work, and frequently had the house in roars of laughter. Quite a new turn was Pte. Martin, who gave a couple of excellent monologues. He has since been invited to join the Battalion concert party. We were

also assisted by C.Q.M.S. Kent with a couple of light turns. Pte. May made a good impersonation of "Sam Mayo" with "I've lost all ambition in life." Sergt. Fairchild also obliged with a couple of cornet solos that were well received. Quite one of the best turns of the evening was a mandolin quintette, the people who performed being L./Cpls. Flint, Glibbery, and Jenkins, and Ptes. Page and Gillor. Our best thanks are also due to Mrs. Siddons, the wife of our C.S.M., who ably assisted at the piano during the evening.

It is hoped that shortly we shall inflict another concert on the Battalion; that is, if they will "Stand for it."

I was almost forgetting to mention Christmas at Ahmednagar. The Company this year spent Christmas at the Fort. The dining-hall as usual was tastefully decorated, and at dinner the usual toasts were proposed amid great cheering, etc. From there onwards we will ring down the curtain. Practically all readers of the Journal did the same thing, I expect.

In closing the notes for the quarter, I should like to mention that we should be very glad to hear from any old "A" Companyites. If they just drop a note to the O.C. Company, it will be answered with all the latest news up to date.

#### "C" COMPANY.

Since the last issue of the Journal, we have been able to get on with our platoon and company competitions, and our Platoon Shield competitions are almost finished for 1924. Once again No. 10 Platoon has great hopes of buying the "Goddards" to clean the shield with.

Each of the platoons have lost some of their sportsmen during the trooping season, but in spite of the losses some keen games have been seen.

In the Cricket League Nos. 9, 10, and 11 Platoons finished with an equal number of points. In the football No. 10 were first, followed by Nos. 12, 11, and 9. The Hockey League is now in progress, and up to date No. 10 are leading.

A very successful Boxing Tournament (Novices) was arranged in the Battalion during December, in which the Company showed them how it should be done by easily winning the "Scissors Cup." For this success we must thank L./Cpl. Cook for

the help he gave our team, also our entrants who put up such remarkably good shows.

Our results were as follows:—*Middle-weights*: Ptes. Horden and Wiltshire. 1st Series: Horden's man retired in the first round and Wiltshire had a walk-over; this brought both our men into the semi-final, in which Horden was knocked out in the first round, and Wiltshire knocked out his man in the second round. In the final, after a gruelling fight, Wiltshire was unfortunate to lose on points by a small margin.

*Welter-weights*: Ptes. Wells and Chapman.

In the 1st Series Wells lost on points after putting up an excellent fight, Chapman knocking out his opponent. In the 2nd Series Chapman again put his man to sleep and performed the hat-trick by doing likewise in the semi-final. In the final, after putting his man down on two occasions, and going the full distance, he lost on points by a very narrow margin.

*Light-weights*: Ptes. Hayward and Butler, L./Cpls. Smith and Milne.

1st Series: Pte. Hayward won easily. L./Cpl. Smith knocked out his opponent. Pte. Butler lost on points, after putting up a very good show, and L./Cpl. Milne won on points. 2nd Series: Pte. Hayward after having his man absolutely beaten, unfortunately had to retire owing to an attack of fever. We must congratulate him on his gameness in entering the ring, and sympathize with him having to drop out of the competition when he had every hopes of reaching the final. L./Cpl. Milne again won on points, and L./Cpl. Smith received a bye. Semi-finals: L./Cpl. Smith won on points, and L./Cpl. Milne lost on points after a good scrap. Final: Smith put up an extremely good show, but lost on points to a stronger opponent.

*Feather-weights*: In this weight we were well represented, and amongst our entries found a veritable man-eater in Pte. "Ginger" Norris, who fought his way into the final by absolutely going all out in every fight and beating his opponent groggy.

1st Series: Pte. Nelson lost on points, Norris won on points, Usher won on points, Disbury won on points, and Beart received a bye.

2nd Series: Ptes. Disbury and Usher were unfortunately drawn together, and after putting up a good show, Disbury was awarded the verdict. "Ginger" again

performed and won his fight, and Pte. Beart lost on points.

Semi-final: Disbury lost a close fight, and Norris absolutely rushed his man all over the ring, and qualified for the final in which both men put up a spirited show, and if only "Wee Ginger" had a stronger punch his man would have seen "Lights Out" much sooner than he did.

We had no entries in the Bantams, our only man of that weight being L./Cpl. Cook, who was not eligible owing to his being Battalion Champion, but he showed us how to win fights in his usual breezy manner by forcing his opponent to retire in the third round of a contest that was arranged.

After the Commanding Officer had presented the cups and prizes, the team had a snack in the canteen ("Who eats five blanc-manges?") and wetted the cup in the usual manner, and thus ended a most successful show for the Company.

It is with regret we have to report the loss of two of the above team—Pte. Wiltshire being invalided to United Kingdom, and Pte. Chapman transferred to "H.Q." Wing as a signaller. We wish them both the best of luck and thank them very much for so ably assisting their old Company to win the "Scissors Cup."

Our C.Q.M.S. has left us for United Kingdom, and we all wish him the best of luck with the 1st Battalion. He was always willing to help any of the Company, and had helped the cricket team as wicket-keeper, and a good run producer until he was forced to leave us owing to ill-health.

At present we are without both C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S., these duties being carried out by Sergts. Burns and Rand, who joined the Company on transfer from the 1st Battalion early in 1924.

Our Christmas Dinner passed off very well, everyone was filled either with wetness or solids and credit must be given to the Committee who so ably arranged everything (and, of course, the jolly old cooks did their share).

We are all pleased to welcome Lieut. Ayscough back, who has rejoined the Company after nine months' leave in United Kingdom.

#### "D" COMPANY.

During the last quarter little has happened, as training has been in the foreground. Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C.,

left the Battalion during Company training, and is now chief instructor at the Small Arms School, Pachmari. We wish him the best of luck, and hope one day to see him again at our helm. Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., is our new "skipper."

We held a Company Boxing Tournament on November 3rd and 4th, which was, owing to the care taken in running it, an unqualified success.

The following won silver medals:—

*Feather-weight*.—Pte. Smith (58).

*Light-weight*.—Pte. Loom.

*Welter-weight*.—Pte. Bergman.

*Middle-weight*.—Pte. Davis (11).

The runners-up were awarded bronze medals:—

*Feather-weight*.—Pte. Poulson.

*Welter-weight*.—Pte. Woolford.

*Middle-weight*.—Pte. Barker.

Our Company team won the Battalion Tug-of-War Competition. The team consisted of Sergt. Peck, Ptes. Loom, Squires, Worrell, Blades, Bergman, Woolford, Davis (11), Barker, and Scott (58). They took their training seriously, and with that, plus careful coaching, did not lose a single pull.

No. 13 Platoon is "King of the Castle" this year. They have won both the Boxing Cup and the Spence Cup, the latter having been presented by Major Spence to be awarded yearly to the best platoon.

In finishing, we should like to wish all "D" Companyites who have left for England the best of luck.

#### MACHINE-GUN PLATOON.

When we read the papers here, we realize how wise such people as Carpentier and Jimmy Wilde are in giving up boxing; perhaps they have heard of our talent.

In the recent Battalion Novices' Boxing Competition we showed our abilities by winning four of the seven final fights, and we are proud of such men as L./Cpl. Fisher (14) (Bantam-weight), Pte. Pile (Light-weight), Pte. Glew (Welter-weight), and Pte. Sculphor (Light Heavy-weight), who were the successful winners.

In addition to winning his weight, Sculphor received a cup for the best display of boxing, which was generously presented by H. F. Shadobeen, our regimental contractor.

We thank Lieut. Claydon, the Battalion boxing officer, and all officers who assisted him for their strenuous efforts, which

brought the Tournament to a successful conclusion.

Christmas is over. The least said the better, as everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

During the Inter-Company Football and Tug-of-War "H.Q.I" took 1st and 2nd places respectively.

I am pleased to say the Machine Gun Platoon were well represented, and I hope in the forthcoming Platoon Knock-out (in which the Platoon enter two teams) that we may come out on top. "Self-praise is no recommendation," but I think we are justified in feeling proud of ourselves.

We have just returned from Adavhvadi Camp after ten days' strenuous brigade training, where we were worked as brigade machine gunners under the command of Capt. R. N. Moore, this being the first time since we left Egypt.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Cpl. Ruff, who received a "Distinguished"; and Cpls. Richardson and Howard "Qualified" on this recent machine-gun course.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who said that corporals were recruits because they are not allowed to wear G.C. badges?

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Who took the first round out of the belt because he was told that the first round goes wide?

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Who said "Rain in greatcoats, because 'it ain't going to hand in no mo'?"

O.C.M.A.

#### THINGS WE HEAR.

N.C.O. (trying to be funny) to an unfortunate individual with a rather prominent nose: "What is the length of your nose?"

Platoon Jester: "Excuse me, corporal, but we are only allowed to judge distances up to 600 yards."

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School Instructor: "What is one of the most prominent objects in London?"

Pte. X.Y.Z.: "Lockharts, Corporal."

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Same Instructor: "How does a farthing get its name?"

Same Private: "Because it's a "farthing" from a pound, Corporal."

Private being warned by the orderly-corporal for a fatigue on a Sunday afternoon (disgustedly): "Roll on Christmas; let's have some N.C.Os."

Orderly-Corporal (with visions of rapid promotion): "What do you mean?"

Pte. Smith (meekly): "Nuts, Cakes, and Oranges, Corporal."

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW

Who was the individual who asked the way to the washing-place a week after the Battalion had been under canvas?

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We had wondered why the individual had looked so brown. Was it the sun?

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Did the guard turn out to view the C.O. when he arrived in barracks at the head of the Battalion with his four new Company Commanders after Brigade Camp? Have any of these Company Commanders applied for staff billets? I wonder.

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Who is the member of the Sergeants' Mess who is telling everyone he bathed daily while in camp? Did he mention hot water and where it was obtainable?

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Can anyone find out who composed "Felix"?

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Whether this individual would be greatly welcomed if he joined the 2nd Battalion?

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Who was the individual singing "Don't hang the washing on the aerals, Gladys?"

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And whether the home football results are received in Ahmednagar earlier than usual?

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Who gave the order on "Night Ops"—"Smoke, but don't strike any matches"?

# WHAT'S YOURS?

Ours is news please  
and double measure!

#### BATTALION CAMP.

The Battalion proceeded to Camp on December 5th at Imampur, some fourteen or fifteen miles from the barracks at East Ridge (strength, 20 officers, 576 other ranks), and returned to barracks on the 16th.

#### BRIGADE CAMP.

The Battalion marched to Brigade at Adavhvadi on January 12th, 1925, and returned to barracks on the 22nd. The 16th Indian Infantry Brigade comprises one British Infantry Battalion and three Indian Infantry Battalions—i.e., 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 4/11th Sikh Regiment, 5th Bn. 5th Royal Mahrattas Light Infantry, and 2/7th Rajput Regiment.

During training the Brigade was inspected by G.O.C.-in-C. Southern Command, Lieut.-General Sir Harold Walker, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O.; also by the G.O.C. Poona District, Major-General C. M. G. Richardson, C.B., C.S.I.

#### BIRTHS.

JONES.—On October 20th, 1924, at Ahmednagar, the wife of No. 6192402 Pte. G. Jones—a son, William Walter Francis.

SIDDONS.—On December 16th, 1924, at Ahmednagar, the wife of No. 6188457 C.S.M. H. A. Siddons—a son, Raymond Augustus.

#### DEATH.

HAROLD.—On December 22nd, 1924, at British Station Hospital, Poona, No. 6191336 Pte. Archibald Percy Harold.

Pte. Harold died at Poona from inflammation of the ears, after having suffered from bad ears for some considerable time. At the time of his death he was awaiting passage to the United Kingdom as an invalid. He had over five years' service, and had served with the 2nd Battalion for three years, being drafted from the 3rd Battalion in Germany at the end of 1921.

#### TRANSFERS.

No. 6192432 Pte. A. Churn transferred to the 1st Bn. The Royal West Kent Regiment.

No. 6191816 Pte. T. Salisbury transferred to the 1st Bn. The Royal West Kent Regiment.

#### RE-ENGAGEMENT.

No. 6188994 L./Cpl. J. Brown re-engaged at Ahmednagar for the Middlesex Regiment, to complete 21 years, 10/1/14.

#### COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

No. 6189161 L./Sergt. L. Fairchild qualified at the 3rd Course of Instruction at the British Army School of Education, Belgaum, India, 5/11/24.

No. 6189597 Cpl. H. Ruff qualified (distinguished) at the 3rd Qualifying Course at the Machine Gun School, Ahmednagar, 25/10/24.

No. 6189557 Cpl. W. Richardson qualified at the 3rd Qualifying Course at the Machine Gun School, Ahmednagar, 25/10/24.

The undernamed qualified at a Regimental Nursing Orderlies' Course "Very Good" at the British Station Hospital, Poona, 7/12/24:—

6193881 Pte. G. Baynham.

6192864 Pte. C. Hide.

6189215 Pte. J. Dyer.

6194184 Pte. A. Whitcombe.

6192821 Pte. L. Chinn.

6193446 Pte. W. Adams.

No. 6193219 Pte. F. Holder passed a Course of Instruction in Cooking, at the Army School of Cookery, Poona, 13/12/24.

#### CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

The undernamed were awarded Second-Class Certificates of Education at Wellington, 8/9/24:—

6189560 Cpl. T. French.

6192370 L./Cpl. A. Webb.

The undernamed were awarded Third-Class Certificates of Education at Ahmednagar, 4/12/24:—

5432423 Pte. E. Hines.

6195236 Pte. W. Skull.

6189572 Pte. T. Sibley.

6189562 Pte. J. Newman.

17688 Pte. A. Yule.

6194897 Pte. J. Burgess.

6194030 Pte. R. Turner.

6192620 Pte. E. Stangroom.

6191774 Pte. B. Rapley.

6193759 Pte. J. Clarke.

6189606 Pte. A. Horton.

6192504 Dmr. C. Terry.

7814740 Pte. D. Glew.

6194291 Pte. F. Williams.

6189609 Pte. W. Sears.

7812771 Pte. W. Osmand.



6193670 Pte. L. Williams.  
 6193666 Pte. J. Howard.  
 6192840 Pte. C. Gumm.  
 6192581 Pte. E. Ash.  
 6192403 Pte. E. Frampton.  
 6194171 Pte. G. Burgess.  
 6192608 Pte. F. Trendell.  
 6194862 Pte. F. Keys.  
 6191062 Pte. H. Kemp.

#### PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

*Appointed Paid Lance - Corporals.*—  
 6193001 L./Cpl. G. Matthews, "B" Coy.,  
 11/10/24; 6192076 L./Cpl. Fowler, "B"  
 Coy., 22/10/24; 6192405 L./Cpl. Chalcraft,  
 "C" Coy., 22/10/24; 6189289 L./Cpl. P.  
 Hathaway, "H.Q." Wing, 24/12/24.

*Appointed Drummer.*—6189121 Pte.  
 Gribble, "H.Q." Wing, 14/11/24.

*Appointed Bandsman.*—6189414 Pte.  
 Gower, "H.Q." Wing, 13/12/24.

*Promoted Colour-Sergeant (O.R.S.)*—  
 6188949 Sergt. (O.R.S.) W. H. Pilley,  
 "H.Q." Wing, 15/1/25 (under Arts. 731-632  
 R.W.).

*Appointed R.Q.M.S.*—6188421 C.S.M.I.M.  
 H. Baker, D.C.M., "H.Q." Wing, 29/12/24.

*Appointed C.S.M.I.M.*—6188655 C.S.M.  
 S. Cox, "C" Coy., 29/12/24.

*Promoted W.O. Class II and appointed*  
*C.S.M.*—6191917 Sergt. E. Burns, 28/1/25.

*Promoted W.O. Class II and appointed*  
*C.S.M.*—6188630 Sergt. H. Rand, 28/1/25.

#### CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

The undernamed have been awarded  
 First-Class Certificates of Education,  
 15/10/24:—

6191917 Sergt. E. Burns.  
 6189531 Sergt. J. Hart.  
 6191105 L./Sergt. W. Fletcher.  
 6189070 L./Cpl. H. Berry.  
 6192067 L./Cpl. E. Crossman.



## THE FOREIGN LEGION.

BY CAPT. RONALD BRODIE,  
 The Cameronians (late Middlesex Regt.).  
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**M**ANY articles have appeared in the  
 Press and in book form on the subject  
 of the French Foreign Legion, but it is  
 difficult to obtain first-hand information,  
 and as a result many inaccurate statements  
 have been made. The writer served before  
 the war, after having been a second-  
 lieutenant in the Cameronians (Scottish  
 Rifles), as a private, and finally as a corporal  
 in the Legion. During this period, 1912-13,  
 he spent five months on active service in  
 Eastern Morocco in the 3rd Battalion of the  
 1st Regiment, and the remainder in peace-  
 time soldiering in Algeria.

The Legion was composed at that time of  
 two regiments, each consisting of six  
 battalions, and, in addition, there were two  
 Depot companies at each Regimental Depot.  
 There were, in addition, several mounted  
 infantry companies in the Sahara, and to  
 the Legion of to-day has been added a  
 cavalry regiment. The Legion were never  
 armed with artillery, for reasons which may  
 be surmised. At the same time, their  
 loyalty and discipline have never been  
 shaken, and a time may come when they  
 will possess their own artillery.

The present strength allowed for in the  
 French Budget is 10,000 foreigners.

The conditions of enlistment speak for  
 themselves. Any foreigner or French pro-  
 tected subject, with the exception of  
 Algerian natives, were permitted to enlist  
 in the Legion between the ages of eighteen  
 and forty-five, if medically fit. No proof  
 as to character was demanded, nor was any  
 enquiry made as to their birth certificate,  
 their true nationality, nor were they obliged  
 to obtain proof of any of the statements  
 given upon enlistment. It was possible for  
 a Frenchman to enlist as a British subject,  
 giving the name of Horatio Cholmondeley,  
 profession in civil life, archbishop. There  
 was one Frenchman who enlisted giving his  
 nationality as Italian, and surname  
 Sacabrossi. A "sac-a-brosse" was part of  
 a soldier's kit—namely, a hold-all. Other  
 men enlisted under false names and forgot  
 them on the morrow.

The writer enlisted under his own name,  
 with the addition of the letter "r" at the

end, thus making his name easier to pro-  
 nounce in French. When he enlisted at the  
 Depot of the 1st Regiment he found his  
 fellow recruits had in most cases served in  
 foreign armies, and only required a small  
 amount of training to make them fit to bear  
 arms in the field. Those who had not such  
 previous service had to start from the  
 beginning, and had to spend at least three  
 months at the Depot before they were  
 drafted to a battalion at a peace station in  
 Algeria or to a battalion on active service  
 in Morocco. Marching and march discipline

A recruit or ex-soldier joining the Legion  
 was posted to the training company at the  
 Depot on arrival, and by progressive stages,  
 commencing from the first week, and  
 finishing with special march tests of endur-  
 ance (*marches d'épreuve*), was gradually  
 trained to carry the total weight of equip-  
 ment and ammunition. This weight was  
 enormous, but it was increased in gradual  
 stages. During the first week, the recruit  
 did a full march, but carried no arms;  
 during the second week he carried a rifle  
 and bayonet; and so on until he could carry



A GROUP OF LEGIONARIES OF THE 5TH BATTALION, 1ST REGIMENT.

*Back Row.*—The New Guard and Stable Piquet.

*Front Row.*—The Orderly-Sergeant and Orderly-Corporals.

was the backbone of the training, musketry  
 was never carried out at ranges of 400  
 metres, and not every legionary carried out  
 field firing. The standard of musketry  
 instruction was low compared with the  
 standard of the British Army at that time,  
 but the field firing exercises, when held,  
 were of a very high standard. The Legion  
 were a good shooting regiment, as might be  
 expected from men of perfect physique,  
 who had frequent practice in shooting to  
 kill during their period of service.

the whole lot. It is not easy to remember  
 every article of kit carried, but the heaviest  
 weights were made up by the blanket and  
 bivouac tent, the tent poles and pickets, the  
 cooking pan or *dixie*, the entrenching tool on  
 the pack, the pair of red trousers and blue  
 shell jacket carried inside the pack, the 120  
 rounds or equivalent weight in metal  
 weights, and last, but not least, two water  
 bottles each containing two litres. The  
 pack was easily removed at halts, and this  
 was done invariably. The habit of carrying

an equivalent weight in metal amounting to the number of rounds carried was an excellent method of accustoming men to carry weight without fatigue. After a time the men became accustomed to these weights, and slept quite easily off duty in guard-rooms and powder magazines with their pouches full. Apart from marching, which was always carried out in marching order—viz., double-breasted greatcoat, cummerbund, and red or white trousers according to the season—musketry and drill were carried out in white drill during the summer, and in red trousers and shell jacket during the winter. A tunic was worn with epaulettes on occasions, when on ceremonial drill or in walking-out dress. Musketry and drill presented great difficulty in instruction owing to the babel of tongues spoken. In the earlier stages of instruction recruits were placed under the *élèves caporaux*, i.e., men who were attached to the recruits' company and withdrawn from their battalions as possible N.C.Os. In addition to the latter were a number of trained instructors of every nationality, capable of instructing both the recruits and the *élèves caporaux*. Drill was explained in German, Portuguese, Russian, and every language, including Romany, and the recruits were then taught the meaning of French words of command. A strange *lingua franca* resulted, as the French instructors seldom spoke any other language but their own. The result was surprisingly good. Promotion was centralized at the Depot, and the writer was withdrawn from his battalion in Morocco to qualify for promotion. Promotion was occasionally given for gallantry in the field, but this was rarely done owing to the high standard of efficiency required of the non-commissioned ranks. The pay was one halfpenny a day, and no pay was issuable to men in hospital. On service the pay of a legionary was two-pence-halfpenny a day. Out of this sum the legionary had to purchase stamps, tobacco, drinks, and pay for amusement and extra food, not to mention soap, as the issue was inadequate by the time that it reached the soldier. As a result, the greater proportion of men lived on the generosity of those who had private sources of income, and the latter were very numerous. It is only fair to say that had the men been paid a much higher rate of pay, the Regiment could hardly have been quartered amongst decent folk. In spite of the small amount

of pay, the drunken orgies of a pay night almost beggared description. The guard-room furniture was piled on these occasions so as to prevent drunken men from rushing past the sentry after "Tattoo," and men were often seen crawling in during the night on all fours, and sometimes being brought in by the piquet in wheel-barrow. To such men, money was merely a cause of crime. The soldiers were quite rightly justified in disliking the attitude of the civilian population of the neighbourhood, whose aloofness was not caused by any class distinction, since they were, generally speaking, low-class Spaniards, Jews, and half-caste Algerians. The native was infinitely more pleasant to meet.

The food provided was of good quality, and sufficient, but no breakfast was given, with the result that British subjects, excluding Maltese, were sadly disappointed on their arrival to find that they were expected to march for hours on an empty stomach with a full pack. This was the greatest hardship at first, but men were able to keep a portion of the previous evening's meal and to eat it cold at "Réveillé."

Two meals a day were served, one at about ten in the morning, and the other at about five in the evening. Each meal was identical—namely, soup, meat, vegetables and bread, and coffee with the morning meal. The food was well cooked in well appointed and modern kitchens, and there was variety. The soup was always good and nourishing, generally with slices of rolls, macaroni or "pâte." The meat was served with appetizing sauces, and the vegetables were fit to serve in a good restaurant. In lieu of vegetables, macaroni au gratin or some similar dish was given. To supplement these three stable forms of diet, fruit and fish were sometimes given in addition, and wine was a frequent issue. Teetotalers used to sell their wine, and found no difficulty in disposing of it. On service, conditions were different, but nevertheless the standard of cooking was high. The writer has served as a company cook on active service, and this duty was by no means safe owing to enemy snipers, who used to fire at the camp fires when the early morning cup of coffee (*jus*) was being prepared.

Sport was practically non-existent, and although the Zouave officers used to play games with their men, this was exceptional. No doubt this has changed for the better

since 1912-13. Skittles was the only game played in barracks, and the only form of the chase was angling for fat frogs that used to bask on the sunny side of the streams. Parties of men used to go out on Sundays and holidays and fish for frogs with a hook and a piece of red wool torn from their epaulettes. When enough had been caught, the party went to the nearest hostelry and consumed the frogs with a good deal more white wine than is customary in polite society. Looking back on this form of sport, it is surprising how enjoyable it was, but of course, the *vin du pays* had something to do with it.

The officers of the Legion were of varied nationalities and of various types. There were a number of French officers and foreign officers who had become naturalized French citizens. A number of the officers were foreigners serving "a titre étranger," and all were on a common roster for promotion. A foreign officer, unnaturalized, could not rise above the rank of captain. The writer's first platoon commander was an Italian prince who was confined in the cells as a corporal when his promotion papers arrived. It is said that the sergeant commanding the guard merely saluted him and said: "Sortez, mon lieutenant" (i.e., "Come out, sir"). Such officers who had held commissioned rank in their own army were only required to attain the rank of corporal when their promotion to commissioned rank became possible. The strictest enquiries, however, were required as to their previous career, and as to their fitness for promotion to commissioned rank. Officers of foreign armies were as a rule commissioned in the rank junior to that which they had held in their own army. There were a number of officers promoted from the ranks, chiefly Frenchmen.

Amongst the ranks there were a considerable number of ex-officers of foreign armies, and a few ex-French officers. Not all of them succeeded in attaining commissioned rank, chiefly due to their peculiarities, generally drink; but, however, promotion could be obtained through steady conduct. A friend of the writer, who was his "camarade de combat" in the Legion, attained commissioned rank within a very short time, and was killed with a battalion of the Legion at Gallipoli—2/Lieut. Ferdinand Grégoire, a Frenchman and ex-non-commissioned officer of the Zouaves.

The non-commissioned officers were chiefly foreigners, for the reason that the average Frenchman who enlisted was such a bad character that only the Legion or the *Infanterie Légère d'Afrique* (Disciplinary Battalions) were open to him for enlistment. The Germans were, as a rule, more easy going, but the Frenchmen had a greater sense of duty, and more especially the Corsicans. Service, service, *camarade après—i.e., duty first, friends afterwards*—is the motto of the non-commissioned officers of the Legion.

To quote some of the weird types of individuals met with in the Legion would require a book and not an article in a journal, and those who are interested cannot do better than read "Les Mystères de la Legion Etrangère," by Georges d'Esparbès. It is due to the continual excitement caused by their exploits that the average legionary was kept from boredom, nobody ever knew what was going to happen next. Two officers' servants dressed up in their officers' uniform—namely, the Colonel of the Regiment, who was on a tour of inspection with a major of the Medical Corps. On arrival at Tlemcen these two warriors sallied forth in their masters' clothes and proceeded to place various non-commissioned officers under arrest for failing to salute them in the proper manner. It was only when they entered a bar of doubtful repute that the deception was discovered. It must be remembered that they were in a Republican Army, and that a Frenchman does not necessarily have an accent which will give away his social status.

The forms of punishment were varied, the most usual being imprisonment and confinement to barracks, with a form of punishment unknown to us—namely, *salle de police*. This consisted of detention between "Retreat" and "Réveillé," and confinement to barracks during the day time. A corporal could award two days' confinement to barracks, subject to his company commander's endorsement of the charge (*compte rendu*). The most severe punishment inflicted by an individual officer was sixty days' imprisonment, including fifteen days' close confinement in a cell, viz., sixty days in all. This could be awarded by the Colonel of either Regiment, who, in the greater majority of cases, had never known or seen the accused.

A Regimental Court-martial (*Conseil de*

Discipline) could award eight months in a Disciplinary Company. These disciplinary companies are quite distinct from the Infanterie Légère d'Afrique, erroneously known in this country as Disciplinary Battalions. The Disciplinary Battalions are formed by the young criminal or seditious classes, whereas the Disciplinary Companies are formed of men of all units, carry no arms, are constantly under preventive detention, and are generally guarded by native infantry. The discipline is extremely severe in these companies, and the men were manacled when on the move from station to station. At the same time, if a man behaved himself he was able to enjoy a comparatively bearable existence during his attachment. The Disciplinary Companies are employed chiefly on heavy manual labour in Morocco.

There were other forms of more severe punishment, but these were awarded by Standing Courts-martial. The objection to these Standing Courts was that the officers and the N.C.Os. composing them were mostly Frenchmen of the French Metropolitan or Colonial armies, and were not always conversant with the mentality of the legionary.

The legionary in action is, as is common knowledge, about as brave a soldier as any army can produce. Fighting for practically no pay, with a modicum amount of affection for the country he is serving, but with an intense love and *esprit de corps* for his Regiment, he has covered himself with glory in various parts of the world since the formation of the Regiment in 1830. Sometimes, however, he becomes more French than the Frenchman himself, and is stirred to the core by the "Marseillaise" and the sight of the Tricolour. There is something about the French ardour that communicates this feeling to foreigners of other nations, and the writer has felt this feeling on many an occasion. The officers of the Legion, generally speaking, understood their men, and this was most noticeable on active service. They set an example in bravery, and were utterly fearless and efficient.

The Legion wear more decorations than any other regiment, chiefly because they have always been in every "side show" and in every war. Not only do the Legion wear their French decorations and medals, but they are entitled to wear the decorations

and medals earned in the armies in which they had previously served.

The canard that they were used on service to spare Frenchmen is utterly untrue, and would be resented by the Legion.

The legionary has shed his blood in the conquest and development of Algeria, Mexico, Tonkin-China, Dahomey, Madagascar, and Morocco, and, worthy of the name of legionary, he can well compare with the legionary of the old Roman Empire as an intrepid soldier and indefatigable builder.

The writer has seen the Morocco and Colonial medals, together with the King's and Queen's Boer War medals, the Médaille Militaire with the German Herero Campaign medal, and high Austrian orders with French war medals, all worn by ordinary privates.

Romance was not unknown, but on the whole these matters are chiefly in the imagination of the popular novelist. It may be interesting that one's neighbour in the barrack-room was either the champion fencer of France, an ex-priest, or a tenor at the Brussels Opera. When it comes to giving these individuals regimental numbers they become as the butcher, the baker, and the candlestick-maker.

[A word of explanation is perhaps necessary as to why the writer ever joined the Legion. He read an article on the subject as a schoolboy, and this fired his imagination. He wanted adventure, he got it, more than he ever bargained for, and is now very glad to wear the trows once more.]

## DEPOT NOTES.

FOUR squads are at present undergoing training.

A draft of 13 joined 1st Battalion on March 11th, and one of 23 on April 17th.

We are again nearly at the top of the roll for the present recruiting year. We are third on the list, and require 213 recruits.

The weekly whist drives and dances continue to draw crowded houses.

The "Gossips" Concert Party provided an excellent entertainment in the theatre on March 10th.

For the second year in succession a team of 25 recruits has won the R.A.T.A. Challenge Cup.

This trophy is competed for annually, and is open to all Depots in the United Kingdom.

As this is the only shooting competition open to recruits at Depots we have every reason to be proud of the result, and can consider ourselves to be the best shooting Depot at musketry on the miniature range.

The full scores are given below:—

### R.A.T.A. MINIATURE COMPETITION, 1924. SOMME SQUAD. (Fired 3/10/24.)

Rank and Name.	Applica- tion 5 Rds.	Snapp- ing 5 Rds.	Rapid 10 Rds.	Total highest possible score 55.
Pte. A. Harvey ...	16	9	18	43
Pte. J. Hinton ...	14	15	16	45
Pte. R. Long ...	18	9	16	43
Pte. R. Osborne ...	20	9	19	48
Pte. C. Woodward ...	19	9	17	45
Pte. T. Moore ...	20	12	19	51
Pte. T. Fisher ...	20	12	18	50
Pte. G. Shale ...	14	6	20	40
Pte. A. Hawkins ...	19	15	20	54
Pte. F. Redwood ...	17	12	16	45
Pte. W. Canty ...	17	9	16	42
Pte. A. Gibson ...	18	9	16	43
Pte. H. Dugardine ...	16	9	20	45
Pte. T. Sayers ...	15	9	15	39
Pte. J. Marriott ...	18	12	19	49
Pte. H. Day ...	18	9	18	45
Pte. W. James ...	15	12	19	46
Pte. N. Kelly ...	19	12	18	49
Pte. S. Wallace ...	17	9	17	43
Pte. F. Moore ...	14	9	13	36
Pte. W. Warren ...	16	9	20	45
Pte. W. Goodsall ...	17	9	20	46
Pte. S. Wilder ...	18	12	17	47
Pte. W. Morley ...	18	9	14	41
Pte. H. Lyon ...	18	15	18	51

Total number of points—1,131.

No less than 54 members of the Depot attended the Old Comrades' Dinner this year, including 37 recruits. This number is greater than the combined figures of all the other battalions in the Regiment.

A rifle match between the Mill Hill O.T.C. and the Officers of the Depot The Middlesex Regiment took place at the Depot Miniature Range on March 11th, 1925.

Owing to the shortage of officers at the Depot, the team included three members of the Sergeants' Mess.

The weather was unsettled, but after a little snow had fallen the sun shone brilliantly for the remainder of the afternoon.

The following practices were fired:—

1. Grouping.
2. Application.
3. Snapping.
4. Rapid.

The Depot team, after a close and exciting contest, won by 28 points. The scores were as follows:—

		MILL HILL SCHOOL O.T.C.			
Highest Possible Score ...		25	20	15	40 100
Lister ...	...	25	19	12	36 92
Robinson ...	...	25	15	15	36 91
Bonallack ...	...	20	20	15	30 85
Thornber (H.) ...	...	20	17	12	35 84
Lester ...	...	20	16	12	29 77
Humby ...	...	25	15	9	20 69
Boyd ...	...	20	18	15	13 66
Thornber (N.) ...	...	20	12	3	23 58
		175	132	93	222 622

### DEPOT THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Highest Possible Score ...		25	20	15	40 100
Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C. ...	...	25	20	15	33 93
Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C. ...	...	20	20	15	37 92
Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C. ...	...	25	19	12	34 90
Sergt. E. Burt ...	...	20	18	15	31 84
Major W. W. Jefferd ...	...	15	20	15	31 81
Lieut. B. B. Rackham, M.C. ...	...	20	16	12	25 73
R.Q.M.S. A. Purell ...	...	25	15	6	26 72
R.S.M. R. H. Mantell ...	...	20	10	12	23 65
		170	138	102	240 650

### DEPOT FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The following is the League positions up to date:—

TEAM.	GOALS.					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A. PTS.
Sergeants ...	9	9	0	0	32	9 18
Privates (Staff) ...	9	6	1	2	34	13 14
Corporals ...	10	4	3	3	17	14 11
Mons Squad ...	10	4	3	3	17	20 11
Albuhera Squad ...	10	1	8	1	18	35 3
Ypres Squad ...	10	0	9	1	10	30 1

N.B.—Only one more match to be played—i.e., Sergeants v. Privates.

### BOXING.

A most successful Inter-Squad Boxing Competition was held during the first week in March. The fighting occupied three days. The form displayed was a distinct improvement on the last competition, and great credit is due to Sergt. Elliott and his instructors who coached the competitors during the winter evenings.

Some promising young boxers were unearthed, who with further instruction and encouragement will make names for themselves in the future and uphold the high standard of boxing in the Regiment.

The bouts were fought with a keen spirit, clean sportsmanship, and great enthusiasm.

Sixty-five recruits entered and divided

into four weights—Feather, Light, Welter, and Middle. The winning scores were:—

1, Ypres, 63 pts.; 2, Nivelles, 51 pts.; 3, Ladysmith, 40½ pts.; 4, Mons, 23½ pts.

The winners received silver medals, and the runners-up bronze medals. Three good losers' prizes were awarded to L./Cpl. Holness and Pte. Cox of Ypres Squad, and Pte. Miller of Nivelles Squad. The results of the semi-finals and finals were as follows:—

*Feather - weights.*—Semi - Finals: Pte. Marsh, Nivelles Squad, beat Pte. Kilner, Nivelles Squad, on points. L./Cpl. Edwicker, Ypres Squad, beat Pte. Folgate, Ladysmith Squad, on points.

Final: L./Cpl. Edwicker v.o. Pte. Marsh, who could not fight owing to an injured hand

*Light-weights.*—Semi-Final: Pte. Kent, Ladysmith Squad, beat Pte. Portsmouth, Nivelles Squad, on points. L./Cpl. Holness, Ypres Squad, beat Pte. Miller, Nivelles Squad, on points.

Final: Pte. Kent beat L./Cpl. Holness on points.

*Welter-weights.*—Semi-finals: Pte. Chapman, Nivelles Squad, beat Pte. Cox, Ypres Squad, on points. Pte. Carter, Nivelles Squad, beat Pte. Ford, Ladysmith Squad, on points.

Final.—Pte. Carter beat Pte. Chapman on points.

*Middle-weights.*—Semi-finals: L./Cpl. Blackman, Mons Squad, beat Pte. Evans, Mons Squad, on points. Pte. Wells, Ypres Squad, beat Pte. Furneaux, Ladysmith Squad, the bout being stopped in the second round.

Final: Pte. Wells k.o. L./Cpl. Blackman in first round.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

And the work goes merrily on in spite of the record of events that follow.

January's tournament for the usual tankard was won by L./Sergt. Taylor for his skilful manipulation of the "poker dice cup" (on the mat?).

The Tuesday night practice dance still breaks the monotony, yet some faces are gradually fading from them.

Congratulations to Sergt. Wilcockson for his fine display in winning the Depot Billiards Tournament. More about this is dealt with elsewhere.

On February 20th a whist drive and dance was held. This proved to be very popular

and was enjoyed by all, the drive taking place in the Mess, prizes being won by:—

*Gents.*—1, R.S.M. Wisdom, R.E.; 2, L./Sergt. Burt.

*Ladies.*—1, Miss Lambourne; 2, Mrs. Hinty.

Thanks must be given to Sergts. Wilcockson, Trapp, and Darby for the preparation of this success; also the M.C., L./Sergt. Burt.

The billiards handicap for February was won by Sergt. Wilcockson, who knocked out Sergt. Finch; I think the latter thought he was playing Inman.

C.Q.M.S. Gray was the winner of the February Tournament for the tankard, the game being "Max."

For the March Tournament skittles was selected, "Towney" Hart eventually winning by his masterly display over W.O. Dunham. Somebody said it was jam; Hart said it was S.K.I.L.L.

We are all looking forward to the month of June, when we hope to play tennis on the new court which is to adjoin the Mess.

We are greatly indebted for the wireless outfit which is now under our control.

Our wishes for the best of luck go with C.S.M. Ayres, D.C.M., on his leaving us to take up civilian life. R.S.M. Mantell, on behalf of the Mess, presented him with a biscuit barrel as a token of respect.

The Football League is finished, with the exception of our match with the Depot Privates. The Corporals *v.* Sergeants match was fought with great determination, and we won 4—2. As will be seen by the League table, we have come out on top.

Spring has come, the Mess being practically deserted until darkness falls, for we have many allotmenters greatly encouraged by the prize offered by the C.O. for the best garden; some members are striving so hard that they are putting seeds in one by one, each pointing due north. The reason for that, I suppose, is that they will not go "west."

It is now known that Ronuk will polish barrack-room walls; this has been demonstrated by the usual—to wit, the cadre!

*Cadre Sergeant (on inspection) to recruit:* "You haven't shaved."

*Recruit:* "I have, Sergeant."

*Cadre Sergeant:* "Not under your chin, though. Why not?"

*Recruit:* "That's dead ground, Sergeant."

*Cadre Officer (interrogating on what No. 1 of L.G. Section carries; pointing to recruit):*

"Tell the class what No. 1 carries."

*Recruit:* "No. 1 carries a gun." (Pause.)

*Officer:* "Yes; anything on it?"

*Recruit:* "Yes, a magazine." (Pause.)

*Officer:* "Right; anything in it?"

*Recruit:* "Yes—47 rounds of 5.9's."

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Who was the hero who after a dance had the "Heart" to walk to Golder's Green and back in the rain?

WIL CLARKSON.

#### CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

One of the first things to be settled this quarter was the Billiards Championship of the Depot. With this end in view L./Cpl. O'Neill met Sergt. Wilcockson in a match of 250 up.

A level and interesting contest was the result, in which our representative was beaten by the narrow margin of one point.

A more strenuous championship was seen when the Depot boxing took place. After Cpl. Duckmanton had shown how easy it is to connect a body with the floor, it was realized how true it is that "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery." It was with great satisfaction that three newcomers to the Corporals' Club appeared in the finals—L./Cpl. Edwicker winning the Feather-weight, and L./Cpl. Holness and L./Cpl. Blackman runners-up in the Light-weight and Middle-weight respectively.

The Old Comrades' Dinner on February 28th found many of our clan wending their way to the Great Central Hotel, where, later, happy faces, past stunts, and autographs were in the punch bowl.

However, all good things must end, and after the discovery that the hotel was not *ad lib*, the voyage home was attempted, and some good sailors were observed.

The Depot Football League is drawing to a close; some exciting games have been seen and felt. The Sergeants appear certain winners, our position being third, having played 10, won 4, drawn 3, lost 3, goals for 17, against 14; points 11.

A small social was the outcome of the arrival home from India of a few 2nd Battalion members, "Busty" enjoying very much the "swapping" of old tales of Cairo and Singo with "Monty" and "Biscoe."

Dancing has been a regular feature of Depot life. The members of the Corporals' Club held a dance on March 13th. It was most successful, attended by a large and jovial gathering.

The failure of the lights only served to show how essential "Twilight Waltzing" is to a programme.

We welcome L./Cpls. Aldridge and Wilson from the 1st Battalion, L./Cpls. Edwicker and Holness from the Squad, and last, but not least, L./Cpl. Hutton on appointment, as members of the Club.

Many members of the Regiment will be sorry to hear that Miss Chater has left the N.A.A.F.I. staff after four years with us, and we all wish her happiness in her new duties.

Amongst our departures we must mention the return to civil life of L./Cpl. Peters.

Our congratulations are extended to L./Cpl. Ecclestone on his promotion to Corporal.

G. E. G

#### "GEGISMS."

Is there any connection between candles and greased light(n)ing?

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Is a cue tipster short of a "spot-level"?

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Who suggested that a substitute title for a popular song should be "Do Squad Sergeants make Good Mothers?"

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Whether mistakes such as "Throat, pint, grab" are really made by bayonet fighting instructors?

#### COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

6192291 Cpl. F. Stacey: Attended 25th course at the School of Education, Shorncliffe (3/10/24 to 12/12/24), and obtained a satisfactory report. Pass (Class 1).

6189014 L./Sergt. C. Taylor: Attended course of instruction at Royal Small Arms Factory, Enfield, and obtained certificates of Proficiency in Lewis Gun and Methods of Keeping Rifles in Order (20/3/25).

6188784 Cpl. G. Horrex: Attended Fire Fighting Course at Aldershot, and qualified to instruct (25/2/25).

6194726 L./Sergt. E. Robbins: Attended long qualifying course at Small Arms School, Hythe (19/1/25 to 27/3/25).

6192087 Pte. J. Barnett: Attended Selected Cooks' Course, Chisleton (23/2/25 to 4/4/25).

#### APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

748749 Pte. E. Edwicker: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal (17/1/25).  
6196363 Pte. H. Holness: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal (6/2/25).  
6188447 Pte. C. Hutton: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal (18/3/25).  
6193443 L./Cpl. R. Ecclestone: Promoted Corporal (19/2/25).  
6191710 L./Sergt. E. Burt: Promoted Sergeante (26/3/25).

#### POSTINGS.

6194162 L./Cpl. R. Aldridge: From 1st Battalion for tour of duty (30/1/25).  
6194828 L./Cpl. H. Wilson: From 1st Battalion for tour of duty (17/3/25).  
6193264 Cpl. C. Mardle: Posted to 1st Battalion for duty (24/3/25).

#### DISCHARGES.

6193094 L./Cpl. J. Peters: To discharge (K.R. 363 (ix) (a) (ii) (30/1/25).  
6191918 Cpl. J. Sharman: To discharge (K.R. 363 (xvii) (a) (23/2/25).  
6190572 Cpl. E. Alford: To discharge (K.R. 363 (xvi) (a) (23/2/25).  
6194720 L./Cpl. J. Aylward: To discharge (K.R. 363 (xvi) (a) (23/2/25).  
6191508 L./Cpl. G. Wallace: To discharge (K.R. 363 (xvii) (a) (23/2/25).  
6188414 Sergt. A. Spriggs: To discharge (K.R. 363 (xxi) (10/3/25).

#### SERVICE.

6189095 Sergt. L. Clarke: Re-engaged at Mill Hill (12/3/25) to complete 21 years with the Colours.  
6189130 Sergt. J. Tungate: Re-engaged at Mill Hill (13/3/25) to complete 21 years with the Colours.

#### CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

The undermentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education at Mill Hill: (10/3/25):—

6196507 Pte. J. Bullock, 6196503 Pte. D. Baker, 6196360 Pte. L. Copple, 6081260 Pte. C. Durkin, 6196539 Pte. L. Furneaux, 6196399 Pte. F. Hedges, 6196516 Pte. T. Himmings, 6196397 Pte. F. Kilner, 6196535 Pte. G. Eagle, 6196517 Pte. S. Lilley, 6190952 Pte. B. Mendelson, 6196502 Pte. E. Miller, 6196520 Pte. J. Minter, 6196501 Pte.

V. Prior, 5945925, Pte. H. Robinson, 6081029 Pte. W. Thompson 6081605 Pte. J. Turner, 750705 Pte. E. Halsey, 6196361 Pte. T. Wells.

The undermentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education at Mill Hill (3/2/25):—

6196380 Pte. J. Bleek, 749135 Pte. S. Mills, 6196192 Pte. F. Pipkin, 6135832 Pte. H. Rogers, 6196373 Pte. A. Smith, 6196377 Pte. C. Spicer.

#### MARRIAGE.

RAVENALL.—On 15/9/23 at Tottenham, 7814814 Pte. W. Ravenall to Maud Elizabeth Cleasby. (Ravenall on M.A.R. 8/3/25).

### REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1925.

Amount of grants made: £108 14s. 4d.  
Number of cases dealt with: 65.  
Number of cases assisted: 45.  
Number of men registered for employment: 573.  
Number of men found permanent employment: 9.  
Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 8.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on Saturday, January 31st, 1925.

Present: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham O.B.E. (in the Chair), Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, T.D., 9th Bn., Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., Major D. C. Percy-Smith, D.S.O., O.B.E., 1st Bn., Major W. W. Jefferd, 2nd Bn., Major R. A. Slee, Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, Mr. E. Morris, Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M., Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

The following were elected by the *ex-officio* members to serve on the Executive Committee for 1925:—Brig.-General F. D. Lumley, C.B., C.B.E., Col. F. W. Ramsay, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., Major R. A. Slee, Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, Sergt. W. Rogers,

Mr. E. Morris, R.S.M. W. J. Brooks, and Mr. J. G. Peacock.

The accounts for the last year were read, and it was proposed and carried that they be passed.

It was further proposed and carried that in future the accounts be compiled in the form recommended by the chartered accountants.

The draft of the Annual Report was read and passed, and it was proposed and carried that 750 copies be printed and circulated.

The Committee elected the following officers for 1925:—

Chairman: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E. Vice-Chairman: Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer: Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M.

Standing Sub-Committee:—

Chairman: Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O. Members: Major W. W. Jefferd, Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C. R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, Mr. E. Morris.

Entertainment Committee:—

Chairman: Mr. E. Morris.

### OLD COMRADES QUARTERLY CONCERT.

The usual quarterly Smoking Concert was held at the White Hart Restaurant, Holborn, on Saturday, April 11th.

The Entertainment Committee are to be congratulated on the very excellent programme provided, which was both varied and enjoyable.

The artistes, without exception, were all good, and showed talent of a very high degree.

The rendering of "The Windmill" and "The Bandolero" by Mr. Knowles (late of D'Oyly Carte Opera Company) proved a musical treat for those privileged to hear them.

Unfortunately, the concert room was not large enough to accommodate comfortably the excellent company assembled, but the Committee had no alternative, as this was the only accommodation that could be secured at short notice on a Saturday evening. We hope, however, that before the next concert is due, to have arranged for a better and permanent rendezvous for these homely and social gatherings.

Mr. E. Morris, our worthy and estimable chairman of the Entertainment Committee, occupied the chair, and carried out the duties in his usual cheery manner.

#### PROGRAMME.

##### PART I.

Miss Minnie Stafford, piano solo.  
Mr. Joseph Coquard, "A Dinder Courtship" (encore, "Harlequin").  
Mr. Ambrose Day (entertainer at the piano) in "Scenes."  
Miss Nancy Sharpe, "Carmena" (encore, "The Market").  
Mr. Charles Wren, "I bain't so soft as I looks" (encored).  
Mr. Victor Knowles, "The Windmill" (encored).  
Miss Doris Godfrey, "I got yer Eye" (encore, "Hands Up").

##### PART II.

Mr. Charles Wren, "The Porter" (encore, "The Undertaker").  
Miss Nancy Sharpe, "The Dawn of Love" (encore, "Marquita").  
Mr. Joseph Coquard, "Any Girl from Anywhere" (encore, "The Vicar and I").  
Miss Doris Godfrey (child impersonations), "Proud of Dad" (encores, "The Unfortunate Child," "Our Dad's a Lad," "Tiddley-om-Pom").  
Mr. Ambrose Day, "Could Lloyd George do It?".  
Mr. Victor Knowles, "The Bandolero" (encored).  
Mr. Joseph Coquard and Mr. Charles Wren, "Soldiers' Duet" (and encores).  
"God save the King" (solo, Mr. Victor Knowles.)  
Accompanist: Miss Minnie Stafford.

Names of Old Comrades, their wives and friends, who attended the concert:—Mr. E. Judd, Mr. E. Warren ("Nippy"), Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Coe (K.R.R.), Mr. and Mrs. Nethercott, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Armitage, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Lidington, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Clelland, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. W. King, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morrison, Mr. E. Dove, Mr. F. Harrigan, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Arden, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, Mr. C. Baldry, Mr. A. Leaton, Mr. E. C. Day, Mr. J. S. Hastie, Mr. D. McDonald, Mr. J. C. Digby, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. E.

McLernon, Mr. and Mrs. E. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Meachem, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sharp, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Safferty, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Saunders, Mr. E. A. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pearce, Mr. Sullivan (Barry), Madame Ghita Corri, Mr. Knowles, Major F. S. Steed, and Mr. E. Morris (chairman).

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CORRESPONDENCE.

c/o OSWALD CUNLIFFE,  
3A, BAILLIE ST.,  
ROCHDALE.

22/3/25.

To: THE ADJUTANT,  
1ST BN. THE MIDDX. REGT.

DEAR SIR,

I was very pleased to receive a welcome from the Officers, N.C.Os. and men of my old Regiment. And I can tell that the Commanding Officer—an old Die-Hard—is still following the good ways of my old officers, by showing me his kind thoughts and wishes. I am an old soldier and served fifteen years with the old Regiment, and am more than pleased with myself in upholding the Regiment's good work in the way I was taught to be a fighter, and a man. I am also glad to hear of your success in the Aldershot Command, and hope you will continue.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

TOM BERRY,  
(late 1st Middx. Regt.)

Light-weight Champion of England, Great Britain.

CHARLEMONT,  
MOY,  
CO. TYRONE.

14/1/25.

To: THE ADJUTANT,  
57th MIDDX. REGT.

SIR,

As an old soldier, late of the Regiment, I take the liberty to write and say that I was discharged on pension about thirty-seven years ago, and when leaving I brought with me a lot of photos of the Regiment, including the Regimental Colours taken at Aldershot in 1885 with escort at the Club House.

Also a photo of the Orderly-room Staff at that time. Capt. Bellers was then Adjutant, and I was his orderly, and had been off and on for many years. My first

Adjutant was Lieut. Garstin, South Africa, '79.

Now sir, as I know my time is wearing up and no friend but my wife, and I am now 75 years and wife 70 almost, and both old Die-Hards, we would not like those old Regimental relics to get into strange hands that would not respect them as we do. I have also the Tug-of-war team "G" Company that I will also send should you accept my humble offer. I still keep in touch with the old Regiment, as I get the Regimental Journal which I am very proud of. My company was "K," but I see you have no "K" Company now.

Hoping you will excuse this liberty.

I beg to remain, sir,

Very respectfully yours,

JAMES MOONEY,  
(late 57th Regiment.)

(The photos have since been received, and are being placed in the Reading-room.)

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WAR OFFICE NOTES.

THE WAR OFFICE,  
January 19th, 1925.

PERMANENT COMMISSIONS IN  
REGULAR ARMY.

TERRITORIAL ARMY AND SUPPLEMENTARY  
RESERVE OFFICERS.

It has been decided that in the case of an officer of the Territorial Army or an officer of the Supplementary Reserve, who has previously served with credit in any branch of the Naval, Military, or Air Forces of the Crown, and who is a candidate for a permanent Regular Army Commission, the period of two years' commissioned service in the Territorial Army or Supplementary Reserve, as the case may be, which under existing regulations must have been served before the officer is eligible to attend the qualifying examination, may be reduced at the discretion of the Army Council, provided the remaining conditions are satisfied.

OFFICIAL HISTORY OF THE WAR.

A preliminary draft of the first six chapters of Vol III, dealing with the events on the Western Front December 1914—March 1815, to the end of the Battle of Neuve Chapelle, has been prepared in typescript. It has

already been seen by a number of the principal officers who took part, but it has not been possible to get into communication with all and obtain their views as to its general accuracy and completeness.

The compiler will be glad to send the typescript on loan to any officer who was present for remarks and additions.

Application should be made to—

THE DIRECTOR,  
HISTORICAL SECTION (MIL. BRANCH),  
COMMITTEE OF IMPERIAL DEFENCE,  
AUDIT HOUSE,  
VICTORIA EMBANKMENT,  
LONDON, E.C.4.

Or the typescript can be seen at that address.

ARMY RESERVE TRAINING.

It is stated in an Army Order that Reservists of the Cavalry, Foot Guards, and Infantry of the Line will be required to undergo a modified form of training and drill during this year.

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MEDALS OF THE  
REGIMENT.

SERINGAPATAM, 1799.

GRANTED by the Honourable East India Company to the European and native troops who were engaged in the Siege of Seringapatam, which lasted from April

4th to May 4th, 1799, on which day the town was taken by storm, and Tippoo, who commanded the enemy, was slain.

The company's officers did not receive the Royal sanction to wear this medal till 1815; but the officers of the Royal Army only obtained Her Majesty's permission to wear the same in 1851.

Gold medals\* were struck for His Majesty, Lord Melville, the Governor-General in India at the time, Lord Cornwallis, the Nizam, and his two ministers, the Peishwah and his minister, the Nabobs of Arcot and Oude, and the Rajahs of Janpore, Travancore, Mysore, Coorg, and Berar, Dowlut Row Scindia, the Commander-in-Chief, General Officers of the Staff employed in the service, and for the Oriental Museum.

Silver gilt for the members of the Council at the three Presidencies, the residents of Hyderabad and Poonah, the field officers, and the General Staff on the service.

Silver for the captains and subalterns on the service.

Copper bronzed, for the non-commissioned officers of the British Army.

Pure grain tin for the privates.

There are two Seringapatam medals; No. 1 made in England at the Soho Mint, Birmingham, and the other (No. 2) at the Calcutta Mint, the latter being copied from the former.

\* Vide Mayo, Vol. I, pp. 138-9.



## MEDAL NO. 1.

*Obverse.*—Represents the storming of the breach of Seringapatam from an actual drawing on the spot, with the meridian sun, denoting the time of the assault, with the following inscription in Persian underneath:—"Seringapatam God Bestowed" ("conquered") "28 Day of the Month Thilkeida, 1213 of the Hegira."

*Reverse.*—A victorious lion trampling on a tiger; a pennon floating overhead bears the Union badge, and Tippoo Sultan's title—"Assad Allah el Ghaleb" in Arabic, signifying "The victorious Lion of God" *exergue* IV May MDCCXCIX.

Three different ribbons appear to have been worn with this medal, viz.:—Crimson with blue border, plain red, and a deep yellow ribbon one inch wide. This colour was adopted in reference to the tiger, Tippoo Sultan's favourite emblem, the shading on the ribbon being intended to represent the stripes of the tiger's fur.

These medals are one and nine-tenths inches in diameter.

Worn by General Officers round the neck; by others on the left breast.



## 8th BATTALION NOTES.

## HEADQUARTER WING.

The chief events during the period under review have been the Battalion Prize Distribution; Cross-country and Boxing, both the Middlesex Group and Divisional Finals.

The Battalion Cross-country was held at Uxbridge on Saturday, February 28th, when H.Q. Wing were first in the team placing, thus holding the Battalion Challenge Cup for the year. Pte. Hooper, of "B" Company, was first home. The going was not of the best, the ground in places was under water, and from the appearance of the winners on their return, they seemed to have enjoyed themselves and been through the thick of it. Mrs. Newbery very kindly gave away the prizes at the close of the meeting.

The Battalion again sent a team for the Divisional Cross-country Run held at Coulsdon, and gained sixth place.

The Battalion had a good representation in the Divisional Boxing finals, but were

not successful enough to send a representative to the Territorial finals this year. We congratulate the 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment in winning the Divisional Boxing Challenge Cup.

A successful Tactical Exercise was held on Sunday, March 29th, at Eastcote; some fifty officers, W.Os. and N.C.Os. fought a strenuous advanced guard action towards Northwood.

## THE 8TH MIDDLESEX ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

There was a large attendance at the Territorial Drill Hall of officers and members of the 8th Middlesex Regiment, and of representative civilians on Thursday evening in last week to take part in the annual distribution of prizes won during the past year. Lieut.-Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., the Commanding Officer, directed the proceedings, assisted by Major A. W. Lewey (Second-in-Command), and Capt. & Adj. M. Thorne.

## THE CONCERT.

The proceedings commenced with a well-arranged and attractive programme, which had been prepared by Mr. Sidney Rendell. Miss Violet Stevens effectively rendered the topical impression, "Leap Year," followed by the cockney song "What a Nerve" for an encore, and also took part in the humorous number, "The Scandalmongers," with Mr. Jack Rickards, the latter also giving the comedy concoction "Weddings and Things." The fine baritone voice of Mr. Ronald Thane was artistically displayed in the songs "Why Shouldn't I?" and "Clothes Props," and Miss Florence Weatherdon ably officiated as accompanist. The members of the Battalion Band, who appeared in pre-war uniform, also played several fine selections under the baton of Bandmaster E. Coleman.

## AN INTERESTING REVIEW.

Turning to the main business of the evening, Col. Baker first read the following letter from the Rt. Hon. Sir William Joynson-Hicks, M.P., who had been announced to distribute the prizes:—"I am in great trouble. The doctor will not permit my wife or myself to go out to-night. I have not been out. If fine I go to the House to-morrow for an hour to reply to my questions, but that is all. I am afraid

that Lady Joynson-Hicks also has the 'flu, but not, I am glad to say, as bad as I have. I am very sorry that I am unable to be present."

Proceeding, the Colonel said it was a pity that they could not have their local M.P., who was a prominent member of the Government, with them, but he was glad that Capt. Crawford Green, M.P. for Worcester, was going to present the prizes, which was very good of him at such short notice. (Applause.) As to their own Battalion, the 8th Middlesex, he would say that the strength was a good indication of the prosperity of any Territorial unit, and theirs was the strongest in Middlesex or Surrey. (Applause.) It was gratifying to know that the efficiency of the Battalion was better at the moment than at any time since the war, and the report of their work during the annual training was the best they had ever had. No doubt the highest honours to be gained during the year were the championship cup and the efficiency cup. The former was awarded to H.Q. Company for the highest number of points for military work and sport combined, and the latter to "A" Company, for good work in camp from the military point of view. He must also make special mention of the Signallers, who had worked very hard, and whose efficiency was better than that of any other Battalion in the Brigade. The Machine and Lewis Gunners had also made satisfactory progress, and had made great advancement since the war. He was sorry to say that they had not maintained their success at football this year, but as far as athletics went they had done very well. The Colonel Murray White and Colonel Pank Albuhera Cup, which had been held by the Battalion since 1921, including one draw with another brigade unit, had again been secured by the 8th, and this was a matter for much congratulation. (Loud applause.) So far as boxing was concerned, he could not report that they were sending men to the finals, but they had won Col. Pank's Cup for the Battalion, getting the highest number of points at the Brigade Competitions. He took that opportunity of thanking all the officers of the Battalion for the loyal and hard work they had put in to help him. They had been ably backed up, he was sure, by the N.C.Os., who had done a great deal. The men themselves had shown fine spirit, their work was always cheerfully done, they attended drills

regularly, and at all times had fully maintained that high reputation for which the 8th and the Middlesex Regiment had always been noted. He also thanked their civilian friends who gave them support, financially and otherwise, and realized that it would be impossible to get on without them, and he would also express his gratitude to the artistes for their fine performance, which had helped to brighten up that meeting. (Applause.) Finally, he regretted to have to tell them that by next year they would have lost their Adjutant, Capt. Thorne, who had been with them several years, and with whom they had got on well. Personally, he had given him (the Colonel) loyal support, for which he was grateful. He was indeed sorry to lose him, but at the same time, on his own and on behalf of all ranks, he wished Capt. Thorne the best of luck when he rejoined his regiment. (Loud and prolonged applause.)

## THE PRIZE WINNERS.

Capt. Crawford Green, M.P., then presented the awards, as follows:—

*Battalion Cups.*—Montgomery Memorial Cup (highest points in Championship Company Scheme): H.Q. Wing (Hounslow)—Capt. H. A. Palmer.

*Efficiency Cup (efficiency at annual training).*—Hampton (Lieut. P. F. Murray).

*Col. H. Bott's Cup (highest average in Lewis Gun Course).*—Sections 14 and 16, Staines (L./Cpl. J. Reeves).

*Ladies' Cup (best rifle shot).*—Sergt. G. Mullaley (Hounslow).

*Hebbert Cup (highest percentage of attendances at annual training).*—H.Q. Wing.

*Game Footbal Cup.*—Ealing (Capt. W. H. Parmeter).

*Cricket Cup.*—H.Q. Wing.

*Cross-Country Cup.*—Uxbridge (Capt. H. C. Ellis, O.B.E.).

*Ladies of Whitton Challenge Cup (highest average in annual rifle course).*—Staines (Lieut. R. E. Newbery, M.C.).

*Major Law's Challenge Cup (highest percentage of efficient).*—H.Q. Wing.

*Battalion Challenge Cup (highest points in Weapon Training).*—Staines (Lieut. R. E. Newbery, M.C.).

*H.Q. Wing and "A" Company Challenge Cup (highest points in sports at annual week-end camp).*—"A" (Hampton) Company (Lieut. P. F. Murray).

## COMPANY PRIZES.

*H.Q. Wing*.—Edwards Memorial Cup: Group 4 (Bandmaster E. Coleman). Capt Palmer's Cup: Sergt. G. Mullaley. Individual Efficiency Cup: Cpl. G. Stone.

"A" Company (*Hampton*).—Section 3 (Sergt. Huggins). Capt. Watson's Cup: Pte. R. J. S. Boyce. Major West's Cup: Section 6 (Cpl. T. Owen).

"B" Company (*Ealing*).—Town Cup: Cpl. W. Gosling. Capt. Wynne Williams' Cup: Section 1 (Cpl. C. H. Huntingford). George Clarke's Shield: Section 12 (L./Cpl. W. G. Hearne. Ladies of Ealing 1868 and 1924 Cup: L./Cpl. W. G. Hearne. Drilling and Shooting Cup: Pte. R. Meads. Capt. Williams' Cup: C.O.M.S. G. H. Coppard. The Rothschild's Cup: Pte. W. Salter. Junior Challenge Cup: Cpl. A. J. Thomas. Bott and Neil Cup: Pte. C. R. Newbery. Stowell Sports Cup: Cpl. W. Gosling. Captain's Cup: Pte. C. R. Newbery. Johnson Cup: Pte. R. Meads.

"C" Company (*Staines*).—Ladies' Challenge Cup: L./Cpl. B. Reed. Low Cup: Pte. S. R. Woodward. Lewis Gun Cup: L./Cpl. G. Baker, M.M.

"D" Company (*Uxbridge*).—Capt. Cuthbert's Challenge Cup: Pte. T. C. Wooster. Company Challenge Cup: Pte. H. Coulson. Ladies' Challenge Cup: Cpl. T. Woodhouse (commanding). Waddington Cup: Platoon 14 (Sergt. R. Belvoire (platoon sergeant). Sanday Cup: Pte. W. A. Wilkie. Woodbridge Challenge Cup: C.O.M.S. H. Church. Montgomery Cup: Cpl. D. J. Hamer.

Medals for boxing were presented to Ptes. R. Nash (Fly-weight), A. E. Belgent and A. F. Warden (Feather-weights), T. Willis, D.C.M. (Bantam-weight), and Cpl. A. W. Rowe (Welter-weight).

Col. Baker, in proposing a vote of thanks to Capt. Crawford Green, hoped that he would realize that they all felt deeply indebted to him for the service he had rendered.

Responding to the hearty endorsement of the motion, Capt. Crawford Green said it had given him great pleasure to attend and distribute those awards, and he would take care to tell Sir William of the hospitality extended to him, of the excellent concert and band performance, and of the fine record and efficiency of the Battalion. Like himself, Sir William realized the importance of maintaining an efficient

Territorial Force, for they knew, as all must know, but for that force the country would not have emerged as they did from the war. The 8th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment had done its full share in that campaign, and it was satisfactory to find that they were still upholding their reputation and efficiency. One of the artistes had said that "there were no flies on the Children of Israel," and he could say with confidence from what he had heard and from what he had seen that the 8th Battalion were in that respect like the Children of Israel—there were no flies on them. (Loud laughter and applause.)

The proceedings closed with the National Anthem, played by the Band.

## "B" COMPANY.

Pte. T. Willis, D.C.M., represented the company in the Brigade Boxing, held at Stamford Brook (Bantam-weight) on February 14th, 1924. In the first contest our representative had rather a tough opponent, and Willis had to fight all the way; he was awarded a well-earned verdict on points. Later Willis fought in both semi-final and final, his opponent in both occasions did not show fight. The judges awarded a win in both cases.

Sunday, March 15th, 1925, officers and N.C.Os. of "B" Company carried out a Tactical Scheme at Hillingdon in conjunction with "D" Company. The company represented an advanced guard starting from Pole Hill Farm School and advanced in stages on Northolt, many interesting obstacles were encountered during the advance. After lengthy discussions, the suggestive solutions were generally agreed to. On our return we carried out an attack on a forward machine-gun post, held by the troops occupying Hillingdon; after many encounters the post was captured. Officers and N.C.Os. were so encouraged by the success, they carried out an unofficial offensive on the Red Lion at Hillingdon, where ample supplies, cash, and drink were leniently distributed by 3 p.m.

Pte. T. Willis, D.C.M. (Bantam-weight) again represented the Company, when he took part in the Divisional Boxing at Chelsea Barracks on March 21st, 1925, winning his first fight with a knock-out, unfortunately meeting the same himself in the finals. Willis being no young man

had to give way to younger blood. (Better luck next time, Tom.)

We congratulate Pte. Hooper on taking first place in the Battalion Cross-country Run, held on February 28th at Uxbridge. Our next representative in (12th) was Sergt. Gosling, Pte. Newbery next (13th) being quite close; and they were closely followed by L./Cpl. Pert, M.M. The latter's run was a fine example of sportsmanship, which is hoped will be followed by the younger members of the Company next year.

We congratulate the members of the Company who represented the Battalion in the Divisional Cross-country Run, held at Coulsdon on March 14th, 1925, where Pte. Hooper proved good once again; also Pte. Newbery on his great attempt, trusting he has the very best of luck in his next run.

On Wednesday, February 25th, 1925, "B" Company's Club held a very enjoyable smoking concert, at which Mr. G. Butler, late C.S.M. "B" Company, was entertained. Amongst those present were Major G. J. Jack and Capt. W. H. Parmeter, and many old friends of the company. A letter of regret was received from Capt. C. T. Waddams at his inability to attend on account of illness.

An excellent programme was provided, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

This account cannot be concluded without mentioning Sergt. Gosling, whose rendering of "Italiano" was the hit of the evening.

"B" TROOPS.

## "D" COMPANY.

Since our last contribution to the Regimental Journal we have been wondering what literary effort we could inflict upon our readers in the next issue. Here it is, brief but we hope interesting.

We were unfortunate in losing the Battalion Cross-country Cup this year, but two of our "hopes" were ill, and two of the team, although they started, came to grief at the first ditch, but with the assistance of the C.S.M. were, however, the first home, but, alas, not past the post. We congratulate H.Q. Wing on winning the cup.

An interesting Tactical Scheme was held recently in conjunction with "B" Company at Hillingdon, finishing up at the Red Lion Hotel, where our host, ex-R.Q.M.S. R. Evans, attended to our wants in true

"Die-Hard spirit." "B" Company may have some more points to add, so we will say no more.

A visit to the Imperial War Museum was arranged for Sunday, April 5th. Several N.C.Os. attended, and the numerous exhibits and models were viewed with interest, and much useful information was obtained.

Our football team are to be congratulated on having reached the final in the Uxbridge and District Junior League, in which they meet West Hyde.

Our training is going ahead, and the results of the various competitions and tests are very satisfactory. The drill attendances are improving, and we have obtained a fair percentage of recruits, who are showing good promise.

We are glad to have 2/Lieut. Elliott back with us again, and feel sure that under the influence of the additional knowledge he has gained, Aldershot (s) in the company, will soon be 1st class, if not marksmen.

## RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS.

## VII.

(Continued from Page 368.)

I HAVE referred before to having been one of those who, recalled from leave on the outbreak of war, returned to "the Shiny" in the H.M.T. *Dongola*, which sailed from Southampton on the night of August 11th, 1914. The embarkation of about one thousand officers at very short notice, and transporting them about 6,000 miles, had certainly not been provided for by any mobilization scheme, and consequently this voyage of the *Dongola* was in many respects noteworthy, and even making all allowances for the special circumstances, the lack of "bandobast" was remarkable. When I arrived at the jetty fairly early in the morning, chaos reigned supreme, which got worse as the "specials" from Town disgorged their human freights of officers of horse, foot and artillery, belonging to every regular unit in the Indian Empire; also about a dozen officers of the Royal Indian Marine, whose presence proved, *en route*, to be a very fortunate circumstance. After dumping one's kit on board oneself, permission was given to leave the docks till



the afternoon, as the *Dongola* would not sail till after nightfall. As I was passing out of the dockyard gate, a regiment was just marching in. Curiously enough, it was the 1st Battalion, and a very smart, fit lot they looked too. About 10 p.m. that night the *Dongola* got under way. Having but limited cabin accommodation, all the juniors had to be relegated to the troop decks. I thought myself lucky to find I had been allotted a berth in what would have been on an ordinary trooping trip a warrant officer's four-berth cabin. The ship was most inadequately provisioned, and very badly understaffed as regards stewards, quartermasters and crew; in fact, but for the assistance given in navigation duties by the Royal Indian Marine officers on board, the skipper would have had great difficulty in carrying on. The first few days of the voyage were chiefly occupied by the Military Staff trying to reconcile the numbers on board with the list furnished by the India Office, with, apparently, very poor results. We "fell in" on deck, we stood to our bunks and queued up in various ways for several days to no purpose: the missing passengers remained missing. No doubt the confusion arose from a large number having received orders on the jetty cancelling their embarkation and ordering them to report to the War Office for duty. The usual routine of "boat drill," fitting life-belts, etc., filled up a few half-hours, but left plenty of time to bemoan one's luck in finding oneself every day, as it seemed, further and further from the theatre of war, and envying those whose embarkation had been cancelled at the eleventh hour. No doubt the fitting of lifebelts was a necessary precaution, as a "swim for it" was a certainty if we ran into a Hun warship, and when half-way across the Bay it was for a short time thought we had done so when a blur of smoke on the horizon rapidly approaching called on us to heave to in navy fashion, which was promptly done without waiting for a second round, which would not have been "blank"; however, when the stranger could be made out she proved to be a French cruiser which "closed" us, gave and received a good cheer, and passed busily to her next job. So the lifebelts were not required that time; but what a bag we should have been for the Imperial German Navy? Between eight and nine hundred officers, including many generals, all at one bite. As a matter of fact, a Hun ship, as

we heard later, was out to intercept us, but got intercepted herself by one of our cruisers from Gibraltar and got summarily "struck off" the Hun Navy List. The chief excitement was naturally when news came of what was going on, and the daily wireless messages formed the very sketchy basis of an "appreciation of the situation" by the "Chief Tactician" (a distinguished general). This was always posted up on the notice board every morning. Interest in this light reading, however, waned somewhat when one morning it was forestalled by some wag with a spoof "appreciation" which caused much mirth (except to the author of the official editions).

Passing through the Straits without calling at Gibraltar, course was set for Malta, and anchor dropped in harbour late in the afternoon. Nearly everyone's ideas on landing seemed to be identical—firstly, a visit to the telegraph office to report one's progress, followed by a raid on the Union Club in the vain hope of being able to dine there, but of course the Club was quite unable to cope with such a large and sudden demand. By this time all the regular battalions at Malta had been withdrawn and gone home with the exception of two, of which one was the 2nd Battalion, and almost the first person I saw in the Club was the familiar face of the C.O. We foregathered for several hours, he saw me back on board, and eventually I saw him over the side in the small hours. We had all been hoping to at last get, at Malta, some reliable news of happenings in France, but beyond a disjointed account of the escape of the *Goeben* actual news there was none, while rumours of local manufacture were many and various. At daybreak we were again at sea, and Port Said was reached without incident. We were now under escort of H.M.S. *Chatham*, which shepherded us to Bombay, as also the s.s. *Simla* (I think it was), which left Southampton in our company, and was carrying Indian Civil Servants and Departmental W.Os. back to duty, who from all accounts were travelling in luxurious comfort. Nevertheless, when volunteers were called for to transfer to the *Simla*, with the idea of relieving the congestion in the *Dongola*, only two or three were forthcoming. A certain number of officers disembarked in Egypt to await the arrival of their units from India, but not in sufficient numbers to make the overcrowding less unpleasant.

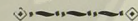
Having started coaling directly we arrived, we were able to enter the Canal the same evening. The shadow of war had not yet fallen on Egypt, and Port Said was much as usual except for the presence in harbour of an unusual number of ships of war. Mention of H.M.S. *Chatham* reminds me that when I saw her last she was lying (in 1920) a time-expired hulk in Hong-Kong harbour, waiting to be broken up, a pathetic sight, and such a contrast to her business-like appearance in 1914. She handed down an honoured name to her successor.

The Red Sea was pretty hot, though I've known it worse. There was a still more marked shortage of most things, not the least unpleasant one being in the matter of deck space at night, as it was impossible to sleep down below, and as soon as the hour approached when bedding could be brought on deck there was a general rush to peg (or rather "blanket") out a claim on the cooler side. After "Lights Out" it was nearly impossible to walk on deck without stamping on someone's face. On one of the last days in August we dropped anchor in Aden harbour. All who wished to go ashore were advised to take their lunch with them, the resources of the Rock being very limited, and a small packet of bread and cheese was doled out to each applicant. I gathered the cheese issue did not last out to the tail of the queue. Dinner at the Club being out of the question, the G.O.C. Aden having bespoken all the limited accommodation, I enjoyed an *al fresco* meal, in congenial company, on the edge of the harbour in the Club compound, band and star-lit night all complete, which was quite the brightest spot of the voyage, and also the only really good meal, which consisted of bread, obtained by bribery, the Club butler being an old friend, with butter and sardines from the local Harrod's; and so back to ship, due to sail at 11 p.m. Our roysterer (a general whose voice I knew well and recognized) put off his return to the ship so late that he all but missed connection, and the last thing I remember hearing that night was his voice demanding in no uncertain terms that the ladder should be lowered, as it had been raised, and the crew was just about to turn. More rumours were current at Aden of a Hun raider awaiting us in the Indian Ocean, but our hopes of standing by and watching a naval action were not to be realized. As a matter of fact, we should

have had to run for it and should not have seen anything. No doubt the failure of the Hun merchant cruiser, which was said to be hanging round Socotra, to materialize was a great disappointment to our escort also.

The voyage across the Indian Ocean was intensely boring, with nothing to break the monotony until two days out from port we caught a glimpse on the horizon, to the north, of the fleet of transport which had sailed from Karachi with the Indian Infantry Divisions for France. At daylight on September 6th the familiar landmarks of Bombay filled the eye and the voyage was over. Even as late as the day before arrival I discovered an acquaintance on board whom I had never set eyes on all the voyage. Others had similar experiences, which gives an idea of the state of congestion on board. Bombay was swarming with troops, an Indian Cavalry Division having just arrived for embarkation. Within twelve hours special trains had taken most of the *Dongolaites* to their stations and preparation for a long period of mobilization. As a concession, the Indian Government were pleased to decide that the period of the voyage should be regarded as "on duty": the stupidity and narrow-mindedness of the Indian regulations which rendered such a decision necessary, and as a "concession," be it noted, is fairly obvious.

"DOUBLE SEVEN."



## 9th BATTALION NOTES.

LOOKING back at our Notes in the February issue in the hope of finding some inspiration for this quarter's effort, I find that we inserted an invitation to applicants for the honorary position of Battalion Sub-editor. The sad and entirely expected result is that not one bold, budding Editor has come forward, and in consequence the history of the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment for the quarter ending March 31st must of necessity be concocted in the orderly-room. Readers of the Notes might hardly believe it, but the compilation of the quarterly record of the Battalion's doings takes time. Therefore, as the time taken is the orderly-room staff's, it probably means that there will be no food at the Easter camp, or the Battalion will

get up to strength because there is no time to discharge men as fast as recruits come in, or lastly, and far the most likely, the R.S.M. will have a relapse and have to retire to the sea again to recover from an overdose of the Adjutant's writing.

The outstanding event of the period was the Harrow and District Canine Society's Dog Show held at Pound Lane on March 12th. I say the outstanding event, because it was impossible to miss it, either orally or nasally. It is reported that 500 of England's most famous dogs were on show: from the noise it might have been 5,000, and from the amount of straw used to insure their comfort whilst waiting on their benches it might have been all the dogs in England. Thanks to the high wind, the last of the straw has now removed itself to the allotments next door, and the Dog Show has now become a thing of the past. One fact, however, does remain, and that is that people from Land's End to John o' Groat's know where the Headquarters of the 9th Middlesex are, and we hope they will pass on the news to likely recruits in Willesden, Harrow and Hendon.

The mention of recruits brings us to the meeting at the Guildhall, to which Mayors of Boroughs, Chairmen of Councils, and Clerks were invited. No doubt a fuller account will appear elsewhere, and it has already been reported in the daily press. We need only state therefore that we shall watch with considerable interest to see what the results will be, as we feel confident that if the committees are formed and get in touch with employers, many men who at present hang back from fear of losing their work if they join up will come forward if they know that they have their firm's backing.

With a view to improving the numbers in camp this year, and to getting the support of employers, a letter has been sent to all firms known to be employing men of the Battalion, and with one outstanding exception the replies received have been most encouraging and show that firms are willing to assist their men who are Territorials. We would therefore advise all men who have not yet done so to inform their O.C. companies as soon as possible of the names of their employers. Some large firms have kindly consented to have T.A. posters at their works with the title and address of the local Battalion on them, and this should

help, in that it will show that the firms are in favour of their men joining.

To "D" Company at Hendon falls the distinction of obtaining a complete section from one works, due to the interest of the manager, who invited the Adjutant to visit the works and explain the obligations, etc., of a Territorial soldier to the men, whilst he in turn explained what the firm were prepared to do for those men who joined.

We hope that in time this section will become two and that other firms will follow suit.

The attendance from the Battalion at the Middlesex Regiment Old Comrades' dinner was not up to last year's figure, but this was probably due to the fact that many who went last year would not have done so if the P.R.I. had not assisted, and we hope to see more and more attending each year.

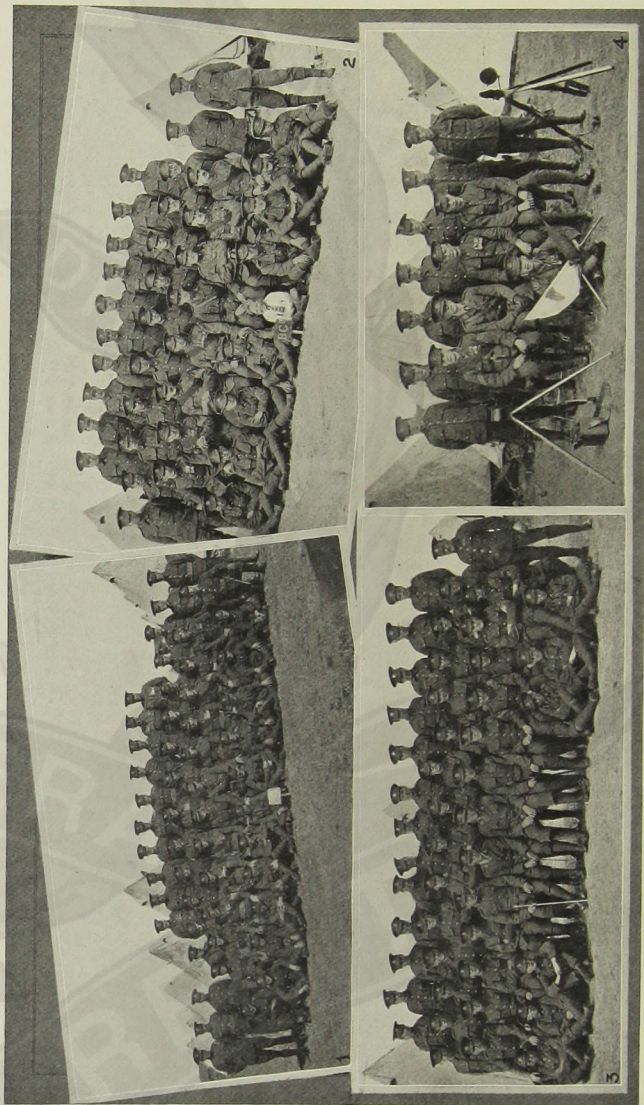
The activities of the Battalion O.C.A. are reported elsewhere, and will in future form a regular section of our notes. The Association has been severely handicapped for some time by the lack of a secretary, but we are glad to report that C.Q.M.S. Rowbotham has undertaken this work, and things will live up again, we hope.

Like every other concern, we have not escaped our share of sickness, which, combined with the absence of various permanent staff on courses, have not made matters too easy recently. We are glad to report that R.S.M. Beasley has now recovered after seven weeks of a variety of ailments which have successfully kept him tied to an arm-chair, and now at the time of writing R.Q.M.S. Bowles is seriously ill with bronchial pneumonia. We sincerely hope he will be fit to lead the dancing again by the time these notes appear.

Lieut. E. W. Wright is, we are glad to hear, recovering from an operation for appendicitis, and Lieut. H. Hardcastle is another of our invalids who are confined to their beds. What a tale of woe!

As there were no floods at Datchet, the two tactical exercises held during March took place at Chislehurst. It is hoped that "Ich Dien" will have found good material in them for another account, and, if so, that his report will arrive in time to append to these notes.

The first exercise, which was for Company Commanders, was the same scheme as was given to captains recently for their promotion examination, and as at the end all the



9TH BATTALION.

1.—"A" Company in Camp, 1924.  
3.—"D" Company in Camp, 1924.

2.—"B" Company in Camp, 1924.  
4.—Signallers in Camp, 1924.

Company Commanders were quite convinced that they were up to '8 standard on it, we may assume that the exercise was a success.

As stated above, I am relying upon "Ich Dien" for a report of the second one, which was chiefly conspicuous for the absence of subaltern officers.

We feel a little diffident about offering our congratulations to Capt. N. Lamont on passing the practical portion of the promotion examination with distinction, partly because the event seems such a long time ago, and secondly because it seems a bit of a come-down to be congratulated by the acting unpaid Battalion sub-editor of the regimental journal after receiving congratulatory letters from everyone up to the Under-Secretary of State for War. However, we will risk a rebuff and tender him our heartiest congratulations. And now what about the double event—in other words, "Distinguished" in the written examination?

The Brigade Tactical Exercise to which five officers from the 9th Battalion went, was a great success in every way. The weather, if cold, was at least bright; the country round Crowborough was interesting and beautiful; the scheme was interesting; and last, but not least, the accommodation good.

By the time these notes are printed Easter will have come and gone, and we hope that a good start will have been made with the musketry during the Easter camp. We shall also know the opinion of the Machine Gun Platoon on Aldershot, where they will have been attached to the 1st Battalion, but provided a good number turn out, we feel that, unless they are very hard to please, the verdict is a foregone conclusion, and we are very glad that an opportunity should have arisen for at any rate a portion of the Battalion to meet and get to know their Regular comrades.

The passing of the dancing season does not seem to have lessened the enthusiasm of the dance habitués, and unless the last one or two are much less well attended, the season should be almost a record. On St. Patrick's Night the hall could, as usual on such occasions, have been filled twice over.

In addition to the Battalion dances, the hall was loaned to the L.G.O.C. busmen, who were giving a dance on behalf of their fund for an outing for the poorest kiddies in Willesden. If the numbers attending are

to be taken as any guide, the fund should have benefited materially.

On March 14th the members of the Sergeants' Mess gave a most successful social, at which the guests of honour were C.S.M. and Mrs. Denton, whom R.Q.M.S. Bowles led to the platform to the accompaniment of the Sergeants' Mess band. Before proceeding any further we must here state that whatever the band lacked in tone was made up for by its enthusiasm. One member nearly produced a recognizable tune, but we are a little doubtful whether the notes produced by C.Q.M.S. Mills were intentional or whether he had fallen into his bass, got stuck, and was calling for help.

Having inveigled C.S.M. and Mrs. Denton on to the platform, R.Q.M.S. Bowles proceeded, with no thought or cares for their blushes, to let flow a stream of rhetoric which would have done credit to the most practised after-dinner speaker. I forgot to mention that Mrs. Denton was presented with a bouquet by Miss Beasley, but in view of T.A. Regulations, para. 254, and as I am not sure whether a Warrant Officer's wife comes under the same rule as her husband, am loath to get her court-martialled and shot, perhaps a veil should be drawn over this and we had better pass on.

An account of all the items on the programme would take more paper than it can afford to use, but the long-suffering members of the Mess who formed the "camel" desire special mention for their heroic work and most realistic representation of this most useful but unsightly animal.

The Battalion was, unfortunately, not very strongly represented at the Brigade and Divisional boxing, and the support given to those who did turn out was not encouraging. Under these circumstances we could not hope to be very successful, and we shall have to make a big effort if we are to wrest the new cup, presented by Col. C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.C.O., for competition amongst the Middlesex Battalions, from the 8th Battalion, who won it this year. L./Sergt. Maloney, Pte. Lyndon, Pte. Conisbee, Pte. Allen, Pte. Chambers, Pte. Garrett, Pte. Edwards turned out for the Brigade boxing, and of these Pte. Garrett had a walk-over in the Middles, and L./Sergt. Maloney, Pte. Lyndon, and Pte. Edwards were runners-up in their weights.

Chief honours, however, really go in one way to Ptes. Conisbee and Allen, as they

were engaged in the two best fights of the evening and both put up a very good show.

At the Divisional Competition Pte. Garrett was our only hope, and from the way he dispatched his first opponent it looked as though we had a winner; however, in the next round he was unable to cope with his more experienced opponent, but another year's training should make a big difference.

Although not a competitor, Pte. Conisbee appeared at intervals in the ring and fought byes with all comers from feathers to heavies.

An account of "C" Company's annual dinner is published elsewhere, and we are informed that it is proposed to hold a "B" Company dinner on May 23rd.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Whether all the people in Willesden who backed Patsey V as a snip for the National on the advice of a certain officer know that he backed the winner himself, and, if so, what they said to him?

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Who was the owner driver of a red car who, whilst following a "little red light" of another car, hit a "little red bus"?

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Which driver won the vocal duel which followed?

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Whether a certain member of the Sergeants' Mess is getting married, and, if not, why he wants so many teaspoons?

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Whether the irate inhabitant who ended his telephone talk to a certain N.C.O. with "So am I" really believed what he said?

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Who are the district visitors?

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Who was the recruit who, when summoned to attend for inspection in marching order by his O.C. Company on April 1st, thought that it was an attempt to make him an April fool?

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Whether the Band Sergeant likes camels?

#### TERRITORIAL DINNER.

##### THE NEED FOR RECRUITS.

At the Annual Dinner of past and present members of "C" Company of the 9th

Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, held at the Drill Hall, Wealdstone, on March 28th, an earnest appeal was made for recruits to complete the strength of the local Company. Capt. L. F. Findlay, the Officer Commanding the Company presided, and he was supported by Lieut.-Col. M. F. Kittoe, Major Isidore Salmon, M.P., Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, Officer Commanding the Battalion, Col. A. M. O. A. Passingham, Col. J. L. Blumfeld, Col. A. H. Bindloss, Lieut.-Col. W. P. Hewitt, Major G. W. Tupper, Capt. H. Sherwood, and G. L. Fox, Lieuts. Hogg and Cross, Councillors Dempster and Twinn. The proceedings opened with a tribute to the memory of members of the Battalion who sacrificed their lives in the war, a wreath, on behalf of the Old Comrades, being placed on the Company's memorial by Lieut.-Col. Hewitt, while the whole company stood at attention. About 130 sat down to an enjoyable repast, provided by Mrs. Luff, of The Alma, Harrow Weald, and after this had been disposed of the toasts of "The King" and "The Prince of Wales" were loyally received.

#### "THE REGIMENT."

Col. F. L. Blumfeld, in presenting the toast of "The Regiment," said he knew they were all as proud to belong, or to have belonged, to the Regiment as he was. They naturally thought their own Regiment was the finest in the Service. They were proud of its name and prouder still of its nickname, "The Die-Hards." (Applause.) He appealed to them to turn out smartly when they walked in the streets or on parade, and to follow worthily in the footsteps of those who had built up the traditions of the "Old Ninth" by living and working for it. He coupled with the toast the names of Col. Passingham and Lieut.-Col. Beach, the present Commanding Officer.

#### "ESPRIT DE CORPS."

Col. Passingham, in responding, said a very pleasing feature of the Middlesex Regiment was the *entente* which existed between the Regulars and the Territorials. (Hear, hear.) He was twenty-three years in the Middlesex Regiment himself, and was now chairman of the Regimental Association, and one of their objects was to increase that *entente*. They should consider they belonged all to one Regiment. The 9th Battalion displayed a wonderful *esprit de corps*, and a great keenness, and he hoped

they would continue to maintain their reputation. It was their Commanding Officer in particular who set the example in that Battalion. He felt sure that one of the first Territorial Battalions to be up to strength would be the 9th Battalion. As they would have seen in the Press representatives of local authorities were asked to attend at the Guildhall to discuss the question of the strength of the Territorial Army, because the War Office were very much disturbed on account of its numbers. The Territorial Army had not been as popular as it should be. It had not been appreciated by the nation that it was a citizen army, and therefore, they should support it. Every young fellow should consider that it was one of his jobs to pass through the ranks of the Territorial Army. Only with the help of the local authorities were they going to increase the strength of the Force. He hoped the scheme which had been started would prove a success and that it would not be necessary for the War Office to consider any other steps. In conclusion he congratulated Capt. Findlay and the members of the Company, past and present, on the excellent attendance. (Applause.)

#### MORE RECRUITS NEEDED.

Lieut.-Col. Beach, who also replied, said nothing was so good that it could not be made better, and he was sure they would not take it amiss if he said the same about themselves. The spirit of the Battalion was excellent, but they had not enough men. There was no doubt that the numbers of the Territorial Army were causing considerable anxiety. At the present time they could not afford to spend too much on their Army and armaments. Up to the time of the Geddes Commission a Regular Battalion cost £254,000 a year to run, and a Territorial Battalion £18,000. Therefore, if they could have an efficient Territorial Battalion they would be saving a considerable amount. Although that £18,000 was not so large, the question was were they getting value for it. The company strength was 74, and it should be 126; the maximum number available for camp was 45, and about thirty-five was the maximum number in camp. Therefore, he contended that the country was not getting value for the money which was spent on the Company at the present time. They wanted men, and whose job was it to get those men? It was the job of the local authorities, for it was a

citizen army, and it was administered by a civil association. It was very necessary to have a stronger Territorial Army, because if they did not have Territorials they must have Regulars and that would cost more. They must also have security for the men who joined. They must be certain that if a man joined he would not be handicapped in civil life. The employers of labour could help them greatly in that direction.

#### "OUR GUESTS."

The Chairman briefly proposed the toast of "Our Guests," and Major Salmon, in responding, said the members of the Company could themselves act as recruiting sergeants by persuading their friends to join. He was certain that employers of labour were as anxious as anyone in the country to see the Territorial Force at full strength, and he firmly believed that if an appeal were made to the men of this country to make an efficient Territorial Army they would respond.

The concluding toast was that of "Fallen Comrades," which, proposed by the Chairman, was honoured in silence.

The tables were then cleared, and the remainder of the evening was spent in the enjoyment of an impromptu concert, to which the following contributed:—Messrs. B. Doman, B. Garwood, Grant, Penfold, Hussey, Lock, Bryant, and others.

The function was admirably arranged by a Committee of "C" Company and the Old Comrades, and was under the capable direction of Lieut. Cross.

#### 9TH BATTALION OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

The Association held their Annual General Meeting at Pound Lane on March 30th.

Col. J. L. Blumfeld was in the chair, and about forty members were present.

It was decided to hold the Annual Dinner on Saturday, May 9th, at Headquarters, Pound Lane, and tickets can be obtained from all drill halls, members of the Committee, or the Hon. Sec., Mr. W. Robotham, 3, Bridgeman Road, Acton Green, W.4.

The Hon. Sec. would be pleased to hear from any past or present member of the Battalion who is desirous of joining the Association, and it is hoped that all those who have the interest of the Battalion at heart will make a point of communicating with him as soon as possible.

## OBITUARY.

SINGLETON.—On March 20th, at Cannes, Capt. Mark Singleton, late Royal Irish Fusiliers.

COLLATONS,  
BOW, DEVON.  
27/3/25.

DEAR PEARSON,

I enclose a cutting from the *Morning Post* of the death of Capt. M. Singleton, who was in the 77th Regiment from 1880 to 1882 (I think). He exchanged as a very old subaltern of nine or ten years' service, from the Royal Irish Fusiliers, and retired from the Service in '81 or '82. He was a very good cricketer. I see he is put down as a Captain R.I.F., so probably he got some job during the Great War with some battalion of his former regiment.

Yours sincerely,  
G. W. SAVILE.

The death took place at Cannes on March 20th, 1925, of Captain Mark Singleton, late Royal Irish Fusiliers.

Captain Singleton served in the 2nd Battalion Middlesex Regiment from 1880 to 1882 on exchange from the Royal Irish Fusiliers.

We much regret to announce the death, which occurred suddenly at Wellington Road South, Hounslow, on April 21st, 1925, of ex-R.Q.M.S. Samuel Terry. The funeral took place on April 25th, at Hanworth Road Cemetery, in the presence of a large gathering of friends, including a representative of the Regimental Association.

The late Mr. Terry enlisted on July 12th, 1880, and was posted to the 57th Regiment, then stationed at Limerick, and served until discharged to pension on April 3rd, 1906, having spent the last few years of his long service on the Permanent Staff of the 6th Battalion. He was in possession of the King's and Queen's South African Medals and the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct.

On the outbreak of the Great War, Mr. Terry immediately joined up, and served as Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant of the 14th Battalion until July, 1916.

We tender our sincere sympathy to the widow and family of our Old Comrade.

A dance is being held at Pound Lane on Saturday, April 25th, and we hope that by the time these notes are published the funds of the Association will have benefited materially as a result.

An ambitious programme for next season is already being planned—dances, whist drives, socials, etc.—and with the whole-hearted co-operation of all concerned the season and the Association should be very successful.

We are greatly indebted to Lieut.-Col. Beach, R.Q.M.S. Bowles, and the Battalion Entertainment Committee, for the splendid way they are assisting us.

It was decided that the Battalion Old Comrades Association should make every endeavour to support the Middlesex Regimental Old Comrades Association, and assist in making the quarterly entertainments, etc., thoroughly representative gatherings.

We deeply regret announcing the death, after an operation, at St. Thomas's Hospital, of ex-Clr.-Sergt. A. Macdonald.

"Mac," as he was familiarly known, was one of the oldest members, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

He served for many years in the 5th West Middlesex V.R.C., and on the formation of the Territorial Force in 1908 was transferred to the 9th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, with whom he served until mobilization 1914.

To his great regret he was not allowed to go overseas with the Battalion, but he continued to serve, however, until discharged in 1919.

He was a good soldier and a friend of all, and his *esprit de corps* and the interest he maintained in the Battalion to the end will long be remembered. R.I.P.

Wreaths were sent by the Old Comrades Association and Battalion, and both were represented at the funeral on April 1st at Tooting.

We wish R.Q.M.S. Bowles a speedy recovery from his severe illness.

One final note. The best way of keeping in touch with the Regiment and Battalion is by meeting past and present members at the drill halls, and at the various social functions held for this purpose. The next best way is to take in the Regimental Journal, which improves every issue, and which, for the sum of 2s. per annum, will be sent quarterly to your home, or which can always be obtained at any of the drill halls.

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

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Home Counties Area.

Colonel-in-Chief ... Col. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, K.G., K.T., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., G.V.O., 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 ...

Colonel ... Maxse, Gen. Sir F. Ivor, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O. ... 25Feb.21
Officer Commanding Depot ... Pearson, Maj. (Lt. Lt.-Col.) V. L. N., D.S.O., Midd'x R. ... 10Mar.23

1st and 2nd Battalions. (Regular.) Lt. Colonels (2). 2 Bicknell, H. P. F., D.S.O. 28Sept.24 1 Stewart, W. A., O.B.E. 28Sept.24

Majors (8). 1 Percy-Smith, D. C., D.S.O., O.B.E. 18Sept.15 2 Owen, D. G., D.S.O. 4May16 d. 1 Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. 24July16

1 Brown, M. C. 28Sept.24 1 Brown, G. L., D.S.O. (Phys. Trng. Staff) 28Sept.24 3June19 d. 1 Jefford, W. W. 17Dec24

Subalterns (35). Lieutenants. 2 Bailey, F. A. 1Jan.17 2 Manson, E. P., M.C., Adj. 1July17

Captains (14). Sloane-Stanley, L. F. (2) 14Oct.14 s. Bennett, R. D., M.C. (1) 11Dec.14 s.c. Tisbury, O. H., M.C. (1) 11Dec.14

1 Pargiter, L. L., D.S.O. 11Dec.14 1 Cooper-Key, A. L., M.C. (1) 11Dec.14 Wollocombe, T. S., M.C. (1) 12Dec.14

1 Kempster, G. W. 10Jan.18 d. 2 Weller, A. V. 19Jan.18 2 Pain, E. T. 19Jan.18

2 Overell, A. N. 1Nov.18 M.C., p.s.c., d. 7Dec.15 2 Thorp, J. R. [I] 26Jan.16 1 Phillips, H., M.C. 26Aug.16

1 Horrocks, B. G. 1Jan.17 1 Haydon, C. W., M.C. 25Apr.17 2 Lawrence, F. A. L. 29Feb.20

6th Battalion (Militia). Hon. Colonel. Mashier, Sir George C. K.C.B., C.M.G., Lt.-Col. ret. pay l.a. 25Feb.21

Captains. Josephs, L. H. O. 22Apr.14 1 Graham-Toler, L. J., M.C. 20Mar.15 Pechell, H. C. 1Jan.17

7th Battalion (Territorial). "South Africa, 1900-02." Drill Hall, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.

Hon. Colonel. Bowles, H. F., TD l.a. 13Apr.04 Lt. Colonel. Maitland, J. K., M.C. 18Feb.24

5th Battalion (Militia). Hon. Colonel. Rolleston, V. (Hon. Lt.-Col. in Army T) 2Aug.08 10Mar.03

1 Hedgerose, S. F. 27Apr.18 (1) Parker, F. G. 4June18 2 Clyne, A. 1Nov.18

Majors. Rooke, C. P., D.S.O. (H) 7Sept.16 Schooling, J. H. 3Apr.15

Lieutenants. Hill, C. W. 1June16 Murray, H. A. 9Apr.20 Lindsay, A. S. 5Sept.20

Adjutant. Savile, H. B. W., M.C. capt., Middx. Regt. 4Apr.18

8th Battalion (Territorial). "South Africa, 1900-02." Drill Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow.

Hon. Colonel. Garter, W., C.M.G., TD l.a. 5Apr.21 Lt. Colonel. Baker, E. F., D.S.O., M.C., l.a. 20Feb.23

Major. Palmer, H. A. 3Nov.18 Parmeter, W. H. 22Apr.22 Ellis, H. C., O.B.E., l.a. 7Feb.25

Lieutenants. Newbery, R. E., M.C. 26Feb.19 Wells, E. T. W. 1Mar.19 Murray, P. F. 23Mar.10

2nd Lieutenant. Murphy, D. B. 7Apr.23 Heanly, R. L. S. W. 28July23 Elliott, P. R. H. 22July24 Cary, R. C. 11Mar.25

Adjutant. Thorne, M., capt. Loyal R. 1May22 Quarter-Master. Dymore, H., M.C. capt. 19Apr.20

2nd Lieutenant. Thompson, A. F. 16Jan.24 Hay, E. J. W. 29Apr.24

9th Battalion (Territorial). "South Africa, 1900-02." Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W.10.

Cadet Units affiliated. 2 Cadet Bn. Midd'x R. 2-2 Cadet Bn. Midd'x R.

Captains. Lamont, J. N., M.C. 1June26 Findlay, L. F. 25Oct.21 Fox, G. L. 17Aug.22 Sherwood, H. 22Oct.22

Lieutenants. Hardcastle, H. K. 25Feb.23 Hogg, F. G. 31Mar.23 Furlong, I. E. 11May23 Hewson, A. S. 9June23 Townell, S. H. 25June23 Wright, L. C. 24Dec.21 Wright, E. W. 24Dec.21

2nd Lieutenants. Heffer, H. 17Mar.24 Furness, G. J. B. 30July24 Ryan, J. W. S. 24Oct.24

Adjutant. Procter, N. P., M.C., capt. Middx. R. 1Mar.24 Quarter-Master. Lawson, E. C., M.C. (Capt. Res. of Off) l. 15July24

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

Table with columns: Rank, Name, Battalion, Date of present promotion. Lists various ranks from Sgt. to Depot and their corresponding names and units.

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

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L./Cpl.	R. Challis	...	1st *15/2/24	L./Cpl.	F. Colton	...	2nd *13/9/20
L./Cpl.	C. Watson	...	1st *20/2/24	L./Cpl.	A. Clark	...	2nd *12/11/20
L./Cpl.	C. Turner	...	1st 8/3/24	L./Cpl.	S. Hunt	...	2nd *11/7/21
L./Cpl.	L. Honeybun	...	1st *18/3/24	L./Cpl.	G. Atkins	...	2nd *12/7/21
L./Cpl.	E. Leggett	...	1st *31/3/24	L./Cpl.	H. Berry	...	2nd *22/8/21
L./Cpl.	E. Battersby	...	1st *13/5/24	L./Cpl.	R. Neighbour	...	2nd *22/9/21
L./Cpl.	E. Denyer	...	1st *21/5/24	L./Cpl.	A. Secretan	...	2nd *13/12/21
L./Cpl.	H. Williams	...	1st *21/5/24	L./Cpl.	G. Milne	...	2nd *13/12/21
L./Cpl.	J. Henderson	...	1st *21/5/24	L./Cpl.	A. Simmonds	...	2nd *6/2/22
L./Cpl.	R. Armboldi	...	Depot *13/7/23	L./Cpl.	J. Brown	...	2nd *25/2/22
L./Cpl.	S. Harnett	...	1st *17/8/23	L./Cpl.	J. Jones	...	2nd *4/3/22
L./Cpl.	L. Priddy	...	1st *7/9/23	L./Cpl.	J. Whiting	...	2nd *4/3/22
L./Cpl.	H. Short	...	1st *8/10/23	L./Cpl.	A. Webb	...	2nd *4/3/22
L./Cpl.	G. Sewell	...	1st *8/10/23	L./Cpl.	E. Glibbery	...	2nd *7/3/22
L./Cpl.	G. Mills	...	1st *8/10/23	L./Cpl.	R. Wingrove	...	2nd *8/3/22
L./Cpl.	A. Wallace	...	1st *8/10/23	L./Cpl.	E. Addinall	...	2nd *12/3/22
L./Cpl.	J. Frost	...	1st *8/10/23	L./Cpl.	J. Jenkins	...	2nd *23/3/22
L./Cpl.	E. Ratty	...	1st *22/12/23	L./Cpl.	T. Ballard	...	2nd *23/3/22
L./Cpl.	Goodall	...	1st *22/1/24	L./Cpl.	F. Welsh	...	2nd *27/3/22
L./Cpl.	S. Jackson	...	1st *8/3/24	L./Cpl.	G. Clements	...	2nd *21/4/22
L./Cpl.	H. Riley	...	1st *8/3/24	L./Cpl.	W. Makewell	...	2nd *24/8/22
L./Cpl.	H. Stemp	...	1st *14/3/24	L./Cpl.	H. Poulter	...	2nd *30/8/22
L./Cpl.	G. Theobald	...	1st *14/3/24	L./Cpl.	W. Flint	...	2nd *2/10/22
L./Cpl.	F. Burton	...	1st *17/3/24	L./Cpl.	L. Laxton	...	2nd *7/10/22
L./Cpl.	E. Pinder	...	1st *8/5/24	L./Cpl.	A. Rowell	...	2nd *22/12/22
L./Cpl.	R. Glover	...	1st *8/5/24	L./Cpl.	H. Lucas	...	2nd *14/3/23
L./Cpl.	R. Aldridge	...	1st *18/5/24	L./Cpl.	S. Simpson	...	2nd *14/3/23
L./Cpl.	H. Batt	...	1st *21/5/24	L./Cpl.	C. Forster	...	2nd *14/3/23
L./Cpl.	A. Case	...	1st *28/5/24	L./Cpl.	H. Cassam	...	2nd *3/4/23
L./Cpl.	A. Howes	...	1st *28/5/24	L./Cpl.	C. Donaldson	...	2nd *19/4/23
L./Cpl.	A. Anson	...	1st *28/5/24	L./Cpl.	W. Pollard	...	2nd *29/5/23
L./Cpl.	C. Pestell	...	1st *3/6/24	L./Cpl.	G. Power	...	2nd *4/6/23
L./Cpl.	W. Smith	...	1st *3/6/24	L./Cpl.	R. Franklin	...	2nd *9/6/23
L./Cpl.	S. Nicholls	...	1st *3/6/24	L./Cpl.	G. Brown	...	2nd *13/6/23
L./Cpl.	G. O'Connor	...	1st *11/6/24	L./Cpl.	W. Potter	...	2nd *15/6/23
L./Cpl.	G. Osinat	...	1st *21/6/24	L./Cpl.	J. Riley	...	2nd *1/7/23
L./Cpl.	West	...	1st *14/7/24	L./Cpl.	H. Crawley	...	2nd *27/7/23
L./Cpl.	Bayles	...	1st *13/8/24	L./Cpl.	H. Readings	...	2nd *13/8/23
L./Cpl.	Vials	...	1st *13/8/24	L./Cpl.	B. Gower	...	2nd *13/8/23
L./Cpl.	Bowden	...	1st 16/8/24	L./Cpl.	G. Matthews	...	2nd *13/8/23
L./Cpl.	W. Banham	...	1st 19/8/24	L./Cpl.	J. Fowler	...	2nd *13/8/23
L./Cpl.	C. Pettitt	...	1st 19/8/24	L./Cpl.	W. Chalcroft	...	2nd *17/8/23
L./Cpl.	Giles	...	1st 8/9/24	L./Cpl.	W. Hathaway	...	2nd *22/9/23
L./Cpl.	Gough	...	1st 8/9/24	L./Cpl.	W. Milbery	...	2nd *8/10/23
L./Cpl.	Barley	...	1st 8/9/24	L./Cpl.	E. Jenkin	...	2nd *13/10/23
L./Cpl.	Marshall	...	1st 11/9/24	L./Cpl.	C. Gwinnett	...	2nd *24/10/23
L./Cpl.	Norman	...	1st 11/9/24	L./Cpl.	E. Fisher	...	2nd *24/10/23
L./Cpl.	O'Neill	...	1st 25/9/24	L./Cpl.	T. Dibley	...	2nd *29/10/23
L./Cpl.	Tompkins	...	1st 29/9/24	L./Cpl.	T. Levett	...	2nd *29/10/23
L./Cpl.	Kelly	...	1st 2/10/24	L./Cpl.	L. Clark	...	2nd *9/11/23
L./Cpl.	L. Westney	...	1st 9/10/24	L./Cpl.	J. Stanford	...	2nd *10/11/23
L./Cpl.	Thompson	...	1st 11/10/24	L./Cpl.	G. Williamson	...	2nd *17/11/23
L./Cpl.	P. Phillipson	...	1st 17/10/24	L./Cpl.	E. Wright	...	2nd *20/11/23
L./Cpl.	Weedon	...	1st *31/10/24	L./Cpl.	W. Adams	...	2nd *20/11/23
L./Cpl.	W. Clarke	...	Depot 1/12/24	L./Cpl.	E. Banks	...	2nd *20/11/23
L./Cpl.	Fletcher	...	1st 1/12/24	L./Cpl.	F. Fisher	...	2nd *23/11/23
L./Cpl.	Hammond	...	1st 1/12/24	L./Cpl.	R. Baldwin	...	2nd *4/1/24
L./Cpl.	Woodroff	...	1st 1/12/24	L./Cpl.	G. Barker	...	2nd *4/1/24
L./Cpl.	Wheatley	...	1st *10/12/24	L./Cpl.	Copelin	...	2nd *14/1/24
L./Cpl.	Chasney	...	1st 1/1/25	L./Cpl.	F. Wingrove, M.M.	...	2nd *15/1/24
L./Cpl.	Carnoll	...	1st 1/1/25	L./Cpl.	L. Johnson	...	2nd *16/1/24
L./Cpl.	Painter	...	1st 1/1/25	L./Cpl.	J. Simmonds	...	2nd *16/1/24
L./Cpl.	F. Edwicker	...	Depot *17/1/25	L./Cpl.	W. Smith	...	2nd *16/1/24
L./Cpl.	H. Holness	...	Depot *6/2/25	L./Cpl.	W. Eldridge	...	2nd *16/1/24
L./Cpl.	W. Lee	...	1st *4/3/25	L./Cpl.	G. Hunt	...	2nd *25/1/24
L./Cpl.	Balls	...	1st *4/3/25	L./Cpl.	A. Jones	...	2nd *2/2/24
L./Cpl.	P. Palmer	...	1st *13/3/25	L./Cpl.	J. Brooks	...	2nd *4/2/24
L./Cpl.	S. Hutton	...	Depot *18/3/25	L./Cpl.	T. Grogan	...	2nd *19/3/24
L./Cpl.	Edwards	...	1st *31/3/25	L./Cpl.	A. Granshaw	...	2nd *25/3/24
L./Cpl.	A. Lamkin	...	2nd *12/2/20	L./Cpl.	F. Towell	...	2nd *25/3/24

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L./Cpl.	W. Schoolledge	... 2nd	†19/4/24	L./Cpl.	W. Budd	... 2nd	†31/1/25
L./Cpl.	F. Cook	... 2nd	†5/5/24	L./Cpl.	C. Stewart	... 2nd	†31/1/25
L./Cpl.	C. Tisdall	... 2nd	†18/6/24	L./Cpl.	D. Williams	... 2nd	†31/1/25
L./Cpl.	E. Noakes	... 2nd	†24/6/24	L./Cpl.	H. Meddoms	... 2nd	†31/1/25
L./Cpl.	C. Champion	... 2nd	†7/7/24	L./Cpl.	A. Boen	... 2nd	†31/1/25
L./Cpl.	J. Lane	... 2nd	†17/7/24	L./Cpl.	F. Gribble	... 2nd	†31/1/25
L./Cpl.	J. Geary	... 2nd	†3/10/24	L./Cpl.	W. Grimmett	... 2nd	†7/2/25
L./Cpl.	J. Tandy, M.M.	... 2nd	†10/10/24	L./Cpl.	J. Carroll	... 2nd	†2/3/25
L./Cpl.	W. Kemp	... 2nd	†3/1/25	L./Cpl.	C. Moss	... 2nd	†6/3/25
L./Cpl.	W. Waterman	... 2nd	†10/1/25	L./Cpl.	A. Lee	... 2nd	†11/3/25
L./Cpl.	G. Reed	... 2nd	†31/1/25	L./Cpl.	F. Gray	... 2nd	†11/3/25

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† Unpaid.

‡ Trade School.

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Pte. A. C. Cranford	...	17	7 1
Pte. J. E. Hickman	...	7	17 0
Pte. A. Jeffries	...	16	0 0
Pte. E. P. Monk	...	9	15 2
Pte. G. North	...	31	1 1
Pte. A. M. Prior	...	9	6 6
Pte. W. Sessions	...	55	8 5
Pte. H. Sweetland	...	5	18 9
Pte. A. C. Teulon	...	4	17 0
Pte. J. Tipping	...	8	3 10
Pte. E. A. Waters	...	15	8 4
Pte. E. Woods	...	4	6 3

