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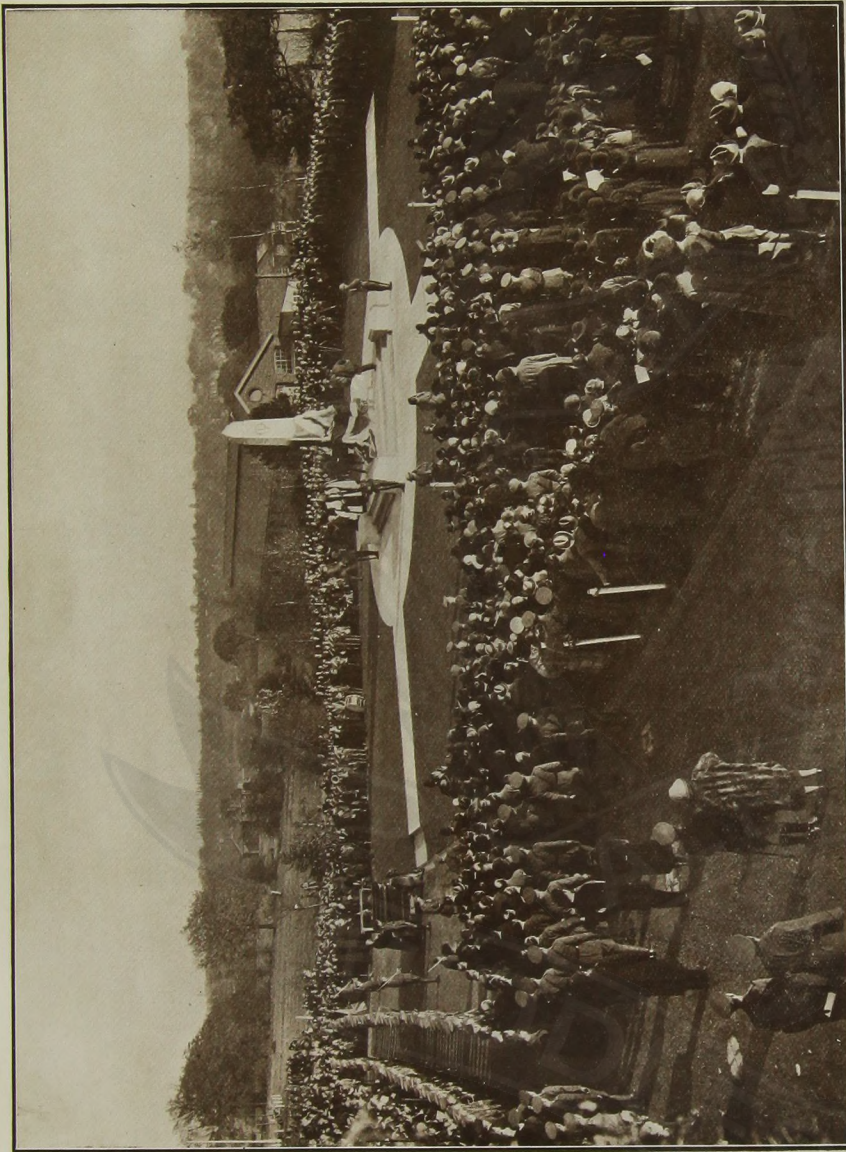
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"Shires" Area.

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

"Mycena," "Seringapatam," "Abluhera," "Ciudad Rodrigo," "Badajoz," "Vitoria," "Pyrenes," "Nivelle," "Nive," "Iensula," "Alma," "Inkerian," "Sevastopol," "New Zealand," "South Africa, 1879," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1900-02."

Agents—Messrs. Cox & Co.

#### Regular and Militia Battalions.

*Uniform*—Scarlet.      *Facings*—Lemon Yellow.

1st Bn. (57th Foot) ... .. Rhine.	2nd Bn. (77th Foot) ... .. Singapore.
5th Bn. (R. Elthorne Mil.) ... .. Mill Hill.	6th Bn. (R. East Middlesex Mil.) ... .. Mill Hill.
Depot—Mill Hill.      Record Office—Hounslow.	

#### Territorial Army Battalions.

7th Bn. ... .. Drill Hall, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.	8th Bn. ... .. Drill Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow.
9th Bn. ... .. Drill Hall, Found Lane, Willesden, N.W. 10.	

#### Allied Regiments of Canadian Militia.

The Peterborough Rangers ... .. Peterborough, Ontario.	The Wentworth Regiment ... .. Dundas, Ontario.
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#### Allied Regiment of Dominion of New Zealand.

11th Regiment (Taranaki Rifles).

*Colonel-in-Chief:*

Col. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, K.G., K.L., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., M.C., Col. W. Gds., Colonel-in-Chief 12th L., R. S. Fus., D.C.L.I., Seaforth, Leinster R., and R. Wiltis Yeo., Personal A.D.C. to the King.

*Colonel:*

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

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### EDITOR'S NOTES.

WANT of space has unfortunately prevented us from publishing all the matter sent in by individual subscribers and battalions, but we have done our best and hope that contributors will not be discouraged in sending forward copy in the future. Items to the Old Comrades' Jottings will be very welcome.

Reference was made in these notes last month that copies of the first number could be obtained, and a few still remain, but as these are now getting low, those wishing to secure the first and second numbers should make early application.

The circulation of the Journal has, however, not come up to expectations, and it is necessary, if the Journal is to improve and be a financial success, that the circulation should be increased. Subscribers are therefore earnestly requested to make the issue known as widely as possible.

Battalions are particularly asked to endeavour to get all ranks to purchase a copy, and Old Comrades can do much to assist if

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they will bring the Journal to the notice of all ex-members who have at any time worn the badge of the Regiment.

In reply to several inquiries from Old Comrades the opportunity is taken to point out that the Regimental Calendar is sent post free for 1s.

It is proposed to issue shortly a history of the Middlesex Regiment in the Great War, which will cover the parts played by all Battalions of the Regiment—Regular, Territorial or Service. The splendid record of the Regiment should be permanently commemorated and a small Committee of Officers has been formed to carry through the publication of the history.

For this purpose, the guarantee for the purchase of 1,000 copies of the History (which it is hoped will be in two volumes with maps) is essential; the price of the History is estimated at one guinea. Subscriptions are therefore asked in order that the work may be carried out.

Subscribers of the sum of one guinea and upwards will be entitled to a copy of the History, and no call will be made on them until the work is complete. Application for forms should be addressed to The Secretary, Regimental Association, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

We are asked to announce that a short History of the 2nd Battalion The Royal Munster Fusiliers in France, complete with maps and illustrations, is now ready, and can be obtained from Messrs. Gale & Polden, Ltd., Aldershot. Cloth, 5s. 6d. Correspondence to Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Jervis, "Munster," Tilford, Surrey.

## THE LATE LORD SINCLAIR.

BY ONE WHO KNEW HIM WELL.

IT is quite possible that few of the present members of the Middlesex Regiment are aware that in the recent death of the late Lord Sinclair there passed away a distinguished member of the old 57th Regiment.

Born in 1831, he joined the Regiment in 1848 after its return from India towards the middle of the last century. It was at that time commanded by that splendid soldier, Colonel Goldie, who six years later, when Brigadier-General Commanding 1st

Brigade, 4th Division at the Battle of Inkerman, was mortally wounded and died on the field. Colonel Goldie was from the first a real friend to the young officer, and put him, when only an Ensign, into the Light Company, and recognizing his capacity, appointed him Adjutant of the Regiment before he had been three years in the Army. He was serving as its adjutant when the Regiment embarked at Cork in February 1853 for Corfu.

He accompanied the Regiment as adjutant to the Crimea in September, 1854, where it landed just too late for the Battle of the Alma.

The writer of this notice did not himself join the Regiment until after the Crimean War, but often heard Lieut. and Adjutant St. Clair's gallant conduct throughout the campaign spoken of, particularly at the Battle of Inkerman on November 5th, 1854, and in the attack on the Redan on June 18th, 1855. In the former battle his horse was shot under him early in the action. The 57th were at this time still armed with the old smooth bore rifle, the Brown Bess; it was not until some three months after the Battle of Inkerman that the Minié rifle was issued to the Regiment. At a very critical stage of the fight on November 5th Capt. Inglis, then the sole remaining unwounded officer of any seniority, finding that the ammunition was beginning to run short, sent Lieut. and Adjutant St. Clair to endeavour to secure a fresh supply. It was not, however, possible to obtain any smooth bore ammunition, but he succeeded in bringing up a supply of Minié ammunition, which proved invaluable to the men of several corps armed with this rifle who had temporarily attached themselves to the Regiment. The men of the 57th had, accordingly, to make good their needs in this respect from the pouches of their dead and wounded comrades.

On June 18th, 1855, Capt. St. Clair, as he had then become, again distinguished himself, and behaved most gallantly when the 57th formed the storming party in the attack of the 4th Division on the right face of the Redan. On this occasion he was severely wounded, so severely indeed that he was for the time being incapacitated for service in the field. When sufficiently recovered for less strenuous work he was appointed Assistant Adjutant-General to the Forces in the Bosphorus, Dardanelles, etc.

holding this staff appointment at Scutari from July, 1855 to August, 1856.

He was promoted to a brevet-majority for service in the field on June 6th, 1856, and later received the Crimean Medal with clasps for Balaclava, Inkerman and Sebastopol, and the Sardinian and Turkish Medals.

On the termination of the staff appointment as above he rejoined his Regiment at Malta, where it had proceeded two months after the treaty of peace had been signed. Very soon after this, however, he was appointed A.D.C. to the Earl of Mulgrave afterwards Marquis of Normanby, Governor of Nova Scotia. This appointment he relinquished in 1858 to rejoin the Regiment in India, where it had been ordered to aid in the still uncompleted suppression of the Mutiny. He took part with it in the operations in Central India, undertaken with a view to preventing the threatened incursion into Khandeish of Tantia Topce.

The writer of this notice made his acquaintance after arrival in India in 1858 and shared with him a house, the "Moti Bagh," when the Regiment was at Ahmednagar, Bombay Presidency, in 1859.

In November, 1860, the Regiment was ordered to proceed to New Zealand for active service against the Maoris. The Headquarters and Left Wing, with which were Capt. St. Clair and the writer, sailed in the freightship *Castilian*, which arrived at Auckland, New Zealand, on January 21st, 1861. A few days later the writer left with him and 150 N.C.Os. and men in H.M.S. *Cordelia* for the seat of war in Taranaki. They landed at the Waitara River two days later and took part in the operations against the rebel Maoris. During these operations in the field he and the writer occupied the same tent until the termination of hostilities, and subsequently they lived together in the same house at New Plymouth.

In 1862 Capt. St. Clair acted as Assistant Military Secretary and A.D.C. to General Sir Duncan Cameron, commanding the Forces in New Zealand.

He and the writer accompanied by a gardener named Henry, attempted the ascent of Mount Egmont, 8,260 feet, a matter of considerable difficulty at that time, as there was practically no track and porters did not exist. They failed to reach the summit, being turned back by bad weather in the swamp between the ranges and the mountain. Capt. St. Clair, however,

subsequently achieved the ascent of the mountain with another brother officer, the late Major-General Henry Butler, C.B. He left New Zealand prior to the fresh outbreak of the war in 1863, to join the Depot then stationed in the South of Ireland and was not again present with the Headquarters of the Regiment.

From 1864 to 1867 he served as Major with the Depot in Ireland and at Colchester. In March, 1867, as his prospect of promotion in the Regiment appeared to be far from hopeful, he went on half-pay, becoming Lieut.-Colonel in January 1868. In 1870 he received the medal for the New Zealand campaign; and in that year also married. He remained on the half-pay list for the full period of 12 years, and being then nearly the senior Lieut.-Colonel in the Army, retired on March 8th, 1879, with the rank of Colonel.

Well-known in the Regiment as "Scion," a nickname bestowed on him as a scion of a noble race, he was a thoroughly good regimental officer and a good all round sportsman.

A fine light-weight horseman and judge of pace, he ran many races in India with a pony named "The Fly," several against a pony belonging to Sam Mansfield, Bombay Civil Service, brother of the then Commander-in-Chief in India, Sir William Mansfield, afterwards Lord Sandhurst; so evenly matched were these two animals that victory usually fell to whichever happened to be ridden by the then best jockey on the Bombay Turf (Benson).

He was very fond of shooting and a good shot, also a more than average billiard player.

He could sail a boat with anyone, and one of his great pleasures was yachting. He used to yacht a great deal with friends, who themselves owned yachts and who were always glad of his company.

His disposition was naturally shy and reserved, but he possessed sterling qualities and a heart of gold, and was absolutely to be relied on at all times.

The writer, who lived on terms of great intimacy with him, was affectionately attached to him and has always regretted that he left the Service so early, as he was eminently qualified to hold high command in his profession.

He succeeded to the title as 15th Baron Sinclair on the death of his father in October

1880. He was a Representative Peer for Scotland. Both his sons were in the Army and served with distinction in the South African war and also in the late War. He suffered a grievous blow in the death of his younger son, Capt. The Hon. C. H. M. St. Clair, Seaforth Highlanders, who was killed near La Bassée on December 20th, 1914, when serving with the Meerut Division.

Stricken with total blindness in September, 1919, he bore his sore affliction with uncomplaining fortitude. His memory and mind were wonderful and remained quite clear up to the end.

He was very fond and proud of his old Regiment and interested in everyone in it. He was always glad to see the many friends who visited him in his blindness. His extraordinary patience and unselfishness, and the manner in which he cheerfully bore his terrible trial without a murmur, were the admiration of and an example to all who came in contact with him.

He died at his London residence, 55, Onslow Square, on April 25th, 1922, in his 91st year, being succeeded in the title by his surviving and elder son the Master of Sinclair, Royal Scots Greys.

He was buried on April 29th, 1922, in the private chapel of St. John of Jerusalem at the old family place of Herdmanston, Haddingtonshire, which has been in the family since 1162. The St. Clairs have been buried in this chapel since that date.

A beautiful wreath was sent by the Officers, N.C.Os. and Men of the Depot of the Middlesex Regiment, Mill Hill. This was the only wreath other than those given by members of the family which was brought into the library at Herdmanston, where the funeral service was held. As it was realized how much he would himself have valued this tribute of respect and affection from his old Regiment, this wreath was placed at the foot of the coffin.

### UNVEILING OF WAR MEMORIAL.

SATURDAY, November 4th, saw all trains, trams, tubes and buses leading to Mill Hill, thronged with ex-members of the Regiment wending their way to Barracks

to witness the unveiling of the War Memorial erected to the memory of those members of the Regiment who made the great sacrifice during the war.

Long before the time for the ceremony to commence relatives and friends began to arrive and take up their positions in the roped-off enclosures.

One being allotted for relatives of those who fell, one for Officers and their friends and another for Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men.

The weather was everything that could be desired, the sun shining brilliantly making the surrounding country appear at its best.

By 2 p.m. all points of vantage had been secured, but throngs continued to pour in, and by the time the ceremony commenced quite 3,000 were present.

At 2.10 p.m. General Sir Ivor Maxse was received with the General Salute and inspected the Guards of Honour, conversing freely with a number of ex-Service men, the blind, including Pte. Cassidy, who recently won the London to Brighton walk, and Sergt.-Dmr. Deacon from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Shortly before 2.30 p.m. General Sir Ivor Maxse and the clergy took up position at the base of the memorial.

The memorial, which stands on the lawn at the south-east corner of the Officers' Mess, comprises an obelisk in Portland stone some 14 feet in height, mounted on broad stone steps with a small Portland stone at each of the four corners of the steps. On the four sides of the obelisk is carved in relief the badge of the Regiment and the front bears the following inscription:—

TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN HONOURED MEMORY  
OF 12694 OF ALL RANKS OF  
THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT  
(DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN)  
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES  
IN THE GREAT WAR  
1914—1918

The memorial was designed by an ex-member of the Regiment, Pioneer-Sergt. J. G. Peacock, 1st Battalion, who has been trained at the Imperial College of Science, and the work was executed by Messrs. Foster & Dixie, of Chelsea.

The Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, had most graciously signified his intention of performing the unveiling ceremony, but owing to a sprained ankle, which he sustained earlier in the week while hunting in the neighbourhood of Malmesbury, His Royal Highness had very reluctantly to abandon this part of the ceremony.

His Royal Highness, however, very pluckily, against his medical advisers' wish and possibly with pain to himself, fulfilled his promise to attend, which was greatly appreciated by the big gathering of relatives and next-of-kin of those who fell.

The Royal visit created widespread interest, people gathering at many points of the route to the barracks, and a large assembly waited to greet the Prince at the entrance.

From the barrack gates to the site of the memorial, the carriage-way was lined by Boy Scouts and Girl Guides from Hendon, Finchley and Mill Hill, and Guards of Honour were furnished from the Depot and Territorial Battalions, under the command of Major A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., and Lieut. B. B. Rackham, M.C., the King's Colour being carried by Lieut. W. E. Pringle, M.C., 7th Battalion.

Ex-Service men's (Middlesex Regiment) Guard, including a number of blinded men from St. Dunstan's, Chelsea Pensioners, under Lieut. E. Smith, contingents of Officers Training Corps from Mill Hill and Aldenham Schools, Cadets of the Middlesex Regiment from Christ's College, Finchley, and numerous representatives of the Catholic institutions and other schools at Mill Hill.

As the Prince drove into the square which was formed by the assembly, the Guards of Honour came to the "Present" and the National Anthem was played by the Depot Band.

His Royal Highness, who wore the uniform of the Regiment, was received by Lieut.-General Sir Ivor Maxse, Colonel of the Regiment.

In consequence of his sprained ankle the Prince remained seated in his car throughout the ceremony, and standing against his car was a magnificent laurel wreath, bearing the colours of the Regiment, which Sir Ivor Maxse subsequently placed at the foot of the Memorial on behalf of the Prince.

At the four corner stones of the Memorial stood a Company Sergeant-Major, a Ser-

geant, a Corporal, and a Private, all in full fighting kit and with reversed arms.

The service was conducted by Bishop Taylor Smith, Chaplain-General to the Forces, assisted by the Rev. J. G. W. Tuckey, Assistant Chaplain-General, Southern Command, and there were also present the Rev. E. Howard-Cobb, vicar of St. Paul's, Mill Hill; and the Rev. W. Terry Coppin, Mill Hill Wesleyan Church.

The service opened with Kipling's "Recessional" and the Lesson from Rev. xxi. 6, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth."

Sir Ivor Maxse, who unveiled the memorial on behalf of the Prince, said the "Die-hards" had assembled there to honour their dead, register their victory, and acclaim their Colonel-in-Chief. Twelve thousand and twelve men and 682 officers laid down their lives in the Great War for their King and Country. They belonged to 41 Battalions, the first of which was raised in 1755 and the last during the war; only six now remained in existence, but those six Battalions retained and cherished the spirit which animated the whole of the 41. They wanted those six Battalions to pull together on one rope and as one Regiment. That monument was their joint memorial and he was their joint Colonel, but above all there was their Colonel-in-Chief and they wore his crest (his three feathers) in all their caps. Whenever they looked upon the crest or upon the memorial they should remember that it is his crest, and the memorable day on which their Colonel-in-Chief came under trying circumstances to attend that ceremony. The Prince of Wales was a Prince of Sportsmen, and if he were not he would not be there that day after his hunting accident. He carried sunshine wherever he went, and they all admired his pluck and cheerfulness. The Prince had many parts to play, and that day was playing the part of a "Die-Hard" and marked his official connection with the Regiment, and he was from now a "Die-Hard." The memorial which would have been unveiled by the Prince but for his accident, was an emblem of victory, and it also marked the close connection of the Regiment with the throne of England. On behalf of the Colonel-in-Chief, Sir Ivor then unveiled the memorial, "Not as a tombstone, but as a reminder for all time of the willing sacrifice of 12,694 patriots."

As the Union Jack fell from the memorial the Prince turned and saluted.

Bishop Taylor Smith then performed the ceremony of dedication; the "Last Post" and "Réveillé" were sounded, and the singing of "Fight the good fight" and the National Anthem concluded the service.

As His Royal Highness drove away loud cheering resounded throughout the Barracks, and the Band struck up, "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The following is a list of the wreaths placed on the base of the Memorial at the conclusion of the ceremony:—

- From All Ranks of the Regiment (by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse).
- From 1st Battalion (by Major A. C. Dundas, O.B.E.).
- From 2nd Battalion (by Lieut.-Col. C. A. S. Page, D.S.O., M.C.).
- From 3rd Battalion (by Colonel Wallace Wright, V.C., C.M.G., D.S.O.).
- From 4th Battalion (by Major G. L. Oliver).
- From 5th Battalion (by Captain W. M. Farrow).
- From 6th Battalion (by Colonel Sir George Mashiter, K.C.B., C.M.G.).
- From All Ranks, Depot (by Lieut.-Col. W. Y. Miller, D.S.O.).
- From Officers, Depot (by Major L. J. Partiger, D.S.O.).
- From Sergeants, Depot (by R.S.M. Pigott).
- From Corporals (by Lce.-Cpl. Sando).
- From Privates (by Dmr. Murphy).

Wreaths were deposited on the Memorial by the relatives and friends of the late:

- Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Cade, D.S.O., M.C., who was killed on April 26th, 1918, when commanding 1st Bn. The Wiltshire Regt. at Mount Kemmel.
- Pte. F. Grimes.
- Lionel T. Downing, 2nd Battalion.
- "Daddy, from Horace."
- 1751 Pte. A. G. Shepherd, 1st Battalion.
- "Daddy—From his Wife and Daughters, May and Phyllis."
- "Our Dear Arthur—from all at home."
- 6684 Pte. John A. Harris, 12th Middlesex Regt.
- 13010 William Schumann and 92031 Harold Schumann.
- 1938 Pte. A. E. Stroud, 17th Middlesex Regt.
- Sergt. John Walker, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt.
- 10978 Sergt. T. Roy, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt.
- "All my Old Comrades, from Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Reynolds."
- 18675 C. O. Hampson, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt.
- To the Memory of the 17th Bn. Middlesex Regt.—Oppy Wood, April, 1917.
- "Our Dear Bertie—From Mother, Father, and Family."
- Capt. A. F. Henty and C.S.M. T. Lewis, 11th Bn. Middlesex Regt.
- "Old Comrades—From Mr. and Mrs. J. Ilott, ex-Sergt., Middlesex Regt."
- 9866 Leslie (L. A. L.) Harlow, 4th Middlesex Regt.
- 10555 Charles Lowen, 4th Bn. Middlesex Regt.
- Sergt. E. G. Ryde.

11738 Cpl. J. C. Warrell, 2nd Bn. Middlesex Regt.

L./Cpl. Ted Ridley.  
 "Of our Dear Sons—Henry and Jack."  
 "In remembrance of 'Tacho,' from his sister Ada."  
 "Our Dear Bob—late of 9th Bn. Middlesex Regt."  
 "Our Dear Boys, Arthur, George (Artie), and William David (Sonnie)—From Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Taylor."

"Proud remembrance of my Dear Brother, May 16th, 1918."

Pte. Arthur Huggins, 16th Middlesex Regt.  
 Pte. Arthur Nash.  
 Pte. A. E. Scammell, 4th Battalion.  
 Sergt. H. Graham, 4th Battalion.  
 Sergt. Alfred Johns.  
 Albert Henry Scammell, 4th Battalion.  
 E. Saunders, 21st Bn. Middlesex Regt.  
 Harold Hilton.

Dear Brother Joe.  
 2049 Cpl. Wilfred Frank Harris (Joe), 16th Middlesex Regt.

Lieut.-Col. B. E. Ward, killed when in command of the 1st Battalion.

Pte. Gordon Henry Powell, 40667, 17th Middlesex Regt.

Sergt. J. Allum, 4th Middlesex Regt.

14827 Pte. A. A. Bolwell, 2nd Middlesex Regt., and 2751 E. W. Bolwell, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt.

Arthur F. C. Mills, 1/7th Middlesex Regt.  
 Pte. Jerry Fordham, 4th Middlesex Regt.

Pte. Joe (Bill) Peel, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt.  
 Ernest Fobbes.

Edward Saunders.  
 From 4464 Sergt. W. Stevens, "K" Coy., 57th Middlesex Regt.

Pte. Charles Sidney Barker, 10561, 1st Middlesex Regt.

Pte. Davey, 16th Middlesex Regt.  
 2/Lieut. Cyril E. Prebble, M.C.

Sergt. G. J. Purcell, 3rd Middlesex Regt.  
 Harry and Bert, 3rd Middlesex Regt.

Edward Arthur Gribben, 16th Middlesex Regt.  
 Pte. W. White, 4th Middlesex Regt.

L./Cpl. H. Norris, 2nd Battalion, killed 23/10/16.  
 In memory of those who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918—M. Conduit.

"Tacho"—Pte. E. Hall.  
 Pte. W. W. Lock, 13927, 2nd Middlesex Regt.

Will Sutton.  
 Pte. A. Cherrington.

Cpl. F. T. Thornton, 8th Middlesex Regt.  
 T. W. O'Reilly, M.C. with Bar, late Adjutant 5th Middlesex Regt.

To the Memory of the Officers, W.Os., N.C.Os., and men of the late 4th Battalion who gave their lives in the Great War, and to the Memory of Major-General Sir Charles Amyatt Hull, K.C.B., Commanding the 4th Battalion in 1914.

In Memory of the Officers, N.C.Os., and men of the 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt.—From Lieut. W. Wheeler.

Capt. Douglas Cutbush, M.C., and members 4th Battalion.

J. Filbey, 2/10th Middlesex Regt.; also to the immortal memory of the brave men who died for King and Country.

L./Cpl. T. Ridley.  
 J. P. Brock, 12th Middlesex Regt.

Sergt. John Walker, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt.  
 W. Ansell.

To the Memory of my only Boys—both of the Middlesex Regt.—My dear Reggie, killed in France, 1917; My dear Bob, died September, 1918.

Pte. S. Rumbold.  
 A. Blundy.

"George"—Sergt. G. Lowen, 4th Middlesex Regt.

My only brothers, R. A. and R. H. Stent.  
 Fred Lawton.

"To dear Daddy—from all his little Children."  
 E. R. Turner.

"In deepest sympathy to the fallen from those who have lost, but will never forget."

12508 Pte. E. H. Cutler, 2nd Bn. Middlesex Regt.

2/Lieut. A. D. Reid, 4th Bn. Middlesex Regt.  
 Ptes. W. Woodward and H. Stockwell.

"A token of remembrance from Lieut. W. G. Blackman and Family."

Among the assembly were noticed:—

Lieut.-Gen. Sir C. Mansfield Clarke, G.C.B., G.C.V.O.; Brig.-Gens. F. D. Lumley, C.B., C.B.E., and R. F. H. Law, C.B.;

Colonel-Commandant F. W. Ramsay, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.;

Colonels Sir George Mashiter, K.C.B., C.M.G., R. F. B. Glover, D.S.O., J. H. Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O., G. B. Lempiere, G. W. W. Saville, C.B.E., D.S.O., Wallace Wright, V.C., C.M.G., D.S.O., H. M. Eustace, D.S.O., C. A. S. Page, D.S.O., M.C., W. H. C. Davey, Dams, G. A. Bridgman, W. D. Ingle, L. G. Oliver, E. V. Bellers and C. A. H. Graves, O.B.E.;

Majs. G. L. Oliver, W. A. Odling, O. H. Tidbury, M.C., E. H. Amor, G. L. Money, N. E. G. Willoughby, L. O. H. Josephs, G. E. Rapson, D.S.O., P. H. Graves, D.S.O., Cpts. H. E. Foster, G. J. Johnson, E. C. Lawson, M.C., W. G. Hancock, A. E. Howell;

Lieuts. Taylor, A. M. Toye, V.C., M.C., Stephenson, etc.;

Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Ash, Mrs. Abell, Mrs. P. Large, etc.

Sir Albert Spicer has received a letter asking him to convey to the Court of Governors of Mill Hill School the Prince's sincere regrets that he was compelled to postpone his visit to the school, which was to have followed the unveiling of the Middlesex Regiment Memorial, and adding that it is his Royal Highness's intention to visit the Depot of the Middlesex Regt. at some later date, when he hopes it may be possible to carry out his original plan with regard to the school.

Extract from "The Hendon Times."

The Empire's Prince has visited Hendon—for Mill Hill is Hendon—and what must have

struck those who had not seen the Prince of Wales at close quarters before was the great impression that here was a real prince of the people; one of us, so to speak. Deep interest in the unveiling and dedication of the memorial at the Mill Hill Barracks on Saturday was evident, and a particularly touching incident was provided by the "March Past" of a number of blinded ex-Service Men from St. Dunstan's. A terrible loss had been theirs, but they were British sportsmen, and paid their tribute to their fellows who made the Supreme Sacrifice. Another point which impressed me was the playing of "God Bless the Prince of Wales." How often is this struck up now? I hardly remember when I last heard the tune, and it was pleasant to find that such a service as that on Saturday did not pass without those once so popular strains of the nation's hymn for her Prince. Before and after the ceremony the day practically took the form of a re-union of the members of the Middlesex Regiment, and it was interesting, and, in many cases, amusing to watch the recognition and greetings which occurred at all points in and around the barracks. "It's really good to be amongst all the boys again," remarked a demobilized officer, "and particularly on such a day as this." Then he glided into the officers' quarters to take one more glance of "The Drums and Fifes," a picture which will never fail to inspire and re-invigorate the old "Die-Hards," who know its place in their history.

#### UNVEILING OF WAR MEMORIAL IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MILL HILL.

On the following morning a war memorial tablet (bearing an inscription similar to that on the obelisk at the Barracks), placed in St. Paul's Church, Mill Hill, was unveiled by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, and dedicated by the vicar, the Rev. E. Howard Cobb. There was a large attendance at the service. The band of the Middlesex Regiment led the singing, the hymns being "Fight the good fight," "Let Saints on earth in concert sing," "Soldiers, who are Christ's below," and "For all the Saints." The "Last Post" and the "Réveillé" were sounded immediately following the dedication, and at the close of the service the National Anthem was sung, and the band played Chopin's Funeral March.

Sir Ivor Maxse, in the course of his address, referred to the ceremony of the previous day,

which had been a memorable one in the annals of the Regiment, and said the Prince of Wales, the Colonel-in-Chief, had been extremely gratified with the arrangements. That morning they were assembled for a humbler duty, but it was one they undertook with a great sense of thankfulness. Reminding the congregation of what the memorial stood for, the speaker said that on two or three occasions during the war the Allies were almost beaten. People grumbled at the conditions under which they now lived, but had they thought of the conditions which would have existed if Germany had won? Taxes would have been much heavier, and a German military governor might have been in charge of the barracks at Mill Hill. In many quarters it was thought that in future war might be avoided by a pact or treaty, but his own view was that war would only be prevented by goodwill between the peoples of the various nations, and he hoped they would all do their best to inculcate this spirit. In conclusion Sir Ivor suggested that once a year—preferably, perhaps, on Empire Day—the children of Mill Hill should assemble around the memorial that had been unveiled that morning, and have brought to their minds the happenings in the Great War and what their fathers and mothers and brothers did for their country at that time.

Previous to the ceremony the Colours of the 12th, 13th, 19th and 23rd Battalions were handed to the Vicar to be placed in the church.

The Colours of the 11th, 16th, 17th and 26th Battalions had already been deposited which, with those handed over on November 5th, make a total of eight Colours now to be seen in St. Paul's Church (The Parish Church of Mill Hill).

### 1st BATTALION NOTES.

CHRISTMAS has come and gone and the New Year is at hand. Looking back on the old year we find that it has brought us from Ireland to Cologne (via Upper Silesia, hardly the direct route it is true). For the first time since the outbreak of Peace, we have been in a position to compete with other units without either the tiresomeness of a railway journey

or the hazards of a lorry drive, and, taken all round, we have at least held our own; nor, looking forward can we see any cause for gloom.

The Annual Inspection of the Battalion was made on September 29th by Colonel-Commandant C. J. S. Steavenson, C.M.G., in the Kron-Prinz Barracks. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the parade had to take place, by companies, in the gymnasium; as, however, so much of the summer training has had to be carried out under watery conditions this was perhaps only fitting.

On December 14th the Battalion took part in a parade on the Dom Platz in honour of Lord Derby, Secretary of State for War. Few of those present could fail to be impressed by the spectacle of some thousands of British troops parading under the shadow of Cologne Cathedral, that imposing monument to the greatness and prosperity of pre-war Germany.

A guard was found by the Battalion for the British High Commissioner at Coblenz during the months of October and November. It consisted of machine gunners under Lieut. W. L. Roberts, M.C. We understand they gave a sumptuous evening's entertainment before they left Coblenz, which was attended by everyone who is anyone in that garrison, "and a great many more of lesser degree, in sooth, a goodly company."

A whist drive and dance was given by the Battalion on November 10th in the canteen, and a second one on December 13th. Both provided very enjoyable evenings, though the latter was perhaps marred in some small measure by the repairs then being carried out in a part of the building. This, however, will be completed, it is hoped, before the next function of this kind.

We much regret to have to record the accidental death of Corpl. Felgate, "A" Company, so well known on the Battalion football field, as, indeed, in the Battalion generally, which occurred in the Kron-Prinz Barracks on September 28th.

It is also our sad duty to record the death of Mrs. Truss, at Cologne, on December 7th. We extend to Sergt. Truss our heartfelt sympathy.

Bt. Lieut.-Col. H. Goodwin, D.S.O., who has been attached to the Battalion, has been appointed Commandant of Bonner Wall Detention Barracks.

We congratulate Lieut. A. M. Toye, V.C., M.C., attached to the Battalion, on

his obtaining a "D" at the School of Military Administration, Chisleton.

Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C., was attached to the Battalion pending absorption, on November 29th.

### FOOTBALL.

#### RHINE ARMY LEAGUE.

The Battalion is competing in the Rhine Army "A" League and has so far played 17 matches.

The normal team consists of—Goal: L./Cpl. Norman. Backs: Bdsmn. Fry and Pte. Anson. Half-backs: L./Cpl. Phelps, Cpl. Jones and L./Cpl. Sammons (captain). Forwards: Sgt. Truss, D.C.M., L./Cpl. Scales, Sgt. Cullen, Pte. Hance and Pte. Bolden.

Pte. Baker, Pte. Lindsay, Bdsmn. Beany and Cpl. Bartropp have also played for the Battalion in league matches.

At present the Battalion is 3rd in the league, the points being as under, but it still has three more matches to play.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
York & Lancs. Regt.	17	11	2	4	52	17	26
D.C.L.I. ...	16	10	2	4	72	19	24
1st Bn. Middx. Regt.	17	11	4	2	50	18	24
West Yorks Regt. ...	14	10	3	1	39	11	21
5th Fusiliers ...	19	9	8	2	42	32	20
1st Bn. Gloucesters	19	5	8	6	31	57	16
Signals ...	18	6	10	2	34	50	14
K.O.Y.L.I. ...	17	6	9	2	27	44	14
K.R.R.C. ...	17	5	9	3	26	41	13
585 M.T. Coy. ...	19	4	13	2	27	66	10
14th/20th Hussars	17	3	13	2	22	66	8

#### INTER-COMPANY LEAGUE.

The Inter-Company Football League is now nearly completed. The present position of companies is shown in the table below:—

COMPANY.	P.	W.	D.	L.	PTS.
"H.Q." (G) ...	6	3	2	1	8
"B" ...	5	3	1	1	7
"D" ...	4	1	2	1	4
"H.Q." (Q) ...	5	1	2	2	4
"A" ...	4	1	1	2	3
"C" ...	2	—	—	2	3

### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

For the first time since the war the Battalion entered a Rugby XV. for the Army Cup and drew the 1st Bn. Gloucester Regt. in the 1st round on March 16th. It was unfortunate drawing such a fine Rugger Regiment in the first round and more so as

2/Lieuts. Worton and Cubitt were both out of action. Yet the result is anything but disheartening and the score (lost, 16—0) does not do full justice to the game, which was one of the best seen on the Rhine.

The Battalion's young and inexperienced pack put up a capital show against their heavier and more experienced opponents, the outstanding one being Lieut. Pennycook, who was indefatigable, Ptes. Stemp and Howes, who have both made enormous strides in a very short while.

As was anticipated the outsides did not get many chances, but faulty handling marked several which might have ended in tries, especially with such determined runners as Capt. Haydon, and Cpl. Hawkins on the wings. The latter, who is another recent recruit to the game, ran very well, as more than one of our opponents will remember, and has come on in fine style.

The team now wait for another game with the Gloucesters at the end of the season, when at full strength, and with additional practice, they have every hope of giving them more than a run for their money.

The team was as under:—

Back: Lieut. Lamprey. Three-quarters: Capt. Haydon, Capt. Horrocks, Lieut. Reid, and Cpl. Hawkins. Halves: Cpts. Procter and Paul. Forwards: Lieut. Pennycook, Pte. Stemp, Pte. Howes, L./Cpl. Fisk, Lieut. Walden, Sgt. Lambert, Sgt. Griffen, L./Cpl. Pickett or Pte. Gibson. Reserves: Pte. Painter, L./Cpl. Claydon, L./Cpl. Kennett and Pte. Harvey.

In a "friendly" game played subsequently against the D.C.L.I., the Battalion won 37—3.

Mr. Pennycook has been made captain of the Rhine Army XV., and we congratulate him on the appointment.

Mr. Worton has most unfortunately been "crooked" all this season, and Mr. Cubitt broke his collar-bone on November 1st in a Rhine Army trial game.

Capt. Haydon, Capt. Paul and Mr. Reid have also been tried for the Rhine Army this autumn.

### HOCKEY.

A Rhine Army Hockey Knock-Out Competition will take place in the New Year. Meanwhile several "friendly" games have been played.

On October 21st the Battalion lost (5—3) to the 14th Hussars, and on November 13th was unsuccessful against the 1st Gloucesters (4—0), but on December 12th defeated the Rhine Army Signal Company (5—2).

Only four matches have so far been played in the Inter-Company Hockey League, giving the lead to "B" and "H.Q." ("Q") Companies.

#### BOXING.

The Battalion now being settled down, our boxing talent is beginning to come forward, and with steady training, a really good team should be able to take part in the Rhine Army Team Championships next March. Up to date we have done well in the monthly competitions held in Cologne. In the Novices and Enlisted Boys' Tournament held in November, no fewer than about 30 entered, and we had several successes, as follows:—

*Winners.*—Pte. Cole (Bantams), Pte. Wood (Feathers), and Pte. Macmurdie (Welters).

*Runner-up.*—Pte. Howlett (Lights).

*Good Losers Prizes.*—L./Cpl. Lucas, Ptes. Ash and Bayliss and Boys Soden and Kemp.

In the open Tournament held in December, we were represented by the following:—

*Bantam-weights.*—L./Cpl. Swindon, Ptes. Wood and Cole.

*Feather-weights.*—Sgt. Pain, Ptes. Howlett and Woodroff.

*Light-weights.*—Pte. Fish.

*Middle-weights.*—L./Cpls. Fisk and Reader.

*Light Heavy-weights.*—Cpl. Hawkins.

Pte. Howlett won his weight and Cpl. Hawkins was the runner-up of the light heavy-weights, whilst Ptes. Fish and Cole received prizes for reaching the semi-finals.

A word of praise is due to Sgt. Griffen, who has worked so hard in the training of the boxers.

A Battalion Novices' Tournament is being held early in January and record entries are expected.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

To tell all that has occurred in the Sergeants' Mess would cause a printers' strike, and so the news has been somewhat curtailed [and censored.—Ed.].

To go back to June, 1921: The Battalion was then at Dover, and went from there to Ireland, returning to England in January, 1922.

I mention all this just to help you to realize the "hardships" the Mess members had. A General Mess was impossible as each company was on detachment. So each had a separate Mess and depended on its caterer (and the supply of Guinness) for its success.

On the return to England things brightened up; whist drives and dances became the order of the day. Certainly Gravesend was pleased the "Mess" had returned.

However, this soon came to an end, and once again to the "Rhine."

This time two Messes were run; one in Cologne and one in Silesia.

In Cologne whist drives and dances were held, whilst, owing to lack of ladies (I wonder) the Silesian members looked on, green with envy.

Then again further detachments were made, and back we went to Company Messes.

However all things come to an end, and at last "To Cologne." Some members regretted leaving Silesia; they said the air was good up there.

At Kalk-Cologne they soon assumed a normal outlook. The Mess was refurnished and done up, and whist drives and dances run under the leadership of R.S.M. Anderson and a committee.

That these functions are a success is certain, the cry is always "House full, but squeeze in."

To mention all prize-winners would take up too much space. Suffice then that all won in turn.

A Billiard Tournament was arranged by G.H.Q. Mess, and we were represented by: R.S.M. Anderson, R.Q.M.S. Clark, Sergt. Moore and Sergt. Green. This event we easily won.

The R.S.M. then started some very popular Billiard and Snooker Tournaments in the Mess; the winners were rather "Green and Moore," with of course, a dash of R.S.M. in it.

At the "Albuhera Sports," which had been previously postponed, C.S.M. Duncan and Sergt. Darby gave good exhibitions of fleetness of foot.

The match was won by the Royal Engineers team of the Singapore Volunteers with 277 points.

The Regiment's teams took the following order:—

		Points.
"B" Company	... 3rd	... 247½
"D" Company	... 4th	... 247
"A" Company	... 5th	... 218½
"C" Company	... 11th	... 156

The competition was held at Kuala Lumpur, which afforded the teams a trip up country.

#### TENNIS.

The officers' four lawn tennis courts are all in excellent condition, so that tennis is popular, and some very keen games are played.

A most successful Regimental Tennis "At Home" was held on the courts in July. A large attendance included H.E., The G.O.C. Major-General Sir Neil Malcolm, C.M.G., D.S.O., some Naval officers from H.M.S. *Curlew*, and several Government officials. The tennis which was of a high standard, was enjoyed by players and spectators alike. When the going down of the sun had drawn the play to a close the players took their well-earned refreshment in an effective setting of numerous Chinese lanterns.

During the afternoon the Regimental Band played a thoroughly appreciated programme.

#### GYMKHANA.

A Gymkhana was held at Johore Bahru on July 22nd, on the occasion of the Sultan of Johore's birthday. There was a very large attendance and the fact that Johore Bahru is a journey of considerable length and across the water, did not deter a great number of people going over from Singapore.

The Regiment was represented in each of the events, the riders being Mrs. Swainson and Lieuts. Weller, Howell and Ayscough.

We were successful in winning both prizes in the Bucket and Potato Race. Lieut. Weller on Tom-tit being first and Mrs. Swainson on Brownie a very close second.

A Hockey match with the Officers, which we won, provided excellent fun. There was some talk of challenging the Garrison after this, but—"discretion, etc."

In the football team we have been represented by Sergt. Truss and Sergt. Cullen; these two members have "scored" well in many games.

This brings us to Christmas, so we will close by wishing all a Happy New Year.

## 2nd BATTALION NOTES.

#### OFFICERS' NOTES.

Capt. and Brevet Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., who was recently married in England, has joined from the 4th Bn., accompanied by his wife.

Capt. and Brevet Major L. A. Newnham, M.C., who has qualified for entrance to the Staff College, Camberley, sails from Singapore for the United Kingdom on October 17th, to attend the course.

Capt. G. N. A. Cursons, M.C., is away on two months' sick leave in Japan and China as a result of a severe attack of malaria contracted while attending the Light Gun Course at Pachmari in India.

Lieuts. E. T. Pain and J. R. S. Chapman proceeded to India at the beginning of the month, the former for the Musketry Course at Rawal Pindi and the latter for the Light Gun Course at Pachmari.

Capt. and Quartermaster H. G. Harding having been appointed Quartermaster to the 1st Battalion of his old regiment, The Northamptonshires, has returned to England after an all too short stay with this Battalion. He was most popular with all ranks and we wish him good luck in his fresh appointment.

#### SHOOTING.

The Battalion entered four company teams for the "Warren Shield Shooting Competition," which is shot for annually by all local forces in Malaya.

The conditions included a timed march of five miles prior to an advance up the range and firing at 500, 400 and 200 yards at screens and snaphooting targets.

## SERGEANTS' MESS.

Since my last notes, much has taken place.

What with a Tennis Tournament, to say nothing of the Euchre Tournament which was followed by a whist drive and dance, many of our members' nerves are all to pieces.

The Tennis Tournament was not exactly a "Davis Cup Competition," but it had its bright spots.

Its attractiveness was added to by the method of the draw. Practically every member of the Mess entered, all names going into the hat. They were then drawn in pairs irrespective of whether one could play or not. It therefore goes without saying that there was a certain element of humour in each contest.

The tournament in every way was a huge success and after many strenuous encounters Sergts. Follenfant and Steadman emerged victors, beating C.Q.M.S. Cox and Sergt. Colbourne in the final.

As a solatium to those who cannot and did not play tennis the Euchre Tournament was run conjointly with the tennis competition, both the inside and outside of the Mess thus being occupied. No wonder the caterer smiled.

Sad to relate this competition saw the champion relieved of his belt, but still more sad to relate there was no money in it.

This time the spoils went to C.Q.M.S. Cox.

As might be imagined the Euchre Tournament was the cause of much fun and excitement. Players with police badges could be seen at almost every table, carefully hiding the "joker" until a convenient opportunity arose of slipping it quietly in to someone else's discomfiture.

The winners and losers of each game could be clearly seen by the lookers on. The faces of the winners reflecting their victory and the movement downwards of the hand towards the trouser pocket told the tale of the loser.

Like all good things, the Euchre Tournament came to an end and the Mess returned to its normal aspect for a few days.

The next event of importance was the departure of Company-Sergeant-Major A. Preston on September 29th on taking up an appointment as instructor to the Federated Malay States Volunteers at Serembam.

All ranks wish him success in his new sphere.

Prior to his departure C.S.M. Preston was the honoured guest of the Mess at a smoker, at which he was presented with a salad bowl and table centre piece, as a token of the respect and esteem in which he was held.

A short concert was given during the evening.

The following day, September 30th, was the occasion of a whist drive and dance and a very large muster of civilian and military friends helped to make the affair a great success.

The drive started at 8.30 p.m., by which time 21 tables were occupied. Ten games only were carried out and after a short interval for the presentation of prizes, the opening waltz was commenced.

During the interval the prizes earned for whist were kindly presented by Mrs. Beadnell, the mother of our present Commanding Officer's wife—Mrs. Swainson.

Capt. Beadnell, who was also present, is himself an old officer of the 77th Regiment of Foot.

We were also honoured by the attendance of our officers and many of the staff officers of the headquarters of the Command.

The evening was a great success and was voted the best that we have so far attempted.

To the success of the show much is attributable to the kind friends who so generously supported us with loans of plants, flags and extra electric lights.

Our next dance is to be held on November 4th and we hope to go even one better this time.

It is hoped to be able to record in the next issue of the Magazine the way the Singapore Cup was brought back from its present resting place in the Singapore Cricket Club House.

But of that more anon.

HOPELESS.

## CORPORALS' ROOM NOTES.

The "Room" is now jogging happily along and everyone is seemingly content. The only sore point being that of accommodation. With a membership of close upon a hundred the present limited space is not sufficient for the housing of such a number, but this will be remedied when renovations to the Room have been completed.

Owing to various unavoidable casualties such as sickness, firing, etc., at Kuala Lumpur, the administrative staff has become somewhat disorganized, but on the return of parties from outlying stations, this will again be in order.

The month in general has somewhat lacked events. The most notable event was the competition for the Warren Shield. The Room was well represented in the four Regimental teams, the following taking part:—

"A" Coy.: Cpl. Alford and L./Cpl. Jenkins.

"B" Coy.: L./Cpl. Wallace and L./Cpl. Clements.

"C" Coy.: Cpl. Clifford, L./Cpls. Stanford and Brown.

"D" Coy.: Cpl. Baker, L./Cpls. Williams and Newton.

Congratulations must be given to the companies, especially "B" Coy. for the fine performances they put up, taking into consideration climatic and other adverse conditions.

Pride of place amongst "shots" this year is taken by the caterer, L./Cpl. Jenkins, who has the fine score of 223 to his credit. Who is going to emulate this performance is a question we should like to ask.

Our hearty congratulations are extended to Sgt. Fletcher upon his well-deserved promotion. We are sorry to have lost him from the Room for he was always of a cheery disposition and always willing to give his services in the cause of the Room. May he continue to prosper in higher circles is the wish of all members.

A word in passing must be given to Cpl. J. H. Rolands for the capable manner in which he undertook the duties of President during the temporary absence at Kuala Lumpur, of Cpl. R. W. N. Ruttledge.

We are pleased to hear that the married members of the Room have derived great benefit from their health sojourns at Blakan Mati arranged by the Commanding Officer. A week at the "briny" away from toil and trouble, refreshes and invigorates even the worst of us.

The recent dance we are pleased to state, was an unqualified success. The hall was very tastily decorated and quite a concourse of civilian friends accepted the invitations extended to them.

We should be pleased to see more of the members of the Room taking up dancing as

part of their recreation and thus ensure a proper representation of corporals as dancing partners for invited friends.

We are loath to be informed that certain recently-appointed non-commissioned officers are still somewhat "shy" in making their first appearance in the Room and would remind them that the privilege of a Corporals' Room is granted by the Commanding Officer as being a married man's club and a single man's home. Why not accept a privilege so graciously accorded? Think it over.

The undermentioned were recently appointed to serve on the various committees, etc.:—

*President of Corporals' Room.* Cpl. R. W. N. Ruttledge.

*President of Sports.* Cpl. H. Parry.

*i/c Football.* L./Cpl. Palmer.

*„ Cricket.* L./Cpl. Myland.

*„ Dances.* L./Cpl. Patterson.

*„ Polo.* L./Cpl. Marshall.

*„ Hockey.* Cpl. L. Harwood.

And, finally, a word for the afflicted. It is with pleasure that we hear that L./Cpl. Benham has now passed the danger zone of his serious illness and soon hope to report his complete recovery.

L./Cpl. Glibbery, too, has now battled against his ailment and won.

Thus, until the next issue, we shall bid you "Au revoir," with kindest regards and best wishes.

## SPORTS NOTES.

The Battalion cricket competition was decided during the month of August and once again the cup goes to "A" Company.

This is the third successive win of "A" Company in this competition, having held the cricket cup since the Battalion was reformed in 1910.

As a matter of fact, this is only one of the many cups of which "A" Company at present hold a monopoly.

The results were as follows:—

"A" beat "C"; "D" beat "B"

*Final:* "A" beat "D" by 4 runs.

## FOOTBALL.

S.F.A. CUP COMPETITION.

*First Round.*—Middlesex Regiment v. S.C.F.A. Result: Middlesex Regiment, 1; S.C.F.A., 0. After two drawn games and extra time.



*Second Round.*—Middlesex Regiment v. R.E. Sports' Club. Result: Middlesex Regt. 4; R.E. Sports' Club, 0.

*Semi-Final Round.*—Middlesex Regiment v. S.R.C. Result: Middlesex Regiment, 3; S.R.C., 0.

*Final Round.*—Middlesex Regiment v. S.C.C. Result: Middlesex Regiment, 1; S.C.C., 0.

Extract from "The Singapore Free Press."

MIDDLESEX WIN AFTER HARD STRUGGLE.

The 2nd Middlesex Regiment won the Singapore Cup on the Padang last evening by defeating the S.C.C. after a very keen and interesting game by one goal to nil. The military side thoroughly deserved to win, although in the second half the Club came very near to equalising. The soldiers set the pace, and it was a very fast one during the whole of the game. Combining well they swung the ball about beautifully, but it was the solid defence of Dack and Palmer and of the halves further up-field which won the game for the Tanglin side. The forwards were handicapped by the injury to Lieut. Wray early in the game—he was practically a passenger for the rest of the time, although, in spite of his leg injury, he put in a number of dangerous centres—but, allowing for this, they were no better than the Club forwards, except for the one important fact that they harried the opposing defence more energetically. Dack and Palmer were in excellent form, their kicking being strong and precise, while they were quick in tackling. Capel and Wayte gave several delightful exhibitions of short passing, and both fed the forwards well, but we have seen both of them play better. Hewitt was the best of the forwards. Often as he got away, however, he was on as many occasions beaten by Edlin. The Club halves played splendidly, Winter tackling fearlessly and passing judiciously. Both opposing wings were closely watched by Edlin and Sinclair, and time and again these two players broke up dangerous wing movements. After a short period of uncertainty Corben played wonderful football, clearing repeatedly, often against numerically superior odds. Dean kept with coolness, and some of his saves were very clever. The forwards were given little opportunity for shining, for the Middlesex backs were far too speedy for them. They hardly got going in the first

half, and even when matters became more favourable in the second half they were inclined to show far too much respect for Dack and Palmer. Smith and Jamieson were very closely watched, and, on this account, Bullen was, perhaps, the outstanding front line player. He was working hard right up to the end, and stood the gruelling pace better than he has done in previous matches. Winter never got going, with Wilson in good form. It was a remarkable thing that Mr. Apps, who controlled the game well, never had occasion to blow his whistle for off-sides. The game was stopped twice on account of injury to Wayte, and towards the end Jamieson, when going through, received a nasty gash on the head.

A roar of welcome from their many supporters greeted the Die-Hards as they came on to the field with their little mascot dressed from head to foot in the Regimental colours. The S.C.C. won the toss, and defended the Cathedral end. The first minute provided its excitement, for Corben miskicked right in front of his own goal, and Dean had some difficulty in clearing. Play was transferred by Jamieson on the left wing, and the ball was swung across to Winter, who sent in a splendid centre which Palmer got away with his head. A nice passing movement between Ray and Budd saw the former getting dangerously close, and Dean had to concede a corner. The game was only five minutes old. The ball came beautifully in front of the Club goal from the corner flag, and Wilcoxson made a good attempt with his head, the ball hitting the bar. Butterfield headed through from the rebound, Dean having no chance to save. Singapore broke away on the left, but Palmer proved too clever for Smith. Getting through on the right wing Hewitt dropped in a beautiful centre, but nobody was up to take advantage of it, and within the next ten minutes Dean had a very busy time, the Club backs seeking safety over the touch line. A clever passing movement by Bullen and Winter terminated in the latter sending over the bar, but play soon returned to the S.C.C. area, where Capel headed over following a free kick. The soldiers thoroughly deserved their lead at half time, for the Club had never looked like scoring.

Matters improved a lot after the interval, with Jamieson in the centre and Smith on the left wing, and for the first five minutes play was in the Middlesex half. A mistake by Dack gave Smith more than a shadow

of a chance, but he waited too long, and Bullen made a fine attempt before Wray, at the other end, missed an open goal. Play again returned to the other end of the field, and the Singapore forwards were nearly through after some clever work by Bullen. Palmer sent his forwards down for Butterfield to miss the mark narrowly, and immediately afterwards Wayte, from about thirty yards, beat Dean, but the ball just struck the bottom of the upright. Smith beat Dack on the wing, and going through speedily tried a long-range shot, which Lincoln cleared easily. The Club kept up the pressure, and Winter put the ball nicely forward for Moss. He beat Palmer smartly, but his shot from a few yards lacked sting. Jamieson sent in a stinger very near to the mark, and just before time arrived Moss failed in circumstances similar to his earlier attempt.

The teams were:—

2nd Middlesex Regt.—Lincoln; Dack, Palmer; Cape, Wayte, Wilson; Hewitt, Wilcoxson, Wray, Budd, and Butterfield.

S.C.C.—Dean; Gale, Corben; Sinclair, J. W. Winter, Edlin; C. E. Winter, Bullen, Smith, Moss, and Jamieson.

At the conclusion of the match Mrs. James presented the Cup and Miniature Trophies to the winning team, and the Prizes to the S.C.C. players. The Singapore First League Shield, won by the Middlesex Regiment, and the prizes won by the Harlequins in the Second League, were also presented.

SINGAPORE FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The Battalion won this competition with 15 out of a possible 16 points.

LEAGUE TABLE.

	First Division.							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.	
Middlesex ...	8	7	1	0	14	5	15	
S.C.C. ...	8	5	0	3	17	7	10	
S.C.F.A. ...	8	2	1	5	11	10	5	
R.G.A. ...	7	1	2	4	5	22	4	
S.R.C. ...	7	1	2	4	4	7	4	

HOCKEY.

Middlesex Regiment v. S.R.C. Result: Middlesex Regiment, 5; S.R.C., 0.

Middlesex Regiment v. A.P.C. Result: Middlesex Regiment, 2; A.P.C., 0.

CRICKET.

Middlesex Regiment v. Y.M.C.A. Result: Middlesex Regiment, 121; Y.M.C.A., 75.

8th BATTALION NOTES.

"B" COMPANY at Ealing, under command of Capt. W. H. Parmeter, has won the position of champion company of the Battalion for training and sport during the past training year.

The Battalion Football Team has been busy with the Territorial Army Association Football Championship, and after numerous omnibus rides into the country around Ponders End, South Harrow, and lastly into Sussex by the sea, they entered the Divisional Final.

The results were as follows:—

*First Round, Brigade Group.*—8th Bn. Middlesex Regt., 8; 7th Bn. Middlesex Regt., 0.

*Final Brigade Group.*—8th Bn. Middlesex Regt., 6; 44th H.C. Divisional Signals, 1.

*Divisional Semi-Final.*—8th Bn. Middlesex Regt., 4; 5th Bn. Queen's Royal Regt., 1.

*Divisional Final.*—8th Bn. Middlesex Regt., 0; 4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt., 10.

The company teams are still busy with their local Leagues, but it is too early to publish results.

A Boxing Tournament was held at the Drill Hall, Hounslow, on December 15th, 1922, medals being given by Mr. D. Chapple, of Staines.

Christmas shoots were held by Headquarters Wing at Hounslow, "B" Company at Ealing and Staines Rifle Club.

Company dances have been held at Drill Halls throughout the Battalion.

Lieut. R. E. Newbery, M.C., has taken over command of "C" Company at Staines.

Lieut. D. L. Rees, 2/Lieut. P. R. Pattison and 2/Lieut. D. R. Pattison have joined the Battalion.

THE LAY OF O.C., HEADQUARTER WING (T.A.)

O list for a moment or two while I sing  
Of the Captain commanding the Head-  
quarter Wing!

His life is one long round of trouble, I swear,  
For the various men that are under his care.

There's the Signalling Section, Machine-gun  
Platoon,

The Transport (whose breeches get worn out  
too soon),

The Band, and the Drums, who, whenever  
they play,

For some reason think they should get extra pay ;  
The Butcher, the Tailor, the Clerk with his pen ;  
Policemen and Batmen and Sanitary Men ;  
The Storeman, The Postman, the R.Q.M.S.,  
And the Waiters and Cook for the Officers' Mess.

A great many others are down on the list,  
And 'tis only for want of more space they are missed ;

But they all of them reckon their troubles to bring  
To the Captain commanding the Head-quarter Wing.

Parade on a drill night is a terrible thing  
For the Captain commanding the Head-quarter Wing ;

A Vickers-gun Sergeant, complete with his book,

A Signalling Corporal, two Grooms and a Cook,

A Policeman, a Batman, and two raw Recruits,

(Of whom one has not yet been issued with boots)

Compose the parade. When the Schedule says " Drill,"

It's enough to make anyone feel rather ill,  
And the Sergeant quite rightly says, " God save the King

And the Captain commanding the Head-quarter Wing ! "

There are many more troubles of which I could bring,

Re the Captain commanding the Head-quarter Wing—

For instance, the books and the rolls by the score

That he has to keep by him, and daily grow more ;

Account books and ledgers, and Bills to be paid,

At which even the bravest might well be dismayed—

And yet he is " slack " if he does not support Cricket, football, and boxing, and all kinds of sport ;

But this is the curious part of it all :

If you look at " Establishments " up on the wall,

You'll find that there's really not any such thing

As a Captain commanding the Headquarter Wing.

## 9th BATTALION NOTES.

THE period ensuing since the last publication of this Journal has been necessarily the quietest time in the Territorial year. Several items of interest have, however, taken place, the most important of course being the unveiling of the Regimental War Memorial at Mill Hill, in the presence of our Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

A very large gathering of non-commissioned officers and their families were present at a concert held at Pound Lane Drill Hall on Armistice Night. An excellent programme was arranged, amongst which the entertainment given by the Battalion Band was particularly appreciated. Col. Beach and one or two of the senior officers were present.

A useful week-end camp was held at Mill Hill towards the close of November for officers and non-commissioned officers. On the Sunday some very knotty practical problems were carried out to successful solutions ; in fact, the strategy displayed was so alarming that the enemy never plucked up the courage to put in an appearance, although we were very much harried by his machine-gun fire and sniping. However, we made our final coup through a wonderful smoke-bomb barrage ! Torrential rain in the afternoon somewhat curtailed our victorious advance.

## THE RIFLE CLUB.

The winter has seen no curtailment in the activities of the Battalion Rifle Club, and since the summer, Company Rifle Clubs, affiliated to the Battalion Rifle Club, have been formed at each Company Headquarters. The result of this has been to make it possible to commence Inter-Company Tournaments, one of which is in progress as we go to Press. The result of the first round has not yet been announced, and the second round is to be shot at the end of the month, and the final in February. The winning team will be the holders of a cup.

By the time that our next number is published, we shall be well into spring, and the miniature range competitions will have been changed to the open range. It is anticipated that next summer will see steadily increasing membership of the Rifle

Club, combined with widely extended activities. We might incidentally mention that the New Year is a splendid time for " paying subscription " resolutions.—(!!!)

## GUARD OF HONOUR.

On Saturday, December 9th, the Battalion provided a Guard of Honour to H.S.H. Princess Marie Louise, on the occasion of her opening the St. Andrew's Bazaar at Willesden. The Guard of Honour, consisting of 50 N.C.Os. and men, was commanded by Capt. Findlay, and the King's Colour was carried by 2/Lieut. R. M. Lester. On her arrival at the church, Her Serene Highness inspected the Guard, and was accompanied by Col. Beach and Capt. Findlay into the hall. We cannot pass without complimenting the men who were on parade on their very smart turn-out.

## OLD COMRADES' DINNER.

The Old Comrades' Association of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd/9th Battalions held their annual reunion dinner at Pound Lane Drill Hall in December, when a large gathering of past and present members of the Regiment assembled under the chairmanship of Col. J. L. Blumfeld, T.D., who was supported by Lieut.-Col. Beach, T.D., Lieut.-Col. Hewett, T.D., Capts. Heffer, M.C., Sherwood, Hewlett and Scott, and several junior officers, as well as a number of non-commissioned officers and men.

Selections were played during dinner by the Battalion Band, under the able conductorship of Mr. H. J. Rouse.

The toasts included " The King," " The Prince of Wales," and " Our Glorious Dead." The Chairman, in proposing the toast, reminded the company that the memorial of the old " Die-hards " was unveiled in Dinapur during November, and by that time next year they hoped to have another memorial in their own Parish Church of Willesden. Col. Beach gave the toast of " The Regiment," and expressed his pleasure at seeing it as strong as ever. He extended a warm welcome to the old comrades, and informed them that the history of their Regiment was being written and would shortly be on sale. Col. Blumfeld responded to the toast, and said he was particularly pleased to see so many old faces present. He hoped that the association would increase in numbers, and that they would have many similar gatherings.

During the evening a very good musical programme was given by the 7th Middlesex Concert Party, under the direction of R.S.M. Price, who himself presided at the piano.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO :

Capt. C. E. Abbott on his " skipperdom." We feel sure that " B " Company will be very much alive under his energetic command.

## THE DINAPUR UNVEILING.

The 1/9th Battalion Memorial in Dinapur Church, India, was unveiled on Armistice Day by Sir Henry Wheeler, K.C.S.I., the Governor of Bihar and Orissa. The Rev. H. Fulford Williams, the chaplain, and the Rev. H. H. Dyche conducted the service, and His Excellency paid a glowing tribute to the fallen men. In his address he remarked that from India they saw service in Mesopotamia. The excitement and the glamour of the war had passed, and left with the aftermath a sadly dislocated and unsettled world, and they needed the encouragement of the example of such gallant men. The ideal for which they fought—that wrongful force should not prevail—was true and ever would remain so. Those men were a fraction of their countrymen who died as witnesses of that ideal, and they should remember them with thankfulness and honour.

The " Last Post " was sounded by the buglers of the 5th Northumberland Fusiliers ; special prayers were offered ; and the hymn " For all the Saints " was sung. The two minutes' silence was then observed, and the National Anthem closed the service.

Wreaths were placed at the tablet by His Excellency, by the 5th Fusiliers, and by the Bihar Light Horse.

## WE HEAR—

That apropos of the Battalion Notes in the last two issues of this Journal, certain officers are keenly studying the law of libel.

That the list of officers engaged on this interesting hobby will rapidly augment, as none can expect to escape Fur Long.

That our P.M.C. has migrated to Hampstead Heath for the purpose of obtaining more freedom of space for the devious disturbing dislocating dissection of Mess accounts (a hobby always associated with a good quantity of " D's " !!!).

## REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

### GILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

THE Secretary of the War Office announces that a limited number of boys may be nominated by the Army Council for admission to competitive examination for Gill Memorial Scholarships. Value £50 and tenable for 3 years.

Candidates must be under fourteen and a half years of age on June 1st, 1923, and the son of an officer, Regular Army.

Sons of officers of the Special Reserve or Territorial Force may be nominated should sons of regular officers not be forthcoming.

Further information can be obtained on application to the Secretary, Regimental Association.

Several enquiries having been received from friends and relatives of officers and men who fell in the Great War as to whether subscriptions to the War Memorial will be accepted, we take this opportunity to point out that the fund is still open and that a further sum of £300 is required if the memorial scheme is to be completed.

Those wishing to subscribe can send their subscriptions to the Secretary, Regimental Association.

The vacancy in the Middlesex Cottage Home existing through the death of Mr. Stapley, in July last, has now been filled, Mr. H. Lowen, late 1st Battalion, having been elected by the Executive Committee at the last quarterly meeting.

Mr. Lowen joined the 1st Battalion in 1883 and was discharged as a sergeant in 1907, having served 25 years continuously in the Regiment.

On the outbreak of the Great War he re-enlisted and served with the 21st Battalion being finally discharged as unfit for further war service in 1918.

Mr. Lowen had eleven children born in the Regiment, his eldest boy being killed at Hooge in 1915, while serving with the 4th Battalion.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lowen and hope they will both live many years to enjoy the benefit of the Home.

Old comrades desirous of registering their names as candidates for admission to the

Cottage Homes should communicate with the Secretary, Regimental Association.

It is officially stated that if a soldier, after discharge from the Army, is found partially or wholly incapable of earning a livelihood by reason of a wound or injury attributable to Military service and recorded by the regulated medical authority, and is not in receipt of any provision from public funds, sufficient for his maintenance, a pension, or an increased pension, may be granted to him.

In exceptional cases where the incapacity is caused by disease proved to the satisfaction of the Chelsea Hospital Commissioners to be wholly attributable to the particular conditions of his military service, a similar award may be made, providing that the claim is lodged within seven years from the date of discharge.

In no case will the pension exceed the rate which would have been granted to the soldier under the regulations in force at the date of his discharge had he been discharged on account of disability.

A notification has been received to the effect that the Postmaster-General is prepared to find employment annually for 70 ex-Service telegraphists, provided that this number of satisfactory candidates is forthcoming.

Candidates should be able to send and receive at the rate of 25 words a minute on the Morse sounder instrument. Consideration would be given to those who could send and receive not less than 20 words a minute.

Those desirous of registering their names for the work should communicate with the Secretary, Regimental Association.

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## OLD COMRADES' JOTTINGS.

Mrs. Bull, 35, Southey Road, Seven Sisters Road, Tottenham, seeks information regarding her son, No. 2114 Pte. Alfred Bull, who was reported missing on July 15th, 1916, when serving with the 12th Battalion in France.

Will old comrades who can throw any light on the disappearance of Pte. Bull, kindly communicate with Mrs. Bull as above.

Information as to the place of burial of No. 5181 Pte. Harry Shaylor, 20th Battalion, who was killed at Cambrai on November 23rd-24th, 1917, is sought by his mother.

Any of our readers who can supply news of the man's death and place of burial, please write to Mrs. Shaylor, 390, High Road, Tottenham.

Mr. James Mooney, late 1st Battalion, would be pleased to communicate with any old comrade who served with him.

His address is: Charlemont, Moy, Co. Tyrone.

Lieut. K. T. Swan, 53, Elm Park Road, Finchley, N.3, would like to establish communication with Lieut. James Kell Ross, who served with the 11th and 4th Battalions, 1917-1919.

## OBITUARY.

Lady Clarke, wife of Gen. Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, Bt., died at Hyères, on the Riviera, on Saturday, December 23rd, 1922. She was Gemma Cecilia, only child of William Pitt Adams, and was married in 1867. She leaves two daughters, the Hon. Mrs. Charles Fortescue and the Hon. Lady Bingham.

Col. Arthur St. Leger Glyn of Holbrook Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk, was knocked down and killed by a motor-car at Sudbury on November 30th, 1922. He formerly commanded the 10th Bn., Middlesex Regt. He served in the South African War (1899-1900) receiving four bars to his medal. In the Great War he was mentioned in dispatches and was given the brevet together with the Legion of Honour.

FULCHER.—On Friday, October 20th, 1922, at Chapel Place, Ramsgate, Major William Fulcher, dearly beloved husband of Mary Fulcher, and adored father of May, Winifred and Marion. Interred at St. Augustines Abbey, Ramsgate.

It is with deepest regret that we reprint the above announcement, Major Fulcher having died after a short illness of ten days.

The funeral service was attended by the widow and daughters, Major Cullerne (son-in-law), two sisters of the deceased, and a large number of acquaintances.

Major Fulcher joined the Regiment in January, 1881, and was posted to the 1st Battalion. He served on the signalling staff during the Soudan Expedition of 1885, and received the Egyptian Medal with clasp (Suakin) and the Khedive Star.

In 1896 he was promoted regimental-sergeant-major and on the formation of the 3rd Battalion in 1900 was granted a commission and appointed Quartermaster of that Battalion.

During the time he served with the 3rd Battalion he received the Queen's South Africa Medal, 1902, and for the Great War the 1914-1915 Star, General Service and Victory Medals.

In 1915 he was posted to the 6th Special Reserve Battalion and continued to serve with this Battalion until he retired in December, 1917.

A wide circle of old comrades will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. A. J. Peck, which took place at 10, Fourth Avenue, Bush Hill Park, on Saturday, October 31st.

The deceased was 51 years of age, and joined the Middlesex Regiment at the age of 18, and saw service with the 1st Battalion in Ireland and Gibraltar. He proceeded with the 2nd Battalion to South Africa in 1899 and was present at the operations in Natal and the action of Spion Kop, and was discharged in 1902.

On the outbreak of the Great War he immediately rejoined and served with the 2nd and 12th Battalions as a sergeant, being finally discharged in August, 1919.

He leaves a widow and 10 children, four of whom are still at school.

His eldest son was killed in 1916 while serving with the Royal Fusiliers in France.

Another old "Die-hard," James Reilly, died at Belfast on October 17th, 1922, and was buried with military honours.

The late James Reilly joined the 57th Regt. in 1875, and proceeded to Ceylon. He served with the 1st Battalion throughout the Zulu Campaign, 1879, later seeing service with the 2nd Battalion in India.



### CONSECRATION OF COLOURS.

An interesting ceremony took place at the Lower Chatham Barracks recently, when the consecration and presentation of Colours of the 1st Garrison Bn., The Norfolk Regt., was performed.

The reason why this ceremony took place at Chatham is that the Battalion was raised and formed there from officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Thames and Medway Reserve Brigade (5th and 6th Middlesex Regt., and 3rd Royal West Kents, and 3rd Bn. The Queen's).

The ceremony, picturesque and imposing, took place on the parade ground. Troops composed of the Royal Engineers formed three sides of a square. Their band, in bright scarlet and wearing busbies, was stationed beneath the terrace.

In the centre, where stood the drums, was Major-Gen. H. F. Thuillier, C.B., C.M.G., accompanied by his staff.

The Colours borne by Capt. G. Ballard, were brought to the centre by a little group representing the erstwhile 1st Garrison Battalion. Those also represented in this little group were Lieut.-Col. A. B. Black, Middlesex Regt. (at one time commanding the Battalion in India), Capt. G. D. Borland (formerly Adjutant), Lieut. M. B. Sullivan, and Sergt.-Major R. Collins.

The consecration was conducted by the Rev. H. G. Marshall, S.C.F., and included the hymn "Brightly gleams our banner."

Lieut.-Col. A. B. Black presented the Colours to Major-Gen. Thuillier who, in an eloquent address, spoke of the record of the Battalion. After the National Anthem was played the Colours were carried to the Garrison Church, where they were received by the Rev. H. G. Marshall and deposited in the Chancel.

### SHORT HISTORY OF THE 2/10th BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGT. (T.F.)

BY MAJOR C. JARRETT, D.S.O., T.D.

(Concluded from p. 45, November No.)

#### iii. *The Advance to Jerusalem.*

ON October 27th, 1917, the Battalion moved to a part of the line at Wadi Hanafish, about the centre of the line Gaza to Beersheba, and on November 2nd while the operations round Beersheba were progressing, the Battalion was employed under very heavy shell fire, digging itself in at Khirbet el Muweilah, during which 1 officer was fatally wounded and 17 men were wounded. On the next day the Battalion pushed on to Towal abu Jerwal under heavy fire, and lost 1 man killed and 2 officers and 6 men wounded. On the night 4th-5th one company was attached to the 2/4th Royal West Kents for an attack, during which 7 men were killed and 18 wounded. The next day, the 6th, the Battalion advanced to Tel el Khuweilfeh, meeting with determined opposition, and 2 men were killed and 2 officers and 10 men were wounded.

On the 7th the enemy were very active and kept on attacking, but eventually they were driven by a vigorous bayonet charge of our men into our artillery barrage, which came down at exactly the right moment. Once more, at 7 o'clock that evening, the Turks tried to counter-attack, but were driven off by three of our Lewis guns; and now a general retirement of the Turks began, pursued by machine gun and artillery fire.

Our men followed up and captured several prisoners. This was part of the turning movement by which Allenby's force drove in the left of the enemy's army at Beersheba, and thus rendered their position at Gaza untenable. The Commander-in-Chief in his dispatches says of our Division:—

"The 53rd Division had again very severe fighting. Their attack at dawn on Tel el Khuweilfeh was successful, and though they were driven off a hill by a counter-attack, they retook it and captured another hill, which much improved their position. The Turkish losses in this area were very

heavy indeed, and the stubborn fighting of the 53rd Division during November 2nd to 6th drew in and exhausted the Turkish reserves, and paved the way for the success of the attack on Sheria. The 53rd Division took several hundred prisoners and some guns during this fighting."

The total casualties of the Battalion during these operations were: 1 officer died of wounds, 4 officers wounded, 13 men killed and 71 men wounded.

The next three weeks were employed in making the roads passable for wheeled traffic, and at the beginning of December the general advance on Jerusalem began. The 53rd Division was on the extreme right of the advance and moved along the road through Dahariyeh, Hebron, Beitjala and Beit Lahm (Bethlehem). On December 9th, Jerusalem was in the hands of the British. The Battalion was at Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, and one company was sent out towards the Dead Sea to hold a hill called Deir Obeid. This company, under Capt. Downie, was destined to play a very important role a little later on, as we shall see.

#### iv. *The Defence of Jerusalem.*

On December 21st a sharp engagement was fought at Ras el Zambī and White Hill. The 2/4th Queen's attacked, assisted by two companies of the 2/10th Middlesex. In the early stages the Middlesex men assisted the Queen's by carrying forward grenades and ammunition. The attack was held up and the Middlesex were ordered to pass through the Queen's and take Zambī. Accordingly, "D" Company rushed the hill with the bayonet, closely followed by "A" Company, which then turned its attention to White Hill, which it also captured with the assistance of a few men of the Queen's.

"D" Company obtained a "Special Order" from the Division for its work in this fight.

At half-past ten in the morning the enemy made a determined counter-attack on White Hill, but were repulsed, and during the afternoon, under cover of a dense white mist, they made two more equally unsuccessful counter-attacks. At nightfall the captured positions were handed over to the Queen's, and the Middlesex men returned to Bethphage.

The casualties in this attack were:— 2 officers wounded; 8 men killed and 21 wounded.

On December 27th the Turks again attacked Zambī and White Hill and recaptured them from the Queen's, whereupon two companies of the Middlesex promptly counter-attacked and retook Zambī, and held it against several attempts of the enemy to turn them off. During this affair we lost 9 men killed and 1 officer and 74 men wounded.

Meanwhile, on the same day, Downie's company at Deir Obeid was having a desperate struggle. It was in a monastery building which had been placed in a state of defence. At 7.25 a.m. about 700 enemy cavalry attacked, supported by artillery fire.

Our Lewis-gun fire and hand-grenade work checked the attack and kept the enemy at bay all day. At 6 o'clock in the evening the enemy brought up two guns, quite close, to try and breach the monastery walls, but failed to get them into action as our rifle fire was too deadly for them. At 7 o'clock British artillery from Abu Dis managed to get into action and eased the situation. After an anxious night the company continued to hold out, until at 10 o'clock the next morning, the 1/4th Sussex Regiment came to give assistance, and the Turks withdrew.

The Commander-in-Chief in his dispatches makes special mention of this gallant defence. He says:—

"On the extreme right at Khirbet Deir Ibn Obeid a company of Middlesex troops was surrounded by 700 Turks supported by mountain artillery. Although without artillery support, it offered a most gallant resistance, holding out till relief came on the morning of the 28th."

These operations were part of a final attempt of the Turks to recapture Jerusalem. These attempts were all as unsuccessful as those in which our Battalion was concerned. The result was that, following up the defeated enemy, a considerable advance was made, and by the beginning of January a strong line was established well north of Jerusalem.

#### v. *The Jordan Valley.*

The Turkish attempts to recapture Jerusalem had totally failed and the British line from the sea to the hills north of Jerusalem was now firmly established. Any further advance northwards was, for the time being, out of the question.

Moreover, the Commander-in-Chief found it necessary for his plans to secure the difficult country between the right of his force near Jerusalem and the Dead Sea, also the southern part of the River Jordan.

The 53rd Division was employed to extend the line to Rummon and in this operation our Battalion did excellent work on February 15th at Deir Diwan and on the 19th at Rummon. The attack on the latter was stoutly resisted by the Turks, but they had to retreat before our attack. Rummon was taken by "C" Company and 2 Platoons of "D" Company. A gallant feat was performed by Corpl. Fryatt, who, although wounded himself, went forward to within 30 yards of the Turkish firing line and brought in a wounded officer, Lieut. Parry. A brave act, which, like many another, obtained no recognition. The Middlesex casualties in the attack were 10 men killed and 1 officer and 9 men wounded.

Meanwhile Australian cavalry had entered Jericho, and soon afterwards the Jordan was crossed and the enemy driven to the east.

The next few weeks were occupied in a necessarily slow advance in the hills. One of the strongest of the enemy positions was at Tel Asur (the Baal Hazor of Biblical fame).

The Turks attached considerable importance to this position. It was captured by the 5th Royal Welch Fusiliers and then taken over by 2/10th Middlesex, who held it against repeated and determined counter-attacks by the enemy. A feature of the Middlesex men's fighting here was their excellent hand-grenade work.

Two days later "C" Company met with a reverse in an attempt to take Khirbet Amurieh. The company lost 1 officer and 15 men wounded, and 2 officers and 20 men missing.

This proved to be the limit of the advance in the Hill district, and the line, which the British forces had reached by the middle of March, remained the front for the whole of the summer.

The 2/10th Middlesex, however, were not given much rest, for by March 17th it was back again in the Jericho district at Talaat ed Dumm and on the 26th it was holding a ford on the Jordan at Umm es Shert which the enemy attacked on the 28th unsuccessfully. The Battalion was relieved at the ford on April 2nd and marched back to the Hill district at Munatir and Nejmeh. The

rest of April and May were spent in active raiding of the Turkish posts in front of Kefr Malik and in improving the defences which were to be held all through the summer.

#### vi. *The Final Phase.*

All through the months of April to August the line was held from Jericho to the sea without any general advance being possible. The events in Europe had necessitated a heavy drain on the troops of Gen. Allenby's force. The units which had to be sent away to France were replaced by Indian troops who had not had any previous war service, and these had to be trained during the summer months.

This reorganization meant a great deal of very hard work in addition to the routine work of the defences and the continual raiding which was designed to harry the Turks and break their morale.

Our Battalion was in the front line all the time, and during the month of June occupied a very lively sector astride the Nablus (or Shechem) Road. Col. Hohler was temporarily in command of the 160th Brigade and Major Jarrett in command of the Battalion.

In August, owing to the reorganization scheme, the 2/10th Middlesex had to be disbanded and the officers and men were distributed among other units as reinforcements. It was a great disappointment to us all not to take part as a unit in the grand finale of September, when Gen. Allenby achieved his magnificent victory over the Turks and swept the whole country. Nevertheless, the individual officers and men nearly all took an active part in those operations in their new units.

This record of the 2/10th Middlesex is necessarily brief, and many interesting details have perforce had to be omitted; but enough has been said to show that this second line Territorial Battalion upheld the traditions of the glorious regiment of which it was proud to be a part.

C. JARRETT.

#### APPENDIX "A."

The following particulars are supplied by the Infantry Record Office regarding the Battalion:—

- 17 Officers were killed whilst serving with the 2/10th Middlesex Regiment;

7 Officers died;

21 Officers of the Battalion were killed or died afterwards, whilst serving with other units.

218 Warrant Officers, N.C.Os. and Men of the Battalion were killed or died whilst serving with the Battalion.

It is impossible to ascertain how many were killed whilst serving with other units.

It is also impossible to ascertain the number of wounded.

#### APPENDIX "B"

##### HONOURS GAINED BY THE BATTALION.\*

###### *Distinguished Service Order.*

Bt. Lieut.-Col. (T./Brig. Gen.) V. L. N. Pearson (May 17th, 1917).

Major (T./Lieut.-Col.) A. P. Hohler (May 17th, 1917); also a bar to the D.S.O.

Major (T./Lieut.-Col.) C. Jarrett (January 1st, 1918).

###### *Military Cross.*

Capt. N. B. McIvor (December 27th, 1917); also a bar to the M.C.

Lieut. K. Rayner (August 21st, 1917).

Capt. (T./Major) D. B. Watson, Lieut. J. C. Downie, Capt. (T./Lieut.-Col.) F. W. Miller and Lieut. G. Shepherd (May 17th, 1917).

2/Lieut. E. W. Alderson (January 1st, 1919).

Lieut. N. Proctor and 2/Lieut. C. J. Pauley (December, 1917).

###### *Distinguished Conduct Medal.*

Sergts. E. Nathan, R. Flatman, G. Horne, and A. Gregg (May 17th, 1917).

R.Q.M.S. J. C. Burland, L./Cpl. W. J. Hamilton and Cpl. F. Hallsworth (April 11th, 1918).

###### *Mentioned in Despatches.*

Bt. Lieut.-Col. (T./Brig.-Gen.) V. L. N. Pearson, Major (T./Lieut.-Col.) A. P. Hohler, D.S.O., and Lieut. K. Rayner, M.C. (January 12th, 1918).

\* These particulars have been extracted from Part II. Orders at the Record Office. It is probable that this list is incomplete. Any omissions are unintentional and it is hoped that such omissions may be notified for inclusion in a later publication.

C. J.

Major (T./Lieut.-Col.) C. Jarrett, D.S.O., T.D., and Pte. H. Rayner (January 16th, 1918).

Pte. C. J. Doney and Sergt. Harrington (January 12th, 1918).

Capt. (T./Lieut.-Col.) F. W. Miller, M.C., and Capt. & Qrmer. F. W. Wallis (April 3rd, 1918).

Capt. Gordon Jack and Cpl. F. Hallsworth (March 29th, 1917).

###### *Military Medal.*

Cpl. A. Gibbons and Pte. D. T. White (Dec. 27th, 1917).

Pte. C. J. Davis and L./Cpl. T. C. L. Pither (November 13th, 1917).

Pte. A. L. Ward (November 15th, 1917).

L./Cpl. J. Fryatt (November 13th, 1917).

Cpl. G. W. J. Thayer, Ptes. T. H. Thomas and W. Millard (August 19th, 1917).

Ptes. C. Rich, W. Bloomfield, F. Clifford, J. P. Purvis, P. E. Norris, F. H. Lenygon and J. R. Rayment (May 17th, 1917).

A./Cpl. D. J. Cramb and Sgt. Wingrove (January 6th, 1918).

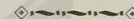
###### *Médaille Militaire.*

C.S.M. H. Ireson (November 20th, 1918).

###### *The King of Serbia's Medal.*

*Gold Medal*:—Pte. W. J. Adams.

*Silver*: Pte. F. Edwards.



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