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"Home Counties" Area
The Plume of the Prince of Wales. In each of the four corners the late Duke of Cambridge's Cypher and Coronet.
"Mysore," "Seringsapatam," "Alubera," "Ciudad Rodriga," "Badajoz," "Victoria," "Pyrenes," "Nivelle," "Nive," "Peninsula," "Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "New Zealand," "South Africa, 1879," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1900-02."

Agents—Messrs. Lloyds.

Regular and Militia Battalions.

Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.
1st Bn. (57th Foot) ... Aldershot.
2nd Bn. (77th Foot) ... Ahmednagar.
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, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W. 10.

Allied Regiments of Canadian Militia.

The Peterborough Rangers ... Peterborough, Ontario.
The Wentworth Regiment ... Dundas, Ontario.

Allied Regiment of Dominion of New Zealand.

The Taranaki Regiment.

Colonel-in-Chief:

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

Colonel:

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

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NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS, &c.

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EDITORIAL



UNANIMOUS satisfaction is felt throughout the Regiment at the promotion of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., to the rank of General.

We offer heartiest congratulations to our Colonel.

We welcome home the 1st Battalion from the Rhine. It arrived in England on October 5th and is stationed at Corunna Barracks, Aldershot.

The first quarterly entertainment for Old Comrades and their wives was held at the Veterans' Club on Friday, October 5th. A muster of about 70 Old Comrades was present. A full report will be found elsewhere in our columns.

Now that the 1st Battalion is at home we hope that the Officers' Club will be able to arrange regimental matches in all branches of sport. Proposals on this subject were brought forward and discussed at the Club committee meeting held on October 27th.

We regret that our competitions have not proved a success. What is the reason?

Here we are, offering good money for nothing, and yet readers will not come forward and ask for it. In No. 4 issue, May 1923, we held a lucky number competition.

In No. 5 issue August 1923, we published the two winning numbers.

The winner of the second prize has received his reward, but the owner of the lowest number which carried with it the first prize of £1, has not bothered to send in his name.

This gentleman is evidently too wealthy to trouble about such a trifling sum. We therefore propose to present it to the Ladies Guild to assist his more needy comrades.

We are trying just one more competition. If you do not like this we shall discontinue them.

Can you suggest anything which will prove more attractive?

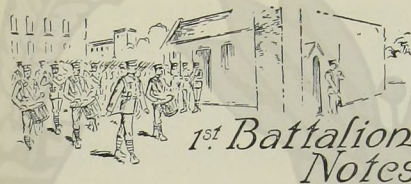
Since THE DIE-HARDS arose last February like Phoenix from the Ashes not an article or contribution has been received from a serving member of the Regiment. This does not include our worthy sub-editors of battalions, who give us every support. What we want is to hear from individual serving readers, whom we feel sure can provide us with much entertaining matter.

Please pity the poor Editor, who is in need of your assistance. Come along with articles and photos.

The Colours of the disbanded 3rd and 4th Battalions are to be placed in the Council Chamber of the Middlesex County Guildhall, Westminster. Mahogany cases have been made for them.

The Great War battle honours have not yet been approved by the King. When these are settled, the new battle honours will be embroidered and the Colours placed in their last resting place.

Major G. L. Oliver, who was transferred from us last year to the King's Liverpool Regiment, has been selected to command the 1st Battalion of that Regiment. He will be promoted early next year.



ON finishing the musketry in Mons Camp, the Battalion moved to Somme Camp, a mile or so nearer Cologne, for platoon and company training, and at dawn each day companies disappeared for training, returning in the early afternoon in a somewhat melting condition.

Following on our notes last quarter, this may sound strange, but the weather became very hot about the time we moved to Somme Camp, so much so, that in their spare time everyone went far and wide to find some sort of bathing pool or suitable spot in the river.

During this hot spell the Rhine Army Aquatic Sports took place, of which an account will be found elsewhere.

A safe and more or less suitable pond having been found near camp, it was decided to hold some Battalion Aquatic Sports, whereupon the weather promptly broke, and those who were hardy enough to attend spent a damp and chilly afternoon. Whilst in Somme Camp we played our match in the 2nd Round of the "A" Knock-out Competition, and went under to the R.A.S.C., which was not at all "according to plan." Immediately after our return to barracks the Rhine Army Horse Show was held, and once more the transport put up a very good show, obtaining 2nd in the Infantry Transport Turn-out; 2nd and 4th in the Two-Mule Limbers; 3rd in the Four-Mule Limbers; being the only infantry placed in this event. In the stripped mules we had apparently a certain winner, but when required to trot the obstinate animal went lame, for no apparent reason, as it was quite all right in the afternoon.

The next day the Director of Remounts inspected the transport, and reported on them as follows:—"A good lot, in good condition and well turned out. A good show," and this report was no doubt more satisfactory for Sergt. Moore and the transport than the horse show results.

On August 23rd the Battalion, less musketry casualties and the Band, again marched out to camp. This time up in the hills at Berg-Gladbach.

For the first few days inter-company battles were fought, through woods and villages and up and down precipices, and then re-fought on return to camp. The last few days were devoted to Battalion and Inter-Battalion schemes.

Part way through this period the draft and advance party for Aldershot returned to barracks and companies became nothing but a few men covered in boards, which called for considerable imagination in the last shows, and led to these "Sandwichmen" having some awkward conundrums to solve, as occurred in a battle between "C" and "D" Companies, when "C" had surprised "D" on their flank. At the pow-wow after the war the section commander on the right flank was asked why he had not reported to Company Headquarters when he saw the enemy, to which he replied: "Well, if I went the section went, as I was the section."

On September 5th the Battalion, very much "The Empty Box," manœuvred back to barracks.

On the 7th the Sergeants' Mess held a farewell dance at the Burgesgesellschaft, which was a great success, and in spite of taxi strikes and wet weather, was very well attended. The Commander-in-Chief was unable to attend at the last minute, but Colonels-on-the-Staff McLachlan and Wallace Wright and the Brigade Commander were present.

The room was decorated in regimental colours, with the regimental badge in electric lights at one end, and the lighting was also in regimental colours, the whole effect being excellent. The Committee are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Owing to the failure of "Our Special Correspondent" from the Sergeants' Mess to produce any notes this quarter, we can give no more news of the happenings in their Mess. The Corporals' Mess also maintain an impenetrable silence.

On October 2nd we left the Rhine, and after a good crossing, arrived in a downpour at Aldershot, where we have taken up our abode in Corunna preparing for a

CRICKET.

Our match against the R.A.S.C. in the 2nd Round of the Knock-out Competition was a chapter of accidents. We were very short of practice, Capt. Lyon was unable to get off to assist us, we lost the toss and then having been put in proceeded to throw away our wickets.

Mr. Worton and L./Cpl. Sammons opened the innings, but after three overs L./Cpl. Sammons was bowled and Mr. Worton soon followed. With Mr. Clowes and Pte. Fry together, the score mounted to 30, but then Fry tried to set up a record over 22 yards and failed. Twenty more runs were added and then Capt. Procter played on. Capt. Paul joined Mr. Clowes and seemed to be going well after being given a life, but apparently his partner had no further use for his services and asked him to do the impossible.

Bdsmn. Hart replaced Capt. Paul and stuck well, remaining in until lunch time, but Clowes was out lbw to the last ball before the interval.

After lunch the remaining wickets were a procession, and the innings soon closed for 116.

The start of the R.A.S.C. innings was hopeful, as with the first ball of the second over Kennett bowled Col. Lecky and with 20 up Macdonald dismissed the second wicket. Much now depended upon whether S.Q.M.S. Sibbald, and Mr. Thurling-Blackwell could be parted. Cpl. Macdonald and Kennett were both bowling well and runs came very slowly, if surely. However, it was not until 75 had been reached that Capt. Paul managed to beat Sibbald. Sergt. Airey joined Mr. Thurling-Blackwell, and the score rose to 105 before Kennett dismissed Airey. The next wicket fell without a run being added, but the next man stayed long enough for our total to be passed. The innings was played out and ended at 164, L./Cpl. O'Brien accomplishing the hat trick at the expense of the last three batsmen.

A few other Battalion matches were played, but rarely with the side at full strength. The best of these was against the West Yorks at Mulheim. Our opponents compiled 202 for 4, and declared, leaving us two hours to get the runs. L./Cpl. Sammons and Hart started for us and put up a capital show, scoring 92 before Hart left, having scored 35. L./Cpl. Sammons

remained undefeated and had hit up 91, not out, when we passed their total and the innings was closed. A week later we again played the West Yorks, and out of a total of 333 L./Cpl. Sammons scored 77, whilst Hart made 24, Kennett 23, Mr. Worton 44, Capt. Procter 70.

The West Yorks replied with a very slow 192 for 8.

The Company League was begun, but for various reasons was never completed.

The chief averages were as follows for Battalion matches:—

BATTING.

	Inn-ings.	Times not out.	Average.
Capt. Procter ...	9	3	32.5
L./Cpl. Sammons ...	9	1	31.8
Lieut. Worton ...	8	1	29.5
Lieut. Clowes ...	9	1	24.0
Bdsmn. Hart ...	10	1	16.7
Bdsmn. Baker ...	8	—	15.2
Pte. Fry ...	10	1	14.6
Pte. Kennett ...	7	2	13.0

BOWLING.

	Wickets.	Average.
L./Cpl. O'Brien ...	30	16.0
Pte. Kennett ...	18	17.3
Cpl. Macdonald ...	14	18.9
Pte. Fry ...	10	19.2
Sergt. Campbell ...	8	16.5

Colours were awarded to Pte. Baker and Bdsmn. Hart in addition to those already reported.

SWIMMING.

In the individual events in the Rhine Army Aquatic Sports which were held at the new stadium at Mungersdorf, the Battalion only produced one prize-winner, Boy Russell, who won the Boys' Race under 17, with plenty to spare and in promising style.

In the 50 yards race Pte. Batt and Dmr. Burton got through to the semi-final but Burton was knocked out there, and Batt, who would almost certainly have been placed in the final, missed his heat, through an unfortunate mistake in mixing up his own name and Rfsmn. Butt's. Cpl. Overton and Capt. Procter got to the final of the 100 yards and 440 yards respectively, and then faded into the background. Lieut. Cubitt was amongst the last half-dozen

in the diving but could not this year get a place.

In the Relay Race we obtained second place to the K.R.R.C. Our chance of beating them was a very outside one and was definitely squashed when Dmr. Burton lost his direction and coming hard against the side of the bath, lost several valuable yards.

The relay team was:—Lieut. Cubitt, Pte. Batt, Dmr. Burton and Boy Russell.

As has been mentioned, the Battalion sports were held in wretched weather, but produced some good races, notably the 100 yards, which appeared to be Cpl. Overton's, but Batt came up in the last few yards and won by inches.

The results were:—50 yards.—1, Pte. Batt ("C."); 2, Pte. Cole ("A."); 3, Pte. Wilson ("A.") Boy Russell had to retire owing to cramp.

50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, Pte. Batt ("C."); 2, Pte. Cole ("A").

Life Saving.—1, Pte. Warren ("D.") and L./Cpl. Tibble ("B"); 2, Ptes. Gilbert ("B") and Higgins ("Q"); 3, Cpl. Hawkins ("C"); and Pte. Batt ("C").

Company Relay.—1, "C" Coy. (Pte. Batt, Mr. Worton, Mr. Clyne and Cpl. Hawkins); 2, "Q" Coy. (Dmr. Burton, Boy Russell, Capt. Procter and Boy Barling).

100 Yards.—1, Pte. Batt ("C"); 2, Cpl. Overton ("D"); 3, Pte. Warren ("D").

Boys' Race.—1, Russell ("Q"); 2, Barling ("Q"); 3, Dibble ("G").

Tandem.—1, Ptes. Geary ("B") and Harper ("B"); 2, L./Cpl. Tibble and Pte. Coy ("B").

BIRTHS.

MOORE.—On 7/7/23, the wife of 6192107 Sergt. W. Moore—a daughter, Amelia Grace.

STEVENSON.—On 3/8/23, the wife of 6189004 Sergt. F. Stevenson—a son, Ronald Frank.

MARRIAGES.

BARTROP—GRABENHUNT.—On July 28th, at Kalk, Cpl. (now Pte.) A. C. Bartrop, "B" Coy., to Maria Grabenhunt.

POPE—SCHLOSSER.—On June 29th, at Kalk, L./Cpl. B. G. Pope, "B" Coy., to Elizabeth Schlosser.

TOMPKINS—KUNSTLER.—On September 8th, at Kalk, Pte. W. C. Tompkins, "H.Q.," to Klara Kunstler.

HOWS—ELLY.—On September 29th, at Kalk, Pte. A. W. S. Hows, to Laura Elly.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.
JULY—SEPTEMBER.

To Corporal on Discharge.

6189899 A./Cpl. F. Smith ("H.Q."), 29/7/23.

To Paid Lance-Corporals.

6191234 L./Cpl. H. Tompkins ("H.Q."), 13/7/23.

6190798 L./Cpl. W. Curl ("H.Q."), 13/7/23.

6193922 L./Cpl. W. Smith ("H.Q."), 13/7/23.

6191352 L./Cpl. C. Staines ("D"), 27/7/23.

6192274 L./Cpl. G. Green ("H.Q."), 27/7/23.

6192175 L./Cpl. Le Poidevin ("H.Q."), 27/7/23.

To Unpaid Lance-Corporals.

6195113 Pte. T. Little ("B"), 18/7/23.

6194828 Pte. H. Wilson ("A"), 21/7/23.

6192250 Pte. C. Kennett ("A"), 31/7/23.

6194724 Pte. A. Smith ("A"), 1/8/23.

7252853 Pte. F. Blackburn ("D"), 1/8/23.

6194726 Pte. F. Atkins ("C"), 17/8/23.

6192861 Pte. S. Harnett ("C"), 17/8/23.

6189545 Pte. H. Williams ("A"), 7/9/23.

6195275 Pte. L. Priddy ("A"), 7/9/23.

6191946 Pte. C. Moore ("A"), 7/9/23.

To Bandsmen.

6189227 A./Bdsmn. J. Thompson, 27/6/23.

6189349 L./Cpl. P. Edwards, 5/7/23.

6189281 A./Bdsmn. H. Andrews, 5/7/23.

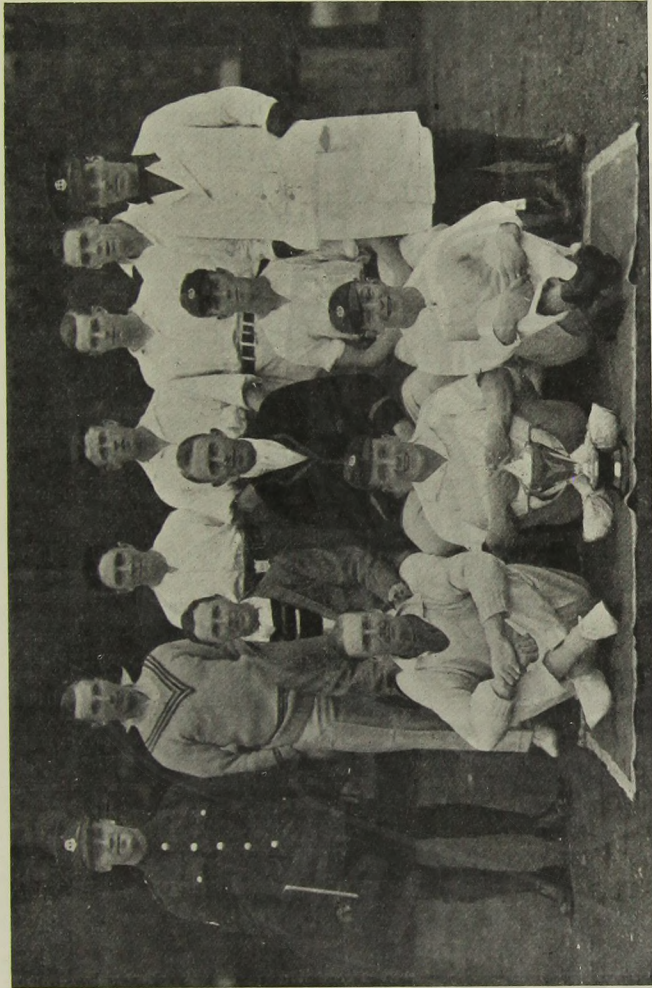
2ND CLASS CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

"A" Company.—L./Cpl. A. Reynolds, Ptes. A. Frith, H. King, W. Goodall, E. Moule.

"B" Company.—Ptes. W. Ellwood, P. Gardner, W. Gurling, W. Milberry.

"C" Company.—Ptes. E. Jefferies, W. Lacey.

"H.Q." Wing.—Ptes. A. Alder, C. Britton, C. Murphy, W. Barnes, C. Lcw, A./Dmr. Upward.



1ST BATTALION CRICKET TEAM, 1923.

Back Row. (Left to right) Bds. Peters (Scorer) Lieut. J. B. Worton, L/Cpl. Adinall, Bds. Fry, L/Cpl. McDonald, Pte. Hart, Pte. Stemp (Umpire).
Sitting. (Left to right) Lieut. J. H. Clowes, Capt. N. P. Procter, M.C., L/Cpl. Kennett.
Front Row. (Left to right) Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C., L/Cpl. Sammons, Pte. Baker.

OLD COMRADES' SMOKING CONCERT.

THE first Old Comrades' Quarterly Smoking Concert was held on Friday, October 5th, at the Veterans' Club, 2, Hand Court, Holborn.

A splendid programme was arranged, and the entertainment proved an entire success.

Five of the artistes were past members of the Regiment. Our thanks are specially due to Mr. D. S. Marcus (late 11th Battalion) and Mr. Ashmoor Burch (late 4th Battalion) for their invaluable assistance in obtaining the services of the ladies and gentlemen who provided us with such an excellent evening's amusement, some of whom came long distances to help with the programme. A list of names of those present is given below :—

ROLL OF OFFICERS, N.C.OS. AND MEN AND WIVES AND FRIENDS.

Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, Major L. L. Pargiter, Major F. S. Steed, Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. H. E. Heffer, Capt. Jeffer, Capt. V. E. Stock, Lieut. Barker, Lieut. and Mrs. Dobner, Lieut. B. B. Rackham, Lieut. Weller, Mr. W. Allen, R.S.M. and Mrs. Beasley, L./Cpl. J. Berry, Pte. and Mrs. Burrige, Cpl. W. Carey, Mr. J. Cronin, R.Q.M.S. Duffield, Mr. E. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Donald, Mr. C. Evans, Mr. W. G. Farrant, Mr. F. Hook, Mr. J. Holwell, R.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Holman, Mr. Hicks, P. P. Recruiter Holmes, Mr. W. Hook, Mr. A. Leaton, Mr. and Mrs. Mory, Mr. E. Morris, Mrs. Meacham and friend, Mr. J. Philo, Mr. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. O'Donoghue, Mr. V. C. Penny, Mr. Penny, Mr. and Mrs. Piper, Cpl. W. Rogers, Mr. A. Reeves, Mr. Ryder, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Mr. G. Slaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Safferty, Mr. B. Sullivan, Mr. W. Tiffin, Mr. and Mrs. Wendon, Mr. J. Winder, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, Mr. Willmer, Mr. Woodward and friend, Mr. Woodward and friend, Mr. Watson.

PROGRAMME.

Overture, Mr. Conrad Leonard (late 6th Battalion).
Song, "The Gay Highway," Mr. Ashmoor Burch (late 4th Battalion).
Song, "The Valley of Laughter," Miss Fordham.

Humorous, "The Postman," Mr. Frank Hook (late 1st Battalion).
Song, "Wait," Miss Scott.
Humorous, "Toodle Oodle Om Pom," Mr. Tom A. Keele (late 11th Battalion).
Song, "Invictus," Mr. Marsden Williams (late 6th Battalion).

At the piano, Miss Nora Drake.
Song, Song from "Pagliacci," Mr. Jacoul.

Interval.
Song, Miss Fordham.
Song, Song from "Tosca," Mr. Jacoul.
Humorous, "The Policeman," Mr. Frank Hook.

Song, Miss Scott.
Humorous, "Mons : Ong, Bong, Pong," Mr. Tom A. Keele.
Song, "The Bosun's Lament," Mr. Marsden Williams.
At the piano, Miss Nora Drake.
"God Save the King."

THE MISSING PENNY.

Jane and Emma were fruit-sellers. Emma sold her oranges for 3 a penny, and Jane sold hers for 2 a penny. Each had 30 oranges left when Jane went away and asked Emma to sell for her. Emma put the two lots together and sold them at 5 for twopence. When Jane returned she received 1s. 2d., and demanded another penny, saying that 30 oranges for 2 a penny was 1s. 3d. Emma argued that her own oranges at 3 a penny made 10d., and she had sold the combined lots for 2s.

Where is the missing penny ?

I sat next the Duchess at tea.
It was just as I guessed it would be.
Her noises abdominal
Were something phenomenal,
And everyone thought it was me.

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

THE MONUMENT TO THE 57th REGIMENT IN THE TE HENUI CEMETERY.

The following interesting letter addressed to the *New Zealand Herald* has been received from Mr. W. F. Gordon, an old Die-hard living at New Plymouth, New Zealand:—

To the Editor.

SIR,—Some time ago, when taking a photograph of this monument and a copy of the inscriptions, the writer noticed that some of the names were illegible. As special interest has lately been taken in it by visitors, on Tuesday last, in company with Mr. Bennoch, the custodian of the cemetery, I visited the memorial in order to procure a correct copy of the names and other inscriptions thereon. Some of the names especially were so indistinct that my companion had to get into the enclosure in order to make sure, before reading them to me in checking my previous copy. I would respectfully suggest to our friends, the sons and daughters of those men who served here in this famous regiment, to get all the inscriptions and names freshly painted in black without delay; and also to have the name of Lieutenant J. T. Down, V.C., inscribed with the names of the others who died in New Zealand. This gallant young officer died of typhoid fever at Otahuhu, April 27th, 1866, and his name certainly should be placed on this voiceful stone. Enclosed is a copy of all the inscriptions.—I am, etc.,

W. F. GORDON.

DEVICE CARVED ON SHAFT OF MONUMENT.

"57 *Albuera*" (within a wreath).

"In memory of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men, 57th Regiment, who have been killed in New Zealand.

Murdered at the Wairau on the 4th May, 1863: Lieutenant T. H. Tragett, Assistant-Surgeon W. A. Hope, Colour-Sergeant S. Eilers, Sergeant S. Hill, Privates W. Banks, J. Flynn, E. Kelly, B. M'Carthy, P. Ryan.

Killed in Action.

Captain T. W. J. Lloyd, 6th April, 1864, at Ahuahu, Taranaki; Privates E. Martin, 4th June, 1863, at Katikara River, Taranaki; M. Kennedy, 11th March, 1864, near Kaitake, Taranaki; J. Dooley, 6th April, 1864, at

Ahuahu; G. Sadler, 6th April, 1864, at Ahuahu; Captain and Lieutenant-Colonel J. Hassard, 15th January, 1866; Sergeants F. Day, J. Sullivan, Privates M'Gregor, Moran, Manning, Doake and King, 15th January, 1866, at the Otapawa Pa; Private J. Nixon, March, 1865, Kakaramea.

Died of Wounds.

Privates G. Brown, 28th February, 1861; J. Osborne, 5th June, 1863; H. Shipman, 5th June, 1863; T. Finn, 3rd October, 1863; H. Cain, 3rd October, 1863; M. M'Carthy, 1st April, 1866.

Died.

Surgeon W. A. Macandrew, 24th September, 1861; Ensign A. B. Duncan, 4th June, 1864; Colour-Sergeant R. Meredith (drowned), Sergeant W. Ashworth, Corporal J. M'Loughlin, Drummer J. M'Christal, Privates A. Gillespie, C. Horrigan, P. Doolan, J. M'Guire, T. Farrell, R. Casey, P. Scully, G. Way, J. Cleary, R. Walton, H. East, G. Willis, E. Gillett, J. Jones, T. Palmer, J. Bland (drowned), R. Connell, R. Muskill, M. Connor, J. Jones, J. Walsh (drowned), J. Denahey, J. Driscoll, T. Fain, J. Anderson, J. Rollings, H. Miles, R. Keefe (drowned), J. Bailey, E. Dunnett, W. Gosling, M. Mulcahey, M. Fleming, J. Gascoigne, T. White, R. Simms, Sergeant T. Traynor, Drummer R. Robertson.

This monument has been erected by their comrades of the 57th Regiment.

The 57th Regiment landed in New Zealand from India on the 25th January, 1861."



OFFICERS' NOTES.

LIEUT.-COLONEL F. E. Swinson, accompanied by his wife, proceeded on leave to India on 18/4/23.

Lieut. and Adj. E. P. Manson, M.C., accompanied by his wife, proceeded on leave to India on 16/5/23.

Major D. C. Owen, D.S.O., assumed command during the absence on leave of Lieut.-Col. F. E. Swinson.

Lieut. E. T. Pain proceeded to England for a course at Hythe on 4/5/23.

Capt. R. N. Moore proceeded to England on eight months' leave on 5/5/23.

Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C., joined the Battalion from the 4th Battalion on 13/5/23.

Capt. G. N. A. Cursons, M.C., proceeded on nine months' leave to South Africa, and then to England, on 16/5/23.

Lieut. J. R. S. Chapman proceeded to England for a machine gun course at Netheravon on 3/7/23.



Since our last notes we have been busy with the annual weapon training courses, and companies in turn have taken the trip up-country, either to Taiping or Kuala Lumpur. The former place has not got much praise as far as shooting is concerned. We have also been busy in our social and sporting department, in spite of being minus one company.

We have entered the Garrison Sergeants' Tennis League, but, alas, the R.G.A. shattered our hopes. Other Messes we have "seen off," but the Artillery were too hard a nut to crack, and they beat us both at home and away. We have added to our collection of trophies—the Mess being the winner of the Garrison Sergeants' Billiard League.

A dance was given on July 14th, and under the able management of Sergt. Smith, proved a great success. The dance hall looked very pretty with numerous kinds of decorations. The chief feature of the evening was an amusing rendering of the "Lancers" by Sergt. Hart, whose quaint antics, combined with those of the senior service, caused roars of laughter from everyone present.

The usual monthly tournaments have been held for the tankards, which are given each month for any competition which may be held. Strange but true, the two members who were responsible for the billiard handicapping have both secured a tankard, namely, R.Q.M.S. Coles and C.S.M. Fane.

In June we met and defeated the Officers at cricket, Sergt.-Dmr. Siddons being our

particular star. The Mess must congratulate him in being selected for the Colony Team.

We have had frequent visits from our Naval friends of late, and I leave you to decide the height of our friendship by the following letter (attached).

The good ship *Delta* has again provided accommodation for some of our members for Blighty, namely, Sergeants Baynam, Sperry and Speakes for the home establishment, and Sergt. Hewitt for a machine gun course.

Whether the members are looking forward to the move to India or not, I cannot say, but one thing is certain, we shall receive the *Journal* a trifle earlier, which will be a distinct advantage.

We all congratulate R.S.M. Paris, R.Q.M.S. Coles, C.Q.M.S. Walter and Sergt. Follenfant on receiving the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Could the member with the sobriquet "Woof" please let us know from whence he obtains his glorious, multi-coloured summer shirts?

HIS MAJESTY'S SHIP
"MAGNOLIA" AT JOHORE.
July 10th, 1923.

SIR,

Now it came to pass that on the day called Sun, the eighth day of the month known as July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, PILGRIMS of the number that is six, from the good ship *Magnolia*, after long sojourning in the wilderness, sought to tarry awhile and rest their weary limbs and cool and moisten their parched throats with the succulent amber coloured life-giving fluid called BEER, in the Mess of the Sergeants of the Regiment MIDDLESEX, Battalion SECOND in number, at TANGLIN, and thence continue their way refreshed to a great rarity, and likened unto the gambolling lambs of the Spring and to the feeling that is known as "KRUSCHEN."

But it was NOT so.

For it came to pass that when entering the SACRED PRECINCTS they fell among GOOD SAMARITANS, who entertained them royally and regally and made much of them, and anon, perceiving them to be ahungered, did provide victuals withal, whereof their hunger became appeased and their BELLIES were to be likened unto PRIZE OXEN.

And it was so.

And the evening grew apace and oil was brought for the lamps, which shed a radiance

upon the multitude, and all faces gleamed and shone therefrom, and at the Shrine of BACCHUS did ALL worship with a devoutness to be marvelled at, and there was singing and laughter and music upon the harp of many strings and the flute and the gramophone and verily, verily no one was possessed with the pip, but a great gladness descended and ALL made merry and the PILGRIMS still tarried.

And it WAS so.

And a GOOD SAMARITAN arose and said: "Hearken unto my words my brethren," and the multitude answered and said: "Speak Lord, for thy servants heareth," and continuing, the GOOD SAMARITAN said: "On the morrow we play of the game of the Ball that is kicked and WE shall win, and our name will strike like terror into the hearts of those who are not us, yea, into posterity shall our name go as of all the players, being the MIGHTIEST. Whereof, we beg of you, to see us play and win, and afterwards shall there be great rejoicings, the like of which there never was nor ever will be." And the PILGRIMS lifted up their voices and answered: "Yea, verily, shall it be so."

But it was NOT so.

For on the morrow a GREAT sickness had befallen them, and there was much weeping and wailing AND gnashing of teeth. One said: "I am sick unto death, I will lay me down and die." Another said: "Of food I cannot take, for it maketh me billious." But the third said: "Woe is me that I am constrained to have my habitation among those who are ill and who have incurred the wrath of BACCHUS. I will gird me up my loins and I will go." But he did not, for verily did duty prevent him. A fourth said: "Last night I lay me down in peace to sleep and this morn I am sore and stiff, and much bruised and I know not the reason."

And it WAS so.

And thus it was that not one of the Pilgrimage that was yesterday went forth to see the game of the ball that is kicked, and great was the anguish thereof, but from AFAR off they lifted up their voices in supplication that the team of the GOOD SAMARITANS would smite their opponents hip AND thigh.

And it WAS so.

And the prayer of the PILGRIMS was answered, and the sword of Damocles was

lifted from their heads AND a great weight from their hearts.

And ALSO was it so.

And thus it is that the PILGRIMS being now in their right minds, do earnestly and contritely tender their most fervent and profound apologies to the GOOD SAMARITANS in that they did NOT keep their word to be present for the evening which was yesterday, and THEY beg absolution, lest peradventure their souls be consigned to the furnace of remorse which is of the most FIERY.

And is it so?

Now, it shall come to pass, that towards the end of the week that is now the good ship *Magnolia* will return to the Port which is called Singapore and WHICH afar off is, and the PILGRIMS earnestly wish, with the aid of THEIR colleagues, which are but few, to engage in mortal combat, a SCRATCH team of the GOOD SAMARITANS, to a game of the ball that is kicked, on a convenient day and date before the good ship *Magnolia* saileth elsewhere.

And is it to be so?

In conclusion, the PILGRIMS wish to express their most sincere thanks for the cordial hospitality they received on the day that is called last SUN, AND to offer congratulations of the most hearty at the result of the match which was yesterday's, and condolence and sympathy to any of the GOOD SAMARITANS now suffering with sickness AND aching heads.

It is a poor head that NEVER rejoices.

And it is so.

Apologetically and very sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. MOORE.

J. W. EVERRINGAY.

W. M. DAVIES.

W. H. STEARN.

A. K. W. LALEY.

H. J. WISKER.

"B" Company proceeded up-country to Kuala Lumpur on April 14th to fire their musketry course. The weather as a whole was very good. One or two unseasonable days were encountered when we had to proceed to the range through two feet of water.

Work was actually finished by 2 or 3 p.m. daily and the evenings were usually devoted to sports, great facilities being afforded for same by the fact that we were billeted on

the race course. Other evenings were spent by us at Rubber and Rhubarb Planters, Tin Mine Owners, etc., etc.

A visit was paid to C.S.M. Preston at Seramban, who left the Battalion some months back to join the M.S.V.R. Needless to say, a great reception was afforded us and the visit was thoroughly enjoyed (inwardly and outwardly) despite the fact, the journey back of 70 miles had to be done by motor-car (with a drunken driver).

The shooting was very good, the Company average being not too bad for "B" Company, eh!

During our stay at Kuala Lumpur Sergts. Walker and Mayhew visited us, while they were attached to the M.S.V.R. at Lumat. They left "highly spirited."

In conclusion we spent a very happy time at Kuala Lumpur and extend our thanks to the civilian friends we met there for their kindness.

"D" Company, the signallers and a few spare files proceeded to Taiping on June 4th to fire their musketry course. There were ten members of the Mess in the party. On our arrival at Taiping we were met by the Burmese Band (some band I can tell you, it has only been formed 18 months).

Needless to say, we formed a "Mess," this word has more meaning than one, and we knew it before we left. Some members became very friendly with the warders of the gaol. A certain C.Q.M.S. and Sergeant went out early one Sunday morning on a crocodile shooting expedition. It is rumoured that they did see a crocodile, but only for a few seconds. They brought back quite a load of fish for the following morning's breakfast. The cook did not want to lose his job, so he did not dish the fish up for breakfast. These two members did not venture on another crocodile expedition. I intended to say a few words about the shooting, but being that I value my features, I think I will keep quiet.

We all had a quiet time and came back to Singapore on July 17th.

CORPORALS' ROOM NOTES.

The keynote of all success in journalism, whether amateur or professional, is, to our mind, originality. Unfortunately, in writing for the Regimental Journal of the events which transpire in the Corporals' Room of a battalion of the Regular Army, one is faced every time with the very real problem of finding something to say which has not

yet been said in previous issues. Life goes on in just the same old way, the daily routine in no whit alters; that which happened a year ago, to-day takes place in precisely the same manner. So that we find it difficult to make our notes as interesting as we would desire them to be.

Nevertheless, things do happen now and then which have not come our way before. For instance, we had a dance in May last, and we were honoured by the presence thereof of the General Officer Commanding Malaya, Sir Neil Malcolm, and some of his Excellency's Staff. This was a very successful dance in every way, not only by reason of the presence of such distinguished guests, but also on account of the very excellent preparations and arrangements which were made for the smooth running of the affair, for which we here tender our hearty thanks to Cpl. Mason and his dance committee.

It was in May, too, that we bade farewell to L./Cpls. Goggin and Lush, who proceeded to U.K. to the stirring strains of that merry march "When I get my Civvy Clothes on."

In June we had another dance, which if not so brilliant as the previous one, was quite a success, and well attended.

Welcome additions to our number came along recently in the persons of Cpls. Simmonds and L./Cpls. Murphy, Way and Addinall. We must also here congratulate Cpl. Howard on his appointment, and the following who have joined us from the ranks:—L./Cpls. Pollard, Carter, Power, Rose, Franklin and Brown.

At the Boxing Tournament held a while ago in the Singapore Stadium, between the Army and Navy, Cpl. Myland added one more success to his long list of pugilistic honours, and L./Cpl. Donaldson scored a decisive victory.

Since many of the junior "Non-Coms" are constantly playing for their respective companies, we have but little to record of our activities in the sports field. We do, however, believe that a little push in this direction applied by those leading lights among us who are ever in request by their companies, etc., for their sporting abilities, would result in the awakening, or shall we say the re-awakening, of the spirit of, and the desire for, a real live sports programme in the Mess.

Towards this end in our quiet way, we propose . . . for given the will, there is always a way.

CAPORAL.

ESSAY COMPETITION.

THE following are the winning (and only) essays received for the two competitions open to all purchasers of "THE DIE-HARDS," as published in our fourth and fifth issues.

Each of these competitors has received a prize of £1.

THE IDEAL INSTITUTE.

Ever since my first days at the Depot I have turned to the Institute for those little delicacies so reminiscent of home, that our Messing Committees, however big their hearts may be, cannot introduce into those periods of the day when we answer "Cook-house!"

As I am not alone in this sentiment, it naturally follows that the predominating feature of the ideal institute should be homeliness. I realize, of course, this in a large degree depends upon ourselves, for after all it's only logic that if Brother Tim sets in to play the piano at home, however caustic your remarks may be, its *infra dig.* to show your displeasure by bombarding him with scraps of cake and banana skins; it isn't done;—at home I mean, although I regret to say I've seen it done in an institute—several of them hit me, in fact. However, a little encouragement goes a long way; for I have in my mind a certain little institute that couldn't be beaten for homeliness with its bright little coloured table cloths and vases of flowers and *up-to-date* journals (important items), all of them inexpensive in their way, but showing taste. Here one didn't find any rowdyism. It is an undeniable fact that these homely little institutes that stop in one's memory are usually run by the opposite sex. The beauty of it is that homeliness does not depend on the space at your disposal. The idea is equally practicable in marquee or commandeered mansion.

The next important item is service, an item that evokes a few criticisms from the Canteen Corporal, at times, usually fifty seconds after paying out. I suggest as a remedy for the usual "catch-as-catch can" style of mad rush, that a wooden rail be erected the length of the counter just wide enough for one man to pass along comfortably, say two feet six from the counter. Besides "speeding up traffic," so to speak, it would make said Canteen Corporal's job a little

lighter. Another aspect of the present state of affairs is that it is exceedingly difficult to refrain from one or two choice expressions when a fellow is hanging over your shoulder spilling a bottle of Field's Blue Black over your newly acquired packet of "gaspers," or sponge trifle, the while he burns your ear with the end of his cigarette.

I don't think much can be said against the service the other side of the counter; in fact, those responsible appear to become human automatons after a while. (I think the inventor of the Robots in R.U.R. must have been an observant "swaddy.")

Reverting once more to the journals mentioned earlier, it isn't every institute that has periodicals on the tables at all; as a rule, if you want to read you make your way to the Regimental Library. But whoever thought of taking a cup of tea into this dignified room would assuredly be instantly annihilated by a wild-eyed, shrieking human mass that upon cooling down would be found to be the N.C.O. i/c Library in military vocabulary. Now, personally, I like to read between copious draughts of tea or other drink. I believe I express the opinion of the multitudes of brother "wad scoffers," therefore it follows—reading matter in institutes is essential. Something may be said about the "reading matter" too, for instance, I don't think any of us canteen users fully appreciate the facial charms of the Hon. Lady Lewis-Gunn, although the somewhat different charms of the beauty chorus of "Ears Back" may appeal to some, as thrust on a patient public by the publishers of such monthlies as the "Court and Mansion Illustrated," or other such journals. However, I'll steer clear of that subject as possibly they are presented to us by the Officers' Mess. But it's surprising how many *News of the Worlds* find their way into the barrack-rooms; I think I've made the point clear.

Lest I should be suspected of Pussyfoot tendencies, I must leave the "dry" for the "wet," although (in case this should fall into the hands of mother) I am no authority on the subject. However, when I do dwell on the subject I always have in my mind's eye a little country "pub," all mirrors embossed with red triangles (probably some brotherhood sign! Ahem!), polished glasses in rows and bright tankards (not mess-tins) and a living Kruschen advert. in a white apron behind the bar with the inevitable dart boards and sawdust



2ND BATTALION FOOTBALL TEAM, 1923.

Back row: (Left to right) Pte. Daek, Sgt. Wilcocksen, A/C S.M. Wayne, Pte. Lincoln, L/Cpl. Palmer, Sgt. Pillee, Serjt. Capel, L/Cpl. Gilbery, L/Cpl. Budd, Lieut. E. M. Wray, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. F. E. Swainson, R.S.M. Douthet, Sgt. Wilson.

Front row: (Left to right) Pte. Abbott, L/Cpl. Budd, Lieut. E. M. Wray, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. F. E. Swainson, R.S.M. Douthet, Sgt. Wilson, Sgt. Hewitt.

With a little trouble the average "wet" could be made to look a bit more cosy. I won't apply the word homely here as some may take the reference to sawdust and beer as an insult. Of course, there are difficulties, I realize, for instance I scent some trouble if our canteen bar tender starts cultivating sideboards and a churchwarden pipe. But still, such things can be got over.

From which you will see that my idea of an institute does not mean an alarming expenditure, on the part of the authorities at any rate, and is not effected by size, etc., but of course, there are, as I said before, difficulties to overcome; for instance, it may be rather difficult for Canteen Corporals to remember the flower vases when they rap the table with their stick and utter their war-cry "Five minutes to go gentlemen!" Again, of course, objections may be raised by the "powers that be" on the grounds that a man will want hours changed over to those of parades and vice-versa, but—well there you are!

Will these few touching words of mine have any effect I wonder?

That remains to be seen—as the cat said when it left the bloater head under the sofa.

W. A. D. SCOFFER.

THE FUNNIEST EXPERIENCE.

Scene: Troopship lying off Durban with the 1st Battalion *en route* for India, taking details aboard for Mauritius. The method of embarking was by a basket holding about six men; the ship's crane was then attached and the basket and its human freight hauled aboard. All went well until the last six, one of whom I think was the C.O. Anyhow, he was the last in the basket and the first out, for as they were being hauled up, open flew the door of the basket, and down into the sea went the C.O. A pole with a hook attached made contact with a tender part of his anatomy and he was brought to safety. You ought to have seen his face; it was funny, and didn't he cuss! Yes, I think he was a senior officer.

THE BIRD.



DEPOT NOTES.

GENERAL.

THE Squads "Albuhera" and "Mons" having completed their period of training under the new regulations, have joined the 1st Battalion at Aldershot.

Lieut. S. Mirams, M.C., has joined us from the 1st Battalion for duty.

The following members of the Sergeants' Mess have been discharged to pension after 21 years' service:—C.S.M. W. Manning, D.C.M.; C.Q.M.S. J. Steward and C.Q.M.S. J. Adcock.

Cpls. E. Shaw and E. Burt have been appointed Lance-Sergeants.

Sergts. A. Goldstraw and J. Tungate have joined for a tour of duty from the 1st and 2nd Battalions respectively.

Sergt.-Shoemaker J. Humphrey has joined the Trades School, Hounslow, and Sergt.-Shoemaker G. Hoadley has been attached for duty to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Sergt.-Instr. C. Green, Army Physical Training Staff, has been relieved by Sergt.-Instr. R. Elliott.

Sergts. Speakes, Sperry, M.C., Baynham, Finch, Sheridan, L./Sergt. Campbell, Cpls. Fleming, Steward, Bennett, Floyd and Warren have left to join the home Battalion.

Cpls. W. Overton, F. Stacey, J. Trapp, G. Horrex and C. Taylor have joined from the 1st Battalion for a tour of duty.

The following have been awarded the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct:—7811809 R.S.M. J. Paris, 2nd Bn.; L/6453 Col.-Sergt. E. E. Jackson; 6191156 Sergt. W. H. Follenfant, 2nd Bn.; 6192113 Pte. H. E. Carnell, Depot now 1st Bn.; 6192295 Pte. G. Hunter, Depot; 13130 Pte. T. W. Wadlow, now South Wales Borderers.

L./Cpl. Goss has proceeded to Shorncliffe for a course of instruction at the School of Education.

Lieut. S. Mirams, M.C., and L./Sergts. L. Clarke and E. Burt have proceeded to Hythe for a course of instruction.

Mr. W. Stickland, D.C.M., has ceased to be employed as Officers' Mess steward.

We are pleased to learn that Albert Oldham was successful in winning a four years' scholarship at the Hendon Secondary School, under the Middlesex County Council,

and that Enid Duffield obtained a certificate from the Royal Drawing Society of England in their recent examinations.

We congratulate the following on winning the Army Rifle Association bronze badges for the Recruits' Matches in July, August and September respectively:—Pte. F. Potts (score 109 out of 120), L./Cpl. J. Henderson (score 117 out of 120), Pte. A. Fisk, with a score of 118 out of 120.

Pte. G. Balls, appointed Lance-Corporal.

We offer our congratulations to Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) R. T. Guscott, on his appointment as Regimental Sergeant-Major, at the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall.

Q.M.S. Guscott left us on October 15th, and takes with him our best wishes.

C.S.M. Ayres, D.C.M., has taken over the duties of Orderly-Room Sergeant at the Depot.

The following obtained 2nd and 3rd Class Certificates of Education at examinations held in July and September last:—

Awarded 2nd Class Certificate of Education (26/7/23): Cpl. E. Shaw, L./Cpl. W. Northcott, Ptes. F. Church and T. Skinner.

Awarded 3rd Class Certificate of Education (26/7/23): Ptes. B. Adams, W. Bowers, G. Brown, F. Donovan, C. Horstead, R. King, J. Leslie, E. Noakes, E. Pestall, W. Palmer, V. Swatman and J. Thompson.

Awarded 3rd Class Certificate of Education (6/9/23): Ptes. E. Bowd, F. Bonfield, S. Copelin, H. Clarke, A. Davis, H. Freeman, H. Hinsby, H. Holmes, W. Mounce, J. Norman, S. Sewell, A. Turner, H. Walker, T. Barley, H. Button, C. Cudmore, J. Cotton, H. Firkins, S. Hutson, K. Hamer, H. Knight, L. Newstead, T. Parker, J. Smith, A. Walsh and W. Whiting.

The under-mentioned were successful at an examination for 3rd Class Certificate of Education held on October 11th, 1923:—

Ptes. L. Burgess, T. Barber, W. Day, E. Edwards, J. Edwards, H. Futter, W. Hammond, S. Harvey, W. Sampford, A. Stapleton, E. Taylor, J. Vials, L. Waddington, A. Wiblin, C. Wilson, A. Wigmore and G. Smith.

Since recruiting opened this year in April, 90 recruits have been examined for 3rd Class Certificates; 73 have been successful, giving a percentage of 81.1.

In addition to other amusements, table tennis sets have now been purchased for

the Institute and Corporals' Room. Tournaments will be held throughout the winter.

The following team won the last six-a-side football tournament:—

No. 10 team: L./Cpl. G. Balls, Pte. H. Firkins, Ptes. G. Barley, R. Chapman, T. Pinner, and W. Bowers.

Ypres squad, consisting of 26 men, joined the 1st Battalion on November 2nd.

The Depot has now been transferred to the Home Counties Area, Eastern Command, as from November 1st.

GARDEN PARTY.

Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Pearson entertained the married families of the Depot at garden parties on August 15th and 16th.

After tea games were played on the lawn, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The parties were much appreciated by the married families, and the hope was freely expressed that future gatherings would become a regular feature.

NATIONAL SAVINGS.

The Depot branch of the above has recently revived.

It is interesting to record that in the last return issued for the whole of the Army, the Depot had subscribed the sum of £2,460 11s. 0d.—the largest amount for any infantry depot.

COMPETITIONS.

A series of Six-a-Side Inter-Squad Football matches have taken place in which considerable interest has been taken by the recruits.

The result was as follows:—

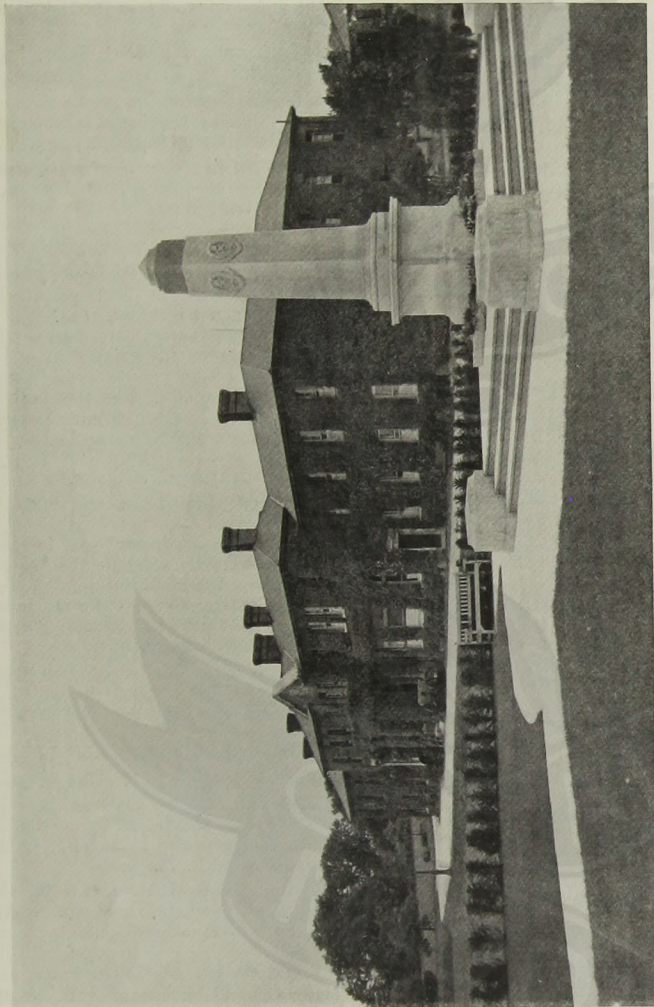
"Ypres" Squad, 1; "Neville" Squad, 6.

Basket Ball matches have also been held, which was won by No. 10 team, consisting of Ptes. G. Horstead, J. Murphy, W. Day, B. Swatman and L. Burgess.

The runners-up were No. 7 team.—Ptes. C. Taylor, H. Freeman, H. Futter, S. Pinner and G. Balls formed this team.

G.O.C. INSPECTION.

Major-Gen. J. Duncan, C.B., C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O., G.O.C. Shires Area, carried out his Annual Inspection of the Depot on Saturday, October 13th. He complimented the squads on the handling of their arms, and expressed his satisfaction with everything he saw.



(Photo by Mr. E. Morris (late Middlesex Regt.)

VIEW OF OFFICERS' MESS AND MEMORIAL, MILL HILL.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

L./Cpl. G. Foley won the Billiard Tournament, held at the Depot open to all under the rank of Corporal. Pte. A. Morgan was runner-up.

EDUCATION.

At an examination held on 11/10/23 Pte. J. Edwards obtained 229 marks out of a possible 300. Pte. C. Taylor gained 228. Both these men receive prizes.

DEPOT FOOTBALL TEAM.

Our first match in the Finchley and District League was played at Mill Hill on October 27th against Edgware. We were successful by 5 goals to 2.

WHIST DRIVE.

A whist drive was held in the Lecture Room on October 25th for all ranks and their wives, below sergeant.

Forty attended the drive and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Prizes were secured by:—

Ladies.—1, Mrs. Birch; 2, Mrs. Foley; 3, Mrs. Free; sealed, Mrs. Baker.

Gentlemen.—1, L./Cpl. Sando; 2, L./Cpl. Baker; 3, Cpl. Thomas; sealed, L./Cpl. Bines.

These functions will be a weekly feature throughout the winter.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

The first social evening of the season took place on September 14th, when a whist drive was held in the Mess Room.

A number of old friends took part, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Prizes were won by:—

Ladies: 1, Mrs. Crouch; 2, Miss Ayres; 3, Miss Woods; sealed prize, Mrs. Stock.

Gentlemen: 1, Mr. Yorworth; 2, L./Sergt. Campbell; 3, Sergt. Finch; sealed prize, R.Q.M.S. Duffield; booby, Mr. Hawkes.

DANCE.

Our first dance of the year was held on September 28th.

The Depot Band was greatly missed. The function was largely attended, and the opportunity was taken of bidding farewell to those members who were leaving for the 1st Battalion.

Our M.C., Sergt. Sheridan, will be much missed in these gatherings, and our best wishes go with him in his new sphere.

GOLF.

We noted with pleasure in the 1st Battalion's Notes in our last number, of the great interest taken in golf by the officers.

We too, have members who are keen.

Two matches have been played:—*v.* Officers, Depot. Foursomes. Won by 3 and 2. Played at Hendon. *v.* Artisans, "S" Division, Metropolitan Police. Won by 1 up. Played at South Herts, Totteridge. Our rivals in this case were coached by H. Vardon.

Our representatives in this pastime are Q.M.Sergts. Duffield and Guscott.

THE LATE MAJOR L. R. KING.

MAJOR Leonard Reginald King, of "Crowland," Manor Road, Barnet, who died on September 24th, was the second son of the late Edwin King, of "The Elms," Highgate. Born in 1878, he was educated at Cheltenham College and New College, Oxford, where he took an honour's degree in history. He was appointed a Second-Lieutenant in the 7th Battalion Middlesex Regiment in 1897, but resigned his commission the following year. He was re-appointed 2nd-Lieutenant in 1901, promoted Lieutenant 1902, Captain 1903, and Major in 1913. He served as a military member of the County of Middlesex Territorial Army Association from 1913 to 1919. On the outbreak of the late war he went to Gibraltar with his battalion, and proceeded with it to France in March 1915. He took part in the Battle of the Aubers Ridge (May 9th) and the action of Bois Grenier (September 25th). In the autumn of 1915 his services were recognized by his appointment to the command of the 14th Battalion Welsh Regiment. But the hardships of the winter in the trenches at Richebourg and Givenchy resulted in a breakdown in health, which compelled him to relinquish his command. In the summer of 1916 he rejoined the 7th Middlesex as second-in-command, and proceeded with it in the autumn to the Valley of the Somme. He took part in the Battles of Ginchy (September 9th), Flers-Courcelette (September 15th-22nd), Morva (September 25th-28th), and the Transloy Ridges (October 1st-9th). During the latter engagement he was

temporarily commanding his battalion, and on October 7th delivered a brilliant attack on the 84th Bavarian Regiment, driving it out of its positions near Les Bœufs with heavy losses, and capturing 77 unwounded prisoners. It was the only point at which the 56th Division succeeded in making any advance. In recognition of his services on this occasion he was mentioned in despatches for gallant and distinguished conduct in the field. During the engagement he was severely injured by the burst of a high explosive shell, which caused him to be invalided out of the service a year later, and from which he never recovered. In 1914 he married Isabel, eldest daughter of Thomas James English, Esq., of Lisburn, Ireland, and since that date had resided at Barnet; he leaves no issue.



SIXTY YEARS AGO.

Extract from "Evening Post," Wellington, N.Z., May 2nd, 1923.

SECOND NEW ZEALAND WAR.

CAUSED BY AMBUSCADE.

HAPPENINGS responsible for, and during, the second New Zealand Maori War are the subject of a statement made by Mr. E. Bezar, in connection with the sixtieth anniversary of the outbreak. Mr. Bezar, late colour-sergeant of the 57th Regiment, describes the happenings as follows:—

"It is necessary first to refer to the state of things prior to the ambush which was the cause of the war. I was stationed with part of my company at Waitara during March and April, 1863. Near our redoubt there was a large pa, and its chief Taomati and I became very friendly, for when I had been in Aden a few years before I had secured a copy of the *Illustrated London News*, though I had little hope of ever seeing New Zealand. It contained several photos of Taranaki, including pictures of Taomati and his wife. They were very pleased to see their sketches. The sketches and a very interesting letter were sent from New Zealand in 1850 by a Major Lloyd, and signed "R.B." They were by the same hand which sketched Keats in 1819. Towards the end of April, on a Sunday, Taomati brought me a horse and handed me a letter for Mr. Robert

Parris, Native Commissioner, to be delivered personally. I met Mr. Parris on the bridge in the centre of the town. He opened the letter eagerly, and I saw that he was very seriously concerned over its contents. He told me to tell Capt. Russell that he was on no account to leave Waitara in the next three days. I called at Mahoetahi on my return, part of my company being stationed there, and was challenged on approaching the block-house. All were on the alert, and I inquired what was the matter there, to find that there was a chance of their being attacked that night. From this I gained some indication of the serious information contained in the letter I had carried. I decided to go on by the road, though the officer advised me to proceed by the beach. At Waitara I found that the place was in a state of excitement, and that earth mounds were being built. However, the expected attack never came, and a few days later we were in New Plymouth.

"Now I come to the fatal 4th May. I was with a working party on the South Road, just out of the town. About 10 a.m. Major Greaves, quartermaster-general, galloped past us into the town. This looked as if something had happened. Possibly twenty minutes passed, then out came Capt. Mercer's battery—as cavalry—at full gallop. This convinced us that something unusual had happened. Shortly after this the Governor, Sir George Grey, and General Cameron, with their staffs, galloped past. It was not until dinner that we heard the sad news, and that the company was to proceed to Poutoko. We were held in camp, however, and that afternoon eight bodies were brought in—a sad sight to see our old comrades thus. We vowed that when the time came we would be avenged for the brutal act which caused their deaths.

"The unfortunate victims were:—Lieut. T. H. Tragett, Assistant-Sergeant Hope, Colour-Sergeant J. Ellers, Sergeant S. Hill, Privates J. Banks, J. Flynn, E. Kelly, B. McCarthy and M. Ryan. The party had consisted of ten. Florence Kelly escaped, and the body of another Ryan had not been recovered. The first five were buried in the graveyard attached to the beautiful church in New Plymouth, and the other three in the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

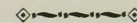
"My company went to Poutoko, and nothing of note occurred until the 25th when Lieutenant Waller was ambushed

half a mile from our redoubt. His horse was shot, but he got away, and hurried to us. We took our rifles, and a dozen of us hurried to the scene. We went in between the strip of bush in which the ambushers concealed themselves and the main bush with the idea of cutting them off. Five of the six natives had got away, but we secured one who had been wounded. One of the men was rushing at him, but I called to him, 'No, no, we want some information.' The body of Ryan had not been recovered, and from the man caught we got the information we wanted, and secured the body. The prisoner—the first taken in the war—was taken to New Plymouth, where he was duly tried and sentenced to death, on the charge in connection with the first ambush, and to transportation for the attack on Mr. Waller. In the finish he served four years' imprisonment, and forty-five years later I met him in this city. We spent part of two evenings together, and he told me he thought his end had come when he saw the soldier rushing at him.

"During the night of the 3rd June a force gathered from New Plymouth, Poutoko and Oakura, and marched to Tataraimaka to attack a Maori position about a mile from St. George's Redoubt. We had crossed two rivers and had a third to cross, when we paraded for the attack. The colonel, H. J. Warre, C.B., had a few words to say: 'Die-Hards, I need not remind you of what took place this day month. The General has given you the honour of making this attack, and I am sure you will do your duty.' Before we marched on the attack, Ensign Duncan was sent with 50 men round to the bush side of the position to cut off any retreat. They were guided by a Mr. Baily, who knew the locality well. The attacking party, after crossing the river, had to move in single file up a slope, and it was some time before there were sufficient men there to make the rush across the flat to the position. When we started we were horrified to find that the 50 men who had been sent round to cut off the retreat had come round the sea side of the position and joined in the attack at the front, while scores of the enemy were escaping at the back. Had they obeyed orders we should have had the lot, but those who escaped held a meeting and decided to continue the war. Had it not been for this mistake I believe the war would have ended on that day, and we

would not have had to submit to that of the three years that followed. As we marched back to the redoubt we were met by Sir George Grey and General Cameron, the former having landed from the *Eclipse*. The Governor congratulated the captain on the morning's work, and asked how many there were on the loaded drays. There were twenty-eight. The Governor said he was sorry that they had not the number—forty—that murdered their poor fellows. Someone said: 'There are more than that, Sir.'

"In due time we paraded to march to our respective camps, when some wag went round asking how many each had put under. The general reply was 'three or four,' but some must have gone much better, for the total ran well into three figures, and there was a roar of laughter at the announcement. Never, I think, was there a more joyful march than that to our camp. We had taken satisfaction for the cruel murder of our comrades, with a loss of less than we had a right to expect—one to the enemy's ten."



REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1923.

AMOUNT of grants made: Since June 18th, 1923, £79 13s. 7d.; since January 1st, 1923, £327 5s. 11d.

Number of cases dealt with: Since June 18th, 1923, 108; since January 1st, 1923, 341.

Number of cases assisted: Since June 18th, 1923, 43; since January 1st, 1923, 176.

Number of men registered for employment: Since June 18th, 1923, 190; since January 1st, 1923, 408.

Number of men found permanent employment: Since June 18th, 1923, 84; since January 1st, 1923, 176.

Number of men found temporary employment: Since January 1st, 1923, 4.

Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: Since June 18th, 1923, 22; since January 1st, 1923, 56.

Old Comrades are again reminded that the Roll of Honour books, giving the names of officers, N.C.Os. and men who were killed,

died of wounds, or sickness, during the Great War, are now available, and can be obtained on application to the Secretary, Price, morocco bound, 21s; in stiff paper cover, 2s. 6d., post free.

Owing to it being found impossible to obtain a suitable room in January to hold the Old Comrades' Quarterly Smoking Concert, this has consequently had to be postponed until the first Friday in February (1st), and will be held at the Veterans' Club, Hand Court, Holborn. It is hoped that we shall shortly be able to announce that we have been able to secure permanently a suitable room, so that this function can take place on the days originally intended—i.e., first Saturday in each quarter.

The Regimental Calendar for 1924 is now on sale, and can be obtained from the Secretary, post free, for 1s.

The following telegrams were despatched and received on the occasion of the 1st Battalion's return to England:—"Commanding 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment, Corunna Barracks, Aldershot, Regimental Association send hearty greetings and welcome to all ranks on return to England.—Chairman."

"Chairman, Regimental Association, Albuhera, London.—All ranks 1st Middlesex thank members of Regimental Association for their kind message of welcome home.—1st Middlesex."

The following letter has been received from Mr. E. Bezar, an old "Die-Hard" of 84, whose photo was given on page 118 of the last issue of the Journal:—

19, RINTOUL STREET,
WELLINGTON,
NEW ZEALAND,
September 9th, 1923.

DEAR MAJOR STEED,—
I am really at a loss for words which would adequately express my pleasure on receipt of your parcel on the 7th inst. I was ten miles out seeing an old stricken "Die-Hard" when it arrived, and on my return my landlady said: "Here is what you have been expecting."

The day before, I had visited another old "Die-Hard" in this city, Peter Loftus, and yesterday I called again and decorated him, in bed, with the Old Comrades Badge.

Those two poor old chaps are years my junior. I suppose I ought to be thankful; fortunately they both have all they need, barring good health.

I shall go and see Hinton soon, and decorate him with the Old Comrades Badge; he has not to keep to his bed, but he has to keep a chair, and cannot move about without the aid of a pair of sticks.

This winter has been pretty rough on us poor old octogenarians. I have felt it too, but I seem to be proof against the flu and fevers, for I have never had a fever in my life, not even when scores were laid up in some of the stations. The doctor told me I would only die of old age.

The mail leaves here to-morrow for the dear old land. It will be 69 years next February since I stepped off dear old England, at Bristol.

I will enquire at the Pensions Office regarding the other few "Die-Hards," so that I can send each a badge, and hope soon to let you know who have been decorated.

I shall be writing to Col. Elgee in a day or two. I fancy he could not have visited this city yet, or he would no doubt look me up. Has he left the Army for good? You did not name Q.M.S. Blackwood, where is he? I have quite a bunch of letters, including some from the late Colonel Ward.

I had the honour of shaking hands with your Royal Chief, and two salutes from him all to myself, as he passed our door to the Park, I stood at the salute, the same twenty minutes later, when he returned.

My very best wishes to yourself and all "Die-Hards." I am quite satisfied that they will at all times do all that our dear old country expect them to do, as they have in the past. The eleven years I put in with them I can candidly say were the happiest eleven years of my life.

I have had scores of dreams that I was back with them and meeting many old friends; I've been on lots of parades.

Yours sincerely,
E. BEZAR.

GILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

1. The secretary of the War Office announces that a limited number of boys may be nominated by the Army Council for admission to a competitive examination for one Gill Memorial Scholarship and a limited number of Gill Memorial Exhibitions, which will be

held at Brighton College, on June 3rd and 4th, 1924.

2. The annual value of a Gill Memorial Scholarship is £50, and that of a Gill Memorial Exhibition is £45. They are tenable for three years (the period may be extended to four years on the recommendation of the headmaster). The total dues payable for a Gill Memorial Scholarship amount to £105 a year.

3. To be eligible for nomination by the Army Council, a candidate must be:—

(a) Under fourteen and a half years of age on June 1st, 1924; and

(b) The son of an officer of the Regular Army (serving or retired), or in default of qualified candidates being available, the son of an officer of the Special Reserve or Territorial Force.

4. The successful candidate for the Scholarship or Exhibition will enter Brighton College at the termination of the summer vacation.

5. Applications for nominations by the Army Council should reach the Secretary, War Office, London, S.W.1., not later than April 1st, 1924 (accompanied by birth certificates and certificates of conduct covering the last two years).

Full particulars regarding the examination, and copies of former papers set, can be obtained on application to the Headmaster, Brighton College.

8th BATTALION NOTES.

THE Battalion went to camp at Arundel Park; all ranks were pleased to see Capt. A. W. Lewey from the Reserve once more with the Battalion, and acting as Second-in-Command. We hope he will come back to the Battalion in this capacity.

The Brigade was inspected by Lord Derby, Secretary of State for War, the day after arrival in camp, on the occasion of the presentation of Colours to the 4th Royal Sussex Regiment. Lord Derby congratulated the Brigade on the steadiness on parade, after so short a time in camp.

The Battalion Sports were held on August 6th, in preparation for the Brigade Sports, which were fixed for August 9th.

We congratulated our adjutant on his worthy effort in winning the hurdles, after entering a heat on the spur of the moment.

It was a sight never to be forgotten, when he fell at the second hurdle in the heat (equipped in tennis kit) getting up to win.

We also congratulate "B" Company in heading the entries in the Battalion Sports.

Mrs. Baker kindly presented the prizes at the end of the meeting.

The Brigade Sports proved a very successful meeting, and a great struggle took place in gaining points for the Championship, The Albuhera Cup, competed for annually by the three Middlesex Battalions in the Brigade. We tied for points with the 9th Battalion, the last event of the day, the long jump, being the deciding event.

The prizes were presented by the Duchess of Norfolk at the end of the meeting, the Albuhera Cup being presented to the 8th and 9th Battalions. "B" Company is again to be congratulated on their entries in the Brigade Sports.

The Battalion has completed the musketry training for this year.

Five week-end camps were held at Bisley for the firing of the rifle, Lewis gun and Vickers' gun courses. The Lewis gun training has been followed with great keenness, and the men are taking a great interest in the gun. The results from firing the Lewis guns for the first time have been very satisfactory.

The Battalion held a Regimental Exercise in camp at Staines during a week-end in June; the camp was well attended and enjoyed by all.

"A" Company held a Company Tactical Exercise on Chobham Common on Saturday, July 21st.

At the Brigade Rifle Meeting held at Bisley on September 16th, the Battalion team, captained by Capt. P. F. Murray, was not very successful. The wind was very "tricky." The Company Lewis gun teams, however, fired well, and the average of the Battalion was the highest in the Brigade. "A" Company and "D" Company are to be congratulated on gaining 2nd and 3rd places, while "B" Company (the only other entry) was eighth.

The Company football teams are playing in the undermentioned local leagues:—

"H.Q." Wing: Hounslow Premier League.
"A" Company: Kingston and District Football League.

"B" Company: Hanwell and District Football League.

"D" Company: Uxbridge and District Football League.

The Battalion is entering a team for the Territorial Army Association Football Competition.

"A" COMPANY.

Under the command of Capt. P. F. Murray, "A" Company are now throwing themselves with much zest in making the Company headquarters into a social club.

A General Games Committee has been formed, and also sub-committees for football, basket ball, billiards, darts and shooting competitions, and all are going strong.

Under the efficient supervision and energy of C.S.M. Manders, excellent weekly dances are now being held, and are meeting with good support.

A splendid sand table has been made, and interesting lectures are being looked forward to during the winter months.

"B" COMPANY.

A Special General Meeting for the purpose of arranging sports for the coming winter was held at the Drill Hall, West Ealing, on Thursday, September 6th, 1923. More than fifty members attended a very successful meeting, at which Capt. W. H. Parmeter presided, supported by 2/Lieut. R. W. Heanly, C.S.M. Butler and C.Q.M.S. Coppard.

Committees were elected to represent the various branches of sport enumerated below:—

Football, basket ball, rifle club, boxing, billiards, and indoor games.

The Club have again entered both the West Middlesex Indoor Games League and the Hanwell and District Football League.

The Club is open to receive challenges for any of the above-mentioned sports, and communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the sub-committees concerned, or to the Hon. Secretary, "B" Company, 8th Middlesex Regiment Club, Drill Hall, Churchfield Road, West Ealing.

YELLOW FLASHES.

With the very greatest respect the following comment on the limerick on the subject of musketry at the Depot, appearing under

this heading in the last issue of the Journal, is subscribed:—

If somebody (our Depot's stanchion)
Took lessons in rhyming and scansion
Our Journal I'm sure
Would be read more and more
And achieve most observing expansion.

* * *

The delightful situation of the camp this year at Arundel was appreciated by all. Although we had to leave before the Great Pageant actually took place, we liked seeing knights in armour driving up in their motor-cars for rehearsals.

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By the way, do you know why it is considered dangerous to bathe in the lake in Arundel Park?

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On being asked an unimportant question during Mess in camp, an officer replied: "*****" which was incidentally followed by an uproar and later by the popping of corks. Puzzle: What did the officer say?

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The Officers' Mess Quarters at Hounslow Drill Hall, which have been almost disused for many years, are again to be used for the Mess.

There is a well-appointed dining-room commanding a fine view of the neighbourhood, handsomely furnished, and . . . (Thanks, but I don't want to buy the place—Ed.)

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Dances are now being held at most of the Company Drill Halls, but as far as can be ascertained, no one has yet got "the blues."

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A wireless receiving set is to be installed at the Headquarters Drill Hall; and we already have our loud speaker. The R.S.M. lives there.

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Ours is news please
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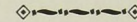
THE SOUTH AND TENTH MIDDLESEX OFFICERS' CLUB.

THE Annual Dinner of the Club will be held on Saturday, December 8th.

Full particulars will be sent to each member of the Club in due course.

Officers of the Old South Middlesex V.R.C. and of the battalions of the Tenth Middlesex, who have not yet joined the Club, may attend the dinner; but a small additional charge will have to be made to non-members to cover incidental expenses.

Applications to join the Club should be made to Major C. Jarrett, D.S.O., T.D., at 440, Strand, W.C.2, the Hon. Secretary.



9th BATTALION NOTES.

YES, we have No-venber!

And with its arrival, the summer camp seems to have faded into the very distant past. But the last number of this Journal had departed to Press before the Battalion had pressed to depart Sussexwards. So we must talk about it in spite of autumnal surroundings.

Discussing the summer camp is an undoubted feat of journalistic art! And this because every battalion will persistently, I feel sure, give exactly the same account of the identical events. The problem, therefore, unfolds to talk of annual training without encroaching upon the news of another battalion. As impossible as trying to make the P.M.C. forget about that extra glass on the mess bill!

Nevertheless, it must be our exclusive news that the sun was shining extra brilliantly when we arrived at Arundel on Sunday morning, July 29th. The march up the castle hill so augmented the energies of the Battalion that the rest of the march was concluded in record speed—on the downward gradient! Strange how easy is the downward path! To dwell upon the situation of the camp, among the charms of one of the beauty spots of Sussex, will be superfluous, for it will no doubt be richly described by at least one or two other battalions, and again by Headquarters. To dwell upon the situation of our own camp,

however, may be our own prerogative, but not of sufficient interest to other Journal readers to warrant it. We must satisfy ourselves with a passing thought of our company officers basking in their shady tents underneath the trees, and having their own little private after-showers from the dripping branches when it rained; of the doctor soundly snoring on a bed six feet above ground-level; and of the Adjutant's regret at seeing conscientious subalterns out of their beds before six ac emma!!! (The report that a subaltern came on to early morning parade with an umbrella has been officially denied; it was merely a suggestion in lieu of what he actually was carrying!) Talking of unofficial matters, the Officers' Voluntary Torchlight Tattoo at 1.30 a.m., assisting the Orderly-Officer to see lights out, was a spectacle of superb splendour. It says much for the bravery of the sentry on duty that he never flinched! The Battalion Press photographers appear to have been busy at odd moments—mostly at very odd moments, and some of the results were—to say the least—startling. We hear that the O.C. "B" Company has taken out a copyright on one negative!

As already stated, it seems somewhat superfluous to debate to great length on the general training, as that would involve the news rights of the whole Brigade. But, seriously, a very profitable fortnight was spent from the point of view of work, and the manœuvres over the hills and valleys of Arundel were most instructive and full of interest, including as they did many new tactical schemes. Night manœuvres also were attempted during the second week. The training areas were situated in ideal country for instructional purposes.

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An interesting lecture was given in the Battalion Mess on one afternoon by an R.A.F. officer, and subsequently several officers were taken over to the aerodrome by motor lorry, and given a practical demonstration with machines. Several had the good luck to get a flight. We hear that Capt. Jack Hewlett—who was one of those thus fortunate—buried the town of Littlehampton with pamphlets while flying over that area. His attempt to use the machine gun on a resident who refused to read any of them was frustrated.

The pageant which took place at Arundel, the week following our departure, was not to be compared with that given by the Battalion in the Mess on guest night!!! The costumes were indeed original!

In the act portraying the prehistoric age, it was noticed that the audience was much touched with sympathy on their reflecting how unpleasantly cold the actors must be. Prehistoric dress is so chilly on a cold summer's night in England in the twentieth century!

Queen Elizabeth was flippantly coy, and seemed to make a point of attempting to "get off with every other male actor who came near to her. But, after all, she was very attractively and regally attired, although we never seem to remember seeing any portraits of her with such features! Still, he couldn't—(I'm sorry, I mean *she* couldn't) help that. The critics may have some justification, when they complain that the acts followed one another in such rapid succession that their senses whirled, but in extenuation it must be mentioned that the stage manager was as hustling as Heffer—(yes, afraid that *is* a chestnut!)—and further, that the audience were patiently waiting for the next drink! The final act, namely, the sitting of the Rump Parliament, had quite a present-day touch about it, and from the disorderly behaviour of the Opposition, it was evident that a Labour Government was *not* in power!

Only the lighter side of the annual training as far as it pertained to this Battalion alone, has here been dealt with, and no doubt a more or less official report of the camp may be read in another part of the Journal.

WILLESDEN TORCHLIGHT TATTOO.

Very bad luck in the way of the elements attended the Torchlight Tattoo performed by the Battalion in King Edward's Park,

Willesden, on Saturday night, September 22nd. The continuous rain prevented a much larger gathering assembling than was the case, but the display was carried out most effectively under the difficult circumstances, and those who were present—both of the Battalion, and their friends and visitors—found it well worth turning up. Probably those who were at Arundel felt that that was a more impressive show, from the point of view of the surroundings and the remarkable effect which was obtained as the bands and the torchlight procession rose above the crest of the ground from the valley, but as Willesden does not possess a charming piece of country for such purposes, the display given was as fine as could be possible without the assistance of Nature. Great credit is due to those who so excellently carried out the show, and perhaps even more still is really due to those who organized and "stage managed" it.

PINNER WEEK-END.

On July 7th-8th "B" and "D" Companies of the Battalion proceeded to Pinner for week-end training. The camp was pitched in an open field, and officers and men slept in the open with the sky as a covering. It carried one back to Flanders six or seven years ago, but that the surroundings of Pinner were somewhat more peaceful.

On the Saturday night several hours' manoeuvres were carried out, one company forming the attack, and one the defence. Considerable disturbance was caused among the sleeping cattle, who at one time joined a certain section of the "enemy" in their charge, scattering them and thereby saving the defending army from so doing!

Very instructive operations were carried out during Sunday, and upon striking camp in the evening, the two Companies marched to Harrow under vanguard conditions.

GENERAL EVENTS.

Other events during the past quarter include "C" Company's dance on September 29th at the Drill Hall, Graham Road, Wealdstone; "D" Company's dances on September 14th and 28th at the Drill Hall, Hendon; and "D" Company's dinner at Hendon on September 29th, and the various football matches (two by "H.Q." Company,

one by "C," and three by "D," four of the six being home matches).

On Tuesday, September 18th, the Commanding Officer gave a lecture and sand-table demonstration at Headquarters, and in October a series of lectures and demonstrations commenced at Pound Lane, which are to take place fortnightly. The first of these was given on Tuesday, October 2nd, by Capt. J. N. Lamont on "Visual Training."

It is hoped that the men will take the advantage of turning up each fortnight.

OBITUARY.

WITH deep regret we have to announce the death of Major L. R. King, late 7th Bn. Middlesex Regiment.

Our readers will be grieved to learn of the tragic death of Capt. Alfred George Andrews, late Middlesex Regiment, who succumbed in Hove Hospital on September

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25th to injuries sustained in a motor-cycle accident.

He joined the 2nd Battalion in 1887, and continued with the Colours for 23 years, serving throughout the Boer War and in India, and retiring in 1910 with the rank of Colour-Sergeant.

During the late war he rejoined and went to France as R.S.M. of a battalion. He was subsequently transferred to a Labour Battalion at home and demobilized in 1919 with the rank of Captain. The deceased officer was a popular figure at charity concerts, at which he appeared under the name of Capt. Drew. He was a captain in the R.F.A. Cadet Corps and an active member of the Hove branch of the British Legion.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Andrews and her daughter in their great bereavement.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mrs. Dymore, wife of Lieut. and Qr.Mr. H. Dymore, M.C., 8th Battalion.

The sad event took place in April last at Hounslow.

Mr. Dymore is left with a family of seven children.

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This coupon to be cut out and forwarded with your list to the Editor, THE DIE-HARDS, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W. 7.

No entry will be considered unless it is received by **December 31st, 1923.**

Entries from the 2nd Battalion must be received by **January 26th, 1924.**

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Lt.-Colonels (2).
2Swainson, F. E. 28Sept.20
1Heath, R. M., C.M.G., D.S.O. 28Sept.20
1Jan.18

Majors (8).
Bicknell, H. P. F., D.S.O. 1Dec.14
1Stewart, W. A., O.B.E. 4Sept.15
1Percy-Smith, D. C., D.S.O., O.B.E. 18Sept.15
2Spence, H. F. 18Sept.15
2Owen, D. C., D.S.O. 4May.16
(1) Goodwin, H., D.S.O. 24July.16
bt. lt.-col. 1Jan.19
d. 1Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. 24July.16
bt. lt.-col. 1Jan.18
2White, P. G. (Detn. Bks.) 4July.18
1Dundas, A. C., O.B.E. (l) 29July.18

Captains (14).
1. Sloane-Stanley, L. F. 14Oct.14
1Browne, M., M.C. (s.c.) 14Nov.14
bt. maj. 1Jan.19
Brown, G. L., D.S.O. (Supdt. Phys. Trng.) 8Dec.14
bt. maj. 3June.19
d. 2Jeffery, W. W. 11Dec.14
1Bennett, R. D., M.C. (l) (War Office) 11Dec.14
s. Tidbury, O. H., M.C. (l) 11Dec.14
d. 1Pargiter, L. L., D.S.O. 11Dec.14
bt. maj. 3June.19
s. Cooper-Key, A. L. 11Dec.14
2Wollocombe, T. S., M.C. 12Dec.14
bt. maj. 3June.18
Lyon, N. H. B., M.C. (Courts Martial Offr.) 6Feb.15
c.a. Applebe, E. N. 17Feb.15
2Moore, R. N. 25Mar.15
Newnham, L. A., M.C. (s.c.), s.c.s. 30Apr.15
bt. maj. 3June.19
2Savile, H. B. W., M.C. 1Oct.15

Majors (8).
1Arnold, A. C., O.B.E., M.C., p.s.c., s. 7Dec.15
bt. maj. 3June.19
Thorp, J. R. (l) 5Jan.19
(1) Phillips, H., M.C. 28Aug.16
1Bucknall, G. C., M.C. 26Aug.16
M.C. (s.c.) 26Aug.16
bt. maj. 3June.19
1Paul, H. W. M., O.B.E., M.C. (s.c.) 26Aug.16
1Horrocks, B. G., M.C. 1Jan.17
2Cursons, G. N. A., M.C. 24Apr.17
1Haydon, C. W., M.C. 25Apr.17
(1) 2Lawrence, F. A. L., M.C. 27May.17
del Court, S. F. W. M., M.C. 28Sept.20
(1) Dallas, J. C., M.C. 22Oct.20
2Whinney, C. T., M.C. 23Mar.21
(1) Procter, N. P., M.C. 1Apr.21
(1) Lyons, E. F., M.C. 18Feb.22
2Garrow, V. J. 25Feb.22

Subalterns (35).

Lieutenants.
2Bailey, F. A. 1Jan.17
2Manson, E. P., M.C., Adj. 1July.17
1Roberts, W. L., M.C. 1July.17
Heffer, H. E., M.C. 1July.17
c.o. Butterfield, H. R. F., M.C. 1July.17
1Nunn, F. J., M.C. 6Aug.17
c.o. Hill, R. L. 21Aug.17
1Bostock, F. E. 2Sept.17
1Dix-Lewis, A. 2Sept.17
d. 1Mirams, S., M.C. 11Sept.17
1Royffe, H. S. 18Sept.17
d. Rackham, B. B., M.C. 13Oct.17
s. Stevens, L., O.B.E., M.C. 13Nov.17
c.s. Charlesworth, J. F. 17Nov.17
1Kempster, G. W. 19Jan.18
d. 2Weller, A. V. 19Jan.18
2Pain, E. T. 19Jan.18
1Dobbs, J. E., M.C. 1Feb.18
1Jones, W. H. V. 16Feb.18
1Pennycook, G. H. C., Adj. 27Apr.18
1Hedgecoe, S. F. 27Apr.18
(1) Parker, F. G. 1June.18
1McCoy, A. M., M.C. (Spec. Appt.) 15Aug.18
(1) 2Clyne, A. 1Nov.18

2Overell, A. N. 1Nov.18
1Clowes, J. H. 1Nov.18
2Chapman, J. R. S. 5Jan.19
1Tait, J. 12Mar.19
2Pater, P. 21June.19
2Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O. 27Aug.19
2Clayden, H. W. 27Aug.19
a.s. Lathwaite, A., D.S.O. 26Sept.19
2Stephenson, G. A. 24Oct.19
2Howell, H. A. A. 24Oct.19
(1) Clark, S. J. 21Feb.20
1Walden, F. 21Feb.20
2Heywood, E. L. 29Feb.20
2Ayscough, E. S. M. 20Dec.20
d. 1Reid, J. G. E. 18July.21
f.c. Colam, E. F. 17Dec.21
f.c. Hudson, E. V. H. 17Dec.21
f.c. Musselwhite, C. C. 16July.22
24Dec.22
1Cubitt, D. Y. 24Dec.22
2Tuckey, P. E. C. 14July.23
1Worton, J. B. 14July.23
2Lambert, H. P. 14July.23
1Gordon, I. D. S. 14July.23

2nd Lieutenant.
1Crawford, M. 23Dec.21

Adjutants (2).
2Manson, E. P., M.C. 18July.22
1Pennycook, G. H. C., lt. 18Mar.23

Quarter-Masters (3).
d. Stock, V. E., M.C. 25Aug.14
capt. 1July.17
1English, J. 25Aug.14
capt. 25Aug.17
2Douthet, R. T., lt. 18June.23

5th Battalion (Militia).

Hon. Colonel
p.s. Rolleston, V. (Hon. Col. ret. Milia.) (Hon. Lt.-Col. in Army T) 2Aug.08
10Mar.03

Majors.
Rooke, C. P., D.S.O., (H) 7Sept.16
5. Owen, H. C., O.B.E., M.C. (S.C.), Capt. ret. pay (Resid. Magistrate, Ireland, 28 Oct. 11) 9Aug.17

Captain.
Schooling, J. H. 3Apr.15

6th Battalion (Militia).

Hon. Colonel.
Mashter, Sir George C. K.C.B., C.M.G., Lt.-Col. ret. pay (Hon. Col. ret. Milia.), t.a. 25Feb.21

Lt.-Colonel.
p.s. Graves, C. A. H., O.B.E. (H) p.v.c. 4Apr.18

Captains.
Josephs, L. H. O. (H) 22Apr.14
Graham-Toler, L. J., M.C. 20Mar.15
Allistone, A. B. W. 20Mar.15
Pechell, H. C. 1Jan.17

7th Battalion (Territorial).

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Bowles, H. F., TD (Hon. Col. ret. Vols.), t.a. 13Aug.04

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p.s. Pank, C. H., C.M.G., D.S.O., TD (H) (Q) t.a. 10May.17
bt. col. 24Jan.23

Major.
Smith, S. C. M., TD (q), t.a. 1June.16

Captains.
Coszar, J. M., TD 23Apr.16
bt. maj. 1Jan.19
Moody, E. T., O.B.E., (l) 1June.16
Mittland, J. K., M.C. 1June.16
Muir, W. E. H., M.C. (s.c.) (Capt. Res. of Off.) 7July.20

Lieutenants.
Hill, C. W. 1June.16
Vickerage, H. G., M.C. 3July.17
Murray, H. A. 9Apr.20
Lindsay, A. S. 5Sept.20
Pringle, W. E., M.C. 21Nov.21
Doigde, L. C. D. 1June.21
Widdicombe, A. G. 7June.22
Cunliffe, E. N. 30Sept.22
Garloch, F. H. 15Oct.22
Collinson, A. S. 9Apr.23

2nd Lieutenant.

Adjutant.

Quarter-Master.
p. Hudson, J. T. H., D.S.O., TD, maj. 7Oct.02
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8th Battalion (Territorial).

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Hon. Colonel.
Garner, W., C.M.G., TD (Lt.-Col. late T.F. Res.) t.a. 5Apr.21

Lt.-Colonel.
Baker, E. E. F., D.S.O., M.C., t.a. 20Feb.23

Major.
Palmer, H. A. 3Nov.18
Parmeter, W. H. 22Apr.22
Young, A. H. 20July.22
Newbery, R. E., M.C. (Prov.) 10Jan.23
Murray, P. F. (Prov.) 28July.23

Lieutenants.
Wells, E. T. W. 2Mar.19
Rees, D. L. 16Dec.21
Boys, R. H. G. 5July22

2nd Lieutenants.
Jewson, D. A. 12Aug.21
Wells, R. B. 29July22
Pattison, P. R. 1Nov.22
Pattison, D. R. 13Nov.22
Murphy, D. B. 7Apr.23
Heanly, R. L. S. W. 28July23

Adjutant.
Thorne, Capt. M.,
Loyal R. 1May22

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Dymore, H., M.C., II.
19Apr.20

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Hon. Colonel.
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10 Jan. 22

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Beach, G., TD (Q) (S)
(H) t.a. 17Aug.22

Major.
Tupper, G. W. H.
TD (H) t.a. 7Jan.21

Captains.
Hewlett, J. H. 1June16
Lamont, J. N., M.C.
(H) 1June16
Findlay, L. F. (H) 25Oct.21
Fox, G. L. 17Aug.22
Scates, A. M. (Prov.) 25Oct.22
Abbott, C. E. (Prov.) 25Oct.22

Lieutenants.
Cleugh, D. W. 14Feb.21
Hardeastle, H. K. 2Feb.23
Hogg, F. G. 31Mar.23
Furlong, I. E. 11May23
Lester, R. M. 28May23
Hewson, A. S. 9June23
Townell, S. H. 25June23

2nd Lieutenants.
Phillips, P. O. 2Dec.20
Wright, L. C. 24Dec.21
Wright, E. W. 24Dec.21
Permain, A. K. 10Jan.22

Adjutant.
Heffer, H. E., M.C.,
Lt. Midd'x R. (temp.
Capt.) 25Aug.20

Quarter-Master.
Rogers, T. G., TD,
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