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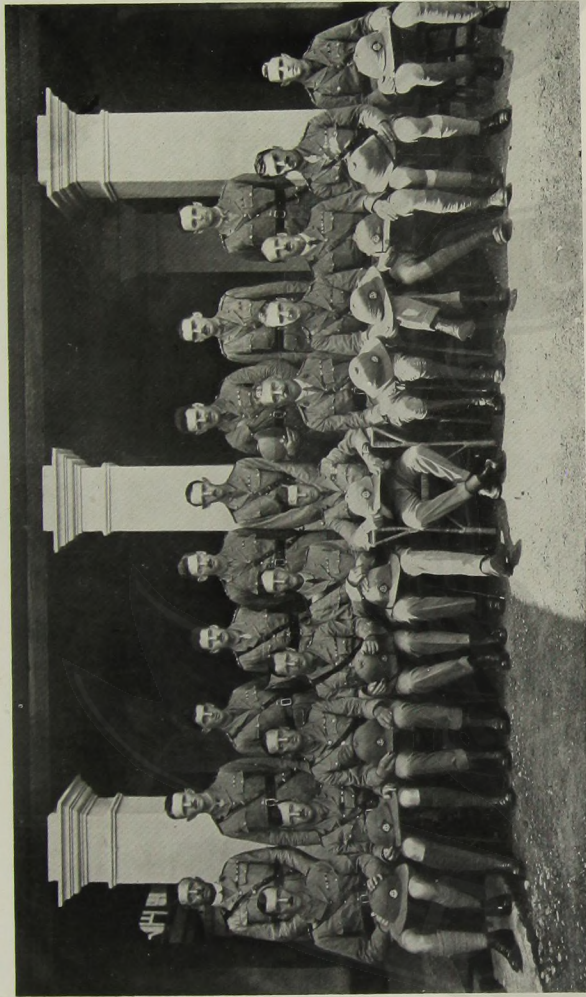
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H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, COLONEL-IN-CHIEF, WITH THE OFFICERS OF THE 2ND BATTALION, SINGAPORE, APRIL 1ST, 1922.

Standing—Capt. H. G. Harding, Lieut. H. A. A. Howell, Lieut. F. T. Pain, Lieut. F. S. M. Ayscough, Lieut. A. N. Overell, Lieut. A. V. Weller, Lieut. F. A. Bailey, Lieut. W. H. V. Jones, and Lieut. E. L. Heywood.
Sitting—Capt. R. N. Moore, Major F. Cross, White Major H. F. Staines, Capt. W. W. Jeffery, Lieut.-Col. F. E. Swainson, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Major W. H. H. Samuel, Bt. Major L. A. Nowellham, M.C., Capt. G. N. A. Cursons, M.C., and Lieut. G. A. Stephenson.

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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," "Serangapatam," "Albuhera," "Ciudad Rodrigo," "Badajoz," "Vittoria," "Pyrenees," "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. (7th 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, and R. Wilts 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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EDITORIAL



WE have much pleasure in wishing our readers a very Happy New Year, and sincerely hope it will prove a successful one for all.

With this number we are introducing a new Cover designed to embody the emblematical devices of the Regiment, and trust it will meet with the approval of our subscribers. In our opinion it is an improvement on its somewhat severe and uninteresting predecessor.

We publish in another column an extract from the *Yorkshire Post* of October 31st, 1923, entitled "A Twentieth Century Sir John Moore," a sketch of our Colonel, General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O. It may not be generally known that the present very successful organization and system of training at infantry depots was originated and introduced by Sir Ivor Maxse.

We wish to thank all those who have answered our appeal to send in contributions for the Journal. It is to be hoped that this response will encourage others to do likewise. Unfortunately, owing to lack of space we regret that a few articles are unavoidably held over until our next issue.

Owing to the complete failure of our readers to show any interest in our competitions we have decided to discontinue them, but shall always be pleased to receive original ideas in this connection.

Only five entries have been received in the football competition. The winners are:—1, No. 6189774 Drummer W. Lazarus, 2nd Bn., Prize £1 10s.; 2, R.Q.M.S. G. H. E. Duffield, Depot, Prize 15s.

It may be of interest to publish details of the circulation of the Journal. The numbers are made up as follows:—

Battalion.	No. of Subscribers.	Peace Establishment excluding Officers.	Percentage.
1st	140	749	18.6
2nd	350	853	41.0
Depot	190	68, excluding recruits	100.0
7th	Nil	617	Nil
8th	39	617	6.3
9th	100	617	16.2
Members of Officers' Club	154	—	—
Retired officers and ex-soldiers	136	—	—
Others	10	—	—

Total circulation for February, 1924, issue is 1,119.

1,200 copies are ordered. Those required for contemporaries, allied regiments and advertisers are taken from the balance. From these figures it will be observed that THE DIE-HARDS is not unanimously supported by all battalions of the Regiment. The total peace establishments for our battalions are 3,521 other ranks. The total number of other ranks subscribing is 819, which gives a little over 23 per cent. of the establishments who are supporting the paper.

Surely the records of the battalions are of sufficient interest to present and past members of the Regiment to induce them all to maintain their Journal by becoming subscribers.

We wish to point out that the price has been reduced to 6d. a copy, and the annual subscription is 2s. a year.

GREAT WAR BATTLE HONOURS, 1914—1919.

IN accordance with Army Order 338 of 1922, a Regimental Committee under the chairmanship of the Colonel of the Regiment, was formed in November, 1922. One representative from each Regular, Territorial, Service and Labour Battalion, which existed during the war, was invited to join this Committee.

The Committee met at the Central Recruiting Office, Whitehall, on December 19th, 1922. After agreeing on the list of honours to which the Regiment is entitled, the Committee proceeded to select the ten honours for emblazoning on the King's Colour. Before discussing any particular honour the Committee agreed to the following principles:—"That, as far as possible, colour battle honours be chosen: (1) To represent all theatres of war in which battalions of the Regiment were engaged; (2) In each year of the war; (3) Without distinction between Regular, Territorial, Service or Labour Battalions."

After considerable discussion ten honours were then unanimously selected as colour battle honours.

The list was then submitted to the War Office. This was afterwards modified by W.O. Letter No. 68/121/2095 of 23/2/23. The amended list has been approved by the War Office Committee on Battle Honours, and submitted to H.M. The King for approval. The Honours selected are as follows; those in italics are Colour Honours:—

LIST OF BATTLE HONOURS CLAIMED BY THE REGIMENT AND APPROVED BY THE WAR OFFICE BATTLE HONOURS COMMITTEE.

THEATRE OF WAR HONOUR—BATTLES—BATTALIONS ENGAGED.

France and Flanders: 1914—1918:—	✓
Mons	1st, 4th ✓
Le Cateau	1st, 4th ✓
Retreat from Mons	1st, 4th ✓
Marne, 1914	1st, 4th ✓
Aisne, 1914	1st, 4th ✓
Aisne, 1918	2nd ✓
La Bassée, 1914	4th ✓
Armentières, 1914	1st ✓
Neuve Chapelle	2nd ✓
Ypres, 1915	3rd, 4th, 1/7th, 1/8th ✓
Ypres, 1917	1st, 2nd, 4th, 1/7th, 1/8th, 1/8th, 3/10th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 18th, 23rd ✓
Ypres, 1918	19th, 20th, 23rd ✓

Gravenstafel	3rd. ✓
St. Julien	3rd. ✓
Frezenberg	3rd, 4th. ✓
Bellewaerde	3rd, 4th. ✓
Aubers	2nd, 1/7th. ✓
Hooge, 1915	4th. ✓
Loos	1st, 3rd, 1/8th, 11th, 13th. ✓
Somme, 1916	1st, 2nd, 4th, 1/7th, 1/8th, 11th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 23rd. ✓
Somme, 1918	2nd, 4th, 1/7th, 1/8th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 23rd. ✓
Albert, 1916	2nd, 4th, 1/7th, 1/8th, 11th, 12th, 16th. ✓
Albert, 1918	4th, 1/7th, 1/8th. ✓
Basentin	1st, 12th, 18th. ✓
Delville Wood	17th. ✓
Pozières	11th. ✓
Ginchy	1/7th, 1/8th. ✓
Flers-Courcelette	1/7th, 1/8th, 19th, 23rd. ✓
Morval	1/8th, 23rd. ✓
Thiepval	12th. ✓
Transloy	1/7th, 1/8th, 11th, 23rd ✓
Ancre Heights	12th. ✓
Ancre, 1916	4th, 12th, 17th. ✓
Ancre, 1918	— ✓
Bapaume, 1917	17th. ✓
Bapaume, 1918	19th, 20th, 21st, 23rd. ✓
Arras, 1917	1st, 4th, 1/7th, 1/8th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 18th. ✓
Arras, 1918	1st, 4th, 1/7th, 1/8th, 13th, 18th, 19th, 23rd. ✓
Vimy, 1917	13th. ✓
Scarpe, 1917	1st, 4th, 1/7th, 1/8th, 11th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 18th. ✓
Scarpe, 1918	1/7th, 1/8th. ✓
Arleux	4th, 17th. ✓
Messines, 1917	13th, 19th, 23rd. ✓
Messines, 1918	20th. ✓
Pilekem	2nd, 12th, 23rd. ✓
Langemarck, 1917	2nd, 1/7th, 1/8th, 12th, 16th. ✓
Menin Road	1st, 23rd. ✓
Polygon Wood	4th, 16th. ✓
Broodseinde	4th, 3/10th. ✓
Poelcapelle	4th, 16th. ✓
Passchendaele	4th, 12th. ✓
Cambrai, 1917	1/7th, 1/8th, 11th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 21st. ✓
Cambrai, 1918	1st, 4th, 1/7th, 13th, 18th. ✓
St. Quentin	2nd, 13th, 23rd. ✓
Rosières	2nd, 13th. ✓
Avre	13th. ✓
Villers Bretonneux	2nd. ✓
Lys	1st, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st. ✓
Estaires	21st. ✓
Hazebrouck	20th, 21st. ✓
Bailleul	1st, 18th. ✓
Kemmel	18th, 19th. ✓
Scherpenberg	19th. ✓
Hindenburg Line	1st, 4th, 1/7th, 1/8th, 13th, 18th. ✓

Messines 14 ✓

Canal du Nord ...	4th, 1/7th, 1/8th. ✗
St. Quentin Canal ...	1st. ✗
Courtrai ...	19th, 20th, 23rd. ✗
Selle ...	1st, 4th, 18th. ✗
Valenciennes ...	13th. ✗
Sambre ...	1st, 4th, 1/7th, 1/8th, ✗ 13th, 18th.
Italy, 1917-18 ...	19th, 23rd. ✗
Italy, 1918 ...	19th, 23rd. ✗
Macedonia: 1915-1918:—	
Struma ...	3rd, 26th. ✗
Doiran, 1918 ...	3rd. ✗
Gallipoli, 1915:—	
Suva ...	2/10th. ✗
Landing at Suva ...	2/10th. ✗
Egypt, 1915, 1916:—	
Suez Canal ...	2/10th. ✗
Rumani ...	2/10th. ✗
Palestine, 1917-18:—	
Gaza ...	2/10th. ✗
Jerusalem ...	2/10th. ✗
Jericho ...	2/10th. ✗
Jordan ...	2/10th. ✗
Tel Asur ...	2/10th. ✗
Mesopotamia, 1917-18 ...	1/9th. ✗
Murman, 1919 ...	No. 1 Special Coy. ✗
Siberia, 1918-1919:—	
Dukhovskaya ...	25th. ✗

Names will appear on the Colours once only, *i.e.*, YPRES, 1915, 1917, 1918. It is probable one other Honour will be added, namely, EL MUGHAR. ✓

A TWENTIETH CENTURY SIR JOHN MOORE.

A SKETCH OF SIR IVOR MAXSE.

By "BARDELL."

(Extract from the "Yorkshire Post.")

(General Sir Charles Harington arrived in York privately on Tuesday evening, October 30th, 1923, and was met at the station by General Sir Ivor Maxse. He will to-day make the acquaintance of the staff at Headquarters, Northern Command, and will enter formally upon his duties as G.O.C. in Chief of the Northern Command in succession to General Maxse, an appreciation of whom we print below.)

THE name of Sir John Moore is familiar to most of the English-speaking race from childhood through Wolfe's immortal poem on his heroic death at Corunna. But to all soldiers his name is even better known as the first great scientific trainer, and as the man who a century ago broke down those wooden drill movements in battle which we had copied from the Prussians,

and who developed in their place the art of skirmishing, which produced soldiers of initiative instead of mere cannon fodder. Ahead of his time, like all military pioneers, he made his officers work and learn their profession, instead of idling in ballrooms and gambling dens. By his ruthless sacking of inefficient and self-satisfied leaders of the "brawn not brains" type, and by his intensive training in the art of skirmishing, he produced the nucleus of the army which won the Peninsular War for us and hurled back from Spain the legions of Napoleon.

Towards the end of the late war, after we had wasted scores of thousands of lives by senseless frontal attacks in dense lines, there emerged a new trainer of men, upon whom had fallen the mantle of Sir John Moore. This was Lieut.-General Sir Ivor Maxse. Going out to France as a brigadier in the "Contemptible Little Army," he rose to command the 18th Division on the glorious—in the spirit of our men—but disastrous 1st of July, 1916, when the Somme offensive opened. His training methods had been adversely criticized, and his outspokenness had not always endeared him to incompetent superiors, but the day justified the man. Almost along our whole line our troops were driven back to their trenches with appalling loss, but alone Maxse's Division penetrated deeply into the German positions, and put out of action a proportion of the enemy greater than its own losses. At last, in 1918, after our disastrous retreat, it was realized that the training of our troops must be modernized and co-ordinated by a single supreme authority. Sir Ivor Maxse was chosen for this, and became the Inspector-General of Training in France.

THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

A man of wide vision, utterly lacking in the narrow Regular prejudices against new methods and new Army men, he surrounded himself with a staff of young enthusiasts, comprising some of the best brains of the new armies and the younger generation of Regulars. He chose as his Assistant Inspector-General one who had been a captain at the start of the war, and who rose to be a general officer before he was 40; a born leader of men and a far-sighted tactician in battle, who had distinguished himself signally in the March retreat by extricating his brigade from the débâcle of the Fifth

Army, and who by his unhurried and steady withdrawal, largely saved our Army from an even greater disaster. Other notable members of his staff were a brilliant New Army officer, who is now a leading light in Sunday journalism, and a young Scottish Rifle officer.

The work of Sir Ivor Maxse and his staff was just beginning to bear fruit during our sustained offensive which brought about the Armistice, when our infantry at last learnt to probe for the enemy's soft spots instead of dashing out their lives in front of his strong points.

Amongst the officers of the New Army Sir Ivor Maxse became a legend. He issued a small brochure entitled "Maxse's Maxims," which circulated amongst sub-altern officers for their instruction, and, incidentally, for their amusement. When trench warfare and the craze for amassing decorations were at their most intense the maxim "No dig—no dec." was universally quoted as an incentive or a satire. His familiar divisional sign, a pair of crossed axes and the letter M—"Maxse's"—was a famous and characteristic expression of his personality.

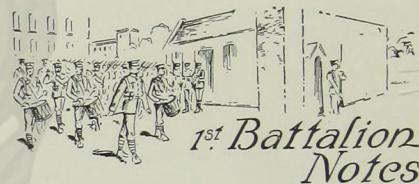
POST-WAR WORK.

With the arrival of peace, Sir Ivor Maxse was appointed Chief of the Northern Command, where he has kept up his efforts towards real economy by striving towards new men and new methods, which shall be a guarantee for the future of quicker results at a less cost in lives—and so of pensions and general war costs. His doctrine is always that anyone who retains inefficient subordinates out of friendship or pity is a traitor to the country, and to the country's purse, because their inefficiency will waste money and lives which might be saved if better men had been promoted. He has been ruthless in scrapping both idlers and conscientious muddlers—who are worse. The dreams of such are apt to be disturbed when he is coming by visions of a bowler hat—the badge of compulsory retirement into civil life.

On the other hand he is as keen and far-sighted in peace as in war in discovering new men and fathering their ideas once he has decided they are sound.

Thus Sir Ivor Maxse has always pursued his goal of efficiency and true economy. A man of unswerving purpose, he has a light-

ning grasp of the essence of any subject, a manner which puts fear into those who have reason to be afraid of him, but which covers a warm and generous heart for those who earn encouragement. He is the dread of the waster and the hope of those who long for the time to come when the Army shall give value in efficiency for the money it costs—which will only come when ability and not mere fossilised seniority are the tests for advancement. That, with his labours but half completed, General Maxse is now about to give up his command, and that there is no post in existence for officers of his rank in connection with training, is a grievous blow to national security.



THE Battalion has now settled down in Aldershot as far as the appalling delay with the heavy baggage has allowed, since everything which has been wanted, especially sports gear, has usually been "in the heavy baggage."

Having just finished one lot of annual and farewell inspections, we arrived just in time for the 1st Brigade Commander's annual inspections, through which the Battalion passed to all appearances satisfactorily, the Transport in particular coming out once more with flying colours. It was unfortunate that for the inspection of the Battalion on parade, a batch of scarlet fever contacts had to parade separately in rear of the Battalion, as did the last draft from the Depot, for, depleted already by the departure of the draft for the 2nd Battalion and by the absence of "A" Company and part of "H.Q." Wing, the appearance of the parade was distinctly "blobby." On October 23rd a draft of about 80, under Capt. Lawrence and Lieut. Clyne, left for the 2nd Battalion, and the draft of the 2nd Camerons, under Lieut. Hickson, which had been attached to us since our arrival, also left for India at the same time.

Heartiest congratulations to Capt. Lawrence on his marriage, which took place lately. Since our arrival many old friends and members of the Battalion have visited us, and we hope to see many more in the course of the next few months.

The satisfactory start made by the various Battalion teams, which are reported elsewhere, are pleasing to report, and we hope that they will be able to live up to their beginning. Boxing is at present our difficulty; there have been many obstacles to training being started and we have been forced to cancel our entry for the Novices' Team Boxing. However, we hope that everything will be flourishing before the Army Team Championships; and with Sergt. Campbell, Sergt. Griffen, Cpl. Fleming, and Cpl. Hawkins, there is no shortage of competent and keen instructors.

With this number we start separate sections for each company's news.

The creation of readable articles and notes is not easy and the more help we can get from everyone, the easier will be our task, but what we want as much as anything is to see the number of subscribers from the 1st Battalion go up by leaps and bounds.

Having no desire to follow the editor of the *Pink Un* to a health resort, I have cut out my limerick, which is a pity as it knocked spots off the one on page 131 of No. 6. [Let's have it next time.—ED.]



On arrival from Cologne the members of the Mess were welcomed and entertained very kindly by the 2nd Bn. The Border Regiment. Our own Mess, for the moment, is in a mess, as it is in the hands of the decorators, but is gradually looking better.

The furniture, etc., which has been at the Depot for some years, has arrived. It has been suggested that our dining-room could also be used as a refrigerator. However, things are improving.

A billiard tournament is in progress, and the result of this and the names of the

"Pokey Die" Kings will be in the next issue.

A dance was held with great success on November 16th; this was a "feeler" to others which will follow.

At present our members are an ever-changing quantity, and our caterer is engaged constantly in subtraction and addition in his books. Sergts. Wood, Hart and King have gone "Way Down East" to join the 2nd Battalion.

Some of our members, especially the single squad have created a good impression, not only in Aldershot but as far away as Guildford. It is believed the attractions are pretty, especially along the canal banks. [Frost on the hedges, I presume.—Battalion Sub-editor.] It is with pleasure that we see that R.S.M. Anderson does not leave us as early as anticipated. We wish he could stay for ever.

We wish our friends a very Prosperous New Year.

CORPORALS' ROOM.

Owing to our still being in an unsettled state from our recent move from Rhineland, and lack of funds, there is nothing interesting to comment upon in the way of amusements.

During the last quarter we have lost the services of Cpl. (Nappy) Ogburn and L./Cpl. (Ben) Sewell to discharge, and also Cpls. Stacey, Hortex, Trapp, Taylor and Overton, for a tour of duty at the Depot, whilst L./Cpl. Osterholm has moved to the Sergeants' Mess on appointment to the rank of Pioneer-Sergeant—congratulations. We have gained the services of Cpl. Fleming and L./Cpl. Henderson from the Depot.

There are two main topics of conversation in the Mess at present. (1) Our chances in the Army Cup (the Mess by the way has a good number of representatives in the Battalion team); (2) When the grass on the billiard table is likely to be cut. In connection with this there are no prizes offered for a correct forecast.

Should the heavy baggage arrive before next quarter, we hope to get the Mess in full swing, and to let you have more news—till then, au revoir.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

1. When is a certain sweater, well-known to all students on the W.T. Class, going to

be washed? or does the owner attach any sentimental value to the grime thereon?

* * *

2. Is the command of the Sanitary Squad to change hands?

"A" COMPANY NOTES.

On October 16th we met "C" Company in the Company League, and were defeated by 7—1.

On the 23rd we played a friendly match v. No. 2 Company 1st Bn. Welsh Guards. The teams were evenly matched, and a very clean game ended in a draw, 2—2.

On October 26th a friendly was played against the Prince of Wales's Company of the Welsh Guards. A hurricane gale made good football impossible.

In the first half both teams scored for the opposing side, and at half-time the score was 2—2. The second half opened with plenty of dash by "A" Company, and goal after goal was piled up, the score ending 8—2 in our favour.

The new centre half, Sergt. Tisdale, who only arrived from the Depot in the morning, played very well, and kept the team together. L./Cpl. Williams had a lucky day and bagged plenty of goals. Clean football and good sportsmanship were shown by both teams throughout.

"A" met "B" next in the Company League, and after their severe defeat by "C" Company, had re-organized their team. The changes proved beneficial. The first half, which was of a scrambling nature, saw "A" Company three goals up and they continued to bombard "B" Company's goal in the second half; "B" broke away at times, but the ball soon returned to the other end. "A" Company ran out winners by 7—0.

Sergts. Spiers and Tisdale and Pte. Fletcher (36) worked well together in defence and a little more combination, especially on the wings, should see "A" Company well in the running for the Company League. A word of praise must be said for Pte. Stemp of "B" Company, who worked very hard, but who was beaten before the end of the game, probably owing to his strenuous games of the three preceding days.

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

As this is our first attempt at journalism, we ask for forgiveness for any shortcomings and we hope to improve as we go on. After

arriving from Cologne, we are fairly well settled, and could be more comfortable were the coal issue doubled. But perhaps the Q.M. is concentrating on the Tropics, and has overlooked Jack Frost! (I wonder?)

After a fusilade of mops, brickdust, "Bluebell" and "Pawny," we came out with flying colours on our new Brigade Commander's barrack-room inspection. But still we hope to improve.

Now for the great "I am," Soccer. Our team is:—Pte. Shepherd; Cpl. Hawkins, Pte. Puttick; Pte. Batt, Sergt. Farrow, Cpl. Warren; Major Bucknall, Lieut. Worton, Pte. Rider, Pte. Hamer, Pte. Nicholls (93).

Results to date:—

v. "A" Coy., 16/10/23; won 7—1.

v. "B" Coy., 20/10/23; won 3—2.

v. "Q" Coy., 2/11/23; won 9—0.

v. "G" Coy., 8/11/23; won 4—3.

v. No. 4 Coy. Welsh Guards, 26/10/23; lost 4—6.

Taking all things into consideration we think that with periodical injections of *esprit de corps* we shall be able to give all comers a good reception.

Just a word of congratulation to our Company's trio, in the Regimental team. Cpl. Jones, L./Cpl. Scales, and L./Cpl. Bolden. All have done excellent service to the team up to date, and we wish them the best of success in the near future. We must not forget our old friends who have gone to fields afar and we wish them the greatest success in the 2nd Battalion. By the way, we have a good number of the late members of the 2nd Battalion here, and perhaps later will insert an old comrades' group.

A FEW PARAGRAPHS FROM FAMOUS WRITERS, WITH COMMENTS.

Absence.—"Absence makes the heart grow fonder." ("Isle of Beauty," Bayly). Ask the Company Commander.

Alcohol.—"Crime may almost be said to be concentrated alcohol." ("The Use of Life," Lubbock.) I wonder?

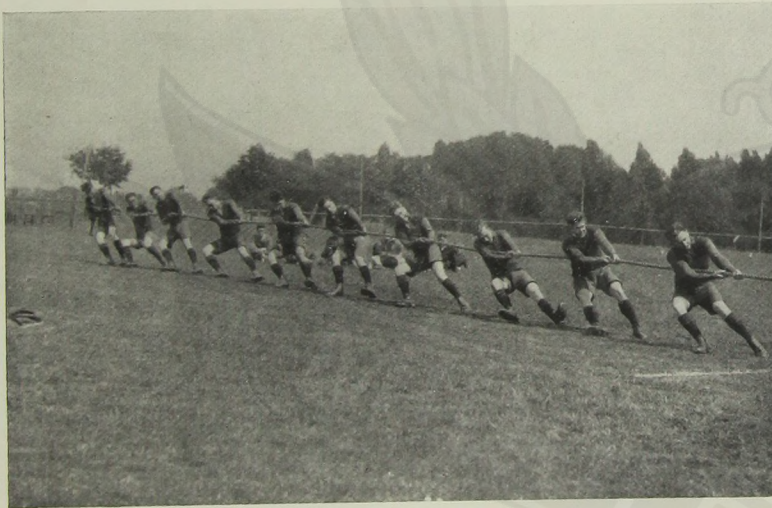
Books.—"Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." ("Essays," Bacon.) Ask the W.T. Cadre.

Borrowers.—"Neither a borrower nor a lender be, for loan oft loses both itself and friend." (*Hamlet*.) "Take heed."

Fools.—"The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool." (*As you Like It*.) "Remember."



1ST BATTALION FOOTBALL TEAM.



1ST BATTALION TUG-OF-WAR TEAM.

Trusting in the efforts of the editorial staff at "H.Q.," we hope our efforts will appear in time to wish all our readers a prosperous New Year.

Cheerio everybody until our next issue. Yours "Hopeful."
[Well done, "C" Company.—EDITOR.]

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

Owing to the Company proceeding on leave shortly after our arrival in Aldershot, there is very little of note to report. L./Sergt. Shepherd and Pte. Aldridge have rejoined after a prolonged stay on the Rhine, recuperating.

We congratulate Sergt. Stevenson on his splendid report from the School of Administration, and wish him success in his Master Cook's examination.

The football team is as strong as ever, as seen by the following results:—*v.* "Q" Company, won 5—1; *v.* "G" Company, won 4—1.

The team is: L./Cpl. Skeats; L./Cpl. Lewis (captain) and L./Cpl. Sewell; Pte. Holden, L./Cpl. Swindon, and Pte. Attridge; Pte. Barber, Pte. Johnson, L./Cpl. Puddephalt, Pte. Gibson, and Pte. Taylor.

We regret that we are losing L./Cpl. Sewell and Pte. Holden not only at football, where we hope L./Cpl. May and Pte. Hornett may prove able substitutes, but in every other way.

As regards other sports more will be heard later, as all are training; boxing under Cpl. Fleming; cross-country, L./Cpl. Shelton; and hockey, L./Cpl. Lewis.

"H.Q." WING NOTES.

Neither Group seems to be able to have any success at present with their games, and something seems lacking this season. It does seem from observation of several football matches that if there was less talk and more play in some of the games, a better result might have been obtained.

At present the Drums are on leave, so "A" Block is fairly quiet.

The Band and Drums are now in possession of "Reds" and I am wondering who has the most padding. Really they have developed some fine chests.

Headquarters are well represented in the Battalion football team, possessing as they do five of the players.

The Machine Gunners have been on leave, but they possess a promising football team, and will make themselves felt very soon.

Results:—

"G" *v.* "D"; lost, 1—4.

"G" *v.* "B"; draw, 2—2.

"Q" *v.* "D"; lost, 1—5.

"Q" *v.* "C"; lost, 0—9.

Machine Gunners *v.* 2nd Border Regt. Machine Gunners; lost, 2—3.

BATTALION SPORTS.

FOOTBALL.

It would be quite impossible to give a detailed account of each game played by the Battalion, and although one or two of the league games will merit an account, we shall have to confine our enthusiastic efforts to a few remarks only.

After such practice as could be snatched, when the groundsman wasn't watching, and a few practice games, the Battalion team played their first match in the League on October 24th, *v.* R.E. Troops, and lost 1—2. Considering that the team had not found its feet properly on grass after so long playing on gravel, etc., the result was not bad and on the run of play it was not better than they deserved. In the return game on November 24th, we defeated them 6—0, Sergt. Cullen securing no less than five goals. On the 27th we defeated the 1st Bn. Grenadier Guards 7—2. The game was played in a stiff wind, and throughout there was no comparison in the way the two teams controlled the ball; whilst on the heavy ground our men made the heavier and more unwieldy Guardsmen look very slow.

On the 30th we followed this with a 4—0 victory over the 2nd Bn. The Border Regiment. This was a poor game, in which the football never reached a high standard.

The R.A.M.C. Depot on November 3rd defeated us 5—2 on our own ground. Although led by 3—0 at one time, it looked as though the situation might be retrieved when two goals were put on in rapid succession, and from the attacked we became the attackers. However, our hopes were short-lived, and the R.A.M.C. decided matters by adding two goals to which we failed to reply.

On November 10th we met the cup holders, the R.A.S.C., and won a great game, 4—3, after being two goals down at half-time.

This was followed on November 14th by a 5-2 victory over the Service Companies R.A.S.C., and on November 17th a great win of 2-0 against the R.A.M.C. in the return match, which only wonderful goal-keeping by the R.A.M.C. goalie prevented from being a much larger win.

On November 21st we met the 2nd Battalion of the Tank Corps in the 1st Round of the Army Cup, and after a poor game won by 2-1. We congratulate the team on coming out victorious, but hope that before the next round they will have again found the form which was shown against the R.A.S.C. Depot and R.A.M.C. There was little doubt from the start which side should win, as we remained continually in the Tanks' half, with every forward in turn having shots, but every shot went wide, most of them very wide, though a couple by Hance were very nearly the goods. At last, Bartropp found the net with a beautiful shot, and at half-time we led 1-0.

In the second half the play continued in much the same fashion. Bartropp was injured and had to leave the field for a while, but was able to return after a few minutes. From a penalty kick Baker scored with a hard shot, 2-0, but a few minutes afterwards the Tanks replied 2-1, and the score remained unchanged until time blew.

L./Cpl. Norman, in goal, was, as usual, good and brought off at least one fine save, though on the whole he was seldom pressed. Sergts. Campbell and Baker at back worked well together, and if inclined to take risks at times, were usually sound. The halves kept the Tank forwards well under control, and their task was made easier by the absence of the Tank outside right, who was injured before half-time, and was unable to return.

For the last twenty minutes or so L./Cpl. Bolden had to drop back into the half line as Cpl. Jones was ordered off the field.

Of the forwards, Bartropp showed plenty of speed and dash, and was well fed by Beaney. With more practice together these two look like making a useful wing. Hance in the centre, was not at his best, and could not find the net with his shots.

Sergt. Cullen worked hard and did some useful things, but like Hance, his eye was out.

Colours have been awarded to:—L./Cpl. Sammons, Cpl. Jones, L./Cpl. Norman, L./Cpl. Phelps, and Pte. Hance.

Congratulations to L./Cpl. Sammons on playing for the Command *v.* Reading, and United Services, Portsmouth; to Pte. Bartropp on playing for the Command *v.* R.M.C., Sandhurst; and L./Cpl. Phelps, on playing for the Command *v.* United Services, Portsmouth.

Sergts. Goodwin and Anderson have passed their referees' examination; good luck to them in their most important and difficult job.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

ARMY CUP: 2ND ROUND.

1st Middlesex *v.* 2nd Rifle Brigade.

On December 12th the Middlesex Regiment entered the 3rd round of the Army Cup at Aldershot when they defeated the Rifle Brigade by 3-1. Superior combination gave the Middlesex a pronounced advantage in the first half, and they crossed over 2 goals in the lead. Subsequently the Rifemen, who until then had been playing wildly, showed a wonderful improvement, and made a hard fight for it. Hance, Cullen, and Beane scored for the winners, and Ross-Gower obtained the Rifemen's only goal.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The Rugger XV has again got going, and after a few practice games within the Battalion and against other teams, has launched out on its League and Army Cup career.

Three League games have been played so far:—

November 1st, *v.* R.Es.; won, 21-6.

November 5th, *v.* R.A.S.C.; draw, 13-13.

November 8th, *v.* R.F.A.; won, 23-3.

November 20th, *v.* Border Regiment; won, 16-4.

The form shown by the XV in the game *v.* R.A.S.C., was the best produced since the team started, especially by the forwards, amongst whom Ptes. Stemp and Hatchett show enormous improvement, whilst a very useful find has been made in L./Cpl. Henderson, who arrived with a recent draft from the Depot, and who made a successful debut at back against the R.A.S.C. It is unfortunate the pack is so light, but as more players are found, and they are increasing, some heavy-weights may appear to remedy this.

ARMY CHALLENGE CUP: 1ST ROUND.

1st Middlesex Regt. *v.* R.E. (Aldershot)

Playing on the old Dogger Bank ground at Aldershot on Tuesday, December 4th, the Middlesex outplayed the Sappers in this first round tie by 3 goals and 3 tries (24 points) to nil. J. R. B. Worton, the Harlequin scrum-half, was the mainstay of the winning side, whose superiority in the three-quarter line was very pronounced. Capt. Haydon, who played on the right wing, was their best "three," and two of the five tries which he secured were the outcome of magnificent runs, in each of which he tricked half-a-dozen opponents. Capt. Paul crossed for the remaining try. Worton improved on the final three tries of the match. Lieut. Lindsay worked tremendously hard in the Sappers' pack, and Hilton, their back, also played a grand game. At the interval the "Die-Hards" led by 2 tries to love.

1st Middlesex Regiment Team:—L./Cpl. Henderson, Capt. Haydon, Capt. Paul, Lieut. Clowes, Cpl. Hawkins; Lieut. Cubitt, Lieut. Worton; Lieut. Pennycook, Capt. Horrocks, Sergt. Lambert, Ptes. Batt, Stemp, Hatchett, Fisk, and Howse.

On December 18th the Battalion defeated the 1st Bn. Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment by 6 points to nil in the 2nd Round of the Army Cup.

On January 18th the Battalion entered the 4th Round by defeating the R.A.S.C. at Aldershot by 13 points to 3.

HOCKEY.

The calls of Soccer and Rugger, and the inconvenient dates the ground has been allotted to us have seriously handicapped the advance of hockey, and after only one Battalion game we were faced with our first round in the cup *v.* the 2nd Bn. The Border Regiment. This took place on November 23rd. The result was a win for us 3-0 after a pleasant struggle. Hockey was practically impossible, but a fair imitation was produced.

There was little change in the team from last year, but Lieut. Clowes moved up into the forward line, where he scored two of our goals, and Cpl. Jones made a very successful appearance at half, where he played a very sound game. Pte. Woods, of "A" Com-

pany, in goal, and another new comer to the team, were never severely tried but did all that was asked of them well.

The team was: Pte. Woods, Lieut. Dobbs, C.Q.M.S. Tulley, Capt. Paul, Capt. Procter, Cpl. Jones, L./Cpl. Murphy, Lieut. Clowes, L./Cpl. O'Brien, Sergt. Farrow, L./Cpl. Green.

BIRTHS.

ANDERSON.—On 16/10/23, at Gravesend, the wife of 6188555 R.S.M. H. Anderson, M.C.—a daughter, Rosalind Audrey.

BRAY.—On 21/11/23, at Sheffield, the wife of 6188661 Cpl. J. Bray—a daughter, Margaret Elaine.

BURLING.—On 21/10/23, at Cologne, the wife of 6190902 L./Cpl. W. Burling—a son, Ronald William.

CLARKE.—On November 9th, 1923, at Mill Hill, to L./Sergt. and Mrs. Clarke—a daughter, Mavis Jeane.

CLAYDON.—On 29/9/23, at Cologne, the wife of 6189246 Pte. C. Claydon—a daughter, Gwendolyn Joan.

GRAY.—On 21/11/23, at Aldershot, the wife of 6188576 C.Q.M.S. W. Gray—a daughter, Winifred Margaret.

KING.—On 25/9/23, at Depot, the wife of 6189041 Sergt. C. King—a daughter, Evelyn Maud.

LUDLOW.—On 22/8/23, at Guildford, the wife of 6188987 Pte. A. Ludlow—a son, Albert Arthur.

ROBBINS.—On 30/9/23, at Military Families Hospital, Lindenthal, Cologne, the wife of 6191726 Cpl. E. Robbins—a daughter, Doris Gwendoline.

SPEAKES.—On 17/10/23, at Folkestone, the wife of 6189923 Sergt. F. Speakes—a daughter, Mary Kate Elizabeth.

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

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Promoted Colour-Sergeant (C.Q.M.S.)

6191836 A./C.Q.M.S. J. Cook, "H.Q." 12/10/22.

Promoted Sergeant and Appointed Pioneer-Sergeant.

6191209 L./Cpl. V. Osterholm, "H.Q.," 18/10/23.

Promoted Corporals.

6189247 A./Cpl. (L./Sergt.) G. Cullen, "H.Q.," 20/8/21.

6189019 A./Cpl. J. Steward, "A," 1/4/23.

6190707 A./Cpl. G. Macdonald, "A," 1/4/23.

6192105 A./Cpl. A. Lawrence, "C," 1/4/23.

6193259 A./Cpl. C. Warren, "C," 1/4/23.

6194301 A./Cpl. A. Jones, "A," 10/4/23.

Appointed Paid Lance-Corporals.

6188829 L./Cpl. A. Carter, "H.Q.," 27/9/23.

6191840 L./Cpl. A. Stenning, "H.Q." 6/9/23.

Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporals.

6193363 Pte. R. Challis, "H.Q.," 24/9/23.

6189232 Pte. A. Short, "B," 8/10/23.

6192321 Pte. T. Sewell, "B," 8/10/23.

6191255 Pte. T. Mills, "B," 8/10/23.

6194191 Pte. W. Millberry, "B," 8/10/23.

6191797 Pte. H. Rust, "C," 8/10/23.

6191249 Pte. A. Bolden, "C," 8/10/23.

6188013 Pte. A. Wallace, "C," 8/10/23.

6193565 Pte. J. Frost, "C," 8/10/23.

6195658 Pte. A. Mansfield, "C," 5/10/23.

7812814 Pte. W. Ravenall, "C," 5/10/23.

6194548 Pte. E. Jenkins, "A," 13/10/23.

748814 Pte. J. Henderson, "A," 3/11/23.

THE LANGUAGE QUESTION

THE difficulty of communicating one's wishes to a foreigner, who has neglected to learn English, is well known to all who have served in countries where even the little children speak only their own language.

This difficulty is frequently overcome by the British soldier, but, as the following true examples will show, even his resource may, at times, be ineffective.

Some twenty years ago, the 3rd Battalion was stationed at Middelburg in the Transvaal. Manœuvres in that somewhat solate land involved the covering of vast

distances and splendid training in "foot-slogging." On one occasion a private of "G" Company, thoroughly lost himself. After an hour or two of silent (?) contemplation of the illimitable veldt, a Boer farmer drove by in a Cape-cart.

Here was a priceless opportunity of extracting information from an inhabitant.

"Hi, mister," said Pte. Galloway, "have you seen the Army anywhere?"

"I do not understand," replied the Boer in Dutch.

"Well, have you seen the soldiers?"

"I do not understand."

"Well, have you seen any blokes like me abaht?"

The second incident occurred on the arrival of the 3rd Battalion at Hong-Kong a year or two later. During disembarkation, a soldier, heavily laden with baggage, dropped a kit-bag, and exclaimed to a Chinese coolie standing by:—

"Here, boy, give me a hand with that kit-bag," and as the coolie only stared at him uncomprehendingly, added more fiercely, "and put some jeldee into it!"

"They only speak Chinese, mate," said a comrade standing near; "it's no good talking to them in Hindustani."

C. D. D.

To the 2nd/10th Bn. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (Duke of Cambridge's Own.)

1914-1920.

In those days so long ago, when we left to fight the foe,
We were dumped upon the beach of Suvla Bay;

And the Hun and Turk together made it very dirty weather,

And did their best to terminate their stay,
Night and day they kept us hopping and they wondered at our stopping,

As they rained their iron rations on our lines.
Ah! the heat and flies and thirst, then the "Blizzard" did its worst,

And we'll never quite forget those horrid times.

Then of the desert we'd a spell, and we thought it was like hell,

When the "khamsin" scorched our eye-sight into dark,

And the trenches made one day, had vanished quite away

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR WILLIAM FORBES GATACRE, K.C.B., D.S.O.

(AN APPRECIATION.)

By Col. G. W. W. SAVILE, C.B.E., D.S.O.

WILLIAM FORBES GATACRE was gazetted as an ensign in the 77th Foot (now 2nd Battalion Middlesex Regiment) on February 18th, 1862, and joined the regiment at Hazarebagh in Bengal in June the same year, but the regiment very shortly afterwards moved to Allahabad. Gatacre was described by one who knew him well, as being "strong willed, with a quick determination to succeed, combined with a very kindly disposition, and a great charm of manner, and who even in the hottest weather was always cool, smiling, and good tempered." He was also all his life a man of energy, and never asked others to undertake anything that he was not prepared to do himself.

After being only two years in India he passed the Higher Standard in Hindustani, being the top of a batch of twenty-two officers.

In 1866, when the 77th Regiment was at Peshawar, Gatacre took six months' leave to Kashmir, where he did a good deal of shooting and sketching, at which he was very clever. He also managed to visit the Burra Lama, who had just arrived from Lhasa, and pay a flying visit to the Salt Lakes, which meant riding and walking fifty-eight miles in one day, no small undertaking in India.

In 1867 Gatacre, who had suffered a good deal from Indian fever, was sent to England, and was posted to the depot, then stationed at Pembroke Dock.

In 1870 Gatacre managed to get to the Continent during the Franco-Prussian War (without leave from the War Office, I gather), and saw some of the battlefields and the town of Metz. Writing from there he said: "I mean to attach myself to the English ambulance if I can see anything more by doing so."

In 1873 Captain Gatacre was admitted to the Staff College and when there he acted as Whip to the Drag Hounds, and was described by the Master as "the best who ever turned hounds for me."

In 1874, at the final examination, he passed out of the college with special honours in

When the Sand Afrits had played their little lark.

It was digging and sand filling, and the marching very killing

In spite of "wire shoes" and "rabbit roads,"
But in time, like Israelites, after many little fights

We saw the Promised Land and Huns' abodes,

On the hills of Gaza we had a ruddy kind of spree

And wrote the Regimental name in blood.

From the sea coast to the hills, they tried everything that kills,

And we'd heat and cold and thirst and miles of mud,

At Khuweilfeh there occurred a battle you've not heard,

(But those who bore the brunt cannot forget)

For the news-sheets of that day sung some more congenial lay,

But the Turk was routed out and fairly bet,
And words they fail me quite to describe

that lurid fight,
For the water all ran out, and we couldn't speak or shout,

And "though quite insane with thirst we held the line,

For the "Die-Hards" proved their name and added to their fame,

On that burning, rocky death-swept bloody time.

There's the barren hills we tried, from Hebron to Obeid;

And the Holy Days of rain in Bethlehem.

Mount of Olives and White Hill (And our dead they lay there still)

But "we only had a picnic that fought the Moslem?"

There's little Tel Asur, 3,000 feet, that's sure,
And we pushed the line as far as it did go,

Until there came the day when the Turk broke away

And the mounted troops took over all the show.

Now the war is o'er, we've reached old England's shore,

And some will never be the same again,

The state of things we find shows the nation still is blind,

To the value of the Soldier or the Sailor on the main,

How often have we said how we wished we'd joined the dead,

When we fail our old positions to regain.

VAUGHAN BATESON,

M.O., 2nd/10th Middlesex Regt.

military drawing and surveying, and was at once offered the post of Professor at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, which he took up in the following year.

His popularity amongst the cadets was very great; they were fascinated by his singular and brilliant personality—one of them tells how he seemed more one of themselves than the other professors; and another tells us that he had such a hero-worship for Captain Gatacre that he applied for the 77th Regiment in order to serve with him. After serving for four years as military instructor he was appointed temporarily to the post of D.A.Q.M.G. on the Headquarter Staff at Aldershot.

In 1880 Captain Gatacre rejoined his regiment at Dover from the Staff, and in August the same year he sailed with his regiment for India, as our misfortune at Maiwand hastened their departure.

The regiment landed at Bombay, and it is evident that Gatacre's reputation had preceded him, as within a month of his arrival he was placed on the staff of the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, with headquarters at Secunderabad.

Later he was appointed acting Military Secretary to General the Honourable Arthur Hardinge, who was Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Army.

At the conclusion of his time with General Hardinge he was sent to act as A.Q.M.G. to the Burmese Division under General H. Prendergast, V.C.

In 1883 he rejoined his regiment as second-in-command, the regiment then being stationed in Rangoon.

In June, 1884, Gatacre was appointed to command the 77th Regiment, then renamed the 2nd Middlesex Regiment, and although nothing of great importance happened during the time he was in command, he made his mark as a great commanding officer, and his old adjutant (the late Major-General N. W. Barnardiston, C.B.), writing of him, says: "I never served under a better or more efficient commanding officer, nor have I come across one during my experience on the Staff."

Gatacre never made difficulties. I remember one of the Staff officers who was with him in Poona saying to me "Gatacre always says 'There is no difficulty' whenever he is asked if anything can be done."

In 1885 Gatacre was appointed D.Q.M.G. with the headquarters of the Indian Army

under Sir Frederick Roberts, who had just succeeded Sir Donald Stewart as Commander-in-Chief in India.

In 1888 he took part in the Black Mountain Expedition, which was under General McQueen, and on one occasion he made his way on foot over the mountains from his headquarters to Kanhur, where the River Column had its headquarters, in order that he might obtain some information for his G.O.C. The distance was some fourteen miles over high mountains and deep valleys, and he had with him an escort of fifty men of the Khyber Rifles. He left his camp at 6 a.m. and reached his destination by 12 noon, and at 2 p.m. Colonel Gatacre decided to return to his headquarters with the information he had obtained. This so startled his escort that only half of them were able to start back with him and they were dead beat half-way up the mountain; but here he accidentally picked up a fresh escort and arrived at his headquarters at 11 p.m., Gatacre being the only man who had succeeded in doing the double journey in the one day. This achievement was considered worthy of a mention in despatches, and for the campaign he received the D.S.O., which was then a new order.

In 1889 Colonel Gatacre was sent to Burma to command the Mandalay Brigade during the absence of Sir George Wolsley.

In 1890 he was appointed Adjutant-General to the Bombay Army with the temporary and local rank of Brigadier-General, Sir George Greaves then being its Commander-in-Chief.

In 1894 Gatacre was appointed General Officer Commanding Bombay District, which command he held for over three years, but during that time he was away for six months on active service in Chitral, in command of the 3rd Brigade of the Chitral Relief Force under Sir Robert Lowe. The object of this expedition was to relieve Sergeant-Major Robertson, I.C.S., and the garrison, who were shut up in the Fort of Chitral. The force advanced over the Malakand Pass and had some 185 miles to travel up and down mountain roads and passes, but before General Lowe's force reached its destination, the garrison was relieved by another column, under Colonel Kelly, who had advanced via Giljet.

The 3rd Brigade, however, was sent on to Chitral and an officer writes of Gatacre: "I have seen a good deal of active service,

but nowhere have I met any officer, either of higher or lower rank, who more completely gave himself up to ensure the comfort of the troops under his command."

For his services in this campaign Gatacre was awarded the C.B.

In 1896 he proceeded to Quetta to officiate in command of the Quetta District, during the absence of General Galbraith, which lasted for six months, during which time he personally led a party who captured three Baluchi murderers and this led to the following letter from Sir George White, the Commander-in-Chief in India: "I congratulate you on the way in which you managed and executed the capture, and I am very glad to know we have General Officers Commanding 1st Class Districts who take to the Hills for amusement, but I must also say that I don't think the job was quite one for a G.O.C. to conduct personally."

In 1897 Gatacre was back in Bombay fighting the Plague, when some 45,886 natives perished. Only this year I met a Bombay civilian who was on the Plague Committee with Gatacre and he told me he had never met anyone so hard-working and energetic as he was. The Plague was finally stamped out by July, when he was presented with five testimonials from the different sects in Bombay, one of them being a casket presented by the citizens of Bombay. Gatacre next proceeded to England where he had been appointed to command a brigade at Aldershot, when H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was then G.O.C.

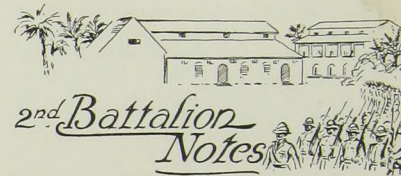
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ARMY VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

OVERSEAS SETTLEMENT COURSE.

It is officially stated that soldiers who have no reserve service to complete their engagements are eligible for the Overseas Settlement Training Course during the last six months of their service, provided that accommodation is available for them at Catterick.

Information regarding settlement of ex-soldiers in Canada and Australia, is to be brought to the notice of all men about to leave the Service in time to permit of applications being made for admission to the special courses of instruction at Catterick.



SERGEANTS' MESS.

SINCE our last notes we have suffered the trials and troubles of a move to India. I am not going to enlarge on them, suffice to say we are glad it is over.

Our last few weeks in Singapore were made enjoyable by the energies of our sportsmen, who carried all before them. I leave it to our sports representative to tell you how we won the Singapore Cup and the Senior League for the second year in succession, and the Junior League, all of which are football competitions.

Our Mess also performed very well in the Garrison Tennis League by finishing second to the R.G.A., who were worthy champions by virtue of being unbeaten. Our final figures were:—Played, 8; won, 6; lost, 2.

We held our usual monthly tournaments each month, billiards and euchre being the fancy. The "belts" once more changed hands, Sergt. Hills and Follenfant being the new holders.

Our farewell dance was a great success, a great deal of credit being due to our energetic committee, of which Sergt. Hills was the President. The A./G.O.C. and Staff, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Swainson, and all officers honoured us with their presence. Our friends, both civil and military, turned up in great strength, and a very enjoyable evening finished with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

During the evening, Sergt. Hart gave a dancing exhibition, introducing the latest fox-trot. A competition is in progress to give it a name. (There will be no prizes.)

Our departure from Singapore per H.M.T. *Derbyshire* was the signal for another gathering of the clans. Quite a crowd turned up to wish us *bon voyage*.

In leaving Singapore we left behind Sergts. Wayte and Follenfant, who have left the Regiment to take up civilian employment in the States.

An excellent voyage with a ten-hour stop at Colombo, saw us arrive at Bombay at dawn on October 16th. We disembarked

at once and left by train in two parties at night. At Bombay Bandmaster Cooke left us to proceed to the United Kingdom for discharge after 15 years as our bandmaster. We wish both himself and his family the best of good fortune in their future life. We hear that he received information while at Bombay that his mother had died, and I take this opportunity of offering on behalf of the Mess as a whole, our deepest sympathy. Sergt. Wilcockson also left us at Bombay to proceed on a tour of duty at the Depot. We shall undoubtedly see more of him in years to come.

Of the points, good and bad, of Ahmednagar as a station, I am at present unable to say much, but we generally settle down well and hope to make good friends here as elsewhere.

In conclusion I forward an extract of Regimental Part II Orders, and offer the congratulations of the Mess members to those who have gained the promotion.

No. 6188421 C.Q.M.S. H. Baker, D.C.M.: Promoted W.O. Class 2, and appointed C.S.M.I.M., 10/1/23.

No. 6188655 C.Q.M.S. S. Cox: Promoted W.O. Class 2, and appointed C.S.M., 9/7/23.

No. 6191658 Sergt. C. Davis: Promoted Colour-Sergeant, and appointed C.Q.M.S., 1/12/22.

No. 6188426 Sergt. G. Wigginton: Promoted Colour-Sergeant, and appointed C.Q.M.S., 10/1/23.

CORPORALS' MESS.

It is gratifying to be able to record that since our last notes went to press, there has been evinced a considerable forward trend to the activities of the Juniors on the sports field; and it is our very pleasant duty here to recount that out of the nebulous haze of the Corporals' quondam lack of interest in this side of the Mess's welfare, has arisen a splendid keenness on the part of hitherto undreamed-of sportsmen to be given a chance to play for the Mess. Of course, the arrival of new sports gear had a great deal to do with it; for after all, one cannot play football without a ball, or cricket with a walking out cane and three chalk marks on the wall. Anyway, we are now in a position to say to any respectable team, "Come on and play us at anything you like."

We hope that this pleasing state of affairs may continue, believing, as we do, that

sport is the factor which binds men together in good fellowship, and makes not only for greater physical efficiency, but also for that mutual support and comradeship so invaluable to any organization.

CRICKET.

On July 22nd the Junior N.C.Os. played the Officers of the Battalion, this being one of a triangular series of matches between the Officers, Sergeants, and Corporals. The match was played in perfect weather and the ground was beautiful. The Officers batted first, and were disposed of for a total of 75 runs. Of the 192 runs compiled by the Corporals, L./Cpl. "Pedlar" Palmer was responsible for 68 (retired), and L./Cpl. "No Ball" Mountfort—he of the *vox profundo*—for 24.

Next to meet their fate were the Sergeants on July 25th; and again the laurels of victory rested with the Juniors. Palmer was, as usual, the Goliath of the day, taking 5 wickets for 8 runs, and adding 57 to the winning score. Cpl. Harry Myland came next with 16.

There was an inter-room match on August 26th, which surely was the funniest thing ever. The opposing teams were under the care of L./Cpls. Davis and French respectively. The first event of note was the appearance of one of Davis's team at the wicket, padded and gloved and fiercely determined to do or die in the noble cause of King Willow. It was only when the first ball had been delivered that it was discovered that poor old Darkie had gone in out of his turn and without the knowledge of his captain. Then there were Cpls. "Ginger" Stone behind the wicket and "Mick" Cullis at the bowling end, and our esteemed caterer, L./Cpl. "Jim" Jenkins—all keen, all eager, and all out to do their level best. We have only praise for them all, for whatever their cricket lacked technically was amply made up by their sportsmanship and unflinching good humour. Another match played was against a team of "A" Company, who lost by 37 runs and 6 wickets, the Corporals retiring after making 139 for 4 wickets. Top scores, Mountfort 53 not out, Addinall 53.

Congratulations to L./Cpl. Palmer on being selected to play for the Colony in their big match, and to Palmer and L./Cpl. Flint on helping the Battalion to win at Malacca.

FOOTBALL.

The Corporals played the Lance-Corporals. Again we were treated to some fine play, notably by Cullis and Jenkins, who were constantly in contact, arms and legs and eyelashes getting mixed up in an indiscriminate mass. Cpl. Charlie Banfield is also worthy of mention for his manful defence of goal. The match resulted in a draw, which was replayed on September 4th, when the Corporals won by 5—2.

Since then matches have been played with H.M.S. *Iroquois* and the Wireless Station at Seletar, both of which the Corporals won. These were in the nature of farewell meetings, and great were the doings in the Mess after the matches.

The latest addition to the Battalion sports programme is Rugby football, which has been taken up by several members of the Mess who are tired of the weary round of life, and wish to die fighting; and conversation in the Mess is now interspersed with the unintelligible jargon of the Rucker field; after a practice match mud-grimed figures limp with lagging steps to the bar, and there collapse, feebly moaning for "something with ice in it." However, it is good to know that the Regiment's team, in their first match against the Rest of the Garrison, won by 11 points to 0. This match is doubtless mentioned in other pages of THE DIE-HARDS, so there is no need for us to describe it here, but we must add our tribute of homage to the excellence of the team's performance, particularly remembering the fine dash and spirit of Lieut. Heywood, who used to be our O.C.

HOCKEY.

The Singapore Recreation Club gave us a game, and although we were not at full strength, having to borrow players, we managed to net two goals out of the five scored.

We have to welcome the following who have been made members since our last issue:—

L./Cpls. Riley, Crawley, Readings, Gower, Matthews, Fowler, and Hathaway.

And so, to other climes; for India draws very near, and with the passing of three weeks or so, we shall be collecting notes of the Corporals' doings in that soldier's country. May the fine spirit which is at present evident in our Mess not only remain, but steadily grow and increase, for thus only can we expect to foster and maintain the success which should be ours. CAPORAL.

CRICKET.

On August 26th the Battalion cricket team spent a most enjoyable week-end at Malacca. On the Sunday we played a whole-day cricket match, in which the Battalion was successful by 61 runs.

Scores:—

MALACCA.	
G. A. Lermitt, c Lincoln b Glover	... .. 3
H. J. Hewitt, run out	... .. 10
A. E. Mullaly, b Siddons	... .. 8
C. G. Lambert, b Palmer	... .. 21
K. Horan, b Whinney	... .. 12
G. Davis, c Wayte b Lincoln	... .. 8
H. D. L. Fisher, c Whinney b Lincoln	... .. 6
F. Fenwick, c and b Glover	... .. 15
F. C. Stewart, lbw b Glover	... .. 2
A. Hannigan, c Capel b Wayte	... .. 9
O. L. Hough, b Wayte	... .. 0
A. E. Lambert, not out	... .. 1
Extras	... .. 14
Total	... .. 109

MIDDLESEX.	
Major Wollocombe, b Davis	... .. 17
L./Cpl. Flint, b Fisher	... .. 7
Sergt.-Dmr. Siddons, lbw b Stewart	... .. 26
Capt. Whinney, b Fenwick	... .. 19
Lieut. Stephenson, b Fisher	... .. 2
L./Cpl. Palmer, c and b Fenwick	... .. 9
C.S.M. Wayte, b Fenwick	... .. 30
Lieut. Heywood, c and b Hannigan	... .. 30
Sergt. Capel, c Lambert b Hannigan	... .. 1
Sergt. Wilson, not out	... .. 7
Sergt. Glover, c Davis b Fenwick	... .. 3
Pte. Lincoln, not out	... .. 10
Extras	... .. 9
Total	... .. 170

On the whole, we have had a very satisfactory cricket season, although we have not been able to play many Regimental matches, we have had eight regular players in the Services team, who were top of the Singapore Cricket League.

We heartily congratulate Sergt.-Dmr. Siddons and L./Cpl. Palmer on being chosen to represent the Colony side. Sergt.-Dmr. Siddons did splendidly, making 26 runs in the first innings and taking 6 wickets for 13; in the second innings he made 24, and although bowling well did not have the luck to take any wickets. Palmer did not come off with the bat, but fielded very well, bringing off two very good catches in the slips.

FOOTBALL.

Since our last notes on the subject of football we have won the Singapore Football Association Cup. In the first round our

2nd XI, which had been entered as well as the 1st XI, was beaten by the Royal Engineers by one goal to nil.

Our team played a good game and were unlucky to lose this match.

In the second round our Battalion team, who had drawn a bye in the first round, drew with the R.G.A., after a very hard game, no goals being scored by either side. In the re-play our team won by 1 goal to 0.

The final was a good game, and our side showed a marked superiority over their opponents, winning by 3 goals to 0.

This cup has now been won twice by the 3rd Battalion, when they were in Singapore, and twice by the 2nd Battalion.

The record of the Battalion football in Singapore during its stay there has been excellent.

On first landing there, before the team had had a chance of settling down, the South Staffordshire Regiment beat our 1st XI, and we were again beaten by the Rest of Singapore in the same year. Since that time the team has not suffered a single defeat, in spite of having met the winning team of the Malaya Cup Competition (for inter-State matches) twice. On the first occasion the Battalion won by 2 goals to 0, and on the second occasion by 2 goals to 1.

Our team has had a good many changes owing to casualties, courses of instruction, etc., but the most regular team has been as follows:—Pte. Lincoln; L./Cpl. Palmer and Pte. Dack; Sergt. Wilson, Sergt. Capel, and L./Cpl. Neighbour; Ptes. Smith, Budd, Linley, L./Cpl. Flint, and Sergt. Glover.

We have many useful reserves who have had opportunities of turning out for the 1st XI, notably Lieut. Wray, D.S.O., Col.-Sergt. Pilley, Ptes. Arnold, Bagge, and Jolly.

On arrival at Ahmednagar we have had the good fortune to meet the 2nd Durham Light Infantry, who have unquestionably one of the best teams in India. In order to see the standard of football in India we played a game against them. It was an excellent game, and we finished the victors by 1 goal to 0. From this it appears that with practice and training we shall have a good chance against any team we may meet in the country next season.

Our defence is sound, but our forwards have not settled down to any concerted method of attack. With training and

practice they should become considerably more dangerous to their opponents.

The grounds in our new station are many and good. Each Company has a football and a hockey ground, so we hope, when the football season starts again, that our team will be able to give a good account of itself.

WATER POLO.

Our team has only had one match since the last report.

They met a strong team of the Singapore Swimming Club, and were beaten by 3 goals to 0.

The score does not fairly represent the game, as there was little difference between the two sides in the play, but we were unfortunate not to score.

The team has had little chance of practice in this branch of sport in Singapore.

SPORTS ON H.M.T. DERBYSHIRE.

Our voyage was short and deck space very limited, and in consequence we had little opportunity for sports on board.

Competitions were held, however, in boxing, tug-of-war, cock-fighting, spar fighting and slinging the monkey, all of which were keenly contested.

The tug-of-war was won by "A" Company. There were many very lengthy pulls, the longest being 22½ minutes between "A" Company and "D" Company.

We stopped at Colombo for nine hours and our Regimental team played a game of football against the Colombo garrison.

General Rowley arranged this match for us, and though our team was handicapped by borrowed boots and sea legs, they managed to draw at one goal all after a very good game.

HOCKEY.

Very little was done before we left Singapore, as the season was only just beginning, and when we did play we were handicapped on most occasions by some of the regular players being up country on their weapon training course.

The Singapore Recreation Club proved more formidable than last year, and defeated us 4-1 in the first match, but we succeeded in making a draw of it, one all, in the return. We nearly defeated the Singapore Cricket Club, but they equalized just before the whistle blew, and in the return match but

for good work in goal by Pte. Fergusson we should have been defeated by more than 2 goals to 1.

We hope to improve now we have got to India, but at present a good ground seems to be a very difficult thing to find.

OLD COMRADES IN NEW ZEALAND.

(Extract from the "Free Lance," New Zealand)

THE OLD DIE-HARDS.

There are seven or eight of the red-coat veterans who delight in the sobriquet of "Die-Hards" still above ground in New Zealand, and the senior of the little squad, Sergt.-Major E. Bezar, walked into the *Free Lance* office a few days ago to show how he was bearing the burden of his eighty-five years. The fine old soldier carries that heavy swag very well indeed, with a straight back and a briskness that are very seldom seen in a man of his age. He feels thankful that he is still able to get around and visit a brace of old comrades who are less fortunate in the matter of health, though his juniors in years. It is sixty-seven years since he joined the famous Middlesex Regiment in the Crimea—it was just after the big war—on transfer from the 62nd Regiment, and sixty-two years since he landed on the Taranaki beach to help fight the Maoris. There are very few surviving warriors indeed whose shooting-days date so far back.

Very few British regiments, too, which can show so glorious a record as the Middlesex, which earned its splendid nickname in the Peninsular War; it was in the Battle of Albuhera, when Col. Inglis, with his back to a wall, exhorted his soldiers to "Die hard, men!" They died hard, too, in the Great War a century later. From first to last the Middlesex Regiment (the Duke of Cambridge's Own) recruited forty-one battalions, 1914-1918, and more than 12,000 officers and men of the Regiment fell fighting the Hun. Sergt.-Major Bezar has received a picture from the headquarters of the Regiment showing a beautiful monument which has been erected at Mill Hill Barracks, London, in memory of those Middlesex heroes.

There is a gallant ex-"Die-Hard" now in the Old Men's Home at Park Island,

Napier, a man with a splendid record in the Maori wars. This is Michael Gill, who fought in the Crimea, who served at Aden with Bezar, and who earned—but did not receive—the Victoria Cross in New Zealand's Rorke's Drift, as it has been called, the defence of Turuturu-Mokai Redoubt, in Taranaki, in 1868. There a little garrison of men—Gill was a leading spirit—he was an Armed Constabulary man then—held out against several times their number of Hauhaus; half the twenty defenders were killed. Gill was recommended for the highest honours for his valour, but, like many other good men he was passed over. There are two veteran "Die-Hards" down this way. Peter Loftus, of Ohio Road, Wellington, and W. B. Hinton, of Aglionby Street, Lower Hutt. In Palmerston North there is John Fitzgerald, in Hawera Patrick Talty, and in New Plymouth T. A. Lester (he joined the Regiment in New Zealand). "Boys of the Old Brigade" who well and truly earned their pensions and deserve their country's remembrances.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1923.

AMOUNT of grants made: Since October 1st, 1923, £79 15s. 7d.; since January 1st, 1923, £407 1s. 6d.

Number of cases dealt with: Since October 1st, 1923, 92; since January 1st, 1923, 433.

Number of cases assisted: Since October 1st, 1923, 31; since January 1st, 1923, 207.

Number of men registered for employment: Since October 1st, 1923, 399; since January 1st, 1923, 798.

Number of men found permanent employment: Since October 1st, 1923, 7; since January 1st, 1923, 193.

Number of men found temporary employment: Since October 1st, 1923, 3; since January 1st, 1923, 7.

Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: Since October 1st, 1923, 22; since January 1st, 1923, 78.

The quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central



1ST BATTALION SIGNAL SECTION.



1ST BATTALION TRANSPORT SECTION.

London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on October 27th, 1923.

The accounts for the Old Comrades' Dinner and Quarterly Entertainment were passed. The following committee was elected to carry out the Old Comrades' Dinner and quarterly entertainments for 1924:—Col. A. M. O. A. Passingham, O.B.E., chairman; R.Q.M.S. Duffield and Mr. E. Morris, members.

A special sub-committee has been sitting for the past nine months in revising and bringing up to date the rules of the Association.

A new set of rules was submitted to the Executive Committee at the October meeting. The draft rules were discussed and approved with certain amendments, the Sub-Committee being directed to prepare a final draft for submission to the ex-officio members for approval.

The new rules will be published with the Annual Report.

It is notified for information that the Old Comrades' Dinner will take place on Saturday, July 5th. Full particulars as to time and place will be published in our next issue.

ROLL OF HONOUR BOOKS.

Morocco bound copies of the Roll of Honour have been presented to the Officers' Messes, Sergeants' Messes, Corporals' Rooms and Libraries of all battalions of the Regiment.

A copy was also presented to Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, Colonel of the Regiment, who, in acknowledging its receipt to the Chairman, wrote:—

"MY DEAR HALL,

Please accept as Chairman of the Association of Die-Hards my most grateful thanks for the beautiful copy of the Middlesex Roll of Honour, which I will treasure all the days of my life.

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) IVOR MAXSE."

The following letter, addressed to the Secretary, was received from Canon Tuckey, who had very kindly written the preface to the Roll of Honour, and to whom it was decided to present a copy:—

"MY DEAR MAJOR,

I am deeply sensible of the honour and compliment which you confer upon me.

Will you please accept for yourself and convey to your committee, my most grateful thanks for their generosity and goodness. I accept the work most gratefully; it will be an honoured and cherished possession for me and those who come after me.

Yours very sincerely,
(Sgd.) J. G. TUCKEY."

The following extract is taken from *The Free Lance*, Wellington, New Zealand:—

"The famous Middlesex Regiment has not forgotten its 'old soldiers' who have settled in the Dominions. Sergt.-Major E. Bezar, of Wellington, has received eight Old Comrades' badges for distribution in New Zealand, and the old veteran, although 86 years of age, is undertaking the work of locating those who are entitled to the distinction.

"Sergt.-Major Bezar stated that as far as he knew there were only eight of the 'Die-Hards' left in New Zealand; the names of those he recollected were: W. B. Hinton, P. Loftus, James Rhodes, and John Fitzgerald."

Sergt.-Major Bezar writes, in a letter dated November 9th, 1923:—

"MAJOR F. S. STEED.

"DEAR SIR,

"I have already acknowledged receipt of the treasure you so kindly sent me.

"As regards the Comrades' badges, I have issued to the following old 'Die-Hards':—Peter Loftus, Wellington; W. B. Hinton, Hutt; John Fitzgerald, Palmerston, North; Michael Gill, Old Men's Home, Napier; Patrick Tatly, Old Men's Home, Hawera; Thomas Porter Lister, New Plymouth.

"There is one still in hand, and if I do not find an Old Die-Hard for it by February 27th next, I will present it to my firstborn, a daughter, who was born in the 57th Regiment 57 years ago that day, a month before I ceased to be a member (active) of the dear old 57th.

"I now come to an event which has given me joy far beyond anything I have witnessed for half a century.

"When I saw by your letter that Col. Elgee was in this Dominion, I was quite sure he would not leave it without seeing its capital.

"On the 15th a tap at my door brought me to it, as I opened the door I saw a fine soldierly looking gentleman, and no one

could doubt but he was a British military officer.

"I said, putting out my hand, 'I believe I have the pleasure of addressing Colonel Elgee.' 'Yes,' he replied, 'but how did you know?' 'Oh! I had a letter from Major Steed informing me you were in this country, and I was sure you would not leave without seeing its capital.' 'Yes, and you,' he rejoined.

"We then moved inside and enjoyed a good home chat. One day we went out to see poor old Hinton and another old 'Die-Hard,' Loftus, and they were delighted. The Colonel has now gone south but will return prior to his departure for Australia.

"I need hardly mention that the badges were most delightfully received by us old hands; it is fortunate that I am still fairly hearty, though I am years senior to poor old Loftus and Hinton.

"I must now conclude this letter, as it starts on its journey to-morrow, and it should reach you before the festive season, which I trust you will all thoroughly enjoy.

"Mentioning this season recalls those of them I spent in Aden in 1857-58-59. Jolly good ones they were too, for besides our own supplies the General Commanding gave a cake and a bottle of wine for every three men. It is worthy of mention that it was only on those three occasions that we enjoyed the luxury of potatoes. Who was the poet who said:—

"Oh! flowery ware, how well you suit
The cause of human nature!
None can compare, I do declare,
To thee, O flowery Tater."

"You can guess we enjoyed them.

"I will now ring off, wishing you and all those associated with the 'Die-Hards,' all good luck.

"Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) E. BEZAR."

The following are on sale and can be obtained from the Secretary, Regimental Association, Mill Hill, N.W. 7.

Regimental Calendar, with badge and regimental colours, battle picture of 57th at Albuhera, and figures of officer and private in colours, monthly tear-off calendar, regimental directory, regimental anniversaries, V.Cs. of the Great War, with short history and traditions of the Regiment, post free, 1s.

Roll of Honour books, giving the names of officers and other ranks of all battalions

who were killed, or died of wounds or sickness during the Great War. Morocco bound, 21s.; stiff paper cover, 2s. 6d., both post free.

Old Comrades badge, laurel wreath and plume enamelled in regimental colours, "Comrades Middx. Regt. (D.C.O.) Albuhera. The Die-Hards." Brooch or stud, post free, 1s. 6d.

Memorial and unveiling post-cards of the War Memorial; The Inscription on Base; The Unveiling Ceremony (taken one picture on two cards); and an autograph photo of the Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Packet of five very handsome cards, post free, 1s.

The first volume of the History of the Regiment (all battalions) in the Great War, is nearing completion. All those who have not ordered a copy should do so as early as possible. Price complete in two volumes, One Guinea.

It is officially stated that there will be no training for the Army Reserve during the financial year 1924-25.

A new article amending the Pay Warrant provides the serving, half-pay, or retired officer, who has been wounded or injured through the performance of military duty necessitating the use of an artificial, or surgical appliance, will be supplied with such free of charge. The cost of adjustment, repairs and replacement will also be defrayed by the public.

DEPOT NOTES.

RECRUITS.

THE first four squads under the new organization for Depots have joined the 1st Battalion at Aldershot.

Recruiting is now in progress for the Regiment.

Three new squads, "Albuhera," "Ypres," and "Mons," have been formed, and by the time these notes are in print a fourth, "Nivelle," will have been completed.

WHIST DRIVES.

During the winter evenings a weekly whist drive for all ranks and their friends (below that of Sergeant) has been held in the Lecture Room.

The "drives" have proved to be very popular.

Prizes are given to the first three ladies and gentlemen; a sealed prize is also awarded.

The winners of prizes are as follows:—

Ladies.—1st Prizes: Miss Lannon, Mrs. Free, Miss Lannon, Mrs. Foley, Pte. Horstead (playing as a lady); 2nd Prizes: Mrs. Free, Miss K. Deane, Mrs. Kimber, Miss Ayres, Miss K. Deane; 3rd Prizes: Miss K. Deane, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Birch, Miss Crouch, Mrs. Garrity.

Gentlemen.—1st Prizes: Mr. Thomas, Pte. Noakes, Cpl. Ward, L./Cpl. Foley (2); 2nd Prizes: Pte. Hammond, Cpl. Ward, Pte. Ayres, Cpl. Ward, and L./Cpl. Sando. 3rd Prizes: Mr. Deane, L./Cpl. Arnaboldi, Pte. Bacon, Pte. Edwards, and Pte. Smith.

Sealed Prizes.—Ladies: Miss Lambourne, Miss Lannon, Mrs. Garrity, Mrs. Birch and L./Cpl. King. Gents: Pte. Marshall, L./Cpl. Henderson, Ptes. Lovatt, Knock, and Rumans.

ARMISTICE DAY.

November 11th was fittingly celebrated at the Depot.

At a few minutes before eleven o'clock all ranks of the Depot, many past members of the Regiment and a few relatives of those who fell during the Great War, assembled around the Regimental War Memorial in the barracks.

After the two minutes' silence had been observed a short solemn service was conducted by the Chaplain.

At the conclusion of the service wreaths were placed on the Memorial as follows:—

"On behalf of the Officers of the Depot," by Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.

"On behalf of the W.Os. and Sergeants, Depot," by R.S.M. Pigott.

"From all other ranks of the Depot," by Dmr. Garrity.

After the above wreaths had been deposited and the parade dismissed, many tributes to the fallen were placed on the Memorial by relatives.

During the day a number of people visited the Memorial, including a party of ex-members of the 12th Battalion, under ex-R.S.M. Young, M.C., who came specially from Hornsey to place wreaths in memory of their late Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. Maxwell, V.C., and all other ranks of the 12th Battalion who fell.

GENERAL'S INSPECTION.

Major-Gen. Sir Henry W. Hodgson, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., Commanding the

Home Counties Area, Woolwich, inspected the Depot on December 6th.

The General expressed great satisfaction with all he saw.

The Depot now forms part of the Home Counties Area, headquarters at Woolwich.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

The usual tea and Christmas Tree to the married families took place in the Lecture Room on the afternoon of December 31st.

About 150 availed themselves of the kind invitation of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Pearson and officers of the Depot.

Tea was served at 4 p.m., after which Father Christmas (ably impersonated by Lieut. S. Mirams, M.C.), arrived with a loaded Christmas Tree.

On receiving a report from the R.S.M. that all the children at the Depot had been good, Father Christmas proceeded to give each child a present.

A beautiful fairy doll at the top of the tree was raffled for and awarded to Mary Oldham.

After Father Christmas had presented his gifts games were indulged in by the children, and with a bag of sweets, an apple and an orange for each child, a very enjoyable time was brought to a close.

At the conclusion of the entertainment the wives of those stationed at the Depot presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Pearson.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE MEN.

Owing to many of the men having leave to spend Christmas with their friends, they held their Christmas dinner on New Year's Day.

At 1 p.m. full justice was done to an excellent spread of turkeys and the usual Christmas fare.

A welcome innovation was the presence of the wives at the dinner; this feature was much appreciated.

In the evening a dance for the men and their lady friends was held in the Lecture Room.

Dancing continued until the early hours of the morning, which brought the festivities to a close.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent on December 19th, when we held a whist drive, followed by a dance.

The excellent prizes provided by an energetic committee were won by the following:—

Ladies.—1, Mrs. Arnold, electro-plated teapot; 2, Mrs. Willard, electro-plated cruet; 3, Mrs. Stock, flower stand.

Gents.—1, Sergt. Willard, 8-day clock; 2, Sergt.-Major Guscott, silver-mounted walking stick; 3, C.S.M. Ayres, set of hair brushes in case.

The "Old Miltonians" Jazz Band, conducted by Mr. Milton, ex-sergeant of the Regiment, supplied excellent music and dancing continued till midnight.

A number came in for "the fairy steps," and everyone enjoyed a jolly evening.

We hope to have better weather and a larger attendance on future occasions.

BILLIARD HANDICAP.

A Billiard Handicap is in progress and by the time this is in print will have been concluded.

The semi-final stage has been reached with the following as semi-finalists:—R.S.M. Pigott (owes 28), Sergt. Crouch, Sergt. Perrin, C.M.A. (owes 21), Sergt. Tabersham (owes 22).

ANNUAL SERGEANTS' DINNER.

This annual function was held on New Year's evening, some sixteen members sitting down to an excellent menu, which had been provided by W.O. Dunham, A.E.C., and his committee—Sergts. Shaw, Tungate, and Darby.

The R.S.M. presided, and after the loyal toasts had been honoured, that of "Past" and "Present" was duly acknowledged.

When the names of those present were compared with last year's roll the result was surprising. The whole of the Mess members have practically changed during 1924.

After dinner a visit, which was much appreciated, was paid to us by the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Pearson, and the Officers of the Depot. Their health was cordially drunk, and reciprocated by the Officers.

Dancing and music were indulged in well into the morning of 1924.

PHOTOGRAPH TO THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT.

A suitably framed photograph of the members of the Mess has been sent to Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment.

Sir Ivor Maxse appreciated the compliment and has honoured the members by sending them a framed photograph of himself for the Mess.

GENERAL.

C.Q.M.S. A. Lewis joined the 1st Battalion on December 17th, being relieved by C.Q.M.S. A. Grey.

Pte. T. Watson has been awarded the monthly badge for physical training—"Albuhera" Squad.

Ptes. J. O'Connell and W. Stuldreer have been appointed drummers.

Sergt. Willard and family have been posted to the 1st Battalion, with effect from January 4th.

L./Sergt. Rogers joined the 1st Battalion on January 10th.

L./Cpl. A. King attended a Course of Instruction for Regimental Sanitary Personnel at the Army School of Hygiene, Aldershot, and passed the examination at the end of the course.

Pte. Birch has been transferred to the band of the Grenadier Guards.

L./Sergts. Clarke and Burt attended the Long Qualifying Courses at the Small Arms School, Hythe, ending in December, 1923.

Sergt. J. Wilcockson was posted from 2nd Battalion, 20/12/23.

Sergt. D. Plater was transferred to the South Wales Borderers on promotion to Bandmaster.

A marriage has been arranged and will take place after Lent, between Miss Mollie Deane, eldest daughter of Mr. Deane, Barrack Department, Mill Hill, and Mr. Dennis Hogan, D.C.M., M.M. (ex-Sergeant).

Four baths have been installed in the laundry for use of the married families. Four shower baths in the drying rooms are in the course of construction for use of the men.

METROPOLITAN POLICE PROMOTION.

Many of our older readers will be pleased to learn that Sub-Divisional Inspector John Eastland, who since April, 1920, has been in charge of the Finchley Sub-Division, has been promoted to Chief Inspector, and began his new duties at Croydon, the headquarters of the "Z" Division of the Metropolitan Police, on January 3rd, 1924.

Mr. Eastland served in the Regiment from 1894 to 1897 when he was transferred to the Army Reserve.

He rejoined the Colours in 1899 and served throughout the South African War with the rank of Colour-Sergeant to the Mounted Infantry Detachment of the 2nd Battalion, until 1903.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. Eastland and wish him well in his new sphere.

SHOOTING.

Sergeants, Depot v. Sergeants, 9th Battalion.

Result of shoot, 9/12/23:—

	9TH BATTALION.			Total.
	Prac. 1	Prac. 2	Prac. 3	
C.S.M. Warton ...	17	18	20	55
C.S.M. Denton ...	20	19	20	59
C.S.M. Todman ...	17	20	20	57
C.Q.M.S. Hine ...	4	11	4	19
Sgt. Hawksworth ...	18	18	17	53
Sgt. Turner ...	20	20	20	60
	96	106	101	303

DEPOT.

	DEPOT.			Total.
	Prac. 1	Prac. 2	Prac. 3	
R.S.M. Pigott ...	19	20	20	59
Sgt. O'Brien ...	18	20	19	57
Sgt. Goldstraw ...	19	15	16	50
Sgt. Willard ...	20	20	20	60
Sgt. Tungate ...	16	18	17	51
L./Sgt. Rogers ...	19	17	18	54
	111	110	110	331

Depot won by 28 points.

BILLIARDS.

Sergeants, Depot v. Sergeants, 9th Battalion.

	Depot.		9th Bn.
	100	86	
Sergt. Willard ...	100	100	—
Sergt. Walton ...	86	—	86
C.S.M. Ayres ...	72	72	100
Sergt. Turner ...	100	—	—
Sergt. Tungate ...	100	100	75
C.S.M. Todman ...	75	—	—
C.S.M. Denton ...	93	100	93
Sergt. Tabersham ...	100	—	—
Sergt. O'Brien ...	100	100	68
Sergt. Hawksworth ...	68	—	—
O.R.Q.M.S. Hines ...	100	94	100
Sergt. Crouch ...	94	—	—
	566	522	—

Depot won by 44 points.

FINCHLEY AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS.

October 27th, v. Edgware, home; won, 5—2. Goal scorers, Pte. Taylor (2), L./Cpl. Sando, Pte. Johnson, and L./Cpl. Foley.

November 3rd, v. Railway Clearing House, away; lost, 3—2. Cpl. Thomas, and Pte. Johnson.

November 17th, v. Torrington Park, away; won, 4—1. L./Cpl. Northcott (2), Pte. Johnson, and Cpl. Thomas.

November 24th, v. Bedouin, away; won, 2—1. Pte. Taylor and Sergt. Pain.

December 1st, v. Railway Clearing House, home; won, 2—1. Pte. Taylor and L./Cpl. Foley.

January 5th, v. Hornsey Town, away; won, 2—1. L./Cpl. Northcott and Pte. Birch.

Goal scorers to date.—Pte. Taylor 4, Pte. Johnson 3, L./Cpl. Northcott 3, Cpl. Thomas 2, L./Cpl. Foley 2, L./Cpl. Sando 1, Pte. Birch 1, and Sergt. Pain 1.

The leading club has played 10 matches with 14 points. The Depot thus has an advantage of five matches in hand.

LEAGUE TABLE UP TO 4/1/24.

	GOALS.				
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F. A. Pts
Hampstead Garden Suburb	6	2	2	31	15 14
Hodford Rovers ...	9	6	3	0	35 18 12
Friern Athletic ...	5	5	0	0	27 6 10
Mill Hill ...	8	4	3	1	24 23 9
Middlesex Regiment ...	5	4	1	0	15 8 8
Torrington Park ...	9	3	4	2	20 20 8
Railway Clearing House ...	10	4	6	0	25 43 8
Edgware ...	8	2	5	1	20 24 5
Bedouin ...	11	2	8	1	25 41 5
Hornsey Town ...	7	1	5	1	9 34 3

THE MIDDLESEX REGT. OFFICERS' CLUB.

A COMMITTEE meeting was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on Saturday, October 27th, 1923. There were present:—Col. J. Hamilton Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Chairman), Brig.-Gen. F. D. Lumley, C.B., C.B.E., Col. A. M. O. A. Passingham, O.B.E., Lieut.-Col. R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, T.D., Capts. H. E. Foster, W. W. Jefferd, M. Thorne, and V. E. Stock, M.C., and Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer).

The accounts for the Annual Dinner and Cricket Week were presented and passed.

A financial statement of the Club was presented by the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, who reported that the total membership of the Club to date was 156.

It was decided that the fixtures for 1924 be as follows:—

Annual Dinner, Thursday, July 3rd.
Cricket At Homes, Friday and Saturday, July 4th and 5th.

It was proposed and carried that a sports branch be formed, and the following Sub-Committee was appointed to arrange fixtures for Rugger, Soccer, Hockey, Tennis, and Golf.

Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O. (Chairman), Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, T.D., 9th Bn., and Capt. M. Thorne, 8th Bn. (members)

The Sub-Committee was empowered to add to their numbers if considered necessary.

It was decided to allocate the annual subscription as follows:—

	s.	d.
Office expenses	1	6
Regimental Journal & Calendar ...	3	0
Annual Dinner	6	0
At Homes, Cricket Week	8	0
Sports Branch	2	6

It was further decided that the charge for the Annual Dinner ticket be 11s. 6d.

The question of honorary membership was considered, and it was decided that the medical officers appointed for duty with Territorial battalions of the Regiment be eligible for honorary membership to the Club, the annual subscription to be the same as for members.

A motion to admit other officers not eligible under the rules was not passed.

It was proposed and carried that the pattern of the Club tie be the same as the Regimental pattern, and that the blazer be dark Navy blue material with small brass regimental buttons.

Regimental pattern ties can be purchased at Messrs. White & Co., Jermyn Street.

It was notified that the Colonel of the Regiment had appointed the following officers, who had kindly offered their services, to be trustees of the Club:—Brig.-Gen. F. D. Lumley, C.B., C.B.E., and Col. F. W. Ramsay, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Full particulars as to time and place of the Annual Dinner, and details of Cricket Week At Homes will be published in the May issue of the Regimental Journal.

The following Rugby fixtures have been made by the Sports Sub-Committee:—

January 16th, Club *v.* Old Tridents.

January 23rd, Club *v.* Old Millhillians.

February 7th, Club *v.* Edgware.

March 6th, Club *v.* 1st Bn. Gloucestershire Regiment.

Members wishing to play in Club matches, Rugger, Soccer, Hockey, Tennis or Golf, will please forward their names, with particulars to Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W. 7.

It is suggested that a Club Tennis Tournament be held at Mill Hill on the two days prior to the Cricket At Homes—*i.e.*, July 2nd and 3rd. Full particulars will be given in the next issue of the Journal.

PROMOTION FROM THE RANKS.

NEW regulations governing promotion from the ranks to combatant commissions as second-lieutenants have been issued as an Army Order. For the present, candidates will be granted commissions only in the Cavalry, Corps of Signals, Tank Corps, and Army Service Corps, but no candidate will be recommended unless he has been employed in a capacity where he has shown power of leadership.

Candidates will now be required to undergo a course of training of about eighteen months' duration at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and to obtain a satisfactory report therefrom. The dates of admission to the College will be in February and September of each year, and the number of candidates admitted each half-year will vary according to the requirements of the service. There will be fifteen vacancies for the first course under the new regulations commencing in September, 1924.

To be eligible for recommendation by his Commanding Officer, a candidate must: (1) Be medically fit. (2) Be in possession of an Army First Class Certificate of Education, unless he is exempt from obtaining such a certificate. (3) Be at least an unpaid lance-corporal and have held that appointment for six months prior to January 1st or July 1st, as the case may be, of the year in which he is recommended. (4) Be under 23 years of age on January 1st for admission in the following September, and July 1st for admission in the following February, and (5) Have at least two years' unexpired colour service or be prepared to extend his service with the colours for such period as will leave him with two years' unexpired colour service.

Candidates from the ranks admitted to Sandhurst will be allowed the necessary military outfit and other specified emoluments, and, on being commissioned, an outfit allowance of £100 subject to a deduction of the value of the available cadet outfit, estimated at £14.

8th BATTALION NOTES.

THE Officers' Annual Dinner was held at Frascati's Restaurant on October 25th, 1923, when a company of forty was present, Lieut.-Col. E. E. F. Baker being in the chair.

After the loyal toasts, Col. H. Bott, V.D., proposed the health of the Regiment, more particularly of the 8th Battalion, recounting some very interesting and amusing anecdotes of the hard and unrewarded volunteer days, when the officers of a battalion had to find the money to run it. In replying, Lieut.-Col. Baker gave a brief summary of the Battalion's doings during the year (yet he did not mention the third successive winning of the Albuhera Sports Cup!), and drew attention to the Officers' Club of the Regiment, hoping he said, that many of those present would join, if not already members.

Col. C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., subsequently told of the splendid achievements of the 1st/8th under his command during the war. Although belonging to another battalion, he was proud to be connected with the 8th. The Honorary Colonel (Col. W. Garner, C.M.G., T.D.) then rose to propose the formation of a club to further the interests of the Battalion. The proposal was accepted, and a committee was formed at once.

Before the evening ended those present signed their names in a book presented by Lieut.-Col. Baker for that purpose.

We congratulate "B" Company, Ealing, commanded by Capt. W. H. Parmeter, on winning the Championship Cup, having gained the cup two years running.

The drill halls having been closed for the period of the General Election, there has been very little training, but the most important events have been the payment of bounties, Christmas shoots and company annual prize-givings.

The Battalion entered a team in the Territorial Army Association Football Competition, and was beaten in the final round of the Middlesex Group, by the 44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

The Battalion has lost the services of two energetic officers in Lieut. D. L. Rees and 2/Lieut. D. B. Murphy. They have gone to India, the former to a tea plantation, and the latter on probation to the Indian Police. We wish them every success.

HEADQUARTER WING PRIZE-GIVING.

The Annual Prize-giving in connection with Headquarter Wing took place at the Drill Hall when the Territorials and their friends spent a highly enjoyable evening.

The trophies and other awards, including the prizes for the annual Christmas shoot, were distributed by Capt. H. A. Palmer, Officer Commanding Headquarter Company.

Speaking of the achievements of Headquarter Company during the year, Capt. Palmer referred to the particularly good work done in the signalling section under Lieut. Boys, and also in the Machine Gun Section under Lieut. Wells. The former sent a number of men to be classified, and all passed, their success being so outstanding that the Brigade Commander sent a special message of congratulation.

The prizes presented included the Edwards Challenge Cup, which was given to the old Middlesex Rifles in 1883 by the widow of Lieut. W. W. Edwards, The Musketry Cup, and Capt. Palmer's Cup.

Local tradesmen repeated their generosity of former years with gifts of prizes in kind for the Christmas shoot.

Following the prize distribution a concert programme was carried through under the direction of R.S.M. Walker.

The Battalion band played selections, and piccolo and cornet solos were contributed by Bdsmn. Osborne and Rouse.

"B" COMPANY PRIZE-GIVING AND SMOKING CONCERT.

The Annual Prize-giving and Smoking Concert was held at the Drill Hall, Ealing, on Friday, December 22nd. Mrs. A. C. Ruston kindly giving away the prizes.

Lieut.-Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., was in the chair. Amongst others present were: The Mayor of Ealing (Councillor Howell Jones, J.P.), Councillor L. T. Stowell, Mr. Basil Holmes, J.P., C.C., Capt. W. H. Parmeter (Officer Commanding Company,) and other officers of the Battalion.

Col. Baker congratulated the Company on winning the Championship Cup for the second year running; and stated that the official presentation of the cup to the Company would take place at the Battalion Prize-giving, but he would call on the Mayor of Ealing to make an unofficial presentation to Capt. Parmeter.

In his reply the Mayor said that he was a very great admirer of the Territorial



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NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, 1ST BATTALION TARANAKI RIFLES,
NEW ZEALAND.

[Photo, Gale & Polden, Ltd.

OFFICERS, 4TH BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT
(DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN) ON DISBANDMENT.

Movement; and that one had only to look back to 1914 to remember what they did in the early days of the war, and it was up to the present-day Territorial to keep up such a reputation.

Capt. Parmeter, on behalf of the Company, thanked Councillor Stowell for the cup he had presented to the Company, and pointed out that it was the first cup to be presented to the Company since the reconstruction of the Territorial Army.

He thanked the Mayor for the support that had been given to the local Company.

The past year had been a very successful one and he thanked all ranks for the excellent work that had achieved this success.

He welcomed the presence of Major Jack, late Officer Commanding the Company.

Amongst the cups presented were:—Town Prize Cup, Capt. Wynne Williams Section Efficiency Cup; George Clark Lewis Gun Section Efficiency Shield; Ladies of Ealing 1868 Efficiency Cup; Drilling and Shooting Cup; Capt. Wynne Williams Musketry Cup; Rothschild Musketry Cup; Bott & Neil Musketry Cup; Stowell Sports Cup; Captain's Cup; Johnson Cup.

A very enjoyable concert brought the evening to a close.

YELLOW FLASHES.

The Band is going into scarlet at last. It is feared that when the bill comes in the Commanding Officer will see red.

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The Bandmaster is reported to have expressed relief on learning that he will not have to wear spurs, and his objection to a frock coat on the ground that its tails might become involved in the spurs is therefore removed.

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Fogs have been usually frequent in the district of Hounslow this winter. Some men have even complained that they have been unable to see across the bounty table.

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Drill halls have been obliged to be closed again this year for a period on account of General E. Leechen. Can this distinguished officer be the same that we met so frequently in the war, General Newsence?

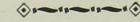
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The Battalion deplores the loss of two officers, both of whom have sought a warmer climate in the East. Most of us can only

look forward to the next world for such a change.

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There was a young fellow of Ealing
Whose efforts were very appealing
To his latest affair
He invited the Mayor
He must have got that Kruschen feeling.



THE SOUTH AND TENTH MIDDLESEX OFFICERS' CLUB.

THE Annual Dinner of the Club was held on Saturday, December 8th last, at the Constitutional Club in London by the courtesy of that Club.

There were 42 members and guests present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent under the presidency of Col. C. H. Bennet, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D.

Among the members attending the dinner were:—Cols. F. J. Bull, O.B.E., T.D., C. F. W. Dimond, T.D., W. F. Cheesewright, D.S.O., R. H. Grey, V.D., V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., and F. W. Miller, M.C.; Majors R. H. Forster, Rev. J. B. Griffin, A. E. Hart, C. Jarrett, D.S.O., T.D., A. W. Lewey, P. C. Lisle, T. S. Oldham, V.D., J. G. Overbury, D. B. Watson, M.C., and S. H. White; Capt. Mowbray Ayers, V. Bateson, B. Bramall, A. J. Falconer, J. H. Girling, M.V.O., H. Jeans, C. J. Munford, K. Rayner, M.C., F. W. Wallis, A. F. Vingoe, and A. G. Watson; and Messrs. W. C. Bennett, P. F. Frost, L. Goodban, H. S. Salter, and D. B. Topham.

The only toasts were "His Majesty the King" and "Our Fallen Comrades."

The evening was devoted to a reunion of friends, who found the time pass only too quickly.

The Hon. Secretary rendered the accounts of the Club and of the Benevolent Funds of the 1st and 2nd/10th Battalions. He asked the members present to bring before other ex-officers of the four battalions the fact that the Club existed and to persuade them to join. The subscription was quite nominal—only 5s. a year—and this included a subscription to THE DIE-HARDS.

On a vote it was decided that the dinner in 1924 should be held on the second Friday in December—i.e., the 12th. The Secretary of the Constitutional Club has promised to

reserve that date for the South and Tenth Club.

Members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1924 should send them now to Major Jarrett at 440, Strand, W.C. 2.

The attention of all ex-officers of the South Middlesex V.R.C. and the battalions of the Tenth Middlesex is called to the beautifully designed and printed Regimental Roll of Honour. Copies of this bound in morocco at £1 is., or in stiff paper cover at 2s. 6d., will be obtained for members by Major Jarrett, or they may be purchased direct from the Regimental Association at Mill Hill Barracks.

REX.

IT is a pity that the arrival of Rex in England could not have been made more public, as he is probably one of the most widely known figures now serving with the 1st Battalion. One would have liked a paragraph in the society news such as other celebrities get. But this was not to be, as His Majesty came over incognito—very. It must, therefore, suffice to announce through the medium of the DIE-HARDS JOURNAL that Rex has arrived, is duly registered at the Ministry of Health, Fisheries, Agriculture and War, whichever it is, as a "Mongrel Terrier" and is now staying as a paying guest for a few months with his medical advisor at Camberley.

Interviewed by our correspondent, the Regal one was not very communicative about himself, being chiefly concerned with the date of his probable return to the Battalion, the quantity and quality of ration biscuits obtainable, the position of the bully-beef store and the possible falling off of the Band and Drums, without his supervision.

Of the birth and early life of our hero nothing is known, and if he remembers himself he is silent on the subject—which is, perhaps, just as well. We may safely assume, however, that he entered the Army at an early age and has served in it all his life. He is known to have been with The Queen's and the Royal West Kent Regiment, and the latter on leaving the Rhine presented him to the 3rd Battalion, who in turn passed him on to the 1st Battalion. He wears, whenever he happens to possess a collar, three medal ribbons. On arrival in

the 1st he immediately took command of the Band, Drums and Quartermaster's Stores.

If the Band or Drums parade, or the Battalion moves off on a route march—Rex is there. He follows the Band and Drums everywhere and appears to enjoy all musical efforts except the bugles, and in this he has, I fancy, many sympathisers.

When bully-beef or biscuits are available he will help himself, and carry his tin of bully along in his mouth until some "friend in need" opens it for him.

For such a bulky and ungraceful dog he can be wonderfully elusive, as for instance, his arrival in England.

Esprit de corps and determination are his strong points, and even if he is not beautiful, he gets his full share of applause, whether at a torchlight tattoo when he appears in the limelight at the head of the Drums, or carries on a war of extermination against cats (what a happy hunting ground he'll find Aldershot), and I have no doubt that his re-entry into the Battalion in three months' time will be heralded with loud cheers.

Two disappointments await him on his return. No longer is there a L./Cpl. Bushnell to wait on him in the stores, and no renewal of his ancient feud with "Mike" can be made, as the former has left the Service, and the latter transferred to the Camerons when we left.

Bow Wow.

ON INVITATIONS.

"How many c's are there in 'accept'?" demanded a voice from the writing table.

"Two" said the last joined subaltern.

"One," snapped the senior subaltern, glowering at his loquacious junior.

"Personally," drawled the fat captain, "like the office boy, I always spell it with an 'x.'"

The writer tore his missive in half with a sigh: "If that's all the help you fellows can give me, I shall refuse the darn thing."

And he did.

Safely entrenched behind the pages of *The Field*, I marvelled at such acuteness in one so young. How much more easily life would flow, if only we had the courage to decline more invitations than we do.

There are, of course, some that it is impossible to do otherwise than refuse, such as the almost passionate requests of my tailor to "settle this long overdue account, otherwise we shall reluctantly be compelled etc." Poor man, nobody ever takes him seriously, and even if one did it is doubtful if "Mr. Cox" would see eye to eye with one in the matter.

Others, however, are more difficult to refuse, to wit the confiding gentleman in the City, who is prepared to advance me any sum from £5 to £5,000 on my note of hand alone, or the philanthropist, who from the pink pages of the sporting press urges me to "Make my winter keep" (whatever that may be) by simply permitting him to wire me an "absolute snip" for the 3.30 at Kempton next Saturday. These sound good, but I generally decline.

Then again there are those invitations that if we desire to live long in the land must on no account be taken seriously, such as those from all people who live north of the Tweed in winter, in London in August, or in Wales at any time of the year; maiden aunts, and old bachelor friends recently become benedicts. But why continue the sad list?

There is, however, one invitation that I make a point of never refusing. It is hard to explain why; perhaps the secret lies in its simple brevity, or it may be the purity of the English in which it is couched.

It is invariably signed by the adjutant and runs:—"The Commanding Officer wishes to see you immediately in the Orderly-room."

H. S.

9th BATTALION NOTES.

THE past three months have of necessity been the quietest of the year—the lull before the activities of the spring!

Throughout the winter demonstrations of various principles and practices laid down in "Section Leading in Attack and Defence," have been given by selected warrant and non-commissioned officers and men, at Headquarters, at Wealdstone, and at Hendon Drill Hall, and some interesting sand-table demonstrations by the Commanding Officer.

The final musketry week-end was held at Bisley on October 13th-14th. On

October 14th the annual test of signallers took place at Stamford Brook Drill Hall.

An officers' regimental exercise was held at Marlow-on-Thames on Sunday, November 25th. Immediately the Clerk of the Weather got to hear of this impending event, he marshalled his most violent forces in great glee, and after a preliminary attack on the previous day, let out his principal offensive on the Sunday morning, immediately the party left their homes. It was a very good attempt at the densest fog of the year, and quite a record frost. We hear, on good authority, that he inflicted several casualties, and that although the victims failed to get any dinner they succeeded in getting some quite good colds! We presume it is on account of this day's outing that our adjutant has, of late, developed such a remarkable interest in the weather.

On Armistice Day the Battalion proceeded to Willesden Parish Church, with the Band and the Drums and Fifes in attendance. A Guard of Honour of three officers, with the Regimental Colour, was furnished on the same day by "C" Company, on the occasion of the unveiling of the Wealdstone War Memorial Clock Tower, at 2 o'clock.

On the same afternoon "D" Company sent a representative detachment of 1 officer and 24 other ranks to attend the Armistice Day ceremony at the Hendon War Memorial.

The Reunion Dinner of the 9th Battalion Old Comrades' Association took place at Headquarters on December 1st. Dances were held at Headquarters on November 10th and 24th, and December 15th and 31st.

AN APPEAL.

Pursuant to the remarks of the Editor in the last issue, we feel it necessary to again emphasize the urgent necessity of loyal support to the Journal from every member of the Battalion, and of their exerting every effort to increase the number of subscribers. This will enable the Journal to carry on and keep its flag flying during the difficult times that are engulfing many periodicals and magazines at the present moment.

We also think it necessary to point out that besides being a magazine, it is also a newspaper, and we would suggest that it would materially assist the compilation of "copy" if Company Commanders would realize this and send in, every quarter, news of their Company's doings during that

period. There is, without doubt, considerable activity in each Company, including such events as shooting competitions, dinners, football matches, and other sports, dances, and such like. Here is an opportunity for all these matters to be recorded, and further, to afford publicity to similar events about to take place.

[Thanks.—EDITOR.]

SPORTSMANSHIP.

Capt. C. E. Abbott has kindly allowed us to reprint his article from *The Kodak Works Magazine*, as under:—

"England has often been paid the doubtful compliment of being called 'The Nation of Shopkeepers'; likewise, we have often been complimented by being called a 'Nation of Sportsmen.' This is no empty compliment, it is founded on fact; one has only to travel in other countries to discover the truth of the statement. Yet do we ever consider what element of human nature is lacking in unsporting countries? Do we ever consider what we possess that makes others describe us as a nation of sportsmen? Is it our sincere love of games? Yes, perhaps so, or it may be our keen sense of justice. Surely all the factors can be dumped together and one can say that the average Englishman will never hit below the belt.

So many people these days look upon sportsmanship as simply ability to play games. No one could make a bigger mistake; the man unable to play any game at all may be a true sportsman through and through. A case in the paper the other day is worthy of note. A man was brought up before a magistrate for cruelty to a dumb animal, and it was mentioned that he was a first-class footballer, and, in fact, played certain other games. Well, was he a sportsman? Good Heavens! No! It matters not how well you can play a game if you cannot be a man; if you cannot see the best man win without grousing, or cannot own up that although you try someone else is better than you are; if you cannot consider other people before yourself, or you cannot get out of the narrow rut of self-interest you are in, and become broadminded enough to consider the community as a whole, you are no sportsman.

It is not because of you that people say England is a nation of sportsmen. You may think so if you can play some game and play it well, but for goodness' sake apply the

rules of the game to your daily life. The same rule applies to every game; play for your *side* to win, not only for yourself. Live so that your fellow-men can win through as well. Be considerate and above all be cheerful. We have all got certain hardships to face—many of us are facing them now. People don't wear their hearts on their sleeves. Study the rules of life and then play up to them. Play for all you are worth—play for your side, and you will be a sportsman in the true sense of the word. A true sportsman is real nice to know, so enter the game of life with your whole heart, and then someday when the umpire says 'Out!' you will lay down your bat knowing you have made as many runs as you could for your side."

FROTH.

The latest comes from a private of "A" Company. He was observed walking out with six different damsels on six successive nights, and upon being taken to task for his inconstant behaviour, he excused himself by saying that what must have happened was that Cupid had shot at him *with a machine gun!*

* * *

His name was (I really won't tell,
But I think that you know him quite well!)
He took on to parade
An umbrella, for shade,
And the Adjutant cried: "What the ——!"
The dash here stands for "What a nuisance!" —— (!)

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Which reminds us how fond some people are of filling in blanks (especially blank cheques!) But here is another unfinished work of the Muse:—

The Mess was unusually crammed,
The wine cupboard doors had got jammed,
The P.M.C. sobbed
As he found himself mobbed,
And everyone cried: "Well, I'm ——!"
In this case the blank would, of course,
read: "Very much surprised."

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We always love to encourage the invincible spirit among British soldiers, and our eyes fill with tears of pride (?) as we watch the heroic efforts of the P.M.C. endeavouring to make those Mess bills with a credit balance turn into a debit! We hear that he is about to emulate Lord Knutsford and The London

Hospital, and launch a proposal that some officer should step forward and offer to contribute to the Mess funds a sum doubling the total obtained from all drinks consumed between now and the next annual training!

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No official confirmation has been received of the report that a chair has been given to the Officers' Mess made of Finlayed mahogany.

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Who was the "nut" who said that he hoped to do some more "rifling" at Bisley this year! We must speak to the Military Police about this!

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The latest publications are "Section Leading in Attack and Defence," and "The Die-Hards Euclid." From the pages of the latter we cull the following:—

"An arc of a bandmaster is any portion of his circumference."

"All sergeant-majors are equal to anything, and some are equal to more than anything."

"Privates in the same company and in the same platoon are equal to one another."

"A corpulent N.C.O. is a figure whose circumference is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ his height."

"A permanent pass may be produced any number of times, and never diminish."

"A straight line is the shortest distance from the Guard Room to the camp gates."

"A service belt, though produced far both ways round some soldiers' waists, will never meet."

"On the same crime sheet, and on the same side of it, there should not be two charges for the same thing." (We hope not.)

"A sergeant-major has position, and some magnitude."

"When two sergeant-majors have a difference of opinion, they are said to form a wrangle. Some wrangles are of greater magnitude than others—these are called 'acute wrangles.' Complimentary wrangles are wrangles in which each party is freezingly polite to the other party."

"If the wrangles between sergeant-majors B and D, and sergeant-majors G and H are equal, then the dispute is said to be 'equi-wrangular.'"

"Certain soldiers have breadth, but no length."

"If there be two privates in the same company, and the crime of one be equal to the crime of the other, each to each, and the charge against one private be equal to the charge against the other private, then shall the punishment of the two privates be equal also, each to each. For if not, let one punishment be the greater. Then the other punishment is less than it might have been—which is absurd."

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PROBLEMS.

1. To bisect an Army biscuit.
2. To divide the day's rations into any number of equal parts.

3. To find the locus of a private who moves so that his distance from two fixed points—the Drill Hall and a certain cinema—is always the same.

(N.B.—The locus of a soldier is the path traced out by him when he moves in accordance with some given order.)

We feel sure that this must be a most instructive publication.

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Latest weather report: "An area of 'high pressure' extends across the Drill Hall on Tuesday evenings, often accompanied by strong breezes emanating from the direction of the Orderly-Room. These breezes, however, are invariably followed by 'secondary depressions,' which drift from one subaltern to another before passing over. It occasionally happens that the Officers' Mess comes within a 'trough of low pressure' (when the syphons are empty!). High temperatures extend to a considerable radius of the Orderly-Room, where it is usually warm, but the rifle range (on medical examination nights) is as cold as an Eskimo's toe!

"Thunderstorms are rare; but lunar disturbances are often found around the Lewis gun lecturers!"

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

**BALANCES OF DECEASED
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In pursuance of "The Regimental Debts Act, 1893," notice is hereby given that there is available for distribution amongst the next-of-kin or others entitled the sum of money set opposite to the name of each of the deceased soldiers.

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Pte. P. Davies	0 19 3
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Pte. W. Stagg	2 7 5
Pte. E. Wansbury	0 18 1
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N.C.Os. and Men to whom Silver Medals for Long Service and Good Conduct have been awarded. (Issued with A.O. for November, 1923.)

Middlesex Regiment.

6188421	C.Q.M.S. H. T. Baker, 2nd Bn.
6188419	C.Q.M.S. F. Cushion.
6188320	Sergt. J. Nagle, Pensioned.
6188426	C.Q.M.S. G. F. Wigginton, 2nd Battalion.
6188400	Pte. M. Doherty, 1st Battalion.
6191298	Pte. A. Galliford, transferred to Royal Artillery Band.
6188343	Pte. W. T. Hunter, 1st Battalion.
6188418	Pte. G. Sullivan, 1st Battalion.

**THE SUBALTERN'S
ADVENTURE.**

LIEUT. ROSELL didn't feel very well, He said that the dinner'd upset him. That's all very fine, but I think 'twas the wine, When he wanted to walk wouldn't let him; He'd had every dish—the soup and the fish, Joint, entrée and sweets and *hors d'œuvres* (I think, do you not? that seems rather a lot When you're out in the field on manoeuvres.)

His battalion next day had a terrible fray As a part of a force called the Blue Force (We have always to do with the red and the blue— It is time they invented a new force). The brigade (less one batt., who wore white round the hat And who formed the Red Army defending) Had to do an attack, with the staff on their track, Who were largely engaged superintending.

'Twas a very hot day and they'd marched out some way When Rosell and his company rested On a nice grassy plot, in a cool, shady spot, Where you'd like to remain unmolested.

Lieut. Rosell lay him down for a spell On the grass, and was peacefully dosing, When he heard some one say: "There he is, Sir, that way," And a voice which seemed very imposing, Said: "Rosell, your C.O. bids me tell you to go On a special and dangerous duty. You're to ride through the foe, find the Red Force C.O., And bring me his scalp back as booty."

'Twas a queer thing to say, but he daren't disobey So Rosell got his horse and departed. Peradventure, thought he, I might win the V.C., And began to be glad that he'd started. He rode like—well, same place that rhymes with his name Though machine guns and rifles were spitting, Till with foemen all round he espied a small mound, Where the Red Force Commander was sitting.

Then he drew out his sword (and he prayed to the Lord) And he made a brave charge through the foemen, Right up to the mound, with his sword near the ground, Pointed right at the old man's abdomen. The old man turned blue, but without more ado, He pulled out his revolver and shot him. Rosell felt a pain and a whirl in his brain, So he knew that the bullet had got him. His blood fairly boiled—no, he would not be foiled! So he seized the old man by the shoulder, Then he snatched at his hair but he found in despair He was bald as a smoothly worn boulder.

At that moment he woke—someone gave him a poke And said: "Wake up you—(this I won't mention) I have yelled myself dry, stuck a pin in your thigh, Yet you don't pay the slightest attention.

What the devil is wrong? You've slept all the day long, Till the buglers the "cease fire" are blowing; And, further than that, just let go my tin hat And get up and fall in now, we're going."

Moral.

So Subalterns all, when you're tempted to fall Just remember Rosell's situation. Don't exceed when you dine or imbibe too much wine, Recollect there must be moderation. When a field day takes place (as it did in this case) Do not waste all the day long in snoring, And see, if you can, that you're placed in the van, For to be in reserve's awfully boring. F. T. C.

OBITUARY.

WITH deep regret we have to announce the death of Major Edward John Sharpe, *p.s.c.*, late The Middlesex Regiment, on December 17th, 1923, at the age of 65.

The deceased officer was born on April 10th, 1858. He joined the Regiment in May 1876, and retired in the rank of Major in December 1903.

He served in the South African War of 1879, and was present at the action of Ginginhlovo (medal and clasp).

In the Egyptian Campaign of 1882 he marched from Ismailia to Cairo and occupation of latter town (medal).

During the Great War Major Sharpe rejoined from the Reserve of Officers, and served with a Service battalion of the Regiment in France from August 1915 to January 1916. (British War Medal and Victory Medal.)

Later he worked very hard in training young soldier battalions. He was an able soldier and a first-rate instructor, always eager to help young officers in their studies.

He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters. The eldest son is in the Army.

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

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Colonel	Maxse, Gen. Sir F. Ivor, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.	25Feb.21
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1st and 2nd Battalions. (Regular.)

Lt.-Colonels (2).	
2Swainson, F. E.	28Sept.20
1Heath, R. M., C.M.G., D.S.O.	28Sept.20 1Jan.18
Majors (8).	
2Bicknell, H. P. F., D.S.O.	1Dec.14
1Stewart, W. A., O.B.E.	1Sept.15
1Percy-Smith, D. C., D.S.O., O.B.E.	1Sept.15
2Spence, H. F.	1Sept.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.	29July.18
(1)	

Subalterns (35).

Lieutenants.	
2Bailey, F. A.	1Jan.17
2Manson, E. P., M.C., Adj.	1July.17
1Roberts, W. L., M.C.	1July.17
1Heffer, H. E., M.C.	1July.17
c.o. Butterfield, H. R. F.	1July.17
1Nunn, F. J., M.C.	6Aug.17
c.o. Hill, R. L.	21Aug.17
1Bostock, F. E.	25Sept.17
1Dix-Lewis, A.	25Sept.17
d. 1Mirams, S., M.C.	11Sept.17
1Royle, H. S.	18Sept.17
d. Rackham, B. B., M.C.	13Oct.17
s. Stevni, 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
2Jones, W. H. V.	16Feb.18
1Pennycook, G. H. C., Adj.	27Apr.18
1Hedgeroe, S. F.	27Apr.18
(1) Parker, F. G.	4June.18
1Toye, A. M., M.C. (Spec. Appt.)	15Aug.18
2Savile, H. B. W., M.C.	1Oct.15

2nd Lieutenant.

Lieutenants.	
2Overell, A. N.	1Nov.18
1Clowes, J. H.	1Nov.18
2Chapman, J. R. S.	5Jan.19
1Tait, J.	12Mar.19
2Pater, P.	12June.19
2Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O.	27Aug.19
2Clayden, H. W.	27Aug.19
a.s. Lathwaite, A., D.S.O.	26Sept.19
Stephenson, G. A. (Adj. Singapore Vol. Corps)	24Oct.19
2Howell, H. A. A.	24Oct.19
2Cursors, G. N. A., M.C.	24Apr.17
1Haydon, C. W., M.C.	25Apr.17
2Lawrence, F. A. L.	7May.17
(1) de Court, S. F. W. M., M.C.	28Sept.20
(1) Dallas, J. C. T., 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

5th Battalion (Militia).

Hon. Colonel.	
(Hon. Lt.-Col. in Army T)	2Aug.08 10Mar.03

Majors.

Rooke, C. P., D.S.O. (H)	7Sept.16
Owen, H. C., O.B.E., M.C. (S.C.), Capt. ret. pay	9Aug.17

Captain.

Schooling, J. H.	3Apr.15
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6th Battalion (Militia).

Hon. Colonel.	
Mashier, Sir George C. K.C.B., C.M.G., Lt.-Col. ret. pay	25Feb.21
Lt.-Colonel.	
Graves, C. A. H., O.B.E.	4Apr.18
Captains.	
Josephs, L. H. O.	22Apr.14
Graham-Toler, L. J., M.C.	20Mar.15
Allistone, A. B. W.	20Mar.15
Pechell, H. C.	1Jan.17

7th Battalion (Territorial).

Hon. Colonel.	
Bowles, H. F., TD Lt.	13Aug.04
Lt.-Colonel.	
Pank, C. H., C.M.G., D.S.O., TD Lt.	10May.17 20Feb.23
Major.	
Smith, S. C. M., TD Lt.	1June.16
Captains.	
Cossar, J. M., TD Lt. maj.	1Jan.19
Moody, E. T., O.B.E., M.C.	1June.16
Maitland, 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.	1July.17
Murray, H. A.	9Apr.20
Lindsay, A. S.	5Sept.20
Pringle, W. E., M.C.	24Nov.21
Doide, 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.

(1) Clark, S. J.	21Feb.20
c.o. Walden, F.	21Feb.20
2Heywood, E. L.	29Feb.20
2Ayscough, E. S. M.	20Dec.20
d. 1Reid, J. G. E.	18July.21
a.m. Colam, E. F.	17Dec.21
a.m. Hudson, E. V. H.	17Dec.21
a.m. Musselwhite, C. C.	16July.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
1Crawford, M.	23Dec.23

Adjutant.	
Savile, H. B. W., M.C. Capt., Middx. Regt.	25Feb.21
Quarter-Master.	
Hudson, J. T. H., D.S.O., TD Maj.	7Oct.02
[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]	

Cadet Units affiliated.	
1 Cadet Bn. Midd'x R.	
5 Cadet Bn. Midd'x R. Schools.	

8th Battalion (Territorial).

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Hon. Colonel.	
Garner, W., C.M.G., TD Lt.	5Apr.21
Lt.-Colonel.	
Baker, E. E. F., D.S.O., M.C., Lt.	20Feb.23
Major.	
Lewey, A. W. (Prov.)	28July.23
Captains.	
Palmer, H. A.	3Nov.18
Parmeter, W. H.	22Apr.22
Young, A. H.	20July.22
Newbery, R. E., M.C. (Prov.)	10Jan.23
Murray, F. F. (Prov.)	28July.23

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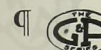
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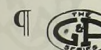
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