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**EDITORIAL**

WE beg to remind many of our readers that their subscriptions expire with the current issue.

This year is the 113th anniversary of the Battle of Albuhera. We publish a small account of it in another column.

The battle honours granted for the Great War appear for the first time on the title page of this number. The total for the war will be eighty, which is, we believe, the record number gained by any regiment in the Army.

Brevet Colonel C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., has been appointed to command the 141st (5th London) Infantry Brigade (I.A.).

With much regret we have to announce that Col. J. Hamilton Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O., has retired from the Executive Committee of the Regimental Association. Under his chairmanship the Association has reached

a very high standard of organization. Only those who have been in close touch with his work can thoroughly appreciate the assiduous and undivided attention which he bestowed upon every problem brought to his notice. The Regiment in general, and the Association in particular, are under a great debt of gratitude to Colonel Hall for the inestimable services he has rendered them.

Major H. P. F. Bicknell, D.S.O., has joined the 2nd Battalion at Ahmednagar. Major H. F. Spence has been placed on half-pay.

Copies of the aerial view of the Depot can be obtained from Aerofilms, Limited, The London Aerodrome, Hendon, N.W. 9, at the following prices and post free:—Enlarged art mounted, in black and white, 8½ inches by 6½ inches, 4s. 6d.; ditto, 10 inches by 8 inches, 6s. 3d.; in sepia, 9d. and 1s. 6d. extra respectively.

**ALBUHERA.**

IN April, 1811, Lord Wellington resolved to try and capture Badajoz and sent Marshal Beresford there with the 2nd and 4th Divisions. When, however, the trenches and breaching batteries were complete, information was received that Marshal Soult was hastening from Seville to raise the siege.

In order to prevent this, Beresford took up a position on the ridge of Albuhera—15 miles south of Badajoz—commanding the enemy's main line of approach.

On his left he placed the Portuguese Division of 6,000 men, on his right the Spaniards, numbering 11,000 men. Some 700 sabres protected each of his flanks.

In the centre was the 2nd Division, consisting of 5,400 bayonets. It was composed of three brigades, of which the centre one was commanded by Gen. Hoghton,

and consisted of the 29th, 57th and 48th Regiments—a total of 1,600 men.

Thus the 57th formed the very centre of the British line.

Soult had under his command at least 24,000 men, composed of some of the finest troops in the French Army—including 4,000 picked cavalry and 40 guns.

The battle seemed to divide itself into three phases:—

**1st Phase.**—The attack commenced at 8 a.m. by a feint made against the village of Albuhera, under cover of which, as also of a thick mist, Soult directed his main attack against the British right. Here the Spaniards made a brave defence, but weight of numbers was beginning to tell when the 1st Brigade, under Colborne, consisting of the Buffs, 31st (2nd), 48th and 66th, advanced to their support.

They came in upon the flank of the French attacking columns, and threw them into great confusion when, at that moment a terrific storm of rain swept over the field, under cover of which the French Hussars and Polish Lancers charged the brigade's exposed flank. The 31st formed square, but the other three regiments were rolled up, and in five minutes were practically annihilated.

**2nd Phase.**—Hoghton's Brigade was now close up, and promptly shot and disposed of the scattered Lancers in front of them, who were mad drunk and brutally killing wounded and prisoners alike. This brigade, which numbered only 1,600 bayonets, now had to withstand the most furious onslaught of the whole French 5th Division, consisting of some 10,000 men, while subject at the same time to a withering fire from the powerful French Artillery.

This was the hardest and most splendid fighting that was done on that day—not excepting the glorious advance of the Fusilier Brigade—as Hoghton's Regiments—the 29th, 57th and 48th, absolutely died in line without yielding an inch.

It was during this desperate fighting that Col. Inglis, who was moving up and down the ranks of the 37th, was struck down by a grape-shot, but refused to be moved, and continued to encourage his men by calling upon them to "Die-hard 57th."

The French, however, were coming on in increasing numbers, whilst Hoghton's devoted brigade were dwindling every instant, and it almost seemed that defeat and retreat were inevitable, when a Staff

Officer—Col. Hardinge, who had formerly commanded the Light Company of the 57th—took upon himself to order up the 4th Division, which had arrived a few hours previously from Badajoz, and was then in reserve.

**3rd Phase.**—Soult had now brought up his reserves, and the 4th Division, in which was the famous Fusilier Brigade, now met on the ridge to decide upon which of the contending hosts should victory finally rest. All Soult's batteries, every available French musket was now turned upon the advancing British line, which, in spite of dreadful losses, never wavered until, when within thirty paces of the French column, they poured in a succession of destructive volleys, which they followed up with a bayonet charge.

The French were driven back in hopeless and utter route.

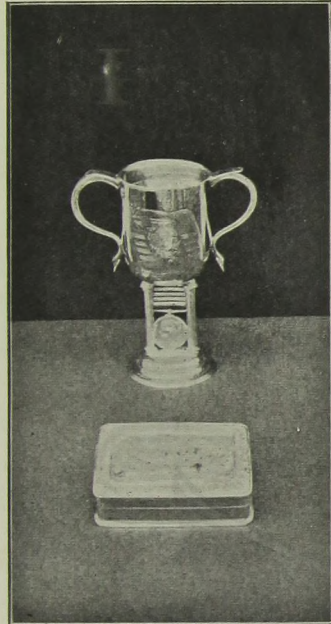
The 57th went into action 570 strong; their losses were 415. Of the 27 officers there were only two unwounded. For the bravery and steadfastness shown by the 57th Regiment at the Battle of Albuhera, it received an order that, henceforth, it was to wear upon all its appointments the word "Albuhera."

**Addenda.**—1. It has been stated by a very able authority that "had the 57th Regiment, forming as it did the centre and consequently the key of the British line, wavered, retired, or lost ground for even twenty paces, the centre would have been pierced, the line broken, and the battle lost. Then the 'peace at any price party' would have demanded the withdrawal of the British troops from the Peninsula and the fate of Europe—which has often hung on less—might have been changed."

2. Lieut. Hobhouse, who was in command of the Light Company of the 57th, stated that "After the fight was over they drew back a few paces to call the roll, and out of 570 who went into action there was only 118 rank and file, and 6 subalterns; only two officers were unwounded." While, just after marching off the survivors it was noticeable that "those who had fallen were lying in two long lines, like a pack of cards."

3. It is recorded that on the day of the battle the men had practically no food, while next morning each man was issued with one handful of flour, which constituted his full ration.

For the rest, those who were fortunate procured some nettles (from a part of the field which was less of a quagmire, and not so trampled down as in most places), which they mixed with their flour to make a soup. For fuel the French muskets, which covered the ground in thousands, were broken up and used as such.



ALBUHERA CUP AND SNUFF BOX.

"THE ALBUHERA CUP."—To the Memory of "THE DIE-HARDS" who fell at Albuhera, 415 Rank and File, 16th May, 1811. Forming the stem of this Cup is a Peninsula Medal with 5 clasps, "Albuhera," "Victoria," "Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Nive."

PRIVATE HENRY HOLLOWAY, 57th Foot.—He was the last survivor of the men of the 57th Foot who held the Ridge of Albuhera. Just previous to his answering "The Last Post" he said that there was but one thing on earth he valued and that was his medal, which he bequeathed to his old Regiment "The Die-Hards."

"THE ALBUHERA SNUFF BOX."—This Snuff Box was made from the Breastplates of the Officers of the 57th Regiment who fell at the Battle of Albuhera, 16th May, 1811.

### ALBUHERA DAY AT ALDERSHOT.

WE are asked to publish the proposed arrangements by the 1st Battalion for celebrating Albuhera Day, 1924, at Aldershot.

1. The officers will entertain all past Regular officers of the Battalion at luncheon at the Officers' Mess, Corunna Barracks. For lack of addresses invitations may not be sent to all. Past officers who wish to be present, and who do not receive invitations are, therefore, requested to inform the Mess President as early as possible, so that invitations may be sent to them.

2. In the afternoon the Battalion Albuhera Sports will be held, at which the officers will be at home to all past and serving officers of all battalions of the Regiment, and their families. For the same reason as given above it is requested that those who wish to be present and do not receive invitation cards will send their names and addresses to the President Mess Committee.

3. The Warrant Officers and Sergeants will be at home on the sports grounds to all past and pre-war members of the Mess, and their families. All those who propose to attend are requested to inform the President of the Sergeants' Mess as early as possible.

4. All past members of the Regiment will be welcomed at the Sports.



SINCE sending in our last notes the Cup-tie fever has been raging furiously. We have had Cup-tie matches in Rugby and Association Football, Hockey, and Championship contests in Boxing. The present position in all games is as follows:—

#### ARMY CUPS.

##### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

- 1st Round: v. 2nd Bn. Tank Corps. Won, 2—1.  
 2nd Round: v. 2nd Bn. Rifle Brigade. Won, 3—1.  
 3rd Round: v. R.A.S.C. Won, 1—0.  
 4th Round: v. 1st Bn. Queen's Regiment. Won, 3—2.  
 5th Round: v. 1st Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment. Won, 5—2.  
 Semi-final: v. 1st Bn. The Wiltshire Regiment. Lost, 3—1.

#### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

- 1st Round: v. R.E. (Aldershot). Won, 24—0.  
 2nd Round: v. 1st Bedfs. and Herts. Regiment. Won, 6—0.  
 3rd Round: v. R.A.S.C. Won, 13—3.  
 4th Round: v. 1st Bn. Welsh Guards. Lost, 33—5.

#### HOCKEY.

- 1st Round: v. 2nd Bn. Border Regiment. Won, 3—0.  
 2nd Round: Bye.  
 3rd Round: v. R.A.S.C. Lost, 4—1.

#### BOXING.

- 1st Round: v. 1st Bn. Grenadier Guards. Won, 20—10.  
 2nd Round: v. 2nd Bn. Royal Tank Corps. Won, 16—15.  
 3rd Round: v. 1st Gloucester Regiment. Won.

4th Round: v. 2nd Bn. Black Watch. Tie.  
 From the above it will be seen that the teams in all the above-mentioned games have now been knocked out for this season, but it is certainly a creditable performance to have got into the semi-final of the Association Football Cup, and the fourth rounds of the Rugby Cup and Boxing Championship.

Capt. English has arrived from India in the place of Lieut. Douthet. We wish him the best of luck.

We congratulate Lieut. Dix-Lewis on his marriage, which took place on January 9th.

Capt. Procter, we are sorry to say, has left us to become Adjutant of the 9th Battalion at Willesden. Since coming to this Battalion in 1919, he has been one of the chief partakers in, and organizers of sport. The Battalion will feel his loss keenly in this and other directions.

We regret very much to announce the Death of Dmr. Murphy, which took place in hospital on February 26th. He had served thirty years with the Regiment.

#### SPORTS NOTES.

##### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Condolences to the Rugger XV on passing out of the Army Cup. However, it must stand to their credit that they reached the fourth round at the first year of trying, and that the knock-out was administered by the (then) holders. In the third round *versus* the R.A.S.C., we were shown a very fast game, described in the *Aldershot News* as "as keen a game as Aldershot has yet seen." In the Welsh Guards match, Capt.

Phillips came up into the scrum, his place at back being taken by L./Cpl. Henderson. Up to half-time the game was very level, and it appeared that our much out-weighted team might be able to hold their own; two unconverted tries of the Welsh Guards having been replied to by a goal, which was the result of a characteristic piece of work by Lieut. Clowes. However, on the resumption of play after half-time, the Welshmen changed their tactics, and continually pushed us down the field to our own line. They then commenced to score heavily, the final result being 33—5.

Congratulations to Lieut. Worton in being selected to play for the Army several times and to Capt. Haydon in playing for the Harlequins.

#### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The results this year, in the Army Cup were very satisfactory, and although the semi-final saw the last of our efforts, we hope for that slight improvement in the future which may give us the Cup. The semi-final against the 1st Wiltshire Regiment at Portsmouth, where we met our defeat, took place on March 28th. The whole Battalion went down to see the game, so that it was not for lack of supporters that the team lost.

The XI's record in the League has also been decidedly good. Out of 14 matches played, 11 have been won, and 3 lost. In our group of the League we finished second, and but for the loss in the first game played over here, when the team were still unused to grass, they would now be on top.

Since the last notes were sent in the following games have been played:—

- 24/11/23: v. R. E. Troops. Won, 6—0.  
 5/12/23: v. Welsh Guards. Won, 4—2.  
 26/1/24: v. Welsh Guards. Won, 6—3.  
 13/2/24: v. Grenadier Guards. Won, 4—1.  
 1/3/24: v. R.A.S.C. Lost, 2—1.  
 8/3/24: v. Service Companies, R.A.S.C. Lost, 2—1.

20/3/24: v. Border Regiment. Won, 8—0  
 A few changes have been made in the team. L./Cpl. Bolden has dropped to right-half, Pte. Williams ("H.Q." Signals) is outside right, and L./Cpl. Phelps has moved from right-half to centre-half. All three did well in these places against the R.A.S.C.

The Company Knock-out has only provided one game so far, and this resulted in a victory for "C" Company over "A" Company by 3 goals to 1.

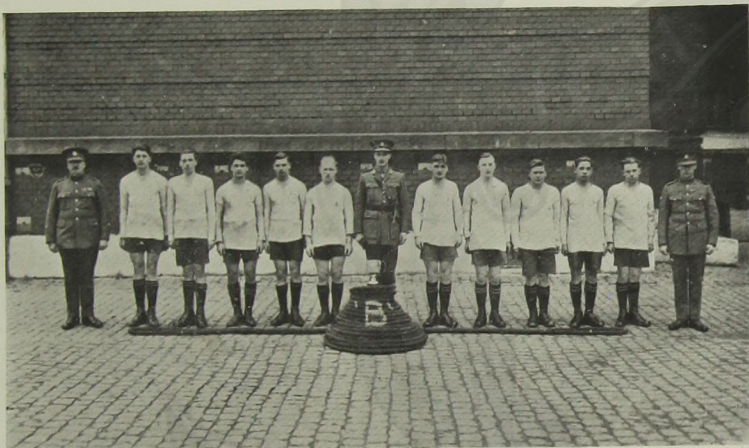
The Company League has been completed, and the results are as follows:—

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

The Boys' XI have played 8 games in the Boys' League, and of these 4 have been won, 1 lost, and 3 drawn. In the

However, as we shall be on the spot before the season starts next year, it may be possible to get the A.C.A.A. to give the ground more attention at the beginning of the season, and also we may be able to arrange a regular fixture list and thereby practice more known players, and bring on others.

As a result of the games this season, it is apparent that more practice is required if the hockey team expect to equal the results of the Soccer, Rugger, and Boxing teams.



"B" COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, TUG-OF-WAR TEAM, 1923.

Boys' Army Cup, the team were unequal to the task set them by the R.A.S.C. "A" team, and were defeated by 2 goals to 0.

We heartily congratulate the following on being awarded their colours:—Sergt. Campbell, L./Cpl. Bolden, L./Sergt. Cullen, Ptes. Baker and Bartropp, and Bdsmn. Beaney.

L./Cpl. Sammons played for the British Army against the Belgian Army on April 3rd, and L./Sergt. Cullen was an Army reserve. We congratulate them.

#### HOCKEY.

The Hockey XI went down to the R.A.S.C. in the third round of the Army Cup by 4—1, and from the amount of practice obtained during the season this is not surprising. The real basic trouble has been the one "dud" ground at the disposal of the Battalion, and that only twice a week, when the weather permitted our playing.

The Company League resulted as follows:

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

#### BOXING.

The Battalion Boxing Tournament has been held, and provided some good sport and promising form.

*December 4th and 5th, Novices' Competition.*

- Welter-weights.*—1, Pte Tompkins ("G"); 2, L./Cpl. Bolden ("C").  
*Light-weights.*—1, Pte. Goodall ("A"); 2, Pte. Bumpus ("Q").  
*Middle-weights.*—1, Pte. Nicholls ("C"); 2, L./Cpl. Mansfield ("C").  
*Bantam-weights.*—1, L./Cpl. Young ("A").

*Feather-weights.*—1, Pte. Lipyeat ("C").  
*Light Heavy-weights.*—L./Cpl. Henderson ("A").

The Company placings were as follows:—1, "C" Coy.; 2, "A" Coy.; 3, "D" Coy.; 4, "G" Coy.; 5, "B" Coy.; and 6, "Q" Coy.

*January 23rd and 25th, Open Competition.*

*Light-weights.*—1, Pte. Howlett ("B"); 2, Pte. Tompkins ("G").

*Middle-weights.*—1, Pte. Jackson ("D"); 2, Pte. Fisk ("Q").

*Welter-weights.*—1, Pte. Bayliss ("B"); 2, L./Cpl. McMurdie ("D").

*Feather-weights.*—1, Bdsmn Jones ("G"); 2, Pte. Bumpus ("Q").

In the first round of the Army Inter-Unit Boxing, we drew the 1st Bn. Grenadier Guards, the result being a win by 20 points to 10.

The following represented the Battalion:—Lieuts. Bostock, Kempster, and Hedgecoe, L./Sergt. Griffin, Cpl. Hawkins, Pte. Fisk, Pte. Bayliss, Pte. Howlett, Cpl. Fleming, L./Cpl. Swindon, Pte. Glover. Of these Lieut. Bostock, L./Cpl. Swindon and Pte. Glover had walk-overs. Lieut. Kempster was just outpointed by Lieut. Haywood-Lonsdale, and Sergt. Griffin was knocked out by Gdsn. Walters. The remainder won their bouts, most of them in very decisive fashion.

In the second round we met the 2nd



"B" COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, HOCKEY TEAM, 1923.

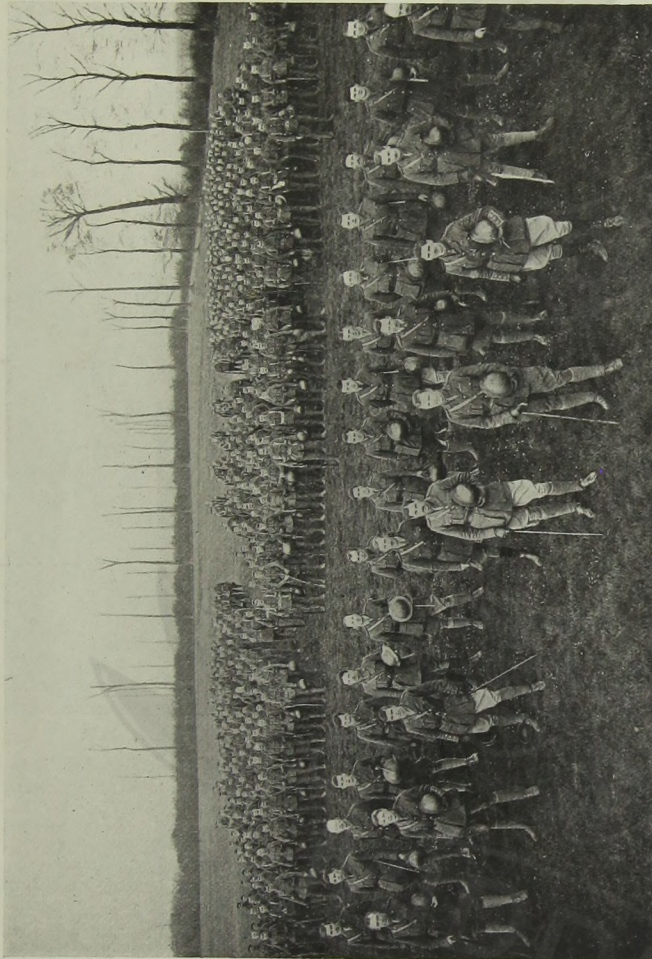
*Fly-weights.*—1, Pte. Smith ("A").

Cpl. Fleming ("D"), Cpl. Hawkins ("C"), and L./Sergt. Griffin ("B"), took points for their companies, but did not have to fight. The Company placings were:—1, "B" Coy.; 2, "A" and "D" Coys.; 4, "Q" Coy.; 5, "G" Coy.; and 6, "C" Coy.

A good loser's medal was awarded to Pte. Harnett ("D"), but he was by no means the only good loser, for as a matter of fact practically every fight was fought out with real sportsmanship; the boxing being the best seen in the Battalion for some time. Major S. E. C. Partridge, Welch Regiment, kindly acted as referee on both nights.

Bn. Royal Tank Corps, on February 27th, 1924, and secured another victory, the points being 16—15. The team was identical with that which took part in the first round. Lieut. Kempster had a walk over, and the following won their fights:—Cpl. Hawkins, Ptes. Howlett, Glover, Bayliss and Cpl. Fleming. Sergt. Griffin, unfortunately, was again knocked out, and Lieut. Bostock and Pte. Fisk also "took the count." Lieut. Hedgecoe lost on points, and L./Cpl. Swindon had the misfortune to be disqualified.

The Gloucesters were our next opponents but we won by 7 fights to 4. Lieut. Hedgecoe, L./Cpl. Jackson, L./Sergt. Hawkins, Pte. Howlett, L./Sergt. Fleming, L./Cpl.



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1ST BATTALION IN FRANCE, APRIL 23RD, 1918.

Swindon and Pte. Glover all winning their fights.

In the fourth round we tied with the 2nd Bn. Black Watch, Lieuts. Hedgecoe and Kempster, Pte. Fisk, L./Sergt. Hawkins, and Sergt. Fleming won their fights. Lieut. Dobbs took Lieut. Bostock's place, and put up a very good fight, unfortunately losing on points. After the result was announced it was decided to toss up for which team should enter the semi-final. The Black Watch won.

Thanks are due to Sergt. Campbell for his part in the training of the team, which undoubtedly contributed largely to its success.

#### BILLIARDS.

On February 12th and 13th two games of 950 up were played on the Institute tables to decide who should represent the Battalion in the Army Billiards' Individual Championship. The first was a representative of the Sergeants' Mess *v.* a Private (Sergt. Moore *v.* Pte. Lindsay), and the second the winners of the previous game *v.* a representative of the Corporals' Room (L./Cpl. O'Neil). The first game was won by Sergt. Moore by 75. The second ended in a victory for L./Cpl. O'Neil by 36. On both occasions the seriousness of the game seemed to tell on the nerves of the players, and none reached their best form. However, we congratulate L./Cpl. O'Neil on overcoming such a formidable opponent as Sergt. Moore, but unfortunately L./Cpl. O'Neil was knocked out two rounds later by Sergt. Chiverton, of the R.A.S.C.

In the team events we entered for both Class "A" (W.Os., Sergeants and Officers), and Class "B" (Corporals and Privates). Class "A" team was as follows:—R.S.M. Anderson, R.Q.M.S. Clark, Sergts. Moore, Green, Sparkes, and Goldsmith. This team, sad to relate, were unable to overcome the opposition, and went down to the Welsh Guards by 67 points. Class "B" have fared better. They now represent their group, having won their four matches. We wish them the best of luck when they meet the 3rd Brigade R.F.A. in the preliminary round of the Command Competition.

#### "H.Q." WING NOTES.

The first thing to mention for Headquarters should be, I suppose, the Christmas Dinner. What a spread, and what a quantity of people ready to eat it! Credit is due to the Committee, who must have

spent a long time in preparation for the day. Unfortunately we came second in the decoration scheme. Still better luck next time! The day was one that will be remembered for a long time. In games, "H.Q." have not progressed with their usual "push." The reason is hard to find, but we are proud to possess so many Regimental players.

Our canine friend, "Rex," has now returned from his sojourn in quarantine, and looks very fit, although somewhat slimmer in figure. He sends his greeting to all on his return to duty!

The Machine Gun Platoon played the Grenadiers' Machine Gunners at Soccer, and drew 2—2. They also played the Borders at Rugger. It was "some" game, but I have never been able to hear the result. From the look of things, the Drums are going in for a cycling club. It is a good idea, and might be followed by others. More news is unobtainable, so these notes must close.

#### "A" COMPANY NOTES.

Second Lieut. D. L. Welman joined us on March 1st, 1924, and if family tradition is anything to go by, we have a "capture."

After a month's rest cure, we awoke from our coma to indulge in a fortnight's Company Training; not the sort we indulged in during our rest cure! Again we welcome a new C.S.M. to our Company in Sergt.-Major Beaman, and we hope he will stay with us longer than his predecessors. (Dear Ed. five in four years! Is this a record for peace time soldiering?)

We entertain great hopes of taking a step or two nearer the lead in the Inter-Company Championship during the coming sports period, and we are confident of doing well in the musketry, now taking place at Bisley. If confidence will do the trick, our hopes will be fulfilled.

#### "B" COMPANY NOTES.

At the time of writing training for sport is in full swing. The tug-of-war team, in the capable hands of C.Q.M.S. Pelly, is working very hard, and one may say safely, that it has not lost its old form. Seventy-five per cent. of the Company frequently take cross-country runs by way of practice, and altogether we hope for a successful year. On February 6th we carried off the Battalion Boxing Tournament. Several

individuals, who had never before entered the ring, gave capital displays. Boxing seems to attract many men of the Company, for nightly one sees gloves being used in the barrack-rooms. The Company is well represented in the Battalion teams. In the team which defeated the Grenadier Guards, Lieut. Bostock, Sergt. Griffin, Ptes. Howlett, Bayliss and Glover were from "B" Company, whilst Cpl. Phelps, Ptes. Hance and Bartropp have received their Soccer Colours. No fewer than seven members of the Battalion Rugby team are also of "B," namely, Capt. Haydon, Lieuts. Clowes and Cubitt, Sergts. Lambert and Griffin, Ptes. S'emp and Hatchett.

On February 7th, the hockey team avenged a previous heavy defeat by H.Q. "Q." Company, in winning by 3—2.

It is remarked that a cycle club is being formed in the Company. One wonders if Ptes. Hance and Gurling will be elected captain and vice-captain respectively, after their break-neck race on Saturday, February 2nd. Several questions might be asked, namely, what happened at Staines Bridge? Who located a deep muddy ditch? What explanation was given to the police? What did the dealer say on the return of the cycles?

#### "D" COMPANY NOTES.

We regret that the following have taken their discharges:—C.S.M. Duncan, Sergt. Rogers, Cpl. Ogburn and Pte. Howard.

At Aldershot on November 23rd, 1923, Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C., presented a silver watch, suitably inscribed to L./Cpl. B. Sewell, and on behalf of the Company expressed regret at losing such a good sportsman, and wished him success in civilian life. Lieut.-Col. R. M. Heath kindly presented C.S.M. Duncan with a gold watch and chain, at Aldershot, on his leaving the Regiment. It was inscribed as follows:

To C.S.M. H. DUNCAN,  
FROM THE OFFICERS, N.C.OS. AND MEN  
OF "D" COY. 1ST BN. THE MIDDLESEX  
REGIMENT, ON HIS DISCHARGE,  
JANUARY, 1924.

The Colonel expressed his regret at losing such a good Warrant Officer, and sportsman, and said it would be very difficult to find anyone to take his place, and his loss would be greatly felt.

Responding, C.S.M. Duncan said, he was very sorry he was leaving, and that every

time he looked at the watch it would remind him of the good days he had spent with the Company.

Our football team have carried everything before it in the Company League, and we hope that with this lead, we shall retain the Football Shield. In the Hockey League we did not do quite so well, but next year, we hope to be ready to meet all comers. We still retain our laurels in the Cross-Country, having won the first Battalion run, and are still in training for coming events. We are doing fairly well in boxing, and at the recent Tournament took five prizes with only ten entries, but we hope to do better still in the future. In the Battalion team we are well represented by Lieut. Kempster, Cpl. Fleming and L./Cpl. Swindon.

Since the beginning of the new year, the platoon officers and sergeants have undergone a course of Weapon Training. They seemed to enjoy chasing aeroplanes with Lewis guns and stabbing sacks, and now they have returned with honours, four becoming "Distinguished," and four "O.L.," so the men have plenty of exercise to keep them warm on frosty mornings.

Sergt. Willard joined us on January 4th. He is a great asset to the Company. We congratulate L./Cpl. Mardle on his promotion to Corporal, and L./Cpl. McMurdie on his appointment to Paid Lance-Corporal.



The September "Pokey Die" was won by Sergt. Campbell, and the October and November Competitions by Sergt. Sheridan. Christmas was, as usual, spent with the troops, our own celebration taking place on New Year's Eve. There was an innovation in members being allowed to bring a friend. It is a pity that the single members did not respond more fully to this privilege than was the case. The dinner was a success, and a dance which followed was well attended. Thanks are due to C.Q.M.S. Cook for his very able efforts. Under the guidance of the R.S.M. we paraded on the square to welcome in the New Year at midnight. The Sergeant-Drummer gave us a drum solo to pass away the time.

A dance held in January was well attended and enjoyed.

Several billiard matches have been played. The results are as follows:—

Mess 600, v. R.A.P.C., 267; Mess, 1274, v. Grenadier Guards, 1,500.

The following members have left us:—Sergt. Rand, and Arm./Q.M.S. Crooks to India, and Sergts. Sheridan, Casey, Munday and Rogers have left the Service. We must not forget C.S.M. Duncan. We wish them all good luck for the future. We welcome the following into our Mess:—Sergt. Willard, L./Sergt. Rogers and C.Q.M.S. Bastin (R.A.O.C.).

#### THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

1. Who is Mr. Foster?
2. Who was the W.O. who was offered a "glarney" by some juvenile coal thieves?
3. Did "Floss" enjoy himself with the Attached?

#### CORPORALS' ROOM NOTES.

I feel that I want to break into that old refrain:

"Here we are, here we are, here we are again."

Time passes, seasons change, rivers flow, but we still remain to worry and pester you.

The old order changeth, but we very rarely do. Some daring individual now and again breaks the monotony and walks into the Mess with his hat on, and forfeits one penny which goes towards purchasing coal for the Mess-room. A few more pieces of furniture have been broken, the curtains are still unwashed, laying limp and looking dejected. The pockets of the billiard table are strung together with a few more pieces of string; otherwise we have changed not one iota.

Queen Victoria still smiles serenely at us from her frame on the wall! But wait! I had forgotten something. The old order has changed; once indeed did we plunge from that lethargic state of mediæval times into the Kruschen modernity.

What has caused this? Why we have had a dance; seems strange, yet it is true, and what is more, it was a real success. We are looking forward eagerly to the next, but to quote from the "Ancient and Modern,"

"A few more years shall roll."

We had quite an ideal programme,

enjoyed by all I am sure. I should like to take this advantage and compliment members Egan and Forshaw on their exhibition dance. Several new steps were introduced, quite gracefully executed, worthy of the great Pavlova herself. (N.B.—Pavlova is not an elephant).

The grass on the billiard table has not yet been cut, but this does not prevent the nightly snooker duels. One never hears the word snooker nowadays, it has an adaptation, *i.e.*, "Snukker." At the time of writing these notes one of the members is trying to negotiate a very difficult bunker with the help of a very improvised golf club. We had a digging party in the Mess last week trying to salvage the red from one of the numerous ruts that abound. "Holing out in one" never has and never will be accomplished. Whilst on billiards we tender sincere congrats. to L./Cpl. J. O'Neil on winning the right to represent the Battalion in the Billiards Knock-out. Also to the Corporals and Privates' combined team for winning their first match against the Border Regiment in the Command Knock-out by the large margin of 152 points.

Our piano still survives, but I doubt if it will be able to hold out much longer if our Jazz Band has many more practice nights. (Bandmaster) Williams is very successful in his new rôle and I am somewhat surprised that our leading side-drummer, Victor Bolden, has not turned his attention to this noble art beforehand.

We are really a very happy little band of sufferers, well represented in Battalion sports. (I trust the Battalion Editor has not omitted this) so I'll leave that, excepting that the Rugby players like to demonstrate in the Mess the correct way to scrum, but unfortunately the ball is human. The last ball to survive the scrummage was Dick Russell. I don't think he likes Rugger now.

To the members who have left us we wish good luck. To those who have joined we give the heartiest greeting, and hope to see their names in the billiard book very soon.

One of these days we hope to have our photo taken *en masse* and inserted herein for the pleasure, or otherwise, of our readers. Perhaps you may then recognize several of your old debtors.

We tender a temporary adieu to all our subscribers, but we will turn up like the proverbial bad penny in our next issue.

SIR GARETH.

## REVIEWS.

**THE FIGHTING FORCES.** A quarterly magazine for the Three Services. Edited by Lieut.-Col. F. E. WHITTON, C.M.G. (Published by Gale & Polden, Ltd., Aldershot, London, and Portsmouth, 5s.).

The first number of this interesting and enterprising magazine shows it to be a valuable addition to the literature that specially appeals to serving and retired members of the Royal Navy, the Army, and the Royal Air Force.

The contents are rich in varied interest, ranging from Professor A. F. Pollard's striking review of the European situation, to the chatty and helpful article on "The House: How to get it and what it costs."

Articles of special interest to each of the Three Services are included, together with articles on Rugby, Coaching, Hunting, Bridge, and Chess. Articles of general interest include a remarkable contribution by Lieut.-Col. the Hon. A. V. Russell, in "Reminiscences of the German Court," and the "Military Forces of the Vatican," by the Duke de Stacpoole, while the lighter side of literature is represented by a capital little story contributed by Capt. K. G. W. Shennan.

The magazine is exceedingly well produced and printed and well illustrated, while a feature is the two excellent illustrations in colour.

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**THE  
 REGIMENTAL HISTORY OF  
 THE "DIE-HARDS."**

**T**HROUGH the kindness of the Editor of THE DIE-HARDS I am making this appeal to all present and past members of the Regiment to send me whatever material they have in the way of personal stories, maps, diaries, documents or photographs (taken by them or their relatives in a theatre of war) and even descriptive letters, which would assist me in the writing of the History. There is, unfortunately, a distinct dearth of good material in the official War Diaries, and often when from the number of casualties incurred, it is evident that a good fight had taken place, the reference to it in the official reports are

most vague and unsatisfying. I therefore appeal to all officers and men who served with the Regular, Territorial or Service Battalions of the Regiment to lend whatever interesting material they may have. The one essential is that everything should be duly authenticated.

It is impossible to tell off-hand what would be of use, or even to indicate the numerous actions for which I should be glad of further information. But if those who can help will help by writing to me and telling me what they have by them, I should be most pleased to say at once whether I consider it likely to be of use. Trench maps are always handy, and more so if the positions of troops are marked on them.

I should like it to be understood that my request refers to any and all of the various theatres of war in which Battalions of the Regiment fought. But, as some reference to those Battalions which were formed and only saw service in England is to be made, a short description of these would also be helpful.

All correspondence (in the first instance) should be addressed as follows:—

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I need hardly add that any material lent to me will be most carefully preserved and returned when finished with.

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**RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS.**

**T**HIS is anything but an original title, but let it serve. I think I cannot do better than start it with a very typical "recollection" of H.R.H. The Colonel-in-Chief! This is not a personal recollection, but was told me by an eye-witness.

## I.

It was during His Royal Highness's tour in India, and Mhow was doing its best in the way of polo, races, sports, dances, etc., in his honour. Leaving the course after the races, a path had with difficulty, been cleared for His Royal Highness, through the dense crowd of natives. An old white-bearded pensioned native officer, well over 80 years of age and very infirm, had been carried down in the hope of seeing his King's

son. But the crowd was so great that his chair had perforce been deposited quite in the background behind many rows of standing and loyally enthusiastic "bhais." The Prince, as he passed, took in the situation at a glance, forced his way through the crowd and shook the old man by the hand, asking after his welfare, all about his service, etc. The old pensioner was too overcome to do more than quaver: "Now I shall die in peace!" He died the following week.

The locale of this "recollection" brings to my mind that I joined the 2nd Battalion at Mhow more than a few years ago!

## II.

In the early nineties the military authorities in India, no doubt for good and sufficient reason, issued reverberating orders from the hill-top that any officer, man, or boy convicted of striking a native should be forthwith "led out and executed." "This order to be read out, etc."

One delightful spring evening at a large frontier station immediately after the promulgation of the above order, the whole station seemed to be taking it easy in the

club verandah, or sitting on the lawn listening to the band, discussing, probably (it was then one of the chief topics of conversation) the latest rumour as to the Amir's demise, and the consequent march on Kandahar.

In the adjoining racquet court the waning light had stopped play and the G.O.C., one of the players (subsequently C-in-C. East Indies, and later still a Field-Marshal) came out and walked across to his phaeton and pair standing waiting for him in front of the club. It was already pretty chilly and what did he see, his beloved pair not rugged up! The General shivered either in sympathy with his horses or perhaps in rage at his orders having been so flagrantly disobeyed. "Huzoor boulgia" ("Oh Lord, I forgot") whined the miserable scyce, but in vain. The carriage whip being the nearest weapon to hand, came into play and descended repeatedly on the miserable one's back and legs till it broke in pieces, to the huge delight of the assembled crowd.

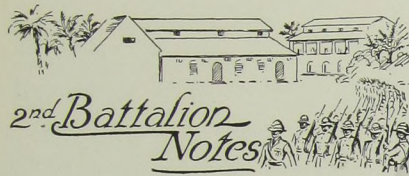
To be continued—perhaps!

"DOUBLE SEVEN."



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## FOOTBALL.

SINCE leaving Singapore the Battalion have played four matches. Three of these have been drawn, and one a victory by 1—0.

The first was played at Colombo on the voyage from Singapore to India, *versus* the Garrison, and resulted in a draw of 1—1. Our team in this match were handicapped by the fact that they had to play in borrowed gear.

On arrival at Ahmednagar we met the 2nd Bn. The Durham Light Infantry, who were reckoned one of the best teams in India.

We played three matches against them, winning the first by 1—0, and drawing the other two, one with no score, and the other one goal all.

Our next venture is the Poona District Tournament.

The Inter-Company League is now in progress, and the table at the moment of writing is as under:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	GOALS.		P.
					F.	A.	
"C" Coy.	2	1	0	1	4	1	3
"B" Coy.	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
"H.Q." I	2	0	0	2	1	1	2
"A" Coy.	2	1	1	0	1	4	2
"H.Q." 2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
"D" Coy.	2	0	2	0	0	3	0

## HOCKEY.

Our Battalion hockey team played their first match in the Poona District Tournament on January 30th *versus* the Shropshire Light Infantry. We lost after a good game by 1—0.

We have not had much opportunity of getting hockey going since we have been in Ahmednagar, as the Inter-Company League is due to be played as soon as the Inter-Company Football League is completed, when we hope to find fresh talent for our future Battalion team.

## CRICKET.

The following matches have been played since the Battalion has been in India:—

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* 2ND BN. THE DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.

Played at Ahmednagar on November 1st, 1923. Drawn game.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Major T. S. Wollocombe, c Wetherell b Robson	24
L./Cpl. Flint, lbw b Anderton	13
C.S.M. Siddons, lbw b Robson	6
Capt. Whinney, b Anderton	15
Cpl. Palmer, lbw b Anderton	6
Capt. Savile, c Ware b Anderton	0
Lieut. Heywood, c Turner b Hudson-Kinahan	2
Sergt. Capel, c Ware b Hudson-Kinahan	15
Sergt. Glover, c Wilkes b Hudson-Kinahan	0
L./Cpl. Addinall, not out	4
Pte. Lincoln, not out	2
Extras	6

Total (9 wkts.) ... 93

2nd Bn. Durham Light Infantry scored 112 runs.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* GYMKHANA CRICKET CLUB.

Played at Ahmednagar on November 3rd, 1923. Drawn game.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Capt. Savile, st — b Hudson-Kinahan	0
L./Cpl. Flint, lbw b Ware	3
Sergt. Capel, st — b Hudson-Kinahan	11
C.S.M. Siddons, lbw b Ware	11
Capt. Whinney, c Bond b Ware	28
L./Cpl. Addinall, b Ware	32
Lieut. Heywood, st — b Daulet-Sen	12
Sergt. Glover, not out	41
Sergt. Mewitt, not out	5

Total (7 wkts.) ... 143

Pte. Worger and L./Cpl. Berry did not bat. Gymkhana Cricket Club scored 87 for 9 wickets.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* 2ND BN. THE DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.

Played at Ahmednagar on November 22nd, 1923. Drawn game.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Major T. S. Wollocombe, lbw b Anderton	10
L./Cpl. Flint, b Hudson-Kinahan	12
Pte. Butterfield, run out	5
Capt. Whinney, not out	93
Cpl. Palmer, c Bond b Hudson-Kinahan	5
Capt. Savile, lbw b Hudson-Kinahan	1
Sergt. Capel, b Robson	5
Lieut. Heywood, c and b Hudson-Kinahan	10
L./Cpl. Addinall, c Gordon b Hudson-Kinahan	13
Pte. Worger, st Teague b Robson	2
Sergt. Glover, c Hudson-Kinahan b Robson	21
Extras	7

Total ... 184

2nd Bn. Durham Light Infantry scored 86 for 7 wickets.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* 2ND BN. THE DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.

Played at Ahmednagar on November 29th, 1923. Won by 9 wickets.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Major T. S. Wollocombe, b Robson	3
L./Cpl. Flint, b Gordon	24
C.S.M. Siddons, b Robson	0
Capt. Whinney, b Anderton	5
Cpl. Palmer, c Robson b Gordon	61
Lieut. Heywood, b Ware	4
Sergt. Capel, b Ware	12
L./Cpl. Addinall, c Hudson-Kinahan b Ware	18
Sergt. Glover, c Anderton b Ware	0
Pte. Worger, not out	4
Pte. Butterfield, run out	0
Extras	10

Total ... 141

2nd Innings.—44 for 1 wicket.

2nd Bn. Durham Light Infantry scored 97 in 1st Innings; 85 for 6 wickets in 2nd Innings.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* GYMKHANA CRICKET CLUB.

Played at Ahmednagar on January 1st 1924. Drawn game.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

L./Cpl. Flint, lbw b Whinney	10
Pte. Bish, c Whinney b Johnson	10
Sergt. Wilson, c Lathan b Daulet-Sen	2
Sergt. Capel, b Whinney	0
Cpl. Palmer, run out	15
C.S.M. Siddons, not out	86
Sergt. Glover, not out	25
Extras	26

Total (5 wkts.) ... 201

L./Cpl. Addinall, Pte. Lincoln, Pte. Worger, and L./Cpl. Berry did not bat.

Gymkhana Cricket Club scored 179 for 7 wickets

## BATTING AVERAGES.

(AHMEDNAGAR, 1923-24.)

Name.	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Average.	Order of Merit.
Major T. S. Wollocombe	3	0	24	37	12.3	7
Capt. Whinney	5	2	93*	180	60.0	1
Capt. Savile	3	0	1	1	0.3	11
Lieut. Heywood	4	0	12	28	7.0	9
C.S.M. Siddons	5	1	86*	108	27.0	3
Sergt. Capel	5	0	15	43	8.6	8
Sergt. Glover	5	2	41*	87	29.0	2
Cpl. Palmer	4	0	61	87	21.75	5
L./Cpl. Addinall	4	1	32	67	22.3	4
L./Cpl. Flint	5	0	24	62	12.4	6
Pte. Lincoln	1	1	2*	2	2.0	10

\* Denotes not out.

## OFFICERS.

Lieut. G. A. Stephenson remained in Singapore as Adjutant to the Singapore Volunteers.

Lieut. H. A. A. Howell remained in Singapore to take his promotion examination.

The following officers have joined the Battalion from leave, courses, etc.:

Capt. R. N. Moore from leave; Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence, from Egyptian Army; Lieut. E. T. Pain, from Hythe; Lieut. J. R. S. Chapman, from Seaford; Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. R. T. Douthet from 1st Battalion.

Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C., has left the Battalion to take over duties of Adjutant to the 7th Battalion.

Lieut. W. H. V. Jones and Lieut. A. N. Overall have left the Battalion on nine months' home leave.

## SERGEANTS' MESS.

We have at last arrived in our new station, and settled down to recover, physically and financially, from the gay life of Singapore. No more rides round the "Gap" as midnight in motor-cars, but now "Skittles" or cards until 10 p.m., and then bed. All members of the Mess have adopted that old motto: "Early to bed," etc.

There has been one late night in Ahmednagar, and that was on the occasion of the "Single Members' Annual Dinner and Dance." (That doesn't mean that we only get one dinner a year! Ask Hookey.) The dinner was held on the evening of December 31st, and from beginning to end was a huge success. Dinner commenced about 7 p.m. and terminated about 7.45. After dinner was over the toast to the King Emperor was drunk, and a short speech by R.S.M. Fane, which was replied to by R.Q.M.S. Coles, amid great enthusiasm from the members.

The dance commenced at 8 p.m., and the following distinguished personages were noticed amongst the large number of 200 guests who attended:—Col.-Comdt. C. D. Hamilton-Moore, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Mrs. Hamilton-Moore and Capt. and Mrs. Beadnell. It is to be noted that Capt. Beadnell was a captain in the 77th Foot, and we all felt very highly honoured by having him as a guest. Col. and Mrs. Swainson and all the officers and ladies also attended. At midnight twelve o'clock was struck and everybody present welcomed in the New Year by joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne." The dance finished about 2 a.m. and everybody retired, thinking that

they had done full justice in seeing the old year out.

I wonder how the members felt who had to rise at 5 a.m. to attend Brigade parade. There is a rumour that the majority stayed up and played "Pokey Die" until it was time to go on parade.

The shoot for the Kent Cup was held on January 19th. A marquee was erected on the range, and as the day was particularly hot, the caterer was kept very busy. C.Q.M.S. Davis, of "H.Q." Wing, was the winner, and after the shoot the winner filled the cup (not with water!) and we all drank to his very best health. Many records were broken that day. It is quite unnecessary to say what kind of records. I must not forget to congratulate the people who doubled from 600 to 500 yards in record time, especially the three who performed twice. Once to show the remainder how it really was done.

The Mess is holding Tennis "At Homes" twice weekly, but there is not such a good crowd as might be expected to turn up. The weekly dances and socials have been quite successful. There is only one thing the Mess is lacking—that is a good pianist. Anybody got one to spare?

The Billiard and Euchre Tournaments were played as usual this month, and the winners were C.Q.M.S. Steadman for the former, and Sergt. Thompson for the latter. It was noticed that quite a lot of "Sharks" and "Coppers" received their eggs in these tournaments, and a good many are feeling rather sore I believe.

We are all extremely pleased to see our old friend and comrade, the late R.S.M. Douthet, return to us as Lieutenant and Quartermaster to the Battalion. The Mess in general wish him the greatest of success in his new appointment. We also convey hearty congratulations to R.S.M. Fane on his promotion to Regimental Sergeant-Major to the Battalion.

Since the last issue of the Journal we have lost Bandmaster R. A. Cooke and Sergt. Campbell.

Mr. Cooke has been a member of the Mess for over 16 years, and leaves us to take up the appointment of Captain and Director of Music to His Excellency The Sultan of Johore. The very best of luck attend him always.

We close the notes for this quarter wishing

all readers a somewhat belated, but very happy and prosperous New Year.

L. C. F.

#### CORPORALS' ROOM.

Since our arrival at Ahmednagar we have found the place very quiet and, therefore, in that respect different to Singapore. The climate, however, is good. Still, in many ways we miss the jollity of Singapore.

The 2nd Bn. The Durham Light Infantry remained here until December 6th last before proceeding to Cawnpore. Consequently, it was practically impossible to settle down and "get going" until they had departed.

Little can be said as regards sports, as we have had no challenges since our arrival in India, but we are looking forward to a few in the near future.

Congratulations are extended to the following, who have left us to join the Sergeants' Mess:—Cpls. Draper, Simmons, Massey, Banfield and Mason. Several new members have recently joined us, and we trust they will carry on the good work with the same spirit as the old members. Some members are still shy about looking us up in the Corporals' Room. We are pleased to have Cpl. Wilson back with us again, who is keeping us in good order as President.

A few words of thanks must be extended to our late caterer, L./Cpl. Jenkins, who has given up his post and returned to duty. For two years he helped to make the Corporals' Room a success, and he carried out his duties in a most efficient manner. We trust that his successor, L./Cpl. Bracy, will carry on with the same success.

The Battalion proceeds to camp at Vilad on February 11th. Camp is never too good at the best of times, but we shall make the best of it. Anyway, we shall have more to say about that in the next edition. 'Till then, adieu.

CAPORAL.

#### BAND NOTES.

Since our last notes many things have happened. Our popular bandmaster has left our ranks to take up the appointment of Captain and Director of Music to the Military Forces of His Highness The Sultan of Johore, *vice* Mr. Galistan, who died some time ago after 30 years' service. Mr. Cooke has over 35 years' service to his

credit (19½ years with The King's Shropshire Light Infantry and 16 years with the 2nd Middlesex Regiment), and the many friends he has made in the British Army will join us in wishing him the best of health and happiness in the service of the Sultan.

Our famous runner, Bdsmn. F. Turner, who at Singapore won the Mile Championship of Malaya, has again shown his skill in India by winning the "All India Mile and Half-mile Championships," and bringing yet another fine cup to the Regiment.

The hockey team still hold the premier place here, especially with the Royal Tank Corps and the Machine Gun School. We managed to have five of our players picked to go to Poona to play against The Shropshire Light Infantry in the Poona District Tournament. Unfortunately the Regiment lost by 1 goal to 0 after a well-fought game.

Our football team has not been quite so successful, losing quite a lot of matches. They are slowly but surely improving. We played a match against a team which included five Regimental footballers, and won by 3—2.

By the way, I feel sure that you will all be pleased to hear of the promotion to full Corporal of L./Cpl. Palmer, *vice* Cpl. Harwood who has gone to knock his hat off with the "Mace" in the Drums.

The gramophone has not had much rest in India, as the "Wags" like a tune to get up with in the morning.

I will close with all best wishes to the Journal. It is more than welcome to us in "Nugger."

"BRASSO."

#### SIGNAL SECTION.

This will be the first occasion that the Signal Section has sent a contribution to the Regimental Journal since the Battalion has been abroad, but we hope it will not be the last.

To begin, I think we must thank the Editor and staff for turning out such an interesting magazine, and we wish them every success in the future. [Thank you. This is the first word of appreciation we have received.—EDITOR.]

The Battalion is now more or less settled down in its new station, and I must add it is not a very lively place, but still we must not grumble.

Sports take up a good deal of our time as there is nothing much else to do.

The Signals give a very creditable performance in the different games such as football and hockey. These two games being the great craze at present as cricket does not come into fashion until about May.

When we first arrived at our new station we had some very keen and interesting games with the Durham's Signal Section, and it is pleasing to note that we more than held our own.

We have to thank the Durham's Signals for the welcome they gave us. The main item being a social and dance, which was a great success, and was much appreciated by everybody present.

It was very hard to understand their language at first, but we soon got used to it.

Our recent adventures in the football and hockey line have had a touch of hard luck attached to them, but we are hoping to do better in the future.

Our most formidable opponents are the Band and Machine Gunners.

The first game of hockey with the gunners resulted in a win for them, and the second a draw, and the third game a win for our "humble little section."

I say humble little section as we are only 31 strong at present, but it is rumoured that we are being strengthened shortly, and we are hoping to get some more talent.

In the football the Gunners came out best but by a very small margin.

Now for the Band. We must give them credit for having one of the best hockey teams in the Battalion.

Five of the Band were picked to play for the Battalion on their recent visit to Poona to play the King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

I think we bit off more than we could chew when we played them at hockey; in any case, we came out losers by 5 goals to 1. I must add that we gave them a run for their money and would no doubt have done better except for the fact that the "shining light" of our team (our respected Signalling Officer) happened to be a bit queer, but still, we are after a return match shortly and we hope to do a lot better.

The Band find us a stiffer proposition at football. The results to date being 2—0 and 3—1 in our favour and 1—0 in the Band's favour.

I think this is all the news this time, except that before closing we must congratulate the men who have just recently

classified as Signallers. Nine were put through and six passed; hard luck on the three, and better luck next time.

"FLAG BASHER."



## REGIMENTAL NICKNAMES.

BY THE HON. JOHN FORTESCUE.

THERE are few regiments of any standing which have not at one time or another acquired a nickname. Indeed, a little volume has been published which is devoted to no other purpose than the recording and explanation of such names; and it is possible that quite as many have been forgotten as are now remembered. They are of every possible kind, sometimes mere references to clothing, sometimes a reminiscence of some departed commanding officer, sometimes complimentary, sometimes so much the reverse that the mere mention of them may bring on a free fight. There was a time, indeed, when the raising of three fingers in the air and turning them round was sufficient to provoke a blow from any man wearing the uniform of a certain regiment; for the gesture symbolized: "Threes about," and recalled an incident which the regiment wished to be forgotten. But the uncomplimentary names were not always so opprobrious as they sounded. The "Dirty Half-hundred" was but an allusion to the black facings of the old Fiftieth (now 1st West Kent); one tradition being that, in the good old days when men used their cuffs instead of handkerchiefs, the black came off on their faces. But the "Dirty-Shirts" is an honourable reminder of good work done on active service by men in their shirt-sleeves, and is an appellation to be treasured. And there are other nicknames which are as rightly famous as this last and far more euphonious; which every private, who has the right, takes proudly to himself and never forgets. More than thirty years ago, I remember seeing in an obscure township in New Zealand a shrunken, wizened old man displaying the Crimean and New Zealand medals. My chief, a General of distinction, asked him: "What regiment?" The old fellow drew himself up erect, saluted in the comely old-fashioned way, with the palm of his hand parallel to the horizon, and proudly answered: "Fifty-seventh, old

Die-Hards, Sir." The great tradition of Albuhera came back to him instantly, and, decrepit though he was, I think that at that moment he was prepared to fight anyone who dared to say that the Fifty-seventh was not the greatest regiment in the world. One nickname at least is immortalized on the Admiralty charts. The Twenty-eighth (1st Gloucester), when sailing from Australia for India, in 1842, bumped on an unknown reef in Torres Strait; and that reef has been "Slashers' Reef" ever since. Lastly, there are a few regiments which are practically known only by their nicknames or quasi-nicknames. No one would speak of the East Kent except as The Buffs, nor of the Royal Horse Guards except as the Blues; and no one would enumerate the regiments of the Union Brigade otherwise than as the Royals, Greys, and Inniskillings. To all intent, these are not nicknames but, actually or potentially, official titles.

### THE GREEN HOWARDS.

Recently another nickname has been made official, the Yorkshire Regiment (the old Nineteenth) being now styled The Green Howards. This is convenient, for there are so many Yorkshire Regiments as to make confusion, and it is quite inoffensive, for it only recalls the period in the Eighteenth Century when regiments were known by their colonels' names, and it was necessary to distinguish Howard's Regiment with green facings from Howard's Regiment with buff. But, unless report be more than usually mendacious, there are certain ambitious officers who desire to make mere nicknames official for (as they fondly suppose) the greater glory of themselves and their regiments. It is devoutly to be hoped that the War Office will firmly repress this movement. Perhaps it is a little early yet to re-number the infantry regiments of the line; but, if any change is to be made in the present clumsy nomenclature, this is the true remedy. It really would be insufferable if the Army List were to be filled with "Slashers" and "Die-Hards" and "Dirty-Shirts" and "Old Toughs," and the like. Possibly the Gloucesters, if not permitted to be "Slashers" would claim to be "Old Bragg's," and we should then have a row of eighteenth century colonels—Sabine's and Handasides, and Heaven knows what. Honourable nicknames are good—invaluable—so long as regiments, receiving inspiration

from past glory, work strenuously to deserve them. The traditions of the "Die-Hards," of the "Slashers," and of many other regiments wrought incalculably towards final victory in the last great war.

### THE DANGERS OF BAD LUCK.

But great traditions are not easy to maintain; and there is such a thing as bad luck. A single bad commanding officer may go far towards ruining any battalion, and an unpleasant incident on active service may then turn the once honourable nickname into a reproach. If it be, as at present, unofficial, it can be dropped; but if, as some desire, it be affixed officially and permanently, then it will be an appalling burden. Other regiments will not spare the unfortunates who have fallen from their high estate. The "Springers" will become the "Spring-Backs"; the "Die-Hards" will become the "Run-Hards"; and "Slashers" and "Old Toughs" and all the rest of them will find their titles ingeniously parodied to cover them with shame. They will pray to be delivered from them and to be disbanded, for they could never survive the forfeiture of the fame which was too conspicuously flaunted by them. Modesty should be and, so far as my experience goes, generally is the characteristic of a really great regiment. There are few of long standing which have not, on some occasion or other, fallen below their usual high standard; and the really marvellous thing is that these occasions should have been so few. So far as my own studies go I should name the Royal Artillery as showing the finest record of unvarying good service in the British Army; though, for one brief period, even they were under eclipse. Yet who would wish their simple motto of duty to be changed for another more vainglorious? Not, I am very sure, the gunners themselves. No! let regiments frame for themselves as high ideals and build up for themselves as great traditions as they can; but let them never crave for a title which hints that their duty is done, and their fame assured for ever. Their business is hard work, and more hard work and never ending hard work against the ever recurring day of trial.



## DEPOT NOTES.

OWING to the 1st Battalion holding their annual sports at Aldershot on Albuhera Day, and the officers and sergeants being "At Home," the Depot sports will not take place on May 16th, but will be held at Mill Hill, weather permitting, on Wednesday, May 21st.

On the latter date the Depot sergeants will be "At Home" to all past sergeants of the regiment.

### GENERAL.

The Middlesex Regiment requires more recruits than any other regiment of infantry in the Army.

The actual number of recruits required by September 30th, 1924, is 191.

The following Squads are now under training:—"Albuhera," "Mons," "Ypres," "Nivelle," "Ladysmith," and "Somme."

Sergt.-Cook Shaw attended a Sergeant-Cook's Refresher Course at Chisleton on February 16th to March 31st, 1924.

Pte. R. Chaplin obtained the highest number of marks in an examination for 3rd Class Certificate of Education held on January 18th.

Sergt. E. Crouch proceeded to Hythe for a Course of Instruction on February 4th. He will join the 1st Battalion at Aldershot at the conclusion of the course.

Pte. Rumens was the winner of the Empire Test for "Albuhera" Squad at musketry on the miniature range.

### WINNERS OF SQUAD BADGES.

*Training*—Ptes. F. Rumens, J. Brooks, and C. Turner.

*Physical Training*.—Ptes. E. Turner and H. Bywaters.

Lieut. S. Mirams, M.C., has taken over the duties of Musketry Officer from Lieut. J. G. E. Reid, who joined the Military Inter-Allied Commission of Control, Berlin, on March 7th, 1924.

L./Cpl. W. Northcott, M.M., joined the 1st Battalion on March 17th.

Pte. W. Shepherd awarded prize for obtaining the highest marks in an examination for 3rd Class Certificate of Education on March 11th.

Pte. M. Horton awarded the Empire Test prize for the best shot in "Ypres" Squad.

L./Cpl. S. Kelly promoted Corporal (12/3/24).

Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., qualified for promotion in Subject (c) at an examination held at Colchester on February 19th, 1924.

#### WHIST DRIVES.

The series of weekly whist drives for the men and their friends in the Lecture Room on Thursday evenings have been much appreciated.

The following were the latest prize-winners:—

*Ladies.*—1, Miss Thomas; 2, Miss Lowen; 3, Miss Ayres.  
*Gents.*—1, Dmr. Stow; 2, Pte. Smith; 3, Pte. Morgan.  
*Sealed Prizes.*—Ptes. Driscoll and Dyke.

#### CONCERT.

A variety concert was given in the Lecture Room on Thursday, April 10th, by a touring concert party.

The room was crowded by the men and their friends, who thoroughly enjoyed the excellent programme provided.

#### HIRED MARRIED QUARTERS.

It may be of interest to some of our readers to learn that the hired married quarters in Harcourt Terrace have been surrendered by the Government, and the property was sold in March last.

It is probable that in the near future all the Government hirings used in Dollis Road by married families at the Depot for many years, will be given up by the Army Authorities.

Owing to the small married establishment at the Depot, these are no longer required.

#### WEDDING.

The marriage between Miss Molly Deane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Deane, of The Barrack Department, Mill Hill, and ex-Sergt. D. Hogan, D.C.M., M.M., took place on February 27th at the Hendon Catholic Church.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Father Bagnall.

The bride wore a dress of ivory satin and georgette, with veil and orange blossom, and carried a shower bouquet. She was attended by four bridesmaids, the Misses Eileen and Kathleen Deane, and the Misses Enid Duffield and Marie Rice.

Mr. Sheridan, ex-Sergeant, carried out the duties of best man.

Among the presents was a gift of cut glass from the married families of the Depot.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS.

We have to record that R.S.M. R. Pigott has proceeded on leave pending a vacancy at a Vocational Training School.

Sergt.-Major Pigott has been permitted to continue in the Service beyond 21 years for a period of 6 months from 27/3/24.

During December a "rush" Billiard Silver Spoon Handicap was successfully completed and many exciting games, with extraordinary close finishes were witnessed.

While admitting that the R.S.M., Mr. Judd (late Sergeant and Mess Steward), Sergt. Perrin (Corps of Military Accountants), and C.S.M. Ayres are the four best at billiards in our Mess, it is regretted that a detail of the games cannot be given.

These handicaps are now to become a monthly affair, and so more will be said about them in the future.

The winners for December were:—R.S.M. Pigott and Sergt. Tabersham, who has now left to pension.

#### BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

It was decided to hold a half-yearly Championship.

The winner to have his name inscribed on the Depot Championship Cup, and the runner-up on a smaller cup.

The winner for the last half-year was:—Sergt. Williard; runner-up, C.S.M. Ayres.

On March 17th the Mess held their annual dance in the Lecture Room.

Many friends from the surrounding district attended, and spent a most enjoyable evening.

C.Q.M.S. Gray and Sergt. Burt shared the duties of M.C. in their usual efficient manner.

Our monthly combined whist drives and dances in the Mess Room have proved very popular during the winter months.

A desire has been expressed that they may be continued during the summer, but for this we must wait and see.

#### OBITUARY.

It is with regret that we have to publish the death of No. 6191183 (old regimental number 10721) ex-Sergt. Bertram Wallace.

Sergt. Wallace enlisted on November 3rd, 1905, and was transferred to the Army Reserve on July 8th, 1911.

He rejoined on mobilization in 1914 and was captured at Mons and remained a prisoner of war from August 23rd, 1914, to January 12th, 1919.

Ex-Sergt. Wallace was discharged from the 2nd Battalion in April, 1923, with pulmonary tuberculosis, and died of same at St. Peter's Port, Guernsey, on February 21st, 1924.

He leaves a widow and one child.

#### DEPARTURES.

Sergt. F. Tabersham: To discharge K.R. 363 (xxi) (19/1/24).

Sergt. E. Crouch: To 1st Bn. (4/2/24).

L./Cpl. A. Benham: To discharge K.R. 363 (xvi) (25/2/24).

L./Cpl. W. Northcott, M.M.: To 1st Bn. (12/3/24).

#### ARRIVALS.

L./Sergt. W. Clements: From 1st Bn. for tour of duty (4/1/24).

Sergt. A. Finch: From 1st Bn. for P. posting (8/1/24).

Sergt. C. King: From 1st Bn. for tour of duty (1/2/24).

L./Cpl. J. Peters: From 1st Bn. for tour of duty (5/3/24).

L./Cpl. C. Kingdom: From 1st Bn. for tour of duty (12/3/24).

L./Cpl. E. Slatford: From 1st Bn. for tour of duty (12/3/24).

#### APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

L./Sergt. W. Clements: Appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant (4/1/24).

Sergt. A. Finch: Appointed Depot Orderly-Room Sergeant (8/1/24).

L./Sergt. E. Shaw: Promoted Sergeant and appointed Sergeant Master-Cook (19/1/24).

Cpl. C. Taylor: Appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant (19/1/24).

Sergt. J. Tungate: Appointed Sergeant-Instructor in Musketry to Depot (4/2/24).

L./Cpl. S. Kelly: Promoted Corporal (12/3/24).

L./Cpl. C. Kingdom: Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal (12/3/24).

L./Cpl. J. Peters: Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal (5/3/24).

L./Cpl. J. Reader: Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal (29/3/24).

L./Cpl. E. Slatford: Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal (12/3/24).

Pte. J. Brooks: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal (recruit) (4/2/24).

Pte. G. Knock: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal (recruit) (4/2/24).

Pte. F. Smith: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal (recruit) (8/3/24).

Pte. C. Turner: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal (recruit) (8/3/24).

Pte. H. Hull: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal (5/4/24).

#### COURSES.

L./Cpl. A. King: Passed examination at end of course at Army School of Hygiene, Aldershot (24/12/23).

L./Sergts. L. Clarke and E. Burt: Qualified at Small Arms School, Hythe (22/12/23) as Instructors in Rifle and Light Automatic Wings.

L./Cpl. G. Goss: Obtained "Distinguished" at Army School of Education, Shorncliffe (14/12/23).

Sergt. A. Goldstraw: Awarded Certificates of Proficiency in Rifle and Lewis Gun by Chief Inspector, S.A. Enfield (18/1/24).

Sergt. J. Wilcockson, L./Sergt. W. Clements and L./Sergt. C. Taylor: Qualified at Small Arms School, Hythe, as Instructors in Rifle and Light Automatic Wings.

#### BIRTHS.

DUNHAM.—On 23/1/24, at Mill Hill, the wife of W.O.2 Instr. R. Dunham, A.E.C.—a son.

#### EDUCATION CERTIFICATES.

The undermentioned have obtained Certificates of Education:—

Ptes. J. Brooks, H. Bywaters, A. Brown, R. Chaplin, H. Coker, E. Halverson, J. James, T. King, W. Keep, G. Knock, T. Lawrence, H. Marshall, G. Moore, F. Norman, E. Rous, C. Trestain, H. Tyler, A. Tear, E. Turner, T. Watson, C. Armitage, H. Buckland, W. Bell, J. Bond, G. Camp, R. Carter, J. Dell, J. Everitt, A. Edwards, C. Grogan, A. Knight, A. Kirby, A. Parrott, W. Pike, P. Palmer, W. Shepherd, A. Smith, C. Thompson, E. Green, W. Appleby, J. Ayres, T. Cordell, R. Hannam, W. Ilett, A. Keeler, H. Lyon, W. Mileham, J. Ramsey, H. Robinson, C. Sharpe, E. Sleaf, F. Vidler, F. Wilks, I. Warren and F. Vickers.

The band of the British Guiana Militia has arrived at the Depot. It will be quartered here during its stay in England. The band will be playing at the Empire Exhibition.

Another band, that of the West Indian Regiment, will be here in May and be quartered in barracks.

Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C., has been posted to the Depot for a tour of duty in relief of Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O.

## OFFICERS' CLUB.

A COMMITTEE Meeting was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on Saturday, February 2nd, 1924.

There were present:—Col. J. H. Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O. (chairman), Col. F. W. Ramsay, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. A. M. O. A. Passingham, O.B.E., Lieut.-Col. R. M. Heath, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., Capt. H. E. Heffer, M.C., Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (hon. secretary and treasurer).

The accounts for the past year were presented and passed, and it was decided to publish these, with list of members, in the Regimental Journal.

It was proposed and carried that the Trustees be requested to invest £100 which is at present available in the Capital Account.

A question of furnishing with necessary articles a room at the Depot for use of members was considered, and it was decided to allot a sum for this purpose, and the Officer Commanding Depot kindly consented to have a room furnished and reserved for members.

The following were elected on the Annual Dinner Committee:—

*President*: Capt. H. E. Foster.

*Members*: Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., and Capt. J. N. Lamont, M.C.

The undermentioned officers were elected to serve on the Cricket Week Sub-Committee, with power to add to their number:—

*President*: Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.

*Members*: Capt. W. W. Jefferd (2nd Battalion), Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C. (7th Battalion), Capt. M. Thorne (8th Battalion), and Capt. N. P. Procter, M.C. (9th Battalion).

It was proposed and carried unanimously that Col. A. M. O. A. Passingham, O.B.E., be elected Chairman of the Committee for 1924.

The following fixtures have been arranged for this season:—

DATE.	TEAM.	TIME.	GROUND
Wed. May 21	Mill Hill School	2.0	Away
Sat. " 24	Southgate	11.30	Away
Thurs. " 29	Aldenharn School	2.0	Away
Sat. " 31	Hampstead	2.0	Home
Wed. July 2	Cryptics C.C.	11.30	Home
Thurs. " 3	Col. C. Disney	11.30	Home

Roebuck's XI

DATE.	TEAM.	TIME.	GROUND
Fri. July 4	Free Foresters *	11.30	Home
Sat. " 5	Hampstead C.C.*	11.30	Home
Wed. " 9	Upper Clapton	11.30	Away
Wed. Aug. 20	Upper Clapton	11.30	Home
Sat. " 23	Stoics C.C.	11.30	Home
Wed. " 27	Hampstead C.C.	11.30	Away

Those marked \* Officers Club "At Home."

Members wishing to play in any of the above matches are requested to forward their names to the Hon. Secretary, Sports Committee, Barracks, Mill Hill.

A Regimental Lawn Tennis Tournament will be held at the Depot on June 31st and July 1st, open to all members of the Club. There will be singles and doubles.

Entrance fees, 3s. for each event.

The amounts subscribed will be devoted to prizes.

Intending competitors are requested to forward their names to the Hon. Secretary, Sports Committee, Officers' Club, The Barracks, Mill Hill.

If wet on the above days the tournament will be held on July 2nd and 3rd.

## OFFICERS' DINNER.

The Annual Dinner of the Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club will be held at the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, on Thursday, July 3rd, 1924, at 7.45 p.m. Evening dress and miniatures.

Tickets, 11s. 6d., can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

## REGIMENTAL CRICKET WEEK.

The cricket week "At Homes" will be held on July 4th and 5th, at the Depot. Members desirous of inviting relatives or friends to the "At Homes" can obtain invitation cards for them from the Hon. Secretary on payment of 1s. 6d. for each guest.

There will be a lunch tent for members of the Club. Price for lunch, 3s. 6d. A limited number of Club guests are being invited to the "At Homes" by the committee of the cricket week. All members attending the cricket week are requested to show their cards at the gate, but *not* surrender them. Guests will be required to give up their cards to the gate-keeper.

## CURRENT EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Annual Subscriptions: 158 members at 21/-	165 18 0	Office Expenses:—	
Allocation:—Office Expenses, 2s.; Regt. Journal & Calendar, 4s.; Annual Dinner, 5s.; Cricket Week, 10s.		Stationery	1 15 7
Annual Dinner: 59 Tickets at 12/6	36 17 6	Postage	4 3 2
Cricket Week:—		Printing	13 5 0
Luncheons	3 10 0	Clerk (Q.M.S. Purcell)	2 10 0
Teas	1 10 0	Bank Charges	0 10 3
Sale of Cricket Balls and Towels	2 6 0	Orderly to Meetings	0 7 6
Interest on Investments	7 6 0	Teas at General Meeting	0 12 9
Balance from Old Dinner Fund	22 4 8	Regt. Journal & Calendar	23 4 3
	10 12 6	Annual Dinner:—	31 0 0
		Advertisements	4 16 6
		59 Dinners at 21/-	61 19 0
		Gratuities	5 0 0
		Motor with Plate	1 7 6
		Orderly to Trocadero	0 1 6
		Cricket Week:—	
		Cricket Balls	5 4 0
		Whiting	0 4 8
		Towels	0 9 0
		Soap	0 0 8
		Umpire: Expenses	0 3 6
		Fares (Flags, 9th Battn.)	0 4 0
		Posts, Paint, etc.	3 4 6
		Mowing Cricket Ground	1 8 0
		Postage	0 2 11
		Band, 9th Battalion	9 12 0
		Drinks, Guests	18 0 11
		Hire of Plants	5 0 0
		Telegrams	0 6 1
		Hire of Chairs	3 2 6
		Finchley Catering Co.	40 5 0
		Strakers: Tickets	0 1 2
		Balance Credit	87 8 11
			28 1 0
			£242 18 8

## RESERVE ACCOUNT.

£	s. d.	£	s. d.
From Depot Cricket Week Fund	500 0 0	To Current Account (Interest on Investments)	22 4 8
Entrance Fees:—		Balance Credit	603 9 0
86 members at 21/-	90 6 0		
6 members at 10/6	3 3 0		
Interest on Investments	93 9 0		
Increased Value of Investments	22 4 8		
	10 0 0		
	£625 13 8		£625 13 8

## BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance Credit Reserve Fund	603 9 0	Investment at Value on 31/12/23:—	
Balance Credit Expenditure Account	28 1 0	£500 Exchequer Bond, 5½%, 1/2/25	510 0 0
		Cash at Bank:—	
		Current Account	28 1 0
		Deposit Account	70 0 0
		Reserve Account	23 9 0
			£631 10 0

## LIST OF MEMBERS, SHOWING YEAR OF JOINING.

General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Major-General C. R. Simpson, C.B. ... ..	1923
Brig.-General F. D. Lumley, C.B., C.B.E. ... ..	1923
Brig.-General R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G. ... ..	1923
Brig.-General F. Kowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Colonel E. V. Bellers ... ..	1923
Colonel J. L. Blumfeld, T.D. ... ..	1923
Colonel A. Rudston Brown, O.B.E. ... ..	1923
Colonel C. R. Dyer ... ..	1923
Colonel R. F. B. Glover, D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Colonel J. H. Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Colonel E. J. King, C.M.G. ... ..	1923
Colonel G. B. Lempriere ... ..	1923
Colonel Sir George C. Mashiter, K.C.B., C.M.G. ... ..	1923
Colonel L. G. Oliver, C.M.G. ... ..	1923
Colonel C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D. ... ..	1923
Colonel A. M. O. Anwyl-Passingham, O.B.E. ... ..	1923
Colonel F. W. Ramsay, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Colonel G. W. W. Savile, C.B.E., D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C. ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel G. Beach, T.D. ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel G. A. Bridgman ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel H. G. W. Chandler ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel J. S. Cunningham, D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel W. H. C. Davy ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel C. D. Drew, D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel H. W. E. Finch, C.B.E., D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel W. Garner, C.M.G., T.D. ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel C. A. H. Graves, O.B.E. ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Hayes, C.M.G. ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel W. D. Ingle ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel J. K. Maitland, M.C. ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel W. Y. Miller, D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel W. C. Newton ... ..	1924
Lieut.-Colonel G. L. Oliver ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel F. G. Poole, C.B.E., D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Samuel ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel W. G. Stonor, M.C. ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel B. A. Thompson ... ..	1923
Lieut.-Colonel C. W. Warden ... ..	1923
Major P. B. Allott ... ..	1923
Major E. H. Amor ... ..	1923
Major G. B. Anderson, M.C. ... ..	1923
Major H. P. F. Bicknell, D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Major E. A. Bennett ... ..	1923
Major T. F. Chipp, M.C. ... ..	1923
Major A. C. Dundas, O.B.E. ... ..	1923
Major L. Fletcher ... ..	1923
Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel H. Goodwin, D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Major C. Jarrett, D.S.O., T.D. ... ..	1923
Major H. G. Money ... ..	1923
Major D. C. Owen, D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Major L. J. Passy ... ..	1923
Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Major D. C. Percy-Smith, D.S.O., O.B.E. ... ..	1923
Major C. P. Rooke, D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Major J. St. John Secker ... ..	1923
Major W. G. F. Sheffield, D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Major R. A. Slee ... ..	1923
Major T. South ... ..	1923
Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M. ... ..	1923
Major W. A. Stewart, O.B.E. ... ..	1923
Major G. W. H. Tupper ... ..	1923
Major P. Grove White ... ..	1924
Major H. H. Woolright ... ..	1923
Captain C. E. Abbott ... ..	1923
Captain and Bt. Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain E. L. O. Baddeley ... ..	1923
Captain R. D. Bennett, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain and Bt. Major G. L. Brown, D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Captain and Bt. Major M. Browne, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain and Bt. Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain C. S. Burdon ... ..	1923
Captain A. R. Carey ... ..	1924
Captain A. L. Cooper-Key ... ..	1923
Captain W. E. Cranmer, M.B.E. ... ..	1924
Captain J. C. Dallas, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain Sir George Denton, K.C.M.G. ... ..	1923
Captain G. C. Druce ... ..	1923
Captain H. C. Ellis, O.B.E. ... ..	1924
Captain C. A. Emery, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain J. English ... ..	1923
Captain W. Evans, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain L. F. Findlay ... ..	1923
Captain H. E. Foster ... ..	1923
Captain G. L. Fox ... ..	1923
Captain C. W. Haydon, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain H. E. Heffer, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain J. H. Hewlett ... ..	1923
Captain R. L. Hill ... ..	1923
Captain B. G. Horrocks, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain L. J. Hudleston, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain R. E. Hutchins, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain J. P. Jamieson, D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Captain W. W. Jeffery ... ..	1923
Captain A. R. Joyce, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain J. N. Lamont, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain F. A. L. Lawrence ... ..	1923
Captain N. H. B. Lyon, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain E. F. Lyons, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain R. N. Moore ... ..	1923
Captain R. E. Newbery, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain and Bt. Major L. A. Newnham, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain R. J. Paiba ... ..	1923
Captain H. A. Palmer ... ..	1923
Captain and Bt. Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O. ... ..	1923
Captain W. H. Parmeter ... ..	1923
Captain H. W. M. Paul, O.B.E., M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain H. T. Pennell ... ..	1923
Captain H. Phillips, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain N. P. Proctor, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain H. B. W. Savile, M.C. ... ..	1924
Captain L. F. Sloane-Stanley ... ..	1923
Captain J. T. Smith ... ..	1923
Captain V. E. Stock, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain G. V. Tate ... ..	1923
Captain M. Thorne ... ..	1923
Captain and Bt. Major O. H. Tidbury, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain L. L. Welman, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain C. T. Whinney, M.C. ... ..	1923
Captain and Bt. Major T. S. Wollecombe, M.C. ... ..	1924
Lieutenant E. S. M. Ayscough ... ..	1923
Lieutenant F. E. Bostock ... ..	1923
Lieutenant H. R. F. Butterfield ... ..	1923
Lieutenant J. R. S. Chapman ... ..	1924
Lieutenant J. F. Charlesworth ... ..	1923
Lieutenant S. J. Clark ... ..	1923
Lieutenant D. W. Cleugh ... ..	1923
Lieutenant J. H. Clowes ... ..	1923
Lieutenant W. Crawford ... ..	1923
Lieutenant D. Y. Cubitt ... ..	1923
Lieutenant A. Dix-Lewis ... ..	1923
Lieutenant J. E. Dobbs, M.C. ... ..	1924
Lieutenant L. C. D. Doidge ... ..	1923

Lieutenant J. E. Furlong ... ..	1923
Lieutenant I. D. S. Gordon ... ..	1923
Lieutenant H. K. Harcastle ... ..	1923
Lieutenant S. F. Hedgecoe ... ..	1923
Lieutenant A. S. Hewson ... ..	1923
Lieutenant E. L. Heywood ... ..	1923
Lieutenant F. G. Hogg ... ..	1923
Lieutenant V. Holt ... ..	1923
Lieutenant G. W. Kempster ... ..	1923
Lieutenant H. P. Lambert ... ..	1923
Lieutenant R. M. Lester ... ..	1923
Lieutenant A. S. Lindsay ... ..	1923
Lieutenant E. P. Manson, M.C. ... ..	1923
Lieutenant S. Mirams, M.C. ... ..	1923
Lieutenant F. E. Molz ... ..	1923
Lieutenant F. J. Nunn, M.C. ... ..	1923
Lieutenant E. T. Pain ... ..	1923
Lieutenant F. G. Parker ... ..	1923
Lieutenant P. Pater ... ..	1923
Lieutenant G. H. C. Pennycook ... ..	1923
Lieutenant A. K. Permain ... ..	1923
Lieutenant B. B. Rackham, M.C. ... ..	1923
Lieutenant J. G. E. Reid ... ..	1923
Lieutenant W. L. Roberts ... ..	1923
Lieutenant H. S. Royffe ... ..	1924
Lieutenant L. Steveni, O.B.E., M.C. ... ..	1923
Lieutenant J. Tait ... ..	1923
Lieutenant S. H. Townell ... ..	1923
Lieutenant A. M. Toye, V.C., M.C. ... ..	1923
Lieutenant P. E. C. Tuckey ... ..	1923
Lieutenant F. Walden ... ..	1923
Lieutenant A. V. Weller ... ..	1923
Lieutenant A. G. Widdicombe ... ..	1923
Lieutenant J. R. B. Worton ... ..	1923
Lieutenant E. W. Wright ... ..	1923
Lieutenant L. C. Wright ... ..	1923
2nd-Lieut. H. Heffer ... ..	1924

## 7th BATTALION NOTES.

## OFFICERS' DINNER.

ON Monday, March 3rd, the officers of the Battalion dined at the Florence Restaurant to bid farewell to Col. Pank and Capt. Welman. It is always a sad business to have to say good-bye to old friends, but apart from the occasion the dinner proved a great success.

After "the King," Major Smith, in a short but apt and amusing speech, proposed the healths of Col. Pank and Capt. Welman, to which both replied. It was, perhaps a pity that Ashford was not also present, as he might have had something to say as well.

The following officers were present:—Col. C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D.; Major S. C. M. Smith, T.D.; Major J. T. H. Hudson, D.S.O., T.D.; Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C.; Capt. L. L. Welman, M.C.; Bt. Major J. M. Cossar; Lieut. C. W. Hill; Lieut. H. A. Murray; Lieut. A. S. Lindsay; Lieut. W. P. Pringle, M.C.; Lieut. L. C. D. Doidge;

Lieut. A. G. Widdicombe; Lieut. E. N. Cunliffe; Lieut. F. H. Garioch; Lieut. A. S. Collinson; and Lieut. G. B. Tait (R.A.M.C.)

The advent of Summer Time (however unseasonable the weather) makes us realize that once more spring is here, bringing in its trail the attendant horrors of spring cleaning, obligatory musketry, and tactical exercises. Already the Drill Halls on Thursday nights are getting quite congested, which goes to show, without the additional proof of heavy falls of snow, that another English summer is upon us.

It was with great regret that the Battalion bade farewell to Col. C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., after thirty years' service in the Regiment. He has left us to command the 141st (5th London) Brigade. The best wishes of all ranks go with him in his new appointment.

The Battalion has also sustained another loss in the departure of Capt. L. L. Welman, M.C., who, as Adjutant since February, 1920, has helped us to weather the many storms of post-war reorganization. We take this opportunity of welcoming his successor, Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C.

We notice that Sergt. Carter is busy repeating the guns in front of the Headquarters a beautiful battleship grey. With everybody straining their utmost to make the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley a success we cannot but deprecate these counter attractions.

## "A" COMPANY.

The N.C.Os. Mess at Hornsey has been holding weekly dances in the Drill Hall throughout the winter months, which have proved to be very popular and well patronized.

On March 25th a Games Tournament was arranged with the L. & N.E. Rly. Institute. Although the shooting match could not take place, owing to the range not yet being ready, indoor games were played, from billiards to coddem. The N.C.Os. showed their ability and skill, and won on points.

Concerts are held in the Mess on Friday evenings, and the talent, both of members and their friends, is exceptionally good.

The first Annual Dinner of the N.C.Os. of "A" Company since the war took place

at the "Clissold Arms," Fortis Green, on Wednesday evening. R.S.M. G. Russell presided, and was supported by the other senior N.C.Os. of the Battalion. The guests of the evening were Lieuts. Pringle, Murray, Hill, and Doidge. Major Hudson was to have been present, but was prevented by illness at home.

After an excellent dinner the toasts of "the King" and the "Prince of Wales" were enthusiastically received. The toast of "the Regiment" was responded to by Q.M.S. Raddon, who spoke of the high traditions of the Regiment, and Lieut. Pringle, in the absence of Major Hudson, responded to the toast of "the Guests."



[Photo: I. M. Cooke, Hornsey, N.]  
DRUMS, 7TH BATTALION, ARUNDEL CAMP, 1923.

The dinner was followed by an excellent concert given by members of the Mess.

#### "B" COMPANY.

The Brigade Boxing Championships were held at Stamford Brook on January 26th, 1924. Out of two entries for the Company, we pulled off the Bantams, the winner being Pte. L. F. Small, the contest, as remarked by the referee, being the best of the evening, whilst the other was the runner-up in the Light-weights in Pte. C. V. Thompson.

#### WHIST DRIVES AND DANCES.

We have had a most successful season with our whist drives and dances, and it is hoped to continue the drives throughout the summer months, when we expect to see a few more of our old friends turn up.

#### "D" COMPANY.

Results of Spoon Shoot, Miniature Range, February, 1924:—

*Class I.*—1st, Sergt. L. W. Ettridge, 93; 2nd, C.S.M. W. Roberts, 90; 3rd. Pte. J. Cowell, 88.

*Class II.*—1st, L./Cpl. G. Bird, 75; 2nd, Cpl. Meredith, 73;  
*Class III.*—1st, Pte. J. Barnes, 61; 2nd, Pte. H. Edwards, 53.

#### EXTRACTS FROM THE "LONDON GAZETTE."

WAR OFFICE,  
March 18th, 1924.

The following appointments are made:—  
Brigade Commander: Brevet Col. C. H.

Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., 7th Middlesex Regiment (T.A.) vice Col. A. B. Hubback, C.M.G., D.S.O., (T.A.) (March 10th, 1924).

Lieutenant-Colonel (Bt. Col.) C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., from 7th Bn. Middlesex Regiment to be Colonel (with precedence as from July 26th, 1921) (February 18th, 1924).

WAR OFFICE,  
February 29th, 1924.

#### Infantry.

7th Bn. Middlesex Regiment (T.A.):  
Capt. J. K. Maitland, M.C., to be Lieutenant-Colonel (February 18th, 1924).

WAR OFFICE,  
March 7th, 1924.

#### Infantry.

7th Bn. Middlesex Regiment (T.A.):  
Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C., Middlesex Regiment, to be Adjutant (February 8th, 1924).

WAR OFFICE,  
March 11th, 1924.

#### Infantry.

7th Bn. Middlesex Regiment (T.A.):  
Capt. L. L. Welman, M.C., The Queen's Regiment, vacates the appointment of Adjutant (February 8th, 1924).

WAR OFFICE,  
March 11th, 1924.

#### REGULAR FORCES.

#### Infantry.

Middlesex Regiment: Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C., is seconded for service as an Adjutant (T.A.) (February 8th, 1924).

#### BATTALION ORDERS.

(Extract from "London Gazette" of January 18th, 1924.)

7th Bn. Middlesex Regiment: Lieut. Alexander Frank Thompson, late 6th (S.R.) Bn. Middlesex Regiment, to be Second-Lieutenant (January 19th, 1924), and relinquishes the rank of Lieutenant.

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

#### 8th BATTALION NOTES.

**T**RAINING, with the exception of Church Parades, has been confined to the Drill Halls, but with the approach of the longer days, the Annual Musketry Course and week-end camps will be undertaken.

The Battalion Annual Training Camp will be held at Seaford during the first fortnight in August, and from the introduction of the officers received during a staff exercise in March there appears every hope of a very healthy camp.

#### BOXING.

The Battalion held their Boxing Competition at the Gymnasium, Hounslow Barracks on Friday, January 18th, 1924, and are indebted to the Officer Commanding Depot Royal Fusiliers for the success of the evening.

The Battalion was well represented at the Middlesex Group Boxing Competition held at Stamford Brook on January 26th, when the following won their respective weights:—

*Fly-weights.*—L./Cpl. Green, "H.Q." Wing.  
*Feather-weights.*—Pte. Robins, "H.Q." Wing.

*Welter-weights.*—Cpl. Rowe, "C" Company.

*Light Heavy-weights.*—Pte. Wells, "D" Company.

The above-mentioned represented the Middlesex Group at the 44th (H.C.) Divisional Boxing Championships held at Stamford Brook on February 9th, 1924.

At this meeting the Divisional Boxing Challenge Cup was competed for and the Battalion gained second place in points, the Cup being won by the 5th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment.

The results at this meeting were as follow:  
*Fly-weights.*—Runner-up, L./Cpl. Green, "H.Q." Wing.

*Feather-weights.*—Winner, Pte. Robins, "H.Q." Wing.

*Welter-weights.*—Runner-up, Cpl. Rowe, "C" Company.

*Light Heavy-weights.*—Runner-up, Pte. Wells, "D" Company.

We congratulate Pte. Robins, "H.Q." Wing, on winning his bout at the Divisional Meeting.

He again represented the Division at the finals of the Territorial Army Championship

held at Liverpool on March 4th and 5th, drawing a bye in the first round. He lost the final on points only, after a very close fight.

#### CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

The Battalion held their Cross-Country Run at Uxbridge on March 22nd, when the Battalion Cross-Country Challenge Cup was competed for. "D" Company, Uxbridge, winning the cup, the scores being:—"D" Company, 39 points; "B" Company, 40 points.

Individual prize-winners were as under:—1, Pte. Hooper, "B" Coy.; 2, Pte. Tripp, "B" Coy.; 3, L./Cpl. Prangley, "C" Coy. The Battalion is entering a team for the Divisional Cross-Country Run to be held at Tonbridge on April 5th.

#### "A" COMPANY.

We are pleased to say that Sergt.-Major Manders, whose period of duty elapsed with the Territorial Army last April, has been granted another year's duty with us; and in view of his past services, we are naturally very pleased as his work for the Company has been invaluable.

Owing to the energy and enthusiasm of C.Q.M.S. Unsted generally, many billiard handicaps have been played, mostly 13 up, and have provided a great deal of amusement and interest. Amongst our other social activities, the weekly dances have continued to be a great attraction, to members and their friends.

Congratulations to "A" Company on gaining the highest number of recruits during the past twelve months, and our hopes are that by next annual training we shall be at full strength, *i.e.*, 118.

A good representation of the Company attended Church Parade at Ealing on March 16th, but we think a few more might have turned out on these special occasions.

The return visit of "B" Company to Hampton for the games contest was a distinct success.

Our meeting with the Twickenham Police in the Shooting Competition is being keenly looked forward to.

Our latest acquisition to the Club Room is a splendid Pathé gramophone, and is much appreciated by all ranks.

It is rumoured in the Company that "B" Company have frightful wind up about retaining the Company Championship?—but we are not worrying.

#### "B" COMPANY.

A very successful carnival dance was held at the Drill Hall, West Ealing, by "B" Company, 8th Middlesex Regiment. Some 200 members of the Company and friends were present.

The hall was very tastefully decorated by the Dance Committee.

Novelties were freely distributed during the evening, and there was also a distribution of leeks, it being St. David's Day.

The Les Comfreres Orchestra rendered popular music suitable to the occasion.

The Company entertained "A" Company (Hampton), on Monday, March 3rd, 1924, to a series of indoor games which included billiards, cribbage, darts, dominoes and whist. The games were keenly contested, "B" Company ultimately winning all the games with the exception of dominoes. The return encounter took place at Hampton on Thursday, March 7th, 1924.

"B" Company (Ealing) and Battalion Drums, with detachments from Hampton, Hounslow and Uxbridge, had a route march to Acton, where they attended Church Parade at St. Mary's Parish Church on Sunday, March 16th, 1924. The parade mustered 5 officers and 120 other ranks.

#### "C" COMPANY (Staines).

A very successful dance was held on March 17th in aid of the local hospital.

#### BAND CONCERT.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Ealing and Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. E. E. F. Baker were among those present at a capital concert given in the Drill Hall, West Ealing, on Wednesday night in aid of the Band Fund of the 8th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment (T.A.).

The programme, which was given under the direction of Mr. Sidney Rendall, was of so high a standard that it was a pity that only a comparatively small audience was present to enjoy it. The band of the 8th Battalion, under the capable baton of Mr. E. S. Coleman, contributed several well-known operatic, ballet, descriptive and martial airs.

Miss Mabel Mann showed herself the possessor of a contralto voice of a remarkable depth and resonance, and Mr. William Sharp and Mr. Victor Tennant each contributed several songs, marked by finished style and fine feeling. Miss Ida Williams and Mr. Eric Ross both singly and together, added to the entertainment of the audience by selections of mingled music and merriment.

#### YELLOW FLASHES.

It is regretted that the Battalion was not successful in reclaiming the Boxing Cup this year, but at the time of writing there are hopes for the Cross-Country Run.

There is an old story of a man who left his umbrella in the hall of an hotel with a label attached: "This is the property of a champion boxer." But when he came to claim it he found in its place a note, which ran: "Your umbrella is now the property of a champion runner."

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The Mess President wishes to thank, through these columns, all those who have so generously made presentations to the Mess, and hopes that they will accept this the only intimation.

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The shooting season has commenced and a good deal of grouse is expected at Bisley. There are few members of the Battalion now who are not capable of bagging at least a brace of markers.

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Did you hear that tale of the recruit last year who, when asked if he had charged his magazine, replied: "Yes, he had got four in the box and one up the spout?"

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The Battalion is to camp this year at Seaford. Last year we had earwigs, the year before ants, and the year before that wasps. A prize consisting of a tin of anti-fly cream is offered to any serving Territorial who sends in a guess as to the particular attraction at Seaford.

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At Hounslow Headquarters, at last I declare, They've bred a young poet of accomplishment rare.

They take Kruschens in parcels,  
Grape-nuts and—Three Castles,  
But Hounslow's not Ealing; they can't  
breed a Mayor.

A Sergeant with handsome black lashes  
Carried one of those jolly red sashes,  
But he wasn't content  
With his own regiment,  
So he joined us and wore yellow flashes.

#### ANNUAL REUNION DINNER.

The Fifth Annual Reunion Dinner for officers who served with the 2nd Battalion during the last year of the war was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday, November 7th, 1923. The following attended:—

Lieut.-Col. E. E. F. Baker (chairman); Major Blaber (R.A.M.C.); Capt. R. Bartram; H. B. Birdwood, M.C.; G. E. Carter, M.C.; R. B. Holman, M.C.; E. L. Taggart, M.C.; H. S. Wilson; the Rev. J. A. Price; Lieuts. P. J. Carter, M.M.; T. E. Davis; S. W. Hedgecock; A. Polhill, M.C.; 2/Lieuts. H. C. Chinn; and H.A. Robertson.

After the loyal toasts Mr. Davis proposed "absent friends," alluding to those who were unable to be present and also to those who gave their lives during the war. He read messages of greeting from Capt. E. L. O. Baddeley; G. Bowden, M.C.; E. C. Lawson; A. H. Mackay, M.C.; A. M. Mann (from U.S.A.); E. B. Mollett; A. M. Toye, V.C., M.C.; Lieuts. J. J. Carter; H. L. Chevens; P. A. Gaster; H. R. Hewlett; H. T. Harris; S. Webb; A. C. Wheeler 2/Lieut. A. V. Phildius, and Capt. Mc Laughlin (U.S. Medical Corps, from U.S.A.).

The toast of "the Battalion" was proposed by Capt. Birdwood, who, after wittily recalling some of his more amusing experiences in the Battalion, testified to that fine spirit and devotion which grips all those who have ever been honoured by serving in the 77th. He was as proud as any to have been a member of the Battalion.

The Chairman expressed great pleasure at meeting old friends once more, and proceeded to explain about the Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club, uttering a hope that all who were really imbued with the true Battalion and Regimental spirit would join.

A musical programme was rendered by the following members of the old "Pothooks" Concert Party:—

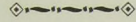
Sergt. G. C. Ezra; Cpl. F. J. Allen, and Pte. F. W. Mills.

Lieut. A. E. Pickering put in an appearance before dinner, but was unable to stay. Since the event a letter has been received from



Lieut. A. H. Glover (from Malay) sending good wishes to all.

The Hon. Secretary of the Dinner Club is Capt. R. B. Holman, 87 Hyde Park Mansions, N.W.1, whose energy alone made the dinner possible, and to whom great credit is due. Any communications should be addressed to him.



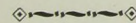
## YORK CITIZEN SOLDIERS.

### FREEDOM FOR AN EX-SERGEANT AND EX-PRIVATE.

The Honorary Freedom of the City of York was on Monday conferred on two ex-Servicemen as representing the citizens of York, who served in His Majesty's Forces in the Great War.

On the illustrious Roll of Freemen of the City the signatures of ex-Sergeant George Thomas Welborn, D.C.M., M.M., late Middlesex Regiment, Regular Army, and ex-Private Arthur James Allen, M.M., 5th, 6th, and 7th Battalions West Yorkshire Regiment, Territorial Army, now follow immediately those of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, the last persons to receive the honour before the two ex-soldiers. The men were unanimously chosen by the members of the British Legion to represent their 10,500 colleagues.

Before the ceremony the two men and their relatives were entertained by the Lord Mayor (Alderman W. Dobbie), who is also an ex-Serviceman, and the Lady Mayoress, at the Mansion House, where they were congratulated by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles Harington, G.O.C.-in-C., the Northern Command, who was present with Lady Harington. Also present were the Dean of York and Mrs. Foxley Norris, the Recorder (Sir Herbert Nield, K.C., M.P.), and Sir John Butcher, K.C.—*Yorkshire Weekly Post*, February 9th, 1924.



## SOLDIERS' FAMILIES FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The Government of the Commonwealth of Australia have offered facilities for a group of twenty families of soldiers who are due for discharge from the Army before the end of the present year to sail next autumn for settlement on the land in Western Australia. Soldiers whose applications for these facilities are approved will if otherwise qualified,

be given a course of vocational training at Catterick.

Single soldiers without capital who wish to settle on the land overseas are also offered training at Catterick, and, if approved by the Commandant and the Dominion Authorities, they will be guaranteed employment at suitable wages with selected farmers either in Canada or Australia.

Applications should be made through Commanding Officers of Battalions.



## A TRIFLE ABOUT A RIFLE.

IF I were alone in a desert land,  
With nothing but mountains and valleys  
and sand,  
I wouldn't mind having a rifle with me—  
Lee-Enfield for preference—short 303.

I shouldn't require it for shooting big game  
Or just to protect me if enemies came,  
But the parts of the rifle (as soon you will  
see)  
Would be so amazingly useful to me.

Just think, there's a "Barrel," which might  
contain beer,  
And a "Band" to perform and to bring me  
good cheer,  
A "Chamber" to sleep in, a "Bolt" for the  
door,  
And a "Butt" into which the rainwater  
might pour.

There's a "Blade" for my razor or else for  
my knife.  
And a nice "Magazine," when I'm fed up  
with life,  
There's a "Guard" to protect me when  
staying at home,  
And a "Guide" to conduct me when I want  
to roam.

To go for a drive and admire a fresh view,  
Though there's no motor car, an "Ex-  
Tractor" might do,

While there's always a "Charger" to ride  
on all right.  
And a "Muzzle" to muzzle him if he should  
bite.

If I wanted to know what the future might  
bring  
There's a "Sear" to consult about any old  
thing,  
While even without it I shouldn't do ill,  
For I'd always have "Foresight" to guide  
me on still.

If I felt that I must do some work for my  
sins,

I could mend up my clothes—there are  
numerous "Pins."

I could carpenter sometimes with plenty of  
"Screws."

And with "Toe" and with "Heel" could  
repair all my shoes.

There's one thing that worries me rather a  
lot,

There will still be a "Striker," who won't  
work a jot,

But I comfort myself in this quest for more  
pelf

That the striker, of course, can be only  
myself.

F.T.C.



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

(AN APPRECIATION.)

By Col. G. W. W. SAVILE, D.S.O.  
(Continued from page 169, February No.)

### PART II

#### THE SOUDAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGNS.

In January, 1898, Gatacre was suddenly ordered off to Egypt, where he was given command of a brigade and was sent to Wady Halfa, where he met the Sirdar (Sir H. Kitchener) who was preparing to advance to Khartoum. On February 25th the Brigade (known as the British Brigade) made a forced march to Berber, which was very trying on the men's boots, and consequently some 400 men were sent on by steamer. On March 31st the troops, one British and two Egyptian Brigades, advanced against the Dervish Army to the Atbara River, where they were entrenched. The battle of the Atbara was fought on Good Friday, April 8th, and was a brilliant victory resulting in the capture of Mahmoud the Dervish leader, and the total defeat of his army with a loss of 3,000 Dervishes killed, Gatacre himself being in the front line with his brigade. For this he has been blamed, but as he said "When a whole brigade only covers 200 yards by 200 yards it is immaterial where you are, so far as the penetration of bullets is concerned." He

was warmly thanked by the Sirdar for the good work he had done and was later on promoted to the rank of Major-General for his services. Shortly after the troops were reinforced by a second British brigade and Gatacre found himself in command of the division.

His next battle, Omdurman, took place on Sunday, September 2nd, 1898, when the Khalif's Army marched against the British and native troops, who were entrenched in a zariba, the result being a great loss to the enemy, and the taking of the town of Omdurman, the total killed of the enemy being over 10,000. Gatacre then proceeded by boat to Khartoum with 800 men from the various British battalions and an equal number of Egyptian troops; they landed opposite Gordon's Palace and hoisted the Union Jack and the Egyptian flag simultaneously, which was followed by the holding of a memorial service for the late General Gordon. In November, 1898, in the Honours Gazette Gatacre found himself a K.C.B., and previously he had been awarded the Second Class of the Medjidieh by the Khedive. He had the honour of being invited to stay and dine at Windsor Castle, and in the following February Her Majesty the Queen nominated Sir William to receive a reward for distinguished and meritorious service. He also received the thanks of both Houses of Parliament for his good work.

In December, 1898, he was appointed to command the Eastern District with his headquarters at Colchester.

In 1899 Gatacre was appointed to command the 3rd Division (with the rank of Lieutenant-General) of the force which was being prepared to proceed to South Africa, and sailed from England on October 21st. On arriving at the Cape Sir Redvers Buller found it necessary to break up the 3rd Division in order to reinforce the 2nd Division, and Gatacre with a handful of troops was sent to East London to take command of the district up to Bethulie Bridge. As soon as he got any reinforcements he moved his headquarters to Putten Kraal with the idea of advancing as soon as he could to Stormberg, and by December 9th he was prepared to make an attack on the Boer position there. A forced night march was decided on and at 12.30 a.m. on December 10th the troops halted for a rest of three-quarters of an hour within one and a half miles of the enemy's position. At 4.20 a.m. the attack commenced, but

soon after a portion of the attacking force, without orders from the G.O.C., was retired, leaving three companies on the hill without support, which made further success impossible, and to make matters worse some of the shells from our own guns began to burst amongst our other troops, which made it necessary for them also to fall back, and a general retirement now began. It was just a touch and go, for had the troops only rushed the kopje it is most probable that the Boer force would have retired, as many of them were leaving the position, and what proved to be a defeat might have been a great success.

By March, 1900, the 3rd Division re-occupied Stormberg, but the division was still very weak with only about 1,000 men. Shortly after a detachment of three companies of Royal Irish Fusiliers were surrounded and taken prisoners at Reddersburg, which again was unfortunate, as had they been able to hold out for an hour longer they would have been reinforced. It was on this incident that the Commander-in-Chief decided to relieve General Gatacre of the command of the 3rd Division and directed him to proceed to England. On this occasion one of his staff officers writes: "It is with a heavy heart indeed that I write this. All are sorry and grieved at the action taken, no one could have worked harder than he did. We shall never have a chief whom we can serve so loyally, who was always considerate and even-tempered. His faults, if I may use the expression, are his virtues, devotion and energy in the service of his country. It has been a great blow to us all; believe me we feel it as the loss of a personal and dear friend." On his return to England Gatacre resumed his command of the Eastern District, and shortly afterwards he received their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales on their visit to Norwich, but his career was shrouded by this blow of retirement from active service. Yet he worked on, saying nothing and remaining true to his motto: "I never complain."

In 1903 he retired from his command of the Eastern District and in 1904 finally retired from the Army, which he loved so well, but he was not forgotten, as was shown at Christmas, 1906, when the soldiers at Colchester who were decorating the Soldiers' Home, made a banner with these words on it: "To the memory of Major-General Sir William Forbes Gatacre *one of the best*,"

and with this tribute from those men who served under him, I close this appreciation.

I would, however, add that in 1905 Sir William Gatacre became a director of the Kordofan Trading Company and later in the year proceeded on a trip to Abyssinia to inspect the rubber forests, about 500 miles up the White Nile, and while on this journey he was attacked by fever at a place called Iddeni, and died there; he was afterwards buried in the Abyssinian Christian Cemetery at Gambela.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

On Saturday, May 26th, 1906, an alabaster tablet was dedicated by Rev. H. Hensley Henson, Canon of Westminster, in Claverley Church, Shropshire.

In loving memory of  
SIR WILLIAM FORBES GATACRE,

Major-General,  
Knight Commander of the Bath,  
A Member of the Distinguished Service Order,  
Holder of the Kaiser-I-Hind Gold Medal,  
and of the Order of the Medjidieh,  
And Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John  
of Jerusalem.

Third son of Edward Lloyd Gatacre, Esq.,  
of Gatacre in this parish—Born at Herberthshire  
Castle, 3rd Dec., 1843—Died near Gambella,  
Abyssinia, 18th Jan., 1906.

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"Whom God loveth He chasteneth."

(The writer of these notes is, beyond his personal recollections, greatly indebted to Lady Gatacre's "Life of Sir William Forbes Gatacre" for further information.)

ERRATUM.—On page 168 of our previous number "Surgeon-Major Robertson, I.C.S." was inadvertently shown as "Sergeant-Major Robertson."

#### 9th BATTALION NOTES.

TERRITORIAL Training is allright in the summer when there is plenty of interest and camp to look forward to shortly, but in the winter months it is difficult for many to keep up interest.

No one can say we have had a dull winter this year. Interesting demonstrations have been given at Headquarters, Wealdstone and Hendon, including the much-talked-of "Outposts" Revue at Headquarters on February 12th, which is described elsewhere.

Everyone is naturally now concentrating on Musketry. Lewis-gun courses are in full swing at Headquarters, and are largely attended. We shall have Easter here soon with the first Musketry Camp of the season, when we shall be well launched on our outdoor training.

"D" Company held a most successful reunion dinner at Hendon Drill Hall in February, followed by "C" Company, whose dinner took place at the Drill Hall, Wealdstone, on March 1st. Both dinners were well attended by old as well as serving members, and most enjoyable evenings were spent.

We regret to have to report the departure of Capt. Heffer, M.C., our late Adjutant. Someone in authority called out "Time!" so he has handed over the pen of office (and the scroll, we hope) to Capt. N. P. Procter, M.C., who comes to us as Adjutant from the 1st Battalion. As merely a subaltern it is not always possible to speak of one's Adjutant as a friend, but Capt. Heffer was essentially a true friend of the subaltern. Thanks to his efforts the Battalion has been much in the public eye; some of us will not easily forget the "Torchlight Tattoo" at Folkestone, or the Great Revue (not Review) at Headquarters recently—he has, of course, a sense of humour, which is truly a great asset to anyone in authority.

It is said that although Heffer senior has left us, Heffer junior has arrived. If this is so, it is indeed true that in the 9th Battalion they go on for Heffer and Heffer! (A very old joke).

Many successful miniature range shoots have been held this winter at all three Drill Halls. "B," "C," and "D" Companies indulging in spoon shoots at which there have been many exciting competitions. Dances have been a great success. Most enjoyable ones took place at Headquarters on January 12th and 26th, February 2nd, 16th, and 23rd, and March 29th, and at Hendon on January 18th and February 1st, 15th, and 29th.

#### BOXING.

A Boxing Competition was held at Headquarters on Tuesday, January 22nd, quite a good show being put up by the Battalion enthusiasts.

"B" Company seem to easily predominate in this noble art, judging by the number of entries from that company compared with

the other companies. Jerry Driscoll, the boxing coach, attends weekly, and gives excellent instruction.

The Brigade Boxing Competition was held at Stamford Brook Drill Hall on Saturday, January 26th, followed by the Divisional Competition at the same Drill Hall on February 9th.

Quite a number of men from the Battalion entered for the Brigade Boxing Tournament, all companies being well represented. Unfortunately all our entrants came to grief at Brigade, except Cpl. Miller of "B" Company, who went on to represent the Battalion at the Divisional show, and Pte. Garrett of "D" Company, who did not get a fight at the Brigade contests and accompanied Miller to the Divisional Tournament. Both Cpl. Miller and Pte. Garrett lost their fights in the Divisional show. Still, better luck next time; with a little more training we are expecting great things of them.

#### "LONDON GAZETTE."

From Active List to T.A. Reserve.

Capt. Hewlett: to be Captain.

Lieut. R. M. Lester: To be Lieutenant.

From T.A. Reserve to Active List.

Capt. H. Sherwood: To be Captain.

Cadet-Sergt. H. Heffer, from Emanuel School Contingent, Junior Division, O.T.C.: To be Second-Lieutenant (March 17th).

Lieut. (temporary Captain in T.A.) H. E. Heffer, M.C., Middlesex Regiment, vacates the appointment of Adjutant (March 1st).

Capt. N. P. Procter, M.C., Middlesex Regiment, to be Adjutant (March 1st).

#### "THE CHEERY OPTIMISTS."

"A most unusual" drill night was held at the Drill Hall, Pound Lane, on Tuesday, February 12th. So unusual, in fact, that even the very big people in Whitehall turned for a minute to look at us. Newspaper people took copious notes and many flash-light photographs, some appearing afterwards in the illustrated dailies, and some not. Yet, after all, it was just the idea of putting a little jam round the weekly powder!

"A Lecture on Outposts, by the Adjutant" would not cause much excitement, but a Revue, in which the Adjutant is one of the principals, where a "beauty chorus" is composed of "company cooks" (so it said in Battalion Orders), this was enough

to make even those who only come to Pound Lane once a year sit up and take notice.

The Revue was called "Outposts." Scene I, outside Company Headquarters, with the usual information and instruction to be given by a C.O. to his O.C. company and by the O.C. company to platoon commanders.

Scene II really had nasty knocks for the young subaltern who hadn't the foggiest sort of notion, and simply appealed to the Sergeant-Major every time he was asked anything by his section commander. (Of course the producer hastened to point out here that he did not suggest that the platoon commander was an officer of the Middlesex Regiment, he simply *couldn't* be.)

Then Scene III shows Old Bill on outpost thinking aloud of all the things he ought to have been told as sentry and hasn't, what he ought to know and doesn't, where he ought to be and isn't, in short, pointing out all the mistakes that have been made. Then along comes mademoiselle from Armentières (she sounded very like S.M.I. Kelly when she spoke). Last of all is a scene in the Café Bilge, troops rejoicing after victory, where a sort of impromptu concert is given by the motley collection there.

So ended a lecture on "Outposts" by one with a sense of humour. Undoubtedly much instruction was rolled up in the fun and nonsense, and many men who were on parade that night will remember what Old Bill said he "ought to have been told," where the seeds of information sown by an ordinary cut and dried lecture would have fallen on stony ground, and perished.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS.

The Sergeants' Mess held a very jolly social and dance at the Drill Hall, Pound Lane, on Saturday evening, March 8th, at which there was a large attendance. The arrangements were under the able direction of Q.M.S. P. H. Hine, who was assisted by an excellent committee composed of C.S.Ms. Prowse and Walton, C.Q.M.Ss. Rowbotham and Linthwaite, and Band-Sergt. Westerman.

Of course the orchestra was in attendance, and played the dance music. Musical items were rendered from time to time by various members of the Mess and friends.

During the interval R.Q.M.S. Bowles presented a watch suitably inscribed to ex-C.S.M. F. T. Pull on his retirement.

S.M. Pull joined the Battalion in the old Volunteer days, and served for sixteen years

with the Battalion, eleven of which he was a member of the Sergeants' Mess. In fact, it was quite a shock to all of us when he said he was terminating his active connection with the Battalion.

The evening finished up with the ever popular dancing, a happy termination to a most enjoyable entertainment.

#### IMPROBABLE TALES.

Once upon a time there was a certain Drill Night at Headquarters, and when the great concourse of men present had been sifted out, it was found that there were more men on parade than N.C.Os. in "A" Company, and the officer commanding "A" Company rejoiced exceedingly.

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A certain gentleman who owns a motor-car said: "I touched thirty miles per hour along the London Road yesterday." And he did touch thirty along the London Road, but it was 30 U.P.

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Once upon a time a great Revue was held in Willesden, a big noise was created in the newspapers of the day, and the Adjutant moved about majestically. When the Battalion had foregathered on the appointed day and witnessed the show, they lifted up their voices and rejoiced exceedingly, but certain people in authority marvelled, and said: "This is passing strange!"

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On certain appointed evenings the trusty men of "C" Company gather together at Wealdstone Drill Hall, and the officer commanding company explains to them the art of Physical Training; much energy is expended, and those who run the canteen lift up their voices and rejoice, for great profits are gathered from the dryness of the multitude!

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A certain man at Hendon did not like soldiering; he had never been a soldier and never would be. Many enthusiasts of "D" Company remonstrated with him, still he refused to listen. One day a great parade of the company was held, all past and present men of "D" Company were on parade, not one was missing.

Mighty crowds of women gathered in the streets to see the show, and the obstinate man was amongst them. Suddenly he looked around and found he was the only man in

the crowd; he was seized with terror at his plight, the eyes of the officer commanding the company fell upon him, and he was undone! Hastily he gathered together his family and departed out of that place into a far country, and Hendon knew him no more.

#### ON CO-OPERATION.

##### APPLYING ARMY PRINCIPLES TO CIVILIAN LIFE.

*Success in war is only obtained by the closest co-operation of all arms of the services; no one arm alone can win a complete victory.*

In the above words is summed up the secret of success in war, and every commander, be he a lance-corporal or army commander, has to thoroughly grasp the principle of co-operation if he is going to perform his full share towards the final success. Not only is every commander responsible for co-operation, but every man too, for the chain ever fails in its weakest link, and it is essential that every soldier must be inculcated with this spirit of co-operation.

In the piping days of peace it may be considered that the principles of war no longer serve, and that they should be relegated to a peaceful backwater until required by another generation.

A few moments' quiet consideration will show the fallacy of such a thought, for the test of a principle is, that it should endure under all conditions. Modification of the detail to suit the existing conditions is, of course, always permissible, and it is a striking fact that the last great war produced no result sufficient to change the military principles of organization, strategy, and tactics. If anything, it endorsed their soundness.

To adapt the opening paragraph to "peace," and, more especially, commercial conditions, it might be re-written after the following style:—

"Success in business is only obtained by the closest co-operation of all members of all departments; no one department can ensure the complete success of a business house; it may, however, achieve its downfall"

To plain John Smith, the idea that any relaxation of effort on his part may seriously affect the future of the house is dismissed as an absurdity. But if every John Smith in the house ceased to function for the same

reason, business would be at a standstill, order would give place to confusion and collapse, and the last act of the drama would be played in the Bankruptcy Courts, with a *London Gazette* announcement as a final curtain.

Successful co-operation is an art in itself, and in order to carry it out plain John Smith must not merely be content with doing his own job, but getting to know something of the work of those inter-dependent on him. Just as in book-keeping there are two points of view, so in work involving co-operation there is always the point of view of the other department. Consideration for this serves to eliminate friction and misunderstanding, while at the same time promoting harmony and efficiency, for the two go hand in hand.

It is sheer waste of time to condemn the other man or the other department if a few moments' frank discussion would have made matters clear to both parties. The attitude of the small boy who said, "Please, sir, it wasn't me, it was him," and was surprised when he too was spanked, is well known to most people.

Some time ago a certain power held a conference to discuss a matter involving several million pounds. Resolutions were framed and passed, and a policy decided upon. Two days afterwards it was discovered that the man who was to carry out the policy had not been present at the conference. A junior, who was responsible for the circulation of the notice of the conference, forgot—the smallest link in the chain had failed! Luckily, a casual Englishman was able to repair the damage.

Lack of co-operation is a rot which spreads rapidly unless checked. It is like a plague, which once started has to be stamped out, and the procedure is drastic and unpleasant.

To assume that it is the "chief's" business to accept the responsibility is shirking the issue. Without the co-operation of the individual, the co-operation of the department as a whole is impossible, and the working of the house is impaired.

Remember the old nursery rhyme: "For the want of a horseshoe nail a kingdom was lost," and make up your mind that you will not be the missing nail.

#### ANNUAL REUNION DINNER.

The Annual Reunion Dinner of past and present officers of this Battalion was held on Wednesday at the Engineers' Club,

Coventry Street. Col. J. L. Blumfeld, T.D., presided over a full attendance of seventy officers, which reflected once again the excellent spirit which existed in this Battalion during the war.

Col. Blumfeld, in proposing the toast of "The Middlesex Regiment," said that he felt greatly honoured at being called upon to propose this toast, which not only included our noble selves, but the whole of the Middlesex Regiment. He said that during the war there were forty-two different battalions of the Regiment, and it was an exceedingly desirable thing to embue into officers and other ranks the Regimental spirit.

General Sir F. Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., in replying to the toast, said that since he had been appointed by H.M. the King as Colonel of the Middlesex Regiment, it had been his great aim to impress upon everyone the necessity of instilling into all ranks the desirability of fostering to its utmost the Regimental spirit, and he was particularly gratified at being invited to attend this dinner. It showed, he said, that the true spirit of *esprit* existed in this Battalion, and he had no doubts whatever that the 9th Middlesex was a real "live" battalion imbued with a high Regimental spirit.

Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, T.D., also responding on behalf of the Middlesex Regiment, endorsed the remarks made by General Maxse, and gave a brief outline of the present doings of the 9th Battalion, and impressed upon past officers the necessity of keeping in touch by joining the Territorial Army Reserve of officers. He said that it was increasingly difficult to obtain officers for Territorial Battalions, and that in the event of mobilization a good number of officers would be required, and it would be a splendid thing to be in a position to call up the requisite number from the reserve in the case of an emergency.

Colonel Worthington, in a few well-chosen words, said how pleased he was at the splendid muster of officers at the dinner, and having in mind the large number of Battalions of the Middlesex Regiment which were formed during the war, he looked forward in the near future to a dinner of the Regiment at which he hoped General Maxse would have the pleasure of presiding over a company of no less than 1,000 officers.

Those present were:—

Gen. Sir F. Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.; Colonels J. L. Blumfeld, T.D.,

Bartholomew, W. Garner, C.M.G., T.D., J. C. Worthington, and W. Simpson; Lieut.-Colonels W. D. Coles, Bindloss, G. Beach, T.D., and C. A. Goullett, T.D.; Majors Cotton, J. M. Cossar, O.B.E., and J. L. Harper; Rev. Spooner; Captains C. E. Abbott, J. B. Bucknill, R. E. V. Bax, Brindley, M. N. Caird, Campbell, R. G. Davis, C. D. Emery, M.C., L. F. Findlay, G. L. Fox, R. W. Hughman, W. C. Hyde, H. E. Heffer, M.C., D. M. Hewlett, Harding, J. H. Hewlett, Lloyd Williams, L. F. Mumford, Meville, W. Mellers Jackson, Mozeley, R. A. Salter, Scott, Sherwood, Somervell, W. R. Shepherd, and Scott-Phillips; Lieuts. Abbott, Bailey Churchill, Blower, Cross, W. B. Chivers, C. D. Crittall, I. E. Furlong, Guest, F. G. Hogg, Goullett, A. S. Hewson, J. F. Krohn, Lanfeor, Michie, Purry, J. Rosenfeldt, E. A. Salter, Treacher, C.F., S. H. Townall, S. P. Taylor, and E. W. Wright.

## REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31st, 1924.

**A**MOUNT of grants made: £84 5s. 2d.  
 Number of cases dealt with: 73.  
 Number of cases assisted: 41.  
 Number of men registered for employment: 419.  
 Number of men found employment: 24.  
 Number of married couples found employment: 2.  
 Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 15.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Depot, Great Scotland Yard, Whitehall, on February 2nd, 1924.

A War Office letter, received through the Colonel of the Regiment, regarding group emigration to the Colonies under the ægis of our affiliated regiments was considered, and the draft of a letter in reply was approved stating that the Association was willing to assist in the scheme by:—

- Helping to select the most desirable applicants from amongst the ex-soldiers of the Regiment.
- Endeavouring to get the affiliated regiment concerned to take an

interest in such groups of ex-soldiers of this Regiment whom the War Office arrange to send out.

It was announced that the following had been elected by the *ex-officio* members to serve on the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:—

Brig.-Gen. F. D. Lumley, C.B., C.B.E.,; Col. F. W. Ramsay, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; Col. A. M. O. A. Passingham, O.B.E.; Major R. A. Slee; Captain H. E. Foster; Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C.; R.Q.M.S. G. H. E. Duffield; C.Q.M.S. A. Purcell; Sergt. W. Rogers; Mr. E. Morris; Mr. J. G. Peacock; and R.S.M. W. J. Brooks.

The Executive Committee elected the following officers:—

*Chairman*:—Col. A. M. O. A. Passingham, O.B.E.

*Vice-Chairman*:—Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.

*Secretary and Hon. Treasurer*:—Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M.

*Standing Sub-Committee*:—

*Chairman*:—Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.

*Members*:—Capt. W. W. Jefferd, Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., R.Q.M.S. G. H. E. Duffield, and Mr. E. Morris.

With reference to Rule V (b), it was proposed and carried "that where two or more members have been elected in one category on the same date, they will automatically resign, one each year, in alphabetical order."

The draft for the Annual Report was considered, amended, and passed.

The accounts for the past year were read and passed.

A vote of thanks to Col. J. H. Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O., for his services as chairman for the past year was passed unanimously.

It was decided to hold the Old Comrades' Dinner on July 5th, 1924.

The following subscriptions have been received for the Regimental History of the Great War:—

	£	s.	d.
Col. H. R. Peake ... ..	1	1	0
Lt.-Col. H. G. W. Chandler ...	1	5	0
Lt.-Col. W. G. W. Macbay ...	3	0	0
Major E. A. Bennett ... ..	1	1	0
Major G. L. Brown, D.S.O. ...	1	1	0
Capt. E. L. O. Baddeley ... ..	1	1	0
Capt. R. H. Brodie ... ..	1	1	0
Capt. A. F. E. Robinson ... ..	1	1	0
Lieut. H. R. F. Butterfield ...	1	1	0
Lieut. W. M. Garner ... ..	1	1	0
Lieut. A. M. White ... ..	1	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Owen-Green ... ..	1	3	6
Mr. J. B. Farrant ... ..	1	1	0
Mr. S. J. Keating ... ..	1	1	0
Mr. A. W. Shawyer ... ..	1	1	0
Mr. G. Whelan ... ..	1	3	0
Mr. E. J. White ... ..	1	1	0
Mr. A. C. Woodard ... ..	1	1	0
Sergeants' Mess, Central London Recruiting Depot ... ..	2	2	0

### OLD COMRADES' ANNUAL DINNER.

It has been decided to hold the Old Comrades' Annual Dinner at the Wharncliffe Rooms, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone Road, London, on Saturday, July 5th, 1924, when the Colonel of the Regiment, Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., will preside.

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

A new feature this year will be that small tables, to seat four, six or eight will be provided, and Old Comrades who wish to sit together can reserve tables for any number by applying to the Hon. Secretary.

The chair will be taken at 7.30 p.m. Dress is optional.

Applications for tickets (price 6s., exclusive of drinks) should be made to Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M., Secretary, Regimental Association, or R.Q.M.S. G. H. E. Duffield, Hon. Secretary, Dinner Committee, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

Early application is advised, as accommodation is limited.

### THE OLD COMRADES' TOAST.

"Where e'er I go, where e'er I roam,  
 Tho' it be the wide world o'er,  
 On land or sea, my Toast shall be,  
 'Success to the dear old Corps.'"

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Regimental Association will take place at the Great Central Hotel half an hour before the Old Comrades' Dinner.

## OLD COMRADES' SMOKING CONCERT.

THE usual quarterly smoking concert was held at the Veterans' Club, 2, Hand Court, Holborn, on Friday, February 1st.

The Entertainment Committee again provided a very excellent programme, which was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

The following was the programme:—

Song, "Brightly Dawns our Wedding Day," The Bombers' Quartette; song, "The Dancing Lesson," Miss Ruby Kelly; song, "Onaway Awake Beloved" (encore, "Molly O'Donegal,") Capt. Ashmore Birch; song, "Hatfield Bells," Miss Clara Baugh; song, "An English Rose," Capt. James Turner, R.A.F.; at the piano, Miss Kathleen Bramall; song, "I'll sing thee Songs of Araby," Mr. S. H. Davies; song, "The Yeomen of England" (encore, "Because I was shy,") Mr. Marsden Williams; song, "Sing Joyous Bird" (encore, "Comin' through the Rye,") Miss Ruby Kelly; song, "Macushla" (encore, "Jean upon the Uplands,") Capt. James Turner, R.A.F.; song, "A Regular Royal Queen," The Bombers' Quartette; at the piano, Miss Kathleen Bramall; song, "In an old-fashioned Town" (encore, "Absent,") Mr. S. H. Davies.

We are deeply indebted to the artistes, most of whom are ex-members of the Regiment, and came long distances at great inconvenience and gave their services free, for the enjoyable evening's amusement afforded us.

A most pleasing feature of the evening was the increased number of Old Comrades who put in an appearance; many we had not seen for years.

This is highly gratifying to the Committee, who look forward to the time when three or four hundred will attend and they may be in a position to approach the Colonel of the Regiment with a request that H.R.H. The Prince of Wales might be asked to graciously honour the Association with his presence at one of these Old Comrades' gatherings.

We are rather inclined to believe that many ex-members of the Regiment who have not attended these functions have an impression that they are very formal with numerous speeches.

We should like to dispel this illusion at once and assure our readers that the concerts are happy, informal gatherings with no speech-making.

Small tables, to seat two or more, are provided, so that old friends may foregather in their small parties, and, in the interval between the musical items, go as they please and wander if they wish from one table to another.

No charge whatever is made; members can come early or late, and leave when they choose; the only thing we ask them to do is to wear their Old Comrades' Badge, which, should they not have one in possession can be obtained at the door.

Owing to the last concert being held a month late and the Annual Dinner due early in July, it has been decided not to hold the next quarterly gathering until October.

We hope to see a still greater increase in numbers attending and would particularly ask those who have been present on previous occasions to make it known that the Committee will be pleased to welcome any ex-members of the Regiment, whether they be Regular, Special Reserve, Territorial or Special Service Soldiers, and that their wives or friends may accompany them.

The following is a list of most of those present on February 1st; some members having failed to give their names to the Secretary before leaving, it is not quite complete:—

Col. Passingham; Lieut.-Col. Beach; Majors Steed, Amor, Anderson, and Pargiter; Capts. Owen-Josephs, MacDonald, and Hefter; Lieuts. Rackham and Reid; R.S.Ms. Pigott and Young; R.Q.M.S. Duffield, C.S.M. Ayres; Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Meachem, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Beaman, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Holman, Mr. and Mrs. Vivian and Messrs. Adcock, Arden, Blake, Baines, J. Boothby, Capel, Costello, Donoghue, C. F. Dell, J. Holwell, Holmes, Heummell, Hook, Hilliard, Davis, Judd, A. Leaton, Linton, Mallaley, Murray, Masters, E. Morris, McKenzie, Moody, Nethercott, D. Papworth, G. Papworth, Radden, Ryan, Slaughter, G. Stewart, Sweet, C. A. Smith, G. Stocker, H. Thomas, Valentine, Waller, Warren, Webb, Willmer and T. Wallace.

## OBITUARY.

**JOSEPH FREDERICK ADKINS** (late Colour-Sergeant, Middlesex Regiment).

It is with profound regret that we record the death of the above, which took place at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on January 27th, 1924. Age 53 years.

Mr Adkins joined the Middlesex Regiment in March, 1889, served with the 2nd Battalion in the South African War, and was discharged to pension as Col.-Sergt. on March 12th, 1910.



**JOSEPH FREDERICK ADKINS**  
(Late Colour-Sergeant, Middlesex Regt.)

On leaving the service he was appointed a Yeoman of the Guard and Sergeant-Major at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, which position he held to the day of his death. He was in possession of the Queen's South African Medal and three clasps, and the medal for long service and good conduct.

The funeral took place on February 1st at Mitcham Parish Churchyard.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Fleming, Chaplain of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

The mourners included the widow, son, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Birch (only sister and brother-in-law), Mr. H. Birch, Mrs. Beer, Mrs. Masterson, Mrs. Day, Sergt. Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Chalkeley, Mr. Cramphorn, Miss Judd, and the Rev. Fleming.

At the graveside were two representatives of the Yeoman of the Guard, two from the Middlesex Regiment and numerous other friends.

Wreaths were sent as tokens of respect from the following:—

The Staff of the Secretary's Office; Yeomen of the Guard; Staff of the Hospital; Old Comrades' Association, Middlesex Regiment; Mr. and Mrs. Birch and son; Mrs. Beer; Mrs. Masterson; Mr. and Mrs. Eamer; Mr. and Mrs. Day; Mr. and Mrs. W. Chalkeley and family; Mr. and Mrs. A. Chalkeley and family; Mr. and Mrs. Campion; Mrs. Phillips and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker and son; Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds; Mr. and Mrs. Hicks; Mrs. Morgan and family; Mr. Morris; Colonel and Mrs. Fowles and family; Mrs. Chalkeley; Mr. and Mrs. Paton; Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and daughter; Mrs. Whyte, and many others.

All ranks of the Regiment and members of the Old Comrades' Association tender their sincere sympathy to the widow and family.

We regret to record the death of another Old Comrade, Frederick Townsend Gibbs, age 49 years, who passed away at the Kensal Rise Hospital.

The late Pte. Gibbs enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment on May 23rd, 1893, and was discharged as being medically unfit for further service on May 26th, 1902.

He served throughout the South African War with the 2nd Battalion, and was awarded the Queen's Medal and six clasps, and the King's Medal with two clasps.

He leaves a widow and three children, to whom we tender our deep sympathy.

Bridget Morgan, at Loughrea, Ireland, on January 22nd, 1924, aged 80 years.

Mrs. Moran was the wife of the late Pte. Patrick Moran, who served with the 1st Battalion in the Crimea, and was discharged with a total of 21 years' service.

The widow had been receiving a weekly grant from the Regimental Association since 1912.

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

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.

Applications from persons supposing themselves entitled as next-of-kin should be addressed by letter to "The Secretary, War Office, London, S.W.1," and marked outside "Effects."

	£	s.	d.
Pte. E. J. T. Arrowsmith	...	...	7 16 3
Pte. G. Hodgson	...	...	5 10 0
L./Cpl. R. E. Bavin	...	...	9 2 5
Pte. T. W. Brooks	...	...	35 17 5
Pte. W. G. Cole	...	...	5 13 11
Pte. J. Cooper	...	...	29 11 0
Pte. A. C. Cranford	...	...	17 7 1
Pte. J. E. Hickman	...	...	7 17 9
Pte. A. Jeffries	...	...	16 0 0
Pte. E. P. Monk	...	...	9 15 2
Pte. G. North	...	...	31 1 1
Pte. A. M. Prior	...	...	9 6 6
Pte. W. Sessions	...	...	53 8 5
Pte. H. Sweetland	...	...	5 18 9
Pte. A. C. Teulon	...	...	4 17 0
Pte. J. Tipping	...	...	8 3 10
Pte. E. A. Waters	...	...	15 8 4
Pte. E. Woods	...	...	4 6 3
Pte. A. J. Clark	...	...	1 0 2
Pte. E. H. G. Cox	...	...	4 5 4
Pte. B. M. Hanson	...	...	11 9 1
Pte. W. Sharp	...	...	2 14 0

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### THE DUKE OF YORK'S ROYAL MILITARY SCHOOL.

The Old Boys' Association of the above School desire to get in touch with all former scholars. Will any past and present member of the Regiment who passed through this well-known School kindly communicate with Mr. I. F. Gillett, House 30, Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover, or Mr. F. C. Palethorpe, 33 Lee Park, Blackheath, London, S.E.3.

### WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

THE following extract from the letter of an officer of the United States Army, written in 1915, is of interest, seeing to what degree many of these predictions have already become history:—

"One evening at the Adlon Hotel in the fall of 1915, shortly before my departure, we had at dinner two German officers, one of whom was a member of the German General Staff. In response to a question after a general discussion of conditions from the German standpoint, the following statement in substance was made by the Staff officer:—'Of course Germany cannot help winning, but for the sake of discussion, supposing that all the world got on her back and it was impossible to reach a military decision, I believe the following things will occur: (1) An Armistice will come before any hostile army crosses Germany's frontier. (2) There will be no scars on the Fatherland from this war. (3) The immediate competitors in the economic and commercial world will be so crippled that when it is all over the Germans will be outselling them in the markets of the world long before they can get on their feet. (4) Following the war there will be economic hell, industrial revolution. We will set class against class, individual against individual, until the nations will have pretty much all they can attend to at home and not bother with us. (5) If need be the Fatherland may disembody into component parts, and reassemble at the strategic time.' In concluding this statement, he turned and said with emphasis, as well as deliberation, 'The greatest struggle will come after the war. The weapon will be propaganda, the value of which we know. The Allies will be torn asunder, each will be put at the other's throats like a lot of howling gnashing hounds. And when they are all separated from France, Germany will deal with her alone.'

"One has only to consider to what degree many of these predictions have already become history, to realize how near may be the consummation of the complete prophecy. Surely we must awake to the danger while there is yet time, and avert such a world calamity!"

F.W.R.

### THE SEERPORE TRAGEDY.

*Period*:—Early (January or February) in 1859.

*Situation*:—Headquarters and two companies 57th Regiment at Chopra (between the Tapti River and the Satpura Hills).

*Surgeon of the Regiment*:—Dr. McAndrew. Detachment of two companies at Seerpore (to the west), commanded by Capt. Slade.

*Assistant Surgeons*:—Dr. Ferguson, called "Fuggy" or "Fug," and Dr. Davis, or "The Cheerful"—just joined.

The Chopra troops, in tented groups,  
Were hushed in lawful slumber,  
The sentries tell us "All is well,"  
Calling their dreary number.

The natives near, 'twas very clear,  
Were revelling in debauch,  
For horrid rows came from the house  
Where they were holding nautch.

Then through the gloom, the sentry whom  
We'd posted to the rear,  
Perceived a figure, growing bigger  
And to his post draw near.

The sentry quick, with well-drilled click,  
Challenged in accents coarse,  
"A close Ally" was the reply,  
A Sowar and his horse.

The panting steed at mouth did bleed,  
And when the man drew rein,  
It quickly showed how quick he'd rode,  
For both showed signs of pain.

With slackened girth, pawing the earth,  
The trembling trooper stood,  
His heaving sides with gore were dyed,  
And shrank from want of food.

Full twenty coss that man and 'oss  
Had travelled from Seerpore,  
And from his waist, inscribed "With haste,"  
He drew the note he bore.

The doctor's name, in writing lame,  
Was writ upon the address,  
So to him straight, altho' 'twas late,  
They took the small express.

Kya Munkta there? you Soor care,  
Jehanam, Sir, Ko jao,  
'Tis only me, says Bapuji,  
This note, Sir, came just now.

The doctor tries, with half-closed eyes,  
To make the matches light,  
And when one lit, he oped the chit  
And started back with fright.

Shot through the head, the letter said,  
It didn't say by who,  
Fug's life is spanned without your hand,  
So come, good Mac Andrew.

Now to be brief, they roused the Chief,  
And Mark in his pyjamas,  
With shouts and noise they call their boys,  
Abdullahs, Trameeges, Ramas.

Oh! let me go, sir, for you know  
Such things my heart oppress,  
The case, I fear, looks rather queer,  
But p'raps not quite hopeless

The Colonel said, "He must be dead,  
You need not think of going,  
I cannot see what use 'twould be,  
His shroud you'd find them sewing.

But if you say you will not stay,  
At once I'll let you start,  
And, if you'll get some byles, I'll let  
You have my sleeping cart."

No more be said, Mac Andrew fled  
To pack the clothes he'd wear,  
And at a trot, he quickly got,  
To that small place, Thalnair.

There did he meet a steed so fleet,  
Posted by Captain Slade,  
That e'en the wind was left behind,  
And natives fled, afraid.

The tents he gained, then up he reined,  
And rushed to Fuggy's bed.  
And whisp'ring low, he wished to know  
"Is he alive or dead?"

Forth from the tent that same moment  
The Cheerful's face unshaved,  
With lips and ducks and smiles and chucks,  
Pronounced the patient saved.

Why? How the deuce, is this a ruse?  
Has Fuggy got nine lives?  
A lump of lead right through the head  
And yet the patient thrives.

Not through the nut, indeed all but,  
Quoth Slade in nervous fear,  
By heaven's grace it missed his face,  
And only hit his ear.

I was the cause, and by the laws  
I know I might be tried,  
But if you knew—and here he grew  
Quite husky, and he cried.

The doctor swore that never more  
He'd answer to such calls,  
Nor shake his bones o'er Indian stones  
If all their nuts held balls.

'Twas Fuggy first found out the worst  
When feeling for the lead,  
For, with a sigh he said, "I'll die,  
The ball goes through my head."

'Tis strange to say, but shortly they  
Picked up the ball again,  
Its shape was not deformed one jot  
By hitting Fuggy's brain.

They all, 'tis sad, are somewhat mad  
Since these events took place,  
But yet they taught a lesson short,  
Which time will not efface.

You little boys should play with toys,  
More suited to your years,  
Or else you may be found some day,  
Like Fuggy, without ears.

## NEW ZEALAND.

### DEATH OF A MAORI WAR VETERAN.

ANOTHER of the fast diminishing band of early settlers, Mr. Peter Loftus, passed away at his residence, 26 Ohiro Road, on Feb. 1st. The deceased was born in 1843 at Loughrea, County Galway, Ireland, which country he left at an early age to live for some years in Wigan, Lancashire. Joining the 57th Regiment at the age of 16, he served for a period in the Old Country, proceeding thence to India and finally, in 1861, to New Zealand. He saw service with the Regiment in the Waikato and Taranaki districts, and took part in the storming of the pa at Otapawa, Te Ngutu-o-te-manu, and sundry other engagements. Later, when the Regiment was ordered to England, he took his discharge, and settled in Wanganui in the retail boot business. At the recommence-

ment of hostilities he joined the New Zealand Militia, and served with them till the Maori trouble ended. Retiring from business some years ago, he left Wanganui in 1914, and took up his residence in Wellington.

The funeral took place in Wanganui, where the late Mr. Loftus was laid to rest with his wife, who died several years ago. He leaves an adult family of five sons and three daughters.

Mr. Loftus was a close friend of Sergeant-Major Bezar, a well-known local Maori War veteran. Together they took their discharge from the 57th Regiment ("The Die-Hards") 57 years ago. The encounter at Otapawa Pa was one of the last of importance with the Maoris, and S.M. Bezar relates that amongst the British losses, which were rather severe, was Colonel Jason Hassard. As he fell mortally wounded the late Mr. Loftus carried him to a place of safety, and the officer died some days later.

We are indebted to "W.F.G." for the particulars of Colonel Hassard's mortal wounding, which were told in a letter from Mr. Loftus, as follows:—

"You ask me for some information about the death of Col. Hassard. Well, to begin, we left camp at midnight on January 12th, arriving at the pa at 5 a.m. on the 13th, the 57th (under Col. Butler) leading. Immediately we got in front of the pa, which seemed as quiet as a deserted village, we got the word "Charge Die-Hards!" from Gen. Chute when at it we went, pell mell. Then the place came to life, as the natives opened a very hot fire, but it had no effect in stopping the rush. Having no tomahawks or ladders, and the palisading being too high, we had to wait a few minutes before we got in, and all was soon over. It took fifteen minutes from start to finish, but it was pretty hot while it lasted. Our loss was ten killed, and as many wounded—not bad for such a short time. Col. Hassard fell inside the pa, shot through the chest. I picked him up as soon as he fell, determined to stand by him till he was taken to the rear. There was not more than ten of us in the pa at the time. I helped to carry him back to camp."

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

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Home Counties Area.

Colonel-in-Chief	Col. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, K.G., K.T., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., M.C. Col. W. Gds., Colonel-in-Chief 12th L., R. S. Fus., S. W. Bord., D.C.L.I., P.W. Vals., Seaforth, and R. Wilts. Yeo. <i>Personal A.D.C. to His King</i>
Colonel	Maxse, Gen. Sir F. Ivor, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.
Officer Commanding Depot	Pearson, Maj. (Lt.-Col.) V. L. N., D.S.O., Midd'x R.

**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  
2Owen, D. C., D.S.O. 4May16  
1Goodwin, H., D.S.O. 24July16  
d. 1Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. 24July16  
2White, P. G. (Detn. Bks.) 4July18  
s. Dundas, A. C., O.B.E. 29July18  
(l)

Captains (14).  
l. Sloane-Stanley, L. F. 14Oct.14  
1Browne, M., M.C. (s.c.) 14Nov.14  
Adj. bt. maj. 1Jan.19  
Brown, G. L., D.S.O. (Phys. Trng. Staff) 8Dec.14  
bt. maj. 3June19  
d. 2Jefford, W. W. 11Dec.14  
s. Bennett, R. D., M.C. (l) (S) 11Dec.14  
s. Tidbury, O. H., M.C. (l) 11Dec.14  
bt. maj. 3June18  
1Pargiter, L. L., D.S.O. 11Dec.14  
bt. maj. 3June19  
s. Cooper-Key, A. L., M.C. 11Dec.14  
2Wolcombe, T. S., M.C. 12Dec.14  
bt. maj. 3June18  
Lyon, N. H. B., M.C. (Courts Martial Offr.) 6Feb.15  
e.a. Appelle, E. N. 17Feb.15  
2Moore, R. N. 25Mar.15  
Newham, L. A., M.C. (s.c.), s.e.s. 30Apr.15  
bt. maj. 3June19  
l. Savile, H. B. W., M.C., 1Oct.15

i. Arnold, A. C., O.B.E., M.C., p.s.c., s. 7Dec.15  
Thorp, J. R. [l] 26Jan.16  
(1) Phillips, H., M.C. 26Aug.16  
d. 1Bucknall, G. C., M.C. (s.c.) 26Aug.16  
bt. maj. 3June19  
1Paul, H. W. M., O.B.E., M.C. (s.c.) 26Aug.16  
1Horrocks, B. G., M.C. 1Jan.17  
2Cursons, G. N. A., M.C. 24Apr.17  
1Haydon, C. W., M.C. 25Apr.17  
2Lawrence, F. A., M.C. 2May17  
(1) del Court, S. F. W. M., M.C. 28Sept.20  
(1) Dallas, J. C., M.C. 22Oct.20  
2Whinney, C. T., M.C. 23Mar.21  
l. Procter, N. P., M.C. 1Apr.21  
(1) Lyons, E. F., M.C. 18Feb.22  
2Garrov, V. J. 25Feb.22

Subalterns (35).  
Lieutenants.  
2Bailey, F. A. 1Jan.17  
2Manson, E. P., M.C., ll. 1July17  
1Roberts, W. L., M.C. 1July17  
c.o. Butterfield, H. R. F. 1July17  
1Nunn, F. J., M.C. 6Aug.17  
c.o. Hill, R. L. 21Aug.17  
1Bostock, F. E. 2Sept.17  
1Dix-Lewis, A. 2Sept.17  
d. 1Mirams, S., M.C. 11Sept.17  
1Royffe, H. S. 18Sept.17  
1Rackham, B. B., M.C. 13Oct.17  
s. Stevens, L., O.B.E., M.C. 13Nov.17  
c.s. Charlesworth, J. F. 17Nov.17  
1Kempster, G. W. 19Jan.18  
d. 2Weller, A. V. 19Jan.18  
2Pain, E. T. 19Jan.18  
1Dobbs, J. E., M.C. 1Feb.18  
2Jones, W. H. V. 16Feb.18  
1Pennycook, G. H. C., Adj. 27Apr.18  
1Hedecoe, S. F. 27Apr.18  
(1) Parker, F. G. 4June18  
2Clyne, A. 1Nov.18

Adjutants (2).  
2Manson, E. P., M.C. ll. 18July22  
1Pennycook, G. H. C., ll. 18Mar.23

Quarter-Masters (3).  
d. Stock, V. E., M.C. 25Aug.14  
capt. 1July17  
1English, J. 25Aug.14  
capt. 25Aug.17  
2Douthet, R. T., ll. 13June23

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

2Overell, A. N. 1Nov.18  
1Clowes, J. H. 1Nov.18  
2Chapman, J. R. S. 5Jan.19  
1Tait, J. 12Mar.19  
2Pater, P. 21June19  
2Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O. 27Aug.19  
2Clayden, H. W. 27Aug.19  
D.S.O. 26Sept.19  
Stephenson, G. A. (Adj. Singapore Vol. Corps) 24Oct.19  
2Howell, H. A. A. 24Oct.19  
(1) Clark, S. J. 21Feb.20  
c.o. Walden, F. 21Feb.20  
2Heywood, E. L. 20Feb.20  
2Ayscough, E. S. M. 20Dec.20  
1Reid, J. G. E. 18July21  
a.m. Colam, E. F. 17Dec.21  
a.m. Hudson, E. V. H. 17Dec.21  
a.m. Musselwhite, C. C. 16July22  
1Cubitt, D. Y. 24Dec.22  
2Lucey, P. E. C. 14July23  
1Worton, J. B. 14July23  
2Lambert, H. P. 14July23  
1Gordon, I. D. S. 14July23  
1Crawford, M. 23Dec.23

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

Lt.-Colonel.  
Graves, C. A. H., O.B.E. 4Apr.18

Captains.  
Josephs, I. 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).**  
"South Africa, 1900-02."  
Drill Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow, Hornsey, N.

Hon. Colonel.  
Bowles, H. F., TD la. 13Aug.04

Lt.-Colonel.  
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Murray, P. F. 28July23

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Murray, H. A. 9Apr.20  
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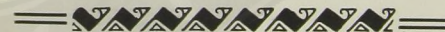
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