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The Plume of the Prince of Wales. In each of the four corners the late Duke of Cambridge's Cypher and Coronet.
 " Mysore," " Seringapatam," " Alubera," " Ciudad Rodrigo," " Badajoz," " Vittoria," " Pyreness," " Nivelle," " Nive," " Peninsula,"
 " Alma," " Inkerman," " Sevastopol," " New Zealand," " South Africa, 1879," " Relief of Ladysmith," " South Africa, 1900-02."

THE GREAT WAR.

" MONS," " Le Cateau," " Retreat from Mons," " MARNE, 1914," " Aisne, 1914, '18," " La Bassée, 1914," " Armentières, 1914," " Neuve Chapelle," " YPRES, 1915, '17, '18," " Gravenstafel," " St. Julien," " Frezenberg," " Bellewaarde," " Aubers," " Hooge, 1915," " Loos,"
 " Somme 1916, '18," " ALBERT, 1916, '18," " BAZENTIN," " Delville Wood," " Pozieres," " Ginchy," " Fiers-Courcellette," " Morval,"
 " Thiepval," " Le Transloy," " Ancres Heights," " Ancre, 1916, '18," " Bapaume, 1917, '18," " Arras, 1917, '18," " Vimy, 1917," " Scarpe,
 1917, '18," " Arleux," " Messines, 1917, '18," " Plickem," " Langemark, 1917," " Menin Road," " Polygon Wood," " Broodsende,"
 " Poelcappelle," " Passchendaele," " CAMBRAL, 1917, '18," " St. Quentin," " Rosieres," " Avre," " Villers Bretonneux," " Lys," " Estaires,"
 " Hazebrouck," " Baileul," " Kemmel," " Scherpenberg," " HINDENBURG LINE," " Canal du Nord," " St. Quentin Canal," " Courtrai,"
 1915-18," " SUVLA," " Landing at Suvla," " Gallipoli, 1915," " Rumai," " Egypt, 1915-16," " Gaza," " El Mughar," " JERUSALEM,"
 " Jericho," " Jordan," " Tell 'Asur," " Palestine, 1917-18," " MESOPOTAMIA, 1917-18," " Murman, 1919," " Dukhovskaya,"
 " Siberia, 1918-19."

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2nd Bn. (77th Foot)	Ahmednagar.
5th Bn. (R. Elthorne Mil.)	Mill Hill.
6th Bn. (R. East Middlesex Mil.)	Mill Hill.
Depot—Mill Hill.	Reform Office—Hounslow.

Allied Regiments of Canadian Militia.

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

Allied Regiment of Dominion of New Zealand.

The Taranaki Regiment.

Colonel-in-Chief.

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 Personal A.D.C. to the King.

Colonel.

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

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THE LATE MAJOR H. H. WOOLLRIGHT.

THE passing of Major Henry Harriott Woollright on June 13th, 1924, must have grieved many who had served with and learned to appreciate his sterling character.

He was born in London on April 28th, 1862. His public school was Charterhouse. Passing from Sandhurst, he was gazetted to the Middlesex Regiment on October 21st, 1881, and being posted to the 1st Battalion, joined it shortly after the historic number 57 had ceased to be officially recognized. From the earliest days he took the deepest interest in the history and traditions of the 57th, and desired to identify himself wholly with it, as was, of course, natural when practically all his seniors serving with him had belonged to it and had not yet learned to accustom themselves to the new order of things. He later became very fond of the 2nd Battalion and took pride in its splendid 77th traditions, always doing his best to as far as possible foster a real Middlesex regimental *esprit de corps*. He never, however, altogether forgot, and was intensely proud of the fact, that he was himself to all intents and purposes a 57th man.

In his earlier soldiering days he served with the 1st Battalion in Ireland and the Channel Islands. In 1884 he joined the Regimental Depot, which was then at Hounslow, for the usual period of two years, at the termination of which he rejoined the 1st Battalion at Dover. In 1887 he proceeded to India to join the 2nd Battalion then stationed there. On being promoted Captain, in April, 1890, he was ordered home, and in 1891 rejoined the 1st Battalion in Ireland. In 1893 he proceeded with that Battalion to Gibraltar, returning with it to Aldershot in the following year. Early in 1896 he went with the 1st Battalion to South Africa, to which country it was hastily dispatched, as trouble, which did not at the time, however, materialize, was anticipated. He did duty with the 1st Battalion in South Africa until early in 1898, when orders were received for it to proceed to India, and he landed with the Battalion there for his second tour of service in that country. He remained in India with his Battalion until 1901, and on being promoted to Major in that year decided to retire.

In the early years of his retirement he travelled a good deal on the continent, but soon settled down to a quiet life in his London flat, spending most of his time at his club and in the company of congenial friends and acquaintances. He never failed, however, to pay his regular annual visits to special friends resident out of London and in Ireland before that country became impossible.

On the occasion of the Albuhera Centenary Dinner on May 16th, 1911, he was, to his great delight, as the historian of the 57th Regiment, invited to be present. He and the late Col. Inglis (also a guest), grandson of Sir William who commanded the Regiment at the famous battle, were the only officers present who had not actually been gazetted to the 57th.

His tastes were literary. He was unquestionably a true military historian, and as such his name will be remembered long after those of other soldiers of his period with whom he was associated are forgotten. In 1893 he published "The History of the 57th Regiment," which is admittedly one of the best of regimental histories, and is often quoted and referred to by other military historians. This was really the principal work of his life, and was to him a true labour of love.

Later, in 1907, he published "The Records of the 77th Regiment and of the 2nd Battalion (D.C.O.) Middlesex Regiment" to the end of the South African War. He was, indeed, a born military historian. His knowledge of old wars and ancient military customs was very great, and he delighted to talk on such subjects with others who shared his interest in them. He was never so happy as when reading old and little known books and diaries having to do with past campaigns, particularly those of the 18th and early 19th centuries. His patience and research in the acquisition of such knowledge was remarkable. He not infrequently contributed articles dealing with topics of this nature to military and other journals and magazines.

He was in his later years a good deal troubled with deafness, which prevented him going about as much as he would otherwise have done.

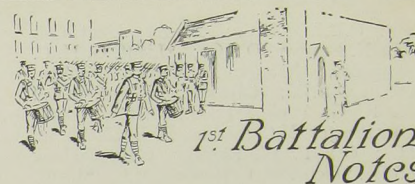
His character was an unusual one. He was very reserved, modest, diffident and unassuming, but strong for all that was right and honourable. His feelings on all matters of taste were extremely sensitive, and he detested anything like swagger or pretension. He was a true and loyal friend; never hasty in his judgment of others, nor did he ever say an unkind word of anyone. It was only those privileged to know him well who understood what a really fine character was his.

His last illness was a long and trying one. He lay for weeks in an unconscious or only semi-conscious state, rallying at intervals for a brief time and giving to those watching some hope of recovery; but it was not to be. He passed peacefully away in his flat at Artillery Mansions on June 13th of the present year.

The first part of the funeral service on June 17th was held in the Church of St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, which he regularly attended for a number of years whilst resident in Westminster, and in the parochial work of which he for a long time took an active part as warden. The funeral service was attended, besides relatives, by a number of faithful friends, old brother officers, ladies, etc., some few of whom also were present at the actual interment in Twickenham Cemetery.

His memory will ever be cherished by the many who loved him and valued his friendship.

SENEC.



ALBUHERA DAY for the second time since the end of the war was celebrated in England. Many old friends were thus enabled to visit us again, and, it is hoped, enjoyed the renewal of their association with the Regiment as much as did we in the Regiment in seeing them amongst us once more.

Yet another year the weather favoured us, and in spite of the many well-deserved criticisms which at other times are levelled against it, the conditions were almost ideal.

The sports commenced at 10 a.m. (details of which are given elsewhere). These took place on the Battalion Sports Ground. The organization of the ground and the sports was indeed well carried out, and even our local cynics and pessimists could find nothing but laudatory remarks to make.

It would be invidious to mention names in connection with the arrangements, for all those who shared the responsibility for them took such infinite trouble that their efforts could not have been more successful.

Our Colonel, Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, honoured us by lunching with us, attending the sports, and afterwards distributing the prizes.

A luncheon party was given at Corunna Barracks, attended by the following past and serving officers of the 1st Battalion:—

Major P. B. Allott; Major E. A. Bennett; Major N. Blake, D.S.O.; *Lieut. F. E. Bostock; *Major M. Browne, M.C.; Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C.; Lieut. J. F. Charlesworth; *Lieut. J. H. Clowes; *Lieut. M. Crawford; *Lieut. D. Y. Cubitt; Capt. J. C. Dallas, M.C.; *Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C.; *Lieut. A. Dix-Lewis; *Lieut. J. E. Dobbs, M.C.; Major A. C. Dundas, O.B.E.; *Capt. & Qrnr. J. English; *Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon; Col. J. H. Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O.; *Capt. C. W. Haydon, M.C.; Lieut.-Col. R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O.; *Lieut. S. F. Hedgecoe; Lieut. H. E. Heffer, M.C.; *Capt. B. G. Horrocks, M.C.; Capt. W. W. Jefferd; Gen. F. D. Lumley, C.B.E., C.B.; *Capt. E. F. Lyons, M.C.; Lieut. S. Mirams, M.C.; *Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O.; *Lieut. F. G. Parker; *Capt. H. W. M.

Paul, O.B.E., M.C.; Brevet Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.; *Lieut. G. H. C. Pennycook; *Major D. C. Percy-Smith, D.S.O., O.B.E.; *Capt. H. Phillips, M.C.; Col. F. G. Poole, D.S.O., O.B.E.; Capt. N. P. Procter, M.C.; Lieut. B. B. Rackham, M.C.; Col. F. W. Ramsay, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; *Lieut. W. L. Roberts, M.C.; *Lieut. H. S. Royffe; *Major W. A. Stewart, O.B.E.; Capt. and Qrnr. V. E. Stock, M.C.; *Lieut. J. Tait; Capt. L. L. Welman, M.C.; *2/Lieut. D. L. Welman; and *Lieut. J. R. B. Worton.

* Now serving with the 1st Battalion.

There was a rumour that H.R.H. The Prince of Wales might be able to visit us, in between his many other duties, but unfortunately he could not do so.

One of the most amusing events of the sports was undoubtedly the Obstacle Race. This proved almost too severe a strain for some, who, after crawling under netting, taking a water jump, climbing ropes, getting through wire entanglements, swimming in a tank, and then being covered from head to foot with soot, were asked to run with heavy sandbags.

One of the great events of the year in Aldershot took place on June 10th—the Royal Review. Probably few of us have been on a parade of such magnitude before, and judging from all accounts the Battalion did itself credit in the march past, led by our Colonel, Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse.

We were amongst the units chosen to provide a guard over the Royal Pavilion during the King's stay in Aldershot, and Lieut. Worton, who was in command, had the honour of dining with His Majesty. Our Band, too, played during dinner, and was apparently much appreciated by its Royal audience. Two days later Lieut.-Col. R. M. Heath had the honour of dining with Their Majesties at the Pavilion.

Royal Reviews over, and two companies ("B" and "C") find themselves on a three-days' company march, which with its long hours of marching (not to mention distances in intermittent and heavy rain) was anything but pleasant.

"A" and "D" whose turn came next were more fortunate with weather conditions.

We heartily congratulate "C" Company on winning the Albuhera Shield this year. An all-round efficiency and sports shield is something of which the company must be proud.

We are sorry to have to record the depar-

ture from the Battalion of Capt. J. C. Dallas, M.C., and Lieut. G. W. Kempster. The latter left us on May 14th to go to the W.A.F.F., and in him, unfortunately, we lose the leader of our boxing team of last year. Capt. Dallas left us on June 17th for a tour of duty with the W.A.R. All regret very much their leaving us after three and four years service respectively with the Battalion, and we will hope it is only temporarily.

To change from regrets to congratulations, we have great pleasure in informing those of our readers who do not know of it that Lieut. F. E. Bostock was married at St. Cuthbert's, Philbeach Gardens, W., on May 21st.

The strenuous programme of the training season prevented some of us from attending the reception which was given after the ceremony, but as many as were able were present.

Capt. B. G. Horrocks gave a very good account of himself in gaining the first place in the Pentathlon Trials to select the team to represent England in the Olympic Games this year. He obtained a Special Certificate in revolver shooting and riding, and 1st Class Certificates in cross-country running, swimming, and epee-fencing. We all wish him success when he competes in Paris against the representatives of other countries.

ALBUHERA DAY SPORTS.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

100 Yards.—1, "G" Coy.; 2, "B" Coy.; 3, "A" Coy.; 4, "D" Coy.; 5, "C" Coy.; 6, "Q" Coy.

Putting the Shot.—1, "C" Coy.; 2, "Q" Coy.; 3, "G" Coy.; 4, "B" Coy.; 5, "D" Coy.; 6, "A" Coy.

One Mile.—1, "B" Coy.; 2, "Q" Coy.; 3, "C" Coy.; 4, "D" Coy.; 5, "D" Coy.; 6, "A" Coy.

Long Jump.—1, "B" Coy.; 2, "Q" Coy.; 3, "A" Coy.; 4, "C" Coy.

880 Yards.—1, "G" Coy.; 2, "D" Coy.; 3, "B" Coy.; 4, "A" Coy.

Hurdles.—1, "G" Coy.; 2, "B" Coy.; 3, "C" Coy.; 4, "Q" Coy.

440 Yards.—1, "A" Coy.; 2, "G" and "D" Coys.; 3, "Q" Coy.

High Jump.—1, "G" Coy.; "C" Coy.; 3, "Q" Coy.; 4, "B" Coy.

Three Miles.—1, "Q" Coy.; 2, "A" Coy.; 3, "D" Coy.; 4, "C" Coy.

220 Yards Relay.—1, "G" Coy.; 2, "B" Coy.; 3, "C" Coy.; 4, "Q" Coy.

NON-CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

Band Race.—1, Bdsmn. Beaney; 2, Bdsmn. Field; 3, Bdsmn. Walker.

Potato Race.—1, Pte. Stanton ("A"); 2, L./Cpl. Bolden ("C"); 3, Pte. Hatchett ("B").

220 Yards (Boys over 15).—1, Boy Russell; 2, Boy Barling; 3, Boy Dibble.

Sergeants' Race.—1, L./Sergt. Hawkins ("C"); 2, Sergt. Cullen ("H.Q."); 3, Sergt. E. Green ("H.Q.").

Ladies' Race.—1, Mrs. Bull; 2, Mrs. Chasney; 3, Mrs. Mynott.

Children's Race.—1, Pat O'Brien, Miss L. Beaman; 2, S. Matthews (Border Regt.), Miss V. Anderson; 3, F. Buckingham, Miss N. Clark.

Open Mile Relay.—1, R.A.M.C.; 2, Welsh Guards.

Veterans' Race.—1, C.S.M. Beaman ("A"); 2, Sergt. Speakes ("B"); 3, L./Cpl. Murphy ("H.Q.").

Inter-Mess Relay.—1, Privates; 2, Officers; 3, Sergeants; 4, Corporals.
Obstacle Race.—1, L./Cpl. Mansfield ("C"); 2, Pte. Tompkins ("H.Q."); 3, Pte. Sewell ("B").

SHIELDS FOR SEASON 1923-1924.

Inter-Company Football.—"B" Coy.; Medals.

Inter-Platoon Football.—No. 5, "B" Coy.; Medals.

Tug-of-War.—"B" Coy.; Medals.

Cricket.—"A" Coy.; Shield.

Hockey.—"B" and "Q" Coys.; "B" and "Q" Coys. share Shield.

Cross-Country Run.—"D" Coy.; Shield.

Boxing.—"B" Coy.; Shield.

Basket Ball.—"Q" Coy.

Musketry.—"D" Coy.; Shield.

Skill-at-Arms.—"C" Coy.

Efficiency Shield.—"C" Coy.; Shield.

Officers' v. Sergeants Tug-of-War.— Sergeants; v.

RESULTS OF THE EFFICIENCY SHIELD COMPETITION, 1923-24.

Coy.	Football.		Hockey.	Basket Ball.	C.-C. Running.	Boxing.	1923-24		Albuhera	Tug-of-War.	Total.	
	Coy. K.O.	Platoon K.O.					Musketry.	Skill-at-Arms.				
"A"	10	27.5	22.5	15	20	49	68	125	170	47.5	15	569.5
"B"	30	15	30	37.5	20	38.5	80	275	95	85	40	746
"C"	25	35	22.5	30	35	59.5	59	425	200	47.5	25	960.5
"D"	5	40	5	22.5	20	70	44	500	95	25	30	856.5
"G"	15	20	12.5	22.5	30	28	32	350	140	100	20	770
"Q"	20	27.5	12.5	37.5	40	17.5	20	200	50	70	35	530

CRICKET.

So far the Battalion cricket team has hardly done itself justice. Out of the six matches played we have won two and lost four.

May 19th, v. Royal Fusiliers. Lost: Royal Fusiliers, 164; 1st Middlesex, 123. (Capt. Paul, 25; Cpl. Macdonald, 4 for 45; L./Cpl. Kennett, 3 for 44.)

May 21st, v. Welsh Guards. Lost: Welsh Guards, 160; 1st Middlesex, 131. (L./Cpl. Kennett, 29, not out; Capt. Phillips, 22; Cpl. Northcott, 4 for 42.)

May 26th, v. Gloucestershire Regiment. Won: Gloucestershire Regiment, 40; 1st Middlesex, 102. (Lieut. Clowes, 23; L./Cpl. Kennett, 3 for 4; Capt. Phillips, 3 for 9; Bdsmn. Elliott, 2 for 10; Cpl. Northcott, 2 for 16.)

June 3rd, v. R.A.S.C. Lost; R.A.S.C., 86; 1st Middlesex, 32. (L./Cpl. Kennett, 4 for 28; Cpl. Northcott, 3 for 25; Bdsmn. Elliott, 2 for 20.)

Although the R.A.S.C. eventually scored 86, they had 7 wickets down for 28, and it looked at one time as if there would be an exciting finish.

June 14th, v. R.E. (Command Knock-Out). Lost; R.E., 78; 1st Middlesex, 61 (Cpl. Northcott, 25; L./Cpl. O'Brien, 3 for 14; L./Cpl. Kennett, 3 for 20; Cpl. Northcott, 3 for 31; Capt. Phillips, 1 for 7).

June 16th, v. Grenadier Guards. Won: Grenadier Guards, 72; 1st Middlesex, 151 (Cpl. Henderson, 50, not out; Lieut. Worton, 31; Lieut. Clowes, 22; L./Cpl. Kennett, 6 for 27; Cpl. Northcott, 2 for 10; Pte. Elliott, 1 for 0.)

We were unfortunate to lose the match with the Royal Engineers in the first Command Knock-Out, having dismissed them for 78, but with the exception of Cpl. Northcott 25, Capt. Paul 12, and L./Cpl. O'Brien 10, the remaining batsmen failed to withstand the attack of Major Wyatt who took eight wickets for 23.

"H.Q." WING NOTES.

The thing of great importance during the past quarter was, of course, Albuhera Celebration.

Some there are in our company who are not, at times, proud of being Headquarter personnel, and yet, when I look at the results of sports held on May 16th, well, I am really feeling proud and glad to think I am in "H.Q."

As the sub-editor of the Battalion requires some "copy," I must not put all names in.

Briefly here are the results:—

"G" was the leading Company in Athletic Sports, with "Q" third. Not bad, eh!

The events "G" won were:—The Hurdles, High Jump, 220 Yards Relay, 100 Yards, and 880 Yards.

"Q" obtained the Three Miles.

In the other events Beaney "pulled off" the Band Race, Boy Russell the Boys' Race, and even in the Children's Race "H.Q." pushed home the victors.

King Cricket has not yet had much opportunity of showing himself. Training just now is rather fierce, and we have been having days (and nights) out. However, we have had some inter-platoon games. Here are the results:—

"G" v. "B": "B" scored 45 runs; "G" scored 36 runs.

In Skill-at-Arms "G" came out third, and in the Musketry for 1923-24, "G" were again third. "Q" in both cases was very low.

We were pleased to have Major Pargiter with us again though for only a short time.

Our friend "Rex" must be in disgrace. He was actually absent from Battalion Training. I hear that a Court is assembling to enquire into this. One wonders what will happen to the Drums when "Rex" departs this life. Some people say—! (This has been censored by the "H.Q." drummers).

Our best wishes to other Headquarter Wings in their trials. In a company formed of so many little groups, surely the motto "United, we stand; divided, we fall," is very appropriate.

WINGER.

"A" COMPANY NOTES.

Since my last report Annual Musketry of another year has passed, and our confidence (as expressed in last issue) carried us

well in the running for top place, and although this was not achieved, such a close finish by all companies caused general satisfaction to the Weapon Training Staff.

At the Albuhera Sports we did not do as well as expected, but better luck next year. Lieut. D. W. Welman kept up his family traditions and ran splendidly in the Company Relay Race, when, although last man to run and yards behind when getting off, overtook his opponents and won by at least two yards. Congratulations to Pte. Stanton on winning the potato race, and if rumours are true, he will soon be issuing "Kartoffels" every dinner hour. It was also noted that several veterans were running, and did quite well, although falling at the first fence.

The tug-of-war team had bad luck in being beaten in the first round by "D" Company, the second pull being the best time throughout this event. Next season "B" Company will have to watch they do not lose their place.

Although giving up the Boxing Shield this year (Dear Editor, only lent) we still hold one shield, *i.e.*, the Cricket Shield.

Cricket is now in full swing, and I am pleased to say we have four representatives in the Battalion team in Capt. H. Phillips, M.C., Cpl. G. MacDonald, L./Cpl. Henderson, and L./Cpl. Kennett; and in the near future we hope to see them appear at Mill Hill and give the Depot a "shake up."

Owing to the training, platoon and company matches are being played off when time permits.

Shooting teams are for ever marching off from the barracks to pass away the long evenings (after training hours) on the range, and one constantly hears a certain Field-Marshal's name mentioned in connection with a certain competition, which is at present running first favourite in the Battalion.

We much regret to state that during the last month or so we have lost Cpls. Steward and Duckmanton, and Pte. Sells, the N.C.Os. departing to the Depot for a tour of duty, and the last-named to "civil life." Our loss is the Depot's gain, but without (Pain) we hear that an old N.C.O. is returning to us from the Depot.

Pleased to welcome Cpl. Thomas (another sportsman) and ten other ranks from the Depot, and can ensure them that the air of Aldershot is "embracing."

We regret to report the departure of Capt. J. C. Dallas, M.C., for West Africa, and wish

him the best of luck on taking up his appointment, also that he will not find the climate too trying.

"B" COMPANY NOTES.

The Company tied with "Q" Company for the first place in the Hockey League with 37.5 points. Both the Hockey and Boxing Shields are in our possession, but the Hockey Shield will be handed over to "Q" Company at the end of six months.

During the firing period, when the Battalion was in camp, the Inter-Platoon knock-out and the Inter-Company football knock-out was decided.

"B" Company carried off both honours, No. 5 Platoon winning the former.

It is interesting to note that the Inter-Platoon final commenced at 7.30 a.m. It is rumoured that the teams tried to borrow a searchlight from the Royal Engineers, but finally decided on night lights. One member of No. 5 Platoon still wanders round the barracks at unearthly hours in the morning "training." The Company was successful on Albuhera Day in winning the tug-of-war. This is the third year that the team has won the cup.

Thanks are due to the teams and their trainer, C.Q.M.S. "Pelly," who in spite of *training parades* worked hard on the rope in the afternoons daily. We also won the mile and long jump, second in the 100 yards and hurdles, and were third in the half-mile. In the Battalion Sports Pte. Donovan was second in the mile and also the three-mile races.

The Company proceeded on a four-day march on June 11th. As usual the weather conditions were terrible, yet one wonders which is best, rain or heat. However, after a drenching time we arrived in barracks at 5 a.m. on June 14th. The Company are quite used to the expression "only another four miles." We think it beats the proverbial Irishman's mile.

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

The Battalion has now left the camp and is back in barracks at Aldershot. After the dirty weather the troops had in camp, they are glad to be back here once more. The Company took part in several competitions whilst under canvas, and won the following:—

Young Soldiers' Competitions.
Imperial Tobacco Company Shield.
The Evelyn Wood Competition.

The points we gained for the above counted towards the Efficiency Shield we won. We also won the Football Shield, owing to our position in the League and Company knock-out.

The summer training is now in full swing, and well we know it. Among other things, we have teams entered for the competitions above, but this time we are competing against teams representing different units in the Command.

Although we are still up against it, we still have high hopes of pulling it off, and in our next contribution to the DIE-HARDS I hope to be able to say we were successful.

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

Since the last issue we have had some busy times; what with musketry, Albuhera Day, Royal Review, etc., we have had our hands full.

At Bisley we were badly behind with the rifle, but thanks to those who fired Table "L" we are now in the running for Best Shooting Company again, and hope that our casuals will be able to pull us up the small decimal point required.

The full report of Albuhera Day will be found elsewhere, and we regret to say we were not very promising. We received a visit on that day from two old members of the Company—C.S.M. Duncan and Ben Sewell. The former is doing well in business, but the latter has recently joined the ranks of the unemployed, and we hope he will not be there very long.

Recently we attended a lecture on "The Use of Aircraft," at Farnborough, and afterwards several officers and N.C.Os. went for flights, one of whom was our Quarter Bloke, and as the next day was pay day it looked as though we were going to be unlucky, but thank goodness, after performing all kinds of stunts he reached terra firma safely but rather pale.

A draft has recently joined from the Depot, and they seem to be very good men. These will make the Company up again, as just lately we have lost Ptes. Fenn, Cassidy, Dyke and Wallace, who have been discharged.

We welcomed the return of Sergt. Willard and L./Cpl. Lewis from the Depot. Owing to the lack of time more news will be in the next issue.



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1st BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, ROYAL GUARD TO H.M. KING GEORGE V., ALDERSHOT, 1924.

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SERGEANTS, 1st BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, AND OLD COMRADES WHO ATTENDED THE ALBUHERA DINNER AT ALDERSHOT, 1924.

I am starting these notes with the hope that the Editor will not consider them too bulky. There is always a big bundle of news during the past quarter, and its condensation is rather beyond my (very) feeble pen.

However, "to arms." The topic since the last quarter was Albuhera Day. The weather question was discussed, and final appeals made to the official in charge of decent weather. On May 16th the sky was blue—not so the members. Oh no, they were far from blue. Flannels were the order of the day, and certainly they looked cool. As usual a great number of the members were on duty during the sports. This duty, however, becomes a pleasure. In the events during the day C.S.M. Beaman won the veterans' race, L./Sgt. Lawrence the three-miles (he was also third in the mile), and L./Sgt. Hawkins won the sergeants' race. "Tishy" did his part in the relay in lovely style.

In the evening the Mess had a dinner, to which past members had been invited. Quite a number arrived, but not so many as we would wish. The arrangements in the hands of C.Q.M.S. Cook for the dinner were admirable, and everything went without a hitch.

After the dinner the Commanding Officer and officers came over, and all toasted "Albuhera," and then settled down to some entertainment. Songs were given by several members of the Mess. Also by Lieut. S. F. Hedgecoe. This continued until late. Everyone voted it a really enjoyable evening. The past members present were:—

Mr. Stevens, Mr. Glibbens, Mr. Coomber, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Morris, Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Wally, Mr. Tuck, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Cook.

We should be pleased to hear from other past members who would be able to attend this great function. On the departure of the "Attached" from the Veterinary School, a concert was arranged. Previous to this a "football" match was arranged. Some game this was, too! The score was so great that a fresh indent for pencils was submitted.

The trainer was in great demand, and I often wonder if big clubs train on the same lines. Now again to the concert. This was a great success. Several of our visitors gave excellent items. Their trios were particularly good. Later, the R.S.M. presented the cup and medals (all made by Armourer Staff-Sergeant), and the evening finished with a Googly Billiards Competition.

The probability of us meeting these folk is very small, but they will always find us "At Home" to them at all times.

We wish them good luck in all future enterprises. The "Pokey Die Fiend" still holds sway in the Mess. The winners for December, 1923, January, February, March, and May, 1924, being:—

C.S.M. Gray, Sergt. Parsons, C.S.M. Gray, C.S.M. Cullum, L./Sgt. Lawrence, and R.S.M. Anderson.

A Tankard Billiards Tournament is producing remarkable results:—

Up to the present tankards have been won. The winners were:—

L./Sgt. Fleming, L./Sgt. Tibbs, Sergt. Parsons, C.S.M. Beaman, C.Q.M.S. Lewis, Sergt. Moore, Sergt. Windsor, R.S.M. Anderson, Bdmr. Clarke, L./Sgt. Morley, C.Q.M.S. Pelly, Sergt. Cullen, A./S./Sgt. Bastin, L./Sgt. Jones, Sergt. E. Green, L./Sgt. Clift, Sergt. Speakes, and R.Q.M.S. Clark.

Having looked at the amount for publication I must "dry up."

Our best wishes to all other Messes. We are always pleased to hear from any who care to write. Address to the President, please.

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

What would happen if someone had shouted "Gas!" on a certain occasion?

If a member in "C" really enjoyed the four days' march?

G.A.P.S.A.

CORPORALS' ROOM NOTES.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Please do me the greatest of favours by not divulging my name. There are one or two persons "after my blood" and in particular the Entertainment Committee.

I must humbly apologize for slating them in the past. Their previous motto "Silence is Golden" has undergone a very perceptible change; in fact, it has almost become "Factor non Verba" (Deeds not Words).

The first spasm took place on Albuhera Night, on which occasion we let ourselves "go" in a very ably arranged dance. The member who looks after our medical welfare was again well to the fore with a great oration on "Socialism." This is not his debut in this line, for I can remember a similar rhetoric effort of his amidst an admiring crowd in one of the main thoroughfares of Portsmouth during a recent football outing.

The second spasm was provided by a snooker tournament, which, I am sorry to say, is not yet finished. I say I am sorry, because I do not think the playing members back the Entertainment Committee up; a tournament of this sort should be finished inside a fortnight comfortably, so come along you chaps, buck up, and put your shoulders to the wheel. So far there have been several interesting games, and some merriment was caused in the game in which "Tall John" assisted "Wee Mutt Glover" to chalk his cue, the same being rather beyond his reach. (Bandmaster Williams and his choir have kindly consented to present a very "unsolid" gold watch for the highest break. He himself tops the list at present with a break of 2 N.A.A. cups, 1 cue, and 1 lamp shade. This will want same beating).

Writing of our choir, have you heard it? If not—then stay away. One wonders how the choirmaster, Jack Stretton, with his six feet manages to reach those depths to which his manly baritone voice takes him. His efforts are somewhat drowned by the remainder of the choir, to give only a few of their illustrious names, Holder, Sammons, Macdonald, and Barker, whilst they are accompanied on the piano by Williams and a shower of abuses from the remainder of the members in the room.

A short while ago there was a tremendous controversy in the room. One would have thought it was one of the University clubs on the eve of the Oxford and Cambridge boat-race, for members were discussing details of a proposed Corporals' Room boat-race on the local canal. The excitement has suddenly come to an end, and one wonders if the reason for this was because several of the leading lights in the scheme whilst out at practice had several wet spills.

We have all sorts of "Blues" coming along, from "Hammersmith Blues" to "Honolulu Blues," and now at long last we have our own "Blues" (patrols), but I must say that they are not very much in evidence considering the number who are in possession of them. Rumour hath it that they are being saved up for Albuhera Day, 1925.

By the way, where does "D" Company obtain all their young giants? We have now L./Cpl. Riley, who has been initiated into the mystery surrounding the Corporals' Room. If "D" Company carries on like this, we will soon be removing the roof to allow for the entrance of their future Junior Non-Coms. Whilst on the subject of promotion, I must add that there are many that have joined us and few that have left since we last appeared in print. It would harry my readers were I to give a detailed list, so I congratulate the many and wish the best of wishes to the few.

Till next issue,

SIR GARETH.

ODDITIES.

Who was responsible for the following gems in a lecture on Lewis guns in attack?

"The Lewis guns will be 'argumented' by rifle sections."

"What you chaps want is more 'Spirit de Cops.'"

"Then No. 2 Lewis Gun will take the enemy machine gun by 'insult.'"

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Who was it who asked how far we would have to march to Evelyn Wood to take part in a firing competition of that ilk?

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Something that sticketh closer than a brother—a friend "in need" on a Thursday night.

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For what use is a wind gauge on a rifle? Should it be used in rapid fire, and if so, contrary to wind or with wind?

HOW THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT HAS HELPED TO BUILD THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

BY R. MAURICE HILL.

THE twenty-fourth year of the twentieth century will go down to posterity as "Empire Year," for the memory of the great British Empire Exhibition, where representatives of the many and varied races who live under the Union Jack are gathered together, will linger long after invitations to visit Wembley have disappeared from the hoardings.

A well-known American writer and statesman, Daniel Webster, once spoke of "The great British Empire, whose morning drum-beat, following the sun and keeping company with the hours, encircles the globe with one continuous stream of martial music." This short article is intended to show what part the Middlesex Regiment has played in the making of the greatest Empire the world has ever known.

To deal first with our Australasian possessions. No regiment has seen more service in the Antipodes than the Middlesex. Though the great island continent of Australia became British mainly by peaceful means, the 57th had to put down a minor rebellion in Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) in 1826. One officer of the corps at this time (Capt. Logan) did much valuable exploration work, discovering the important River Darling in 1826, but it is sad to relate that only four years afterwards he met the fate of so many brave explorers, being murdered by natives.

The Maoris of New Zealand are men of very different calibre to the Aborigines of Australia, and the 57th (and other British regiments) had some hard fighting, as has been recently described in Sergt. Bezar's interesting narratives in the pages of the Regimental Journal, before the Maoris admitted defeat and became loyal fellow subjects. On March 25th, 1864, the 57th Foot and the Taranaki Rifles (a volunteer corps of colonists) attacked a Maori "pah" (stockade) together at Katakahi. Only a minor engagement, perhaps, but worthy of special mention as a landmark in Empire history—for that was the first occasion on

which colonial volunteer and British regular fought side by side in the Empire's cause.

India's history throughout the centuries is red with wars and battles, and in many of these the Middlesex men have taken part. Indeed, the 2nd Battalion (the old 77th Foot) were raised especially for service in that clime. Among the more important campaigns on Indian soil in which the Regiment has served may be mentioned the Mahratta wars, the conquest of the Mahratta coast, Mysore, Seringapatam, and the capture of Ceylon. A wing of the 57th took part in the operations against Tantia Topee, at the close of the great Mutiny, which threatened to wrest the Indian Empire from Britain's grasp.

While Wolfe and his men were conquering Canada, the 57th were at Gibraltar and other stations in the Mediterranean, where life was uneventful, save for an occasional brush with the Spaniards, or for detachments going to sea as marines with the fleet. But their turn for service in the New World was soon to come, for in 1775 they set sail for America, just in time to take part in the war of Independence. Though this war came to an unsuccessful conclusion, no blame can be laid on the British troops, who on many occasions proved themselves more than a match for their enemies in open fight. It should always be remembered to the credit of the Die-Hards and their comrades of other regiments (together with the United Empire Loyalists) that if they could not retain all North America under the Union Jack, they prevented the rebels from attaining their full objective—the partition of Canada from the British Empire. In 1814, when the Americans were again trying to plant their "Stars and Stripes" on Canadian soil, the 57th (fresh from the glorious battle-fields of the Peninsula) were once more rushed across the Atlantic to the defence of the Dominion. It was through being engaged on this service that the 57th (like several more of Wellington's most-trusted veteran battalions) missed the opportunity of adding "Waterloo" to their Battle Honours.

South Africa has proved, to quote Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, "An inventory of good and evil; fierce Kaffir wars, the greatest diamond mines, the wealthiest gold mines, two costly campaigns with men whom we respected even while we fought them, and now, at last, we hope, a South Africa of peace and prosperity, with equal rights and

equal duties for all men." In the most serious of these wars—that of 1879, when the Zulu power was broken—the 57th bore a gallant part. Of all the savage enemies the British soldier has had to face, it is doubtful if any—even the Maoris—were so formidable as these disciplined impis of ebony-skinned athletes, who, with their sharp assegais and cowhide shields, swept down upon Natal with a fury which for a time threatened to exterminate the white colony there. In the Boer War of 1899-1902, when the power of the British Empire, to call on all its overseas subjects for service was first revealed, the Middlesex Regiment were again well to the fore. In this campaign the Militia and Volunteers, as well as the Regulars, took their places in the firing line, and showed on the African veldt the old spirit of Albuhera.

The Palestine Pavilion at Wembley serves to remind us that a modern British Army succeeded where the Crusaders of other centuries failed by raising the cross above the crescent in the Holy Land. Amongst the infantry of Gen. Allenby's army which accomplished this was a Territorial battalion (the 2/10th) of the Middlesex Regiment, whilst another (the 1/9th) assisted in bringing Iraq (Mesopotamia) within the British sphere.

It is the purpose of this article to induce all past or present members of the Middlesex Regiment to look upon the British Empire (and consequently upon the Wembley Exhibition) from a new standpoint—as something in which they have a special interest, realizing that their old Regiment has taken a prominent part in the building of the British Empire, and, therefore, in making the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley possible.

Past generations of gallant soldiers laid the foundations of the Empire, and gradually built it throughout the centuries to its present extent. May those generations who are yet to come be as willing to come forward in its defence as were the men of 1914-1918!

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

GOLD MEDAL FOR THE BATTLE OF ALBUHERA.



A VALUABLE and historic trophy has recently been obtained for the Regiment.

The Officers' Mess, 1st Battalion, has purchased a Peninsula Gold Medal for the Battle of Albuhera, 1811. Small size, 1½ inches in diameter; the reverse engraved Albuhera within laurel wreath; glazed and mounted; the mount engraved "Lieut. Willm. Mann, 57th Regt." with swivel and buckle on ribbon, in original case.

Lieut. Mann, who at the commencement of the battle was fourteenth on the list of officers, was at the end of the day in command of the remnants of the Regiment, all his senior officers having been killed or wounded. This is the only case where an officer under field rank was awarded the Gold Medal.

Mr. A. Hooker, while excavating in Devon Street, found at a depth of five feet a button marked with the insignia of the 57th Regiment. This Regiment, it will be remembered by many of the old settlers, played a prominent part in the early history of this district. Col. H. J. Warre, C.B., was commander. Many of those associated with this famous Regiment have now passed away, and Mr. Thomas Lister, who joined in India at the close of the Mutiny, is the only local survivor. Col. Elgee, who commanded the Regiment in France during the latter part of the Great War, was here a few months ago, and spent some time visiting the old historic spots associated with the Regiment, which is now known as the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment.—Extract from "The Taranaki Herald," New Zealand, March 27th, 1924.

OFFICERS' CLUB.

A COMMITTEE Meeting was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on Saturday, April 26th, 1924.

There were present:—Col. A. M. O. A. Passingham, O.B.E. (Chairman); Lieut.-Col. R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.; Major R. A. Slee; Capt. H. E. Foster; Capt. W. W. Jefferd; Capt. H. B. Savile, M.C.; Capt. M. Thorne; Capt. N. P. Procter, M.C.; and Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer).

The Sub-Committees for Sports, Cricket Week, and Annual Dinner reported the various arrangements made by them.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner of the Officers' Club was held at the Trocadero Restaurant on Thursday, July 3rd. General Sir Ivor Maxse presided, and 64 other members were present.

The table was tastefully decorated with flowers in the colours of the Regiment, and a portion of the plate from the Regimental Depot was also displayed.

The following is a list of members who attended:—

Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.
Brig.-Gen. F. D. Lumley, C.B., C.B.E.
Brig.-Gen. R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G.
Col. R. F. B. Glover, D.S.O.
Col. G. B. Lempriere.
Col. J. H. Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O.
Col. A. M. O. Passingham, O.B.E.
Col. C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D.
Col. F. W. Ramsay, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.
Col. L. G. Oliver, C.M.G.
Lieut.-Col. W. H. C. Davy.
Lieut.-Col. R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O.
Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.
Lieut.-Col. J. K. Maitland, M.C.
Lieut.-Col. J. S. Cunningham, D.S.O.
Lieut.-Col. F. J. Bull, O.B.E., T.D.
Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, T.D.
Lieut.-Col. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O.
Lieut.-Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C.
Lieut.-Col. R. H. Hayes, C.M.G.
Major G. L. Brown, D.S.O.
Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C.
Major O. H. Tidbury, M.C.
Major H. G. Money.
Major L. F. Passy.
Major W. A. Stewart, O.B.E.
Major D. C. Percy-Smith, D.S.O., O.B.E.
Major M. Browne, M.C.
Major R. A. Slee.
Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M.
Major E. H. Amor.
Major L. A. Newnham, M.C.
Major G. W. Tupper, T.D.

Capt. A. R. Carey.
Capt. C. S. Burdon.
Capt. Byham.
Capt. H. E. Foster.
Capt. H. C. Ellis, O.B.E.
Capt. W. W. Jefferd.
Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C.
Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C.
Capt. W. H. Parmeter.
Capt. M. Thorne.
Capt. A. H. Cooper.
Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, M.C.
Capt. H. E. Heffer, M.C.
Capt. R. E. Newbery, M.C.
Capt. J. N. Lamont, M.C.
Capt. N. P. Procter, M.C.
Capt. G. L. Fox.
Capt. H. Phillips, M.C.
Capt. H. W. M. Paul, O.B.E., M.C.
Capt. E. F. Lyons, M.C.
Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C.
Capt. J. P. Jamieson, D.S.O.
Lieut. B. B. Rackham, M.C.
Lieut. S. Mirams, M.C.
Lieut. A. V. Weller.
Lieut. J. G. E. Reid.
Lieut. A. S. Lindsay.
Lieut. W. E. Pringle, M.C.
Lieut. E. S. M. Ayscough.
Lieut. J. H. Clowes.
Lieut. W. L. Roberts, M.C.
2/Lieut. H. Heffer.

CRICKET WEEK.

The Cricket Week was held at the Depot from July 2nd to the 5th, and the Officers' Club was "At Home" on the last two days.

A good number of members and guests attended, amongst whom, in addition to those taking part in the matches, the following were noticed:—

Brig.-Gen. Lumley; Col. and Mrs. Glover; Col. J. H. Hall; Col. Hayes; Lieut.-Col. G. L. Oliver; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Davy; Mrs. and Miss Ash; Mrs. B. E. Ward and Miss Ward; Mrs. Neale and daughter; Lieut.-Col. Beach; Lieut.-Col. Rooke; Mrs. Barker; Capt. and Mrs. Foster; Major Money; Capt. Jefferd; Major E. A. Bennett; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Pearson; Capt. Savile; Lieut. and Mrs. Mirams; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Newton; Mrs. Pargiter; Major Jarrett; Lieut. Rackham; Major and Mrs. South; Lieut.-Col. Heath; Lieut.-Col. Cunningham; Major Slee; Capt. Paiba; Capt. Ellis; Lieut. Weller; Capt. and Mrs. Thorne; Major and Mrs. Passy; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Samuel; Col. Anwyl Passingham; Capt. and Mrs. Tate; Major and Mrs. Amor; Lieut. and Mrs. Bostock; Major and Mrs. and the Misses Steed; Mrs. Clowes; Lieut. Molz; Major and Mrs. Stewart; and Major Carey; and Capt. Heffer.

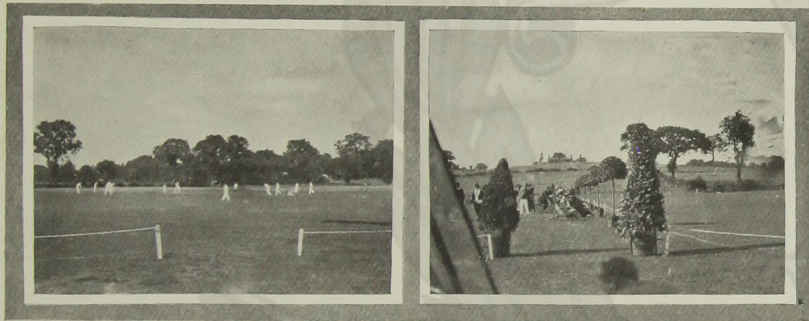
The match with Col. Disney-Roebuck's XI on the third day had to be abandoned after lunch owing to heavy rain.

It was unanimously agreed by the members and their guests that the reducing of the "At Home" days from four to two enhanced the value of these annual gatherings.

Many people missed their friends last year, but this time nearly everybody met everybody, although there were some faces we were very sorry not to see.

A strong wind kept the situation breezy, and the rain kept off, so that although the weather might have been better, it was certainly no worse than we have learned to expect.

An ornamental aspect was given to the enclosure by the introduction of artificial flower beds, gay with pink and blue hydrangeas and red roses. Trees in tubs com-



VIEWS OF CRICKET GROUND DURING THE "AT HOME."

pleted the garden effect, which looked well in the very pretty natural setting of the ground. These social gatherings gain fifty per cent. value from good music, and our heartiest thanks are due to the 1st Battalion Band, who played extremely well and looked it.

Judging from the cordial greetings heard on all sides, the "At Home" proved a great success, and most distinctly emphasized the fact that auld acquaintance should not, cannot, and never will be forgotten among the Die-Hards.

For the Cricket Week four matches were arranged versus The Cryptics on June 2nd, Col. Disney-Roebuck's XI on June 3rd, Free Foresters on June 4th, and Hampstead on June 5th.

Starting off with a very promising victory snatched from the Cryptics, the results went down and down, due chiefly to thoroughly bad batting. It was unfortunate that Lieut. Worton was unable to appear in the side after the first two games, owing to the Aldershot Command Sports clashing with the last days, as a repetition of his form against the Cryptics might have made a great difference to the results of the remaining games.

Capt. Jamieson was a tower of strength throughout, and his unlucky "run out" in the Free Foresters' game was a tragedy.

L./Cpl. O'Brien bowled excellently without any assistance from luck, and deserved even more wickets than he got.

The fielding, as a whole, was not good, but there was at any rate one exception in Capt. Paul, who was always safe, and who brought off at least two good catches.

The condition of the pitch is steadily improving, and only on the third day was there a bad spot at all in the wicket selected.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* CRYPTICS.

Result: Middlesex Regiment won by 4 wickets.

The strong wind which blew across the wicket from the pavilion direction probably deserves our thanks, had it dropped there would doubtless have been rain, and a day's cricket spoilt.

As it was, a fairly punctual start was made, and, losing the toss, the Regimental side took to the field.

Capt. Jamieson opened the attack against the wind, whilst L./Cpl. Kennett bowled from the station end, but the first wicket fell as a result of an attempt of the batsmen to do the impossible.

By lunch time four wickets had fallen for about the 100, L./Cpl. O'Brien had relieved L./Cpl. Kennett, but although bowling very well met with no success.

After lunch the Cryptics, scoring at a good pace, carried their innings to 226, when the last man was disposed of, and the Club team were left with plenty of time to get out and just time to get the runs.

Capt. Turnbull played excellent cricket for his 106 runs, which was the only outstanding score for the visitors.

Messrs. Worton and Reid opened our innings, and it was at once evident that the former was in good form, and when Reid left him and Capt. Jamieson joined partnership with him the runs came at an excellent rate. At 85 Worton's innings were brought to an end, and Capt. Phillips, who took his place at once, started to make merry.

None of the other batsmen settled down, but the visitor's score was reached and passed with Capt. Jamieson still undefeated at 74, four wickets in hand and ten minutes to spare. A satisfactory finish to an excellent game.

CRYPTICS.

G. S. Churchill, c Bucknall b Jamieson	...	2
C. Morley-Brown, lbw b Jamieson	...	3
H. S. Brown, run out	...	2
Capt. T. Turnbull, b Northcott	...	106
G. L. Oliff, c Clowes b O'Brien	...	27
M. Van der Burgh, st Lyon b O'Brien	...	21
F. G. D. Colman, c Kennett b O'Brien	...	6
Major R. M. Airey, c Northcott b O'Brien	...	0
P. H. Whitcombe, st Lyon b O'Brien	...	22
Lieut. Gavin Young, st Lyon b O'Brien	...	11
A. R. Cronin, not out	...	0
Extras	...	26
Total	...	226

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Lieut. J. R. B. Worton, c Turnbull b Cronin	85
Lieut. J. G. E. Reid, b Cronin	5
Capt. Jamieson, not out	74
Capt. H. Phillips, b Young	39
Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, lbw b Young	0
Lieut. J. H. Clowes, run out	12
Cpl. W. H. E. Northcott, run out	1
Capt. N. P. Procter, not out	7
Extras	5
Total (6 wickets)	228
Major G. C. Bucknall, L./Cpl. J. J. O'Brien, and L./Cpl. C. H. Kennett did not bat.	

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* COL. DISNEY-ROEBUCK'S XI.

Match abandoned.

This game started very late with a threatening sky above, but by lunch three

wickets had fallen for 82. After lunch about half-an-hour's play was possible, until a steady and hopeless downpour set in and cricket became an impossibility.

COLONEL DISNEY-ROEBUCK'S XI.

Major C. Firth, st Lyon b O'Brien	...	26
G. Marsh, run out	...	3
J. Foster, c Kennett b O'Brien	...	41
Major Money, run out	...	6
Col. F. Disney-Roebuck, not out	...	6
Rev. Sawbridge, not out	...	1
Extras	...	11
Total (4 wickets)	...	94

Col. L. M. Jones, Col. F. P. Bosworthly, Major R. M. Airey, W. H. R. Webb, and R. D. Whitaker did not bat.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* FREE FORESTERS.

Result: Lost by 45 runs.

At the request of the Free Foresters this was a 12-aside game, and the visitors turned out a strong side against us, while we were fortunate to get out for a modest total.

Winning the toss, Capt. Lyon decided to put the Free Foresters in, and this decision was justified by the results.

On this occasion Capt. Jamieson again opened the bowling with L./Cpl. O'Brien. The opening batsmen were soon given a life each, after which, although Capt. Graham soon left, Paymaster Lieut. Glenister stayed to make 53 before he was bowled. L./Cpl. O'Brien again bowled very well, and a glance at the detailed results of the games shows how many victims fell to him during the week.

The visitor's innings ended at 153, and there appeared to be no reason why the home side should not reach this total. However, it soon became apparent that this was not to be the case, as wicket after wicket fell in monotonous succession. The majority were due to bad batting, but Reid was dismissed by a catch which might most excusably have been missed. Capt. Jamieson was run out when he was obviously seeing the ball well.

It is unnecessary to dwell on this chapter of accidents, and quite enough to add that the hundred mark was just reached before the end came and the game was lost, unfortunately without a fight. However, we must live in hopes of putting up a better show if, as we hope, the Free Foresters visit us again next year.

FREE FORESTERS.

Paymaster-Lieut. C. E. Glenister, b Jamieson	53
Capt. O. B. Graham, st Lyon b O'Brien	16
Rev. G. D. Barne, lbw b Kennett	1
Major R. L. Palmer, c Phillips b Kennett	3
Capt. C. L. Sutton, b Kennett	5
Surg.-Cmdr. H. R. Hull, c Paul b O'Brien	6
Major E. M. Clarke, c Procter b O'Brien	30
Capt. F. A. Sampson, c Paul b Jamieson	1
Major R. W. Ling, b Kennett	0
Donald Glass, run out	8
Lieut.-Col. J. Priestman, c Procter b O'Brien	11
Lieut.-Col. A. J. H. Slogett, not out	1
Extras	18
Total	153

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Cpl. W. H. E. Northcott, b Graham	10
Lieut. J. G. E. Reid, c Graham b Sutton	4
Capt. Jamieson, run out	19
Capt. H. Phillips, c and b Graham	3
L./Cpl. J. Henderson, c Ling b Sutton	2
Capt. H. W. M. Paul, b Graham	13
Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, c Glenister b Graham	6
Capt. N. P. Procter, b Graham	7
Lieut. J. H. Clowes, c Glass b Graham	14
Major G. C. Bucknall, not out	6
L./Cpl. J. J. O'Brien, c b Hull	3
L./Cpl. C. H. Kennett, b Hull	7
Extras	14
Total	108

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. HAMPSTEAD.

Result : Lost by 95 runs.

The last game, against our old opponents Hampstead, was even more disastrous than Friday's match.

Hampstead won the toss and elected to bat, proceeding to score rather faster than had been the case on the previous day.

With the score of 33 for one wicket a sharp shower of rain stopped play for about a quarter of an hour, but for the rest of the game the weather remained fine.

D. J. Crump, 67; H. Williams, 47; and L. Brachi, 39, were the chief subscribers for Hampstead to their total of 223.

Six of our side were tried with the ball, and all succeeded in getting a wicket, Kennett and O'Brien securing two and four respectively.

When our innings opened disasters soon started, and the score was only 16 when both Reid and Northcott were sent back. With Cpts. Phillips and Jamieson together the runs began to mount steadily, but at 62 a nasty ball which kept low and came off very fast bowled Capt. Phillips (31). Capt. Paul did not stay long, and Clowes worked hard for several overs, but was stumped without having scored.

Major Bucknall never looked happy during a short stay, and then Capt. Procter joined Capt. Jamieson, the latter skied a ball shortly afterwards and brought his innings to an end at 36.

Capt. Lyon, who followed, failed to come to the rescue, and the remaining two wickets also falling quickly finished a poor innings of 128 and ended the game, leaving Hampstead the winners by 95 runs.

HAMPSTEAD C.C.

D. J. Crump, b Jamieson	67
E. St. G. Hewitson, b Kennett	13
A. R. Boney, b O'Brien	8
T. H. Farmiloe, b O'Brien	0
F. H. Plaistowe, b Phillips	13
H. Williams, b Kennett	47
L. Brachi, b Reid	39
T. Vaughan Roderick, lbw b Kennett	5
A. Bennett, b Northcott	8
J. T. Ash, c O'Brien b Kennett	3
L./Cpl. J. Henderson, not out	3
Extras	17
Total	223

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Lieut. J. G. E. Reid, c Boney b Brachi	8
Cpl. W. H. E. Northcott, b Bennett	5
Capt. Jamieson, c Hewitson b Ash	36
Capt. H. Phillips, b Williams	31
Capt. H. W. M. Paul, b Williams	10
Lieut. J. H. Clowes, st Boney b Williams	0
Major G. C. Bucknall, b Ash	4
Capt. N. P. Procter, not out	25
Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, lbw b Ash	1
L./Cpl. C. H. Kennett, lbw b Williams	2
L./Cpl. J. J. O'Brien, b Williams	0
Extras	6
Total	128

OBITUARY.

Major Henry Harriott Woollright died at his London residence, Artillery Mansions, Victoria Street, on June 13th, 1924, in his 63rd year.

MAJOR W. T. E. FOSBERY.

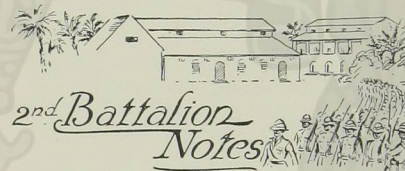
The death occurred on the 18th instant at Summersdale, Chichester, in his ninetieth year, of Major W. T. E. Fosbery, one of the few remaining Crimean officers. When the war broke out he volunteered for active service, exchanging from the 36th to the 77th Regiment, and was wounded in the trenches before Sebastopol, losing his right leg.

In spite of this handicap, he led a very

varied and adventurous life. He travelled a great deal and settled for a time in Queensland, Australia, where he often rode hundreds of miles through the Bush by himself, with only a black boy in attendance. Returning to England, he studied land agency and had charge of large estates in Warwickshire. He was a keen rider to hounds and devoted to fishing.

He had read widely, and there was hardly any subject on which he could not speak with interest and enthusiasm, and he had a great love for art.

He married in August, 1874, Jane Charlotte, daughter of the Rev. Cunningham Boothby, who survives him, so that his golden wedding would have been reached next month. He leaves a son and daughter.



OFFICERS' NOTES.

CAPT. F. A. L. LAWRENCE and Lieut. A. Clyne joined the Battalion.

Lieut. Jones and wife proceeded on leave to United Kingdom, December 24th, 1923.

Lieut. A. N. Overell proceeded on leave to United Kingdom, December 24th, 1923.

Lieuts. E. T. Pain and J. R. S. Chapman rejoined the Battalion from courses in England in December.

Capt. R. N. Moore rejoined from leave in January.

Capt. G. N. A. Cursons granted sick leave until December, 1924.

Major P. Grove-White proceeded on leave to United Kingdom, March 1st, 1924.

Lieut. E. S. M. Ayscough proceeded on leave to United Kingdom, March 15th, 1924.

Major H. F. Spence was placed on half-pay February, 1924.

Major H. P. F. Bicknell, D.S.O., joined the Battalion February 25th, 1924.

Lieut. S. J. Clark joined the Battalion February 29th, 1924.

Lieut. E. L. Heywood is attached to the Waziristan Force from April 15th, 1924.

Capt. J. R. Thorpe is posted to the Battalion.

WANTED.

A copy of "Records of 77th Foot," by the late Major Woollright, is required by the Officers' Mess, 2nd Battalion. Will anyone in possession of a copy who is willing to sell it please communicate with the P.M.C., Officers' Mess, 2nd Bn. Middlesex Regiment, Ahmednagar, Deccan, India?

SPORTS NOTES.

The Battalion has been split up a good deal by company camps, etc., since the last issue, and in consequence our sports have been somewhat limited and chiefly confined to hockey and football.

Company cricket pitches are in the course of construction, and the Battalion pitch has been remade, so that we should have plenty of chances of a good season this year.

FOOTBALL.

The Company League has been played, and shows that the company teams are very evenly matched. All the games have been hardly contested, and the results are :—

		GOALS.				
		FOR AGST. PIS.				
COMPANY.	P.	W.	L.	D.		
1. "B"	5	2	0	3	10 5 7	
2. "A"	5	3	1	1	7 5 7	
3. "H.Q.1"	5	0	0	5	2 2 5	
3. "C"	5	1	1	3	6 6 5	
5. "D"	5	1	2	2	3 4 4	
6. "H.Q.2"	5	0	3	2	1 7 2	

Our Battalion won the Group Competition, defeating the King's Shropshire Light Infantry at Poona by two goals to one. In the final tie of the Poona District League we were unfortunate in being beaten one goal to nil by the North Staffordshire Regiment from Secunderabad. A drawn game was the result of the first meeting we had with them, and in the replay they scored a goal just before time. Both games were fast and very even.

HOCKEY.

The Company League is completed, and the result is shown in the League table below.

Most of the Regimental team comes from "H.Q.2" and, in consequence, that side is considerably better than the others.

The remainder are very evenly matched, and the competition was keenly fought out.

COMPANY.	P.	W.	L.	D.	GOALS.		
					FOR.	AGST.	PTS.
1. "H.O.2"	5	5	0	0	21	1	10
2. "H.O.1"	5	3	1	1	8	4	7
3. "A" ...	5	2	2	1	9	3	6
4. "B" ...	5	2	1	2	7	8	5
5. "D" ...	5	1	0	4	5	20	2
6. "C" ...	5	0	0	5	4	18	0

Our Battalion team was beaten in the second round of the Poona District Tournament by the King's Shropshire Light Infantry by two goals to one, but met with better luck in the Poona Aga Khan Tournament. We drew a bye in the first round, beat the Royal West Kent Regiment in the second round by three goals to two in the replay, after having drawn two goals all in the first game. In the third round we beat the Royal Engineers, Poona, by one goal to nil, and in the final against the Poona Rifles we were unfortunate enough to lose by four goals to two.

They are the best team in the district, and our team was the only one in the competition which was able to score against them.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Nothing very exciting has happened since the last publication of the journal. We played the Corporals at football on March 8th, and were beaten by three goals to nil. A few days later we played the Officers, and managed to beat them 3-1. This match took place on the anniversary of Neuve Chapelle, which day was commemorated by a holiday.

A challenge was received from the members of the Royal Tank Corps Sergeants' Mess to play them at tennis and billiards. A very enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent at their Mess, although the Tanks carried all the honours of the day. The only excuse we can make is the fact that the courts were strange to us. As regards the billiards. Well! the least said soonest mended. We put the bad play on our part down to the new table. These people were very fortunate in a way, as one of the team quite seriously assured me that it was the first billiards table he had seen with twelve pockets. Probably the reason why he didn't score many points was the fact that he had to play with six balls!

A dance was given by the members of the Mess on March 22nd, and as usual it was a tremendous success. Thanks are due to

C.S.M. Smith, Sergeants Fairchild and Thompson for the artistic way they decorated the ball-room. I wondered if anyone noticed that all the flowers from the garden had been borrowed. It was rather unfortunate that quite a number of the members of the Mess were away at the football at Poona. The final was played on March 21st, but as the result was a draw the replay took place on Saturday, March 22nd, and a lot of people from the Battalion stopped at Poona to watch it.

On April 30th we again played the Tanks at tennis and billiards, and although we were beaten we managed to do better than we did the previous time. We hope to have much better luck next time.

The tennis court is looking very "posh" these days, quite like Wimbledon. We hope to have another court erected shortly.

Congratulations to the following on their respective appointments:—

Cpls Draper, Simmonds, Mason, Banfield, and Rowlands (to Lance-Sergeants); L./Sgt. Hewett (to Sergeant); Sergt. Kent (to C.Q.M.S.); and C.Q.M.S. Steadman (to C.S.M.).

A short time ago we lost yet another member of the Mess, C.S.M. Mantell, who left us to take up the appointment of R.S.M. at the Depot. He has been a member of the Mess quite a number of years, and we all wish him the very best of luck in his new appointment. I must apologize to the Editor for the brevity of the notes this quarter, but in a station where there are quite six civilians and Messes are three and four miles apart (no trams either!) we seldom get anything exciting happening. I'll try and improve next time, Mr. Editor

(The R.S.M. remarks if I don't I'll get the sack.)

L. C. F.

SIGNAL SECTION NOTES.

Since our last contribution things have been running very smoothly for us.

We have had a few changes, such as camp, and also a few guards.

We went to a place named Vilad for camp, and stayed there for ten days. It was a pretty strenuous time while it lasted, but on the whole I think the troops enjoyed the change.

The Signals played up well in regard to communication in the mountain and open warfare sham battles that we fought.

This, by the way, was very difficult, owing to the very uneven nature of the ground.

We found a very pleasant surprise at Vilad, and that was a small swimming pool. It was delightful to come off parade and have a dip. It was the first chance of a swim we had had since leaving Singapore.

Another event worth noting was the defeat of our Regimental football team when they played the North Staffords.

The match was played at Poona, and a good number of the Battalion went to witness it.

We were welcomed right royally by the Kents.

Touching reunions took place among some of our Signallers and their old civilian chums now serving with the Kents. Of course celebrations were the order of the day, and things went off very well.

No doubt you will receive the account of the match in other notes, so there is no need for me to dwell upon it.

We have not been doing so well at sports ourselves lately, owing to the absence of some of our players, who have gone to the hills for a short spell.

We are also unlucky in losing the services of Pte. Butterfield (who is an ex-regimental player). He has had to finish sports owing to an injury he received in Singapore.

We should do very well in our forthcoming ventures, owing to the fact that we have now got another twenty men attached to us.

We have not had much chance to try them out yet, but we are hoping to find some new talent.

They are not doing so bad at signalling. Our Signalling Officer, Lieut. Heywood, has left us for a short time, and Lieut. Pater is now keeping us in order.

Before closing we must congratulate L./Cpls. Lucas and Forster, who have just passed out as Assistant Instructors at the Indian Army Signal School, Poona, also we must congratulate Pte. Reeve on his being appointed Lance-Corporal.

We hope to be able to give you some astonishing results of our ventures in the sports line in our next notes. Until then, nuff said!

FLAG BASHER.

BAND NOTES.

Well, here we are again; still holding our own. We have been rather busy lately playing company hockey. We have had a couple of exciting games with a few "sticks"

and "cracks." In the Hockey League we have been very successful in winning five matches, our goal average being 21 for and 1 against, which goes to prove the standard of "H.Q.'s" team. The football team is still below form, but gradually turning the tables. Cricket will soon commence, and we have at least three batsmen who hope to make a thousand runs. The Band in general are in good spirits, and some, it's heard said, "have good banking accounts."

Our new Bandmaster has not arrived up to the despatch of these notes, but he is expected to arrive shortly. His name is Mr. Glibbens, late of the Grenadiers, and from what we hear he is "Some stuff."

BRASSO.

BIRTH.

RAWLINGS.—On 18/11/23, at Singapore, the wife of 6189608 Cpl. C. Rawlings—a daughter, Joan Irene.

MARRIAGE.

HATHAWAY—BRYAN.—On 6/3/24, at Ahmednagar, 6189289 L./Cpl. W. Hathaway, "H.Q." Wing, to Miss Flora Ada Bryan.

OBITUARY.

With deep regret we have to announce the death of 6194377 Pte. H. Hedges from lobar pneumonia on 21/2/24, and 6190686 Pte. C. Bell from typhoid fever on 1/4/24.

APPOINTMENTS, Etc.

6191707 C.Q.M.S. Steadman: Appointed Acting Company Sergeant-Major, 6/4/24.

6188523 Sergt. Kent: Appointed Acting Company Quartermaster-Sergeant, 6/4/24.

6189149 L./Sgt. Hewett: Appointed Acting Sergeant, 10/1/24.

6191907 Cpl. Rowland: Appointed Lance-Sergeant, 4/2/24.

6191170 L./Cpl. Fuller: Appointed Acting Corporal, 9/2/24.

6194261 L./Cpl. Stevenson: Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 28/2/24.

6188480 L./Cpl. Simpson: Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 10/3/24.

6192085 Pte. Roberts: Appointed Lance-Corporal, 9/2/24.

6189663 Pte. Ginnaw: Appointed Lance-Corporal, 9/2/24.

6189268 Pte. Jones: Appointed Lance-Corporal, 2/2/24.

6192067 Pte. Crossman: Appointed Lance-Corporal, 15/2/24.

TRANSFERS, DISCHARGES, Etc.

6188527 C.S.M. Mantell: Embarked at Bombay per s.s. *Nadera*, 4/4/24, to United Kingdom, on posting to Home Establishment.

6192879 Pte. Soanes: Transferred to 1st King's Royal Rifle Corps, 23/2/24.

6194299 Boy Slaytor: Discharged from the Service at own request on payment, 14/4/24.

6337119 Pte. Whitham: Transferred from 1st Bn. The Royal West Kent Regiment, 15/4/24.

6194091 Pte. Way: Transferred to 2nd Bn. Northamptonshire Regiment, 19/4/24.

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THE 2nd BATTALION AT DOUAI.

THE town of Douai was entered by the 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment on October 17th, 1918, but the fighting which brought about the capture commenced nearly a month earlier, and an account of the actual entry, without mention of the splendid successes gained before hand, would be a poor thing, giving a very incomplete impression of the achievement.

Aggressive action started when the Battalion was in the line before Arleux-en-Gohelle. The Battalion scouts, under Lieut. A. C. Pearse, M.C., and assisted by Sergt. Hickman, D.C.M., M.M., taking advantage of disused trenches and the long grass in no-man's-land, carried out a series of daring patrols, most of them in daylight. They had fights with the enemy actually in the German front line on three occasions, inflicting numerous casualties but always without mishaps to themselves, and finally established a post in the enemy's trench, from which it was possible to capture the whole line. Once, when the Germans made a counter-attack, Lieut. Pearse, with a rifle, personally covered the retirement of his party (which had run short of grenades), and at the same time ensured the safety of his Brigadier and C.O., who had come up rather too far forward to reconnoitre. As a result of these operations he received his finely-deserved Military Cross, and Sergt. Hickman a second bar to his D.C.M.

A few days later "C" Company resisted a determined counter-attack at night on their advanced post at the Crucifix in the outskirts of Arleux.

The next step was the capture of Britannia Trench (whither the Germans had retired) and with it the village of Arleux-en-Gohelle on September 27th. This was achieved with the aid of a creeping barrage, when the Battalion was under the command of Major A. M. Toye, V.C., M.C., in the temporary absence of the Commanding Officer. In



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the action Capt. R. B. Holman, by his splendid example and work, even though suffering from the effects of an old wound which had broken open, did much for the success of the operation, and won the Military Cross. That valiant soldier, Sergt. Hickman, was also mentioned in despatches.

Many prisoners and several machine guns were captured.

The Battalion was then withdrawn from the line for two days, and on the third was

sent up about three quarters of a mile farther south, immediately north of the river Scarpe, with the village of Plouvain in no-man's-land. The troops who had previously held this line had not progressed as well as those on the south of the river, and plans were at once prepared for an offensive. On October 5th Plouvain was occupied, assembly positions reconnoitred beyond, and at dawn on October 7th, with a heavy covering barrage, the Battalion captured the Fresnes-Rouvroy line and the village of Biache-St. Vaast. Patrols were pushed forward at once, and continued during the following night and day, with the result that an advance of nearly three miles was made; a good many prisoners and machine guns were captured, and the Battalion was on the verge of open warfare.

On October 9th the Battalion advanced with a creeping barrage for the last time. The previous day the patrols had reached the flooded marshes before Vitry-le-Marais, and further advance was impossible. One company was therefore left to hold the frontage as a screen, and the remainder of the Battalion was withdrawn as soon as it was dark on October 8th and at once moved over to attack at dawn on the 9th through the unit immediately on its left, capturing the Queant-Drocourt line and the village of Vitry-le-Marais.

Of the initial attack there is not much to tell, for the enemy was beaten as soon as the attack opened. Such as could made their escape; the remainder were captured, very few putting up any fight. The Colonial troops south of the Scarpe were not so successful, and the 2nd Middlesex were much hampered by enemy fire from a hill to their right rear. Brig.-Gen. St. J. Grogan, V.C., C.M.G., D.S.O., was at Battalion Headquarters when this was realized, and insisted on going to see the platoon detailed to assault the hill safely across the river. When he saw this platoon making its way forward, he could not be held back, but scrambled over, followed by the Commanding Officer, Adjutant, and officer commanding company, who thus took part in the assault! Fortunately, at this threat to their flank the Germans hastily retired, and the Colonials were able to advance. As a result, however, they informed the Battalion (through the official channels) that they intended to reach Douai first, although it was not on their front.

Meanwhile, patrols were pushing on, and, passing through Corbehem (where the Ger-

mans had built wonderful stables in the cellars of factories with room for several hundred animals), reached the Canal du Nord, an advance of nearly five miles. Two light trench mortars were captured, together with plenty of ammunition. With the aid of some spare mules these were taken along by the Battalion, and on more than one occasion assisted in the application of the principles of "fire and movement."

During this action a disaster very nearly occurred to a working party. Where the Queant-Drocourt line crossed the Arras-Douai road the Germans had made a tremendous crater. This crater was being filled in to make it possible for wheeled traffic. A huge beam lay across the far side, covered with a piece of tarred felt. Just as the beam was about to be moved, the C.R.A. drove up on reconnaissance. "For God's sake don't touch that!" he shouted. And when the Sappers arrived, they found an enormous mine behind the beam, which would have blown the whole party to bits.

At the Canal du Nord the Battalion was held up for several days, for no means of crossing was available, and the Germans were making an effective stand with increasing rifle, trench mortar, and artillery fire. It seemed as if the Colonials would keep their word.

By this time the general opinion was that the Battalion had been in the line long enough, and on representation by the Commanding Officer, the Brigadier arranged a relief. Meanwhile "Jerusalem" pontoons (rectangular wooden frames covered with canvas on the sides and bottom) were sent up and arrived just before dusk on October 17th. The relieving Commanding Officer arrived with his advance party shortly afterwards, and it occurred to the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion that after his Battalion had done all the fighting another unit was to have the actual honour of entering Douai first. The Brigadier, who was present, chaffed him about his application for relief, but being anxious about the Colonials, agreed to allow him to push on at once. The relieving Commanding Officer, whose battalion had not yet arrived, reluctantly handed over his Union Jack for hoisting on the Hotel de Ville, and the advance of the 77th was ordered at once. The Brigadier again insisted in accompanying the leading troops, even at the expense of slipping and getting a partial ducking in the canal! The Germans could have played

havoc with the platoons as they crossed, for there was very little artillery fire, and the conditions were those of open warfare. When they saw that a determined effort was being made to cross, however, they simply bolted. Nos. 12 and 13 Platoons, under Lieut. A. Wheeler, accompanied by the Brigadier and the Commanding Officer, worked forward straight for the centre of the town, while Capt. R. B. Holman, M.C., and Lieut. A. C. Pearse, M.C., with the Battalion scouts, worked more to the north to protect that flank. The Brigadier was in a frantic hurry, and practically drove the troops along, with discretion thrown to the winds and making remarks about the Colonials and what would happen if they got there first! They did not, however, and the Union Jack, together with the French flag were hoisted by the 2nd Middlesex on the Hotel de Ville about 8.30 p.m. on October 17th, 1918. The following day a guard was mounted on the Hotel de Ville, which was inspected by the Prince of Wales, the President of the French Republic, Marshal Foch, and our own Commander-in-Chief, not to mention other less known people of importance. Subsequently, Lieut. Pearse placed the Battalion camp colour on the tower. This colour was later presented to the town, and resides in the Hotel de Ville together with the notice board (decorated with the Divisional Brigade and Battalion distinguishing marks) set up by the Battalion to commemorate the event. The ladies of Douai symbolized the gratitude of the town by embroidering a flag which was presented to the 2nd Battalion.

The writer much regrets that he has had access to no official documents, except a copy of the operation orders for the action on October 7th. It is therefore impossible to mention all the honours awarded, the number of prisoners, etc., captured, or even the extent of the casualties involved.

Amongst those who gave their lives, however, the following officers will be remembered:—

Capt. H. W. P. Hallett (died of wounds), Lieut. Hazard (attached from the R.A.S.C.), and 2/Lieuts. C. F. J. Blake and J. Green.

Those who wearied at the continuous fighting which the Battalion was called upon to do, while other units of the Division were having a less exacting time, will surely feel proud of the honour that when the Division was in reserve on November 8th, 1918, and was called upon to march twenty-nine

miles to fill a gap in the line near Mons, it was the 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment which was selected to fill the gap, a feat which was accomplished in thirty-four hours. On this occasion the Battalion was the advanced guard for the Brigade, and had its own artillery and machine guns. "B" Company was the vanguard, and succeeded in driving the enemy from his advanced positions, for which its commander, Capt. G. Bowden, who led his men magnificently, was awarded the Military Cross.

DEPOT NOTES.

THE Colonel of the Regiment, Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., inspected the Depot on Saturday, May 24th. Lieut.-Col. R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., commanding 1st Battalion, accompanied the General. Owing to bad weather the recruits paraded in the Gymnasium. General Maxse, who was received with a general salute, made a minute inspection of all squads, and then saw them at their normal work. After visiting the barrack-rooms and institutes, he addressed all officers and N.C.Os. in the lecture hall on the subject of training. General Maxse lunched with the officers in the Mess. Lieut.-Cols. Beach (9th Battalion) and Maitland (7th Battalion) were present at lunch.

Major-Gen. Sir Henry Hodgson, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., commanding Home Counties Area, inspected "Ypres" and "Nivelle" Squads undergoing training in the Cadre Platoon on June 26th. He expressed his entire satisfaction with the way the squads worked in the open, especially complimenting the section commanders on the very lucid and able manner in which they explained the action of their sections in the tactical exercise. General Hodgson made a tour of inspection of the barracks, and afterwards lunched with the officers.

A team of recruits from the Depot has won the Challenge Cup organized by the Royal Army Temperance Association for the year 1923. The competition is open to all Depots in the United Kingdom. The teams consisted of twenty-five recruits, and medals have been awarded to the first five.

The following won medals. Possible score, 55:—

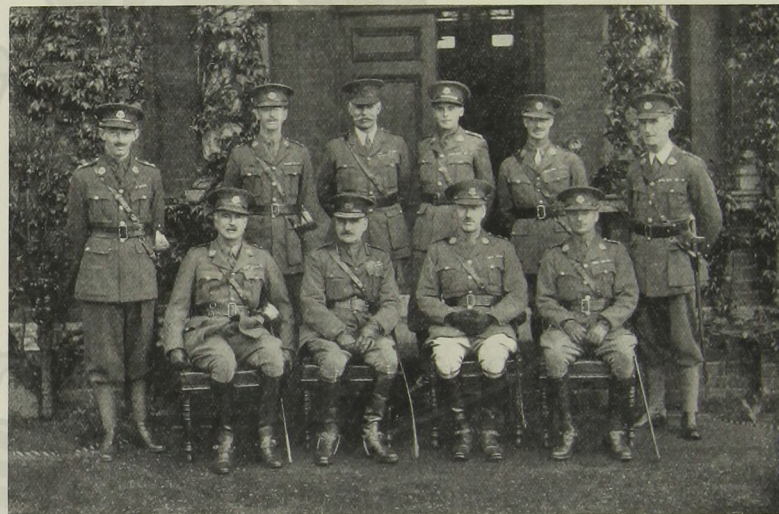
Pte. Murphy, 53; Pte. Day, 53; Pte. Fist, 53; Pte. Potts, 53; and Pte. Lee, 51. The remaining members of the team were:—Ptes. Turner, Hamer, Trewick, Smith, J. E. Hinsby, Peters, Foulger, Hutson, L. Smith, Taylor, Bower, Balls, Chapman, Adams, Copeton, Stapleton, Clarke, Collett, Higgins, and Goble.

The result reflects great credit upon the team and its squad instructors, and especially Sergt. Crouch, who was Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry at the time.

The last six months have been a great strain on the staff of the Depot, six standard squads being formed. This is, we believe, a record, as the establishment allows for five squads only.

The bands of the West India Regiment and British Guinea Militia are still with us, and play at Wembley daily.

R.Q.M.S. Duffield takes his discharge this month, on receiving a civil appointment. His loss will be keenly felt by the Regimental Association. He has rendered loyal and valuable services on the Committee.



THE OFFICERS: DEPOT THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Lt. A. V. Welles Lt. S. Mirams Maj. F. S. Steed Lt. B. B. Rackham Maj. G. C. Bucknall Capt. V. E. Stock
Lt.-Col. R. M. Heath Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse Lt.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson Capt. W. W. Jefferd
(Comdg. 1st Bn.) (Col. of the Regt.)

BOXING.

A Novices' Boxing Competition was held at the Depot during June. Over 100 recruits entered.

Though science was lacking in most bouts, it was more than compensated for by game-ness. Several fights had to be decided by an extra round.

The Squad Boxing Shield was won by "Mons," with the fine total of 63½ points. "Ladysmith" was second, with 41 points;

The following reply was received:—
"Please convey to all ranks Depot my grateful thanks for their good wishes. Edward P. Colonel-in-Chief."

"Nivelle" third, with 36 points; and "Ypres" fourth, obtaining 23½ points.

Some really good fighting was seen, and several of these lads will turn out useful boxers if taken in hand and trained.

A "good loser" medal was awarded to Pte. Camp, "Mons" Squad, who put up a very plucky fight.

Winners and runners-up were as follows:—
Bantam-weight.—Winner: Pte. Marshall, "Mons." Pte. Horton, "Ypres."
Light-weights.—Winner: Pte. Wetherly, "Mons." Pte. Edwards, "Mons."
Feather-weights.—Winner: Pte. Maunders "Ladysmith." Pte. Lesurf, "Ladysmith."
Welter-weights.—Winner: Pte. Burton, "Ladysmith." Pte. Brown, "Mons."
Middle-weights.—Winner: Pte. Rumers, "Mons." Pte. Hammond, "Mons."

ALBUHERA SPORTS.

The Annual Sports were held on the cricket grounds on Friday, May 30th, 1924, under ideal weather conditions. The heats were contested in the forenoon, which left some very promising finalists. The Band of the British West India Regiment, who are stationed here during the Empire Exhibition, provided some excellent music which was fully appreciated by all, especially when they gave their services at the close of the sports to permit of dancing on the green.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Mirams, 100 Yards (Recruits): 1, Pte. Peters, "Mons"; 2, Pte. West, "Ladysmith"; 3, L./Cpl. Turner, "Mons."

100 Yards (Open to Depot): 1, Sergt. Darby; 2, Sergt. Webberley, R.A.M.C.; 3, L./Cpl. Kingdom.

Putting the Shot.—1, Sergt. Elliott, A.G.S.; 2, Sergt. Darby; 3, Cpl. Ward.

Potato Race.—1, L./Cpl. Kingdom; 2, Pte. Burton; 3, Pte. Coker.

440 Yards (Recruits).—1, Pte. West, "Ladysmith"; 2, Pte. Tyler, "Mons"; 3, Pte. Keep, "Mons."

Corporals' 100 Yards.—1, L./Cpl. Kingdom; 2, Cpl. Ward; 3, L./Cpl. Peters.

880 Yards (Recruits).—1, Pte. Brown, "Nivelle"; 2, Pte. Weatherley, "Mons"; 3, Pte. Coker, "Ypres."

220 Yards (Open to Depot).—Sergt. Webberley, R.A.M.C.; 2, Sergt. Darby; 3, L./Cpl. Kingdom.

High Jump.—Pte. Fegan, "Ypres," and Pte. Wiblin, "Mons," tie; Pte. Ayres, "Mons."

Children's Race (Boys).—1, Francis Oldham; 2, Douglas Clements; 3, Stanley Dunham.

Children's Race (Girls).—1, Gladys Butler; 2, Doris Crouch; 3, Majorie Ayres.

One Mile (Recruits).—1, Pte. Brown, "Nivelle"; 2, Pte. Woodward, "Somme"; 3, Pte. Kemp, "Mons."

Ladies' Race.—1, Mrs. Hunter; 2, Mrs. O'Brien; 3, Mrs. Darby.

Relay Race (Recruits).—1, "Mons"; 2, "Ladysmith"; 3, "Nivelle."

Sack Race.—1, Cpl. Stacy; 2, L./Cpl. Foley; 3, Pte. Wilkes.

Tug-of-War (Recruits). 1 "Mons," 2 "Ypres."

Tug-of-War (Sergeants v. Corporals).—Corporals.

Three-Legged Race.—1, Ptes. Keep and Edwards; 2, Ptes. Martin and Watson.

Obstacle Race.—1, Pte. Hillier; 2, Cpl. Stacy; 3, Pte. Huggett.

Inter-Mess Relay.—1, Sergeants; 2, Corporals; 3, Privates.

Veterans' Race.—1, L./Cpl. Sands; 2, L./Cpl. Foley; 3, Sergt. Willard.

Open Mile.—1, Cpl. Mardell, Middlesex Regt.; 2, Bdsmn. Hamilton, B.W.I. Regt.; 3, Pte. Christmas, Middlesex Regt.

Sergeants' Race.—1, Sergt. Darby; 2, Sergt. Webberley, R.A.M.C.; 3, S./Sergt. Clarke.

Blindfold Squad Drill.—1, "Somme"; 2, "Ypres."

Long Jump.—1, Pte. Wiblin, "Mons"; 2, Pte. Watson, "Mons"; 3, L./Cpl. Turner, "Mons."

Best all-round Recruit: Pte. Brown (Silver Medal).

Second all-round Recruit: Pte. West (Bronze Medal).

The Inter-Squad Shield was won by "Mons" Squad by 30 points, "Ypres" and "Nivelle" being second and third with 7 and 6 points respectively.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

A dinner and dance was held in the Sergeants' Mess on May 21st, which proved a great success, each member bringing a lady, and a homely little time resulted. From 9.30 p.m. until 2 a.m. the dancing went with a swing, and when the festivities ended the party wended their several ways thoroughly tired but extremely happy.

C.S.M. Mantell has joined us from the 2nd Battalion, and has taken over the duties of

Regimental Sergeant-Major, in which capacity we offer him our heartiest congratulation and good luck.

The monthly billiards tournaments have been discontinued, the members much preferring the enjoyment to be found on the tennis court, etc., now that the clerk of the weather no longer turns his deaf ear to our agonizing appeals for fine days.

DEPARTURES.

R.S.M. R. Pigott: To 1st Battalion, 11/4/24. (Attached to Army Veterinary Training School, Hounslow).

Sergt. J. Paris: To Discharge, 2/5/24. King's Regulations 363 (xvi).

Cpl. R. Overton: To 1st Battalion, 30/5/24.

Cpl. H. Thomas: To 1st Battalion, 20/6/24.

Cpl. A. Ward: To 1st Battalion, 20/6/24.

L./Cpl. J. Brooks: To 1st Battalion, 20/6/24.

L./Cpl. C. Turner: To 1st Battalion, 20/6/24.

L./Cpl. F. Smith: To Discharge, 27/6/24. King's Regulations 363 (xvi).

Sergt. E. Pain: To 1st Battalion, 7/7/24.

R.Q.M.S. G. Duffield: To Discharge.

ARRIVALS.

C.S.M. R. Mantell: From 2nd Battalion for tour of duty, 25/4/24.

Sergt. J. Paris: From 2nd Battalion, 9/4/24.

L./Cpl. F. Blackburn: From 1st Battalion for tour of duty, 27/5/24.

Cpl. C. Mardle: From 1st Battalion for tour of duty, 28/5/24.

Cpl. W. Duckmanton: From 1st Battalion for tour of duty, 19/6/24.

Cpl. J. Steward: From 1st Battalion for tour of duty, 20/6/24.

Sergt. R. Flatman: From 1st Battalion for tour of duty, 4/7/24.

EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES.

L./Sgt. L. Clarke: Awarded 1st Class Certificate of Education, 10/4/24.

The undermentioned have obtained 2nd Class Certificates of Education:—

Sergt. C. King, L./Cpl. G. Knock, Pte. B. James, Pte. M. Peters, L./Cpl. R. Ecclestone, Pte. R. Chaplin, Pte. S. Lawrence, Pte. C. Trestain, L./Cpl. H. Hull, Pte. J. Edwards, and Pte. H. Marshall.

The undermentioned have obtained 3rd Class Certificates of Education:—

Pte. H. Denton, Pte. A. Headland, Pte. D. Moore, Pte. H. Wallace, Pte. W. Fegan, Pte. M. Horton, Pte. R. Page, Pte. W. Foster, Pte. L. Lewis, and Pte. C. Rimmell.

At the 1st Class examination Sergt. J. Turngate qualified in three of the four subjects, and at the 2nd Class examination L./Cpl. C. Turner, Ptes. W. Hammond, E. Rous, and H. Tyler passed in two of the three subjects.

The undermentioned recruits obtained 3rd Class Certificates at an examination held at Mill Hill on June 20th, 1924.

Pte. S. Boffee, Pte. G. Burgess, Pte. R. Brennand, Pte. W. Crampton, Pte. A. Fletcher, Pte. W. Goodsell, Pte. W. Hamling, Pte. D. Harman, Pte. E. Hillier, Pte. A. Harvey, Pte. L. Jennings, Pte. G. Le Surf, Pte. J. Marriott, Pte. F. Moore, Pte. N. Martin, Pte. R. Osborne, Pte. F. Redwood, Pte. S. Thompson, Pte. G. Verlander, Pte. L. West, Pte. C. Woodward, Pte. S. Wallace, and Pte. G. Wilson.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

L./Cpl. H. Hull: Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 28/6/24.

BIRTH.

AYRES.—On 15/5/24, at Mill Hill, the wife of C.S.M. J. Ayres, D.C.M.—a son.

PAIN.—On 22/5/24, at Mill Hill, the wife of Sergt. E. Pain—a son.

JOHNSON.—On 13/6/24, at Mill Hill, the wife of Pte. T. Johnson—a son.

COURSES.

C.S.M. J. Ayres: Passed Test, Class III (B), for Trade of Clerk, Group C., 9/5/24.

Sergt. A. E. Finch: Passed Test, Class III (B), for Trade of Clerk, Group C., 9/5/24.

The following incident actually occurred in the muscle factory at Mill Hill:—

Pte. Miggs was being interrogated as to the loss of his gym vest.

Training Captain: "Where is your vest, Miggs?"

Miggs: "Lorst it, sir."

Training Captain: "Lost it? How?"

Miggs: "Well, sir, yesterday I washed it and hung it up to dry, and when I went for it—there it was, sir, gone!"

7th BATTALION NOTES.

THE approach of August finds everyone busy preparing for annual training, and with the increase of military activities comes a corresponding slump in the non-social events. In spite of this the N.C.Os.' Mess held a very enjoyable outing at Southend on Sunday, July 6th, a fuller report of which appears below.

"B" Company are continuing their whist drives throughout the summer months. These are attended by a large number of their friends, but there is always room for more. Good prizes and a pleasant evening are guaranteed.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Cpl. Marsh on his score of 111 out of a possible 115 in the musketry course.

Though made with a strong cross-wind blowing, we think this score will take a lot of beating.

N.C.Os.' MESS ANNUAL OUTING.

A most successful outing took place at Southend on Sunday, July 6th. The weather decided to keep fine for the occasion, and a party of about 80 travelled to Southend by the special train which left Hornsey at 9.50 a.m.

A very excellent dinner was served in the Queen's Hotel. Owing to the impossibility of being in more than one place at a time, the writer cannot say how everybody spent the day, though the Kursal found very many supporters.

The party returned to Hornsey at about 9 p.m., and it seems that the refreshments supplied on the train were by no means the least appreciated part of the programme.

Everybody was unanimous in their praise of the organization and success of the outing, and hearty thanks are due to the Committee: R.Q.M.S. Raddon, C.Q.M.S. Vaughan, Sergt. Watson, and Cpl. Judd.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Edward John Whittlesea Hay (late Cadet C.S.M. Highgate School Contingent, Junior Division, O.T.C.), to be Second-Lieutenant, 29/4/24.

Alfred Ernest Harrison (late Sergeant London Scottish), to be Second-Lieutenant, 4/6/24.

Lieut. H. G. Vickerage, M.C., to be Captain (prov.), 4/6/24.

6188029 Sergt. J. T. Jenkins, "B" Company: Promoted W.O. Class II, and appointed C.S.M. *vice* Johnson, discharged.

L./Sergt. S. G. F. Thomas, "A" Company. To be Sergeant, *vice* King, discharged.

L./Cpl. P. Cowton, "A" Company to be Sergeant, *vice* Watson, discharged.

Sergt. J. Carpenter, "A" Company to be Sergeant (Transport Sergeant), *vice* Ramage, discharged.

Cpl. P. Elms, "A" Company appointed Lance-Sergeant, *vice* Thomas, promoted.

Pte. W. Dumbleton, "D" Company, appointed Lance-Corporal.

8th BATTALION NOTES.

MUSKETRY training and the firing of the annual musketry course has figured in the training of the past few months.

The Battalion used Bisley ranges again this year, and the weather, especially at the first two Sunday trips, could have been better. Although the rain held off until the firing was nearly finished, the journey back in lorries on both occasions was far from comfortable.

In the fire and movement practice for Lewis gunners great skill and agility was needed on the part of No. 1 in jumping the flooded dykes between the firing points.

"H.Q." Wing and "A" Company held a week-end camp at Stanwell on June 21st and 22nd; details of which will be found under "H.Q." Wing notes. The Battalion is holding a week-end camp at Ealing on June 28th and 29th, when a Torchlight Tattoo is being given in conjunction with the Mayor's Charity Fete. Further notes of this camp will appear in the next issue.

HEADQUARTER WING NOTES.

The outstanding feature of "H.Q." Wing training during the past three months was the week-end camp held in conjunction with "A" Company at Stanwell. The camp was delightfully situated in the Park of Stanwell Place, the site being kindly lent by Sir Alexander Gibbons, Bart.

An advance party under the Quartermaster went down and pitched the camp on Friday, June 20th, and no praise is too high for the admirable way this was done. "A" Company, under Capt. P. F. Murray, joined the rest of "H.Q." Wing at Hounslow Drill Hall at 3 o'clock on the following afternoon, and the whole party, led by the Regimental

drums, then marched to Stanwell, a distance of about six miles, under the command of Capt. H. A. Palmer. Camp was reached shortly after 6 p.m., and tea was served immediately. In the evening a jazz band from Ashford rendered dance music until 10 o'clock, and many N.C.Os. and men danced on the grass.

On Sunday morning Réveillé was at 6.30 a.m., when the drums made quite sure that no one should over-sleep, and after a breakfast of liver and bacon, the lines were inspected. At 9.15 the Officer Commanding the camp inspected the parade, which then split up, the band, drums, machine gunners, and signallers working on their own, while the remainder marched into a neighbouring field, where they carried out a system of training, commencing with section drill under section commanders and concluding with company drill. Lunch was at 1 o'clock, when the officers entertained a number of guests, including Sir Alexander and Lady Gibbons, and the Regimental band played selections. At 2 o'clock sports were held in a field adjoining the camp, and proved most successful. A Challenge Cup had been put up between the two companies, and was the object of a great struggle. Lieut. P. R. Pattison was the champion of "A" Company, and won the 100 yards, 220 yards, and high jump with ease. "A" Company also won the tug-of-war, which gave them the cup, but "H.Q." Wing won the relay race and the quarter, and took second places in all the other events, so that they were only two points behind when the results came to be reckoned up. For "H.Q." Wing Sergt. Frost, Sergt. Fairclough, L./Cpl. Stone, and L./Cpl. Baker all did well, and deserved more wins than they had. There were also a number of comic events which caused great amusement, including walking football, won by "H.Q." Wing; a *mêlé*, in which the competitors had to find their own hats, tunics, boots, and equipment out of a sack, put them on, and race to the finish correctly dressed; and a band race won by Cpl. Voss.

The prizes were distributed by Lady Gibbons, the presentation of the cup to Capt. Murray causing the utmost enthusiasm amongst his company and their supporters.

After the camp was struck the Adjutant paid out, and the troops left in lorries for their respective drill halls. The weather was perfect throughout, and all the arrangements worked out so exceptionally well that it would be difficult to conceive a more

enjoyable week-end under canvas. The greatest credit is due to all who helped to make the experiment the great success it proved, but perhaps particularly to our indefatigable Quartermaster, to the permanent staff, *i.e.*, R.S.M. Walker and C.S.M. Manders, and last but not least, to Sergt. Weaver.

"A" COMPANY NOTES

(HAMPTON.)

In May the Company entertained a party from Twickenham Police Station in a series of game contests. The Police proved themselves worthy opponents. In the miniature rifle shooting it was only the very vigorous "wagging of the tail" of the Terriers' team that enabled them to succeed by a very narrow margin. The billiards was also sternly contested, and "A" Company has to thank Sergt. Jennings for another very close victory. After refreshments and a short whist drive, in which the men in blue proved themselves adepts in "finding the lady," not to mention a few aces and kings, everyone took part in a 13-up knock-out billiards competition. This provided considerable excitement, several competitors scoring more than exactly 13 and thus losing the tie. C.Q.M.S. Unsted and C.S.M. Manders ably organized the contests, and the evening was undoubtedly a distinct success.

The frequent visits to our drill hall by the Adjutant have been much appreciated by all ranks, and his kindly interest in the company has helped us along immensely.

The most enjoyable event the Company has participated in up to now was the week-end camp with "H.Q." Company at Stanwell, a full account of which will be seen under "H.Q." Wing notes.

"B" COMPANY

(EALING.)

"B" Company and Battalion drums, 8th Bn. Middlesex Regt., T.A., paraded on Sunday, April 27th, under the command of Capt. W. H. Parmeter to attend a special service at St. George's Church, Brentford, to commemorate the anniversary of the Second Battle of Ypres. Amongst those present were Col. W. Garner, C.M.G., T.D. (Hon. Colonel of the Battalion), Col. W. Grant Morden, M.P. (Brentford), Major Neil (late M.O.), 2/Lieut. D. R. Pattison, 2/Lieut. R. W. Heanly, and a number of the relatives of

men who fell at the Second Battle of Ypres. The hymns included "Onward Christian Soldiers," "Rock of Ages," and "Fight the Good Fight."

Col. Grant Morden read the lessons. The Vicar (Rev. Selby Henry), at the conclusion of his address, said that the men of Middlesex were assembled there to-day to commemorate the 14 officers and some 500 men who fell during the Second Battle of Ypres, amongst whom were Major Ruston, Capt. Cuthbert, Capt. Dumsday, Lieut. Kelly, and 2/Lieut. Stead.

After the benediction the buglers sounded the "Last Post" and the "Réveillé," after which the service closed with the National Anthem.

Immediately after the service Col. Grant Morden, M.P., inspected the company in the High Street, Brentford, afterwards taking the salute. The Company then returned to the Ealing Drill Hall, where Col. Garner placed a wreath on the War Memorial in the presence of the officers, N.C.Os., and men of "B" Company.

YELLOW FLASHES.

The final for the Battalion Football Cup was played off on the slopes of the Ealing mountains one very hot afternoon early last May. Both sides were handicapped by having no ropes or ice-axes, but "B"

Company proved the most experienced climbers, and won the game by 2 goals to 1.

In view of the weather prevailing up to the time of writing, it is suggested that the Battalion Cricket Cup shall be offered as a trophy for aquatic sports instead.

We are asked to notify in these columns an amendment of a serious error that occurred in Battalion Orders, No. 146, dated 21/5/24. In para. 5, sect. 2, ss. (b), line 4, for "June 26th" read "26th June."

Scene: General's Inspection.

1st Subaltern (in a whisper): "What's the General doing kneeling down in front of the C.O.?"

2nd Subaltern: "Counting the eyelet holes in his new field boots." (Vide Dress Regulations).

No. 126973

Pte. W. W. T.

Did the R.Q.M.S.

For a new service dress

He is now a D.A.Q.M.G.

We hear that the O.C. "B" has entered as an amateur competitor in the Bronch Riding Competition at Wembley, and we would conclude by wishing him best of luck.



COMBINED TEAMS OF HAMPSTEAD v. OFFICERS' CLUB.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1924.

Amount of grants made	£81 12 7
Number of cases dealt with	81
Number of cases assisted	44
Number of men registered for employment	125
Number of men found employment	31
Number of married couples found employment	Nil
Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild	5

The Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Depot, Great Scotland Yard, Whitehall, on April 26th, 1924.

It was decided that pensioners of the Regiment at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and at St. Dunstan's Institute, should be invited to the Old Comrades Dinner as guests of the Association.

The question of cleaning and relacquering the memorial tablets in the Parish Church, Mill Hill, was considered, and it was decided to accept the kind offer of the Officer Commanding the Depot, who undertook to have them properly renovated and maintained.

The following were appointed to the Entertainment Committee:—Chairman, Capt. H. E. Heffer, M.C., *vice* Col. A. M. O. A. Passingham, O.B.E.; Vice-Chairman, Mr. E. Morris.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association took place at 7 p.m. on July 5th at the Great Central Hotel.

General Sir Ivor Maxse was unable to preside owing to his suffering from a chill and being confined to bed, and the chair was taken by Brig.-General F. D. Lumley, C.B., C.B.E.

The Annual Report was presented and the finances of the Association explained.

It was proposed and carried that a letter be sent to the President, General Sir Ivor Maxse, tendering the sympathy of the members of the Association in his illness and expressing the hope that he would soon be restored to his usual good health.

A proposal that the Old Comrades' Dinner ticket should, in future, notify when the general meeting of the Association is to take place, was carried.

THE OLD COMRADES REUNION DINNER.

The Old Comrades Annual Dinner, for all ranks past and present of the Regiment, was held at the Wharnclyffe Rooms, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone Road, London, N.W., on Saturday, July 5th, 1924.

The gathering, which was larger and more representative than in previous years, sat down to dinner under the presidency of Brig.-Gen. F. D. Lumley, C.B., C.B.E.

The Colonel of the Regiment, Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., was unavoidably prevented from presiding owing to being confined to bed with a bad chill.

The Chairman (Brig.-Gen. Lumley) gave the Royal toast, the toast of "The Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment," "H.R.H. The Prince of Wales," and the toast of "The Regiment"; while that of "The Colonel and Officers of the Regiment" was proposed by Mr. E. Warren.

In proposing the toast of "The Regiment," Brig.-Gen. Lumley said everyone much regretted the absence of their President, Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, who was prevented by sickness from being with them, but he was sure that all present would join with him in wishing the General a speedy recovery.

He informed the gathering that, notwithstanding being called upon at short notice, it always afforded him the greatest pleasure to preside at the Old Comrades Dinner, and although not a speech-maker, he did not in the least mind having to make one on these occasions.

He referred to the Annual General Meeting, which had been held just previous to the dinner, and expressed his disappointment at the small number who attended, pointing out that although over 200 members were in the building, a mere thirty came to the meeting.

This he thought showed a lack of interest in the working of the Association, and he hoped in future years a far greater number would attend.

After giving various figures, showing the flourishing condition of the Association and its activities in helping hard and deserving cases, he pointed out the strides that had been made in securing employment for Old Comrades, which he stated, was the most useful and permanent way of helping their less fortunate comrades. In this connection

he paid a tribute to the valuable services of the Secretary (Major F. S. Steed).

He said he was remarkably impressed with the way the dinner had been organized, which reflected great credit on the Entertainment Committee. On behalf of all present he tendered most grateful thanks to Capt. Heffer, Mr. Morris, and R.Q.M.S. Duffield, and the Dinner Committee for the way they had worked for the enjoyment of the Old Comrades.

He went on to make a strong appeal to all present to endeavour to get more members to attend the dinner and quarterly entertainments, pointing out that it was only by each member present making a personal effort to bring another member with him, that the circle of comradeship and *esprit de corps*, which should animate us all, could be increased.

The attendance of the Territorials, he was pleased to say, had markedly improved, and he took the opportunity of congratulating the 9th Battalion on having forty of its members present, and hoped that next year this would be improved upon, and followed by the other battalions.

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

“PRIVATE SECRETARY,
BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

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

CHAIRMAN,
Wharncliffe Rooms,
Great Central Hotel.”

The reply received and read by the Chairman of the Association, just before the assembly dispersed, was as follows:—

“CHAIRMAN,
WHARNCLIFFE ROOMS,
GREAT CENTRAL HOTEL,

I am commanded by the King to send his sincere thanks to the Old Comrades of the Middlesex Regiment, assembled at their Annual Dinner, for their loyal greeting.

EQUERRY.”

This announcement was greeted with vociferous cheers.

The following is a list of Old Comrades who attended the dinner:—

Arnaboldi, —	Davy, Lt.-Col. W. H. C.
Adecock, J.	Dymore, Lt. H.
Anderson, R.S.M.	Darby, Pte.
Alexander, Pte.	Daves, Pte.
Allen, W.	Duffield, R.Q.M.S.
Amor, Major E. H.	Denton, C.S.M.
	Doughty, Cpl.
Blumfield, Col. G. L.	Dujordine, Pte.
Beach, Lt.-Col. G.	Denton, C.
Baker, Lt.-Col. E. E. F.	Donoghue, —
Browne, Major M.	Dennis, J. H.
Bennett, Major E. A.	Digby, C.
Burdon, Capt. C. S.	Day, E.
Birch, L./Cpl.	Dilley, H.
Badger, Sergt.	Daley, W. W.
Burt, Sergt.	Drinkwater, L.
Blackburn, L./Cpl.	
Butler, Pte.	Eustace, Lt.-Col. H. M.
Brown, Pte.	Ellis, Capt. H. C.
Beckley, Pte.	Eeles, C.S.M.
Burgess, Pte.	Elkins, Sergt.
Beaman, C.S.M.	Ecclestone, L./Cpl.
Birch, Dmr.	Elliott, Pte.
Bishop, Pte. H.	Evans, R. E.
Bowles, R.Q.M.S.	Elkins, H.
Beasley, R.S.M.	
Buller, C.S.M.	Foster, Capt. H. E.
Butler, C.S.M. G.	Furse, Sergt.-Dmr.
Barker, J.	Fox, Sergt.
Buxton, J. T.	Fairbrother, Sergt.
Baldry, C. C.	Fenner, Cpl.
Bushnell, A. E.	Furness, E. R.
Beatty, F. C.	Fisher, —
Bissett, J.	
Bissetly, J.	Gray, C.Q.M.S.
Butt, F.	Gess, L./Cpl.
Bruce, F.	Gordon, Cpl.
Blinco, A.	Godding, Pte.
Burridge, G.	Goodall, Pte.
Boothby, J.	Goodin, Pte.
	Godfrey, G.
	Gess, —
Clowes, Lt. J. H.	Guscott, —
Chappell, Cpl. H.	Goodall, T. W.
Coker, Pte.	Gibson, C.
Chandler, Pte.	Garrett, Pte.
Casey, Pte.	
Christmas, Pte.	Hall, Col. J. H.
Craper, Sergt.	Heath, Lt.-Col. R. M.
Canty, Pte.	Heffer, Capt. H. E.
Carey, L./Cpl.	Heffer, 2/Lt. H.
Colter, Pte.	Hawkesworth, Sergt.
Casey, L./Cpl.	Hull, L./Cpl.
Clarke, R.Q.M.S.	Hawkins, Pte.
Crouch, Sergt.	Hayman, Pte.
Cobbett, Sergt.	Hinton, Pte.
Cook, Q.M.S.	Hulbert, Bdsman.
Coppard, C.Q.M.S.	Havard, A. W.
Cartwright, C.S.M.	Harman, W.
Capel, C.S.M. T. A.	Harman, H. W.
Cromin, J. H.	Hollings, J.
Cooper, G.	Holma, F. J.
Coe, D.	Hewitt, H.
Chappell, H.	Hallam, E.
Creedon, W.	Harding, G.
Cribbens, H.	Hallan, Pte.
Capel, G. W.	
Cook, A. J.	Jamieson, Capt. J. P.
Chidley, A. C.	

Johnson, Capt. G.
Jeffery, Capt. W. W.
Jennings, Pte.
Jackman, H.
Jones, C. H.

Keating, Lt. S. J.
Kelly, C.S.M.
King, Sergt.
Kelly, Cpl.
Kingdom, L./Cpl.
Knock, L./Cpl.

Lumley, Brig.-Gen. F. D.
Lyon, Capt. N. H. B.
Lawson, Capt. E. C.
Lock, Sergt.
Lusby, L./Sergt.
Lerpiniere, L./Cpl.
Long, Pte.
Lloyd, Pte.
Lendon, Pte.
Leaton, W.
Liddard, A. C.
Lambourne, J.
Lytton, Pte.
Le Surf, —

Miramis, Lt. S.
Murray, Lt. H. A.
Markham, Sergt.
Mills, C.Q.M.S.
Mantell, R.S.M.
Martin, Sergt.
Moore, Pte.
Manley, Pte.
Martin, Pte.
Marriott, Pte.
Mears, L./Sergt. S.
Martin, T.
Macavay, C.
Marven, W.
McDonald, D.
Mulcahy, J.
Morton, E.
Mackenzie, —
Manning, H. F.
Mace, J. H.
Noone, Sergt.
Nethercott, G. H. J.

O'Donoghue, Lt. W.
O'Briener, Sergt.
O'Connell, Dr.
Osborne, Pte.
O'Shea, L./Cpl.
O'Connell, M. J.

Passingham, Col.
A. M. O. A.
Pearson, Lt.-Col. V. L. N.
Percy-Smith, Major D. C.
Phillips, Capt. H.
Paul, Capt. H. W. M.
Procter, Capt. N. P.
Parcell, C.Q.M.S.
Prowse, C.S.M.
Parsons, Sergt.
Powell, Pte.
Pother, Pte.

Powell, H.
Parker, H.

Rackham, Lt. B. B.
Reid, Lt. G. H. E.
Roberts, C.Q.M.S.
Roberts, C.S.M.

Ryan, O. L.
Ryan, J.
Ryder, F.
Rouse, W.
Rice, T. E.
Rice, V. E.
Roots, H.
Rolfe, C.
Rowle, J.
Ross, G.
Rogers, H.

Steed, Major F. S.
Savile, Capt. H. B. W.
Smith, Capt. J. T.
Scrivener, C.S.M. T. S.
Shaw, C.S.M.
Stacey, Cpl.
Sando, L./Cpl.
Steward, Cpl.
Smith, Sergt.
Snelgrove, Pte.
Sparkes, C.S.M. F.
Sutherland, — (from
Royal Hospital).
Simmonds, D. C.
Shaw, G.
Safferty, A.
Sutton, G. E.
Slaughter, G. S.
Smith, W. H.
Stickland, W.
Stephens, A.
Sullivan, D.
Stenhouse, J.

Thorne, Capt. M.
Taylor, Cpl.
Trapp, Cpl.
Thomson, Cpl.
Taylor, Pte.
Taylor, N.
Twigg, H. A.
Tessy, S.
Taylor, A. J.

Wilter, Lt.
Wheeler, Lt.
Walton, C.S.M.
Watson, Col.-Sergt.
Watson, L./Sergt. H.
Walker, R.S.M.
Windsor, Sergt.
Warren, Pte.
Woodward, Pte.
West, Pte.
Walker, Pte.
Winder, L./Cpl.
Warren, E. J.
Wilson, A. J.
Weston, A.
Whiteside, W.
Watson, H.
Wood, A. R.

OLD COMRADES SMOKING CONCERT.

The next quarterly entertainment will take place at the Veteran's Club, Hand Court, Holborn, on Saturday, October 4th, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

All serving and past members of the Regiment, whether Regular, Special Reserve, Territorial or Service Battalions, are cordially invited, together with their wives and friends, to attend. In fact, all men who have at any time worn the badge or are interested in the Regiment are specially asked to come.

No entrance fee is charged, and members can come and go when they please.

A good programme is arranged, and as there are fairly long intervals between the items, Old Comrades have ample opportunity of renewing acquaintances and talking over times that are past.

Wear your badge and come along!

LADIES' GUILD.

We are very sorry to hear that Mrs. Ross is retiring from the Presidency of the Ladies' Guild. In her opinion the President of the Ladies' Guild should, if possible, be the wife of the Chairman of the Regimental Association. Also she feels that living in Ireland prevents her from keeping in as close touch with the Guild as she would like. Mrs. Anwyl Passingham has kindly consented to fill the position. We take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to Mrs. Ross for the valuable assistance she has rendered in setting the Guild on its feet and are confident that she will still give it her strongest support.

We should like to remind members of the Ladies' Guild that the three new annual garments are due in September. Most of them do not need any reminder, but, sad to say, there are some who have been very forgetful for the last two years. It is suggested that a fine should be imposed on defaulting members, and in the event of its not being paid their names to be erased from the list. But surely there should not be need for any such measures.

Our Guild is an informal affair, which tries to do its maximum of good at a minimum of cost. The hon. secretary feels that the ladies who joined might make it a point of honour to fulfil the little asked of them without rules, regulations, and unnecessary correspondence.

She would be so glad, too, if ladies sending men's boots would say the size. At present we are very short of men's suits, women's underwear, and babies' long clothes.

OLD DIE-HARDS.



LIEUT. W. O'DONOUGHUE.

LIEUT. W. O'DONOUGHUE served in the Regiment for twenty-five years.

When the 4th Battalion was formed in 1900 he was appointed Sergeant-Drummer, and in that capacity raised and trained a very fine corps of drums. The Battalion won the first prize for drum and fife bands in a competition open to the whole Army.

Later he was bandmaster to the 6th Battalion. After taking his discharge he was bandmaster and sergeant-drummer to the 7th Battalion until the Great War. In 1914 Mr. O'Donoghue held a commission as Lieutenant in the R.A.F., and Second-in-Command of No. 8 Port Detachment at Victoria Docks.

He has served in India, Burma, Africa, and Malta.

He holds the Queen's South African War Medal, the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and the Coronation Medal. On discharge he was appointed to the Yeomen of the Guard, in which corps he is still serving.

9th BATTALION NOTES.

CAMP.

THE appearance of the snowdrop and crocus herald the advent of spring! The checking over of company mess boxes and red ink chits about unpaid mess bills are conclusive proofs that Annual Training is rapidly approaching.

By the time these notes appear in print we shall, presumably, be in the "thick of it" at Seaford. These days in camp are the greatest days of a Territorial year; one day we crawl out from the office or shop a typical strap-hanging "late extra" reading civilian, and the next we appear with well polished buttons disguised as a soldier!

A few days of the open air healthy life of camp, and uniform is no longer a disguise, the spirit of the Army has straightened our backs and revived the old half forgotten smartness in our bearing.

Slack civilian life has receded into the misty past, and once more the canteen is the "Wembley" of our leisure hours. The fortnight soon passes, and as we form up for the last parade we feel better and fitter for our training, both physically and morally.

Annual Training not only makes us better soldiers in case of need, but better civilians, healthier, smarter, keener in every way, worthy citizens of the Great Empire of which we form a part.

At the time of writing feverish activity is noticeable everywhere—Annual Training is no longer in the middle distance, but in the foreground. The weekly parades show conclusively, by the numbers of men that turn up now, that many are keen to get polished up a bit after the tarnish of the winter months before showing off in camp.

Two or three visits have been paid to Rainham for musketry, Lewis gun practice being particularly successful.

Albuhera Day was fittingly celebrated at Pound Lane with a ceremonial parade and afterwards a social evening and dance.

Most of the officers have already visited Seaford for tactical schemes, so by the time we arrive in camp they should have quite a good idea of the surrounding country. One was heard to remark rather ruefully that the country round about where camps are

usually held is so often rather steep in contour. It is an acknowledged fact that this officer lost quite a number of pounds in weight last year at Arundel; and has only just been able, with the help of Glaxo and frequent snatches of sea air at Brighton, to pick up the lost avoirdupois!

May we in conclusion offer our heartiest congratulations to Capt. J. N. Lamont, M.C., on his engagement. We had an idea something was going to happen when he handed over the Mess Presidency to Capt. Findlay, and had put it down to an attack of Remorse!

The "A" Company officers and non-commissioned officers spent a week-end in the country doing a tactical exercise? Was the area chosen particularly well stocked with places suitable for Company Headquarters.

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A certain junior subaltern on a tactical exercise at Seaford dashed madly about in his car till the petrol gave out, then finally brought it to a standstill by a neat cannon with another car? Did he really own up that when he started off it quite slipped his



BAND OF 9TH BATTALION IN CAMP, 1923.

IS IT A FACT THAT:

A certain lance-corporal who entirely disagreed with the Brigade Commander on a tactical exercise was very shortly afterwards promoted Corporal?

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Two Bandmen when they had been presented with medals by the Commanding Officer on Albuhera Day, went away and bought a barrel of beer each?

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O.C. "D" Company has discovered a man in the Hendon area who hasn't yet joined the Territorials, and is it true that his name has been put down on the Company Waiting List?

memory to ask how to stop the 'bus, and this neat way of bringing it to a standstill was done to show his initiative when confronted with a difficult situation?

C. E. A.

ALBUHERA DAY.

The arrival of a miniature Wembley Amusements' Park on the ground opposite headquarters, complete with organs, switch-backs, and all noisy paraphernalia, threatened at first sight to upset the arrangements made to honour Albuhera Day at Willesden. However, thanks to the courtesy of the head noise merchant, the organs, etc., were closed down for the critical period, and the programme was carried out successfully.

At 7 p.m. the officers' quarterly dinner was held, during which the band played a very pleasant selection.

At 8 p.m. there followed a short ceremonial parade, on which men of all companies took part, and a presentation of Territorial Efficiency Medals to:—

C.S.M. A. W. H. Todman, C.Q.M.S. A. L. Linthwaite, Sergt. G. H. Smith, Sergt. A. Smith, Cpl. J. M. Peebles, and Pte. E. Hulbert.

Capt. G. L. Fox was in command of the parade, and the colour party were 2/Lieut. H. Heffer, C.Q.M.S. Fitzgerald, and Sergt. Hosbach. Following the presentation of medals a *feu de joie* was fired, and if a little slow was very creditably steady, which is all the more satisfactory, seeing that there were several recruits on parade with little experience of arms drill at all.

On the conclusion of the parade the drums beat "Retreat," and their performance was in every way excellent.

The "Retreat" was followed by a dance in the Drill Hall, which was very well attended, and made a fitting end to the day.

Nearly a thousand people watched the parade, and fully half this number must have attended the dance.

It was most gratifying that so many bandsmen and drummers managed to attend in spite of the difficulty of getting time to change into uniform, and it is hoped that in future years it will be possible for the rest of the parade to be a little stronger.

During the evening £16 was either promised or actually subscribed towards the cost of painting the drums, and it is hoped that sufficient money will soon be forthcoming to allow the work to be put in hand.

GUARD OF HONOUR AT HAMPSTEAD.

On Saturday, May 31st, the Battalion had the honour of being requested to find a guard of honour for Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of the opening of the extension to the Hampstead Garden City Institute.

Such requests are not an everyday occurrence in the Battalion, and a determined effort was therefore made to ensure a really good turn-out.

The result was creditable, as although a last-moment advance in the time of arrival of Her Majesty necessitated a correspondingly early parade, which made it impossible for some of the guard to be present, the band

and drums and 70 other ranks were on parade, and as it happened there were as many as the ground allotted could comfortably accommodate.

Capt. Fox commanded the guard with Lieut. Furlong as Second-in-Command, and 2/Lieut. Heffer, C.S.M. Prouse, and C.Q.M.S. Fitzgerald formed the colour party.

Assembling at Medway Gate the guard marched to the Central Square and formed up facing the new wing of the Institute.

The site allotted, on the grass with the gardens behind, was a good one, and the guard looked well, though it was a pity that the Police could not prevent the crowd from rather overlapping the drums, who owing to the space available had to be on the flank.

The movements and bearing were good, though one movement was ruined by a man who, having anticipated an order, then stopped to "tell off" his rifle, and so ended a bad "also ran."

During the inspection of the building the band played a few selections, and might well have had a more attentive audience.

FAT AND THIN.

NOW Sergeant Flinn was tall and thin,
Which worried him immensely,
And Corporal Batt was short and fat,
He hated it intensely.

"If only that," said Flinn to Batt,
"I might reach your condition,"
"To be tall and thin," said Batt to Flinn,
"Is all my life's ambition"

By chance one day there came Flinn's way
A well-deserved promotion
To nothing less than Q.M.S.—
A post of great devotion.

For weeks and more he never saw
Parades or drills or pack;
He never ran much further than
The Sergeants' Mess and back.

Meanwhile, our stout friend's luck was out—
Batt wasn't a deceiver;
One night, I fear, when full of beer,
He called the Colopel "Beaver!"

He's that to thank for loss of rank
And several weeks' detention,
They worked him so upon that show
He vowed complete abstinence.

Now Batt withal looks thin and tall,
I think he has repented;
And Flinn—my hat! he has got fat
And very discontented.

F. T. C.

FUNERAL OF 6193456 SERGT. J. T. WING.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death on April 29th of Sergt. Wing, our late Transport Sergeant.

Sergt. Wing had been unwell for some time following an accident on the railway line where he was working at the time, but his death came as a great shock to all who knew him.

The funeral took place on Monday, May 5th, and was attended by an enormous number of friends, including many from the Battalion, whilst in addition to the gun-carriage, escorted by the band and a firing party from the Battalion, passed through dense crowds on its route from the house to the cemetery. An eloquent tribute to the popularity of the late Sergeant.

There were a large number of beautiful wreaths, including those of the officers, sergeants and other ranks of the 9th Battalion.

It is unnecessary to dwell upon the qualities of the late Sergt. Wing, either as a fine hard-working N.C.O. of the Battalion or a loyal friend in the Mess, as they are too well-known to all who came in contact with him, and will be remembered without being recorded in black and white. All that need be said is that his loss will be deeply felt, whether officially as an efficient Transport Sergeant, or "off parade" as a true friend.

Sergt. Wing leaves a wife and three children, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

The Drill Hall at Headquarters, ever in great demand, has been fully occupied for many weeks on the nights that the Battalion do not require it.

On May 26th the Boxing Contest organized by the Sportsmen's Committee in aid of the Willesden Hospital took place in the hall, and, although not as well attended as in previous years, the financial results were excellent, and those who attended saw a

series of interesting, and, in most cases, closely contested bouts.

We are glad to have been able to contribute to the funds of the Hospital—almost our next-door neighbour—which, we understand, now has all the Wembley casualties as well as the ordinary local cases. A rumour that there is a Rodeo Ward in the making is not confirmed.

The 2/2nd Middlesex Cadets held their Boxing Tournament on May 30th, and a longish programme produced some very plucky exhibitions, which, if one may say so, where officials from the Headquarters of Amateur Boxing were officiating, appeared on several occasions to deserve some comment and praise, especially to the losers, as it was well merited, and would, one feels, have encouraged good youngsters.

For several weeks the Church Lads Brigade held a Class of Instruction for would-be officers and warrant officers, and the regularity of the attendance and keenness displayed struck the onlooker as excellent. At the termination of the course the class was inspected by the Cadet Commandant, and those of us who were present were much struck with the smartness and general excellence of their turn-out, but the very fine drum and fife band from the Harrow Battalion caught the eye so much as to almost dwarf the rest of the proceedings; they were exceptionally good.

Last, but by no means least, on June 28th the 72nd Company Boys' Brigade held their annual inspection and display. Lieut.-Col. Beach was again the inspecting officer.

The display included various competitions, some of which provided a nice problem for the Adjutant, who was roped in as a judge. Two squads of boys were produced from which winners had to be found at Arms Drill, and as the boys refused to be nervous or to get flurried, splitting hairs was simple in comparison. However, a little finger here, and a slight fumble there, enabled a decision to be arrived at, apparently to the satisfaction of the winner, and, we hope, to the losers.

Space will not allow of an account of all the items on the programme, which covered all branches of the Company's activities, and was carried out with admirable swing and great keenness.

An interesting feature of the evening was the presence of what must be very nearly the youngest and oldest soldiers, Boy Maguire, who enlisted at the earliest possible

moment, and a retired officer, whose age may be gauged by the fact that he was quite a senior when the late Gen. Kent was a youngster.

It is of particular interest to us to witness the very flourishing state of these local organizations, as all have been, and are, connected in some way with the Battalion; the hospital because it is the hospital of our men, and we hope soon to have enough money to endow a bed there; the Church Lads' Brigade and Cadets, because before, during, and since the war boys from them have come on to us as men.

RESULTS OF MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOT.

NAME AND COMPANY.	1st Practice.	2nd Practice.	3rd Practice.	Ttl.
<i>"C" Company.</i>				
Capt. L. F. Findlay ...	10	12		
Pte. Messier ...	14	—		
5th Sgt. Hattley ...	—	4		
Pte. Gooding ...	4	—		
C.Q.M.S. Linthwaite ...	6	—	2	
Total ...	34	16	2	52
<i>"B" Company.</i>				
Pte. Lay ...	6	—		
Pte. Lewis ...	5	—		
4th Cpl. Wooley ...	9	—		
Pte. Batty ...	5	4*	20	
Pte. Powell ...	13	—		
Total ...	38	—	20	58
<i>H.Q. Company.</i>				
C.Q.M.S. Fitzgerald ...	12	—		
Sergt. Elkins ...	14	16		
1st Capt. Sherwood ...	8	8*		
Sergt. Soden ...	8	—		
Cpl. Thompson ...	7	8	10	
Total ...	49	24	10	83
<i>"A" Company.</i>				
Lieut. Hewson ...	10	4		
Pte. Carey ...	2	4		
3rd Cpl. Purnell ...	6	4		
Cpl. Barnes ...	9	4		
Pte. Gorman ...	12	8	Nil	
Total ...	39	24	Nil	63
<i>"D" Company.</i>				
Lieut. Townell ...	7	4		
Cpl. Doughty ...	14	8		
2nd Pte. Comber ...	6	8		
Pte. Davis ...	10	8		
Cpl. Porter ...	3	8	4	
Total ...	40	36	4	80

* Two hits disallowed.

COURAGE.

IT is often said in these days that life is made too easy, and that because we no longer have to fight for our birthright as men fought in other days, we are not so strong and ready and daring as those who lived in harder times. There is just enough of serious truth behind this statement to make it difficult to contradict, because life does, of course, become easier and happier as knowledge grows. If it did not, knowledge would not be worth having. The things that do not help us to live are not worth learning.

But it is not really true that life is becoming so easy that character has no chance to grow—which is what people mean when they look back and sigh for the good old times to come again. In 1924 there will still be room for the hero; there will always be a world to conquer lying at our feet, but it will rest with us whether we face the difficulty or leave it for someone else. Who does not love to watch the skylark that soars up into the blue canopy of heaven and pours forth its song of praise for all who care to listen? Like the skylark we can shoulder our difficulties with a song, and that song may cause another to sing until the world will be filled with music.

Be sure that what the world needs is the courage and boldness of the man who, knowing what is to be done, sees the difficulty and conquers it. You have only to think for a moment of a few outstanding examples in history to realize the spirit that conquers the world. Think of Columbus at the Court of Spain, fighting against prejudice and ignorance, until his courage moved a queen to pledge her jewels for the expedition which was to discover America. Think of Handel yearning for the music he was forbidden to touch, stealing up into the garret at dead of night and bringing out the lovely melodies that he dared not let anybody hear then, although men would travel across a continent to hear them now.

The man who perseveres may count only one in the census paper, but he may count a million ones in history.

Perhaps you have read how, in the early days of railways, men spent their time in trying to get over the difficulty of making a smooth wheel ride over a smooth rail. The wheels would skid on the smooth lines, it was said, and for years men saw no way out. Then, at last, somebody tried a smooth

wheel on a smooth rail, and found the difficulty did not exist. Half the people in the world spend their lives in wondering how they will get over a stile that they never reach.

Let us remember always that only those who give a smile have the right to expect one in return, and sure enough they will get it, for a difficulty cheerfully faced ceases to be a difficulty, and we find that courage is, after all, composed largely of optimism and the will to succeed. C. E. A.

OBITUARY.

Major-General Sir Charles Benjamin Knowles, a veteran of the Crimea, died at Camberley, on Tuesday, at the age of 88.

The son of the late John Knowles, of The Lawn, Rugby, General Knowles obtained his commission in the 77th Regiment in February, 1855, and from the July served in the Crimea, being present at the siege and fall of Sebastopol, and being wounded at the assault on the Redan. In 1863 he was promoted to an unattached company, and later in that year was posted to the 67th Regiment. Next year he graduated at the Staff College. From 1868 to 1871 he was Brigade-Major at Aldershot, and from August, 1877, he commanded the 67th, leading it throughout the Afghan War, 1878-80, during which he was present in the engagement at Charasiah and the operations round Kabul, including the fight at the Asmai Heights. For his services in this campaign he was twice mentioned in despatches and was made a C.B. On relinquishing his command of the 67th in 1882 he was appointed Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General of the Northern District, but in 1886 he went as Adjutant-General to Bombay, where he stayed until 1891, having in the meantime been promoted to major-general. His later service included the command of the infantry brigade at Malta from 1892 to 1895 and of the Army of Occupation in Egypt. He was granted a Distinguished Service Reward in 1895, and in 1903—six years after his retirement—he was created a K.C.B. In 1908 he was made colonel of his old regiment.

Lady Knowles, who was married to Sir Charles in 1892, is Constance Mary, daughter of the late James Elmslie, and widow of the Rev. G. Elliott, and is a Lady of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.—*The Times*, July 31st, 1924.

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

Names of deceased soldiers of the Middlesex Regiment whose personal estate is held for distribution amongst the next of kin or others entitled. Effects, 1919-1920.

	£	s.	d.
Pte. R. J. Baker ...	9	14	5
Pte. H. C. T. Brooks ...	10	9	5
Pte. H. Brown ...	12	12	9
Pte. R. Craggy ...	20	9	11
Pte. H. M. S. Dowdall ...	8	11	0
Pte. J. G. Lillierap ...	19	16	3
Pte. G. Sear ...	5	0	0
Pte. A. White ...	26	0	3
Pte. C. E. Parks ...	21	10	2
Pte. D. M. Stephens ...	4	19	5
Pte. J. R. Wood ...	5	5	11
Pte. E. E. Batten ...	9	11	11
Pte. A. H. Harvey ...	8	12	7
Pte. W. S. House ...	1	11	8
Pte. G. Hudson ...	11	5	3
Pte. J. Hunt ...	5	0	0
Pte. H. G. Kidd ...	1	9	10
Pte. J. Peverill ...	6	0	4
Pte. L. G. Schwan ...	2	7	11
Pte. L. W. Shockleford ...	14	14	0
Pte. C. Young ...	13	2	10
Cpl. W. R. Jacobs ...	39	19	10
Pte. J. Brown ...	7	5	3
Pte. G. A. Krefit ...	9	18	11
Pte. S. S. May ...	6	2	1
Pte. C. Murdock ...	21	14	3
Pte. A. Porter ...	13	9	10
Pte. W. Day ...	0	12	2
Pte. A. G. Goodwin ...	2	10	6
Pte. H. Izzard ...	7	1	4
Pte. A. T. Rauch ...	2	1	4
Pte. J. Roth ...	2	2	5
L./Cpl. E. J. Barnett ...	3	3	3
Pte. G. Sheffield ...	15	0	10
Pte. A. Wilfred ...	11	9	1
Pte. P. Yates ...	13	12	7
Pte. A. J. Lacey ...	3	2	6
Pte. T. H. Bond ...	7	17	2
Pte. A. Collins ...	1	0	10
Pte. P. Maguire ...	6	5	5
Pte. F. Blackwell ...	19	1	3
Pte. J. F. Fletcher ...	5	3	4
Pte. J. Holloway ...	6	10	3
Dmr. C. Pucill ...	37	4	6

PROMOTION OF N.C.Os. AND MEN.

The King's Regulations have been amended so as to provide that promotion to the substantive rank of warrant officer, Class II (company sergeant-major or the equivalent appointment) in all arms of the service, shall be made from a general roll of company quartermaster-sergeants (or equivalent rank) and sergeants in each unit, their seniority on the roll for promotion being according to the date of the promotion to sergeant.

COMBATANT COMMISSIONS FOR
N.C.Os.

Regulations under which N.C.Os. of the Regular Army may be granted combatant commissions as second-lieutenants have now been issued. Commissions as second-lieutenant in the cavalry, infantry, Royal Tank Corps, and Royal Army Service Corps of the British Service will be granted to regular N.C.Os. who, fulfilling the conditions specified, undergo a satisfactory course of training for 18 months at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

The number of candidates admitted to Sandhurst each half-year will vary according to the requirements of the Service, and will be announced in Army Orders from time to time.

To be eligible for recommendation by his Commanding Officer for admission to Sandhurst, a candidate must be medically fit, hold an Army 1st Class Certificate of Education, to be at least an unpaid lance-corporal, and have held that appointment for six months prior to January 1st or July 1st, as the case may be, of the year in which he is recommended, and be under 23 years of age on January 1st or July 1st, as the case may be.

A candidate who has qualified for admission to the Royal Military Academy, the Royal Military College, or the Royal Air Force Cadet College, or has passed the First Public Examination at the University of Oxford or the equivalent examination at any other approved University, will be exempt from obtaining an Army 1st Class Certificate.

No candidate will be recommended unless his Commanding Officer certifies that he has been employed in a capacity where he has shown power of leadership, and all recommendations received at the War Office will be considered together, and a selection up to the required number will be made according to the merits of the candidates.

N.C.Os. on joining the College will be called "Gentlemen Cadets," and will be under the control of the Commandant, and, while at Sandhurst, will be entitled to pay but not to rations or allowances, and service as a cadet will count as service in the ranks for purposes of computing pension.

GARRISON CHURCH, PORTLAND.

It has been suggested that the regiments which have been stationed at Portland and have held their parade services in the Garrison Church, beginning with the 77th Regiment of Foot in the year 1872 to the 2nd Battalion of the Buffs at the present time, should be commemorated by a tablet in the church with the names of each regiment inscribed thereon. Donations to the Commemoration Fund are invited, and should be sent to the Garrison Chaplain (Rev. H. Penton), Isle of Portland, Dorset.

It is officially announced by the War Office that officers of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers should report in writing to the Under-Secretary of State, War Office, at the commencement of each year.

Similarly, officers of the Territorial Army Reserve of Officers should report each year in writing on July 1st—those of the Regimental List to the Officer Commanding the unit to which they are attached, and those of the General List to the Under-Secretary of State, War Office.

All officers, whether of the Regular Army Reserve or the Territorial Reserve, when reporting themselves, should state any change in their permanent address.

An allowance will be made, with effect from July 1st, to officers of the Territorial Army and of the Officers Training Corps for the provision of camp furniture when attending training in camp. This allowance will be at the rate of 2s. a day for lieutenant-colonels, 1s. 6d. for majors, and 1s. for captains or subalterns.

A special messing allowance of 5s. a day shall be issuable to certain officers of the Regular Army, for the period of training, when attending training in camps of the Territorial Army or Officers Training Corps.

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Ours is news please
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SENIORITY ROLL
OF WARRANT OFFICERS'
AND N.C.O'S.

Rank	Name	Battalion	Date of present promotion	Rank	Name	Battalion	Date of present promotion
Sgt.	J. Cook	2nd	30/11/20	Sgt.	J. Cook	2nd	30/11/20
Sgt.	E. Blake	2nd	1/2/21	Sgt.	E. Blake	2nd	1/2/21
Sgt.	G. Goodwin	1st	1/7/21	Sgt.	G. Goodwin	1st	1/7/21
Sgt.	H. Darby	Depot	25/8/21	Sgt.	H. Darby	Depot	25/8/21
Sgt.	R. Wood	2nd	25/8/21	Sgt.	R. Wood	2nd	25/8/21
Sgt.	J. Hart	2nd	25/8/21	Sgt.	J. Hart	2nd	25/8/21
Sgt.	S. Stevenson	1st	25/8/21	Sgt.	S. Stevenson	1st	25/8/21
Sgt.	H. Hart	2nd	9/1/22	Sgt.	H. Hart	2nd	9/1/22
Sgt.	S. Wilson	2nd	9/1/22	Sgt.	S. Wilson	2nd	9/1/22
Sgt.	W. Thompson	2nd	9/1/22	Sgt.	W. Thompson	2nd	9/1/22
Sgt.	G. Capel	2nd	9/1/22	Sgt.	G. Capel	2nd	9/1/22
Sgt.	(O.R.S.) A. Finch	Depot	1/2/22	Sgt.	(O.R.S.) A. Finch	Depot	1/2/22
Sgt.	H. Tisdale	1st	22/1/22	Sgt.	H. Tisdale	1st	22/1/22
Sgt.	C. Stewart	1st	23/4/23	Sgt.	C. Stewart	1st	23/4/23
Sgt.	F. Hill	2nd	22/8/23	Sgt.	F. Hill	2nd	22/8/23
Sgt.	S. Colbourne	2nd	6/10/23	Sgt.	S. Colbourne	2nd	6/10/23
Sgt.	V. Osterholme	1st	18/10/23	Sgt.	V. Osterholme	1st	18/10/23
Sgt.	R. Mewett	2nd	12/12/23	Sgt.	R. Mewett	2nd	12/12/23
Sgt.	W. Leatherby	2nd	12/12/23	Sgt.	W. Leatherby	2nd	12/12/23
Sgt.	W. Connors	2nd	12/12/23	Sgt.	W. Connors	2nd	12/12/23
Sgt.	H. Hewett	2nd	10/1/24	Sgt.	H. Hewett	2nd	10/1/24
Sgt.	T. Massey	2nd	12/1/24	Sgt.	T. Massey	2nd	12/1/24
Sgt.	F. Peck	2nd	12/1/24	Sgt.	F. Peck	2nd	12/1/24
Sgt.	E. Shaw	Depot	19/1/24	Sgt.	E. Shaw	Depot	19/1/24
Sgt.	G. Anderson	1st	20/2/24	Sgt.	G. Anderson	1st	20/2/24
Sgt.	G. Cullen	1st	20/2/24	Sgt.	G. Cullen	1st	20/2/24
Sgt.	H. Farrow	1st	7/5/24	Sgt.	H. Farrow	1st	7/5/24
Sgt.	J. Griffen	1st	11/6/24	Sgt.	J. Griffen	1st	11/6/24
L./Sgt.	L. Fairchild	2nd	*5/12/21	L./Sgt.	L. Fairchild	2nd	*5/12/21
L./Sgt.	L. Clarke	Depot	*22/1/22	L./Sgt.	L. Clarke	Depot	*22/1/22
L./Sgt.	E. Lambert	1st	*1/2/22	L./Sgt.	E. Lambert	1st	*1/2/22
L./Sgt.	V. Morley	1st	*29/8/22	L./Sgt.	V. Morley	1st	*29/8/22
L./Sgt.	V. Brockman	1st	*12/10/22	L./Sgt.	V. Brockman	1st	*12/10/22
L./Sgt.	E. Burt	Depot	*1/9/23	L./Sgt.	E. Burt	Depot	*1/9/23
L./Sgt.	W. Cobbett	1st	*30/1/23	L./Sgt.	W. Cobbett	1st	*30/1/23
L./Sgt.	S. Tibbs	1st	*17/4/23	L./Sgt.	S. Tibbs	1st	*17/4/23
L./Sgt.	W. Fletcher	2nd	*1/12/22	L./Sgt.	W. Fletcher	2nd	*1/12/22
L./Sgt.	W. Rogers	1st	*3/11/23	L./Sgt.	W. Rogers	1st	*3/11/23
L./Sgt.	W. Clements	Depot	*4/1/24	L./Sgt.	W. Clements	Depot	*4/1/24
L./Sgt.	S. Mason	2nd	*12/1/24	L./Sgt.	S. Mason	2nd	*12/1/24
L./Sgt.	C. Banfield	2nd	*12/1/24	L./Sgt.	C. Banfield	2nd	*12/1/24
L./Sgt.	C. Taylor	Depot	*19/1/24	L./Sgt.	C. Taylor	Depot	*19/1/24
L./Sgt.	J. Rowland	2nd	*9/2/24	L./Sgt.	J. Rowland	2nd	*9/2/24
L./Sgt.	A. Russell	1st	*16/2/24	L./Sgt.	A. Russell	1st	*16/2/24
L./Sgt.	B. Gray	1st	*20/2/24	L./Sgt.	B. Gray	1st	*20/2/24
L./Sgt.	A. Lawrence	1st	*20/2/24	L./Sgt.	A. Lawrence	1st	*20/2/24
L./Sgt.	E. Jones	1st	*9/5/24	L./Sgt.	E. Jones	1st	*9/5/24
L./Sgt.	E. Flemming	1st	*9/5/24	L./Sgt.	E. Flemming	1st	*9/5/24
L./Sgt.	G. Clift	1st	*13/3/24	L./Sgt.	G. Clift	1st	*13/3/24
L./Sgt.	P. Bennett	1st	*22/5/24	L./Sgt.	P. Bennett	1st	*22/5/24
L./Sgt.	F. Draper	2nd	*12/12/23	L./Sgt.	F. Draper	2nd	*12/12/23
L./Sgt.	L. Simmonds	2nd	*12/12/23	L./Sgt.	L. Simmonds	2nd	*12/12/23
L./Sgt.	S. Hawkins	1st	*13/3/24	L./Sgt.	S. Hawkins	1st	*13/3/24
Cpl.	E. Draper	1st	18/12/19	Cpl.	E. Draper	1st	18/12/19
Cpl.	W. Overton	1st	1/5/20	Cpl.	W. Overton	1st	1/5/20
Cpl.	R. Green	1st	1/5/20	Cpl.	R. Green	1st	1/5/20
Cpl.	J. Sharman	2nd	1/5/20	Cpl.	J. Sharman	2nd	1/5/20
Cpl.	H. Wilson	2nd	1/5/20	Cpl.	H. Wilson	2nd	1/5/20
Cpl.	A. Clifford	2nd	15/5/20	Cpl.	A. Clifford	2nd	15/5/20
Cpl.	A. Ward	1st	13/6/20	Cpl.	A. Ward	1st	13/6/20
Cpl.	G. Bone	2nd	23/7/20	Cpl.	G. Bone	2nd	23/7/20
Cpl.	W. Richards	1st	30/8/20	Cpl.	W. Richards	1st	30/8/20
Cpl.	W. Raindle	1st	19/11/20	Cpl.	W. Raindle	1st	19/11/20
Cpl.	T. Page	1st	20/11/20	Cpl.	T. Page	1st	20/11/20
Cpl.	W. Bennett	1st	30/11/20	Cpl.	W. Bennett	1st	30/11/20
Cpl.	E. Aird	2nd	30/11/20	Cpl.	E. Aird	2nd	30/11/20
Cpl.	L. Baker	2nd	30/11/20	Cpl.	L. Baker	2nd	30/11/20
Cpl.	J. Trapp	Depot	29/12/20	Cpl.	J. Trapp	Depot	29/12/20
Cpl.	J. Bray	1st	29/12/20	Cpl.	J. Bray	1st	29/12/20
Cpl.	F. Thompson	1st	1/7/21	Cpl.	F. Thompson	1st	1/7/21
Cpl.	R. Newcombe	1st	1/7/21	Cpl.	R. Newcombe	1st	1/7/21
Sgt.-Dmr.	F. Heath	1st	20/11/20	Sgt.-Dmr.	F. Heath	1st	20/11/20
Sgt.	J. Wilcockson	Depot	30/11/20	Sgt.	J. Wilcockson	Depot	30/11/20

Rank	Name	Battalion	Date of present promotion	Rank	Name	Battalion	Date of present promotion
Cpl.	G. Horrex	Depot	1/7/21	L./Cpl.	G. Rawlings	...	20/3/23
Cpl.	R. Holder	...	18/7/21	L./Cpl.	A. Reed	...	1/4/23
Cpl.	Robbins	Depot	27/7/21	L./Cpl.	R. Ecclestone	Depot	4/4/23
Cpl.	F. Stacey	Depot	25/8/21	L./Cpl.	C. Soper	...	23/5/23
Cpl.	C. Misso	...	25/8/21	L./Cpl.	W. Tomkins	...	13/7/23
Cpl.	E. Hazeldene	2nd	25/8/21	L./Cpl.	W. Curl	...	13/7/23
Cpl.	H. Thomas	...	26/10/21	L./Cpl.	W. Smith	...	13/7/23
Cpl.	C. Rawlings	2nd	4/12/21	L./Cpl.	G. Staines	...	27/7/23
Cpl.	W. Harwood	2nd	4/12/21	L./Cpl.	G. Green	...	27/7/23
Cpl.	W. Cullis	2nd	4/12/21	L./Cpl.	A. Carter	...	20/8/23
Cpl.	H. Dare	2nd	9/1/22	L./Cpl.	A. Stenning	...	6/9/23
Cpl.	W. Richardson	2nd	9/1/22	L./Cpl.	A. Williams	...	6/10/23
Cpl.	T. Tiller	2nd	9/1/22	L./Cpl.	G. Foley	Depot	13/10/23
Cpl.	H. Clark	2nd	9/1/22	L./Cpl.	A. Fowler	...	15/2/24
Cpl.	E. Alford	2nd	9/1/22	L./Cpl.	Kennett	...	15/2/24
Cpl.	G. Stone	2nd	9/1/22	L./Cpl.	A. Hames	...	15/2/24
Cpl.	H. Ruff	2nd	10/1/22	L./Cpl.	W. Eldrett	...	15/2/24
Cpl.	W. Floyd	1st	21/2/22	L./Cpl.	G. McGlone	...	15/2/24
Cpl.	H. Barker	1st	7/3/22	L./Cpl.	P. Edwards	...	15/2/24
Cpl.	R. Ruttledge	2nd	17/11/22	L./Cpl.	W. McMurdie	...	15/2/24
Cpl.	J. Steward	Depot	1/4/23	L./Cpl.	A. Bartram	...	15/2/24
Cpl.	G. McDonald	1st	1/4/23	L./Cpl.	C. Wallace	...	15/2/24
Cpl.	H. Warren	1st	1/4/23	L./Cpl.	G. Stagpoole	...	15/2/24
Cpl.	A. Jones	1st	10/4/23	L./Cpl.	G. Frost	...	15/2/24
Cpl.	A. Brady	2nd	1/5/23	L./Cpl.	Bearne	...	15/2/24
Cpl.	F. Button	2nd	4/7/23	L./Cpl.	H. Wilson	...	15/2/24
Cpl.	W. Pitchford	2nd	4/7/23	L./Cpl.	R. Challis	...	5/2/24
Cpl.	H. Myland	2nd	4/7/23	L./Cpl.	C. Watson	...	20/2/24
Cpl.	F. Buckley	2nd	4/7/23	L./Cpl.	J. Reader	Depot	29/3/24
Cpl.	W. Bratby	2nd	21/8/23	L./Cpl.	L. Honeybun	...	18/3/24
Cpl.	W. Palmer	2nd	12/12/23	L./Cpl.	E. Leggett	...	31/3/24
Cpl.	C. Ganer	2nd	12/12/23	L./Cpl.	E. Battersby	...	13/5/24
Cpl.	W. Morris	2nd	12/12/23	L./Cpl.	E. Denyer	...	21/5/24
Cpl.	C. Newton	2nd	12/12/23	L./Cpl.	E. Little	...	21/5/24
Cpl.	S. Ingle	2nd	12/12/23	L./Cpl.	H. Williams	...	21/5/24
Cpl.	G. Hatfield	2nd	12/12/23	L./Cpl.	J. Henderson	...	21/5/24
Cpl.	C. Mardle	Depot	19/12/23	L./Cpl.	R. Armbold	Depot	13/7/23
Cpl.	C. Young	1st	19/12/23	L./Cpl.	F. Blackburn	Depot	1/8/23
Cpl.	W. Travarthen	1st	19/12/23	L./Cpl.	S. Harnett	...	17/8/23
Cpl.	W. Duckmanton	Depot	19/12/23	L./Cpl.	L. Priddy	...	7/9/23
Cpl.	J. West	1st	11/1/24	L./Cpl.	A. M. Middleton	...	15/10/23
Cpl.	H. Gibson	1st	11/1/24	L./Cpl.	H. Short	...	8/10/23
Cpl.	E. Lione	2nd	12/1/24	L./Cpl.	G. Sewell	...	8/10/23
Cpl.	W. Grace	2nd	12/1/24	L./Cpl.	G. Mills	...	8/10/23
Cpl.	T. French	2nd	12/1/24	L./Cpl.	W. Millberry	...	8/10/23
Cpl.	C. Olden	2nd	12/1/24	L./Cpl.	A. Wallace	...	8/10/23
Cpl.	T. Hannah	1st	2/2/24	L./Cpl.	J. Frost	...	8/10/23
Cpl.	O. Phelps	1st	5/2/24	L./Cpl.	E. Jenkin	...	13/10/23
Cpl.	T. Fuller	2nd	9/2/24	L./Cpl.	E. Ratty	...	22/12/13
Cpl.	G. Egan	1st	16/2/24	L./Cpl.	S. Goodall	...	22/1/24
Cpl.	J. Stretton	1st	20/2/24	L./Cpl.	S. Jackson	...	8/3/24
Cpl.	Kelly	Depot	12/3/24	L./Cpl.	H. Riley	...	8/3/24
Cpl.	W. Northcott, M.M.	1st	18/3/24	L./Cpl.	H. Stemp	...	14/3/24
Cpl.	E. Norman	1st	7/5/24	L./Cpl.	C. Hance	...	14/3/24
Cpl.	E. Howard	2nd	14/5/24	L./Cpl.	G. Theobald	...	14/3/24
Cpl.	W. Tibble	1st	11/6/24	L./Cpl.	E. Burton	...	17/3/24
L./Cpl.	W. Forshaw	1st	10/7/20	L./Cpl.	F. Pinder	...	8/5/24
L./Cpl.	J. Murphy	1st	20/8/20	L./Cpl.	R. Glover	...	8/5/24
L./Cpl.	A. Sando	Depot	1/1/21	L./Cpl.	R. King	...	17/5/24
L./Cpl.	B. Pope	1st	1/4/21	L./Cpl.	H. Batt	...	21/5/24
L./Cpl.	F. Clarke	1st	1/4/21	L./Cpl.	R. Aldridge	...	18/5/24
L./Cpl.	F. Carter	1st	6/4/21	L./Cpl.	A. Cass	...	28/5/24
L./Cpl.	J. O'Brien	1st	18/6/21	L./Cpl.	A. Hows	...	28/5/24
L./Cpl.	J. O'Neill	1st	19/6/21	L./Cpl.	A. Anson	...	28/5/24
L./Cpl.	H. Channon	1st	21/11/21	L./Cpl.	C. Pestell	...	3/6/24
L./Cpl.	G. Goss	Depot	4/12/21	L./Cpl.	W. Smith	...	3/6/24
L./Cpl.	C. Lewis	1st	6/6/22	L./Cpl.	E. Jefferies	...	3/6/24
L./Cpl.	E. Slatford	Depot	6/6/22	L./Cpl.	W. Sharman	...	3/6/24
L./Cpl.	D. Jones	1st	6/6/22	L./Cpl.	S. Nicholls	...	3/6/24
L./Cpl.	H. Sammons, M.M.	1st	6/6/22	L./Cpl.	L. Culling	...	11/9/24
L./Cpl.	C. Kingdom	Depot	12/10/22	L./Cpl.	G. O'Connor	...	11/6/24
L./Cpl.	G. Skeats	1st	12/10/22	L./Cpl.	G. Oskinat	...	21/6/24
L./Cpl.	A. Puddephatt	1st	23/10/22	L./Cpl.	E. Noakes	...	24/6/24
L./Cpl.	J. Peters	Depot	31/10/22				
L./Cpl.	W. Swindon	1st	28/11/22				

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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. Vols., Seaforth, and R. Wilts. Yeo. Personal A.D.C. to the King

Colonel ... Maxse, Gen. Sir F. Ivor, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O. ... 25Feb.21

Officer Commanding Depot ... Pearson, Maj. (Bt. Lt.-Col.) V. L. N., D.S.O., Midd'x R. ... 10Mar.23

1st and 2nd Battalions (Regular.)

Lt.-Colonels (2).

2Swanson, 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., P.S.O., O.B.E., 1Sept.15

2Owen, D. C., D.S.O. ... 4May16

(1) Goodwin, H., D.S.O. ... 24July16

bt. Lt.-col. 3Jan.19

d. 1Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. ... 24July16

2White, P. G. (Detn. Bks.) ... 4July18

Dundas, A. C., O.B.E. (l) ... 29July18

Subalterns (35).

Lieutenants.

2Bailey, F. A. ... 1Jan.17

2Manson, E. P., M.C. ... 1July17

1Roberts, W. L., M.C. ... 1July17

c.o. Butterfield, H. R. F., M.C. ... 1July17

1Nunn, F. J., M.C. ... 6Aug.17

c.o. Hill, R. L. ... 21Aug.17

1Bostock, F. E. ... 25Sept.17

1Dix-Lewis, A. ... 25Sept.17

d. 1Mirams, S., M.C. ... 17Sept.17

1Royle, H. S. ... 18Sept.17

d. Rackham, B. B., M.C. ... 13Oct.17

s. Stevens, L., O.B.E., M.C. ... 13Nov.17

c.s. Charlesworth, J. F., M.C. ... 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., M.C. ... 27Apr.18

Adj. Hedkecoe, S. F. ... 27Apr.18

(1) Parker, F. G. ... 4June18

2Clyne, A. ... 1Nov.18

Adjutants (2).

2Manson, E. P., M.C. ... 18July22

1Pennycook, G. H. C., M.C. ... 18Mar.23

Quartermasters (3).

d. Stock, V. E., M.C. ... 25Aug.14

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