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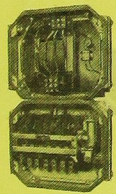
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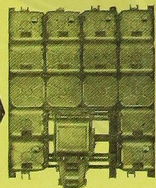
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The Colonel of the Regiment wishes all Ranks a Very Happy
Christmas and all Good Luck in the New Year 1957

EDITORIAL

As the Journal goes to press momentous happenings in the Canal Zone, Hungary and Poland are shaking the world. So uncertain is the situation at the time of writing that any comment here might well be misplaced. Hard though in the forefront of one these troubled areas is the Battalion, still occupied in Cyprus, and to them go our good wishes and our hopes for their safety. We know, none better, that the good name of the Regiment, come what may, is safe in their keeping.

Paradoxically, as we enter a state of war the history of the last one is published, and let us say here and now that it is one of the best Regimental histories that has ever been written. Col. Browne, we consider, has supplied the reason for this in his widely read newsletter when he says it is a "human" account. That indeed described a volume that should form part of the library of every "Die-Hard."

A word of apology to the writer who gave to us his masterly article on the Duke of Cambridge, which was not acknowledged here through an oversight. We think it was one of the finest writings of its nature that has appeared in any Journal and we thank him indeed, even if he persists in retaining his anonymity. Thank you, Sir.

We thank all our other contributors, and wish them and our readers the compliments for the coming festive season, wherever they may be, and hoping that better news by then will be ours.

G. W. K.

A REVIEW OF THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED HISTORY OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT 1919-1952

Since the issue of the last *Die-Hards* magazine the long, anxiously-awaited History of the Regiment has been published. Written expertly, and with great understanding, by Lieut.-Commander P. K. Kemp, R.N., it furnishes as complete and interesting a record of the Regiment during these momentous years as could be achieved in these difficult days of book production.

The success of the book is the more remarkable because of the long period that it covers. The name of Gen. Kent, for instance, figures in an early page, for he died in 1921 and his funeral was a great regimental occasion. Thus the present is knit with the past. The same history that contains this reference to a veteran of the Crimean War describes the Korean conflict fought nearly a century after the former war. A feature of the book, in fact, is the awareness, by the numerous writers who contributed to it, of those numberless men who, throughout the centuries, forged the "Die-Hard" tradition, which without doubt inspired many to demonstrate the same fine leadership, dogged endurance and exemplary courage with which this book abounds.

The history took time to write, but it was time that was not wasted. Indeed, every minute of it was required for procuring, compiling, checking, sifting, co-ordinating and finally approving the material from which the writer eventually wrote the book. So many were the meetings he attended, so numerous were his contacts with officers and warrant officers of the Regiment that he came to know us well. In fact, it proved a happy and exhilarating task. Perhaps that is why he did it so well. In his work he had many enthusiastic supporters, amongst them Col. Browne and Lt.-Gen. Bucknall, the two Colonels of the Regiment, who gave

him the benefit of their great knowledge and their encouragement. He particularly mentions Lt.-Col. Ellis, Majors Porter, Marshall and Waller as pillars of strength, while freely acknowledging the services of others too numerous to mention individually.

The History commences at the conclusion of the 1914-1918 War with the disbandment of all but the four regular battalions, and the first chapter covers mainly the activities of the 1st and 2nd Battalions from 1919-1939. The 3rd and 4th Battalions, although included, unhappily disappeared under the "Geddes Axe" of 1922. This long period of time was supposedly peaceful; nevertheless this chapter contains many references to the suppression of riots and hooliganism, and to armed intervention or the threat of it in many parts of the world, and in the course of which by their discipline, alertness and steadiness in difficult situations, they upheld the high reputation of the Regiment. Yes, those inter-war years were not without incident, and this chapter recalls them and those names famous in the annals of regimental history of the not-so-immediate past—Brigadier-General "Jackie" Hall and Brigadier "Ronald" Heath. What memories must such evoke amongst the older generations of "Die-Hards!" Neither are the sporting triumphs of those days forgotten.

Chapter II, a brief one, records the activities of the Territorial Battalions and the Regimental Depot during the inter-war period.

The next seven chapters deal with the Second World War in which the Regiment, armed with machine-guns and mortars, and attached to divisions, adopted a supporting role.

Chapter III, a very sad one, describes the gallant action of the 1st Battalion in the defence of Hong Kong. It is the tragic account of the misfortune they suffered in having to fight, far from any hope of help and against tremendous odds, but one in which they earned the admiration of all for the staunch way they did so. Linked with this epic of courage and fortitude are the names of Col. Newnham and Col. Stewart, of whom in the foreword Gen. Sir Brian Horrocks writes: "I am certain that all the tough, old 'Die-Hards' of the past would have approved of Stewart and Newnham. And these very gallant officers would not have asked for higher praise than this."

Chapter IV is a happier one. It describes the operations carried out by the 2nd Battalion. Always associated with the 3rd Division it had the honour of serving under Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery when he was its commander in the early days of the war. Early in action at Louvain, and one of the last units to withdraw from Dunkirk, it was one of the first to land again on the Normandy beaches and was prominent in the many actions leading to the crushing defeat of the German Army in the spring of 1945.

Chapter V is a long one. It needs to be to record the activities of the 1/7th Battalion. Fate ordained that this Battalion, although not a regular one, should see more active service than any of the others. After being present at the Dunkirk operations they became attached to the 51st Highland Division, an association not without its humour, but one which worked well enough for the

"Jocks" and the "Cockneys" have always got on splendidly together and, as Sir Brian writes with very good authority: "They fought side by side all the way from Alamein to the final surrender at Luneberg Heath and a deep-seated friendship based on mutual respect developed and continues to this day."

Chapter VI is about the 2/7th Battalion. Raised late and disbanded early it yet saw much active service, both in Sicily and Italy. Some of its actions were as bitterly contested as any during the war, and its record at Anzio earned it the highest praise. We subscribe to their claim that their disbandment left a permanent gap in the Regiment that will be hard to fill.

Chapter VII deals with the operations of the 1/8th Battalion. They, too, were present at the Dunkirk operations, in which they suffered very severely. Like the 2nd Battalion, up to the Normandy landing, they passed the intervening time training in England. Their history, from landing in France up to the capture of Bremen, is linked with the 43rd (Wessex) Division, whom they supported so well, and of whom their Commander, Gen. Thomas, wrote: "By God's help we have utterly defeated the Nazi beast, and we have gained for ourselves an imperishable name." High praise for the exponents of the "Pepperpot."

Chapter VIII tells of the 2/8th Battalion. It was not to bear this title for all the war. In May 1942 it was reconstituted the new 1st Battalion, taking the place of the old one lost in the capture of Hong Kong. Raised later and stationed at home until the Normandy invasion, they first saw action near Arramanches, in the bridgehead in support of the 15th (Scottish) Division. Starting as Territorials they finished the campaign in Europe with the dash and steadfastness of regular troops.

Chapter IX furnishes a very brief account of the 9th Battalion, forced, after the Munich crisis in 1938, to adopt the role of a searchlight regiment, and in 1940 to become a part of the Royal Regiment of Artillery. Staunchly "die-hard" in spirit they still wear the Middlesex cap badge and buttons and retain their colours.

Chapter X relates the experiences of the 1st Battalion, now once again a regiment of the line, in Korea. With the 1st Battalion The Argyll Sutherland Highlanders they formed the first British troops to engage the enemy. For nearly a year the story was one of swift advances and swift retreat, of vast distances covered, of grim, bitter battles against a resolute enemy in terrible conditions of climate and terrain. Once more a battalion had lived up to its proud traditions of service.

So ends the account of actual operations within the Regiment, but in the appendices we learn how the home defence units and allied regiments fared with other matters of regimental interest.

In an account such as this, as the writer explains, no book can be large enough to mention all to whom tribute is due, but there is one record that is complete—the role of honour at the end of the book. It contains the names of the officers and men of the Middlesex Regiment who fell in battle between 1939 and 1952. To these men the history is dedicated. It is the sincere desire of all that they did not die in vain.

1st Battalion Notes

It is almost a year since the Battalion sailed to Cyprus. It has been a most eventful year, in which it has carried out the difficult task of fighting highly organised terrorism. The events up to the search of Xylophagou in early June were reported in the last Battalion notes. Thereafter the situation in Larnaca area remained quiet until June 21, except for a number of minor incidents. On that day Sgt. Tipple, a Metropolitan police-sergeant serving at Pyla Detention Camp was shot in a main street in Larnaca. He died almost immediately. "S" Company, the "Riot" Company, quickly cordoned off the area of the murder and established road blocks around the town. Large numbers of youths who answered the vague description of the murderer were detained. "C" and "D" Companies then imposed a curfew on the immediate vicinity of the shooting and thoroughly searched the area, detaining more suspects. The C.I.D. made an arrest from among those detained and the murderer has since been convicted.

This incident was followed by an operation in the Western Sector on June 23. In the early part of the night Capt. Moore and a party of police concealed themselves near the foundry at Vassiliko in order to detect bombmakers. They were unsuccessful. Later the villages of Vassiliko and Kalavassos were both cordoned and searched by "C", "B" and "D" Companies and the Drums. Six unfilled bomb cases were discovered. The entire male population of both villages were detained and screened.

Towards the end of the month "S" Company discovered seven primed bombs in Larnaca, and "C" Company helped the police to investigate the murder of a mukhtar of a village in the Western Sector.

At first light on July 2, "C" and "D" Companies imposed a curfew on the villages of Arsos and Tremethousha. A search for arms and ammunition was made but nothing other than one Sten sling was found.

Early in the month a unit of the Police Mobile Force arrived in Larnaca. This force is composed of Turkish Cypriot policemen commanded by British officers. It operates on a semi-military basis and is specially trained in riot duties, patrolling and the other techniques of internal security operations.

A number of small operations quickly followed, including the searches of a factory and a club in Larnaca with the recovery of arms and ammunition, and a search by "B" Company for the murderers of two Cypriots found shot on a main road outside the town.

On July 8 the main body of "C" Company, under Major P. L. Pearce Gould, left for Akaba on the L.S.T. *Evan Gibb*. The Brigade Commander and the Commanding Officer saw them off at Famagusta. The departure of "C" Company deprived the Battalion of the major part of its reserve which was not available again until "A" Company was relieved at Akaba and

returned to Cyprus. In the meantime Pano Lefkara, a town of 2,600 inhabitants was cordoned and searched. As the Battalion unaided could not find sufficient troops for an operation of this size, "B" Company the Highland Light Infantry, two companies composed of personnel from the Dhekelia Administrative Area, and the Police Mobile Force were placed under command. From the Battalion itself a composite company of five platoons was raised. This was no mean feat in view of the Battalion's large commitments and the fact that two rifle companies were outside Cyprus. Seven suspects were detained, but arms and ammunition, which it is thought were in the town very shortly before the raid, were not to be found.

On July 17 "A" Company, under Major I. H. Battye, M.B.E., arrived at Famagusta after four months' tour of duty at Akaba.

A short break from the rigours of internal security duties was provided, for those able to attend, by a concert at which the massed bands of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment and the Wiltshire Regiment, in addition to our own band, played. A very different kind of break from internal security was provided by a platoon from each of "A" and "B" Companies and the Corps of Drums, who under Major Galvin, helped the Forestry Commission to fight a serious forest fire which raged from July 21 to 23.

On July 24 His Excellency the Governor Sir John Harding, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., spent two hours with the Battalion. He watched training at Alma Camp and spoke to many officers and men.

The first week in August brought stricter security measures against possible reprisals in view of the impending executions of three terrorists. The event was marked by the explosions of time-bombs in many parts of the island and the distribution of leaflets.

The families viewed with mixed feelings the attempt to blow up the NAAFI families shop in Larnaca.

In mid August the Battalion's guard commitments were increased. Company Commanders who already were forced with serious difficulties over the numbers of men on guard, fewness of nights in bed and fewness of men available for more offensive action, found themselves with even less soldiers uncommitted.

The announcement of the "truce" by EOKA was at first received with scepticism. It soon became evident that the announcement was genuine and a general easing of tension followed. Restrictions were lifted but security was not relaxed. Odd incidents continued, however, including the detonation by accident of a bomb in a cache of arms and explosives concealed in a chicken-house on the outskirts of Larnaca. The publication of the Governor's surrender terms on the 22nd was followed by their rejection by EOKA and the threat to recommence hostilities from

midnight, August 27. The following day there were a number of incidents throughout the island.

Meanwhile R.H.Q. and 152 Battery of 43 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A., arrived to stay at Alma Camp until their own camp could be prepared. They are part of the force sent to Cyprus as a result of the Suez emergency.

September opened with a bomb incident in Larnaca and the shooting of an Army officer in the market "A" Company, the "Riot" Company, cordoned the area and two arrests were made. Several days later two men made a well-planned and daring escape from Pyla Detention Camp and a third was caught in the act. Three days after this incident a detainee refused to leave a prohibited area when challenged by a sentry and was fired upon. He was frightened but unhurt. A demonstration by detainees followed, which had to be broken up by tear gas.

In the second week of September a vehicle was ambushed near the village of Pyla and several soldiers of the Royal Artillery were wounded. The Battalion assisted by men of 43 Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, R.A., cordoned and searched the village. No arms or ammunition were found but 15 suspects were detained.

On September 12, H.E. the Governor visited the Officers' Mess for half an hour before returning to Nicosia after a local engagement.

During the remainder of the month, EOKA activities intensified. Considerable damage was done to empty buildings in the new Dhekelia Cantonment, a bomb was thrown at Lefkara Police Station, guarded by a detachment of "S" Company, and on the 24th a Sergeant and his wife were shot while returning from church in Larnaca. The Sergeant was wounded fatally and his wife slightly.

Three ambushes were reported in the area during this period, one involving a French Army vehicle. Only one British soldier was slightly wounded in these incidents.

The increase in EOKA activities brought about a period of intensive patrolling, snap checks and searches of vehicles, cyclists and places of entertainment in the town and rural areas.

During the past year the Battalion has played a part in developing the new technique of internal security operations. The baton, shield and dye-sprayer have become commonplace. Riot drill, snap checks, cordons, curfews and ambush drills are part of the daily routine. In addition, all companies have striven with some success to maintain an adequate standard of normal military training without neglecting in any way the demands of the internal security situation. These demands have placed great strain on the officers and men alike. Weeks of continual guards and patrolling interspersed with cordons, curfews and searches, with little sleep and no recreation, during the hottest summer for years, have been borne with great cheerfulness by all ranks.

It now seems that very shortly other troops will relieve the Battalion of part of its large guard commitments. In addition to giving the soldiers some relaxation, this will make available additional men for more offensive action in future operations against terrorism.

BATTALION PERSONALITIES

The Commanding Officer, who was to be relieved in March 1957 by his successor, is to leave us almost immediately to take up an appointment at the War Office. The Commanding Officer's sudden departure is the result of someone in the chain of reliefs falling sick. We all hope that he will like his new job and wish him the best of luck.

At the beginning of June 2/Lt. M. G. Waite joined the Battalion from Sandhurst. C/Sgts. Burgess and Dodkins were promoted W.O.s 2 and appointed C.S.M.s of "H.Q." and "C" Companies respectively. Sgts. Da Costa and Steward were promoted C/Sergeant. In the middle of the month 2/Lts. C. T. S. Adleman, J. L. Bannister, R. H. M. Marshall and F. J. F. Spragg arrived from Eaton Hall and 2/Lt. Perkins from the Depot.

In July, Major R. T. D. Hicks, T.D. (R.A.P.C.), who has previously served in the Regiment, arrived to become our first Unit Paymaster. Capt. J. S. C. Flavell rejoined the Battalion to become 2IC "A" Company and 2/Lt. J. G. Burge arrived from Eaton Hall. C.S.M. McMillan left to become R.S.M. of the 8th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.).

A large exodus of subalterns occurred in August when 2/Lts. J. P. Baker, J. A. Birch, J. R. E. Kent, D. N. H. Pennycook, J. N. A. Syers, M. R. Tubbs departed on National Service release; 2/Lts. E. P. Battey-Pratt and B. Higginson joined the Battalion during the month.

Major D. Sax returned in September in time to take over "D" Company from Capt. A. D. C. Eales who was called away at short notice to join 2nd Corps, Pool of Interpreters. 2/Lts. A. S. Cawthorne and N. H. Pott joined the Battalion from Eaton Hall, 2/Lts. J. W. F. Bennetts and K. C. Hayward left on National Service release and 2/Lt. H. M. du V. Lohan departed on a language course.

In addition to arrivals and departures, there have been a number of changes within the Battalion. Capt. R. A. Hodge has returned from his attachment to H.Q. Cosheg, Nicosia, had become 2IC "S" Company. Capt. A. R. Cowan has taken his place in Nicosia. Lt. M. V. Hayward has become Intelligence Officer. Capt. Flavell and Carter have left for U.K., where they are to take a pre-Staff College examination course. We hope they do well. Capt. H. J. A. Moore has returned to a rifle Company as 2IC "B" Company after a long sojourn in more "specialised" appointments.

Finally, although not strictly Battalion news, we congratulate Capt. Rex Cain, who is serving at Brigade H.Q., on his engagement.

"A" COMPANY

After false starts "C" Company finally succeeded in relieving us of "O" Force duties. Even then it was a close thing. Whilst on the boat in the Gulf of Akaba, a message came from the Jordanian Government stating that they were willing to swap us for a band of 700 pilgrims sweltering on the nearby beach.

On passing through the Suez we were not confronted by a female member of the Egyptian Nationalist Army,

despite rumours that some were to be seen. Pte. Spriggs was seriously toying with the idea of becoming a Suez Canal pilot and was quite prepared to try.

We arrived in Cyprus in mid-July, in an atmosphere of justifiable pride.

We joined the circuit once again and most of our time is spent "touring" the out-stations. The duties are still mainly routine—guards, patrols and little sleep. Patrols retain more than just an interest for most of the Company. The daily vehicle patrols give us a chance to get out and about and seems to be very popular with everybody. It also provides an ideal opportunity for necessary lessons in map reading. In Larcana there was one particular foot patrol that never lacked volunteers!

Ptes. Armes and Bristow have come to be known as the Company G-men, after several duties in plain clothes.

In the Western Sector we again acclimatised ourselves to living out of tins. At Kalavassos a member of No. 1 Platoon spent most of his four hours "off" endeavouring to teach unsuspecting auxiliary policemen certain aspects of the English language, whilst at Athienou, 2/Lt. Higginson and Cpl. Mahoney, watched by an inquisitive but appreciative audience, managed to get hold of a "collector's piece" in the form of an EOKA banner which they removed from one of the buildings. Luckily that one did *not* go off!

The most important and interesting item of news concerns the new arrival to the Company—the self-loading rifle, or as a few are still very persistent in calling it, the FN. The most has been made of the opportunities offered by the fortnightly stay at Alma Camp to get to know it well. After a few lessons by Sgt. Blackwell, recently returned from a short course on the weapon, everyone was prepared to prove their outstanding proficiency in the use of it. The R.S.M. also endeavoured to overcome the hindrance caused by the coking handle in teaching arms drill. At first, the visits to the range proved that it *was* possible to hit the target—if only occasionally and rather low. The drill parade, to say the least, was a little unexpected!



EOKA Banner removed from Atheniou by
2/Lt. Higginson

Left to right: Pte. Elliot, Cpl. Mahoney, Pte. Leach

But as we got the hang of it there was a great improvement all round and plenty of confidence was gained in the shooting power of the rifle, in spite of its teething troubles. On returning from the range one day a voice was heard to say: "Not a bad gun, is it, mate? But I bet it ain't 'arf a b—— to clean." There are few who doubt his word.

There have not been many opportunities in the sporting world. We did manage a couple of games of both cricket and football during our brief stay in camp. The soccer team has been strengthened by newcomers Ptes. Gray and Lenihan, who have settled down and are playing good football. We lost some of the old stalwarts in Ptes. Poland, Cunningham and Stevens who passed into civilian life. As yet neither the hockey or basketball teams have had the chance to prove their worth. We hope they will be able to do this in the near future. We congratulate L/Cpl. Goulden and Pte. Thompson (09) on being selected to swim for Dhekelia Garrison in a gala to be held in Nicosia later this month. Both are exceptions to the staleness which has set in amongst the swimmers of "C" Force days.

Since our return to the island we have had, with the exception of the Company Commander, a complete change of officers. Lt. Hewson moved along on to "D" Company to take over the duties of Cadre Officer, prior to the attending a specialist course in U.K. We had hoped that this move was only temporary but fear that it means good-bye to "A" Company for the time being. We welcome Capt. J. S. C. Flavell from the Depot as 2IC. September also meant good-bye to our Platoon Commanders, 2/Lts. Kent, Hayward and Bennett. Their places have been taken by 2/Lts. Perkins, Higginson and Battey-Pratt. Since their arrival, common use has been made of "wings," "camera" and "boffin"—must be some connection somewhere. Other departures have been most of the Sussex "Dobbins" who have returned to the fold, and we no longer have those little birds of L/Cpl. Munds nesting in the Company lines. Pte. Bishop almost went on demob, but it is found that his services are still required—in uniform. He has been heard to mumble some very uncomplimentary phrases about a certain Colonel.

The Company strength has been maintained by the gradual inflow of personnel from "D" Company. We greet Cpl. Hambly from the Intelligence Section and admire his enthusiasm in learning to be a "real" soldier.

A few of the luckier members of the Company have been on leave. Sgt. Le Maitre during a brief stay in Kyrenia sampled amply some Irish cooking—"makes a change from mutton, Scotch style!" Ptes. Bristow, McCoubrie and White went home for their leave (they *must* be regulars). Mac almost missed his plane because of his flair for "Teddy" trousers. Paddy, we thought, had joined the Irish Republicans when a fortnight overdue, but has since returned to our midst and explained himself.

With some welcome prospect of the lightning of duties, we end with a last thought for all regular soldiers of the Company—will it really be a Christmas by the Pyramids?

"B" COMPANY

In the last Journal we read with interest the accounts of "A" Company's activities in Akaba. We also discovered the reason for the shortage of green paint when "C" Company publicly announced that not only had their preparations for Akaba involved the painting of 6198 stores, but also their storeman. At last it is more than a rumour that we are due to relieve "C" Company in mid-November. After practically a year of I.S. duties in Cyprus, all but the "married pads" will welcome the change.

Since our last notes there has been a complete change of Platoon Commanders: 2/Lt. du V. Lohan went to Battalion H.Q. as assistant IO, and was replaced by 2/Lt. Waite who joined from Sandhurst via Warminster, Hythe and the Depot; 2/Lt. Baker, who had finished his National Service, handed over No. 6 Platoon to 2/Lt. Bannister and 2/Lt. Prettyman and left for "D" Company and was succeeded by 2/Lt. Adleman.

The first large-scale loss of National Servicemen was on August 18, when eight disappeared at 24 hours' notice. L/Cpl. Wisson (the Company Clerk), Pte. King (one of our Regimental cooks), Pte. McElwain (a medical orderly recently transferred from "H.Q." Company, but in whom everyone had implicit faith professionally), Pte. Aukett (2/Lt. Lohan's batman), and Ptes. Folly, Worsfold, Wileman and Summerville, who will always be remembered for his enthusiasm in searches, particularly when dealing with bearded clerics. At the same time Ptes. Elliott and Sullivan were sent to Akaba to swell the ranks of "C" Company.

In June Pte. Fearn left for a resettlement course after completing his three-year engagement. He was more fortunate than Pte. Corr, who only got as far as Battalion H.Q. before being recalled for the Suez crisis. They have both taken their retention philosophically and are most welcome and useful members of the Company.

On June 16 we found ourselves in the Western Sector, and all the Company that could be mustered from guard commitments in police stations and Pyla Detention Camp formed a composite platoon for an operation at Vassilico (the ore loading port of the Hellenic Mining Corporation) and Kalavassos. Company H.Q., with the composite platoon and a platoon of "D" Company under command together with "C" Company, moved to the camp of 42 Survey Regiment, and waited for the O.P.s that had been put out to give the word to "GO." Fortunately from our point of view the word did not come through, and we were all able to enjoy a most pleasant band concert given by our own band for the Survey Regiment.

As many men as could be spared at one time have taken advantage of the leave facilities both within and outside Cyprus. Ptes. Burton and Ellingham managed to get as far as Tripoli, via Tobruk and Benghazi, by travelling fairly rough, but we gather quite enjoyable in an L.S.T. Cpl. Westfall and L/Cpl. Miles spent 10 days in Beirut and several others spent varying times at the Coeur de Lion, Kyrenia, which is a really first-rate hotel run by NAAFI. It was while on leave at the Coeur de Lion that Pte. Archard managed to hit

the headlines by having his photograph published in the *Cyprus Mail*. He appeared to be having early morning tea in bed, but we gather that the cups were empty. He was half dressed or undressed and it was nearly lunchtime. Several of the more thrifty or affluent members of the Company have flown home, and Cpl. Langford, who rejoined us from "D" Company with Ptes. Smith (72), Hasler, Gains, Swallow, Taylor and James managed to get as far as Berlin.

On July 14 and 15, while in the Western Sector we took part in a curfew, cordon, and search of Pano Lefkara which by now we know very well. While we were suffering the dust and heat, Pte. Griffin was winning the open diving competition in the Dhekelia Garrison swimming sports, and Pte. Johnson was swimming hard to come second in the free style. A very good effort by both, specially as they had little time for training.

Again it is sad to say, that apart from the occasional game of inter-platoon football when back in camp, there is nothing to report in the sporting world.

The main activity during the last four months is perhaps best summed up in the cartoon drawn by a subaltern of the Company whose identity cannot be disclosed for security reasons.



Abu Ali Yahoo alias Major P. L. Pearce Gould

"C" COMPANY

Our last notes left the Company preparing for its move to Akaba. We just managed to squeeze in the searches of Arsos and Kalavassos before the Company sailed in the L.S.T. *Evan Gibb*, after several false starts, one entailing a trip to Famagusta docks and back.

All ranks enjoyed a restful and interesting five-day voyage through the Suez Canal, then controlled by the Suez Canal Company, and the Gulf of Akaba.

On arrival we were met by an advance party which had travelled by air and had just five hours in which to take over and reminisce with our friends in "A" Company before they sailed away in the L.S.T.

The town of Akaba is little more than an Arab village

with a small harbour and a small barracks of the Arab Legion (now known as the Jordan Arab Army). It is situated in an oasis at the point where the Wadi Araba runs down to meet the sea. The Wadi Araba itself is a flat sandy desert about six miles wide, bounded by the mountains of Siniai to the west and the mountains of the Saudi Arabian desert to the east.

The undemarcated frontier between Jordan and Israel winds up the centre of the Wadi, and it is the scene of numerous frontier "incidents" due to the Arab-Jewish tension.

Akaba is the only place where the Jordanians have access to the Red Sea and consequently the amount of trade done in the port is considerable. There is an excellent metalled road running to the railhead at Ma'an, and it is used by large numbers of gigantic lorries driven as only an Arab knows how to drive.

All living accommodation is in tents, although most units have a brick-built stores and the like. The only exceptions are the married quarters which, as the families have just been evacuated, now house a mixture of grass-widowers and lucky bachelors, of whom the Company Commander is one!

There are a few shops run by Arabs, which cater for the British; there is an open-air A.K.C. cinema, an M.M.G. Club, a NAAFI beach club and the usual NAAFI canteens. Although at first reading this seems a reasonable selection, one must remember that there is nowhere else to go for a change of scenery and the soldier who cannot make his own amusement finds that the time hangs heavily on his hands.

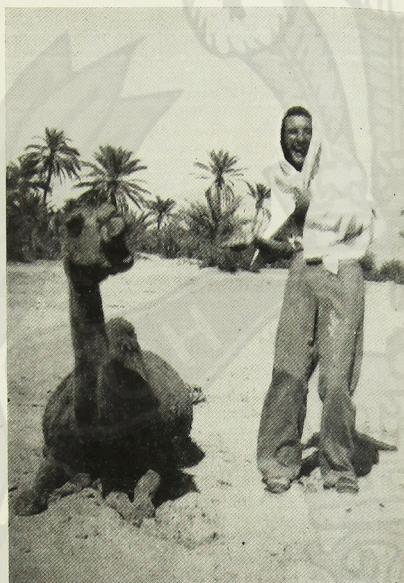
The Company soon settled down to a strenuous programme of training, and despite temperatures of 120 degrees Fahrenheit and over, we have carried out numerous exercises in the surrounding desert. Everyone was very glad when the fictitious "Hashemite Crown Jewels," which had been the *raison d'être* of two night exercises, were at last handed over to their rightful owners. We congratulate the Company Commander on his impersonation of that well-known Arab spy, Abu Ali Yahce, which was, to say the least, most lifelike.

All platoons paid a visit to the Wadi Run and watched "B" Squadron, 10th Royal Hussars, carrying out their annual firing course. We are looking forward to further exercises with the Hussars, since all members of the Company have found that riding on tanks is far more comfortable than marching.

A most tiring fortnight was spent by the platoons rebuilding the butts on the 400-yard range, but we then had a more enjoyable two weeks firing our annual classification, in which Ptes. Maule and Worley gained notable musketry and financial success (but oh, those 0330 hrs. reveilles!).

The organised summer games in Akaba are cricket and hockey, and in both leagues we took the very creditable positions held by "A" Company. At hockey we have held our position, only losing to the Royal Engineers. Lt. Perkins and 2/Lt. Gilham are the stalwarts of the team, but special mention must be made of two newcomers to the game, L/Cpl. Randalls in goal and Cpl. Goad at back, who have both well justified their places.

In the cricket field we have not done so well, since



AQABA

Pte. Ainger and friend enjoying a joke

despite a galaxy of high-ranking potential batsmen, we have on several occasions failed to score many runs. 2/Lt. Murphy did, however, knock up a creditable 68 not out against a combined Royal Signals and M.R.S. team.

Since these notes last appeared there have been a number of changes in the Company. There have been the usual number of "demobs" and "run-outs," among them L/Cpl. White, Ptes. Holdstock, Tipple, Fisher and Hopkins. Cpl. Turner has left for a tour as training N.C.O. at the Depot and both Sgts. Elston and Ford have left us to be training sergeants in "D" Company.

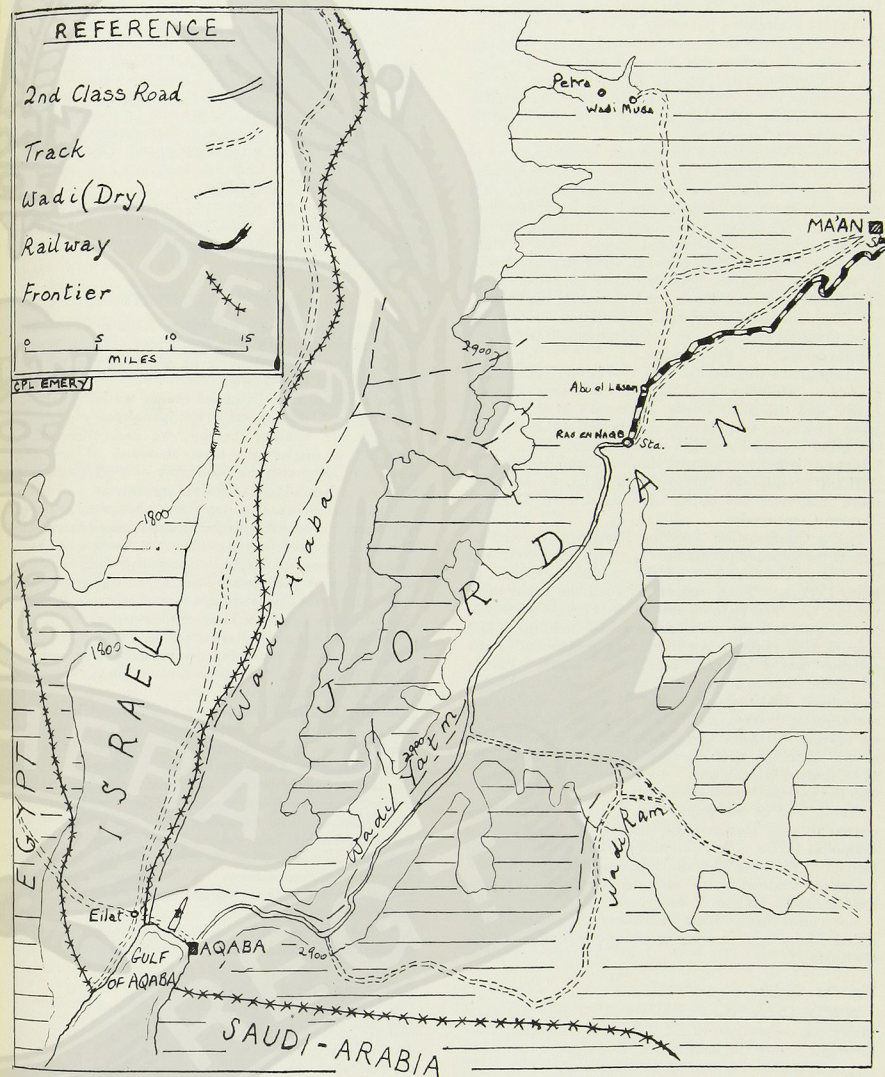
2/Lts. Marshall and Cawthorne have joined us from Eaton Hall and Sgt. Nicholson, after a very short while in "D" Company from the Depot. We also welcome Cpl. Harris, L/Cpls. Davies and Lovatt, and Pte. Lythaby.

We congratulate C/Sgt. Wright and Cpl. Wood, who have both become the fathers of future "Die-Hards."

"D" COMPANY

Continuation Training Platoon

Continuation training has continued as usual with the interruptions due to internal security duties now accepted by the instructors. Recruits, however, enjoy the breaks in training, and consequently show much enthusiasm for



their operational duties. The searches described in our last notes were soon followed by curfew duties in Larnaca. On May 24 inter-racial rioting broke out, and despite intensive patrolling by "D" Company in the evening, fresh outbreaks occurred on the following morning. A curfew was imposed and for four days No. 3 Continuation Training Platoon assisted in the maintenance of the curfew. The recruits worked well in their unfamiliar surroundings, but were very tired by the end of the operation.

Training was resumed for the few remaining days of May, but early in June "D" Company were once more called out to assist in a search of Xylophagou, as a result of a shooting incident, which has been described elsewhere. Thus No. 3 Continuation Training Platoon completed a much interrupted course. No. 4 Continuation Training Platoon began their stay in Cyprus in the same tradition, being required to assist in the search of Kalvassos. During this operation the Platoon provided ambush parties and observation posts, thus gaining useful experience of living in the field before the commencement of their course.

Throughout this period No. 10 Platoon maintained guards on Athienou police station, the Commissioner's house, and the Shell Depot, Larnaca. At the end of June, however, the Platoon was posted to strengthen the other companies within the Battalion. 2/Lt. Birch left the Company to assume the interesting position of Assistant Intelligence Officer, while 2/Lt. Couch once more took over the duties of Continuation Training Platoon Commander.

No. 4 Continuation Training Platoon completed an almost undisturbed programme apart from one week and devoted to the searching of the fascinating village of Pano Lefkara. Their course included the usual basic weapon and field training and all the Platoon were able to take part in some useful firing on the field firing and classification ranges. An interesting innovation to the syllabus was a two-day exercise "Climax," during which the Platoon attempted to put into realistic practice their basic field training. The exercise proved almost too realistic, however, when at 0330 hrs. one morning, on hearing the sound of L.M.G. firing, many members of the Battalion thought that Grivas had moved his H.Q. to the Dhekalia area. A truce was called however, and the exercise ended peacefully.

At the end of the course Sgt. Ford temporarily departed to gain further experience at the Small Arms School at Hythe. Sgt. Shinn took over duties of Continuation Training Platoon Sergeant, and No. 5 Continuation Platoon were able to complete the first uninterrupted course of the year.

Soon after this we bade a temporary farewell to Capt. Eales, Major Sax arriving to assume command of the Company.

N.C.O.s Cadre

N.C.O. Cadre No. 9 commenced on July 23, 1956, under the supervision of 2/Lt. Baker. Unfortunately a fortnight before the completion of the cadre he had to return home to become an undergraduate! We wish him all the best in his future career. Lt. Hewson took over the cadre which was largest to date—having 20

students in all. The instructors were Lt. Crumley, R.S.M. J. Wild, C.S.M. Kenrick, W.O.2 Barnacle (R.A.E.C.), S.S.I. Skeels (A.P.T.C.), Sgt. Elston and Cpl. Redmond.

The standard of the cadre on the whole was average but L/Cpls. Webb and Higgins are to be congratulated on their above average "B" grading. N.C.O. Cadre No. 10 started on September 10, 1956; there are 16 students on the course. We are now on the third week of training and are fortunate in that we have only been taken away from our programme once. That was at the most inconsiderate hour of 0330 hrs., to impose a cordon on the village of Pyla.

We hope that our services as internal security troops are not required again until we return to our Companies, as the pressure of work is increasing and the all-important exams. take place soon.

SUPPORT COMPANY

Although called Support Company, our main activities are identical with the rifle companies and our time is spent in the six-week cycle of Alma Camp, "Riot" Company and the Western Sector.

For the four months under review we have had our full share of dealing with the problems of internal security. In addition to this, we have managed to maintain a moderately high standard of specialist weapon training and the possibility of a competition in November has added a further incentive.

There have been two occasions when we have been very heavily involved with the internal security situation. The first occurred in June when the Company was at Horrocks Camp as "Riot" Company when a British police sergeant was shot in the town. The area was cordoned by the Company and several persons detained. The murderer has since been condemned to death.

The second occasion occurred as these notes were being written. It is produced separately as an example of the type of task that is commonplace but often produces no results.

In August Capt. Hodge our 2IC arrived back from his four months as a watchkeeper in the Secretariat. C.S.M. Kenrick unfortunately had to spend a little time in hospital after knocking his leg at Horrocks Camp. He walks gingerly but the eye misses nothing. C/Sgt. DaCosta was presented with a daughter by his wife on September 14, 1956. On this event and his promotion we offer him our heartiest congratulations.

At the time of writing we are in the Western Sector, where we are very busy. The weather is extremely pleasant, warm and sunny during the day and cool at night.

After the success of the patrol on October 13 we look forward to more finds, and thus to the end of terrorism.

A Routine Patrol

At 1945 hrs. on October 13, 1956, C.S.M. Kenrick and six men of "S" Company went from Kopinhou on a mobile and foot patrol. Their task was to move on tracks to the vicinity of two villages, enter the villages on foot and search any persons they found either on the tracks or in the villages.

They drew blank in the first village, identifying and searching everyone they found.

At the second village, the patrol dismounted from their vehicles and two drivers (Ptes. King and Brown) were left as sentries with the vehicles, while the remainder of the patrol entered the village. During the search of the village nothing was found and the patrol was on its way back to the vehicles when a car was seen moving along the track towards the main road. C.S.M. Kenrick tried to stop the car but was unsuccessful. However, the sentries with the patrol vehicles stopped the car and instructed the occupants to dismount. The occupants produced identity cards and were themselves searched. Nothing was found on them. Pte. King then turned his attention to the car. In the glove pocket were two pistols. By this time the remainder of the patrol arrived and a further search revealed yet another pistol. The men were arrested and brought into Kopinhou police station.

Another patrol went out and brought the motor car into the police station, where two black masks of the type used by the terrorists were found. The following morning the four occupants of the car were taken by the police to Larnaca, where they will be required to answer for their crimes.

Mortar Platoon

Routine movement between Alma Camp, Horrocks Camp, and the Western Sector has continued with one or two additional happenings. The Platoon at Alma Camp Guard was called out one evening in early June for what proved to be a night search along the coast for a murdered soldier and an injured boy. This was followed by a two days cordon of a nearby village.

A week later we accepted the hospitality of the "Gunners" at Kiti for two days' complete rest and recreation. There were some very tender legs and backs when we returned to Alma Camp. Cpl. Denning has only just recovered! After some vigorous foot patrolling under the midday sun at Lefkara in early July we returned there again soon afterwards as part of a company which cordoned and searched the village.

More recently the Platoon has become proficient at tent erecting and striking during the preparation of living quarters for the gunners who were billeted at Alma Camp. On another day we were despatched on a highly secret mission which turned out to be a guard and escort for H.E. the Governor when he visited Pergamon village.

As far as mortar training is concerned, many odd moments have been used to train the eight new members of the Platoon. In the middle of August we were able to spend a day field firing at Goshi range, which proved of great value both to old and new hands.

We wish every success to L/Cpl. Hayford and Ptes. Davis, Jackson, Messer, Eynon and Griffin, all of whom have left since our last notes. Pte. Genge has also unfortunately left the Platoon owing to ill health.

Cpl. Denning and L/Cpl. Short are congratulated on their promotion.

After much hard and tedious work some members of the Platoon have now been able to spend a few restful and very pleasant days at Kyrenia at a hotel very ably

managed by NAAFI. It is hoped that everyone will have had leave there by the end of the year.

M.M.G. Platoon

The last four months have been comparatively uneventful for the Platoon. We have continued on the usual six-week cycle of Alma Camp, Horrocks Camp and the Western Sector. The only break being when "C" Company went to Akaba to take over from "A" Company. That left only two operational companies and entailed a prolonged stay at Horrocks Camp.

This stay at Horrocks Camp produced several noteworthy events. Firstly there was the arrival of Sgt. Reynolds from the U.K. who we welcome to the Platoon. Secondly there was a search carried out by the Platoon in Larnaca, during which Pte. Hudson (76) showed considerable initiative in finding a basket containing seven large "pipe" bombs buried in a ruined building. This raised the morale of the Platoon considerably. When a week later, we were sent to search the environs of St. Lazarus Church we gained another success. Pte. Hamilton, who was attached to the Platoon at the time, found two large "pipe" bombs and a considerable number of EOKA leaflets.

When we moved to the Western Sector, the Platoon was split up between Athienou and Kopinhou police stations. At Kopinhou the newcomers to the Platoon were introduced to the machine-gun on a short but intensive cadre.

When we moved to Alma Camp we had an unexpectedly peaceful time and some of the Platoon had three days' leave in Kyrenia. Much refreshed, we then moved to Larnaca again to find ourselves guarding the Shell petrol depot. It was there that L/Cpl. Bracey proved that, in spite of the miserable catches made by local fishermen, there are some big fish in the sea. He caught a 16-lb. skate and another. (Editor: Well done, Bracey.)

When we left Larnaca some of the Platoon were again at Athienou and much appreciated the consideration of the local population in building an open-air cinema so close to the police station. The remainder of the Platoon were at Pyla Detention Camp, where there was considerable excitement. With lights failing, detainees escaping and rioting a lively time was had by all.

On the training side, apart from the cadre at Kopinhou, we had little time for training except two days on Goshi Field Firing Range. These were very valuable and we owe our thanks, for the second day's shooting, to the Ammunition Inspection Wing in Nicosia who provided us with 18,000 rounds above our entitlement.

We have had to say good-bye to Ptes. Carolan to "H.Q." Company and Hudson (76), Garvey, Dobson and Denton, now fully recovered from his accident, to civilian life. But Ptes. Hutchins and Keefe are still with us owing to the activities of "Colonel" Nasser.

We also said temporary farewells to Cpl. Greenland and Ptes. Haines, Harris, Hartley, Wakeley, Harte and Bates who went to Akaba with "C" Company.

On the credit side we welcome Ptes. Manley, Jolley, Kite, Vitler, Webb and Hudson, and congratulate Pte. Higgins on his excellent cadre result and appointment to lance-corporal.

Anti-Tank Platoon

The Platoon has now been reformed. On paper the strength of the Platoon is adequate, but in fact we have little more than one gun crew permanently with us. Cpl. Strickland and five men are in Akaba, Ptes. Mercer and Thomas withdrew to the cookhouse in spite of fierce opposition, and may be seen at intervals on their beds. We hope they will soon become proficient cooks, for their sakes and ours. Pte. Lawrence was seized by the Company Commander as his batman. Pte. Glover has gone on a dog handlers' course. Pte. Bicknell will be leaving us shortly. We wish Pte. Ling the best of luck as a storeman in Company H.Q. It has been a two-way traffic. In July we welcomed 2/Lt. Burge, as new Platoon Commander. Soon afterwards we greeted Ptes. Pritchard, Fitts, Thomas and Mercer. We congratulate Ptes. Barlow and Titmus on their promotion to Lance-Corporal and L/Cpl. Strickland on his promotion to Corporal. We have regretfully parted with Cpls. Turner and Wadmore, and Ptes. Wiggzell, Hayford, Steggall and Private.

In common with the rest of the Company, we have found the difficulty of combining specialist training with internal security duties aggravated by the need to train on the S.L. rifle. Training has slowly and steadily been carried on, but with many a proud cadre uncompleted. There are now several incentives for Platoon training. Firstly, we hope to fire the 17-pounder on the new anti-tank gun range at Cape Pyla. Secondly, we may enter two gun crews in a competition in November, and because of these events, training has been given a high priority in the Company. We have also just collected two new 17-pounders, each to be towed by a Quod, in addition to our previous gun, and the two antique and perverse Stuart gun towers, the nightmare of Ptes. Bicknell and Finn. Cfmn. Harrison, who has been driven to despair by rust which appears on his gun five minutes after cleaning, has not yet been informed of the new arrivals.

We hope Cpl. Strickland and his merry men in Akaba have been training and have been spared a little time by "C" Company for this purpose. Over here we are making strides in gun drill, although the Platoon is tiring of "When we were in Austria" reminiscences by veterans Young and Sherlock.

Our tours of duty have been fairly uneventful, our greatest contribution to the Company's prowess has been our intrepid defence of the various stations we visit with the 17-pounder. When we casually dumped the gun inside our compound at the Shell depot, Larnaca, we excited comment in the island's press. A report the next morning disclosed the fact that the "Royal Artillery" had entrenched a 25-pounder field gun at the Shell depot manned for artillerymen. They were obviously deceived by the professional touch of our ex-gunner, Sgt. Higgins.

Assault Pioneer Platoon

Throughout the past months, the Platoon has been used as a rifle platoon for internal security duties. Only a small amount of assault pioneer training has been possible. At present, strenuous efforts are being made

to train a section for a competition in November.

There have been many incidents, to break the monotony of the guard duties. Mine detectors have been in constant use though without very marked success. Our last visit to the police stations of the Western Sector has been our most eventful fortnight for some time. At Kalavassos police station a patrol under the command of Sgt. Lloyd, acting upon information, found a bomb cleverly concealed in a car and later arrested a man distributing leaflets. At Lefkara police station, Pte. Reeve probably never moved so fast as he did when rousing the rest of the Assault Pioneers after a bomb exploded just outside the perimeter wire at 0130 hrs. Unfortunately no "thrower" was sighted, although we did detain three men who passed the police station in a lorry shortly after the incident.

The Platoon saw several changes in July. Cpl. Charles, L/Cpls. Hossack and Hyam, and Ptes. Crisp and Love all left for England with our best wishes. No sooner had we said "good-bye" to L/Cpl. Hyam, however, than we were welcoming him back as a reservist. 2/Lt. Spragg and Sgt. Lloyd descended upon the Platoon almost simultaneously in July before the departure of 2/Lt. Syers.

Newcomers to the Platoon include Ptes. Barrett, Hilton and Biss. The last, shortly, however joined "H.Q." Company to become batman to the M.O. Pte. Smith has at last escaped from the Company stores and is now a working member of the Platoon. Both Ptes. Salmon and Hazeldene have an arm in plaster, and wherever one goes they are to be seen cheerfully doing their gate duties. The reason for their cheerfulness may be their inability to do guards. Ptes. Crowley and Hamilton have been posted to the M.T. and can be seen testing their scout cars periodically.

The cheerful way in which Cpl. Harris, as our only full corporal since the departure of Cpl. Charles, has borne a large share of duties and has been an example to all. The Platoon, in general, has borne its many and arduous duties with an air of cheerfulness, and it is hoped that for everyone's sake terrorism will end soon.

"H.Q." COMPANY

The main "private armies" in "H.Q." Company are always well represented in the DIE-HARD notes. We feel it is about time some of the many other characters tucked away in the Company were mentioned.

A popular misconception in other parts of the Battalion is that there are many people in "H.Q." Company with nothing to do. There are a large number of people on our books who usually are only seen on pay parade and then disappear to mysterious lairs, but careful investigation of their activities reveals that apparently all are indispensable, and performing some vital duty. The search for "spare bodies" continues daily as duties increase.

C.S.M. Burgess is sorely tried by last minute details for guards. Others who should be mentioned for sterling work in their own departments include Cpl. Burnage, who maintains the high standard of cleanliness in the cookhouse and dining halls. He frequently appears in the Company Office to plead for D.R.O.s to replace those despatched hurriedly on various duties.

Cpl. Allen is once more keeping our canteen bright and cheerful after six weeks' leave in the U.K. The latrines, showers and ablutions are always full of refugees at 2300 hrs. when Cpls. Dainty and Merrick search for a last-minute guard or fire picquet.

Our Pay Clerk, L/Cpl. Lee (R.A.P.C.), has found the perfect answer for credit and pay queries. "See me Wednesday." On Wednesday: "Too late, indents gone in."

If the mail should bring up a map or a Cypriot employee's card it is because the Post N.C.O., Cpl. Martin, is also the camp I.C. I Section and N.C.O. IC Civil Labour.

Our storeman Ptes. Harmsworth and France (Arms) and Fitzwilliams and Fuller 40 (Accn.) have the difficult task of dealing with arms and stores, not only of our own Company but also from our transitees of many regiments.

Under the steady eyes of our bus orderlies, Ptes. Lucas, Job, Harper, Grimes, Bass and James, our families' children are escorted to school and back. On their return to camp the orderlies usually find that their benevolent guardian (the C.S.M.) has provided them with a beach guard, road block, camp fatigue or escort to help while away their spare minutes.

With the able assistance of our R.A.P. staff, Sgt. Giles, Cpl. Tassie, Ptes. Pover, Pearcey and Collins (R.A.M.C.), our Medical Officer, Capt. Burton (R.A.M.C.), has been steadily coping with the sick, lame and lazy.

We say farewell to Capt. H. J. A. Moore, who, having served in the Company as O.C., and then drew his cloak and dagger when becoming District Intelligence Officer, has now gone to "B" Company as 2IC.

Our present O.C., Capt. P. G. V. Bellers, has had his range of activities increased and his office enlarged to include the Officers' Mess Office, Barrack damage accounts and ABC files.

Signal Platoon

Most sitreps handled by the Platoon seem to bear the initials NTR. This possibly accounts for one feeling that he had nothing to report. There has been little change in the role of the Platoon. Only faces change, and they with alarming regularity.

A large part of the Platoon is employed on communications while the remainder maintains our 17 miles of line, or provides operators on patrols and operations. Daimler scout cars, with sets working to the Operations Room are used for patrols, which are enabling operators to gain much needed experience.

On the air Cpl. Bovis's unmistakable voice is heard, with varying degrees of readability, chanting messages from the Wireless Room, while L/Cpl. Cantele spends much time in the Operations Room restraining the I.O.'s forceful transmissions. Hayward and Boutal have the responsible job of running the Signal Centre, and are frequently consulted by hopeful reservists. Taylor, Porter and Aldridge in the exchange, although frequently heard, are seldom seen and would be the last to welcome television telephones. An unkind observer states that Wilsheer has been heard trans-

mitting to outer space with his usual success.

Many stalwarts have left the Platoon recently on release, the foremost of whom, Sgt. Clarke, will be greatly missed. His skill and enthusiasm have influenced most of the Platoon's recent activities, an outstanding achievement in only two years' service.

Training of new signallers continues with very short intervals between cadres—the task of maintaining a fully trained platoon is comparable with that of keeping the Forth Bridge freshly painted—and numerically we are now up to strength. Cpl. Argent has recently returned from Hythe with a good grading, and L/Cpls. Deas and Packer have just finished and N.C.O.s' cadre with good results.

Post Script

The Signals Officer and Pte. Fierheller returning at top speed in a ½-ton vehicle from an operation, insisted on passing the Company Commander who was proceeding at a more dignified pace in Pte. Allen's Land-Rover. A few minutes later the Signals vehicle disappeared in a cloud of smoke and dust as a culvert was blown up under them. Fortunately there was no damage and a spirited follow up was organised, initially by the Company Commander, Signals Officer, Pte. Tate (the Battalion butcher), and Pte. Fitzwilliams (the Company storeman) and later augmented by tracker dogs, police of every rank, Major Nolda and the C.O. The result was N.T.R., but the dogs gave some clues to the police.

It is not known whether the Signals will be so keen on taking the lead in future.

M.T. Platoon

This has been a period of transition for the M.T. Platoon, with constant exodus of drivers being replaced by those "passed out" on one of numerous cadres that have been running continuously.

To our departures we wish every success in the T.A. and in civilian life. To those like Sgt. Milner, who were nearly demobbed, we extend our wishes for continued success in their military careers.

The Platoon now faces the serious loss of what has become known as the Sussex draft! There will be fewer discussions on the advantages of rural life. Their departure will leave real gaps for they have made their mark, and experienced drivers will be few.

There is, however, an air of expectancy for the future. The old vehicles are to be replaced by new. These should greatly improve our efficiency and provide a welcome breather to our R.E.M.E. section. No longer should they have to disturb the Orderly Officer in the small hours for permission to road test, Sgt. and Mrs. Ward continue their sterling work maintaining morale, and many of the Platoon remember pleasant evenings and week-ends with them.

Incidentally we think we have seen almost all of the ways in which military vehicles can be used. A 1-tonner is being used as a seesaw, perched on a Shell depot barrel. How an undamaged barrel was obtained for the fulcrum, we cannot imagine.

Corps of Drums

We had a brief rest from operations when we took a week's leave at Golden Sands. No sooner were we back in Alma Camp than "B" Company called for us and we found ourselves assisting them in imposing a curfew on the small port of Zyi. We were there for half a day and were then whisked away into the mountains to search the village of Kalavassos and the adjoining mines of Vasiliko. Neither search proved a great success, although Copping did find a wooden rifle!

In the following weeks we spent days on Karaolis and Goshi Ranges classifying and field firing.

The not so educated amongst us spent the next week preparing for the 3rd Class Army Certificate of Education. One could walk past the Education Centre at 1000 hrs. and hear W.O.2 Barnacle muttering to himself: "Oh, those Drummers!"

Our soccer enthusiasts Wells and Gannon have already started a fixture list with other platoons within the Company. So far we have won two matches, lost two and drawn one. Wells distinguished himself in the Battalion team by scoring 5 goals against 625 Ordnance Depot.

Barnwell has become a staunch cricketer in both Battalion and Company teams. He seems to have a passion for "staying put" regardless of what happens at the other end.

We must congratulate Cpl. Hart on his promotion to Corporal and also L/Cpl. Evans on his promotion.

Once again we have new faces in the Drums. We welcome Drmrs. Carter, Lowe and Meehan, the last having served in the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment's Corps of Drums for two years.

Very soon now we lose L/Cpl. Evans and "Smiler" Berwick to civilian life. We will miss them both, especially on the "F" stand.

We now have a section permanently at Kophinou which consists of an N.C.O. and six Drummers.

Q.M. Staff

In Cyprus, land of seasonal mud or sweat, only one thing appears to be constant—duties.

Between camp guards, I.S. Platoon duties, beach guards, escorts and whatever else authority cares to pass on to us, we seem somehow to have kept the Battalion "Q" side going.

Sgt. Langford's stalwarts under Cpl. Usher have been active in building such architectural masterpieces as the Pioneers' Shops and information centre. Other important tasks carried out include the erection of signposts, manufacture of case wood packing, alterations to dining halls and Messes and the sawing and planting of hundreds of mysterious pieces of wood destined for "Lord knows what."

The cobbler's shop keeps up the usual high turnover of boot repairs and the various stores are, as usual, working at full pressure.

In fact life for us is not all work, although it may seem so. The Q.M.'s Staff had an enjoyable outing to Kyrenia in August. On arrival in Kyrenia the party broke up into groups to view the beauty spots, bars, local talent, bars, places of historical interest, bars, the harbour and bars.

The beauty spots were drab, the talent unapproachable, the castle uninteresting; however, the bars saved the day. Indeed they made the day. It would be discreet to draw a veil over the return journey.

Our day to day relaxations include swimming and sailing. A few of us sail, and special mention must be made of Pte. Turney who virtually rebuilt the Battalion Snipe (after a mishap when it landed on the rocks by the Officers' Club. Perhaps it would be kinder not to mention the helmsman and the crew at the time!).

We are sorry to say good-bye to R.Q.M.S. Griffiths who left us for the R.M.A., Sandhurst. He was pursued as far as the camp gates by the Q.M., brandishing his new cine-camera.

We welcome R.Q.M.S. "Tiger" Thom who has since taken the reins. We admire his "facial fungus" and await the result of his contest with C.Q.M.S. Moyse which, we gather, is to be decided at Christmas.

Departures on release have included Cpls. Stevens and Craig, and Ptes. Gallop, Hughes and Harman.

SERGEANTS' MESS

*"Guards and duties, cordons, woes,
Change of Companies—so it goes."*

Life follows much the same pattern as before. Companies continue to rotate, personalities come and go. "A" Company were relieved of "O" Force duty by "C" Company in July and our Mess representatives in Akaba are now C.S.M. Dodkins, C/Sgt. Wright, Sgts. Nicholson, Martin and Taylor. Back to the Battalion arrived C.S.M. Bartle, C/Sgt. Morgan, Sgts. Callaghan, LeMaitre and Blackwell. At time of going to press, "B" Company are standing by to relieve "C" Company.

Movements of certain individuals forecast in our previous notes have materialised. R.Q.M.S. Griffiths went home in June. All will agree that he has served the Battalion well for a very long time and we wish him the very best in his new appointment at R.M.A., Sandhurst.

Sgt. Hazlewood said farewell to arms in August. Few of us really thought that he would so lightly cast aside his military career and there were cries of "I told you so," when, just one month later he returned to the fold as a result of the activities of Colonel Nasser. At subsequent band practices Sgt. Hazlewood has demonstrated an inclination to blast his way through the Suez Canal.

C.S.M. McMillan left us in August on promotion to R.S.M. of 8th Middlesex. A sad loss to the Battalion but a gain to the Regiment.

The Suez crisis resulted in a great influx of troops into Cyprus and Alma Camp was prepared to accommodate its share by the creation of an extension on the northern perimeter. In mid-August R.H.Q. and 152 Battery of 43 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A., arrived.

Although it was necessary to stagger meal times and employ subtle tactics to secure a newspaper, we were pleased to welcome the Gunners. A social evening was arranged in their honour on Saturday, August 25—shades of other days—and it was a most successful evening.

Needless to say, R.S.M. Wild's old boot was on

parade, as many a gunner regretted the following morning. The Gunners have now established themselves in Inkerman Camp on the outskirts of Larnaca, and we look forward to the development of inter-Mess relations.

Recently R.S.M. Wild has been very active with the domestic affairs of the Mess and with marked success. A magnificent bar has been built and on completion of the alterations and decorations there is no doubt that we will have the finest hatted Mess on the island. We are grateful to Sgt. Langford and his pioneers for their efforts.

Another plaque has been added to the Mess's imposing collection—following the visit of H.M.S. *Jamaica* in September. At the time of going to press, H.M.S. *Undine* and *Idris* are anchored in Dhekelia Bay and we are busily preparing the usual "Midies" welcome.

There is a strict control of night movement and this has almost eliminated the usual Mess function, though they continue.

We welcome Sgt. Fry, who has joined us and is at present shouldering the worries and burdens of Mess Caterer. We must record our appreciation of the efforts of his predecessor, Sgt. Green, who did a first-class job. Congratulations to Sgt. Windsor on his promotion, and farewell to Sgt. Clarke, who has left us for National Service release. Sgt. Clarke was a fine example to all National Service men and a sad loss to the Battalion.

We anticipate with pleasure several old hands rejoining us soon. We have just learned that Sgt. Taylor leaves shortly for a tour at the Depot. He is, at present, being tormented with tales of Pibright, Hythe, and Canterbury—not to mention Mill Hill.

As the year draws on we look forward to Christmas. We hope to contribute a record in the next issue of a good and happy time enjoyed by all.

BAND NOTES

Since our last notes we have seen several changes of face in the band, due chiefly to C/Sgt. Grogan's recruiting campaign and to our annual quota of pupils to Kneller Hall.

Last week we said good-bye to Bdsm. Andrews, Gutteridge, Poole and Taylor, who will commence their years' study on October 15. We are eagerly awaiting the return of L/Cpl. Aburrow and Bdsm. Castle to augment the band strength once more.

C/Sgt. Grogan's good work in the U.K. has become evident with the arrival of six new boys and three bandsmen who, we hope, will be our stalwarts of the future.

Unfortunately we now have to say good-bye to C/Sgt. Grogan as he has been "snaffled" by the newly formed Home Counties Brigade Band. However, we wish him the best of luck and "good blowing" in his new status.

Sgt. Hazlewood has been trying out some Jack-in-the-Box (now he's here, now he isn't) tricks on us, much to his distress. After 28 years' service he finally decided to leave us for the luxuries of civilian life, only to be sent straight back from U.K. due to the new emergency regulations. However, all's well that ends well, and he is now awaiting the word for his return to England.

In mid-September the Band had the unusual experience of sleeping with five blankets (and greatcoat) and still feeling cold. We visited the Troodos Families Leave Camp, where we were very warmly welcomed and entertained the inhabitants with four military band concerts and three dances during our five-day visit. In addition to our heavy programme, we also managed to fit in some sport. We were given a thorough thrashing at cricket by the Staff and Guests (119 runs), but managed to hold a combined R.A.F. and French Air Force team to a 4-4 draw at football.

During our stay at Troodos we were asked to play at the Gordon Highlanders' camp at Platres. One can imagine our amazement when we drove, not into a tented camp, but into a normal village which the Gordons had taken over completely. However, we managed to entice a good number from their hotel billets and they appeared to enjoy the programme. The Band was rather puzzled at the Scotsmen's interest in Cpl. Carson until one Scot was heard to ask where he'd got his "Braw seta' peepes wi'oot tha bags."

A very welcome relief from duty was found in July when the Band were given four weeks' leave. Most of us went either to the Coeur de Lion Hotel, Kyrenia, or the Golden Sands Leave Camp at Famagusta, where everybody seemed to take delight in a complete month of idleness. The "barons" of the Band, Messrs. Davies, Lester, Adkin and Routledge, flew home for leave. However, most of us feel that we can wait just a little longer for our next dose of London fogs.

A VISIT TO ANKARA AND ISTANBUL

Having been held up at Nicosia Airport for over three hours by the R.A.F. customs, we finally took off and just over an hour later landed at Adana. Here in a city of some 180,000 inhabitants and the fourth of Turkey's 17 cities, we went through the usual formalities. We then took off again, soon passing over the impressive Taurus range in fading light, arriving in Ankara about six that evening. Having found an hotel we settled in for our first and virtually last early night of our short stay in the country.

Ankara, some 30 years ago, was nothing but a small dusty town, off the beaten track in the middle of the Anatolian plateau. On October 13, 1923, it was chosen as the new capital of the Turkish Republic. It is now a modern city with its university, boulevards, hotels, restaurants, night clubs, cinemas and other symbols of modern civilisation. Most of the embassies and legations are on the Ataturk Boulevard, and these, together with numerous fine and modern buildings, give Ankara an enviable air of distinction. But perhaps the most impressive sight is the mausoleum to Mustafa Kemal Ataturk which is built on the highest hill of the city, a vast stone monument to the revered founder of the Turkish Republic. After a week there we left and went by road to Istanbul, passing on the way large forests and lakes and many interesting old towns and villages. But we did not stop. The journey took all day.

Istanbul, that was Constantinople and before that Byzantium, is a complete contrast to the new capital.

This old city, the largest in Turkey (with nearly a million and a half inhabitants) is quite unique, being astride two continents—Asia on the east side, Europe on the west. Situated at the entrance to the Bosphorus, the famous waterway linking the Black Sea with the Sea of Marmara, it is the most important social, intellectual, commercial and industrial centre of Turkey. In fact it is still regarded by many Turks of older generations as the capital. Also it can justly be called a city where East really does meet West. It has during the last 1,600 years been capital in turn of Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman empires. Istanbul is full of history in the shape of palaces, mosques, churches and other ancient buildings, not to mention the museums, which are numerous and quite fascinating. I know that we didn't do justice to those! But of the many historical places of interest that we visited perhaps the most interesting were, firstly, the Mosque of St. Sophia, now a museum and the Blue Mosque, the adjective "blue" coming from the priceless coloured tilework which adorns the interior. The Bazaars, a vast area which is completely roofed over, and has 92 streets, symmetrically laid out; one of the easiest places I have yet met to get lost. Shops by the glittering dozen sell ornaments and trinkets of every conceivable form and variety. Carpets,

gold, silver, copper and brass work are predominant in a place where one can buy virtually anything. And the Dolmabache Palace, right on the Bosphorus, with its nineteenth-century immensities and other splendours was well worth visiting.

But I think that we missed twice as much as we saw. As regards the more modern aspects of the city, there are up-to-date luxury hotels, numerous excellent restaurants, cinemas and night clubs whose cabarets are really first class, but unfortunately no theatre, opera or ballet.

During our stay we suffered considerably at the hands of ruthless taxi drivers who have no meters, but merely ask what they fancy. Some arguments that we had were rather amusing to look back on—especially as between us, we spoke but a dozen words of Turkish. But all good things have to come to an end; so after eight days there we left Istanbul and returned by night sleeper to Ankara. The following day, after a mad rush we caught the plane back to Nicosia, so returning to Cyprus, but the short stay in these two interesting cities brought back a breath of normal civilised existence which was most refreshing.

V. G. BROWN.
D. A. PRETTYMAN.

Depot Notes

EDITORIAL

At the end of last quarter we at the Depot were looking forward to a peaceful summer with plenty of cricket, tennis on the newly-laid courts and pleasant periods of leave in the sunshine. These dreams were soon dispelled; the weather during the past few months has been wet and blustery indeed, literally dampening many of our planned activities. In addition, those of us who attempt to do any office work in the vicinity of Training Company, such as compiling Journal notes, find concentration difficult indeed, as we have had to suffer a continual roar of electric drills, concrete mixers, bulldozers, and the clangour of workmen breaking large blocks of concrete with sledge-hammers. The results of this cacophony are distracted expressions on the faces of the Training Company office staff, numerous concrete paths about the camp, and nearly every barrack room now possesses a large, fearsome-looking stove, the efficiency of which has yet to be tested. Thus and thus our peaceful summer; as for leaves in the sunshine, only one member of the Depot staff was fortunate enough to return from leave boasting a tan.

However, we have had an interesting and successful quarter. Our Annual Administrative Inspection was on July 18—a scant eight months after the last one. The Unit was inspected by a strong team from London District headed by the Chief of Staff, Brigadier W. L. Steel. The weather enabled us to parade on the Square, and we received a satisfactory report.

The inspection was followed the next evening by a large cocktail party in the Officers' Mess, the purpose

of which was to launch the Regimental History. The Colonel of the Regiment acted as host to numerous senior officers, including General Sir Brian Horrocks, General Coleman (the G.O.C. Eastern Command) and General Kirkman, and to many representatives of the Press, B.B.C. and publishers. The author, Lt.-Commander P. F. Kemp, and Mrs. Kemp were also present, and received many congratulations from the reviewers there. Favourable reviews were noted in many national and local newspapers and magazines.

Amongst the many visitors to the Depot during the last few months (most of whom, unfortunately, were unable to stay with us for any length of time) was Col. G. R. Stevens, the Brigade Colonel, who carried out an informal inspection of the Depot on September 14. The 41st Intake had only been undergoing training for two weeks, and the Brigade Colonel watched their progress with great interest.

A large party from the Depot attended the *première* of the film "A Hill in Korea" at the Marble Arch Odeon on September 24. The C.I.G.S. and Lady Templer were the principal guests and we supplied a lining party for the pavement awning and theatre foyer, consisting of 20 N.C.O.s and other ranks of the permanent staff, among whom were included all members of the staff who had actually served in Korea. Sgt. Palmer's daughter Catherine presented a bouquet to Lady Templer. The Commanding Officer received a personal letter from the C.I.G.S., saying how much he had enjoyed the evening and how disappointed he was at not having been able to speak to the members of the



(Photo by courtesy of British Lion Films)
Lady Templer being presented with a bouquet by Catherine Palmer, daughter of Sgt. Palmer, at the première of the film "A Hill in Korea"

lining party. Sgt. and Mrs. Palmer also received a personal letter from Lady Templer.

On the social side, El Bodon Day was celebrated in traditional style with a very successful All Ranks Dance in the Gymnasium on September 28. This date was also the passing-out parade of No. 40 Intake, most of whom attended the dance in the evening. The excellent band, provided by our neighbours the R.E. Postal Depot, brought us right up to date with plenty of "Rock 'n' Roll," and a very good time was had by all.

Once again there have been changes in high places at the Depot. Major Hewitt took over command from Major Jeffcoat on June 25, and a figure familiar to all who have passed through during the past four years left us on October 1; R.S.M. P. Donovan, who has given excellent service to the Depot during the tours of five Commanding Officers and four Adjutants. We wish R.S.M. and Mrs. Donovan every good fortune in their new appointment with the 7th Battalion and hope that they will visit us frequently. Meanwhile, we welcome R.S.M. Pike and his family to the Depot, and hope that their stay with us will be a happy and

successful one. We also hope that the new R.S.M. has now fully recovered from the initial shock of being told that he has to drill Girl Guides! The Girl Guides Association of the county had a large parade in London and had asked us to assist by supplying drill instructors for their rehearsals. The R.S.M. and Sgt. Warner obliged on several evenings and the final rehearsal was held by floodlight on the Depot Square.

One of the main "Aves" of this edition is to the Rev. D. P. Lang, who has taken up the appointment of Garrison Padre. It is many years since we have had a Padre in uniform and we wish him a very enjoyable stay with us. We also welcome a new M.O. Lt. J. Miller, who we hope will not be too overworked in the M.I. Room, and bid farewell to Capt. Dilwyn Williams, who the Depot hockey team will surely miss. We wish him good fortune in his future career.

We again assisted this year at the County Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association Rifle Meeting by supplying the butt party at Henley Park Ranges on October 7. It was a most successful meeting and was enjoyed by all who attended. We congratulate the 8th Battalion on winning the inter-unit competition.

A new Regimental Recruiting Brochure has been published recently, which has been circulated on a large scale to all Recruiting Offices and Youth Organisations in the county. It is fully up to date in regard to rates



(Photo by courtesy of British Lion Films)
Members of the Lining Party in the foyer of the theatre at the première of the film "A Hill in Korea"

of pay and recent Battalion history and we hope that it will have the desired effect of increasing our already steady flow of Regular recruits. In order to further assist this latter aim, the Depot strength has been increased by the addition of one, "Private George," who is a very realistic dummy. The result of one of R.S.M. Donovan's ideas, and christened by our Recruiting Officer, he forms the centre-piece of our recruiting display and has already seen service in the windows of most of the Recruiting Offices in London district, lying in a very determined attitude behind an L.M.G. It is not known as yet just how many regular recruits are directly attributable to "George's" influence, but he has certainly caused a great deal of interest; one local paper went so far as to publish a diatribe by an irate reader referring to the "fresh-faced young National Serviceman" in the Recruiting Office window!

We are looking forward to the Regimental Reunion, which unfortunately is just outside the scope of these notes, but will doubtless be included in our next issue. We hope to see many old friends there.

TRAINING COMPANY

Although the bad weather this summer has been beyond description, we were fortunate to have no rain for any of the passing-out parades or the Administrative Inspection, and there were no serious delays in the week of the S.S.A.F.A. Tattoo which was held at the White City from July 2 to 7. Sgt. Warner, with No. 39 Intake of recruits, provided both ushers for the Tattoo and troops to represent the Russian enemy in the mock

battle of Alma. On the last night, there was some doubt as to whether the Scots Guards would in fact be allowed to overcome the Russian enemy, and bruises, cuts and black eyes were certainly evenly distributed to both sides. A letter of thanks was received from Air Chief Marshal Sir Philip Joubert on behalf of the S.S.A.F.A. Committee, praising very highly the work of the detachment.

The salute on the passing-out parade for No. 38 Intake of Recruits on July 6 was taken by Brigadier B. B. Rackham. The Band of the East Surrey Regiment were also on the parade.

Medals were presented to:

Best All-Round Recruit: Pte. A. Mears.

Best Rifle Shot: Pte. M. Tatton.

Best L.M.G. Shot: Pte. M. Tatton.

Highest Physical Efficiency: Pte. G. Langley.

Many members of the 1st Battalion will be delighted to hear that we no longer use the Uxbridge rubbish dump for the recruits 36-hours' exercise, so Hook's Puddle remains undisturbed. The present exercise takes place in the Pirbright area, where no doubt folds and features will soon gain instructors names and "handles."

The passing-out parade for No. 39 Intake of Recruits on August 17 proved to be another fine, yet cold day, and the salute was taken by Lt.-Col. W. D. Ellis, who congratulated the troops on their turnout and drill. The Pipes and Drums of the Irish Guards, who attended the parade, were most helpful in making the day a success.



(Photo by J. J. Chivers)

"Russians" of the Battle of Alma (39th Intake of Recruits)

Awards were given to:

Best All-Round Recruit: Pte. K. Longman.

Best Rifle Shot: Pte. B. Hubbard.

Best L.M.G. Shot: Pte. J. Smith.

Highest Physical Efficiency: Pte. J. Bonhomme.

Arrivals from the 1st Battalion include Sgt. Taylor, Cpls. Hersant, Biggs, Whitt and Turner and a number of men who thought they had completed their regular engagements. Thanks to Col. Nasser, however, many of these aspiring civilians had to return to Cyprus in September, and Sgt. Hazelwood, Cpl. Baker, L/Cpls. Cattle, Hyam, Lovett and Ward were amongst them. Compassionate retention has been the reason for Sgt. Dickie, L/Cpls. Howard and Anderson, and Pte. Adams returning to the Depot. Sgt. Dickie has been posted to the reformed 8th Battalion and the other three have now been absorbed into the Permanent Staff. We welcome Cpl. Fisher and Pte. Manser on rejoining the Regiment and they will be moving to Cyprus in due course. Another arrival was Donald Lagden to an extremely agitated father and we congratulate Sgt. and Mrs. Lagden on their increase to the Depot Strength. Our congratulations are also extended to Cpl. and Mrs. Plumb on the arrival of another son, albeit 10 days absent.

We have said good-bye to Sgt. Shinn and L/Cpl. Dempsey who left for the 1st Battalion in July, and to Cpl. Finnissy who joined them with the September draft. L/Cpls. Makins and Sharp are once more civilians, and we wish them every success in their careers and studies.

With the increasing interest in Civil Defence, we find that various officers, W.O.s and N.C.O.s are becoming more concerned in light-rescue and first-aid. Lt. Pollard, C.S.M. Firman, Sgt. Simmons, Cpls. Hall and Young have attended Civil Defence courses recently, and we understand that we are to be subjected to nuclear warfare treatment in the near future.

On September 28 we had the third passing-out parade in this quarter and Brigadier G. Lerwill, whom we congratulate on his recent promotion and appointment, inspected No. 40 Intake of Recruits. The medal for the Best Recruit was deservedly awarded to an R.A.E.C. recruit, Pte. Lester, who, it must be admitted, outshone his Middlesex contemporaries. Other medals were given to:

Best Rifle Shot: Pte. M. Higlett.

Best L.M.G. Shot: Pte. G. Cumino.

Highest Physical Efficiency: Pte. J. Barley.

OFFICERS' MESS

The first attempt at these notes having been rejected in no uncertain manner, one sits down and feels most envious of that man who writes the column "Courts Day by Day" in the *London Evening News*. He has such a flair for making so very much more than readable, the ordinary affairs of everyday life. . . . But to progress.

After Cricket Week, the Officers' Club Dinner and the Tennis Tournament, there is usually a lull in social activities. We were engaged in preparation for the Annual Administrative Inspection which took place on

July 18; Brigadier Steele and his staff from London District had lunch with us.

On the following day a cocktail party was held in the Mess to launch the publication of the "Regimental History."

The monthly guest night in August was a family affair, with no official Regimental guests but quite a number of private ones.

Whilst John Pollard basked in the sun in Southern Europe, the rest of us had to endure an unusually bad English summer.

We envied John. He set off in a Jaguar and spent the first week in Switzerland. There he handed over the "Jag" and went by train to Rome, where he was joined by his fiancée—Miss Christine Nicholls—and after 10 days went on to Venice. The Film Festival was on at the time, so there was no lack of glamour. Here the Jaguar mysteriously reappeared and the journey home was made via Milan and Zurich.

Meanwhile the Mess had filled up. The Suez Canal emergency brought some 10 Home Postal Reserve Officers back, and they await instructions. (There have been no protest meetings!)

On September 27 our guests at dinner were the Mayor of Hendon (Councillor L. C. Chainey) and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Williams). The Colonel of the Regiment also dined here and there were several other private guests.

The "Elgee Dinner" was held in the Mess on October 11 and four members of the Mess received invitations.

Throughout the last few months a very large number of officers whom we were pleased to see visited us. They included Col. Lerwill from Nigeria, Col. Gwynn from America—both now Brigadiers—and Brigadiers Green and Weston.

SERGEANTS' MESS

So the year progresses, "time and tide wait for no man." Nor will the Editor.

The last contribution wrote itself, but this one will be a little difficult as, socially, not a lot has taken place.

We did, however, have a Mess dance, something in the way of a celebration after the Administrative Inspection. The members did a good job in the way of decoration and the Gym took on something of the look of a gala. The officers and their ladies attended, and we think enjoyed it. We did not have many of our friends from nearby units unfortunately. Someone managed to give an extra prize for one of the dances, by "swiping" a previous one and presenting it again. The next Mess dance, it is thought, will be a "Rockin' and Rollin' session," although, of course, we have been doing this for years.

The Commanding Officer and Mrs. Hewitt accepted an invitation by the Mess to a "Welcome Party" and met all members. We were pleased to receive them and enjoyed their company during a very pleasant evening. We must have some members that they haven't met as yet, so what about an encore?

On October 7, we had a farewell-cum-welcome party. This way to bid farewell to R.S.M. Donovan and to

welcome R.S.M. Pike. The Commanding Officer, Major Jeffcoat and Capt. Evans together with wives were invited, and there was a good attendance. Some speeches were made, and the evening was a great success.

We all hope, after his very long tour at the Depot, that R.S.M. Donovan will fare well in his new appointment with the 7th Battalion. He will, we are sure, be missed by everyone. At the same time, we welcome R.S.M. Pike to the fold, and sincerely hope that he will enjoy his stay with us.

We have had the pleasure of fleeting visits from W.O.s and Sergeants of the Regiment, from the 1st Battalion and remote places. May we congratulate R.S.M. McMillan on his promotion and welcome him as a "semi-detached" member. C.S.M. Budden again spent a little time with us and is still to be seen going to "business" daily. Come and give us some more of your parlour games, "Reg." Others to pass through have been Sgt. Sharpe to Mons O.C.S., Sgt. Dickie to the 8th Battalion, Sgt. Fry to the 1st Battalion, Sgt. Hazelwood to the 1st Battalion. Sgts. Davies and Weller have now changed places, the latter to eventually join the 1st Battalion.

To all Mess members in all corners of the world we extend an open invitation to visit us at the Depot, and wish them well wherever they may be.

CORPORALS' CLUB

Once again we have had to say farewell to a rather abnormally high number of members. To civilian life we lost L/Cpls. Kent, Makins and Sharp and they are at present working (at least, that is their story) very hard. Perhaps they are missing their sheltered Army life! Farewells were said to our Orderly Room stalwart Cpl. Andrews who, together with L/Cpl. Clayton, is at present studying for the ministry, and we wish them both every success in their future profession. To the Battalion we lost Cpl. Leat and L/Cpl. Dempsey, together with a substantial number of reservists who were sent home for release by the Battalion, but due to the "Colonel" have had to return. Cpl. Morris was unfortunately medically discharged, and if these notes do reach him we hope he is speedily recovering. Mention must be made of two of our Company who literally bounded out of the gate after spending two or more years here as training N.C.O.s, only to find a buff-coloured envelope awaiting them one morning recalling them to the colours: Cpl. Linzell, who is now proving that waterproof boots aren't, and Cpl. Finnissy, whom the Battalion have welcomed. Amongst those who have "come of age" as reservists are Cpls. Patterson and Whithread who, after the initial shock, have accepted their fate.

Arrivals from the Battalion have included Cpls. Biggs, Hersant and Whitt who have by now experienced the joys of Night Orderly Sergeant, and L/Cpls. Giles and Howard. Amongst us, but at present on paper, are Cpls. Mead and Turner, who have only recently arrived and were sent on leave—to prepare for what?

Last edition we welcomed to our midst Cpl. Moran and now we congratulate him on his promotion to Sergeant; congratulations also go to L/Cpls. Banham,

Barralet, Kerr and Longman. Although we do not in these notes single out many for extra mention, it is felt that the name of L/Cpl. Wadham must receive a place. He has, and is putting the Depot on the boxing map with his victories, both within the Army and outside; well done, "Bill."

On the social side, we must admit to a certain lack of activity due to being without our club, but now, thanks to the good offices of our P.M.C., we are able to have the Other Ranks Games Room while they use our old club as their Games Room. We did have a social which was a great and enjoyable success, largely due to "Jeep" Hanshaw.

Christmas is approaching (so are the duties!) and the Entertainments Committee already is busy. The proverbial bird whispers that a social will be held in November and a dance at Christmas, so with our co-members the R.E.s and their reservists we can look forward to an enjoyable time to come. (Editor: Written prior to November 1.)

SPORT

Cricket

In spite of the appalling weather which reduced our fixture list by half, the Depot had a most enjoyable, if not a particularly successful season.

It opened with a home fixture against H.P.D.R.E. They batted first and on a very green wicket made the respectable score of 104 for nine before declaring. Against some very accurate slow bowling the Depot team were far from happy, but with the score at 24 for three the heavens opened and the match had to be abandoned. The following Wednesday we entertained Chiswick Police, who produced a very useful side and beat us by four wickets with only minutes to spare. On the following Saturday we played a most enjoyable match against the 7th Battalion at Mill Hill, both sides producing some excellent festival cricket and the Depot gaining their first win of the season. Rain prevented us visiting Beaconsfield on May 30 to play the R.A.E.C.—always an entertaining fixture—but on June 6 S.I. Morris captained a somewhat depleted Depot XI against Eastern Command at Hounslow. Thanks to some fine bowling by the captain himself the team put up an extremely good show to lose by 20 runs. On June 13 we visited the Queens at Guildford with our strongest available team, feeling pretty confident. However, the Queens produced a strong XI and it took some good bowling by Cpl. Raffael, Pte. Cortis and Pte. Shelton to get them all out for just over the 100. Alas, our batting was not at its best, and after two very debatable l.b.w. decisions we found ourselves struggling to reach double figures. However, the tail wagged quite convincingly, and although we lost we were not disgraced.

Both Capt. Evans and Cpl. Raffael played during Cricket Week, the latter bowling very steadily. On June 27 we visited R.A.F. Northolt for what was certainly the most enjoyable fixture of the season, the Depot team playing extremely well and even the sun shining. Cpl. Raffael, L/Cpl. Sharp and Pte. Cortis bowled well and, save for a whirlwind 69 by their number three, a West Indian, the R.A.F. would have been out for a poor score. Our innings started steadily

enough with all the early batsmen making runs, but when only 26 short of our opponents' score a collapse resulted in our innings closing, with the team 19 runs short of victory; a disappointment but a most excellent match. On July 11 we played our return fixture with Chiswick Police at Imber Court. Again they produced a good team and we lost by five wickets. On the following Wednesday we were at home to Northolt, and again we fared badly, the Depot only scoring 48 runs which the R.A.F. knocked off for the loss of five wickets. L/Cpl. Wright took the five wickets that fell. Our match at Kingston against Depot East Surreys on July 25 was somewhat disheartening, for though we took a strong team they produced a Surrey 2nd XI opening bat and won by nine wickets. However, as always, it was a cheerful match, with excellent hospitality. Against C.I.D. Hendon the following Wednesday we were hard pressed to find a team, but eventually L/Cpl. Sharp led an XI (including an Army boxer) on to the field and battle was joined. The C.I.D. gained a victory by 126 runs. However, we finished an unexpectedly short season with a good match with Eastern Command, who scored 144 for seven, despite Pte. Cortis's accurate bowling which earned him five wickets. The Depot were 120 for six when stumps were drawn, 2/Lt. Cheeseman, on leave after passing out of the R.M.A., scoring 37 not out. Cpl. Raffael (35) and L/Cpl. Wright (34).

Despite the unimpressive match results, it was an enjoyable if short season. Finding eleven men, let alone cricketers, was in itself a problem at times but we fought on, only the weather preventing us fulfilling all our fixtures.

The following played for the Depot during the season: Major Marshall, Capt. Evans, Lt. Pollard, 2/Lts. Cheeseman and Munby, Sgt. Morris, Cpls. Tarry, Speakman, Raffael, L/Cpls. Sharp, Wright, Ptes. Sturman, Cortis, Shelton, Carpenter, Blair and Brooks. C.S.M. Budden has umpired frequently and efficiently since his return from Cyprus, though his occasional comments on the team's batting remain unprintable.

OLD COMRADES

Mill Hill Branch

On June 30 we held a social evening in the Crawford Hut to say farewell and thank you to Major A. R. Waller, M.C., before he relinquished command of the Depot. It was a most successful evening, with the majority of the officers and sergeants attending with their ladies, and a good turn out from the Old Comrades. The bar did a very brisk trade and "Lew's" piano playing soon had us all singing to make the rafters ring.

After such a successful meeting there was a disappointing lack of support for the coach outing to Brighton on July 22, only half of the 30 seats being taken. However, those who went had a most enjoyable day (save for the Secretary and his fair lady, who were either in the right place at the wrong time or vice versa!) and even the sun shone to make it a really memorable occasion. Major "Percy" Newman is to

be congratulated on sticking to his guns and running the coach despite the lack of support.

The July and August meetings are never well attended as it is holiday time, and this year was no exception—even "Busty" Hull was A.W.O.L. on August 25, but he sent us a postcard to say he had just climbed Snowdon with Tensing—on the railway!

Our September meeting was combined with the All Ranks dance held in the Gymnasium on Friday, September 28, to mark El Bodon Day. There was a good turn out from amongst our ranks, though some of the older members were seen to retire to the bar during "rock 'n' roll" sessions. "Towney" Hart was in good spirits and "Old Bill" Cox and Mr. Matthews seemed to be enjoying themselves.

We have lost three stalwarts from our ranks—W. H. King, Cpl. T. Bailey—one of our Chelsea Pensioners—and, within the last few days, Mr. H. A. Clelland, whose passing we all shall mourn most deeply. Major Newman, the Secretary, R.S.M. Donovan and some 30 Old Comrades attended Mr. Clelland's cremation at Golders Green.

Our numbers are still decreasing with the years and we badly need new blood. We meet usually on the last Saturday of each month in the Crawford Hut to spin a yarn or two, enjoy a drink, or indulge in a little gambling, and then of course there are the special occasions—the next will be our annual Christmas party in the Crawford Hut on December 15. Why not join us and meet some of your old friends?

THE CAMBRIDGE CLUB

In July Mrs. Hewitt took over the presidency of the Club from Mrs. Waller, and in September Mrs. Pike took over the secretaryship of the Club from Mrs. Donovan. We wish both Mrs. Waller and Mrs. Donovan luck in their new homes, and also welcome Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. Pike to the Club.

We had a Club outing on September 11 and all went to the Palladium to see "Rocking the Town." A very pleasant evening.

The weekly Club evening is now Wednesday, by common agreement. We have quite a few new members now and the numbers are growing.

On October 31 we are having a cooking demonstration from the Gas Board.

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A GROUP TAKEN OUTSIDE THE OFFICERS' MESS AT CAMP

Left to right: Capt. B. A. M. Pielow, 2/Lt. N. Blackburn (Royal N.Z. Infantry), Major E. F. Thompson, M.C., T.D., Lt. M. Norsworthy, Lt.-Gen. G. C. Bucknall, C.B., M.C., D.L. (Colonel of the Regiment), Rev. J. H. Fuller (Chaplain to the Battalion), Rev. O. R. Fulljames, V.R.D., M.A., R.N.V.R. (Hon. Chaplain to the Battalion), Major R. J. P. Cummins, Major (Q.M.) C. A. Trestain, M.B.E.

7th BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.)



The climax of the training year has passed and another annual camp lies behind us. This year we were stationed at Diggate North Camp which is quite a well laid out site and one which drains quickly. This was just as well in view of the rather damp weather in the second week. On the whole, however, we were lucky, and only on one day did the training programme have to be modified because of the rain.

The strength of the Battalion in camp was 26 officers and 181 O.Rs. After allowing for employed personnel, guards, picquets, first-aid and light rescue cadres we were lucky to get a parade strength of 40 to 50.

The School of Infantry (Sp. Weapons Wing) provided instructors for M.M.G. and 3-in. Mortar Platoons for a few days during camp and the Signal Wing took our Signal Platoon under their wing for the first week.

Rifle Companies carried out individual training in the rather restricted training areas and much time was devoted to shooting. The Battalion team came second in the main competition of the Brigade Rifle Meeting and teams were entered for the T.A.R.A. decentralised competitions. Considering that teams were built up during camp the results obtained were encouraging.

We had many distinguished visitors during camp and these included the Colonel of the Regiment (Lt.-General G. C. Bucknall, C.B., M.C., D.L.), the Honorary Colonel of the Battalion (Col. J. K. Maitland, M.B.E., M.C., T.D.), Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L. (Secretary of the Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association of the County of Middlesex), Rev. O. R. Fulljames, V.R.D., M.A., R.N.V.R. (Rector of Hornsey and Honorary Chaplain of the Battalion). The G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command also visited us for a very short time. Unfortunately the Commanding Officer (Lt.-Col. W. D. Ellis, O.B.E., T.D.) sustained an accident which entailed his admission to hospital with a cut very close to the eye. He was discharged from hospital after four days and rejoined us in camp.

The Band was very much in evidence during camp and played at dinners for both Messes and for the Officers' Mess Cocktail Party. They also gave two band concerts at tea-time.

After camp there was the usual lull in military training activities generally. However, a small party spent a week-end on Bisley Ranges and enjoyed the facilities offered in the London and Middlesex Rifle Association hut.

On September 29, Lt. Blackburn was included in the Divisional team for the Kola Cup. The Divisional team made a good score which may well be high enough for them to win the cup this year.

On October 7 the T. and A.F.A. of the County of Middlesex held their Annual Rifle Meeting. The Battalion unfortunately had no success this year and the team came 6th in the main competition.

Bandmaster Gillyatt has now had to retire on medical grounds, and on September 18 he was presented with a clock by the Commanding Officer on behalf of the officers as a token of appreciation for his excellent work with the Band.

Mr. Gillyatt by his own example and hard work was responsible for building up the Band when it was reformed after the War and the present high standard maintained by the Band is largely due to his efforts.

Mr. Gillyatt served in the R.A.M.C. in the First World War and in the 7th Battalion of The Middlesex Regiment during the last war until he was invalided out.

Sgt. Whitewood has been promoted and appointed Bandmaster and already some bookings have been made for public concerts next summer. On September 15 the Band and Drums of the Battalion, together with the Band and Drums of the 8th Battalion beat retreat at the Enfield Show before an appreciative audience.

Evening training has now started again and a joint period for officers, W.O.s and N.C.O.s was held on October 9 when Major P. W. E. Kidner, M.C., R.E., from the War Office gave a lecture on the Soviet Army, illustrated with films.

On the administrative side we have had our fill of inspections. All vehicles, signals equipment and arms have now been inspected and all reports are good.

Lt. S. le M. Enthoven has recently returned from the 1956 Oxford and Cambridge expedition to Northern Iraq.

The expedition consisted of six undergraduates, four from Cambridge, two from Oxford, who travelled in two Land-Rovers by land, via Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and across the desert to Baghdad. They came back more or less the same way, but through Bulgaria instead of Greece, having travelled some 13,000 miles in three months.

The expedition spent five weeks in the Mosul region, measuring and photographing 13th-century Atabeg remains and visited most places in Iraq, including Babylon, Nineveh and Hatra.

The expedition was supported with grants from Trinity College, the Royal Geographical Society, the *Geographical Magazine*, and in addition, had help from numerous firms, so that the individual expenses were not expected to be more than £80 each.

On the return journey the party visited Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Damascus, Baalbek, and met no trouble, although it was during the later stages of the first Suez Conference.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Annual Camp is of course the most important period of the year, in particular for the Sergeants' Mess, because it is the one occasion when we are able to get to know each other properly and to function as a Mess. For the younger members especially it is a new experience, and we hope that they enjoy their membership of, to coin R.S.M. Pike's phrase, "one of the most exclusive clubs in the world."

We are very sorry to report that R.S.M. Pike was unfortunately smitten with acute appendicitis just before we were due to go to camp, but R.S.M. Donovan, from the Depot, gallantly stepped in and guided us through the first week until R.S.M. Pike was fit enough to take over.

On the first Monday in camp we were honoured by an invitation to visit the Officers' Mess, where we were entertained in regal fashion. A most memorable evening.

A few evenings after this, the R.S.M., P.M.C. (C.S.M. "Vic" Corner) and six members attended a social at the London Irish Sergeants' Mess. After nine years the "International Brigade" has now broken up, much to our regret, and our good comrades-in-arms, the Irish, certainly lived up to their reputation for hospitality. There are a host of good friends in the London Irish who we shall certainly miss very much in future camps. If a copy of these notes reaches them we would like them to know that any of their Mess members will always be more than welcome at our Mess, and that goes for our friends in the London Scottish too.

Thanks to a lot of preliminary work by R.S.M. Pike and Sgt. "Sammy" Weller, 21 members had a very successful outing to Calais, via Margate, on the middle Sunday in camp. Despite a Force 8 gale and numerous showers it was a very smooth and enjoyable trip and, with cheap drinks on the boat, it's true to say that if members were damp outside they were certainly full of the best spirits inside. This was one of our most ambitious outings so far and also one of the most successful.

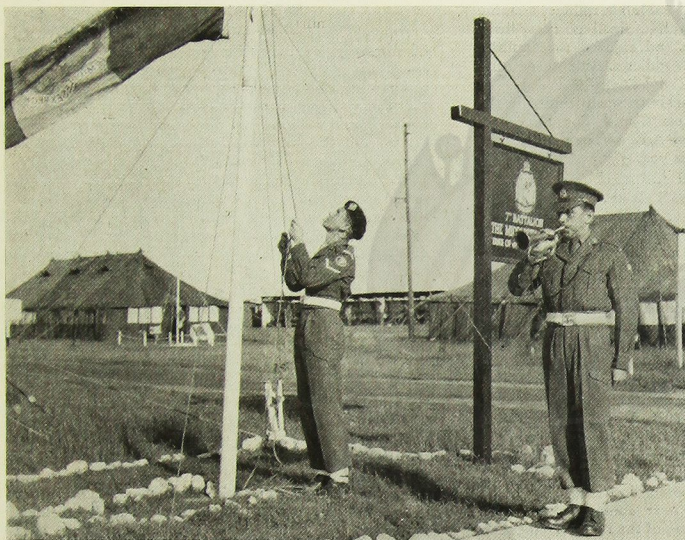
And so to the second week, which, in retrospect, seems to have been a succession of Mess functions.

On the Tuesday we entertained members from other Messes of the Brigade to an enjoyable social evening. A really first-class buffet was provided by Sgt. Jack Stubbins, from the Depot, and we all owe him a vote of thanks for his part in making the evening a success.

This was followed the following evening by a Mess dinner night. Thanks to sterling work by Sgts. Walters, Wotton and Stubbins this also was a distinct success and was most appreciated by all members. After dinner we had the honour of entertaining the officers in the Mess and our only regret is that the Commanding Officer unfortunately could not be with us.

The last few evenings in camp were taken up with numerous informal parties made even more enjoyable by an official rum issue, owing to the dreadful weather experienced on the Thursday. However, as always, "it's an ill wind that blows nobody any good," as the rum addicts will certainly agree.

There is little to report since the Battalion returned



*Retreat being sounded
at camp by Dmr. Beard.
L/Cpl. Knights of the
R.P. lowering the
Regimental Flag*

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from annual camp, mainly due to the close-down period when the permanent staff enjoyed a well-earned spell of leave, and also to the fact that the winter social session has not, at the time of writing, really got under way.

However, these notes would not be complete without mention being made of the retirement of W.O.1 (Bandmaster) Gilyatt. "Bill" Gilyatt has been undoubtedly one of the most popular members of the Mess for many years, and we shall miss his cheery presence more than he can possibly realise. The manner in which he built up a first-class band is well known, but we in the Sergeants' Mess also know him as a first-class Mess member, every ready to encourage or advise, and always to be relied upon for one hundred per cent. support. We wish you a long and happy retirement, "Bill," and please don't forget to drop in and see us whenever you can make it.

The baton has now passed to Band Sgt. Whitewood, whom we would all like to congratulate on his promotion to W.O.1 (Bandmaster), and we wish him every success in the future in his new appointment.

Inevitably, time brings many changes, and shortly after annual camp R.S.M. Pike completed his second tour of duty with us. However, he hasn't gone far, and so, although we have said farewell, we hope to see him quite often either at the Depot Sergeants' Mess or at Hornsey.

We offer a sincere welcome to R.S.M. Donovan, who we were fortunate to have with us during the first week at camp, and so had the opportunity of getting to know him, and he, us. We hope that he will enjoy his tour of duty with us.

We also bade a reluctant farewell to Sgt. "Sammy" Weller, and we would like him to know that he leaves many good friends in the 7th Battalion Sergeants' Mess and we hope that he will come and see us whenever opportunity occurs. His place has been taken by Sgt. Davies, to whom we extend a warm welcome.

We would like to close these notes by reminding all ex-Mess members, both Regular and T.A., that we are always glad to see them at Hornsey.

"A" COMPANY

Camp this year was in an area well known to the senior ranks of the Company. On Saturday, June 23, the Company assembled at Highgate and moved in transport to Hornsey, where it formed up with the remainder of the Battalion to march to the station. After a four-hour train journey we reached camp and settled in quickly. Accommodation was plentiful and all ranks were reasonably comfortable.

Training during the first week was mainly field-craft and patrolling, although Cpl. Conway attended a unit instructors' course in first-aid. During the second week the weather was not so kind and we had more than our fair share of rain which interrupted our shooting. Most of the second week was occupied by first-aid, although we were able to spend one day firing rocket launchers and Energa grenades and throwing the inevitable 36 grenade.

All ranks enjoyed more free time than usual.

Since camp attendances have been small, but we have been able to embark on a concentrated course of map reading which culminated in a week-end exercise on

Berkhamsted Common in Hertfordshire on October 13-14. For this exercise the Company were supplemented by elements of "D" Company and the M.T. Section. Feeding arrangements were admirably supervised by Capt. Baldwin of "D" Company. Saturday evening was usefully employed with a Company party in a local hostelry, which was a great success. On Sunday morning, after the mist had cleared, the map-reading exercise started a little after schedule. The course was approximately nine miles, with check points along the route, and despite the shortage of time, all ranks completed the course by opening time.

Badminton has proceeded steadily throughout the period and we have recruited another enthusiast in Mr. Armstrong who has just joined us. We feel confident that we can take on all comers (including "B" Company) and we are "at home" for this purpose every Thursday evening.

We offer our congratulations to C.S.M. Hills and Sgt. Robertson on their well-deserved promotion and welcome Lts. Chynoweth and Armstrong on posting to the Company.

"D" COMPANY

During the last four months, one event has eclipsed all others as far as "D" Company is concerned. After many years, the Company has returned to its old home at Park Lane, Tottenham. This great happening occurred on September 24 and the settling-in is going

on apace. As far as the outlying Companies are concerned, we must have the best Centre in the Battalion with splendid range, training and social facilities, together with the historical reputation for being in a very fine recruiting area, which is the most important factor of all. We hope that the old soldiers of the Company will feel a satisfaction that we are back where we should be and that the young soldiers will benefit both from the increased training opportunity and the nearness of the Centre to their homes. To both old and young members we give a very warm welcome to visit us on any Tuesday or Thursday after December 1 when we hope all will be running smoothly for social and training purposes. One other word to the ex-serving members of the Company. As the Territorial Army changes its policy, we shall need volunteers to make the Company a "going concern," and we ask you to encourage your sons, grandsons, nephews and all their friends to join us and carry on the good work which you started so well. Bring them along with you when you come to visit us and let them see that there is still a great deal to be said for membership of the Territorial Army and especially the Tottenham Company.

During camp, owing to our reduced strength, the Company amalgamated most successfully with "B" Company. Of course, there is nothing like being complete masters of both your souls and bodies, as we hope to be in 1957, but the set-up did allow several people to do jobs that they had not done for some time, and served as a valuable refresher in these appointments.



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SGT. ROPER WITH HIS M.M.G. SECTION AT CAMP

Left to right: Pte. Mason (98), Cpl. Westwood, Sgt. Bishop, Pte. Barnes

Over the week-end of October 13-14, we were invited to take part in a tactical week-end with "A" Company which was enjoyed by all who attended.

"S" COMPANY

There is nothing the Territorial specialist likes more than firing his weapons, and in this respect camp this year was excellent as we had plenty of ammunition.

The Mortar Platoon, fielding two sections this year, spent a couple of excellent days at Lydd Ranges, right at the beginning of camp. They were lucky to have a first-class instructor from the Small Arms School with them, who, in addition to imparting mortar knowledge, also had an unlimited supply of amusing stories!

We must mention that the Mortars were without Capt. R. G. Garrett at this camp for the first time in many years, and all ranks heartily congratulate him on the birth of a son.

The M.M.G.s, whose strength was boosted by several National Servicemen, spent the first week in the training areas. Being the only Platoon in camp at the time of the G.O.C.'s visit, they received unwonted attention. The General asked one gun number where he had learnt to fire the weapon—and the startling reply was: "In the Army, Sir!"

By the time the guns were fired at Lydd during the second week, the weather was very dreary; however, everyone got plenty of shooting. Both the Perring Trophy and the T.A.R.A. courses were fired, and although the scores were not very high, we might get a mention in the T.A.R.A. handbook.

Besides the Mortar and M.M.G. Platoons, a number of National Servicemen in the Company spent their camp in varied activities, which, during the first week, consisted of demolitions under Sgt. Dive, who is to be commended for keeping them all out of harm's way. They then have several lectures on first-aid from "Chief Nurse" Beaumont and his colleagues, who had picked up their knowledge on the subject in the first week at camp.

The Assault Pioneers' most commendable feat was winning second place in the Brigade boat race on Hythe Canal, after a nearly fatal start.

The Company had one night exercise *en masse*, which was mainly spent patrolling. The two patrols under Sgts. Curry and Fraser must be congratulated on their efforts, although when the exercise ended they were some distance from their objectives.

We hope that Padre Fuller, who blacked his face as much as any man, has not suffered unduly from his exertions that evening. After the exercise, the Company gathered for beer, soup and sandwiches, all excellently arranged by C/Sgt. Payne.

The last Friday of camp saw the whole Company firing in three different competitions. The Mortars in a Brigade competition shoot were adjudged best on the Mortar line for drill and correctness of action; they lost out, however, to 1st L.I.R. and 1st London Scottish in the number of bombs used and time taken.

The M.M.G.s, meanwhile, were also firing against the other two Battalions, and managed to win one out of two shoots.

The remainder of the Company made up a team for the Battalion Rifle Meeting and put up a stout effort, considering our best shots were otherwise engaged.

PROMOTIONS

A/Lt. G. L. Blacktop to S/Lt.; A/Lt. M. Joseph to S/Lt.; A/Lt. J. A. F. Weil to S/Lt.; 2/Lt. C. E. Hornsby to A/Lt.; Band Sgt. Whitewood to W.O.1 (Bandmaster); Sgt. Thomas to Band Sgt.; Cpl. Lewis to Sgt.; Cpl. Robertson to Sgt.; L/Cpl. Parodi to Cpl.; Pte. Westwood to Cpl.; Pte. Bell to L/Cpl.; Pte. Williams to L/Cpl.

THE FOLLOWING HAVE JOINED THE BATTALION

2/Lt. J. P. Baker from 1st Middlesex; 2/Lt. J. A. Birch from 1st Middlesex; 2/Lt. D. A. Gilkes from 1st Royal Warwicks; W.O.1 (R.S.M.) Donovan from Regimental Depot; Sgt. Davies from Regimental Depot; Ptes. Fish and Stimpson, on enlistment.

THE FOLLOWING HAVE LEFT THE BATTALION

Capt. C. A. Lamb, Lts. O. G. Richards and T. M. H. Wollocombe, to T.A.R.O.; Lts. A. H. Catchpole and G. R. Chadwick to R.A.R.O.; W.O.1 (R.S.M.) Pike to Regimental Depot; Bandmaster Gillyatt, on retirement; Sgt. Weller to 1st Middlesex.

BIRTHS

Capt. R. G. Garrett, a son, Richard Peter.
Capt. R. J. Leighton, a son, Anthony Robert.
Sgt. Walters, a daughter.
Sgt. Charge, a daughter.

Old Comrades

Hornsey Branch

Hornsey Branch of the Diehards Club have had several successful social evenings and other events during the past months. These have included a series of dart matches with visiting teams, also a dance which was a great success. The outing by coach to Brighton on Sunday, September 23, was greatly enjoyed by all, the coach leaving the Hornsey Drill Hall at 9 a.m. A beautiful sunny, warm day helped enormously. The journey home included an hour's stop at a road-house, where we were able to mingle with the "locals" and enjoy their singing and dancing, arriving back at Hornsey by midnight.

The 1st/7th "1914-18" had their annual dinner, 70 of the Old Battalion being present. Col. Pank was in the chair and we were pleased to see him again and hear his accounts dating back to the 1880s. Lt.-Col. Ellis in replying spoke of the present Battalion's progress and success in training, shooting and sports. The next dinner is in the capable hands of Stan Edge. The passing away of ex-W.O.1 W. Raddin was a sad blow, both to his old comrades and the 1st/7th Battalion who provided a bearer party. Several members attended the funeral and the Battalion and O.C.A. sent a wreath.

The Club invites all ex-members of the Regiment to join us in our social activities every Wednesday and Saturday evenings. You will find many of your pals there, together with their wives; we have even got a television set. Our acting Secretary, "Whipper" Sills, will give you further details.

8th BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.), T.A.

The writing of these notes is indeed a momentous occasion for the Unit Editor, as the last occasion that he wrote the words "8th Middlesex" was in Lüchow, in Germany, in 1946, when, as the Signal Officer of the Battalion, he wrote the final message from the original unit. He, and the Quartermaster, Capt. L. Honeybun, were the last to leave the Battalion when it closed down.

This summer has been a period of readjustment, the idea of changing from a Parachute Battalion back to the more traditional role of Infantry in a County Regiment has required a little time for digestion. The red berets have been handed in and blue ones worn, somewhat sheepish grins have been exchanged, and a very experienced ex-parachutist has been overheard murmuring "It's funny, but it feels exactly the same!" The inevitable delays while the future of the Battalion was discussed by the "gods above," although infuriating at the time, have served the purpose of acclimatising us to the change, which has now been completed with very few casualties among our volunteer strength.

Until the end of August we soldiered as a Parachute Battalion, although ironically both our two weeks of ballooning suffered from bad weather, the first at Wormwood Scrubs gave us one evening during the whole week, and the balloon at camp only allowed us two half days. Camp this year, from July 8 to 22, was the earliest that we have had for many years. We again spent it at Shorncliffe Camp, and although the weather was typical of the summer, we enjoyed ourselves; only the hardier spirits were observed in the sea and they swam more from the principal of the thing than for any enjoyment.

The camp was organised for platoon and section training, leading up to the Battalion two-day exercise, which practised the Battalion, and those in it, in nearly every phase of war in the text-book: advance to contact, hasty attack, night patrolling, planned attack, defence, withdrawal, and a night river crossing! All ranks had plenty to do, the weather was kind until the last few hours, when the clouds really opened as the last elements of the Battalion crossed the Grand Military Canal at Hythe under the masterly supervision of "SP" Company. A great deal of the success of the exercise was due to the hard work and excellent spirit of the Scots Guards who acted as the enemy, one platoon succeeded in appearing in an extraordinary number of places, at any rate according to the patrol reports received during the night!

The usual competitions took place:

Lines	1st. "S"	2nd. "C"	3rd. "B"
Guard	1st. "B"	2nd. "D"	3rd. "S"
Platoon Exercise	1st. "A"	2nd. "D"	3rd. "C"

The Sergeants' Mess was sorry to lose R.S.M. Lawrence, B.E.M., to the Parachute Brigade just before camp, but the traditional Mess spirit was ably maintained by C.S.M. Roberts; we were told that the impromptu band on the evening of the Mess Social could be heard quite distinctly on the far side of Folkestone. None of the lighter sleepers of the Battalion, who suffered during the frequent rehearsals, would have been surprised if reports had been received from Dover.

The Officers' Mess Dinner Night started normally and formally, but the proceedings were enlivened by the presence of a remarkably fine dragon, complete with fire-breathing nostrils, a hideous expression, and a ghastly voice. The dragon was induced to leave his native Rye by Major Webber and was attended throughout the evening by the Quartermaster, Capt. Jennings.

As a contrast, the Cocktail Party was graced by a charming contingent from the W.R.A.F. O.C.T.U. at Hawkinge.

On our return from camp we welcomed as our new Training Officer Major P. D. H. Marshall and as our R.S.M. W.O.1 T. McMillan, both of the Middlesex Regiment.

When it became clear that our efforts to continue parachuting were not going to be successful our thoughts turned from the sky to the sea as a counter-attraction. We started at camp with a small band of volunteers who spent a large percentage of their evenings training in amphibious warfare with folboats, under the supervision of Major Lee. Most of the trainees survived, even when, after the first evening they were required to swim about a quarter of a mile, fully clothed, to the shore. They succeeded in getting into the local Press after the Hythe police turned out, thinking that the flickering lights coming in from the sea were smugglers. The high light of the training at camp was a night attack on shipping in Dover harbour, an attack which was greatly helped by the excellent Intelligence work of the I.O., Lt. Holmes, and his complete I. Section, Pte. Reckett. After camp the amphibious training has carried on, with a week-end at the sea and another at Shepperton, which finished with a folboat race from Runnymede to Twickenham, a distance of just over twenty miles, in five and a half hours. At the end of October the whole Battalion joined in the fun, when a party of nearly fifty volunteers spent the week-end at the Joint Services Amphibious Warfare Centre at Hamworthy, in Poole harbour. Saturday was spent learning about the Special Boat Service of the Royal Marines, who demonstrated both canoeing and under-water swimming, and Sunday, after attending a lecture on beach assault and examining a variety of landing craft, the Battalion embarked and carried out a landing in the area of Studland Bay. All ranks were very much impressed by the quiet efficiency of our hosts, and were particularly grateful to them for giving up their week-end to train the T.A. It is quite unnecessary to add that a large part of our future training will entail a certain amount of wet feet!

The first time the Battalion paraded wearing their blue berets was on the occasion of the Annual Rifle Meeting of the Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association of the County of Middlesex, at Henley Park Range, on Sunday, October 7. The Battalion entered the maximum number of full teams in every possible event, and still had a large number of reserves. We came 1st and 2nd in the Inter-Unit Rifle Competition, our Sgt. Falla won the Individual Rifle Competition, followed as 2nd by the C.O., Lt.-Col. R. A. Corby, O.B.E., T.D. We won the Unit Championship, the Inter-Unit M.M.G. Competition, and the Falling Plate Competition.

On October 12 the officers held a cocktail party in the Drill Hall at Hounslow to mark the change of role. The party was held in the Hall itself, which had been completely transformed by parachutes in a variety of colours, flowers, some of the Regimental silver, and a great deal of work, particularly by the Regular staff, and was a great success, partly due, no doubt, to the extraordinary potency of the cocktails themselves. The guests included Lt.-General G. C. Bucknall, Lt.-General C. F. C. Coleman, Major-General and Mrs. M. M. A. R. West, Major-General R. C. M. King, Brigadier and Mrs. E. E. F. Baker, Brigadier and Mrs. B. B. Rackham, and Col. M. Browne.

During the summer some old friends of the Battalion have left, some, including Major Lee and Capt. Reckett, to the 10th Battalion the Parachute Regiment, and some, like that well-loved, round and ever-cheerful character Capt. Wood, have now to work away from London. They will all be welcome back should their circumstances change. We shall all miss parachuting, but we shall succeed in combining the dash and initiative of airborne forces with the steadiness and determination of the "Die-Hards." The majority of all ranks are staying with the Battalion, regarding it as a very worthwhile challenge to make the 8th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment the best in the Territorial Army.

571 L.A.A. REGIMENT, R.A.

(9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), T.A.)

The Celt has gone—Major D. McG. W. Young, Adjutant of the Regiment for the past year has left. We owe him our gratitude for the splendid work he did in establishing the heterogeneous regiment which we became in June, 1955. May he enjoy his retirement.

Welcome to Capt. G. M. Garratt, R.A., his successor. Celtic fervour may have been replaced by more orthodox British phlegm, but the drive is no less intense for that.

Yet a further farewell to Major "Tim" Mayhew. A stalwart of the 9th since 1943, we shall miss him greatly. May he not forget the way to Kingsbury and Edgware, and we wish him an early restoration of health.

Camp is now a thing of the past, but the high lights still live on in memory. Sleeves were shot down, Generals out-smarted, Brigadiers succumbed and we all worked jolly hard. Social life was as full as ever with the usual champagne cocktail party in the Officers' Mess launching the ship (with the apologies to the

Navy) in fine style. . . And who can forget the capless march, through bog and fen, of the officers, led by their gallant C.O., to join the Sergeants in their Mess.

Back from camp for a well-earned rest—Not on your life! Exercise "Stronghold," firing at Purfleet, manoeuvres with our new Brigade and a spate of social events have helped to retain much of the "zing" (spare the word) of camp. More of these in our next issue.

Finally, back as we are to the days of a volunteer T.A.—we do need recruits. You can be sure of a welcome and an enjoyable and worth-while hobby at Kingsbury or Edgware. Now, you old "Die-Hards," what about it?

"P" Battery

The Battery took many new faces to annual training this year but, nevertheless, the traditions established at last camp were carried on and, in some ways, bettered. Thus, once again, we got the Regiment's first sleeve, while at the Athletic Meeting we won both the inter-Battery Cup and the Tug-of-War Cup—the latter due in great measure to the leadership of Sgt. McKerron. Our soccer team began well with an impressive 7-1 victory over the combined R.H.Q. and R.E.M.E. Workshop side, but the final against "R" Battery saw us foundering in the mud and well beaten.

Our first experience of "one-camp-only" National Servicemen was most satisfactory. They were an exceptionally good crowd who were quickly absorbed into our ranks. This speaks well of these N.S. men, but even more highly of the N.C.O.s who form the backbone of the Battery. However, we are not complacent and we are already beginning our winter training programme in preparation for next year's camp.

"Q" Battery

Since our last letter, quite a few interesting events have occurred. First of all we must mention Annual Camp—this was most successful and enjoyed by all. The training, fun and games, etc., were varied and interesting, the tempo so fast that we hardly noticed the glorious weather—for all we were aware it might well have been March!

We extend our best wishes to Major J. R. Doyle on his appointment as 2IC and we welcome Capt. G. H. Wynne, our new Battery Commander.

We have commenced our winter training programme and we assure you, old and new "Die-Hards," that this is no dull stereotyped affair, but full of interest, military and otherwise. Admission FREE!

Furthermore we are beginning an ambitious Sunday morning "free for all," consisting of motor-cycle training and motor driving instruction, 22 competitions and what have you—all to terminate in a day's training, when it is hoped that all personnel will qualify for driving licences. Who knows, providing the Nelson touch applies, we may even pass out motor-cyclists on a rough rider course in a suitable training area.

In the near future we are planning a visit to London Airport; this to include the B.E.A. and B.O.A.C. engineering bases, the Central Area Buildings and, possibly, the Control Tower. It is hoped that after

this tour our aircraft recognition experts will come into their own.

There is no limit to numbers on either Wednesday evening or Sunday morning training—just sign and you're in!

"R" Battery

Despite the rigours of the English summer, 1956 version, the Battery enjoyed a successful camp at Weybourne—particularly gratifying being the high standard of shooting maintained.

Two sleeves were indisputably ours and their remains have been jealously preserved; unfortunately high-ranking visitors on other positions prevented the augmentation of our "battle" trophies.

The contented state of mind and self-satisfaction which invariably follow a good camp, were severely and suddenly shattered by the posting to the Middle East of our much-respected and untiring P.S.I., B.S.M. ("Jock") Ware. Having been with "R" Battery for so long he will be sadly missed by us all—both in our military and in our social activities—but his strong friendly personality and his devotion to Battery affairs will long be remembered. The shoes of one so active, and indeed of such large Celtic (albeit soldierly) proportions, are not easily filled and—without disparagement to his successors—the Kingsbury Drill Hall will miss his oft-times stentorian brogue, his infectious bellows of laughter, and the presence of one so insatiable in the Sergeants' Mess. We wish him all success with his new regiment.

Since camp our week-end activities have been more warlike than usual, to the exclusion of more convivial events.

The Battery was well represented at the recent Exercise "Stronghold," and our annual range practice with rifle and Bren was completed at Purfleet. The latter is noteworthy by virtue of our success in the inter-Battery Cup, and the fact that Capt. McDiarmid shot his way into third place in the Regimental Championship.

R.E.M.E.

The formation of this Regimental Workshop took place during July, 1955, the personnel in the main originating from 6th A.A. Workshops Battalion, R.E.M.E. (T.A.) and L.A.D.s of that Battalion. This was a result of the reorganisation of the T.A.

Not a great deal can be said on the work carried out in the initial stages, in fact a great deal still remains to be completed. Specific training for trades and training of a more general nature require initiative and effort by all concerned.

Cpts. Riley and Penn, our first C.O. and P.S.O. respectively, have now left the unit. Our good wishes go to Capt. T. B. Riley, now in Canada, and to Capt. Penn, now a P.S.O. in Reading.

In future our object is to increase volunteer strength and it is hoped that our limited training facilities will be improved in the near future to give us more scope.

Social activities envisaged include games' evenings in competition with Batteries of the parent unit, smoking concerts and dances.

As a unit, our energies are directed towards giving an efficient workshop service to the parent unit. This is our main role. We need enthusiastic recruits to help us to do this.

ANNUAL REGIMENTAL SPORTS' MEETING

The Batteries have been kind enough to comment on the Annual Regimental Olympiad. May the poor Sports' Officer rectify any unintentional errors in their exposition and rest easy for the next twelve months, having crossed the t's and dotted the i's of this year's effort.

On August 19—being the middle Sunday of camp—after the Ceremonial Church Parade and Trooping of the Regimental Colour which took place in the morning—many members of the Regiment accustomed to their civilian Sunday afternoon lethargy, felt that a Regimental Sports' Meeting was "a bit too much."

Certain subversive approaches were made to the Sports' Officer, with no effect, and the R.M.O. confirmed that the ground was not too wet for the meeting.

Each of the three Batteries and the R.E.M.E. detachment—thinly disguised as an R.H.Q. team—competed. The competition included a wide variety of track and field events which were keenly contested, with one notable exception referred to later, but it was apparent from the beginning that interest centred on the tug-of-war. The appearance of the soccer pitch on which this was to take place bore more resemblance to a rugger field which had been used for scrum practice. . . .

It soon became apparent that "P" Battery and R.H.Q. were the main contenders for the inter-Battery Cup. The result was in doubt until the last event—the final of the tug-of-war—and after a most strenuous effort, "P" Battery emerged triumphant to receive the cup from the Honorary Colonel.

It is with regret that we refer to the collusive efforts of four senior officers in the Chain of Command race who saw fit to reduce their lap distance from 220 yards to 50 yards. (Flattery will get you nowhere, young man!—Regimental Editor.) Nevertheless, this did add to a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon's junketting.

The Regiment's thanks are due, in no small measure, to the efforts of the Permanent Staff at Weybourne, who provided the facilities which went to make our meeting so enjoyable.

J. K. E. S.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1956, AT 2.30 p.m.

Present: Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L. (chairman), Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., Col. M. Browne, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., J.P., Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. W. D. Ellis, O.B.E., T.D., Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., Major A. G. Hewitt, M.B.E., M.C., Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., Major E. L. Heywood, Capt. F. G. Ashby, M.M., R.S.M. P. Donovan, R.S.M. E. Pike, Mr. G. H. E. Duffield, Mr. J. R. Bell, M.B.E., Major A. W. Clark, O.B.E. (secretary). Apologies for non-attendance were received from: Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Col. A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, C.S.M. F. Firman, C/Sgt. G. Hockley.

1. *Minutes.* The Minutes of the last meeting having been circulated were signed by the Chairman as correct.

2. *Secretary's Report.* The Secretary's report, having been circulated with the Agenda, was accepted by the Committee.

Report

Grants. During the period April 1, 1956, to August 31, 1956, the sum of £700 8s. 2d. was dispensed in assisting 116 necessitous cases.

Reunion. 5,520 letters were despatched notifying past and present members of the Regimental Reunion to be held at the Seymour Hall, on Friday, October 26, 1956, and posters and handbills have been distributed throughout the county.

Field of Remembrance. Notices and information regarding the annual service to be held at the Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey, on Saturday, November 10, at 10.45 a.m., have been sent to members and invitations extended to attend this service to the Lord Lieutenant and representatives of the county.

On a motion by Brigadier Baker it was approved that in future years the notice circulated with reference to the Field of Remembrance ceremony should not bear the heading "Regimental Association" as this was not the concern of the Association.

3. Finance Committee's Report. The Chairman informed the Committee that at a recent meeting of the Finance Committee the following recommendations were made:

(a) **Resolution.** It was resolved that the first £1,000 of unexpended income of the War Memorial Fund be invested in short-term investments.

(b) **Regimental History.** That Messrs. Gale & Polden Ltd. were perfectly satisfied to accept £500 on account of the History now and the balance when further sales had been made. In these circumstances it was decided that there was no need to realise on any securities.

(c) **Donations to other Charities.** The Committee recommend that the following donations be made to other charities:

	£	s.	d.
Regular Forces Employment Association	50	0	0
Family Welfare Association	5	0	0
Royal Soldiers' Daughters' Homes	8	8	0
S.S.A.F.A.	10	10	0
Forces Help Society	10	10	0
Gordon Boys' Homes	5	5	0
British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association	5	5	0
Royal Cambridge Home for Soldiers' Widows	5	0	0

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(d) **Salaries.** The Committee recommend that the salaries now in force be increased to the following for 1956:

Secretary's salary be increased to £500 per year.
Assistant Secretary's salary be increased to £300 per year.

After a short discussion the report was adopted.

4. Journal Committee's Report. Major Hewitt reported the Roll of W.O.s and Sergeants appeared in the August copy of the Journal and that Roll of Officers would appear in the December copy. He also informed the meeting that he was writing to all sub-editors asking for their co-operation in reducing the size of their contributions, without impairing articles from a reader's point of view.

5. War Memorial Committee's Report. The War Memorial Committee's report was distributed with the Agenda and in the absence of Brigadier Rackham, the Chairman explained the report. The Chairman also informed the Committee that he had received a letter from the Hillingdon Branch of the British Legion deploring the action of the Committee in resorting to evict Mr. Barber from No. 5 Cottage. It was agreed that the Chairman should consult Major Hardcastle as to a suitable reply which should not at this stage indicate that there would be any remission of costs by the Association.

Report adopted.

6. Regimental History Committee's Report. Lt.-Col. Ellis informed the meeting of the financial position of the History, and that it was necessary for a further 300 to be sold before the account would be clear. He also wished that his thanks be recorded to all past and present members of this sub-committee for their endeavours in producing such an excellent History.

The O.C. Depot said that he would do his best to promote further sales.

Report adopted.

7. Committee's Report on Revision of Association Rules. Major Hardcastle informed the meeting that the revised draft rules had been submitted to the Charity Commission for approval and he hoped to circulate copies to all members of the Committee prior to the next meeting.

Report adopted.

8. Regimental Reunion. The Secretary informed the meeting that sales of tickets were, as in previous years, going slowly, and that he was shortly attending Seymour Hall to make final arrangements.

9. Alternative Regimental Tie. The Chairman informed the meeting that the Secretary had obtained samples of ties, and it was approved that a sub-committee composed of O.C. Depot, R.S.M. Depot and Mr. Bell be authorised to select a pattern for submission to the Colonel of the Regiment for approval.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.50 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 27, 1957, at the Middlesex Guildhall, Westminster, S.W.1.

A. W. CLARK, Major,
Secretary, Middlesex Regimental Association.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB HELD AT THE MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1956, AT 3.55 P.M.

Present: Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L. (Chairman), Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., Col. M. Brown, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., J.P., Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., T.D., Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., Major A. G. Hewitt, M.B.E., M.C., Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., Major E. L. Heywood, Capt. F. G. Ashby, M.M., Major A. W. Clark, O.B.E. (Secretary).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from: Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Col. A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. T. S. Wolcombe, M.C., Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton.

1. Minutes. The Minutes of the last meeting having been circulated were signed by the Chairman as correct.

2. Secretary's Report. The Secretary's report having been circulated with the Agenda was accepted by the Committee.

Report. The sum of £470 8s. 0d. has been received to date in respect of subscriptions and entrance fees.

Expenditure. The following are the amounts expended from Club Funds for 1956 functions:

	Amount authorised	Expended
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cocktail party	50 0 0	42 12 0
Cricket	150 0 0	140 10 0
At Home	40 0 0	15 19 6
Tennis	25 0 0	7 16 1
Dinner	100 0 0	81 16 7

Golf is not included in above as the Autumn Golf Meeting takes place on September 22 and 23, 1956.

3. Officers' Club Dinner and At Home. The Committee approved that the Officers' Club Dinner for 1957 be held at the United Service Club, on Friday, June 28, 1957.

A general discussion took place with regard to the effect which Battalion and the Regular Officers' Dinner has on the attendance at the Annual Dinner organised by the Club.

It was also agreed that the At Home for 1957 be held at the Officers' Mess, Depot, at a date to be notified later.

4. Grant. The Committee approved the annual grant to the Royal School for Daughters of Officers would from 1956 inclusive be paid in the form of a covenant, the amount to be covenanted being £4 0s. 0d.

5. Secretary's Salary. The Committee approved of the Finance Committee's recommendation that the Officers' Club contribution to the Secretary's salary be £45 plus the employers' N.H.I. contribution of 6s. per week as from January 1, 1956. The Secretary was instructed to seek assistance in formulating a claim on behalf of the Officers' Club for tax relief under Section 377 Income Tax Act of 1952.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.15 p.m.

A. W. CLARK, Major,
Secretary, Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club.

THE HONG KONG REGIMENT

The build-up reported in our last notes has continued. Training has now reached the stage when we are ready for the first camp, which takes place in November. All our companies have had a year of simple basic training and have now passed through their tests of training. We now look forward to putting into practice the lessons learned.

The Band and Corps of Drums is growing from strength to strength. Several public concerts have been given in Victoria Park, all of which attracted large audiences. Co-operation between the Middlesex Musicians and the Band continues. Our Austrian repertoire has been considerably enlarged and the local population now enjoy the strains of "The Kaiserjäger," "In Munchen Stat ein Hofbrauhaus" and "The Radetsky March," as well as "Rosa Von Wörtesee." The climax of the quarter, as far as the Band and Drums were concerned, was the beating of Retreat at the Hong Kong Cricket Club on October 4. In this beautiful setting, just as dusk was falling, a large crowd enjoyed a display of military precision and good music carried off by their own countrymen.

The Retreat was attended by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government and many senior civil and military officials. After the Band and Drums, headed by the mascot had marched off, the guests were entertained at a cocktail party held at R.H.Q. Some three hundred people were present at this party, which gave a number of important guests the opportunity to meet us and see where we lived.

The Regimental swimming team has had a very successful season. We won the Army League (South) Water Polo Championship after a deciding game in which we defeated the runners-up by 10 goals to nil. The Terry Trophy meeting was held in September. This is an annual meeting between the Army and the Hong Kong Regiment. We won the competition by 40 points to 30, including the water polo game which we won by 6 goals to 2. This is the first time since the competition started that we have won both the polo and the swimming and our team are justifiably proud of themselves.

We had three members of the team who have represented the Army and the Colony in various competitions. Our last swimming honour was when a member of the Regimental Provost Section won the cross-harbour race. We look forward to next season and hope to maintain our record.

We have seen quite a gathering on various social and military occasions of the Middlesex Regiment representatives out here. Majors Burrows, Hodding and Peasley have all attended our social functions and Major Burrows has been dragged out into the hills as an umpire and director for an exercise. Cpl. Jackson has arrived and is now installed in H.Q.L.F. and has already made himself a reputation. Of course our "Diehard Kremlin" continues to make its presence felt and the affiliation is stronger than ever.

We all send our best wishes to the 1st Middlesex. We know they are very much occupied with their task and we look forward to reading all about them in this issue. We have no doubt that they will be giving a good account of themselves in Cyprus and our thoughts are constantly with them.

7 Fd. Regt., R.C.A. C.A.(M),
Sarnia, Ont.
October 16, 1956.

The Editor,
"THE DIE HARD'S."

DEAR SIR,

The 7th Field Regiment, R.C.A., enjoyed a most successful year of training, climaxed by a cherished standing at the annual Summer Camp in Petawawa during the week of July 7-14, 1956. We know our Imperial affiliation will be as proud and please as we were, in learning that our unit came off with top honours in the Artillery Competition for Militia Units in Canada. Fall training is well under way now, and we are preparing for the Artillery Ranges at Meaford, Ontario, and the Small Arms Classification at Ipperwash, Ontario.

The present organisation of three Batteries in different towns works out very well, and our C.O., Lt.-Col. W. R. Buchner, M.C., C.D., visits the Batteries very frequently from his R.H.Q. in London, Ontario. Notwithstanding the usual apathy evidenced in peacetime (a fact you in England may also experience), we do manage to recruit quite a number of suitable young chaps to train in the Artillery.

We try not to neglect the social aspect, and to foster good will between the Militia and the wives. We staged a Battery Dinner and Dance in October, which simply worked miracles for morale and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Our Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. W. R. Buchner, M.C., C.D., sends his greetings from R.H.Q. in London, Ontario; and Sarnia's O.C. 26 Battery, Major G. W. Taylor, C.D., also sends his best regards and is both proud of the Regiment's affiliation and happy about the Batteries' record.

Yours very truly,
OSBORNE W. BROOKE (Lt., R.C.A.),
Public Relations Officer,
7th Field Regt., R.C.A. C.A. (M).

NEWSLETTER BY M.B.

An appreciation of the former Lord Lieutenant of Middlesex County and his successor

A notice appeared in *The London Gazette* on May 1, 1956, as under:

"Lord Latham has tendered his resignation from the office of Lord Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex and the Queen has been pleased to accept it."

All members of the Regiment were very sad to read the above notice for Lord Latham has been a staunch friend of The Middlesex Regiment ever since he took up his high office. He devoted all his great energies, his knowledge and his wide experience to all our endeavours to promote the welfare and the success of the County Regiment.

In the forefront of this object is notable the raising of the funds required to build the 20 cottage homes in Albuhera Close, which he himself opened on September 15, 1951.

He was also responsible for raising a fund to enable silver bugles to be presented to our 1st Battalion on the Horse Guards Parade on December 19, 1952, to celebrate their return from Hong Kong after service also in Korea. He personally presented a bugle to each of the Drums. He was also present at the service in Westminster Abbey which followed the parade and at the lunch given to the Battalion by the Middlesex County Council at the Drill Hall of the London Scottish.

Every year, whilst in office, Lord Latham attended to lay the principal cross in the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey. He graced almost every reunion at Seymour Hall and appeared at every regimental function throughout his years of office.

He will never be forgotten in the Regiment and will be invited to attend all our functions as an honoured guest and honorary member of our Regimental Officers' Club.

We were glad to hear, on August 13, 1956, that H.M. the Queen had approved the appointment of the great authority on aeroplanes, Sir Frederick Handley Page, C.B.E., as Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of

Middlesex. He is well known to many of us and we welcome his appointment in the sure knowledge that he will continue to show the same interest in his county regiment as did his predecessor, Lord Latham of Hendon.

I trust many members of the Regiment will remember with gratitude that our 20 Memorial Homes in Albuhera Close were opened by Lord Latham, when Lord Lieutenant, and dedicated by Doctor Wand, then Bishop of London, on September 15, 1951. Albuhera Close is now a freehold belonging to our Regimental Association. Large sums of money were presented to the Regiment in memory of the gallantry of the Regiment in the years of the 1939-1945 War against Hitler's Germany and Japan. These sums came from members of the Regiment and from the people of Middlesex, rich and poor, great and humble.

We never forget how much we owe to our own county and those homes stand as a lasting reminder of what I write and, which is to me, an outstanding sign of our Regiment's life, and continued honour commencing in the year 1939 and concluding five years ago. Since then we have to add fresh milestones to signify Korea and Cyprus.

I am sure many of our readers were impressed by the excellent and informative article on the Duke of Cambridge in the last issue. It was written by an officer, highly qualified to do so, who has asked to remain anonymous. All ranks ought to know about their first Colonel-in-Chief, that remarkable man who did so much for the Army.

On July 18 I heard from Col. Crawford that his son William is in for N.S. in the Royal Scots Greys. The boy wanted to serve in a mechanised Scottish unit. This is a tank unit. William has won an award at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Competition for universities is severe, as only some 30 per cent. of vacancies go to public schools and one has to do exceptionally well to secure one. He will go to Cambridge in 1957.

We were all pleased to hear that a knighthood had been bestowed upon Graham Rowlandson, the former chairman of our county council. Everyone in the Regiment is delighted for he has done much for the Corps, and has written to tell me how much he appreciates our congratulations.

I lunched with Col. Cecil Pank on July 26 and that is always a great pleasure for he is full of interest and often critical of myself, but his advice is ever very sound and helpful.

On the 25th I had the pleasure of a brief visit from Brigadier "Roly" Gwyn, and it was splendid news to hear of his promotion to command a brigade in Sheffield which is about to be formed. He tells me the new Regimental History is incorrect in saying he was ever sick in Korea. I do not know how this mistake crept in. He received the O.B.E. in the Birthday Honours List.

I have recently received through the medium of Major Geoffrey Bower a splendid collection of coloured photographs of our graves of the 2nd Battalion fallen at Spion Kop. They came with an excellent plan of the Kop itself from Vincent Sykes, a friend of Bowers, in Thrapston, Northamptonshire, and are now in the Colonel's Historical Record Album. I shall always be

glad to show the album to anyone interested, and he will find it most exciting.

I attended the cremation service of J. R. C. Tatham, a relative of my family's lawyer. He joined the Regiment from Sandhurst early in 1940 and went to our 2nd Battalion after the Dunkirk withdrawal. He developed a kidney complaint from which he had suffered ever since. It was a tragic event for he was, on coming to us, very keen on all games and no one ever dreamt he could suffer so for some 15 years.

On July 5 I heard how Desmond Ellis, during training of his 7th Battalion at Dibgate had suffered from a severe injury to his eye from falling on a metal tent peg. When our Colonel was on a visit to the 7th Battalion he was in hospital, where the Colonel visited him. I am glad to say he had quite recovered by July 19.

I have recently received an illuminated card printed in our 1st Battalion whilst in Singapore. It was most interesting and I have placed it in the Colonel's Record Book. The date of the ball was Albuhera Day, 1937, when Brigadier Ord Tidbury was in command. A full list of former C.O.s of the Battalion is included amidst other interesting details.

On June 30 I had a letter from Major Josephs, formerly in our 6th Militia Battalion, explaining how, for the first time, he and his wife had missed the Officers' "At Home" on that day. He asked about Christmas cards and has been given all information. I trust many will order them soon for the card is to commemorate the Bicentenary of the 57th in December 1955, and the picture is Col. Arabin, their first Colonel.

On June 23 I had a letter from Col. Samuel, speaking of the V.C. Celebrations in London in June, of which an account appears elsewhere. I was privileged to attend, thanks to my father in the 24th Foot.

On June 10 I had a long letter from Ian Burrows, giving much news of the Regiment in Hong Kong, including our allied Hong Kong Regiment under Aymar Clayton. He spoke of Lt. Col. A. D. Henderson, who commanded our 1st Battalion for a short while in Korea, and is a life member of our Regimental Club. He had, in fact, received, and always does so, full news of all regimental entertainments, but could not come, due to other urgent engagements.

On June 13 I had a letter from Sir Vyvyan Holt, who was awarded a recent knighthood. He came to dinner on June 29 and sat on the Colonel's right hand.

In June I attended a 7th Battalion ceremony at Highgate Drill Hall. There the C.O. was given back a stone memorial to the Company once lodged in an olden hall nearby and only some 50 yards away. Later I attended a party in their Hornsey Mess, given in their usual sumptuous manner.

On June 4 Roy Hutchins informed me of his engagement for which he had asked our Colonel's permission, and received it. That is the age at which when I joined people usually got engaged, if not older in fact. Now they are often just out of their teens.

Bill Corby, commanding 11th Battalion The Parachute Regiment, also received the O.B.E. in this Birthday Honours List. He is to continue to command the 8th Battalion when the former resumes its infantry status.

Lt.-Col. Peter Allen received the O.B.E. at the same time and all are very glad about the honours.

On May 20 I had a letter from Hervey del Court telling me he expects the General to stay with him in January and February at Hermanus. Hervey expects to take the General all over South Africa, but I understand that is not the latter's intention and, knowing him, I can guess he will not be led into a Cook's tour.

On July 27 I had a letter from Col. Walden, so recently treated in a scandalous and ungrateful manner by the Jordan Government. He had been attending an industrial appreciation course in London, sponsored by the Federation of British Industries. It is at least comforting to know a helping hand is held out by industry, although I would have been better pleased had such action been taken by the Army in which this officer served so long and faithfully, and as we all know so loyally and well. One feels something is missing.

Recently looking through some old papers I discovered a *Times* press cutting of a letter written by Benjamin Hobhouse, describing the Battle of Albuhera. It is very interesting and in the main correct, although written to his father directly after, on May 17, 1811. It was held in the Royal Archives at Windsor Castle and was found by that famous historian Fortescue, who obtained royal permission to send it to *The Times*, and so it was published a hundred years later, presumably on May 16, 1911, as it is described as an account of a battle one hundred years ago.

I looked up this officer in the old Army Lists we now possess, thanks to our 6th Militia Battalion, which so often pays for regimental expenses, saving a call on the pockets of officers—a fact seldom realised by many of us.

Benjamin Hobhouse became an ensign in 57th Foot on October 16, 1808, and Lieutenant on March 8, 1810. Then he disappears from the 57th and is found serving as a Captain on August 12, 1813, in the 69th Foot (South Lincolnshire Regiment), a regiment which no longer exists. I have not followed up that regiment in the Army Lists and I hope someone will do so for me for such investigations take up much time.

In his account he adds that a French general's uniform was found on the field of the battle and a Spanish general seized it and cried—though I believe he knew to the contrary—"Soul's dead, my lads, look at his coat," as he rode in front of the lines, and held up the embroidered coat. He said this in Hobhouse's hearing, and it produced an admirable effect, for both Spaniard and British advanced to the attack with redoubled vigour.

Recently Major Clark and our faithful assistant secretary, Mrs. Brooks, put together in a small album the many press cuttings from many papers concerning the recent publication of our Regimental History, 1919-52. They give a very vivid account of many events from Dunkirk onwards, and can be seen in the Colonel's office by anyone interested and they will find them most inspiring.

On August 1 Hervey del Court wrote from Hermanus to say he had recently discovered that Cartwright lived in Georgetown. Hervey had been playing at a golf tournament at East London and had done well, which certainly surprises many of us, having seen him play in U.K. Cartwright's wife died recently after a long and

sad period of two years. Sloane Stanley's son visited Hervey at Hermanus. He is 31 years old. He was with Col. Pearson's son, Guy John, at Wellington, who is now in Custom's office at Dar-es-Salaam, he believes, and asks for his address, which we do not know, but sounds as if he could easily be traced through that Customs office. He looks forward to Gen. Bucknall's visit to him in February 1957; the latter is somewhat nervous lest he becomes involved in a hectic social progress all over Africa.

We learn Lucy Passingham, now Major Davies, is at a W.R.A.C. T.C. at Yeovil in Somerset and intends to keep on the Ascot Home.

I spent a delightful weekend with Desmond Ellis and his family, including Mrs. Ellis and their two charming children, at Cookham Dean, where his family have lived ever since he came into the world and long before, for the period goes back to the days of his great-grandfather.

Col. Walden visited us on August 7 and I heard much about Jordan which I did not know and cannot relate. He has been through a Government course and I hope it leads to a good appointment for he certainly deserves some reward for all his work in that Arab country, once our close allies, but now not so alas, as so often our country is betrayed by those who owe all to her aid.

We are sorry to hear Major McLoughlin, Public Relations Officer in Middlesex, is leaving to take up a superior post, but he is to be at 1 Bell Yard, W.C.2, so will be still at hand when we need his help for he has done much to help our relations with the county.

Roger Latham is back in London, very occupied in television, but I had the joy of lunching with him on August 11 at the dignified Traveller's Club in Pall Mall.

On August 16 I had a letter from Brigadier Stumps Green, staying at a small village in South Cornwall, called Veyran, where he seems very happy. No news yet of future employment. He is naturally very interested in the present unsatisfactory state in M.E.L.F., and the more so in Jordan.

I am glad to say that thanks to Major McLoughlin, referred to above, we have received a number of cuttings from the Press, both national and at county level, referring to the publication of our new War History covering the period from 1919 to 1952. They are very interesting to read, covering as they do our history all over the world, including the bitter wars from Hong Kong in the East to N.W. Europe and Italy in the West. The story of Korea is revealed.

The album will be kept in our Colonel's office here and all are encouraged to ask to read the epic story and they will be inspired on doing so by the story of courage of our ranks and grim cruelty to our prisoners-of-war in the Far East, revealing how the devil still rules the minds of men in some lands though, thank God, not in our race.

Up to the end of August applications to buy the new Regimental History have been very disappointing to all those connected with its publication. It is a very readable History and far more human than that produced to cover the 1914-18 War. That book is certainly useful for lectures on regimental history and from an historical point of view. The new one is a very human

story and we all trust, with more publicity, sales will rise.

Few will remember how a loss was sustained over the first History and Capt. Hubert Foster, a member of the History Committee, left to the Regimental Association a sum of five hundred pounds because he felt his concern in the committee had not been adequate. Of course, he was not to blame, but rather those members of the Regiment who failed to buy it. I pray a similar loss does not again arise.

Many older members will have seen the death of Major C. E. Pemberton of our Regiment early in September. He was serving in our 2nd Battalion, under Col. Lumley, as Commander of "B" Company, in which I served from 1903-1905. He bore the nickname of "Mouse." He had seen service in that Battalion in South Africa and was an experienced and kind commander we all trusted. He lived to a great age of 86 years, having been born on May 20, 1870, receiving his first commission on August 22, 1888, and was promoted Major on February 24, 1904, retiring on December 7, 1912. We had not heard of him for many years, and all assumed he was dead. An obituary notice appears elsewhere.

I was sorry to hear from Col. Stewart Sutherland that his estates in Malaya (Sungei Limau, Trong Perak) were causing him great anxiety, due to unsettled conditions in that unhappy land. He mentions that the Malayan Branch of our Regimental Association has fallen into hard times and the numbers meeting on Albuhera Day at Kuala Lumpur have decreased by 50 per cent. Major Dick Smith, our old friend, has not been able to maintain full strength, but I hope improvement may soon set in and that the news will be fuller as well as happier.

On September 20 I heard from Col. S. P. Williams that he was attending our reunion on October 26. He served in our Regiment in 1905, more than 50 years ago and I was with him in Burma in 1906. He transferred in 1907 to the 51 Sikhs, in which he served for many years, including 1914-18 War, retiring after the war, being awarded the C.I.E. He was Commandant, South Waziristan Scouts, 1924-1929, and commanded the 2nd Battalion The Punjab Regiment, 1930-34, and retired in 1935. Re-employed R.A.F.V.R. 1939-41 and was recalled for service in India in 1941, and again in 1944. His only son was killed in action in 1945, but there were two daughters.

Col. George Burton of the Black Watch has sent me an excellent photograph of his uncle, our Major R. de H. Burton of the 77th, taken whilst commanding the Newfoundland Regiment during the 1914-18 War, when he took that Regiment to Gallipoli. I have already written an account of him in a previous Journal, referring to his nicknames, "Buddah" and "de Horsey"—a sure sign of the love he earned for only such have nicknames.

(Copied Feb. 14, 1911.) Services, Burton, R. de H. (Major, Retired pay)—South African War 1899-1902. Relief of Ladysmith, including operations of January 17-24, 1900, and action at Spion Kop (severely wounded)—operations in the Transvaal in June 1900—in Natal March to June, 1900, including action at Laings Nek

(June 6-9). In Orange River Colony June 1900, Cape Colony, South of Orange River 1899. In the Transvaal, November 30, 1900, to November 1901. Orange River Colony November 1901 to May 31, 1902. Mentioned in Despatches, *London Gazette*, June 18, 1902. Awarded Queen's Medal with five clasps, King's Medal with two clasps. For account see page 2316 The Official Army List, War Office, January 1911.

Page 2609: Burton, Reginald de Hardwicke. Date of birth September 8, 1861. First commission August 11, 1880. Major December 15, 1900. Middlesex Regiment. Date of retirement September 8, 1909.

The original account was in the handwriting of the father of Col. Burton of the Black Watch mentioned below. Readers will remember the close friendship between the two Regiments.

When the 1914 War broke out Major R. de H. Burton was recalled to the Colours and was given command of the Newfoundland Regiment, which he took to Gallipoli in 1915, when he was again seriously wounded (first time at Spion Kop).

His sword, medals and flask were presented to our Regiment by his godson and another nephew on the recommendation of another nephew in the Black Watch, who was responsible for having the sword put in good order by Messrs. Wilkinson's Sword Company Ltd. The sword will be kept as Depot property for use as required on parade, etc.

The sword is dated 1880 and is 76 years old. On the blade are engraved the battle honours of the 77th up to 1880, an unusual distinction and one which may well inspire officers in the present generation to feel proud to wear it.

This officer, along with Col. Archie Stewart (Captain), Col. Passingham (Lt.), Lt.-Col. Samuel (Lt.), Gen. Ramsay (Capt.), Lt. Wordsworth and myself, then in the Militia, were all serving in the 2nd Battalion at Cambridge Barracks, Portsmouth, 1903-05. Of those mentioned only Cols. Stewart, Samuels and myself are still living, indicating the terrible losses inflicted on our Army in two world wars.

We are now arranging for the decorations and medals of Lt.-Col. Burton, Col. Passingham, Lt.-Col. Davy and others to be mounted in a case and installed in our Mess.

The need for swords in our Depot is acute, and I trust any officer having a sword will present it to the Depot.

I was delighted to hear from Lt.-Col. J. W. G. Ormiston, who spent a day or two here before leaving for Cyprus, that he was able to pay a liaison visit to the Wellington West Coast and Taranaki Regiment in New Zealand on his way back from the Atomic Trials recently held at Maralinga, South Australia. By a happy chance the Infantry Conference was in progress at the time, so he was able to meet the Commanding Officer, Dave Thomson, 2IC, Adjutant and all the Company Commanders except one, who were attending the conference. The Senior British Army Liaison Officer in Wellington is a member of the Royal Hampshire Regiment, to which 1st W.W.C.T. is also affiliated, so the party was complete (and we understand it was quite a party!).

DEPOT POST BOX

Those of us who had the privilege of knowing the late Col. F. G. Poole will be interested to learn that the diary he kept during the siege of Peking is on loan to the National Book League's British Soldiers' Exhibition in Albemarle Street. It is in good company with Byron's MS. of the Brussels ball before Waterloo. These particulars were kindly supplied us by his widow, Mrs. Poole, to whom we send our respects and thanks for writing to us.

The National Association for Employment of Regular Soldiers, etc., continue to remind us that they can help in cases of unemployment. Address: 62 Victoria Street, S.W.1.

Mr. Harold S. Rogers, of 28 place du Parc, Mons, Belgium, wrote that two wreaths sent by the Regiment were laid on the memorial of the 4th Battalion on the wall of the railway station at Obourg, and the other on the British Memorial in the Belfry Square at Mons on August 23, the anniversary of the Battle of Mons.

THE ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND

The president of the Army Benevolent Fund has requested that the existence and the activities of this fund should be more appreciated than it is at present.

We gladly co-operate with him, knowing so well the great support this fund gives to the charitable funds of corps and regiments, to Combined Services organisations, to the training and care of the disabled, and to numerous other Service charities, remembering, too, that since its inception in 1944, it has paid out the great sum of more than £3,500,000. It clearly follows that many corps and regimental associations, without this assistance, would have been hard pressed to meet their continual individual appeals for help and we, ourselves, although during the last two years not indebted to the A.B.F., freely acknowledge grants made in the past and, in particular, the generous donation of £1,000 that they made to the Memorial Cottage Homes when the appeal for this was in its infancy.

A word about the A.B.F. When the Second World War was approaching its end the Army Council, finding at their disposal, a considerable sum available from NAAFI profits, decided to form a trust, so as to give a substantial financial backing by bulk grants to the Service charities already enumerated, the policy being to give assistance where it was most needed. This ensured that no deserving case ever had to be refused, and thus the debt of gratitude, owed to all men and women who had served their country and afterwards fallen on evil times, was paid.

Now all funds require to be nourished, even such a large, wealthy one as the A.B.F., and periodically appeals in its support are made and some patriotic citizens subscribe. Still, more money is required if it is to continue in its role of "Big Brother" indefinitely and, although the claims of the Regiment remain paramount, after this priority has been met, and if there is anything over, one might do well to remember the A.B.F. Should any reader wish to do so, by subscription, bankers' order or covenant, the address is: The Army Benevolent Fund, 20 Grosvenor Place, S.W.1.

REGIMENTAL GOLF

Autumn Meeting

Once more, by kind permission of the Committee of the North Hants Golf Club, the meeting took place on and around that course and, once more, we had perfect weather.

It is pleasant to record, too, that the punctuality was exemplary, with the result that much annoyance was avoided and the meeting was a meeting and not a straggling affair with someone finally left wandering around because his partner had not arrived. Despite a crowded course and some very adventurous passages the party arrived at the 19th hole very nearly promptly on each occasion.

It was a great pleasure to see some new faces in Majors Hewitt, Jeffcoat and McLeod Martin, and to be rejoined once more by Col. George Brown and Lt.-Col. Stephenson.

Some regulars were unable to attend, but, on the swings and roundabouts, attendance was slightly up.

The results shown below tell the tale of the week-end's golf and certain facts become obvious on perusal:

(1) Major Bywaters is one of the most cunning handicap nursers. Fortunately he was overheard describing what he had been doing and now was not doing. Anyhow he goes to seven or less at the next meeting.

(2) Lt.-Col. Worton runs him neck and neck, but just escapes immediate action.

(3) Lt.-Col. Wollocombe is another snake on the course. He strives hard for divots, but when it comes to foursomes, he is always there or thereabouts at the opposite end.

(4) Major Jeffcoat well and truly won the Divot. On the old rules and on the amended ones he would have won handsomely, unless perhaps Major Hewitt had not funk the ordeal of single combat. Apart from the Divot the winner got much female coaching from distinguished lady county players and had much enthusiasm. Anyhow we understand his Commanding Officer is removing himself to a colonial battalion. From there he cannot compete for the Divot.

Mrs. Wollocombe very kindly played on Saturday and marked a card for the "odd man out." She thought she was backing a winner for seven holes, after that he got putting jitters, and wasted eight shots on the greens, turning a possibly far too good round into a mediocre and inadequate one.

After golf to a lovely party at "The Wortons," where golf reunions and wedding anniversaries were combined and celebrated with a distinctly "bubbly" glass of wine. This item in the meeting is probably the greatest winner for having the meeting at Fleet and no official motion at the A.G.M. can really express the gratitude we all feel for this party Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Worton have given us for the past two years.

From "bubbly" to dinner at the Golf Club—a very good one as usual.

After dinner the A.G.M. was despatched by the reigning captain in record time and so to bed, according to each one's need for rest.

Sunday morning solved several problems when Steve

was heard arriving—had we been a betting lot Worton would have lost his money—and George Brown and Willy St. George, to our relief decided to get passes for the day—a matter of considerable doubt overnight.

Once more the Regiment failed to win the Regimental Tankard, which was won by Major C. H. H. Vulliamy after a tie with 69 nett. This year John Bywaters was the nearest regimental competitor with 71 nett.

The more sociable round was that of Steve and your reporter. Same handicap, out in same score, same score after 17 holes, last drives side by side, thirds equally wide and putt $\frac{1}{2}$ in. on either side the hole. A wonderful round if each had been six strokes less.

Terrific thought had been given to the mixed foursomes and this was not wasted as 14 couples had a most sociable and hilarious round, ending with a popular victory for Mrs. Slater and Wollo, with 35 points; a very creditable score.

A noisy tea party was interrupted to let Mrs. Wollocombe present the prizes, officially bringing to a close another successful meeting.

RESULTS

	Hcp.	Saturday morning Gross	Nett	Sunday morning Gross	Nett	Nett Agg.
Lt.-Gen. G. C. Bucknall	10	94	84	94	84	168
Capt. R. E. Guest	15	93	78	96	81	159
Major A. G. Hewitt	24	Arrives under escort	p.m.	Deserted		
Major E. A. H. Jeffcoat	24	—	—	—	—	—
Major N. N. McLeod	—	—	—	—	—	—
Martin	24	114	90	110	86	176
Col. G. L. Brown	—	10	88	78	91	81
Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton	11	83	72	91	80	152
Lt.-Col. T. S. Wollocombe	18	—	—	—	—	—
Major J. Bywaters	8	84	76	79	71	147
Major S. C. Jay	15	Absent without leave.	—	—	—	—
Brigadier N. P. Procter	8	81	73	84	76	149
Major C. N. Clayden	24	114	90	107	83	173
Major W. St. George	11	93	82	95	84	166
Lt.-Col. W. D. Ellis	17	Arrives p.m.	—	103	85	—
Lt.-Col. J. W. A. Stephenson	8	—	—	84	76	—
Lt. A. M. Hendry	12	—	—	93	81	—

Saturday Afternoon

COOPER CUP, STABLEFORD, 7/16TH OF COMBINED HANDICAPS

	Bn.	Hcp.	Stks.	Pts.
Col. G. L. Brown and Lt.-Col. T. S. Wollocombe	11th	28	12	23
v. Lt.-Col. W. D. Ellis and Major E. A. H. Jeffcoat	7th	41	18	9
Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton and Major C. N. Clayden	1st	35	15	25
v. Capt. R. E. Guest and Major A. G. Hewitt	2nd	39	17	17
Major J. Bywaters and Major H. N. McLeod Martin	1st	32	14	21
v. Lt.-Gen. G. C. Bucknall and Major W. A. W. St. George	2nd	21	9	22

Sunday Afternoon

MIXED FOURSOMES, STABLEFORD, 7/8TH OF HALF OF COMBINED HANDICAP

	H'cap	Score
Mrs. Bateman (18) and Capt. Guest (15)	21	21
v. Mrs. Hendry (10) and Lt. Hendry (12)	14	26
Mrs. Morrison (4) and Major Jeffcoat (24)	12	19
v. Miss Le Patourel (16) and Lt.-Col. Stephenson (8)	11	25
Miss Sellors (5) and Mr. G. Neate (12)	7	34
v. Mrs. Wollocombe (16) and Col. Worton (11)	12	30
Mrs. Le Patourel (11) and Lt.-Gen. Bucknall	9	26
v. Mrs. Peterson (26) and Brigadier Procter (8)	15	28
Mrs. Orr (13) and Col. Brown (10)	10	30
v. Mrs. Slater (19) and Col. Wollocombe (18)	16	35
Miss Nelson (14) and Col. Ellis (17)	14	18
v. Mrs. Harte (12) and Major Clayden (24)	16	26
Miss Tarburn (36) and Capt. St. George (11)	18	21
v. Mrs. Warner (22) and Major Bywaters (8)	13	22
"Burdie": Mrs. Orr at 16th and Mrs. Harte at 13th		

WINNERS

Scratch Cup: Brigadier N. P. Procter.
Handicap Cup: Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton.
Jay Cup: Major Bywaters.
Cooper Cup: Lt.-Col. Worton and Major Clayden.
Mixed Foursomes: Lt.-Col. Wollocombe and Mrs. Slater.
The Divot: Major E. A. H. Jeffcoat.
The Regimental Cup—Club v. Regiment: Maj.-Gen. V. H. M. Vulliamy, N.H.G.C.

GOLF

Annual General Meeting

1. MINUTES. As circulated in Regimental Journal were passed.

2. CAPTAIN. Proposed by Capt. Guest and seconded by Lt.-Col. Worton that Major Bywaters, M.B.E., be captain for the ensuing year. Carried.

3. COMMITTEE. It was generally agreed that the Committee remain as at present. A polite query as to who the keen T.A. Rep. was and what he did remained unanswered.

4. THANKS. (a) Proposed by Capt. Guest from the chair, seconded by Lt.-Col. W. A. Ellis, that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the Committee and staff of Northants Golf Club for allowing the Regiment to use the course and for the general courtesy and assistance shown by all. Received with acclamation.

(b) Proposed by Capt. Guest and seconded by all present that a very hearty vote of thanks be passed to Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Worton for their great hospitality.

(c) Proposed by Capt. Guest, still in the chair, seconded by Lt.-Gen. Bucknall, that a vote of thanks be passed to Mrs. Le Patourel for organising the lady partners for Sunday. Carried optimistically.

5. NEXT MEETING. Subject to the concurrence of N.H.G.C. it is hoped to hold the autumn meeting at North Hants Golf Club on September 21-22, 1957.

ENGAGEMENTS

CAIN—MARTIN.—The engagement is announced between Capt. Rex Martin Cain, The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cain, of Ruislip, Middlesex, and Shelagh Mary, twin daughter of Col. G. F. Martin, Indian Army (Retd.), and Mrs. Martin, of Lingfield, Surrey.

DEACOCK—VAN DEN BOS.—A marriage has been arranged between Warwick, only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Deacock, of Winchmore Hill, and Francisca Antonia, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. van den Bos, of Union Observatory, Johannesburg, S. Africa.

BIRTH

WEST.—On November 5, 1956, in Singapore, Malaya to Helen Clare (née Ridley), wife of Captain Peter W. Clifford West, a daughter, Nicola Jane Penelope.

DEATHS

PALIN.—We regret to announce the death of 7236 Sgt. D. Palin on July 11, 1956. Sgt. Palin served with the Regiment from 1901 till 1908 and entered the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, in November, 1948, where he remained until his death. His funeral at Brookwood Cemetery was attended by a N.C.O. from the Depot, who also laid a wreath on behalf of the Association.

KING.—On Sunday, July 22, Sgt. W. H. King passed away at his home in Forest Gate. Sgt. King was well known to many old members of the Regiment and always kept in close touch with the Association. He will be sadly missed. His funeral was attended by a N.C.O. from the Depot, who also laid wreaths on behalf of the Association and Mill Hill Die-Hards Club, of which the late Sgt. King was a member of many years' standing.

BAILEY.—Sgt. Percy Bailey died at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on July 27, 1956, where he had been an In-pensioner since April, 1954. Sgt. Bailey served with the Regiment from 1906 to 1923. His funeral at Brookwood was attended by a N.C.O. of the Depot who also laid a wreath.

PEMBERTON.—We regret to announce the death of Major C. E. Pemberton on September 9. Major Pemberton was 86 years of age and was commissioned into the Regiment in 1888, and retired in 1912. A letter of condolence was sent to the widow, but as the funeral was private and no flowers requested, we were unable to be represented in the usual way.

DREW.—Lt.-Col. C. D. Drew, D.S.O., O.B.E., passed away on October 10, and a letter was sent on behalf of the Officers' Club and Association to his widow and two daughters. The cremation was private and there were no flowers, but at a memorial service held on October 13 at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester. The Colonel of the Regiment, the Officers' Club and Association were represented by Major A. H. Cooper. An obituary appears elsewhere in the Journal.

CLELLAND.—We regret to announce the death on October 7 of ex-C.S.M. H. A. Clelland ("Jock"). The funeral on October 12 was attended by Lt. J. S. B. Pollard and R.S.M. P. Donovan, who laid wreaths on behalf of the Association and Die-Hards Club. An obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

TREW.—We regret to record the death of Sgt. F. Trew, who served in the 4th Battalion in "C" Company. He was cremated on October 24 at the City of London Crematorium and the Association was represented by Sgt. Michel, who laid a wreath on our behalf.

OBITUARIES

We regret to announce the death of Brigadier-General John Greene, D.S.O., at the age of 78.

Brigadier Green commanded the 13th Battalion the Middlesex Regiment during the Great War.

We also regret having to announce the death of Col. C. D. Drew, D.S.O., O.B.E., at the age of 73 at his

home, 37 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester. He leaves a wife and two daughters, and his death leaves an almost irreplaceable loss in archaeological and local history circles in the county of Dorset.

Before going to Dorchester, Col. Drew had a distinguished career in the Regiment which he joined on January 18, 1902, and from which he retired on March 9, 1920, shortly after attaining the brevet rank of Lt.-Colonel on November 11, 1919.

He was awarded the D.S.O. while on active service in France during the 1914-18 War and the O.B.E. for his services in the Home Guard during the last war, when he commanded the very large Dorchester and District Company.

The Memorial Service at St. Peter's Dorchester, was conducted by the Rural Dean, and the Regiment was represented by Major Arthur Cooper, and a wreath was sent.

Col. Drew retired a long time ago, but those of us who can remember him recall his great prestige in the Regiment, and their condolences go to his widow and family.

Derry,

34 Upper Boundstone Lane,
Lancing, Sussex.

October 16, 1956.

DEAR SIR,

It is with great regret that I record the passing of another old "Die Hard."

H. A. (Jack) Clelland passed away on Sunday, October 7, 1956, and was cremated at Golder's Green on Friday, October 12, 1956.

Jack enlisted in the Royal Scots as a boy in 1897 and transferred to the Middlesex Regiment (in which his father had previously served) in 1898; joining the 2nd Battalion on its arrival from India in that year.

On the formation of the 3rd and 4th Battalions in 1900, he was posted to the 3rd Battalion and proceeded with the Battalion to St. Helena in May, 1902. He was promoted Sergeant in 1903 and served in South Africa and Hong Kong with the Battalion.

He was posted home to the 4th Battalion in 1908 and was promoted Colour-Sergeant in 1909. In 1912 he rejoined the 3rd Battalion in Leborg and left it at Cawnpore on posting to the Permanent Staff of the 5th (S.R.) Battalion during the 1913-14 trooping season.

During the 1914-18 War he served as a C.S.M. with the 5th Battalion and latterly as an Instructor of an O.T.C. In 1919 he was posted as a P.S.I. to the 8th Battalion and left them to go on pension in 1922.

Jack was a thorough "Die Hard"; he was a mine of information regarding the Regiment, and one could be sure of seeing him at all Regimental functions.

His passing will leave a gap in the Old Comrades, especially in the decreasing numbers of the ex-3rd and 4th Battalions, many of whom, with representatives from the Regimental Depot attended at Golder's Green.

He is survived by his widow, a son (Capt. H. Clelland, R.E.), and a married daughter.

Yours faithfully,

C. F. CARVELL (Major).

ROLL OF OFFICERS SERVING IN THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT

REGULAR OFFICERS

Sub./Temp. Rank	Name	Location/Appointment
Major	P. D. ff Powell	E.R.E. II Hamelin, B.A.O.R.
Major	G. O. Porter	2IC K.O. Malta Regt.
Major	T. W. Chattey, p.s.c.	D.A.Q.M.G. H.Q. Cyprus District
Temp. Lt.-Col.	W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., p.s.c.	Comd. 7 Mx. (Designate)
Temp. Lt.-Col.	J. W. G. Ormiston, J.S.S.C., p.s.c.	Comd. 1 Mx.
Temp. Lt.-Col.	A. G. Hewitt, M.B.E., M.C., p.s.c.	Comd. Gold Coast Regiment (Designate)
Temp. Lt.-Col.	C. M. M. Man, M.C., p.s.c.	Comd. Inf. Boys Battalion
Temp. Lt.-Col.	G. B. Ayre, J.S.S.C., p.s.c.	War Office Q(M)II
Major	H. M. F. Langley	S.O.P.T. Scottish Command
Major	G. C. Dawson, p.s.c.	Company Commander Mons O.C.S.
Major	P. D. H. Marshall, p.s.c.	8 Mx.
Major	I. H. Battye, M.B.E., p.s.c., f.s.	1 Mx.
Major	D. C. L. Nolda, p.s.c.	1 Mx.
Major	A. R. Waller, M.C., p.s.c.	D.A.Q.M.G. Q(AR), War Office
Major	F. J. Bennett, p.s.c.	D.A.A.G. (P.S.1), H.Q. Cyprus District
Major	R. K. B. Allott, M.C.	Port Security Officer, Cyprus
Major	J. W. Doyle, M.C., T.D., p.s.c.	1 Mx.
Major	E. F. Thompson, M.C., T.D., p.s.c.	7 Mx.
Major	I. R. Burrows, O.B.E., J.S.S.C. p.s.c.(L)	G.S.O.2, H.Q., Land Forces, Hong Kong
Major	P. Collins, T.D.	Int. Corps Depot
Major	P. L. Crutchfield, p.s.c.	D.A.A.Q.M.G., U.K. Liaison Staff, Canada, Ottawa
Major	H. N. MacL. Martin	Brigade Adjutant, H.Q., H.C.B.
Major	P. L. Pearce Gould, p.s.c.	1 Mx.
Major	R. D. Hutchings, p.s.c.	B.M. 47 Inf. Bde. (T.A.)
Major	D. Sax, p.s.c. p.t.s.c.	1 Mx.
Major	G. Kent	1 Mx.
Major	S. E. Honess, p.s.c.	D.A.A.G., H.Q., S.W. District
Major	C. N. Clayden, p.s.c.	R.M.A.S., Sandhurst
Major	E. A. H. Jeffcoat, p.s.c.	Depot Mx.
Major	I. W. Galvin, p.s.c.	1 Mx.
Major	M. F. Leonard	Malay Forces
Major	J. N. Shipster, D.S.O., p.s.c.	Company Commander, Eaton Hall O.C.S.
Major	A. D. C. Eales	2 Corps Pool Interpreters
Major	C. H. Mievile, M.C.	Adjutant, H. K. Regiment
Capt.	P. G. V. Bellers	1 Mx.
Capt.	J. de Gaye (L)	1 Mx.
Capt.	J. S. C. Flavell	1 Mx.
Capt.	K. J. Carter	1 Mx.
Capt.	A. N. Jordan	8 Mx.
Capt.	R. A. Hodge	1 Mx.
Capt.	N. F. Legge	1 Mx.
Capt.	H. J. A. Moore	1 Mx.
Capt.	J. I. D. Pike	5th Battalion Malay Regiment
Capt.	B. A. M. Pielow	7 Mx.
Capt.	R. M. Cain	IO 51 Lorried Inf. Bde.
Capt.	G. G. Norton	3rd Battalion Para. Regiment
Capt.	B. K. Clayden	H.Q. Gold Coast, West Africa
Capt.	W. M. M. Deacock	Airborne Forces Depot
Capt.	H. J. Evans	Adjutant Depot Mx.
Capt.	B. H. Marciandi	Adjutant 1 Mx.
Capt.	C. L. Lawrence, M.C.	Depot Mx. (H.S.)
Capt.	P. A. S. Wollocombe	A.D.C. to G.O.C. Cyprus District
Capt.	L. C. Sharpe	No. 1 Travelling Wing
Capt.	G. Kitchener	G.S.O.3 (Int.), Singapore
Temp. Capt.	I. S. Rutherford	Airborne Forces Depot
Lt.	M. V. Hayward	1 Mx.
Lt.	J. S. B. Pollard	Depot Mx.

Sub./Temp. Rank	Name	Location/Appointment
Temp. Capt.	R. K. Collins	3rd Battalion Para. Regiment
Lt.	D. E. Lobb	1 Mx.
Lt.	R. D. Fisher	Depot Mx.
Lt.	W. G. A. Crumley	1 Mx.
Lt.	A. E. McManus	1 Mx.
Lt.	T. J. Humber	1 Mx.
Lt.	J. M. Hewson	1 Mx.
Lt.	I. M. E. Lloyd	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	H. M. du V. Lohan	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	M. C. D. L. Gilham	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	M. G. Waite	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	P. V. Cheesman	1 Mx.

REGULAR QUARTERMASTERS

Major	C. A. Trestain, M.B.E.	7 Mx.
Capt.	S. C. W. Weller, M.M.	Depot Mx.
Lt.	A. E. F. Waldron	1 Mx.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Temp. Lt.-Col.	L. G. Lohan, T.D., p.s.c.	War Office, D.A.A. & Q.M.G. Admin. Planning
Major	A. E. Peasley	Hong Kong Defence Force
Major	J. Bywaters, M.B.E.	Trg. Officer, W.O.S.B., Barton Stacey
Major	G. W. P. Hodding, T.D.	S.O.P.T., Hong Kong
Major	R. H. Last	War Office
Major	C. E. Rome, M.B.E., p.s.c.	G.S.O.2, Ministry of Supply (Munition Sales)
Temp. Major	E. L. Ellisdon	War Office
Capt.	A. R. Cowan	E.R.E. Cyprus District
Capt.	D. A. Phillips, T.D.	6 Travelling Wing, St. Albans
Capt.	G. C. Forman	2 K.A.R.
Lt.	A. R. F. Smith	3rd Nigeria Regiment
Lt.	P. R. Young	Attached S.A.S.
Lt.	R. W. Augood	3rd Battalion Para. Regiment
Lt.	P. J. Rogers	1 N.R.R.
2/Lt.	V. G. Brown	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	D. A. Prettyman	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	J. U. H. Burke	Airborne Forces Depot
2/Lt.	D. W. Perkins	1 Mx.

QUARTERMASTERS

Major	L. T. Honeybun	London Assembly Centre
Major	R. W. J. Smith	Depot, Malay Regiment
Capt.	H. I. Burnett	Korea
Capt.	H. J. Jennings	8 Mx.

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICERS

2/Lt.	P. Bryson	1st Gold Coast Regiment
2/Lt.	A. J. Close	4th Nigeria Regiment
2/Lt.	D. J. Murphy	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	N. S. Turnbull	26th K.A.R.
2/Lt.	C. T. S. Adleman	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	J. L. Bannister	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	M. D. Cowdrey	3rd Nigeria Regiment
2/Lt.	R. H. Fraser	4th K.A.R.
2/Lt.	R. H. M. Marshall	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	F. J. F. Spragg	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	D. H. McIntosh	Transportation Centre, R.E.
2/Lt.	J. G. Burge	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	J. L. Munby	5th Nigeria Regiment

Sub./Temp. Rank	Name	Location/Appointment
2/Lt.	E. P. Battey-Pratt	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	B. Higginson	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	N. H. Pott	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	A. S. Cawthorne	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	D. E. M. Williams	1st Nigeria Regiment
2/Lt.	G. J. Jones	1st Nigeria Regiment
2/Lt.	R. J. Simons	Transportation Centre, R.E.
2/Lt.	G. A. Medawar	Transportation Centre, R.E.
2/Lt.	K. F. Trevett-Lyall	Transportation Centre, R.E.
2/Lt.	A. Morden	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	A. M. A. H. Roch	Transportation Centre, R.E.

EXTRACTS FROM THE "LONDON GAZETTE"

REGULAR ARMY

June 29, 1956

Lt.-Col. F. B. Whiting (53761) (Empl. List 1) (late Mx.), having exceeded the age limit is placed on retired pay, June 20, 1956 (Reserve liability).

TERRITORIAL ARMY

July 6, 1956

2/Lt. C. E. Hornsby (439875), from Regular Army National Service List to be 2/Lieutenant, June 27, 1956, with seniority, February 5, 1955.

REGULAR ARMY

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

July 10, 1956

23238786 Cadet Derek William Perkins (447783) to be 2/Lieutenant, May 12, 1956.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

The undermentioned Cadets to be 2/Lieutenants, May 12, 1956.

23170704 John Leonard Bannister (447735).
23173552 Charles Theodore Sydney Adleman (447734)
23170700 Michael Derek Cowdrey (447744).
23175116 Robert Hugh Fraser (447747).
23170715 Robin Harry Montague Marshall (447756).
23172744 Francis John Forrester Spragg (447772).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

CLASS III

July 20, 1956

Lt. G. R. Chadwick (418791) from T.A. National Service List, to be Lieutenant, July 18, 1956, retaining his present seniority.

Lt. A. H. Catchpole (418799), from T.A. National Service List, to be Lieutenant, July 18, 1956, retaining his present seniority.

REGULAR ARMY

July 24, 1956

Lt.-Col. G. Lerwill, O.B.E., M.C. (388278), on completion of period of service in command remains on full pay (superny.), June 18, 1956.

Lt. I. S. Rutherford (412057), to be Captain, July 22, 1956.

Location/Appointment

REGULAR ARMY
NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

July 27, 1956

23161432 Cadet David Hill McIntosh (447299), to be 2/Lieutenant, May 26, 1956.

23171115 Cadet John Graham Burge (447996), to be 2/Lieutenant, May 26, 1956.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS
SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Capt. W. F. Turner (334277), from Active List to be Captain, July 26, 1956, retaining his present seniority and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

Lt. R. W. Augood (429930), from Active List to be Lieutenant, July 25, 1956, retaining his present seniority.

REGULAR ARMY

August 7, 1956

Lt. G. Kitchener (400187) to be Captain, August 7, 1956.

ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS
NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

2/Lt. (Acting Lt.) H. M. Kitchen (428807), to be Lieutenant, Aug. 3, 1956, with seniority Jan. 30, 1955.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

2/Lt. (Acting Lt.) G. L. Blacktop (424967), to be Lieutenant, July 21, 1956, with seniority March 21, 1954.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt. M. J. Abbott (58294), having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, August 8, 1956, and is granted the hon. rank of Lieutenant.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS
CLASS III

August 17, 1956

Lt. W. C. C. Newton (412169), from Reserve of Officers National Service List, to be Lieutenant, May 17, 1955, retaining his present seniority.

REGULAR ARMY
NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

August 28, 1956

23184229 Cadet John Latimer Mundy (448475), to be 2/Lieutenant, June 23, 1956.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

August 31, 1956

2/Lt. (Acting Lt.) J. C. J. Grobel (429956), to be Lieutenant, August 30, 1956, with seniority February 27, 1955.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS
NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

September 4, 1956

Lt. H. M. Kitchen (428807), from A.E. Reserve of Officers, National Service List, to be Lieutenant, August 8, 1956, retaining his present seniority.

REGULAR ARMY

September 21, 1956

The undermentioned Officer Cadet from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, to be 2/Lieutenant, July 27, 1956, with seniority, July 27, 1956.
Peter Victor Cheeseman (448929).

REGULAR ARMY

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

September 28, 1956

R.M. 131910 Cadet Eric Peter Battey-Pratt (448185), to be 2/Lieutenant, July 21, 1956.

23178719 Cadet Brian Higginson (449142), to be 2/Lieutenant, July 21, 1956.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS
SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

October 2, 1956

Lt. (Qr. Mr.) J. W. Badham, M.B.E. (294573), having attained the age limit of recall, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, October 1, 1956.

CLASS III

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION

Capt. L. W. Driver (311214) (Empl. List 4), from Active List to be Captain, October 1, 1956, retaining his present seniority.

REGULAR ARMY

October 5, 1956

23199448 Cadet Anthony Simon Cawthorne (449370), to be 2/Lieutenant, August 4, 1956.

23133863 Cadet David Edward Morgan Williams (449418), to be 2/Lieutenant, August 4, 1956.

ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS
NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

October 9, 1956

2/Lt. R. J. Hunt (441335), from Regular Army National Service List, to be 2/Lieutenant, September 11, 1956, with seniority, April 23, 1955.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS
NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

Lt. T. M. H. Wollcombe (423050), from T.A. National Service List to be Lieutenant, August 16, 1956, retaining his present seniority.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

October 12, 1956

R.M. (v) 202570 Cadet Nicholas Henry Pott (449177), to be 2/Lieutenant July 21, 1956.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

October 19, 1956

2/Lt. (Acting Lt.) D. W. Hogg (436266), from T.A. National Service List Para. to be 2/Lieutenant (Acting Lt.), September 10, 1956, retaining his present seniority.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

October 26, 1956

22982998 Pte. Philip Sydney Stewart Forbes Marsden (450573), to be 2/Lieutenant, September 24, 1956.

REGULAR ARMY

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION

October 30, 1956

Capt. J. L. Gray (163886) (Empl. List 4) relinquishes his command on completion of service, October 28, 1956, and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

23160432 Cadet Graham Joshua Jones (449722), to be 2/Lieutenant, August 25, 1956.

23160461 Cadet Rennie James Simons (449731), to be 2/Lieutenant, August 25, 1956.



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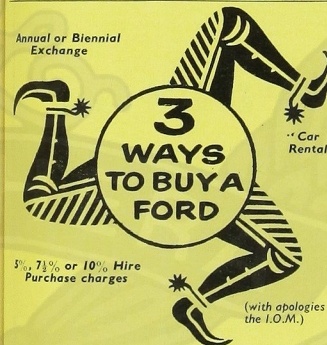
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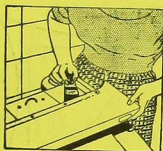
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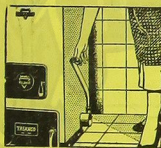
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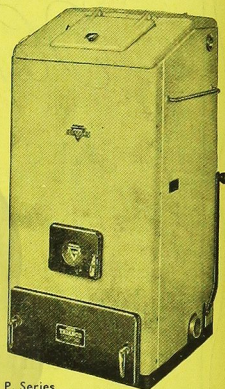
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