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ARRIVAL OF H.E. SIR GEORGE STANLEY, GOVERNOR OF MADRAS, AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, MADRAS, ON NOVEMBER 15th, 1929  
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"Rosières," "Avre," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazebrück," "Bailleul," "Kemmel," "Scherpenberg," "Canal  
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## EDITORIAL



WE regret to hear from Col. G. W. W. Savile of the death of Major Frank Allam, D.C.M. An obituary notice appears on page 477.

An excellent example has been set by Lieut.-Col. H. G. W. Chandler, who has sent us a photograph of the 2nd Battalion officers at Khelat in 1893. The photograph was taken by the late Col. Wade-Dalton, who was commanding the expeditionary force at the time. Col. Chandler's letter and the photograph will be found on page 440.

We hope that others will discover interesting souvenirs and send them along for reproduction.

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By the courtesy of the *Evening News* we reproduce one of the recent Cockney stories, also the illustration relating to it. Mr. Bert Thomas, the artist, was good enough to send us his original drawing, but it is as well to mention that this has to be returned to the *Evening News* when a block has been made.

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Shortly before his death, the late Arthur Safferty sent Col. Passingham an old photograph of a 4th Battalion Colour party. Very special interest attaches to this, as the photograph bears the signatures of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the late General Kent, General Sir Ivor Maxse and other distinguished officers.

The photograph, which was taken by Cdr.-Sergt. Safferty himself, is reproduced in this issue, also an unfinished letter from Safferty and a letter from Col. Passingham.

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The attention of all members of the Officers' Club is drawn to the arrangements for the dinner on June 25th, full details of which will be found under Officers' Club notes.

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In order to dispose of surplus copies of the book of photographs of the Historical Display at the Royal Tournament, the price of the book has been reduced as follows:—

Single copy	...	...	3/-
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Application should be made to the P.R.I., 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, Catterick Camp, Yorkshire.

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A Memorial to the late Arthur Lovell was unveiled by Mrs. Lovell, the widow, at Bow Cemetery on April 15th, in the presence of a representative gathering. The Regiment was represented by a detachment from the Depot. The 1st Battalion and Depot subscribed towards the cost of the Memorial. A photograph and articles are published in this number.

A Diary, similar to this year's, will be produced for 1931, and no Calendar will be issued. It is proposed to have the cloth-bound Diary only, price 1s. 6d. Application for these should be made as early as possible, but not later than August 31st.

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## REGIMENTAL FIXTURES, 1930.

## REGIMENTAL WEEK.

June 23rd: v. Cryptics.  
June 24th: v. Royal Fusiliers.  
June 25th: v. Free Foresters. Officers' Club Dinner.  
June 26th: v. I Zingari. Officers' Club At Home.  
June 27th: Old Comrades' Gathering at Depot. Depot Sports.  
June 28th: v. Sandhurst Wanderers.

Nov. 1st.—Annual General Meeting of Regimental Association, and Old Comrades' Annual Dinner; Wharncliffe Rooms, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, 7 p.m.

Nov. 11th.—Remembrance Day Service at Regimental War Memorial, Mill Hill Barracks, 10.45 a.m.

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THE DIE-HARDS:  
A REGIMENT BUILT UPON  
A PHRASE.

By CORPORAL-OF-HORSE R. J. T. HILLS.

(Reprinted by courtesy of "The Morning Post" of May 2nd, 1930.)

SELDOM, in the British Army, do we soar to the sublime in oratory. We boast no Napoleon, to issue soul-stirring proclamations to our soldiery. Speeches are lacking. A phrase or two rings out from the battlefields.

"Die hard, Fifty-seventh: die hard," shouted Colonel Inglis at Albuhera. Four hundred out of 570 obeyed to the letter, dying in ranks where they fought, "with every wound in front."

"Die-Hards, remember Albuhera"—and the Fifty-seventh held at Inkerman.

Bellewaarde Ridge, September, 1915. A V.C. Subaltern to his men: "Men, we can only die once. If we have to die, let us die like men—like Die-Hards."

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It is a Regiment builded firm upon a phrase—the Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own). Since May 16th, 1811, the Fifty-seventh have been the Die-Hards, everywhere, save in the Army List itself. No name was more nobly earned, none more fiercely cherished.

The Seventy-seventh—the old "Pot-hooks"—now the Second Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, have traditions of their own. Their colours were jammed into the broken masonry at Seringapatam. They sent the French Horse scuttling at El Boden. First or Second Battalion—57th or 77th—call them all "Die-Hards" and have no fear.

At the top of a breezy Middlesex hill flaunts the yellow and maroon of the great flag with the Albuhera device. Mill Hill is the home of the Clan, the close corporation of the Die-Hards.

"This is a Depot, and not a modern Utopia," says a warning instruction. Utopia? Well, it is hard to say. Certainly I saw on the floor beside the barrack beds, mats to rob Réveillé of half its terrors.

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Gardens, parting barrack blocks, were pregnant with the shooting promise of Spring. Recreation rooms were comfortable enough to ease the mind of a visiting parent; even if the wireless set was protected from mechanically itching fingers by wire netting.

Tradition lays early hold on the Middlesex recruit. When training is, in full swing six squads work at Mill Hill. For eighteen weeks a recruit ceases to be an individual. He is a member of the Albuhera, Ladysmith, Nivelle, Mons, Somme, or Ypres squad. Is not a Mons man, or he of Albuhera, in honour bound to lick the hide off those of Ladysmith and the rest—if he can?

Everywhere the recruit is faced with the records of his county's pride. Between meat and "duff" at dinner his eyes may rove to shields blazoned with battle honours. Does he chew a pensive pen



holder in school? Ciudad Rodrigo and Seringapatam haunts his vision.

The very roads are now to be named after famous Die-Hards. I hope they give a road to old Picton. His eyes fairly twinkle from the walls of the Mess Room. Honest, ruthless, overbearing, the rough-tongued darling of them all, his was a name to conjure with in Peninsular days.

The study of regimental history has, since the War, received a remarkable impetus in every branch of the Service. The Middlesex has recently started its own museum and historical library. Medals, badges, scraps of colours, and uniforms are being rescued from the odd places to which such things stray, and carefully gathered together at Mill Hill. These morsels of visual history will supplement in glowing fashion the printed page of the bookshelf.

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Businesslike in the extreme was the Sergeant-Instructor who met me at the door of the "Gym." I felt far from comfortable. He was so obviously itching to peel off my coat and run a tape-measure over me.

From earliest youth the vaulting-horse always made me turn pale. It has been, to me, just a hard wall towards which one hurtles with a certain desperate fury—to bark shins on the upper edge, or a nose on the mat beyond.

"DASH—COURAGE—DETERMINATION" are words white-staring from the sides of the Mill Hill vaulting-horse. With such to urge—who knows?

To your P.T. Instructor the recruit is a thoroughbred, a potential winner of classic events. At the least he is to cover leagues good and bad, all at the same steady pace of the Line, and score "bulls" at the end.

Grim histories can be read, even in a weight chart. There was the pathetic story of Private A. Private A. came in when no squad was near formation. For two, perhaps three, weeks he potted around on light training and odd jobs. Maybe he helped in the cook-house.

"Got fat hanging about," explained the Instructor, and jabbed at the ominous red blob, high up among the weights, that represented A at the dawn of his career. "We soon stopped that," and the fore-

finger followed the downward swoop of the graph.

Private B was the cause of some anxiety. We don't know quite what to do about B. Regular life and diet account for a rise in weight of the normal recruit. It did not excuse Private B. The chart declared him to have gained a full stone—and he but half-way through his training. Private B, I foretell clearly, will end in the Garrison Artillery, humping heavy shells for his sins. Maybe here is a future journalistic heavy-weight.

Can anyone say why the average Cockney, represented as a typical Die-Hard recruit, excels at the long jump rather than the high? The explanation at Mill Hill is ingenious. He has long-jumped all his life, for his life—out of the way of the traffic.

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To know a regiment intimately would take a long time. There is a short cut, via the journal published by most Units. In the "Die-Hards," Regular, Territorial, Cadet battalions and the Depot, all have their allotted space. Dominion Regiments affiliated record "stag-parties" with community singing and "eats" in their own breezy fashion.

Battalion notes are guarded and dignified, commenting with praiseworthy restraint on Brigade Commanders' inspections. The official correspondents are but faintly stirred by the icy blasts of the Yorkshire Moors or the prickly heat of Madras. A Sergeants' Mess unbends so far as to hope, somewhat non-committally, that "our confederates elsewhere have not already broken the resolutions made for 1930." The Drums break loose, chatting cosily about "Bumpy Hill" and "Taffy" in a way to make us feel we have known these tympanists all their lives.

But for sheer politeness commend me to the Corporals who "wish to thank all Members of the Sergeants' Mess for their prompt attention and civility during the Christmas Dinner." The Diplomatic Service sighs in vain for such as these.

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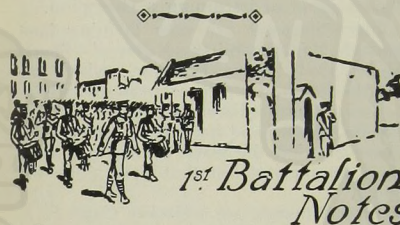
Proud as the men of Middlesex are of their Regiment, there is a matter-of-fact tone about it all that stamps the county regiment. I was told, casually—a mere

fact calling for no comment—that the first Service Battalion of the Middlesex raised in 1914 stood complete within forty-eight hours.

There is the Cockney touch in the story of the new M.O. who joined a Middlesex battalion in the line on a Christmas Day.

"Heavy shelling to-day," he remarked to his guide.

"Heavy, sir?" came the reply. "Lor', no. You wait till they really get started." This in the midst of the severest "strafe" experienced for months.



THE publication of March Army Orders has provided the principal topic of conversation lately, and has given the greatest satisfaction to everyone. Fervent hopes have been expressed that we move before we literally shake the mud of Catterick from our feet, so that we can taste once more the delights of week-end leave in the civilized South as early as possible.

This year the Brigade was going to Bellerby in the middle of April for the annual range course, but, owing to only one range at Bellerby now being available, this has been cancelled, so once more we are to trudge up and down Range Road for a month. However, even this is preferable to being under canvas on Bellerby Moor in April!

In the games world the Battalion boxing team, in spite of its youth and inexperience, put up a great show against our old friends, the East Lancashire Regiment, in the third round of the Army Inter-Unit Competition, and were only beaten eventually by 25 points to 20—a good augury for the future.

At football the team selectors are trying to build up a young team with an eye to the future, and, although the team

has not had many wins of late, the experience gained should stand them in good stead next year. The material is there all right.

At hockey we were defeated by the Depot Battalion, Royal Corps of Signals, in the third round of the Army Cup by 2 goals to 1.

Major G. C. Bucknall has rejoined us from the Staff College and taken over command of "D" Company.

2/Lieuts. A. M. Man and H. Marsh have joined us from the R.M.C., Sandhurst, on first appointment.

#### OFFICERS JOINING OR ON COURSES.

Lieut. Hudson was awarded the R.A.T.A. Physical Efficiency Medal on 31st Long Course, P.T., 7/1/30 to 11/4/30.

2/Lieut. Batten, 55th Course, R.A.F. School of Photography, 29/4/30 to 9/5/30.

Bt. Major Bucknall joined from Camberley, 21/12/29.

2/Lieut. Chattey, Q.12, Hythe, from 6/1/30 to 28/2/30, Q.1.

Lieut. Clark, Sanitary Course, from 4/1/30 to 25/1/30.

Lieut. Clowes, from Depot, 9/1/30.

Capt. Haydon, from Depot, 9/1/30.

Capt. Hedgecoe, Education Course, Shorncliffe, from 24/2/30 to 29/3/30.

2/Lieut. Herapath, Q.12, Hythe, from 6/1/30 to 28/2/30.

Major Jefferd, 1st S.O. Course, Netheravon, from 1/4/30 to 10/4/30.

2/Lieut. A. M. Man, joined 1/3/30.

2/Lieut. H. Marsh, joined 1/3/30.

Major Newnham, Temporary Brigade-Major, 137th Brigade.

Lieut. Newton, passed promotion examination, 8/3/30.

Major Sloane-Stanley, R.6 Refresher, Hythe, 10/3/30 to 29/3/30.

#### "A" (M.G.) COMPANY.

News of the Company is very sparse owing to the usual prevailing wind, rain, snows, etc., of Catterick putting out of action the sports grounds, and the Company working hard at machine-gun work in preparation for the forthcoming test classification, which I think will try the skill of some very good gunners.



However, we have finished the Inter-Company Football League and succeeded in taking second place, having beaten "B" and "Q," drawn with "C" and "G," and lost to "D."

At cross-country running we obtained second and third places of the two runs that have taken place, but we hope to be first in the next and final run. L./Sergt. Donovan and L./Cpl. Thirkettle took first and third places in the Battalion.

The Six-a-Side Football Competition is now in progress, and we still have two platoons left in, so we hope to have at least one platoon left in the final.

During the past quarter, we have had posted to our Company Capt. C. W. Haydon, M.C., and Lieut. J. H. Clowes. These two officers will prove an asset to the Company, both at sport and work, and we wish them a happy tour with the Company.

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#### "B" COMPANY.

With the Individual Training period over, our chief concern has been getting into trim for the Annual Range Course which takes place on the Barden Moor Ranges at the end of April.

Owing to bad weather, sports training has been greatly restricted, with the consequence that we have not yet acquired the team spirit which is so necessary to gain favourable results. The results of football and hockey do not deter us, but tend to strengthen our determination to do better in the future. Unfortunately, our search for new talent did not prove successful, and we still have to rely on the old members of the Company for their help and support.

The Inter-Company Football Competition has now finished with a somewhat disastrous result for us. It is many a long day since "B" were at the foot of the league, but, still, we are not disheartened, and take optimistic views of our position. Unfortunately, a number of our players were crooked and we were badly handicapped in being unable to fill their places satisfactorily. However, we are not making excuses, as we were beaten by better teams.

The Six-a-Side Inter-Platoon Competition has just commenced, and we are concentrating on reaching the finals.

We tender our heartiest congratulations to our veteran, Sergt. Fleming, on his wonderful display for the Battalion boxing team against the 2nd Bn. The East Lancashire Regiment in the third round of the Army Inter-Unit Championships. Thanks are due to him also for his good work in training our aspirants for the Battalion Novices' Championships.

Congratulations to L./Cpl. White and Pte. Osborne on their splendid fights in the Novices' Competition, which White won, and to Pte. Knight on gaining the bantam-weight title. Knight has shown great improvement since last year, and shows signs of becoming a champion.

The Company are now training hard for the forthcoming Novices' Sports Meeting. Every evening, when the weather permits, representatives are to be seen on the barrack square with the javelin, discus and hammer. It appears, however, that the track events are losing their popularity, but that time alone will show.

In conclusion, we welcome Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe, who has joined us from "D" Company, and C.S.M. Rand from the 2nd Battalion, and we hope they will enjoy their stay with us.

J. W. H.

#### "C" COMPANY.

Our doings have been chiefly concerned in getting into harness once more after a much-appreciated period of annual furlough. The extra days granted by our Commanding Officer for the marksmen and first-class shots gained in the Annual Course proved of great value. The privilege, I fancy, was not in some cases fully realized until they were actually on furlough.

Training has mainly consisted of weapon training, and our results in the Battalion tests have proved very satisfactory.

We have also had a short period of section training.

Our Company Commander has given the N.C.Os. some very interesting and most instructive sand-table schemes. The lessons learned should prove very useful when we come to the later stages of Company and Battalion Training.

The men took a great interest in the new form of training in Initiative. Some

of the answers given in the tests proved very amusing, especially the Opposite Test. One answer given was that a "cow" is the opposite to a "black-bird," but we think this man must have got mixed up in the many newspaper "Bullet" competitions, although he produced perfectly serious reasons for his answer.

To turn to sport, we have not had a great deal of this, as training and weather have not permitted.

The Company rose to the occasion in the recent Novices' Boxing Competitions. Fifty per cent. of the Company entered; No. 10 Platoon entered to a man, and, although we only won one weight, the feathers (Pte. Johnson), we ran well into the finals, and some very game boxing was seen. Our thanks are due to Cpl. Thompson and L./Cpl. Litchfield for giving the novices instruction.

We took first place in the last cross-country run, so naturally we feel very bucked. In the previous one we were third. Excelsior!

We hope that after the musketry period is over we shall be able to devote more time to sport in general.

To conclude, we extend a very hearty welcome to our two last drafts from the Depot, in November and March respectively, also to Sergt. Rogers, who has joined us from the 8th Battalion (T.A.).

We regret to have lost some of our pillars of strength in both sporting and military life in Sergt. Warren, to the 8th Battalion (T.A.), L./Sergts. Soper and O'Brien, Cpl. Chasney, and L./Cpls. Swadling and Nicholls to the Depot. We wish them all a pleasant tour of duty.

CORK.

#### "D" COMPANY.

We are now entering upon our last Collective Training season in Catterick, for which, incidentally, we spend most of our time collecting our men from their varied employments. The weather again this year has not been too kind to us, and undoubtedly we are all revelling in the thought of our move to Colchester.

We have again suffered several losses. We are sorry to lose Capt. Hedgecoe and wish him luck in his new company. Sergt. Steward has left us for the Depot, Cpl. Overton for "H.Q." Wing, and

Pte. Keep for civilian life. The latter is a great loss, as he was always a very prominent member on the field of sport.

We welcome Major Bucknall, who has come to command us; 2/Lieut. Marsh on first appointment; Sergt.-Major Stevenson, whom we congratulate on his promotion; Sergt. Horrex from the Territorial Army; Sergt. Northcott from the Depot, whom we congratulate on his appointment to full Sergeant, and whom we hope to see doing great deeds on the soccer field; and L./Sergt. Priddy from the Orderly Room.

Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Clarke on his appointment. We hope to see L./Cpls. Riches, Smith, Stokes, Kirby and McGann do well in their new appointments.

Congratulations to L./Sergt. Thompson on obtaining Q.1 at Hythe.

We have maintained our standard in the world of sport. Our cross-country runners have done splendidly, and this is shown by the fact that we won the first run of three miles by a very easy margin of points, and in the second run of four miles we were second to "C" Company by only three points. We look forward to winning the last run.

We congratulate our entrants for the Battalion Novices' Boxing Competition, where both winners and losers alike put up a most spirited show. Congratulations to Pte. Roseblade on representing the Battalion against the East Lancashire Regiment in the Army Inter-Unit Boxing.

Unfortunately, we lost the final of the Inter-Company Hockey Knock-out Competition by 1 goal to 0 to "G" Company. It was an excellent game, and we can only hope to win next year.

On the other hand, we won the Inter-Company Soccer Knock-out Competition, defeating "Q" Company in the final after a very good hard game. Our team should be very pleased with themselves about this most excellent win.

The Passball Competition is not finished yet. We hope to see one of our platoons win, when these Northern gales allow us to put up the posts once more.

#### DRUMS.

Time soon passes and old faces disappear one by one. We are all sorry to lose Capt. B. B. Rackham, who has left



us for a tour of duty at the Depot. We shall all miss him, as he took a keen interest in the Drummers and often assisted us on the sports field. At the same time, we welcome Capt. A. N. Overell as Officer i/c Drums.

Another loss we are suffering is that of "Tich," who has left us for a Vocational Training Course at Aldershot. He was a notable figure on all sports fields, and will be greatly missed in the hockey and football teams, also around the fire, and now he has gone, perhaps someone will be able to sit near the fire instead of admiring it from a distance.

"Rav" and "Les" have gone to the Depot to relieve "Solly" and "Escudry." Of course, we shall all be glad to have the two old 'uns back with us. A certain N.C.O. is rejoicing, because his pal is joining him again.

We must mention that we won the Company Hockey Competition again, and lost the final of the Football Knock-out to "D" Company with a score of 2 goals to 0. But we had our revenge in the Hockey when we beat them by 1 goal to 0, and we hope to do well in the Six-a-Side Competition.

We congratulate Dmr. Webber on winning the Novices' heavy-weight competition. We are expecting great things from him in the future.

One thing we want to know is whether the Association for Ex-Bandsmen is willing to supply blackboards and crutches for services rendered.

SNAKE-CHARMER.

#### BAND.

We have little to record, partly owing to the bad weather which we experience up here from January to March, thus minimizing our outdoor games. However, we are still trying to keep our end up in sport, and we hope to see several of our members in Battalion teams in the near future.

We must congratulate Bdsn. Chillery and Cousins on being chosen to represent the Battalion in boxing. The latter put up a very fine show in the Unit Team Championships against the East Lancashire Regiment, and, although he lost against the Army champion, he was in no way disgraced. Had good losers' prizes

been given he would certainly have received one.

We still continue to lose our members, Bdsn. Green having left for a trade course and Bdsn. Footer to discharge. We are not discouraged, for we have several promising boys to fill in the gaps.

The glad news of moving south to Colchester was received with delight. Our members are already saving their cash in the hope of getting a long week-end as soon as we get there. We hope there will be no more gardens to make or turfing to do.

Our best wishes to all of our ex-members, especially "Tishy" on his approaching marriage.

TREBLE CLEF.

#### SIGNALLERS.

Once more we are preparing for classification, and it is hoped that our next notes will contain startling results for all trying their luck.

Lieut. Crawford has left us and has been relieved by Lieut. Cubit. The change-over has given us as well as taken from us a good sportsman.

It is heard from a very good source that some of the intelligent of the section are *thinking* of taking a course of Pelmanism. Please note that "*thinking*" is emphasized.

Sports have taken a considerable amount of our time, and in boxing we have been very successful. All are to be congratulated, especially Ptes. Wilding, Francis and Carter, who, Sergt. Fleming predicts, will one day be champions.

At football, six of the Section, representing "G" Company, played very well with the remainder of the team from the Band, and "saw off" all the crack teams. This performance won the league, and gives "G" Company another inscription on the shield.

In conclusion, we send best wishes to all past associates, and trust to see them all again or during the Cricket Week.

A. R.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS.

"Notes" having been sounded, we are trying to increase the volume (of our Journal) by searching all the nooks of the Mess for news.

Billiards form a large item this time. We have a team in the Garrison Senior League, and apparently all goes well. The team is made up from the following members:—

C.S.M.I. Tomlin (A.P.T.S.), Clr.-Sergt. Baldwin, Clr.-Sergt. Wilcockson, Sergt. A. Jones and L./Sergt. Paterson.

It is not intended to enumerate the various matches, but we have scored 44 points out of a possible 70—which is really not bad. There are six matches to play, and I have a very optimistic feeling about them.

The home matches have been well supported, and some enjoyable evenings spent.

In mentioning billiards one must not forget the marker, Sergt. Pain, who travels with the team. I hear that he has been admitted to hospital. I am sure all members wish him a speedy recovery.

Dances have been held monthly, and have become more popular than ever. In preparing for these dances a lot of extra work is entailed which is often not seen by the looker-on. Credit is due to our Committee for the functions of the past quarter.

The Mess has been well represented at the dances of other units, and so we have made many friends who in turn swell the numbers at our shows.

On the occasion of the departure of the Scottish Rifles from Catterick we gave the members of their Mess a farewell smoker. A lot could be said about this, but it would be censored. At least we had a jolly time, and some good songs were sung and all parted with very happy memories.

Each month has seen our monthly dinner take place. The guests are increasing and we had sixty-one to dinner in March. On that occasion the dinner was followed by a dance, and I am sure some of our members were very heavy.

Several of our members have left us on discharge or transfer, and we wish them all the best of luck—whether in military or civilian spheres.

We welcome again to our fold C.S.M. Rand, who has joined us from the 2nd Battalion, and also several members who have rejoined us from various tours.

G. A. P. S. A.

#### CORPORALS' CLUB.

A good deal of time has elapsed since the Junior N.C.Os. of the 1st Battalion have been represented in the Journal. We have not been dead, but as our literary representative left us for a higher concern, the advertisement of our trials and troubles became forgotten. It has filled us with remorse seeing other Messes sending hearty greetings and good wishes, but our responsibilities have been realized at last. We humbly apologize for the absence of news in the past, and it is now our avowed intention to make amends in the future. Need we say that we wish to tender our thanks to all other Messes for the regard they have shown us in the past?

This is really the first opportunity we have had of passing a vote of thanks to Lieut. H. A. Howell, M.B.E., and to R.S.M. C. Davis. We thank the former most heartily for the active interest he has displayed and the latter for the deep concern he has for our welfare.

In January, Ginny, whose smile is envied by all who come in contact with him, was elected President of the Club, and one naturally looked forward to more stirring times. During his term of office he acquitted himself with great credit, and we wish to congratulate him and his Committee. We look to the new President and his staff to carry on with the good work.

During the past quarter we held three dances, which proved great successes. Our heartiest thanks are due to those members whose untiring efforts helped to achieve this object. Cpl. Rumens and L./Cpls. Dibble and Hack deserve special praise for the way they decorated the dance hall, while Cpl. Dyson, the M.C., must not be forgotten.

During the month of March we challenged the Sergeants' Mess to a billiards and snooker tournament, in which we were the victors. L./Cpl. Hatchett beat the Sergeants' Mess crack, Clr.-Sergt. Baldwin, at billiards. After the match we all adjourned to the supper room for a grand finale. Here rival parties were community singing and pokey-die slinging. Clr.-Sergt. Darby, Sergt. Sadler, and some of our worthy members entertained us with a first-class rendition of "On with the Show." After this things



became a little hazy, and the excellent show was concluded in a mist.

The walls of the billiard room have been decorated with the photographs of the Military Searchlight Tattoo held at York and Doncaster last year, and no doubt some of the members gaze upon them with a feeling of well-deserved pride. One member in particular makes it a habit to salute the photograph in which he figures. It hangs over the entrance to the Club.

By the time these notes are in print we shall see fat and florid features on parade like "Ye olde Beefeaters," because we are messing exclusively. Ahem! Farewell to our trusty friends of bygone days, namely, salmon fish-cakes and rissoles with gravy. At times, however, the murmur of "Should auld acquaintance be forgot" can be heard.

Billiards having become the main source of amusement in the Club, members are breaking all records, and occasionally the cues. The skittle alley is prominent, and Banjo is frequently seen strumming his way under the stars.

In view of the intensive Musketry Training, Small Arms Training has become well thumbed and the main topic of conversation in the Club nowadays is Gun Stops. Even in the seclusion of the reading room the fancied rattle of bolts is still apparent, while the airs on the wireless remind us of the wind table.

We extend our best wishes to Topper, Lawry and Chas, who have left us for a tour of duty at the Regimental Depot, and we wish them every success instructing the students. Also we hope that Snowy will not get browned off waiting in Givvy Street, and we trust that Sammy and Holly are doing well in their new spheres. Further, we take this opportunity of welcoming Cpl. Bean, who has just completed a tour of duty at the Depot; also Cpls. Williams and Davis, who have come back after a short spell with the T.A.

#### FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

It is whispered that Lofty is still a growing lad, and we are wondering to what heights and fame he will eventually arise. Good old Laughty!!!

We wonder what is the opinion of the Club regarding the introduction of Youngers celebrated. Drink up!

Ginny wishes to express his deepest apologies through the medium of these notes for not replying to the huge pile of correspondence from the 2nd Battalion. He regrets that no action can be taken regarding the housing problem as we do not go to camp this year.

It is reported that L./Cpl. Hatchett (Choppers), the librarian and well-known frequenter of the Damp Bar, has been experimenting as to how to obtain Youngers by wireless.

Two members, imitating a well-known explorer, lost their sense of direction and strayed into the wilds of Catterick. The compass must have been faulty, consequently some twenty pints of good old English ale have been forfeited.

Members of the Club were filled with a feeling of admiration when a certain person walked into the Club with two fine old masterpieces under his arm, one depicting Youngers Young Old Man, and the other Players, Please. It was rumoured that he intended to present them to the Club, but, being rather shy, he took them home, probably to adorn the walls of his bunk.

O. AND O.

### CORRESPONDENCE re THE LATE COLOUR-SERGEANT SAFFERTY.

TERRITORIAL ARMY AND AIR FORCE  
ASSOCIATION OF THE COUNTY OF  
MIDDLESEX,

66, VICTORIA STREET, S.W.1.

February 25th, 1930.

MY DEAR PARGITER,

I enclose the photo, also a letter from poor Safferty which he wrote on his death-bed and was not able to finish it.

The letter shows the real Die-Hard spirit.

Please make whatever use you like of the photo, and find it a resting-place in the Museum.

Yours sincerely,

MERVYN ANWYL PASSINGHAM.

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"22, SOUTHEND ROAD,

"EAST HAM.

"DEAR SIR,

"I am sending you under separate registered post a photograph which I



4th BATTALION COLOUR PARTY.

Funeral of the late King Edward VII. 1910.



consider is of important value historically, both Regimental and otherwise. You have already some acquaintanceship with the photo, but the copy I am sending you is different from all the others of the same subject, inasmuch as it bears not only your own autograph, but the autographs of the late General Kent, General Sir Ivor Maxse, Brig.-General Simpson, Col. Lempriere, the late Col. Dyer, the late Col. Hull, and Lieut. Kitchen, and finally H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

"I want you please to accept this as a token of gratitude from me in recognition of very many kindnesses extended to me during the many years that you have known me, mainly by your genial and gentlemanly attitude towards me (and others), and recently by your generous help to me in my unfortunate illness.

"The photograph is unframed and has never been displayed except to the signatories. I know you will put it in a frame that will harmonize with the surroundings of whatever room you decide to display it."



## REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

WE should be grateful for any information as to the history of the rifles, swords and bayonets which have been in the Sergeants' Mess, 1st Battalion, for a very long time.

It will be seen below that these have been presented to the Museum by the members of the Sergeants' Mess.

Dealers' lists of Regimental medals, etc., are available in the Museum, so that anyone wishing to buy and present such articles can refer to these lists.

### LIST OF ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

77th (East Middlesex Regiment). Recommendation for a soldier to marry, July 30th, 1872. No. 874 Cpl. William Whiteside: Late Mr. W. Whiteside.

2nd Battalion. Photograph; Officers at Khelat, 1893: Lieut.-Col. H. G. W. Chandler.

2nd Battalion. Photograph. Officers at Utrecht, Transvaal, 1901: Major E. H. Amor.

4th Battalion. Photograph. Colour Party, 1910, autographed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, etc. (reproduced in this issue): Late Sergt. A. Safferty, through Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham.

10th Battalion. Records and documents: Lieut.-Col. C. R. Johnson and Major C. Jarrett.

*Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research*, January, 1930: Editor of THE DIE-HARDS.

### LIST OF ADDITIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

2nd Battalion. Helmet, tunic, sash (full dress) and forage cap, 1st Class Staff Sergeant, India, 1897: Mr. E. J. Warren.

4th Battalion. Sniping Rifle: Lieut.-Col. G. A. Bridgman.

10th Battalion. Bronze: cross-belt ornament, chain and whistle, one star, officer's helmet ornament (Maltese Cross), specimen of Regimental Colours and Rose and Button in colours. Silver plate: Officer's belt buckle, two collar badges, small cap badge, cross-belt ornament, chain and whistle, two rank badges—crowns, four tunic buttons (large), and four buttons (small): Lieut.-Col. C. R. Johnson.

10th Battalion. Officer's cap badge: Major C. R. Jarrett, D.S.O., T.D.

Regimental. Pre-war officer's full-dress tunic, helmet, frock-coat and sash: Major E. H. Amor.

Regimental. Swords, rifles, and bayonets: Sergeants' Mess, 1st Battalion.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

### LETTER FROM SERGT.-MAJOR BEZAR.

19, RINTOUL STREET,  
WELLINGTON,  
NEW ZEALAND.

February 24th, 1930.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

I enclose herewith from *The Dominion* a notice of my 92nd birthday, also a photo taken on that day. The article is rather long, but the rather old "Die-Hard" news may gain it a place in your May issue.

After reading the life of the late General Logan, I wrote to Major Steed giving some particulars of the late General.

I first saw him in Malta in June, 1855, when he was given the command of the 2nd Divisional Battalion in Verdella Barracks. He had just been promoted to Major. I was in the 62nd Wilts Regiment at that time. We went to the Crimea in the same ship, in November, 1855. I was, when there, transferred to the "Die-Hards" to serve with an elder brother, in May, 1856. We left the Crimea for Malta in September, 1857. The Major was given command of the 200 of us who were put in plain clothes and hurried off to Aden, via Egypt.

The Major retained that command until we rejoined Headquarters at Poona in March, 1860.

We left India for this grand little country in November of that year.

Arriving in January, 1861, we served together during our New Zealand service, and he signed my discharge on March 25th, 1867. We crossed the Mediterranean Sea three times together, and if the Major went out to Malta in the *Great Britain* in March, 1855 (and I think he did), we crossed that sea four times.

I am pleased to say that I am still fairly well, and I trust all the "Die-Hards" can say the same—that is, those who are still carrying the duties of "Die-Hards." Should you see, or if you have correspondence with, Ma'or Steed, kindly give him my very best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

E. BEZAR.

### "NINETY-TWO TO-DAY.

### "SURVIVOR OF THE DIE-HARDS.

### "STORY OF A MAORI AMBUSH

"The doings of the 57th Middlesex Regiment, better known as the 'Die-Hards,' figure prominently in British history. The regiment arrived in New Zealand from India in 1861 to take part in the Maori War. To-day there are only three survivors of the regiment of that day:—

"Sergeant-Major Bezar, now resident in Wellington.

"Michael Gill, now in Napier.

"General Sir George Mansfield Clark, who visited New Zealand three years ago, and met his old comrade Sergeant-Major Bezar for the first time since he left New Zealand in 1866.

"To-day Sergeant-Major Bezar completes his 92nd year, for he was born at Gorsham, Wiltshire, England, in 1838. He left Bristol on February 10, 1855, to join the depot of the 62nd Wiltshire Regi-



Mr. E. BEZAR

ment, spent his 17th birthday in Ireland, 18th in the Crimea, 19th at Malta, 20th, 21st and 22nd in Aden, and the 23rd and subsequent birthdays in New Zealand.

### "CAPTURE OF HORI TEIRA.

"Sergeant-Major Bezar was transferred to the Diehards in 1856, after which he went to Malta, and with 200 of the regiment in the following year proceeded to Aden, where the Sepoy Regiment was becoming restless. In 1858 he took part in a brush with the Arabs, and in 1860 arrived in India. After only a short period of service the regiment received



orders to sail for New Zealand, and left in November of 1860, arriving in 1861 to take part in the Maori Wars. He participated in fighting at Kairau, after which things quietened down. Hostilities broke out again on May 4, 1863, owing to a party of ten men of the Middlesex Regiment being ambushed by a body of Maoris. Nine of the ten were killed, the only one to escape being a man named Kelly, who made off along the beach. Twenty-one days later a small party under Sergeant Bezar—as he was then—rushed out and captured Hori Teira, the first prisoner, who was sentenced to death, but the death sentence was commuted, and he was released four years later.

"Sergeant-Major Bezar was present at the first attack on Katikara on June 4, 1863, and at the capture of Kaitoke on March 25, 1864; he commanded the advance guard from New Plymouth to relieve Captain Lloyd's party at Kakaramea, 1865; he was at Atapapa in 1866, in which year the regiment proceeded Home, and he took his discharge as colour-sergeant. In September, 1868, when trouble broke out with the Maoris on the West Coast, he was appointed sergeant-major of the Wanganui district. He organized the first school cadet corps and invented a system of target musketry and the first Maori Rifle Corps under volunteer regulations. He was transferred to the Wairarapa in 1880, Dunedin in 1891, and resigned in 1892, and took up his residence in Wellington, where he has resided ever since.

#### "MEETS HORI TEIRA AGAIN.

"To a *Dominion* reporter yesterday, Sergeant-Major Bezar said that he was for many years anxious to meet Hori Teira again, and after 45 years succeeded in doing so in Molesworth Street under remarkable circumstances. This was in 1908. He was proceeding down Molesworth Street and saw a number of Maoris there. He asked one of them if he knew where Hori was, but received a negative reply. To another Maori he put the same question. 'Yes, there he is,' he replied, pointing to the old warrior on the other side of the street. Hori was greatly delighted to see his captor of 45 years ago, and Sergeant-Major Bezar spent the next two evenings with Hori

at the Railway Inn, where they talked over old times. It was then that Hori gave Sergeant-Major Bezar the real story of the ambush which resulted in the death of nine of his comrades.

"There was a party of about 40 Maoris and they were not in ambush for the men of the Middlesex Regiment, but for Sir George Grey and General Cameron, who did not leave for St. George redoubt that day as the Maoris expected. The party of ten left for New Plymouth and the Maoris fell upon them. The killed included Dr. Hope, who, only a short time before, at the request of the Governor, had medically attended Hori for an injured hand. Upon learning of Dr. Hope's death, Hori expressed his deep regret at having taken part in the tragedy. Some of the heads of the unfortunate party were sent from tribe to tribe for recruiting purposes by the Maoris, but were afterwards recovered and interred. One was recovered in 1865 and was sent to Taranaki and mistakenly buried for that of Captain Lloyd.

#### "A REAL FAMILY.

"Sergeant-Major Bezar's wife was born on November 15, 1846, on the ship *Java*, when sailing into Auckland harbour, and she held the distinction of being the first white child to visit Porirua harbour. Her father, Sergeant Kearns, of the 65th Regiment, was stationed there with a part of the regiment. When she was two years old the Maoris thought of stealing her, but the report reached the ears of the officer commanding, and he sent the mother and child under proper escort to Wellington for safety.

"Mr. and Mrs. Bezar had 13 children, seven sons and six daughters, of whom five sons and four daughters are still living. He will celebrate his birthday to-day with his oldest daughter, Mrs. Wells, of Island Bay, and his youngest daughter, Mrs. Watson, of Miramar, will also be there. Mrs. Bezar died in 1907. A photograph was taken of them when they were married in 1866, and Sergeant-Major Bezar believes he is the only man in New Zealand who knew the man who produced the first photograph in England—Fox Talbot, of Lacock Abbey—who died in 1872.

#### "OTHER RECOLLECTIONS.

"There are only three of the old Die-hards of 1860 left, whose names appear at the beginning of this article. It was a great reunion when, three years ago, the sergeant-major met General Sir George M. Clarke upon his visit to New Zealand, the first occasion they had met since General Clarke left New Zealand in 1866, to go Home with the regiment. Sergeant-Major Bezar recalls all the Governor-Generals from the time of Gore-Browne, who was succeeded by Sir George Grey. When the late Governor-General, Sir Charles Fergusson, arrived in Wellington five years ago, he was introduced to and shook hands with the old veteran, who reminded him that he had shaken hands with his father, Sir James Fergusson, in Wellington 53 years before. When he was made sergeant-major at Wanganui, Sergeant-Major Bezar also became an instructor, and recalled that he had the pleasure of drilling Dr. G. H. Scholefield in his youth at Wilton.



#### CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS.

(By kind permission of the Editor of the *Royal Fusiliers' Chronicle*.)

THE brighter soldiering movement shows signs of spreading in the Army, the great brains at the War House having now introduced a new "Analysis of Personality" on the Field Post Card system, as part of the Annual Confidential Report.

Page two of the new report, unfortunately not applicable to senior officers, consists of a delightful series of alternative qualifications guaranteed to sum up any officer's characteristics, with a few erasures. As an example under Character we find:

Energy: Hard-working; average; lazy.  
Initiative: Enterprising; average; unresourceful.

Habits: Temperate; intemperate.

Under Intellect:—

Imagination: Fertile; average; meagre.

Tactical Knowledge: Excellent; average; scanty.

Common sense: Abundant; average; lacking.

And under Athletics:—

Physique: Robust; average; poor.

Strength: Powerful; average; weak.

All of which is very excellent; splendid; good; and will no doubt cause much amusement; laughter; mirth; to all ranks, but at the same time many complaints will be received from the AVERAGE OFFICER when he finds that he is not considered hard-working, enterprising, or temperate in character, that his common sense is not abundant, and that he is neither robust nor powerful from an athletic point of view.

Having tested the new report on the officers one meets every day, one feels that there are still a few points which might with advantage be included, and the following suggestions; amendment; additions; are humbly, respectfully, and in all good faith, proposed; put forward; and/or recommended:

Bodily Characteristics:—

Head: Fat; thick; bald.

Face: Full; double; frosty.

Eyes: Black; glad; cross.

Neck: Stiff; bull; dead-from-upwards.

Legs: Long; bandy; well pulled.

Feet: Flat; corniferous; one-in-the-grave.

Knees: Knock; synovitis; housemaid's.

Intellectual Qualifications:—

Education: Failed B.A.; public school; university.

Brain Power: Average; poor; fit for staff employ.

Business Capacity: Shark; mug; poor fish.

Voice: His master's; rasping; fit for talkies.

Social Qualifications:—

Sex Appeal: He-man; she-man; cave-man.

Sociability: Poodlefaker; hermit; non-caller.

Veracity: George Washington; liar; good certifier.

Generosity: Open-handed; close-fisted; Scotch.

As a final snappy sum-up, the following Animal Characteristics would be invaluable:—

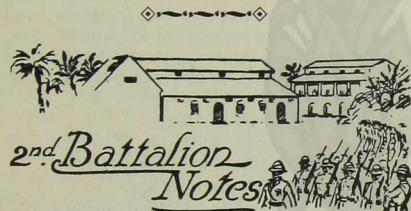
Rabbit; stoat; ass; mule; goat; tiger; drone; worm; lizard; snake.

If the above were included in the Annual Confidential Report, and some



simple system of marking introduced—say, three points for the first characteristic, two for the second, and one for the third, every officer's annual figure of merit could be rapidly assessed; as an example, a fat-headed, double-faced, bull-necked poodlefaker would score a possible of 10 points, as against the paltry 4 points obtained by a bald-headed, frosty-faced, Scotch cave-man.

If finally the reports were made out by junior officers on their seniors, an almost perfect system would result, but in that case few would get sufficient marks for promotion, and there would be no senior officers, which would perhaps be a pity.



IN a station like Madras, where the Battalion is always divided into two or more detachments, training is bound to suffer to a certain extent. This was brought out during January when we were under canvas at Selaiyur, and Company Training only was possible.

On January 2nd, "B" and "D" Companies, the Machine Gun Pack Platoon and the Signal Section marched out to camp by the main Chingleput road while the Intelligence Section, who were mounted on bicycles, not having the moral courage to pass their foot-slogging comrades, made a wide detour through Guindy Park. In the middle of the month "B" and "D" Companies and the Pack Platoon returned to barracks, and "A" Company and the Draft Platoon joined the remainder in camp.

Lieuts. Jacob, Gilbert and Baldwin passed for promotion in Subject "A" at Bangalore in January. We congratulate them on their success, particularly Lieut. Baldwin, who apparently impressed the examiners. Anyhow, he obtained .8.

Lieut. Dix-Lewis has left us for civil life, in which we wish him every success, and has been replaced by 2/Lieut. A. E.

Green, from the 1st Battalion. Lieut. Chapman has already sailed for England on eight months' leave, where he will be followed by Major Wollocombe and Lieuts. Wray and Clark in March, and by Capt. Garrow in April.

The Battalion Sports were held on February 12th to 14th, on the Island, when some good races were witnessed. We congratulate "A" Company on winning the Athletic Shield. "H.Q." Wing did very well to secure second place, for they have been heavily handicapped by the secession of the Machine Gun Platoon and the return to duty of some of their best athletes. Another disadvantage from which the Wing suffers is the absence of the Signallers at St. Thomas's Mount, which makes the training of their teams rather difficult.

#### A YELLOW FLASH.

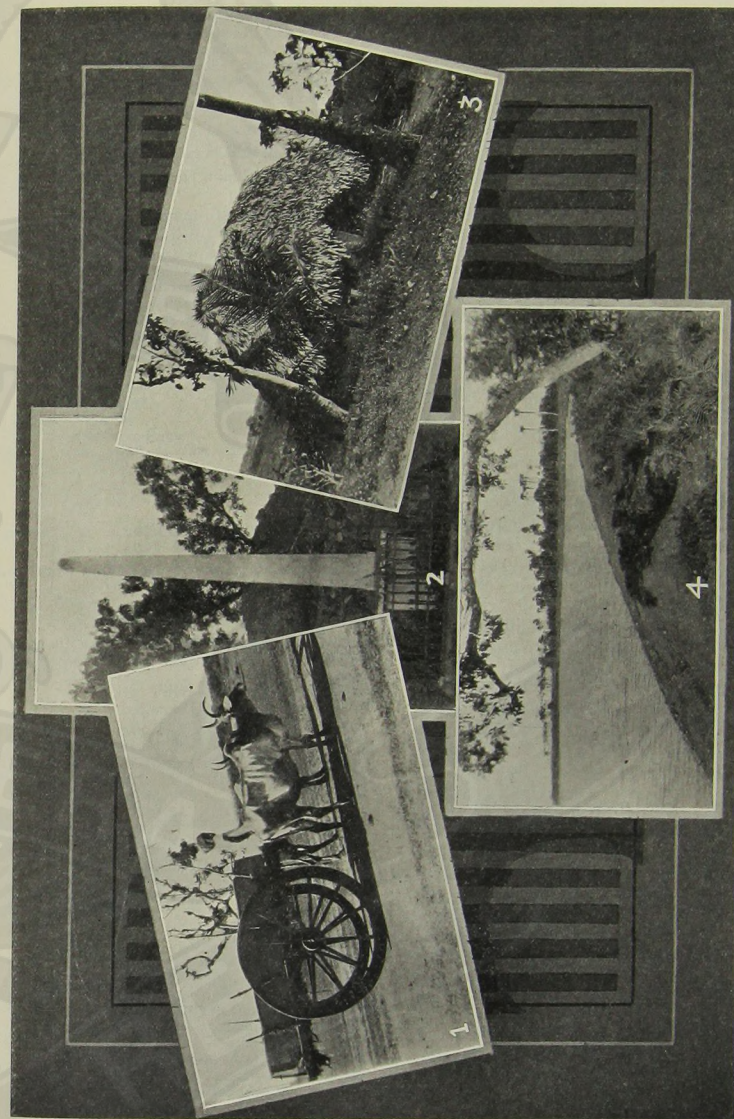
An incident at Government House, Madras, on the occasion of the Battalion providing a guard over H.E. the Viceroy.

The officer of the guard was inspecting the sentries, and, on asking Pte. — whether he knew the difference between H.E. the Viceroy and the Governor of Madras, the sentry answered "Yes."

Just at that minute, a man came out from the house and crossed the sentry's beat. The officer asked the man if he knew who the man was. The sentry's answer was: "I dunno who 'e is, sir; all I do know is that 'e is summin' to do wiv the stooards."

(It was H.E. the Governor of Madras. This incident greatly amused both the Viceroy and the Governor.)

For the information of those who attended the lecture by Lieut.-Col. Burnett on Fort St. George, we would like to state that the privilege accorded to the Provost Marshal of keeping a tavern in his quarters has now lapsed, and that the present Provost Sergeant does not hold shares in the Oriental Café.



1.—The Indian "Pickfords."

2.—Noble Monument, St. Thomas Mount.  
4.—Tank near Selaiyur.

3.—A Village Hut.



## CRICKET.

We have just concluded our season's cricket with the Company League, which was won by "A" Company, whom we congratulate.

The table at the close was as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
"A" Company ...	4	4	0	8
"B" Company ...	4	3	1	6
"C" Company ...	4	2	2	4
"H.O." Wing ...	4	1	3	2
"D" Company ...	4	0	4	0

Our Regimental team were beaten twice by the Madras Cricket Club. Though this has broken a long unbeaten record which we have had since 1923 inclusive, we do not by any means feel disgraced by being overpowered by cricketers of their calibre.

Below will be found the detailed scores of 1st and 2nd XI matches which have been played since the last notes.

An interesting paragraph, as under, appeared in the report of the Madras Cricket Club for the 1928-29 season:—

"The outstanding batting performance was left until the last match of the season against the planters at Ooty. The Club was given 65 minutes to make 148 runs to win, and sending in A. H. L. Sugden (New Zealand Staff Corps attached to 2nd Middlesex Regiment in exchange for Lieut. E. L. Heywood) and J. W. A. Stephenson, this was accomplished with 5 minutes to spare. Both batsmen were unbeaten with 57 and 87 respectively. A remarkable performance."

Something like this occurred in our match at Bangalore Gymkhana, when we were given the task of getting 140 runs in an hour and a half, and in spite of the fact that it rained and play was stopped for ten minutes, these runs were obtained with seven minutes to spare. This was chiefly due to a masterly innings by Sergt. Capel and hurricane hitting by Lieut. Gilbert, who scored a boundary off almost every ball bowled to him, and made 36 not out in seven minutes.

## MYLAPORE RECREATION CLUB v. 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Played at Madras, on October 27th, 1929. Match drawn.

MYLAPORE RECREATION CLUB.				
Venkatapathy b Glover ...	...	...	...	1
Kanniah b Addinall ...	...	...	...	7

Kirshuaswami, c, b Addinall ...	...	...	101
Venkatapathy, c, b Glover ...	...	...	3
Kirshnamurthy, b Glover ...	...	...	0
Parthasarathy, lbw b Kemp ...	...	...	35
Rajagopal, c, b Addinall ...	...	...	16
K. Kirshuaswami, c, b Stephenson ...	...	...	7
G. Ramchander, not out ...	...	...	3
Extras ...	...	...	13

Total (for 8 wks.)\* ... 186

Pany and S. Ramchander did not bat.

\* Innings declared closed.

## 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Capt. Procter, c, b Parthasarathy ...	...	...	3
Sergt. Capel, b Parthasarathy ...	...	...	2
Sergt. Addinall, c, b Ramchander ...	...	...	0
Lieut. Stephenson, b Parthasarathy ...	...	...	10
Major Wollocombe, b Ramchander ...	...	...	2
Lieut. Else, not out ...	...	...	33
C.O.M.S. Glover, b Parthasarathy ...	...	...	3
Cpl. Kemp, c, b Parthasarathy ...	...	...	0
Cpl. Painter, run out ...	...	...	1
Pte. Lloyd, b Kirshuaswami ...	...	...	3
Boy Riseley, not out ...	...	...	0
Extras ...	...	...	15

Total (for 9 wks.) ... 72

## 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. THE NATIONAL CRICKET CLUB.

Played at Madras, on November 10th, 1929. Middlesex won by 90 runs.

## 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Lieut. Heywood, c, b Ranglaen ...	...	...	9
Sergt. Capel, b Nogalingam ...	...	...	0
Capt. Procter, not out ...	...	...	48
Lieut. Stephenson, run out ...	...	...	10
Major Wollocombe, st. Sarhagari ...	...	...	9
Sergt. Addinall, b Saramsugh ...	...	...	6
Sergt. Glover, c, b Theobald ...	...	...	22
Cpl. Kemp, b Theobald ...	...	...	7
Cpl. Painter, not out ...	...	...	4
Extras ...	...	...	9

Total (for 7 wks.)\* ... 124

Pte. Lloyd and Bdsrn. Broadbridge did not bat.

\* Innings declared closed.

## THE NATIONAL CRICKET CLUB.

Saramsugh, b Kemp ...	...	...	6
Theobald, c, b Addinall ...	...	...	13
Nogalingam, b Addinall ...	...	...	0
Balu, c, b Kemp ...	...	...	1
Rattans, b Addinall ...	...	...	1
Easwaramy, not out ...	...	...	7
Jayarm, b Addinall ...	...	...	0
Sargari, c, b Kemp ...	...	...	0
Krashesami, b Addinall ...	...	...	3
Appu, st, b Addinall ...	...	...	0
Ranglaen, b Addinall ...	...	...	1
Extras ...	...	...	2

Total ... 34

## MADRAS CRICKET CLUB "B" TEAM v. 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT "B" TEAM.

Played at Madras, on November 17th, 1929. Middlesex Regiment "B" Team lost by 23 runs.

## MADRAS CRICKET CLUB "B" TEAM.

Major Wollocombe, c, b Winterburn ...	...	...	4
L. G. Luker, c, b Lieut. Gilbert ...	...	...	5
E. M. Kilbane, b Lieut. Gilbert ...	...	...	2
D. Declermont, b Mewett ...	...	...	15
Lieut.-Col. Bradfield, lbw. b Gilbert ...	...	...	7
B. W. Woodroffe, b Mewett ...	...	...	12
Capt. Stewart, c, b Painter ...	...	...	5
W. Paterson, b Bdsrn. Gilbert ...	...	...	15
D. G. Roy, not out ...	...	...	28
H. R. Powis, c, b Lieut. Gilbert ...	...	...	3
F. Smith, c, b Winterburn ...	...	...	10
Extras ...	...	...	14

Total ... 120

## 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT "B" TEAM.

Lieut. Heywood, b Smith ...	...	...	5
C.S.M. Colburn, b Powis ...	...	...	2
Lieut. Else, b Powis ...	...	...	13
Lieut. Gilbert, b Powis ...	...	...	3
Cpl. Painter, c, b Smith ...	...	...	2
Pte. Lloyd, b Smith ...	...	...	5
Bdsrn. Broadbridge, not out ...	...	...	35
Bdsrn. Gilbert, b Smith ...	...	...	9
Sergt. Mewett, b Smith ...	...	...	4
Pte. Daly, b Smith ...	...	...	8
Pte. Winterburn, b Powis ...	...	...	2
Extras ...	...	...	9

Total ... 97

## ROYAL WEST KENTS v. 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Played at Bangalore, on November 28th, 1929. Middlesex won by 6 wickets.

## ROYAL WEST KENTS.

## 1st Innings.

Cpl. Maloney, c, b Addinall ...	...	...	10
L./Cpl. Johnson, c, b Glover ...	...	...	4
Lieut. Macklin, c, b Addinall ...	...	...	4
Lieut. Scott, b Gilbert ...	...	...	12
Cpl. Haywood, b Glover ...	...	...	8
Lieut. Howlett, c, b Kemp ...	...	...	19
Pte. Cannacott, b Gilbert ...	...	...	3
Lieut. Malony, c, b Gilbert ...	...	...	1
L./Cpl. Inward, b Kemp ...	...	...	11
Pte. Killick, c, b Gilbert ...	...	...	0
Sergt. Page, not out ...	...	...	0
Extras ...	...	...	8

Total ... 80

## 2nd Innings.

Cpl. Maloney, b Gilbert ...	...	...	16
L./Cpl. Johnson, c, b Kemp ...	...	...	12
Lieut. Macklin, c, b Gilbert ...	...	...	0
Lieut. Scott, c, b Kemp ...	...	...	0
Cpl. Haywood, b Kemp ...	...	...	0
Lieut. Howlett, st, b Kemp ...	...	...	0
Pte. Cannacott, not out ...	...	...	27
Lieut. Malony, lbw, b Gilbert ...	...	...	0
L./Cpl. Inward, b Addinall ...	...	...	13
Pte. Killick, lbw, b Addinall ...	...	...	0

## Sergt. Page, b Addinall ... Extras ...

Total ... 70

## 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

## 1st Innings.

Capt. Procter, c, b Howlett ...	...	...	6
Lieut. Heywood, c, b Howlett ...	...	...	9
Sergt. Capel, c, b Killick ...	...	...	31
Lieut. Stephenson, b Killick ...	...	...	16
Lieut. Gilbert, c, b Howlett ...	...	...	9
Lieut. Else, c, b Howlett ...	...	...	1
Sergt. Addinall, b Scott ...	...	...	10
Major Wollocombe, c & b Scott ...	...	...	1
Sergt. Glover, not out ...	...	...	17
Cpl. Kemp, c, b Scott ...	...	...	2
Pte. Winterburn, c, b Scott ...	...	...	0
Extras ...	...	...	17

Total ... 119

## 2nd Innings.

Sergt. Glover, not out ...	...	...	22
Pte. Winterburn, c, b Scott ...	...	...	4
Capt. Procter, lbw, v Killick ...	...	...	0
Sergt. Capel, b Scott ...	...	...	0
Lieut. Gilbert, c, b Scott ...	...	...	4
Lieut. Else, not out ...	...	...	2
Extras ...	...	...	0

Total (for 4 wks.) ... 32

Lieut. Heywood, Lieut. Stephenson, Cpl. Kemp, Sergt. Addinall and Major Wollocombe did not bat.

## GYMKHANA CLUB v. 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Played at Bangalore, November 30th, 1929. Middlesex won by 6 wickets.

## 1st Innings.

Pridham, lbw b Addinall ...	...	...	7
Colonel Plumer, c, b Addinall ...	...	...	0
Capt. Picton, c, b Glover ...	...	...	0
Steadman, not out ...	...	...	23
Caly, b Addinall ...	...	...	1
Nisbett, run out ...	...	...	10
Lieut. Scott, b Addinall ...	...	...	14
Ficilin, b Addinall ...	...	...	2
Morgan, c, b Kemp ...	...	...	7
Newland, b Stephenson ...	...	...	1
Peacock, b Stephenson ...	...	...	0
Extras ...	...	...	13

Total ... 78

## 2nd Innings.

Pridham, b Addinall ...	...	...	5
Steadman, c, b Addinall ...	...	...	51
Caly, c, b Stephenson ...	...	...	17
Scott, st, b Broadbridge ...	...	...	7
Picton, b Gilbert ...	...	...	22
Plumer, lbw, b Gilbert ...	...	...	17
Nisbett, c, b Stephenson ...	...	...	18
Morgan, b Stephenson ...	...	...	24
Newland, st, b Kemp ...	...	...	10
Ficilin, not out ...	...	...	9
Peacock, c, b Stephenson ...	...	...	6
Extras ...	...	...	14

Total ... 200



## 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

## 1st Innings.

Capt. Procter, c, b Peacock	15
Lieut. Heywood, b Scott	11
Sergt. Capel, c, b Scott	0
Lieut. Stephenson, b Peacock	16
Lieut. Gilbert, c, b Scott	45
Lieut. Else, c, b Picton	13
Sergt. Addinall, b Scott	0
Major Wollocombe, c, b Scott	11
Sergt. Glover, c, b Picton	3
Cpl. Kemp, b Picton	0
Bdsman. Broadbridge, not out	4
Extras	21

Total ... 139

## 2nd Innings.

Bdsman. Broadbridge, c, b Picton	14
Sergt. Addinall, run out	15
Sergt. Capel, not out	52
Lieut. Stephenson, lbw, b Newland	22
Lieut. Gilbert, b Scott	36
Extras	6

Total (for 4 wks.) ... 145

Lieut. Else, Major Wollocombe, Sergt. Glover, Capt. Procter, Lieut. Heywood and Cpl. Kemp did not bat.

## 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. THE CABLE COMPANY.

Played at Madras, on December 14th, 1929. Match drawn.

## 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Capt. Procter, b Vanigan	11
Sergt. Capel, st., b Vanigan	2
Sergt. Addinall, c, b Davenport	25
Lieut. Stephenson, not out	45
Lieut. Gilbert, b Porter	20
Lieut. Else, not out	32
Extras	22

Total (for 4 wks.)\* ... 157

\* Innings declared closed.

Major Wollocombe, Sergt. Glover, Cpl. Kemp, Pte. Lloyd and Pte. Winterburn did not bat.

## THE CABLE COMPANY.

Davenport, b Glover	6
Hoy, c, b Addinall	5
O'Hara, c, b Kemp	51
Sator, b Addinall	1
Porter, b Addinall	1
Heathcote, b Addinall	1
Bowie, c, b Gilbert	0
Snell, not out	2
Vanigan, not out	1
Extras	4

Total (for 7 wks.) ... 72

Thomas and Rose did not bat.

## THE GARRISON v. 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Played at Madras, on December 19th, 1929. Middlesex won by 51 runs.

## THE GARRISON.

Capt. Neale, b Addinall	6
Capt. Stewart, b Kemp	10
Capt. Whitcombe, b Addinall	14
Capt. Shearburn, lbw, b Glover	5
Capt. Goldthorpe, b Gilbert	0
Brigadier Worgan, c, b Glover	1
Capt. Tester, b Addinall	11
Capt. Lackchmanan, b Glover	0
Capt. Adams, not out	4
Capt. O'Brien, c, b Kemp	3
Capt. Packenham, b Addinall	3
Extras	7

Total ... 70

## 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Major Wollocombe, b Lackchmanan	0
Lieut. Heywood, b Whitcombe	28
Sergt. Capel, c, b Lackchmanan	1
Lieut. Stephenson, b Whitcombe	4
Lieut. Gilbert, b Lackchmanan	9
Lieut. Else, b Lackchmanan	2
Sergt. Addinall, c, b Shearburn	32
Sergt. Glover, b Whitcombe	0
Cpl. Kemp, b Stewart	9
Bdsman. Broadbridge, b Shearburn	16
Pte. Winterburn, not out	4
Extras	16

Total ... 121

## MADRAS CRICKET CLUB v. 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Played at Madras, on December 31st, 1929. Middlesex lost by 16 runs.

## MADRAS CRICKET CLUB.

P. N. Miller, b Stephenson	9
A. D. Denniston, b Addinall	1
P. S. Whitcombe, b Addinall	19
H. P. Ward, b Winterburn	39
P. M. Pigot, b Stephenson	28
E. W. Bradfield, b Addinall	1
R. C. Paterson, c, b Winterburn	15
R. M. King, b Kemp	12
H. Sherburn, b Stephenson	24
B. Treffry, b Kemp	1
R. L. Neale, not out	0
Extras	7

Total ... 156

## 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Lieut. Heywood, c, b Whitcombe	6
Sergt. Capel, b Whitcombe	27
Sergt. Glover, b Pigot	1
Lieut. Stephenson, lbw, b Pigot	34
Lieut. Gilbert, c, b Whitcombe	32
Lieut. Else, lbw, b Pigot	4
Sergt. Addinall, c, b Pigot	1
Major Wollocombe, lbw, b Whitcombe	5
Cpl. Kemp, not out	0
Pte. Winterburn, b Pigot	9
Bdsman. Broadbridge, b Pigot	13
Extras	13

Total ... 140

## 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT "B" TEAM v. MADRAS CRICKET CLUB "B" TEAM.

Played at Madras, on January 1st, 1930. Middlesex "B" Team won by 43 runs.

## 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT "B" TEAM.

Pte. Cosgrove, b Mainprice	5
Pte. Lloyd, c, b Leigh	31
Cpl. Painter, b Le Marchant	43
2/Lieut. Green, not out	50
Bdsman. Broadbridge, lbw, b Leigh	5
Bdsman. Gilbert, c, b Mainprice	3
Capt. Procter, not out	18
Extras	9

Total (for 5 wks.)\* ... 164

Major Wollocombe, C.S.M. Colbourne, Boy Riseley and Pte. Winterburn did not bat.

\* Innings declared closed.

## MADRAS CRICKET CLUB "B" TEAM.

R. D. Denniston, c, b Winterburn	64
G. V. Cockburn, b Green	4
G. Declermont, b Winterburn	7
A. M. Franks, b Green	2
L. J. Brewin, run out	39
R. C. Paterson, c, b Winterburn	0
H. M. Le Marchant, b Winterburn	0
J. S. Goodwin, b Riseley	0
D. G. Little, b Winterburn	0
E. J. Leigh, not out	0
C. Mainprice, c, b Riseley	0
Extras	5

Total ... 121

## MADRAS CRICKET CLUB v. 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Played at Madras, on February 9th, 1930. Middlesex lost by 206 runs.

## MADRAS CRICKET CLUB.

P. N. Miller, c, b Glover	48
M. Mackinnon, c, b Kemp	72
A. M. Franks, b Kemp	3
H. P. Ward, c, b Gilbert	70
R. D. Denniston, b Addinall	21
G. Declermont, not out	53
R. E. Paterson, b Addinall	1
J. S. Goodwin, not out	3
Extras	24

Total (for 6 wks.)\* ... 295

R. Cockburn, W. H. Smell and B. Treffry did not bat.

\* Innings declared closed.

## 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Capt. Procter, b Ward	1
Major Wollocombe, b Ward	8
C.O.M.S. Capel, b Denniston	9
Lieut. Stephenson, c, b Snell	36
Lieut. Gilbert, lbw, b Snell	6
Sergt. Glover, b Snell	21
Sergt. Addinall, b Snell	0
Cpl. Painter, c, b Goodwin	1
Lieut. Green, lbw, b Snell	0
Sergt. Kemp, not out	4
Pte. Winterburn, b Franks	0
Extras	3

Total ... 89

## FOOTBALL.

At last the Battalion seems to be coming back to its old standard of football. The team of 1926 is a high ideal to aim at; nevertheless, this year's team has shown distinctly good form. For the past two years we have been aiming at producing a good team to take home to England with us, unfortunately with little result. This year's team, which has just won the Madras Gymkhana Cup, gives us great hope of having achieved our ambition.

In the first round of the Madras Cup we beat the Mars Union by six clear goals. Our next victims were the Anglo-Indians. This time the score was 7-1. In the semi-finals we met the Madras Oriental Football Club. This, perhaps, produced the most exciting game in which the Battalion has taken part for many years. Although we were by far the better team in all departments of the game, we just managed to scrape home by the odd goal in seven. The Orientals had beaten the Royal West Kent Regiment in the previous round, and the Battalion turned out in great force to support the team. In the final we met the Telegraph Company and managed to beat them by 4 goals to 1. The ambition of the Battalion is now to win the Madras Rugger Cup. If we do, then we will be the first regiment to bring off the double. Good luck to the rugger players!

The following is an account of the final match which appeared in the *Madras Mail*:—

## "MIDDLESEX BEAT TELEGRAPHS IN FINAL"

## "AFTER INTERESTING GAME."

## "LOSERS' WEAK HALF-BACK PLAY."

"The Gymkhana Football Tournament concluded yesterday in a win for the Middlesex Regiment, who beat the Telegraph Recreation Club by four goals to one. The winners thoroughly deserved their success on the day's play."

## "MADRAS, MAR. 1."

"Year after year military teams have won the Gymkhana Football Tournament and this year the Middlesex Regiment have had that honour. It is strange that no civilian team has yet won this event



since its inception over three decades ago. In the past, before the Great War, the Gymkhana have several times reached the final and more recently the Anglo-Indian Sports Club have twice or three times had that distinction.

"This year the tournament has been a great success, thanks to the Gymkhana Sports Committee who invited Indian teams to participate for the first time. This, no doubt, has given a much-needed stimulus to Association Football, a game which is languishing in Madras. The tournament throughout has been marked by a good standard of play and the attendance was very satisfactory. The Indian teams have done very well, particularly the Madras Oriental Club, who defeated last year's winners, the Royal West Kents, and only lost to the Middlesex by the odd goal in seven.

"Yesterday's final match between the Telegraph Recreation Club and the Middlesex Regiment provided a good game, though the football never reached the high standard expected in a final match. The Middlesex won by four goals to one, a victory which they thoroughly deserved. Settling down more quickly than their opponents, the military were very dangerous and for the first ten minutes there was a regular bombardment of the Telegraph goal. Todd and Reynolds extricated their side on several occasions when goals seemed imminent. Such pressure as the military exerted was sure to bring some tangible reward sooner or later, and so it did. Following a corner kick taken by Goldsmith, Hewitt opened the scoring by heading through a fine goal. The Telegraphs were still on the defence, but a sudden breakaway by Saville on the left raised the hopes of their supporters, but his shot, from a difficult angle, went wide. A few minutes later, Deane broke through the centre, and cleverly eluding the backs scored a second goal for his side. The Telegraphs gradually improved and they set up a sustained attack for the next five minutes without causing undue anxiety. The Middlesex at length transferred play and a shot from one of their half-backs struck the crossbar and rebounded into play. Seven minutes before the interval the Telegraphs scored, Blankley converting a timely centre from Goubert.

"After the change of ends play contained many scrappy periods, though exciting incidents and the vigour of the exchanges prevented the game at any time from becoming uninteresting. The Telegraphs, who now had the wind in their favour, set up some good attacks in the early period and the military goal had some anxious moments. Lack of understanding lost the Telegraphs two good openings during this stage. Gradually, however, the Middlesex overplayed their opponents and Deane increased their lead by a couple of goals. The Telegraphs never gave up and dangerous solo raids by Peck and Blankley varied the monotony of the military attack, but brought no reward.

"The defeat of the Telegraphs was largely due to the shortcomings of their half-backs, who had no idea of constructive play at all. They frequently overkicked their forwards, particularly Gilbert, who also did a lot of useless running. Their goalkeeper was distinctly shaky and let in two easy goals.

"Todd and Reynolds at back were the mainstay of the team, especially the first-named, who gave a great display.

"In the forward line Blankley and Saville were about the best. Where all played well it would be invidious to single out any player of the Middlesex team for special praise, but Deane at centre-forward was the most dangerous of the forwards.

"The match over, Mrs. Beasley, wife of the Hon. Mr. Justice H. O. C. Beasley, gave away the prizes to the winners and runners-up. With three cheers for Mrs. Beasley the function came to a close."

#### REGIMENTAL SPORTS RESULTS.

FEBRUARY 12TH TO 14TH.

100 Yards.—1, Bdsn. Gower; 2, Cpl. Harper. Team placings: 1, "H.Q."; 2, "B"; 3, "A"; 4, "D"; 5, "C" (M.G.).  
220 Yards.—1, Bdsn. Gower; 2, L./Cpl. Hornett. Team placings: 1, "H.Q."; 2, "B"; 3, "A"; 4, "C" (M.G.); 5, "D".  
440 Yards.—1, Pte. Sayers; 2, Bdsn. Knights. Team placings: 1, "H.Q."; 2, "B"; 3, "A"; 4, "C" (M.G.); 5, "D".  
880 Yards.—1, Pte. Coker; 2, Pte. Daly. Team placings: 1, "A"; 2, "C" (M.G.); 3, "H.Q."; 4, "D"; 5, "B".  
One Mile.—1, L./Cpl. Woodley; 2, Pte. Coker. Team placings: 1, "C" (M.G.); equal 2, "A" and "D"; tied; 4, "H.Q."; 5, "B".

Three Miles.—1, Pte. Coker; 2, L./Cpl. Woodley. Team placings: 1, "A"; 2, "C" (M.G.); 3, "D"; 4, "H.Q."; 5, "B".  
120 Yards Hurdles.—1, Lieut. Gilbert; 2, L./Cpl. Livens. Team placings: 1, "B"; 2, "A"; 3, "H.Q."; 4, "C" (M.G.); 5, "D".  
Putting the Weight.—1, L./Cpl. Hawker; 2, Lieut. Gilbert. Team placings: 1, "A"; 2, "D"; 3, "H.Q."; 4, "C" (M.G.); 5, "B".  
High Jump.—1, Pte. Cosgrove; 2, C.S.M. Colbourne. Team placings: 1, "B"; 2, "H.Q."; equal 3, "A", "C" (M.G.) and "D", tied.  
Long Jump.—1, Lieut. Gilbert; 2, C.S.M. Colbourne. Team placings: 1, "A"; 2, "H.Q."; 3, "B"; 4, "C" (M.G.); 5, "D".  
Inter-Company Relay Race (220, 220, 440, 880).—1, "A"; 2, "B"; 3, "D"; 4, "C" (M.G.); 5, "H.Q.".   
Indian Platoon 220 Yards.—1, Sepoy Nar Singh; 2, Sepoy Bhura Singh.  
Indian Platoon High Jump.—1, Havildar Muni Lal; 2, L./Naik Suraj Bhan.  
Indian Platoon Putting the Weight.—1, Havildar Het Ram; 2, Sepoy Mangal Singh.  
Boys' 100 Yards.—1, Boy Riseley; 2, Boy Chatfield.  
Boys' 220 Yards.—1, Boy Riseley; 2, Boy Rolfe.  
Boys' 440 Yards.—1, Boy Rolfe; 2, Boy Lavalette.  
Boys' 120 Yards Hurdles.—1, Boy Riseley; 2, Boy Lavalette.  
Boys' Long Jump.—1, Boy Riseley; 2, Boy Sewell.  
Boys' High Jump.—1, Boy Riseley; 2, Boy Chatfield.  
Children's Race (Boys).—1, George King; 2, Cornelius King.  
Children's Race (Girls).—1, Renie Hill; 2, Evelyn King.  
Ladies' Race.—1, Mrs. Glover; 2, Mrs. Gribble.  
Veterans' Race.—1, C.S.M. Kent; 2, C.Q.M.S. Capel.  
Sergeants' Race.—1, Sergt. Beaveridge; 2, L./Sergt. Russell.  
Corporals' Race.—1, Cpl. Harper; 2, Cpl. Ramsay.  
Cross-Country Run (First Run).—1, Pte. Coker; 2, Pte. Stevens; 3, L./Cpl. Woodley. Team placings: 1, "C" (M.G.); 2, "D"; 3, "A"; 4, "H.Q."; 5, "B".  
Cross-Country Run (Second Run).—1, Pte. Stevens; 2, Pte. Francis; 3, Pte. Drake. Team placings: 1, "C" (M.G.); 2, "D"; 3, "A"; 4, "B"; 5, "H.Q.".   
Athletic Championship Company.—1, "A" Company; 2, "H.Q." Wing; 3, "B" Company; 4, "C" (M.G.) Company; 5, "D" Company.

#### "A" COMPANY.

In the past quarter we moved from Fort St. George to Selaiyur Camp, and from camp to St. Thomas's Mount. The fortnight's Company Training in camp was a very welcome change from the somewhat monotonous routine of garrison life in town. Hard battles were fought, shrewd blows delivered, and unexpected situations produced by skeleton enemies, but all ranks thoroughly enjoyed

the training and profited by it. The indent for black Very lights for day firing was not met by the C.Q.M.S. We believe he is slowly recovering from the shock. Camp concerts were an agreeable interlude and in these our old friends Ptes. Dunton and Wigmore showed that, in spite of the absence of music and footlights, they could still provide amusement with instruction combined.

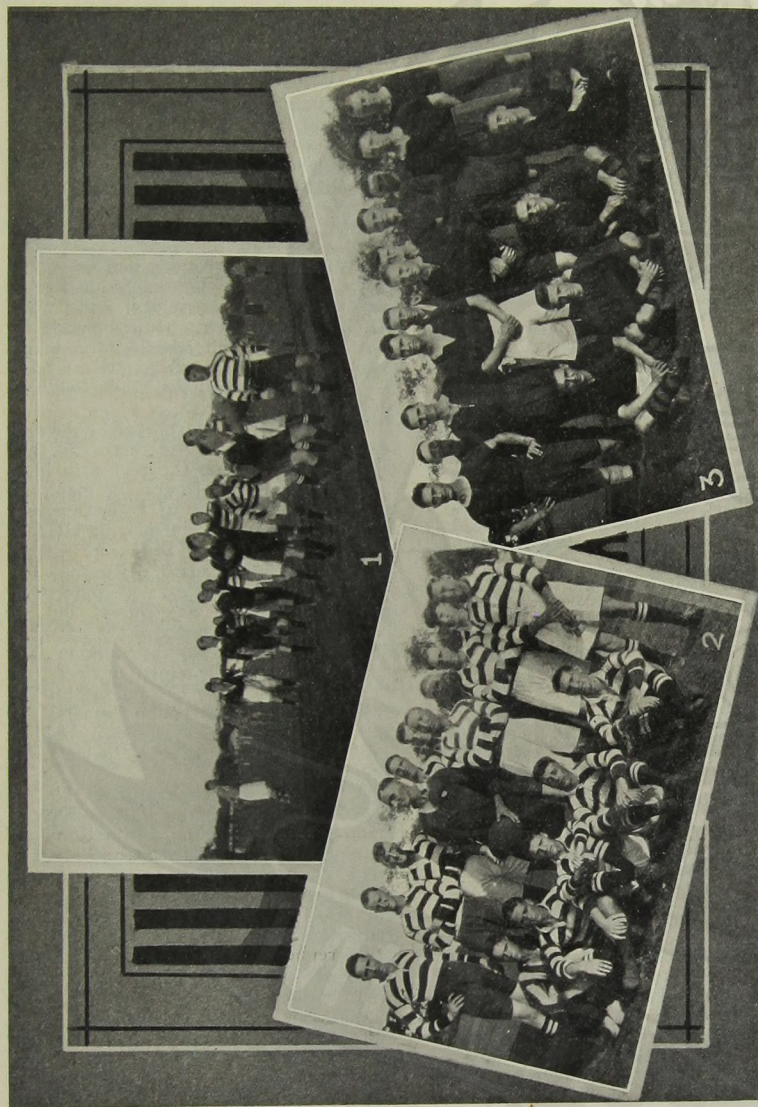
At the conclusion of camp we marched back to St. Thomas's Mount and the majority of us are glad to be back there again. A cricket ground, two hockey and two football grounds and a bathing pool, available for the exclusive use of two companies, ourselves and "C" (M.G.), give us plenty of opportunity for sport, of which full advantage is taken. "Get 'em all out for two games a week" is our slogan, and at the Mount we have no difficulty in doing so.

Our efforts in sports and games in 1929-30 have been most successful, and we can look back on the year with justifiable satisfaction. It saw the inauguration in the Battalion of Inter-Company Rugby football. Rugger-playing civilians in Madras have told us they were amazed at the excellent standard of football displayed by the companies. Perhaps more spirit than science was shown, but we have marked down many likely Battalion players for next year from among men who this year were complete novices. In the Company Rugger Championship "A" and "H.Q." Wing were the finalists. In spite of two replays, no decision could be reached, and it was decided to leave the competition drawn.

At soccer we congratulate No. 3 Platoon on winning the Battalion Inter-Platoon Championship. In the Company Championship we gained second place to "H.Q." Wing. One of the reasons which led to our failure to head the list was one of our players arriving twenty minutes late at a game. We hope this example of the importance of punctuality at games will not be forgotten.

At cricket we congratulate No. 1 Platoon on winning the Battalion Inter-Platoon Championship. They beat their old rivals No. 7 in the first round, "D" Company in the semi-final, and the Band in the final. All these games were very exciting, the final being won by the very smallest of margins. In the Company





## RUGBY.

1.—An Incident in the "A" v. "C" (M.G.) Match.  
2.—Finalists: "A" Company Rugby Team.  
3.—Finalists: "H.Q." Wing Rugby Team.

Championships we head the list and win the Battalion Cup.

We repeated our success of last year in winning the Battalion Athletic Sports. We won the shield from "H.Q." Wing by 12 points. Our old hands were again well to the fore, and we were glad to see some promising new blood in our team races.

Hockey is our next field of endeavour and we hope that equal success will crown our efforts in the Inter-Platoon and Company Competitions.

We have twenty-four entries for the next Novices' Boxing Competition. They are out every night under the able supervision of L./Cpl. Cook.

In the Battalion team our representatives are L./Cpls. Palmer and Smith and Pte. Hines, who are in training for the District Championship, to be held at Bangalore shortly.

In our next notes we hope to give our impressions of Wellington, for, according to the present programme, we are due to go up to the hills in the middle of April. Needless to say, we are all looking forward to the change.

## "B" COMPANY.

Christmas was spent at the Mount and everything went off well. A cup was awarded for the best decorated dining hall, which was won by "H.Q." Wing, "B" Company being placed second.

It should be mentioned that the Company have now started Rugby and proved to be very good for the first time. In the Company Rugby Knock-out we just lost to "H.Q." Wing by 3 points to 6. Lieut. Stephenson was our mainstay, and trained the team in a very short time.

One of the old Company, Sergt. Wright, has left us for a tour of duty at the Depot, and we wish him the best of luck; also C.S.M. Rand has gone to join the 1st Battalion.

We extend a hearty welcome to Lieut. Green, who has joined us from the 1st Battalion and is now settled down with us.

At the beginning of the year the Company marched to camp for a fortnight's Company Training. During the first week it rained for three days practically without ceasing. Eventually it cleared and was fine for the remainder of camp. We marched back to the Fort under a

very hot sun, and the Company can congratulate itself on its excellent marching, as no men fell out. On arrival at the Fort we started an Inter-Platoon Football League, for which C.S.M. Beasley very kindly presented a cup. We are now in the second half of the league, and No. 6 Platoon remains unbeaten.

During the latter part of January the second cross-country run was held at St. Thomas's Mount, but, owing to lack of talent and want of training, we did not do very well, though we improved our position since the last run and were placed fourth.

At the beginning of February we held our Company Sports Meeting, which turned out to be most enjoyable and interesting. This year each platoon selected four men for each event, and there were no inter-platoon team events. Everything was run on an individual basis, the winners scoring so many points which counted towards their platoon in the Athletic Shield. This proved more satisfactory than the method adopted in previous years, and teams for the Battalion Sports were more easily selected. Cpl. Harper is to be congratulated on winning the Individual Cup kindly presented by Major Wollocombe. The Athletic Shield was won by No. 7 Platoon and the rest of the Company congratulate them on their efforts.

In the Battalion Sports we were placed third. We are certainly not discouraged, as two or three of our entries showed great promise of future success. We must congratulate Pte. Cosgrove on his excellent performance in the high jump.

We are now in the throes of the Company Cricket League. Up to date we have beaten "D" Company by 67 runs, thanks chiefly to Cpl. Wilson and Lieut. Stephenson, 57 and 37 not out respectively. We have also beaten "H.Q." Wing, who made 139 in their first innings. We replied with 100 for 3 wickets at the end of the first day, and on the second day we raised our score to 180. In the second innings "H.Q." Wing played a very sporting innings and left us 54 to get in three-quarters of an hour, which we did with plenty of time to spare. Sergt. Glover played a very useful forcing innings, getting 31 not out. Against "A" Company we fared none too well



and were beaten on the first innings by 61 runs.

We congratulate Cpls. Kemp and Ison on their appointments to Lance-Sergeant, and L./Cpl. Holland on his promotion to Corporal. We wish Major Wollocombe and Lieut. Chapman a very pleasant leave in the United Kingdom.

#### "D" COMPANY.

Before leaving the wide open spaces of St. Thomas's Mount for the overcrowded Fort St. George, we were able practically to complete our Inter-Platoon Leagues and Knock-outs. The result of the Football was No. 16 Platoon first, followed by Nos. 15, 13 and 14 Platoons in that order. In the Hockey, No. 16 Platoon was again on top, with No. 13 Platoon second, followed by Nos. 15 and 14 Platoons. The Cross-Country honours went to No. 14, with Nos. 16, 13 and 15 Platoons forming the tail.

The Cricket League is not yet completed; No. 15 Platoon is at present on top, No. 14 Platoon have two games in hand, and Nos. 13 and 16 Platoons have one game each to play.

The Athletics were left until we arrived at the Fort. It was rather unfortunate that rain spoiled the ground for the second day, but we had to manage with one end of the track, a positive paradise for mud-larks. In spite of the rain's effort we held a very successful meeting which, it is hoped, was enjoyed by competitors as well as spectators. Cups were presented to the winners of each event, and useful prizes for the runners-up.

The placing of the platoons was as follows: Nos. 14, 16, 15, 13. The Platoon Championship Chart now shows No. 16 Platoon first, No. 14 second, with Nos. 13 and 15 tying for third place.

Our first serious business on arrival at the Fort was to find and train a Company rugby XV for the Inter-Company Rugby Knock-out. Several practice games were played against "H.Q." Wing and "A" Company, our neighbours at the Fort. Our first game in the Knock-out was with "A" Company, to whom we lost by 2 tries to nil, after a very keenly contested game.

No. 16 Platoon represented the Company in the Inter-Platoon Football Knock-out, losing to the Drums and Employed

after a very hard game. The beginning of the Inter-Company Football League found us floundering. We lost our first two matches to "C" (M.G.) Company and "H.Q." Wing. But after re-organizing our team and beating "A" and "B" Companies, we had great hopes of winning the league in the second half. But we were disappointed, as the second half of the league was cancelled owing to the high pressure of sports. So we had to be content with third place.

At Athletics we failed hopelessly and finished holding the other four companies up. We might have had a different tale to tell had not Mr. Heywood and Cpl. Higgins been away on courses.

At cricket we were equally successful, being last again. Mr. Heywood would again have been of great assistance, as would Sergt. Hewett had the A.F.I. not claimed his services. But excuses do not glorify our humble position. So,uffed!

Cross-country running proved more successful, for in both Battalion runs we have been second to "C" (M.G.) Company. The second run seemed to be ours when Ptes. Stevens and Francis came in first and second respectively, followed closely by Mr. Jacob. But our tail ceased to wag, and "C" (M.G.), coming home in fine form, put us into second place.

Boxing has proved even more of a success. Entries have been far in excess of expectations, both in Classes "A" and "B" Novices. There is some very good talent in the Company, and we are not going to be slow in developing it. A big percentage of our entries were winners or runners-up.

The following is a list of our winners in Class "A": Pte. Markham (bantam), Pte. 08 Smith (feather), Pte. Frost (light), L./Cpl. Walker (middle), and Pte. 64 Brown (light heavy). Markham did particularly well and is now in training with the Battalion team which goes to Bangalore shortly. Smith won his fight by sheer aggressiveness, but must lose his habit of hitting with the inside of the glove. Frost always looked a winner and showed great determination. L./Cpl. Walker has never failed to enter a competition, but has hitherto been unsuccessful. This win, therefore, was all the more deserved, and should be an example for others to follow. He used a straight

left to good account in this meeting—novices note for future guidance.

Griffiths, Wraith and Rear are also worthy of mention, Wraith getting a good loser's prize.

Christmas found us at Fort St. George. All were busy decorating and pasting in the dining hall, trying to change it from its usual gloomy appearance to something bright and cheerful. We succeeded, but were given third place to "H.Q." Wing and "B" Company. Everyone, we hope, spent a very happy Christmas. Thanks are due to our Christmas Committee who provided us with excellent fare. Also to the Company Band, who supplied the music on Christmas and Boxing Days, making a very good job of it.

Following hard upon this enjoyable time came camp. We left Fort St. George for this delightful place (only twenty miles) on January 2nd, turning up at Selaiyur in full force, and marching well. The usual weather was prominent for the first few days, and we were nearly washed back to the Fort. Training was rendered impossible.

Here it was that the latest saying came into being—"Flaps up—flaps down"—nothing to do with P.T., but very similar if one rolls and fastens a flap six times every half-hour. Whilst at camp we discovered that the Company possessed quite a number of talented artists, who arranged two very good concerts. L./Sergt. Russell, Cpl. Palmer, and Ptes. Molloy and Johnson rendered the "Dis-Orderly Room." With this discovery of budding actors, together with the Company Band, it has been decided to run a number of social evenings within the Company. The Company Band is comparing very favourably with Jack Hylton's and already several evenings have been spent in a most enjoyable manner.

We take this opportunity of welcoming Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence to the Company as our Company Commander, also C.Q.M.S. Hewett, our "Blue Light King" from "C" (M.G.) Company. We are pleased to see C.S.M. Hart back from leave in the United Kingdom. Congratulations to Sergt. Hewett on promotion to C.Q.M.S., to Cpl. Turner on his appointment to Lance-Sergeant, to L./Cpl. Watson on his promotion to Corporal, and Pte. Walker on his appointment to Lance-Corporal.

Deepest regret is felt by all ranks at the death of Sergt. Burgess, who died at Bangalore. The Company tender their heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and friends.

Many of our old friends will be in new surroundings by the time that these notes are in print, and we take this opportunity of wishing them every success in their new sphere of life.

We have just heard that we are moving to the United Kingdom, Shanghai, Khar-toum, Hong-Kong, Malta and Gibraltar. This must be treated in strict confidence for the present, as we obtained the information from the O.C. Company's charger, who would be rather hurt if he thought that the secret information had leaked out.

Stations not required in the next issue of the Journal will be modified for India.

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

When in July last year the Machine Gunners left us to form the backbone of the new "C" (M.G.) Company, there was some reason to fear that the fortunes of the Wing might be on the decline—at least, as regards all branches of sport. But, thanks to the excellent team spirit shown since then, especially by the Band, and to the keenness displayed by both the old stagers and the promising young players who are now coming more to the front, we have continued to hold a good place in almost every competition held in the 1929-30 season. Even if we do not again finish up Champion Company we hope to be a good second.

The notes of the various groups will touch on the work done during the past quarter, but perhaps it will not be out of place to give here a short account of the most important sports tournaments in which the Wing has taken part.

Following the All-India Rugger Tournament, "H.Q." Wing, in common with other companies, caught the rugger fever. Unfortunately, unlike the other companies, we had no young playing officers, and only two members of the team had any previous experience. Luckily, the Band got it badly (the fever), and to them chiefly must be the credit for the Wing's results, and from them, too, we fancy will come some Battalion players in the future.





"H.Q." WING RUGBY FOOTBALL TEAM, 1929-30.  
 Standing—Dmr. Crawshaw, A./Bdsn. Lawrence (68), Bdsn. Stretton, Bdsn. Holt, Pte. O'Connor, Bdsn. Hogg, Cpl. Marshall, Dmr. Marsh, Cpl. Smith.  
 Sitting—Bdsn. Hathaway, A./Bdsn. Knights, Bdsn. Gower, Capt. N. F. Procter, M.C., Bdsn. Gilbert, Pte. Such, Bdsn. Hills.

We had rather a light scrum. The Signallers will probably provide more weight in future. Owing to their being up at St. Thomas's Mount, they had no chance of training with the team, but the outsiders showed considerable promise and were possessed of pace.

In the Company Tournament we first met "B" Company. A few misguided optimists thought we had an easy thing, but with fast outsiders, a heavy if less experienced pack, and a very fine leadership, they made a magnificent fight, and the score, 6-3 in our favour, fairly represents the result.

In the final we met and drew twice with "A" Company, who had been training hard, had a heavier pack and some experience outside.

In the first game, the score was three points all, both tries being scored during extra time. In the second game, the Wing at one time led by six points, but "A" Company equalized with two unconverted tries. There the result remains until next season, with honours even, and very fairly so.

In both games, L./Cpl. Marshall was unable to lend his weight to an already light pack, and consequently they may be congratulated on managing to keep their end up as they did. When they have learnt to break quicker and control a ball more, they should be a very useful pack.

Of the outsiders Hills at scrum-half showed distinct promise, while Knights with more experience should be threatening the present insides for a place in the Battalion team. Hathaway, though he might well have thought himself too old for rugger, played an invaluable game. Gilbert, in the most difficult place on the field at fly-half, did well, and, if he has much to learn, he at any rate remembers that it is not his job to hold on to the ball and try to run through by himself.

Pte. Such was always the surprise packet on the wing and often saved the situation, though at present he cannot pass. Gower did not get many golden chances. His one fault is that he is inclined to think when running; a wing three-quarter must run all out, and another year's experience will teach him the value of his pace.

Lastly we would like to acknowledge the great value of the help from Capt. Procter, both during training and in the

tournament. Without him the Wing's success would not have been possible.

On the whole, a most promising start.

The following composed the team:—

Bdsn. Hathaway; Pte. Such, Capt. Procter, Bdsn. Knights, Bdsn. Gower; Bdsn. Hills, Bdsn. Gilbert; Dmr. Crawshaw, Pte. O'Connor, A./Bdsn. Drane, Bdsn. Stretton, Bdsn. Holt; Bdsn. Hogg, Cpl. Smith and L./Cpl. Marshall.

In the Company Soccer Tournament, which owing to lack of time was limited to a half-league, our team finished on top. We defeated all the company teams with the exception of "A" Company, to whom we lost in our last game. The team could be relied upon to play a steady and consistent game, and deserved their success. Pte. Clarke gave several excellent exhibitions in goal and was perhaps unlucky not to be given a serious trial for the Battalion team. The backs, Stickley and Broadbridge, were hard-working and reliable. Of the halves and forwards, it would be invidious to mention any one particularly, but Robinson could always be depended upon for a quiet and useful game at centre-half, while Deane showed considerable dash at centre-forward.

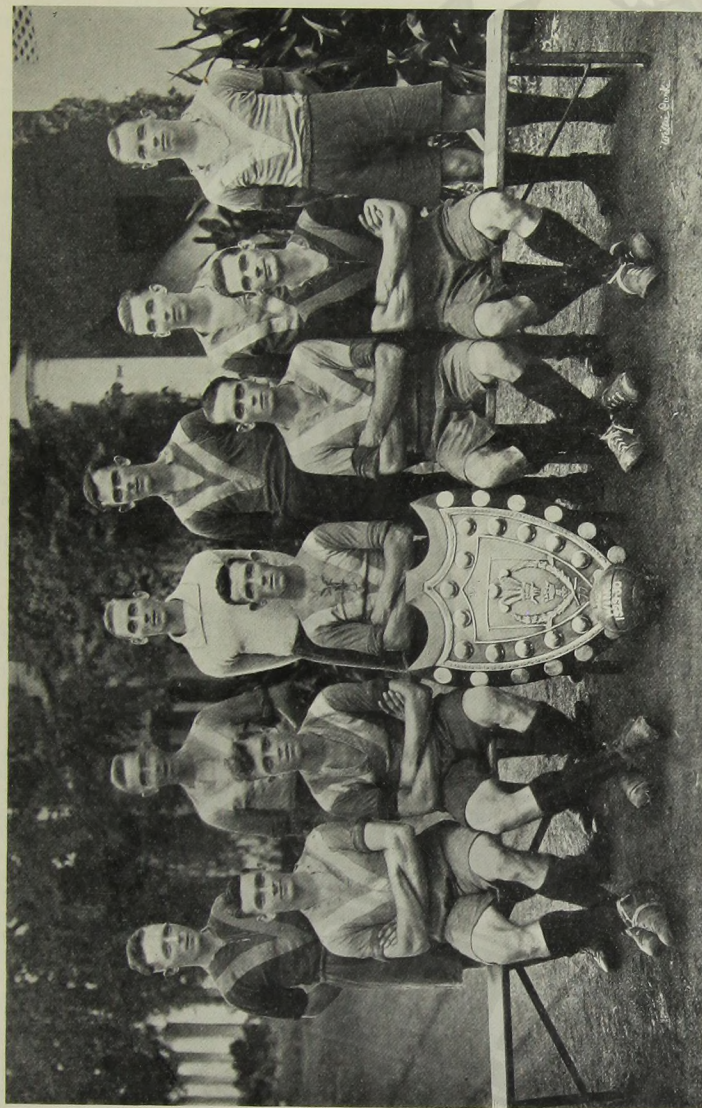
The team was as follows:—

Pte. Clarke; Dmr. Stickley, Bdsn. Broadbridge; Bdsn. Hathaway, Pte. Robinson, Pte. Hewitt; Pte. Baker, Bdsn. Goldsmith, Pte. Deane, Pte. Bullock and L./Cpl. Fountain or Dmr. Lewin.

In soccer also we have several promising young players, such as Pte. Jones and Boy Riseley, who should give us considerable assistance in the future.

Owing to the Signallers being away at camp and to other causes, we were unable to hold the usual Wing Sports this year, and consequently there was some pessimism as to our prospects in the Battalion Sports. This proved to be quite unfounded and we finished up a good second to "A" Company. Our sprinters, greatly helped by the example of the Adjutant, who, despite his increase in years, turned out for the Wing and ran most successfully in the 440 and 880 Yards Relay Races, carried all before them, and our competitors in the Jumping, especially C.S.M. Colbourne, gave us many valuable points, whilst our hurdlers did very much better than we had hoped.





"H.Q." WING ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL TEAM, 1929-30.  
Winners Inter-Company League.

Standing.—L./Cpl. Fountain, Bdsn. Goldsmith, Pte. Clarke, Dnr. Lewis, Pte. Baker (63), Pte. Rieley  
Sitting.—Pte. Deane, Bdsn. Broadbridge, Pte. Robinson (69), Dnr. Stockley, Bdsn. Pathway.  
Absent.—Pte. Bullock, Pte. Hewitt.

In the long-distance races our team was considerably weaker than several of the company teams, but they ran most courageously. A special word of praise should be given to them, and especially to Ptes. Walker and Keefe and Bdsn. Gilbert and Hoare, who ran in several events with great pluck without attaining to team medals. We would also like to mention Ptes. Hewitt and Taggart for their excellent running at very short notice in the Mile and Hurdles Relay Races.

The full entries for the team events were:—

*440 Yards Relay* and *880 Yards Relay*.—Bdsn. Gower (first in both events), Bdsn. Broadbridge, Capt. Procter and Cpl. Ramsey.

*Mile and Three Miles*.—Ptes. Walker and Keefe, and Bdsn. Gilbert and Hoare.

*Hurdles*.—Bdsn. Broadbridge (third) and Hoare, Pte. Taggart and L./Cpl. Kemp.

*Two Miles Relay*.—Bdsn. Gilbert and Ptes. Thompson, Hewitt and Clarke (third).

*Weight*.—Pte. Such (third) and Cpl. Smith.

*High Jump and Long Jump*.—C.S.M. Colbourne (second in both events) and L./Cpl. Kemp.

C.S.M. Colbourne barely missed the Championship Medal in each of the jumps, while L./Cpl. Kemp showed great promise for the future.

The Company Cricket Tournament is now taking place.

We have a young team and cannot hope to have much success this year, but should gain valuable experience for the future.

Up to date we have beaten "D" Company in a close and interesting match, and lost to "A" Company.

There now remain the Hockey, Boxing and Tug-of-War Tournaments, in all of which we hope to make a good showing.

In conclusion we would like to remind all the groups that, if "H.Q." Wing is to maintain a good standard in the future, each group must bear its part and do its best, as it cannot always be expected that the Band will produce the best athletes for every branch of sports.

There is one event in which we do not shine at present—cross-country running—and each group should do its best to improve our position in this.

#### SIGNAL SECTION.

Since the publication of our last notes many things of interest have occurred. Chief among these were the Christmas festivities.



SIGNAL SECTION, CHRISTMAS DAY.

Thanks to the efforts of L./Cpl. Nicholls and his committee, our dining hall was decorated in fine style. Combined with the Wing dining hall at Fort St. George, it was judged the winner of the Shaboodeen Cup.

The menu for the dinner on Christmas Day was very good, and would have been better had not some enterprising "person or persons unknown" stolen our ducks. Ptes. Hobbs and Le-Surf brought their "ukes" and ably accompanied our vocalists. Lieut. Heywood, our former Signal Officer, paid the Section a visit on Boxing Day and was eventually persuaded to sing the old favourite "When Totsy Waised his Bowler Hat."

Pte. Edwards has left for the United Kingdom for a Vocational Training



Course. We wish him the best of luck in civilian life.

L./Cpl. 45 Smith is at present on a course at the Army Signal School, Poona, and we hope he will be successful in getting his A.I. Certificate.

The Section were a month at Selaiyur Camp, where, except for the first few days, the weather was kind, and a very enjoyable time was spent by all.

The Collective Test took place at camp and a very satisfactory report was obtained.

We congratulate L./Cpls. Parker and Harvey on their appointments; L./Cpl. Harvey is also to be congratulated on



SIGNAL SECTION AT CAMP.

gaining his 1st Class Certificate of Education.

The Section have just completed their Annual Musketry Course, and obtained an average of 70. The following N.C.O. and men gained marksmanship badges: Sergt. Knighton, and Ptes. Fisk, Dickenson and Lawlor.

TUNINE.

#### THE SOLE SURVIVOR.

'Twas wayback out in Selaiyur  
Beneath the scorching sun,  
A block-house guard were wiped out—  
Aye, all, excepting one.

We found him nigh on fainting,  
A fugitive for sure;  
He reported to our Corporal—  
"Me pore old feet am sore."  
He tried to give full details  
Of the frightful things he'd seen,  
He'd lost his lot at "Housie"  
Outside the Wet Canteen.  
His condition was appalling,  
But, Jove, this chap was brave,  
He hadn't paid the Nappi,  
He couldn't get a shave.  
Don't think that I'm romancing  
On the sole survivor theme,  
A narrative this merely is  
Of a Signal Section scheme.

TUNINE.

#### KHELAT PHOTOGRAPH.

GREAT BEALINGS,  
WOODBRIDGE.  
April 16th, 1930.

DEAR SIR,

On looking through some old photos I came across the enclosed snapshot which may be of some interest to your readers. It is a group of the officers of the 2nd Battalion at Khelat in 1893 (or perhaps 1892—I am not quite sure which year). It was taken by Lieut.-Col. H. Wade-Dalton.

Yours truly,  
H. CHANDLER.



2nd BATTALION MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, KHELAT FIELD FORCE,  
11-4-93—24-5-93.

Taken outside the Residency, Khelat, by Lt.-Col. Wade-Dalton, commanding the Regiment and Force.

Standing—Capt. & Or.-Mr. L. G. Millar, Capt. & Adj. W. Scott-Moncrieff, 2nd-Lieut. V. H. Branson, Lieut. J. H. Hall, Capt. J. E. D. Ward, Capt. R. de H. Burton.  
Sitting—2nd-Lieut. A. C. Wall, 2nd-Lieut. H. E. Foster, 2nd-Lieut. R. J. P. Preston, Lieut. H. G. W. Chandler, Major N. J. R. Blake, Major Bellingham, Lieut. A. C. J. Campbell, Capt. Stoney (R.A.M.C.), 2nd-Lieut. W. St. C. Muscroft.

#### OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES hopes to dine with the officers this year at the Annual Dinner.

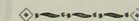
The Annual Dinner will be held at the Junior United Service Club, Charles Street (off Haymarket), at 7.45 p.m. on June 25th.

Officers dining will be made honorary members of the Junior United Service Club for the day, and will be able to use the Club and have lunch and tea if they desire. As admission to the J.U.S.C. will be by card only (except for members of that Club), and as the J.U.S.C. will require seven clear days' notice before issuing cards, all officers intending to dine should apply to the Hon. Secretary, The Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7, by June 17th for their dinner cards.

N.B.—J.U.S.C. temporary membership cards will be sent out with the dinner cards.

The Hon. Secretary has one signed engraving of Lady Butler's picture to dispose of at the minimum price of £10 10s.

The Officers' Club tie, which has been approved by the Committee, is now on sale at all the Regimental Tailors. Price, 7s. 6d.



#### WISDOM IN HOWLERS.

MR. CECIL HUNT'S "FRESH HOWLERS."  
(Benn. 1s. 6d.)

WHAT lesson is to be learned from the parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins? We must each of us look out for a bridegroom.



History largely consists of the shifting of evidence.

Richelieu was constantly ill from his berth.

The men of the New Stone Age were like us, not really nice-looking, but better looking than the Old Stone Men.

Nitrogen is not found in Ireland because it is not found in a free state.

An adage is a thing to keep cats in.

Splendide mendax=Lying in state.

C.I.D.=Copper in Disguise.

An auto da fé=A racing motor-car.

Ariadne gladium ei dedit=Ariadne gave him the glad eye.

Vis consili expers mole ruit sua=The unexpected weight of the consul fell upon the soft pig.

(Music) Ff means fump, fump.

The punishment of bigamy is seven years and two mothers-in-law.

A navigator is the strap navvies wear under their knees to stop the rats running up their legs.

A monologue is a conversation between two people, such as husband and wife.

Essay on the banana (by a Japanese schoolboy):

The banana are great remarkable fruit. He are constructed in the same architectural style as the honorable sausage. Difference being, skin of sausage are habitually consumed, while it are not adviceable to eat rapping of banana. . . . Banana are held aloft while consuming, sausages are usually left in reclining position. . . . Sausage depend for creation upon human being or stuffing machine, while banana are pristine product of honorable mother nature. In case of sausage both conclusions are attached to other sausages, honorable banana on opposite hand are joined on one end to the stem, other termination are intirely loose. Finally banana are strictly member of the vagitable kingdom, while affiliation of sausage is often undecided.

### REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31st, 1930.

Amount of grants and loans made: £149 10s. 7d.

Number of cases dealt with: 177.

Number of cases assisted: 87.

Number of men registered for employment: 68.

Number of men found permanent employment: 3.

Number of men offered employment: 30.

Number of parcels sent out by Ladies' Guild: 4.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, on January 29th. Present:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair); Cols. G. B. Lempriere and E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Cols. W. Y. Miller, D.S.O., C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., W. H. Samuel, G. W. H. Tupper, T.D., and F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Hon. Treasurer), Majors A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., and L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O. (Hon. Secretary), Capt. H. E. Foster, C. T. Whinney, M.C. (2nd Battalion) and H. E. R. Ford, M.C. (7th Battalion), R.S.M. R. Mantell, R.Q.M.S. A. F. C. Purcell, Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., Mr. F. E. Holmes and the Assistant Secretary.

The Chairman welcomed Lieut.-Col. Tupper, who recently succeeded to the command of the 9th Battalion.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year:—

*Chairman.*—Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L.

*Vice-Chairman.*—O.C. Depot.

*Hon. Secretary.*—O.C. Depot.

*Hon. Treasurer.*—Lieut.-Col. F. S. Steed, D.C.M.

*Chairman of Standing Sub-Committee.*—O.C. Depot.

*Members.*—R.S.M. R. Mantell, R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley, and Mr. F. E. Holmes.

*Chairman of Entertainment Sub-Committee.*—Mr. F. E. Holmes.

It was notified that the following officer and others who had kindly consented to serve had been elected by the *ex-officio* members:—

Brig.-General R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G., R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley and Messrs. A. F. C. Purcell and E. J. Warren.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed unanimously to the following members who have retired for the reasons stated:

Capt. H. E. Foster, Rule V, 1 (b).

R.Q.M.S. A. F. C. Purcell, discharged to pension.

Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., Rule V, 1 (b).

Mr. J. Morgan, resigned.

The Chairman alluded to the long and valuable services of Capt. Foster, especially to his work in connection with the Regimental History and other Sub-Committees.

The accounts for the year 1929 were presented, but their consideration was postponed until the receipt of the Auditor's certificate.

It was decided that a Diary only be produced for 1931.

The affiliation of the newly formed branches of the 1st/10th (T.A.) and 20th (Service) Battalions was welcomed.

### OLD COMRADES' QUARTERLY CONCERT.

The quarterly concert, held at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, on April 5th, was voted by the large audience to have been one of the best ever held.

Madame Ghita Corri had arranged for the attendance of "The Whimsicals" under the direction of Mr. Fred. E. Wilton. These talented entertainers provided a very excellent show, the solos and concerted items being far above the usual standard.

During the evening, Baby Rosie Safferty, the little daughter of the late Clr.-Sergt. Arthur Safferty, appeared twice, and gave four selections from her repertoire, and was accorded an enthusiastic welcome. This clever child, who is being trained for the stage, charmed all present with her personality.

At the conclusion of the concert, Col. Passingham thanked Madame Corri and the Chairman for the excellent arrangements made, and spoke of the presence of the daughter of his old friend and comrade.

A collection towards the expenses of the concert realized the sum of £1 12s. 6d.

Among those present were the following:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, Major L. L. Pargiter, Major E. H. Amor, Major J. English, Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon, Capt. G. Johnson, R.S.M. R. Mantell, O.R.Q.M.S. A. French, C.Q.M.S. Steadman, Mme. Corri, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Morris, Mr. Quig-

gen, Mrs. May, Mrs. Scholl, Mr. Avery, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Baldry, Mr. and Mrs. Munday, Mr. and Mrs. Sperry, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. Buckle, Mr. Holwell, Mr. Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, Miss Whitehouse, Mr. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Coe, Miss Coe, Mr. Judd, Mr. Pateman, Mr. Barry Sullivan, Mr. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Miss Johnson, Miss Smart, Mr. R. Steed, Mr. and Mrs. Phemsley, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Foley, Mr. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Morey, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. E. Safferty, Mr. and Mrs. A. Safferty, The Misses Safferty, Mrs. Stouton, Mr. and Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Cox, Miss Cox, Mr. Quick, Lieut. Pratt, 2/Lieut. Amor, 2/Lieut. Christodoulo (7th Battalion), Mrs. Ryder, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Miss Foster, Miss Langdon, Mr. Gess, Mr. and Mrs. Smart, Mrs. Dewey, Mr. and Mrs. Tipping, Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone, Mr. and Mrs. Conroy, Mr. Lee.

### BOW HERO HONOURED.

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### MEMORIAL STONE UNVEILED.

#### MAN WHO GAVE HIS LIFE FOR CHILD.

**M**ARCHING silently, their British Legion banner before them, a small company of ex-Service men might have been seen proceeding through the streets of Bow on Tuesday afternoon. They were a part of the company which gathered later in Bow Cemetery to honour the memory of brave Arthur Lovell, who on Armistice Day, 1928, saved a little girl from the wheels of an oncoming tractor, and in doing so, lost his life.

The gathering by the side of the grave on Tuesday was for the purpose of dedicating and unveiling a memorial gravestone.

Two branches of the British Legion were represented by contingents, these being the Bow and Bromley branch and the Mile End branch. In addition, there were present a detachment of the Middlesex Regiment, in which Lovell served in the Great War, in France.

#### AT THE GRAVESIDE.

Beside the grave stood Mrs. Lovell, the widow, and her children, Elizabeth, Mary, Sue, Arthur and George, and the Rev. G. H. Lancaster, Rev. Fitkin, Capt.





GRAVESTONE ERECTED TO THE LATE ARTHUR LOVELL  
BY SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM 1st BATTALION, DEPOT, AND OTHERS.

[Photo: Hernies Studios, Armagh Road, Bow.

W. F. G. Reeland (Asst. Organizing Secretary, Metropolitan Area, British Legion), Mr. Marchant Williams (North Eastern District), Mr. Pearce (Secretary, North Eastern District), Mr. Benjamin (Chairman, Mile End Branch), and Mr. Charles Chalk (Secretary, Mile End Branch).

The banners of both branches were dipped during the service of dedication.

#### HIS LIFE FOR A CHILD'S.

Rev. G. H. Lancaster said that it was not for the first time that they were gathered on that spot, for all remembered that sacred day on 19th November, 1928, when all that was mortal of the remains of Arthur Lovell were laid to rest. Some days earlier, as they knew, he had laid down his life to save that of a little child. His heroism was also known and noted on the battlefield, in the service of his comrades. He was faithful in life and unto death. They would remember the words of the poet, "To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die." The spirit of Arthur Lovell would always remain in the hearts of those who loved him, and in the memory of the great British public which would never forget.

The grave before which they stood had been bought by the British Legion, which always stood for their brave ex-Service men. The question then arose as to the putting up of a stone, and it fell to his task to see that that gravestone should be erected.

No one was more sorry than himself that it had taken so many months. Mrs. Lovell had herself volunteered to give a contribution towards the cost, and the Depot of the Middlesex Regiment had given a contribution, as had also the members of the 1st Battalion stationed at Catterick. The North Eastern District of the British Legion, whose branches in East London were poor and struggling, but whose heart was good, had given a donation, as had also a friend who desired to remain anonymous. That has made the erection of that stone possible, and they were glad to stand that afternoon before the beautiful stone, to the memory of one whose life was great and whose sacrifice was even greater. He could not forget that it was Holy Week, and it seemed most suitable.

#### THE INSCRIPTION.

Mrs. Lovell then unveiled the stone, the Union Jack falling away and revealing a handsome granite cross, on which was the simple inscription: "To the honour of Arthur Lovell, who gave his life for a child on Armistice Day, 1928. Duty His Watchword."

Rev. Fitken then pronounced the words of dedication. That stone was, he said, "in memory of a brave man and a beloved husband and father."

#### BISHOP OF STEPNEY'S REGRET.

Rev. G. H. Lancaster said that he had the night before spoken to the Bishop of Stepney, whom they would recall had given a most beautiful and sympathetic address on the occasion of the funeral, concerning the unveiling of the stone, and he had said how sorry he was that his engagements did not permit him to be present.

The buglers of the Middlesex Regiment then sounded the "Last Post" and "Réveillé," during which many women among the bystanders could be seen to weep.

It was a most fortunate thing that during the whole of the ceremony the sun shone brilliantly, for at its conclusion April clouds obscured the sky, and a steady fall of rain commenced.

#### DEPOT NOTES.

**P**RACTICALLY the whole of the Depot went by charabanc to the Albert Hall and witnessed the Army Championship, Boxing on March 6th.

There have been several treasure hunts during the quarter and keenness is improving.

Albuhera Squad proceeded to the 1st Battalion on March 14th, leaving two squads under training, viz., Mons and Ypres. These two squads visited the Guildhall and St. Paul's on March 26th.

We are now awaiting the influx of recruits and expect to be filled up and going full-pelt during the summer.

The clearing-up station of the British Army of the Rhine closed down on March 31st.



Several reliefs in the Depot Staff, both in N.C.Os. and men, took place on March 31st.

The year 1930 is apparently to be a children's year for the Depot according to the new arrivals up to date, as follows:

Capt. B. B. Rackham, M.C., presented with a daughter on 12/3/30.

R.S.M. R. Mantell, presented with a daughter on 3/1/30.

R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley, presented with a son on 2/4/30.

Sergt.-Instr. W. Paterson, presented with a daughter on 14/2/30.

Sergt. E. Shaw, presented with a son on 29/3/30.

L./Sergt. J. O'Brien, presented with a son on 9/4/30.

Pte. D. Lyons, presented with a daughter on 19/3/30.

#### WHIST DRIVES.

During the quarter the usual whist drives have been carried out. Owing to the small number of recruits they were amalgamated with the Staff and Married Families' whist drives. These have been carried out fortnightly, the recruits competing for separate prizes.

The prize-winners were as follows:—

15/1/30.—Ladies: 1, Miss Cannon; 2, Mrs. Stevenson; 3, Mrs. Cook. Gents: 1, Cpl. Coulling; 2, Sergt. Shaw; 3, L./Sergt. Blake. Booby Prize, Mrs. Easton.

30/1/30.—Ladies: 1, Mrs. Hull; 2, Mrs. Cook; 3, Miss Cannon. Gents: 1, Pte. Tuckfield; 2, Dmr. Escudier; 3, Sergt. Moore.

13/2/30.—Ladies: 1, Miss Cannon; 2, Mrs. Kerswill; 3, Miss Heritage. Gents: 1, L./Cpl. Pinkney; 2, Cpl. Bean; 3, O.R.Q.M.S. Finch.

27/2/30.—Ladies: 1, Mrs. Moore; 2, Mrs. Kerswill; 3, Mrs. Easton. Gents: 1, Pte. Brooker; 2, Pte. Lawrence; 3, Pte. Emery. Recruits: 1, Pte. Saunders; 2, Pte. Bennett.

13/3/30.—Ladies: 1, Mrs. Moore; 2, Miss Heritage. Gents: 1, C.S.M. Cook; 2, Mr. Kerswill; 3, Pte. Buchan. Booby Prize: R.S.M. Mantell. Recruits: 1, Pte. Patrick; 2, Pte. Hayward.

37/3/30.—Ladies: 1, Mrs. Cook; 2, Mrs. Steward. Gents: 1, Cpl. Little; 2, O.R.Q.M.S. Finch; 3, Pte. Buchan. Recruits: 1, Pte. Butler; 2, Pte. Horsman. Booby Prize: Mrs. Hull.

#### GAZETTE.

##### DISCHARGES AND TRANSFERS TO THE ARMY RESERVE.

6192662 C.Q.M.S. W. O'Brien: Discharged under K.R. 370 (xxi) on 11/1/30.

6192171 R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell: Discharged under K.R. 370 (xxi) on 30/1/30.

6195236 Cpl. W. Skull: Transferred to Section "B," Army Reserve, on 31/1/30.

##### POSTINGS.

6189004 Sergt. F. Stevenson: Posted to 1st Battalion on 18/1/30.

6188949 R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley: Posted from 2nd Battalion permanently on 31/1/30.

6194542 Sergt. W. Northcott: Posted to 1st Battalion on 25/2/30.

6189019 Sergt. J. Steward and 6192434 L./Sergt. J. O'Brien: Posted from 1st Battalion on 25/2/30 for a tour of duty.

6198016 L./Cpl. W. Lambert, 6198226 L./Cpl. C. Surrey and 6197478 L./Cpl. E. Swadling: Posted from 1st Battalion on 12/3/30 for a tour of duty.

6198075 L./Cpl. J. Donegar: Posted to 1st Battalion on 12/3/30.

6197621 L./Cpl. A. Nicholls: Posted from 1st Battalion on 21/3/30 for a tour of duty.

#### CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

The undermentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education during the past quarter:—

5614598 Pte. L. Bennett, 6199275 Pte. F. Gratton, 6199260 Pte. R. Overy, 6199247 Pte. G. Tott; 5493937 Pte. R. White, 6199279 Pte. C. Ball, 6199218 Pte. J. Cooksley, 6199219 Pte. W. Watts, 6199242 Pte. J. Wellington, 6199281 Pte. W. Dunn, 6199268 Pte. T. Lawton, 6199266 Pte. W. Passfield, 6199259 Pte. L. Tostevin, 6199254 Pte. J. Baldrey, 6199220 Pte. P. Buckland, 6199221 Pte. A. Coles, 6199257 Pte. L. Lawrence, 6199256 Pte. J. Wood-Hill, 6199264 Pte. F. Hammond, 6199233 Pte. H. Mayhew, 6199246 Pte. R. Powell, 6199280 Pte. S. Vosper, 6199285 Pte. T. Baker, 6199276 Pte. A. Burrell, 6199263 Pte. W. Finnis, 6199286 Pte. G. Mizon.

Awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education on 7/3/30:—

6198956 Pte. W. King, 6198940 Pte. L. McDowell, 6198359 Pte. A. Thorne, 6199260 Pte. R. Overy.

#### MARRIAGE.

6198075 L./Cpl. J. Donegar: Married to Janet Vera Booker at Barnet on 24/12/29.

#### BIRTH.

2606476 Sergt.-Instr. W. Paterson: Daughter, Margaret Nugent, born at Mill Hill on 15/2/30.

#### DEPOT SPORTS.

During the past quarter we have been much handicapped by shortage of numbers. Two small squads only have been here. The Regiment is now open again to recruiting, and we hope to fill up quickly.

The chief event was the Eastern Command Recruits' Inter-Depot Boxing Tournament, Group "C," which took place at the Depot The Queen's Royal Regiment, Guildford, on February 13th. The senior squad was not eligible by service, therefore it was a matter of some difficulty to arrange the team to fit in with the weights.

The following represented the Depot and gave a good account of themselves:

Pte. Tostevin, won first series.

Pte. Armitage, won first series.

Pte. Tott, lost first series.

Pte. Mizon, won first series.

Pte. Collison, bye first series.

All lost in senior finals.

We were placed then in Group "C," so did not pass on to the finals.

Inter-Mess and Squad shooting competitions on the miniature and 30-yards' ranges have been commenced.

The present positions are as follows:—

##### Miniature Range.

1. Sergeants ...	3 pts.
2. Officers ...	9 pts.
3. Corporals ...	9 pts.
4. Ypres ...	12 pts.
5. Mons ...	14 pts.
6. Privates (D./S.) ...	16 pts.

##### 30-Yards' Range.

1. Corporals ...	3 pts.
2. Sergeants ...	3 pts.
3. Officers ...	6 pts.
4. Privates (D./S.) ...	8 pts.

In consequence of this placing, the Privates (D./S.) are now doing some intensive shooting.

Passball and six-a-side hockey competitions have also taken place.

We are looking forward now to the cricket season. Our first match is arranged for May 10th.

Tennis also promises well. The Sergeants are very confident of beating the Officers, and have, it is understood, already gone into training.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS.

We all extend a hearty welcome to Sergt. Steward, Sergt. Wright and L./Sergt. O'Brien on being posted to the Depot for a tour of duty.

We are sorry that Sergt. Burt, and L./Sergts. Blake, Northcott and Hull are leaving us to rejoin the 1st Battalion on completion of their tour of duty. We hope that this is reciprocated. We shall certainly miss their excellent company.

The members of the B.A.O.R. have been greatly depleted since our last issue, but we matched our strength against them on January 27th, when we suffered a big defeat in a games tourney, *i.e.*, billiards, snooker, whist, cribbage and bridge. We had a most enjoyable evening. Result: B.A.O.R., 22 points; Middlesex, 7 points. The return match was held on February 10th when similar games were played. To save a worse defeat a certain volunteer snooker fan offered his and his "buttie's" services, stating that they would hold the bridge. But, sad to relate, they fell at the first fence. They have since taken up kite-flying.

The Depot is carrying out team shoots fortnightly and these are very popular. The Sergeants, of course, are holding their own, despite the fact that one of the team managed to score a brilliant 9 (h.p.s. 30), but no names, please.

We held a whist drive and dance on March 7th, and a very successful evening was spent, eleven tables being filled.

The prize-winners were:—

Ladies.—1, Mrs. Blake; 2, Mrs. Honeybun.

Gents.—1, S./Sergt. Harkness (B.A.O.R.); 2, O.R.Q.M.S. Finch.

We have just completed a billiards handicap and the handicapping committee made quite a close affair of it. Games were in most cases very close. The



finalists were Sergt. Burt first, L./Sergt. Blake second, and R.S.M. Mantell third. Did a certain member get a cue as the best break?

On the 28th a whist drive and dance was held in the Mess. Prizes for the whist drive were as follows:—

*Ladies.*—1, Miss Muggeridge; 2, Mrs. Gibson. Best score first half, Mrs. Kerswill.

*Gents.*—1, O.R.Q.M.S. Finch; 2, S./Sergt. Hobden. Best score first half, Mr. Muggeridge.

Great credit is due to the Recreation Committee for the quarter for the able and enthusiastic manner in which they have carried out their job, ably led by C.S.M. Cook. The predominance of tennis kit among the prizes shows their appreciation of the situation regarding the early appearance of King Sol.

News has just been received that our B.A.O.R. friends bid their farewells on Monday, March 31st.

Congratulations to Sergt.-Instr. Pater-son on being presented with a daughter, also to Sergt. Shaw on being presented with a son. Congratulations to Sergt. Northcott on his promotion.

P. J. CUE.

#### CORPORALS' CLUB.

Since our last notes we have held one dance, on February 28th. This was a very successful evening, there being present a large and jolly company of friends.

Now that King Sol has arrived in all his glory, it is quite probable that this will mean no more dances this season, as the call will be to the playing fields. There has been great activity in this direction already, and we have held our own at hockey and passball.

There are numerous inter-mess competitions taking place, and it is hoped to see some different faces taking part in these various contests to keep the Club around the top.

We are pegging away very satisfactorily with the shooting and the Sergeants are hereby warned that we intend to make them go all out.

The following changes have taken place since our last notes:—

L./Cpls. Surrey, Lambert and Swadling have come from the 1st Battalion in relief, and we extend to them a hearty welcome. L./Cpl. Turner has decided to try his luck in civil life, and L./Cpl. Donegar has returned to the 1st Battalion.

We expect shortly to see reports in the paper headed "The Digestion of the Army" by "Twister." We wish him every success.

Our Rhine Army comrades are gradually leaving, and by the time this is in print they will have entirely left us.

K. PORAL.

#### COX & Co.—HISTORICAL.

THE pages of history have to be turned back 170 years, almost to the days of George Washington's boyhood, to find the beginning of Cox's. America had still a generation to wait for her first National Bank. The Seven Years' War (1756-63) was in progress when, in 1758, Lord Ligonier, Commander-in-Chief and later Master-General of the Ordnance, appointed his private secretary, Richard Cox, as Banker and Official Finance Agent of the First Regiment of Foot Guards, of which he was Colonel, and from that appointment sprang the banking house of Cox's.

The circle of friends in which Richard Cox moved included such illustrious people as Dr. Samuel Johnson of dictionary fame, Oliver Goldsmith the poet, Lord Frederick Campbell, brother of the Duke of Argyll, Edmund Burke the orator and statesman, who, in the British House of Commons, was, from 1770 onwards, the champion of the American cause, David Garrick the great actor, Sir Joshua Reynolds the painter, and Sir Robert Murray Keith, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Courts of Dresden, Copenhagen and Vienna, to whom Richard Cox wrote letters that are still preserved in the British Museum.

The Bank's first connection with the English Royal Family was in 1768, when His Royal Highness William Duke of Gloucester opened an account. Later, Charles Greenwood, cousin of Richard Cox and a partner in the firm, became a

close friend of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, who was one of the earliest and best administrators of the British Army. When introducing Greenwood to his father, the Duke said, "Sire, Mr. Greenwood, the gentleman who keeps my money," to which remark Mr. Greenwood rejoined, much to the amusement of the King, "I think it is rather His Royal Highness who keeps my money."

Other members of the Royal Family who banked with Cox's were the Duke of Cumberland (Captain-General and third son of George II), the Duke of Cambridge (grandfather of Queen Mary), the Duke of Munster and the Duke of Kent (the father of Queen Victoria), and the 2nd Duke of Cambridge (uncle of Queen Mary), who was the last Royal Commander-in-Chief. It was due to Charles Greenwood that the firm made the amazing strides it did during the war with France. By 1815 Cox's had become the Bankers, Official Paymasters, and Agents to the entire British Household Brigade, the bulk of the cavalry and infantry regiments, the Royal Artillery, and the Royal Wagon Train (which afterwards became the Army Service Corps), a position they have held almost uninterruptedly since the Battle of Waterloo. Much history is to be learned from the old ledgers of the Bank, which contain the accounts of many men famous the world over, and bear testimony to important happenings, now almost forgotten, save by students of history.

But it was during the Great War that the most remarkable developments of Cox's Bank took place. At the outbreak of the war the Regular British Army numbered rather less than 250,000 officers and men. By December, 1914, there were one million and three-quarters under arms, and at the Armistice this strength had grown to over five millions. Thus Cox & Co. were called upon to expand to a degree which would have sorely tried the flexibility of any but an organization with such a record and experience behind it.

In 1914 the Bank had a staff of 180, of whom sixty went to the war. During the war the number of the staff had increased to about 4,500, of whom 1,500 were women. They worked double shifts. When the day staff left their

desks their places were taken by a night staff, and cheques were cashed every hour of the day and night, including Sundays and holidays, for officers returning from the front or going back to it. There were more officers on the books from beginning to end than the full strength of all arms and ranks of Wellington's Army in the Napoleonic Wars, the number being about a quarter of a million. At the height of the war, something like 50,000 cheques a day were cleared by the Bank. For the convenience of American officers in Military, Naval and Air Services, Cox's Bank organized a special United States Army and Navy Department, which was much used and appreciated by them. Wherever a British or American officer went, to a fighting front or even as a prisoner of war in Germany, he could draw upon his account at Cox's without troubling to prove his identity or signature; his uniform was his warrant. The amount of work caused by so extensive a connection can be indicated by the fact that Cox's had to send a motor-van day and night to collect the mails from the District Sorting Office. The number so collected generally reached 20,000 a day.

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An outward and visible sign of the long-cherished and intimate connection between Cox's and the "King's officers" is the interesting collection of prints which are exhibited throughout the Banking House at Pall Mall.

Officers in their uniforms, and military episodes long before the Crimea and Mutiny and even earlier than Waterloo, are all depicted for those who have time to spare from the scrutiny of their current accounts, and there, too, are official Army Lists so ancient that the letterpress is script with marginal notes in faded ink from expert quills.

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#### 7th BATTALION NOTES.

THE past quarter has been a particularly busy one. The training has been somewhat strenuous, and the social activities still more so.

On Saturday, March 22nd, the Annual Prize Distribution took place at Head-



quarters. Col. Sir Henry Bowles, Bart., J.P., D.L., should have presented the prizes, but he was unable to do so owing to illness. His place was taken by Major-General H. R. PecR, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C., 44th (H.C.) Division. The following are the particulars of the Battalion, Companies, and Individual prize-winners:—

#### COMPETITIONS WON BY THE BATTALION IN 1929.

*Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition (M.G. Portion).*—Won by 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

*Lady Regnart Cup.*—Presented in 1910 by Sir Horace Regnart for competition between the Boroughs of Hampstead, Hornsey, Islington and St. Pancras.

Won for Hornsey by the 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. Team (each receiving a silver medal):—

Drum-Major March ("H.Q."), Sergt. Porter ("C"), Sergt. Thomas ("B"), Cpl. Knight ("D"), L./Cpl. Dehnel ("C"), and Pte. Hewitt ("D").

#### BATTALION TROPHIES.

In addition to the cup or shield for the winner of each competition, the following prizes were given.

In team competitions, except miniature range, each member of the team receives a Battalion Silver Spoon.

In individual competitions:—

1st, Gold Medal; 2nd, Gold Medal; 3rd, Silver Medal.

*Clay Memorial Shield.*—Presented in 1894 by Richard Clay, Esq., in memory of Lieut.-Col. Clay, and awarded to the most efficient company for the year, based on drill, musketry, open and miniature range, Lewis gun, attendance, and sports. Won by Tottenham Company (Capt. W. E. Pringle, M.C.).

*Lee Memorial Challenge Shield.*—Presented in memory of Capt. John Stirling Lee, 1860-1886. Reallotted in 1929 to the company with the best combined score—Trained Men, Young Soldiers and Lewis Gunners—at the Battalion Rifle Meeting. Won by Enfield Company (Capt. E. N. Cunliffe).

*Warner Drill Cup.*—Presented in 1884 by Lieut.-Col. Sir Joseph Warner, and awarded for the Inter-Company Drill Competition. Won by Enfield Company (Capt. E. N. Cunliffe).

*Arnold White Cup.*—Presented in 1908 by the inhabitants of Hornsey. Awarded for Inter-Company Lewis Gun Team Shoot.

Won by Hornsey Company.

Team: Lieut. Christodoulo, C.Q.M.S. Vaughan, Sergts. Carter, Ayres and Porter, Cpl. Lerner, and Ptes. Young and Blundell.

*Hornsey Vase.*—Presented in 1862 by the inhabitants of Hornsey. Awarded for Inter-Company Lewis Gun Team Shoot.

Won by Enfield Company.

Team: Sergt. Cutting, Cpl. Povey, L./Cpl. Osborne, and Ptes. Starr, Deacon and Leighton.

*Volunteer Cup.*—Presented in 1913 by retired officers of the Battalion. Awarded for Inter-Company Young Soldiers' Team Shoot.

Won by Tottenham Company.

Team: L./Cpls. F. Fletcher and Pate, and Ptes. O'Flanagan, Brown, Fay, Harbutt, Lambert and Pausey.

*King Cup.*—Presented in 1904 by Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., D.L. Awarded for Inter-Company Miniature Range Competition.

Won by Tottenham Company (Capt. W. E. Pringle, M.C.).

*Barnet Cup.*—Presented in 1880 by the inhabitants of Barnet. Awarded for Inter-Company Fire Direction Competition on Miniature Range.

Won by Enfield Company (Capt. E. N. Cunliffe).

*Sports Cup.*—Won in 1919 by the Battalion, when in the Army of Occupation on the Rhine, for cross-country running. Awarded for Inter-Company Cricket, Football and Tug-of-War.

Won by "H.Q." Wing.

*Magheramorn Shield.*—Presented in 1887 by Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart. Awarded for Inter-Company Tug-of-War.

Won by Hornsey Company.

*Boxing Cup.*—Won in 1919 by the Battalion, when in the Army of Occupation on the Rhine, for cross-country running. Awarded for Inter-Company Boxing Competition.

Won by Tottenham Company.

Prizes awarded for winners in each weight (two prizes when more than four competitors). Prizes have already been presented in each weight, as under:—

*Light Heavy.*—Pte. Littlefield ("C"), Pte. Williams ("A").

*Middle.*—Pte. Britchard ("D"); Sergt. Parker ("B").

*Welter.*—Sergt. Chapman ("D"), Sergt. Matthews ("D").

*Light.*—Pte. Walton ("D"), Pte. Young ("C").

*Feather.*—Pte. Nodes ("B"); Pte. Kemp ("H.Q.").

*Bantam.*—Pte. Thomas ("A").

*Fly.*—Pte. Chesson ("B").

*Battalion Rifle Team.*—Representing the Battalion in the Competition for the Middlesex Justices Shield. Bars are presented to those members of the team who have represented the Battalion in previous years. Medals and bar are presented to members shooting in the team for the first time.

Presented by the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. S. Cedric Smith, T.D.

Team for 1929:—

Lieut.-Col. Smith, 1922-3-4-5-6-7-8-9; Capt. Doidge, 1924-6-9; Lieut. Christodoulo, 1928-9; 2/Lieut. Johnson, 1929; C.S.M. Roberts, 1922-3-5-6-9; Drum-Major March, 1923-4-7-8-9; Sergt. Carter, 1923-7-9; Sergt. Webb, 1929; Sergt. Endersby, 1927-8-9; C.Q.M.S. Howard, 1928-9; L./Sergt. Thomas, 1925-6-7-9; Cpl. Knight, 1929; Cpl. Pearson, 1929; Cpl. Rockall, 1927-8-9; L./Cpl. Emery, 1929; L./Cpl. Chesson, 1929.

#### INDIVIDUAL PRIZES.

*Officers' Cup.*—Presented in 1908 by E. Perronet Sells, Esq., for best shot among the officers.

Won by Lieut. E. J. W. Hay.

*Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Cup.*—Presented in 1898 by Messrs. H. and G. Simonds for the best shot among the Warrant Officers and Sergeants.

Equal 1st, L./Sergt. Brockett (Tottenham) and Sergt. Porter (Hornsey); 3rd, Sergt. Badham (Highgate).

*Marksmen's Cup.*—Originally the Clarke Challenge Cup of the Hampstead Detachment, reallotted in 1925, for best shot among all ranks, Corporals and under.

1st, Pte. Napper (Tottenham); 2nd, L./Cpl. Chesson (Enfield); 3rd, Cpl. Halsey (Highgate).

*Lewis Gunners' Cup.*—Won in 1917 by the Battalion, in Platoon Bombing Competition, allotted in 1926 for best shot all ranks with the Lewis gun.

1st, Pte. Altria (Highgate), L./Cpl. Osborne (Enfield), Pte. Starr (Enfield), and Pte. Deacon (Enfield).

*Enfield Cup.*—Presented in 1913 by Viscount Enfield. Awarded for best shot amongst those with under two years' service.

1st, Pte. Fay (Tottenham); 2nd, Pte. Batchelor (Highgate); 3rd, Pte. Harbutt (Tottenham).

The numbers attending were considerably in excess of those for other years. At the conclusion of the prize distribution, a dance followed, which was enjoyed by all.

On Wednesday, February 12th, the annual Officers' v. Sergeants' miniature range shooting match took place at Headquarters. The contest was very exciting and the result was in doubt up to the last detail going down to fire. The Officers eventually won the match by a margin of 8 points.

On January 23rd teams from the 1st and 3rd Cadet Battalions and a recruits' team from the 7th Battalion fired a miniature range competition for the Byrne Cup. This resulted in a win for the 3rd Cadet Battalion, who scored 238 points. The 1st Cadet Battalion was second with 207 points, and our recruits' team was third with 175 points. The winners are to be congratulated on their excellent shooting, and if the Cadet Battalions are still functioning next year we hope our recruits will put up a better show.

Quite a number of changes have taken place amongst the officers of the Battalion. We regret the transfer of Capts. Cunliffe and Doidge to the T.A. Reserve. Owing to business duties neither of these officers could devote the time—which in these strenuous times is very considerable—to commanding a company. 2/Lieuts. F. G. Bristow and S. S. Smith have both resigned their commissions on account of ill-health. We are pleased to have Lieut. A. G. Womersley back with the Battalion. He served with the Battalion during 1925, 1926 and 1927. He transferred to the T.A. Reserve on proceeding abroad. He has again undertaken the duties of Signalling Officer. As a result of the foregoing, Lieut. Arnold now commands "B" Company (Enfield), Lieut. Pratt has taken over "A" Company (Highgate) from Major Bower, who, by the way, is congratulated on his



promotion, and the latter has taken over "H.Q." Wing from Capt. Doidge. We welcome 2/Lieuts. A. L. Womersley, Paul and Benfield.

Intimation has been received that the Battalion will this year camp at Lyndhurst during the period July 27th to August 10th. The venue is an entirely new one and should be most popular. It was originally understood that we should go to Arundel, which has always been most enjoyable, but it is anticipated that Lyndhurst will be even more so.

The strength of the Battalion is still increasing, and if recruiting during the next three months is as brisk as it was in May, June and July of last year, our strength at camp should be over 400.

We held our usual Easter Musketry Camp at Rainham during the period April 18th to 21st. We were most unfortunate in striking awful weather conditions. This did not, however, affect the attendance in any way. One hundred and thirty firers fired their Annual Musketry Course, and sixty-five Machine Gunners and nine Signallers attended for extra training. The Machine Gunners are going to Rainham on May 4th and 18th to fire their Annual Course, and should find the instruction given them during the Easter period of considerable assistance.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the 1st Battalion for their assistance in loaning us instructors during the past two months. Cpl. Williams rendered great service to the Signallers, and Sergts. Davies and Fletcher were invaluable in assisting the Machine Gunners at Enfield.

The result of Part I of the Annual Machine Gun Competition has just come to hand. We obtained 82 points out of a possible 100, being placed second to the 9th Battalion, who obtained 90 points. Last year in this competition we beat the 9th Battalion by a greater margin than they beat us this year, so we have no complaints to make; if there are any, perhaps L./Cpl. Emery and his gun team would like to make them.

A couple of N.C.Os.' Exercises have been carried out in the vicinity of North Mimms. Judging by the numbers attending, the keenness of the N.C.Os. is on the up-grade. These exercises are always popular, and we hope to have some more next winter.

### "A" COMPANY.

(HIGHGATE)

On March 29th a Company Dance was held, and it was a very enjoyable affair, but again the attendance was not what it should have been.

Annual Musketry is in full swing, and it was gratifying to see so many turn up to fire.

The weather during Easter Camp was simply appalling and hardly bears writing about.

We welcome to the Company 2/Lieut. Christodoulo, but regret the loss of Major Bower, who has gone to Headquarters. 2/Lieut. Trewby is at present attached to the Sherwood Foresters and we hope he is having an enjoyable time.

A hearty welcome is extended to 2/Lieut. Paul, who has just recently been gazetted.

Cpls. Cox and Faulkner have recently attended a Refresher Course in Lewis Gun at Knightsbridge. We hope they passed meritoriously and that the knowledge imparted and absorbed will greatly benefit themselves and the Company.

It has been definitely settled that the Battalion proceeds to Lyndhurst for Annual Camp, and it is hoped that all ranks will make every endeavour to obtain as many recruits as possible, so that the Battalion will be practically at full strength for training. By all accounts Lyndhurst is a beautiful spot, so it goes without saying that we should have a most enjoyable fortnight from July 27th to August 10th.

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### "B" COMPANY.

(ENFIELD)

Since our last issue a terrible tragedy has befallen our Company. We have lost our Company Commander, not in the sense that he cannot be found, but as our Company Commander he is no more. Owing to his father's illness Capt. Cunliffe found it impossible to spend the time with us that he used to, and so he has retired and has been placed on the Reserve. No one knows better than we do what a great deal "N. C." as he was known to most of us, did for our Company. His well-known cheering speeches before competitions will always be remembered. We are all very sorry to lose

him, but he has promised to drop in and have one with us whenever he gets the chance, so we shall not altogether lose touch with him. We are glad to hear that his father's health is steadily improving—may it continue to do so.

Mr. Arnold has now taken over command of the Company, and we should like to take this opportunity of congratulating him on this appointment, and, at the same time, of pledging to him our very utmost endeavours to help him to keep up the great traditions of "B" Company.

If we were to chronicle faithfully the doings of our Company during the past quarter, THE DIE-HARDS would be all "B" Company notes, so we shall have to be brief. Generally speaking, we have been working very hard for the first part of the Brigade Machine Gun Competition, which took place on April 15th. We were placed second to the 9th Battalion. A piece of very hard luck lost us this part of the competition, but, while we offer our hearty congratulations to the 9th Battalion on their fine show, we also warn them that we intend producing some phenomenally good gunners for the open range part of the competition. This competition has, of course, occupied most of our training of late, including two Sundays' work at Crews Hill; both days were instructive and enjoyable, though somewhat cold.

We have just returned from a week-end's camp at Rainham over the Easter holidays. The weather could hardly have been worse, but everyone seems to have enjoyed himself, though as a place of amusement Rainham gets very few marks. When time permitted, we allowed other members of the Battalion to try our own pet Vickers guns—we have not yet heard whether the bursts fired by two of our very senior officers have landed, so we presume they are still travelling.

The match we mentioned in our last issue against the 6th Bn. The Essex Regiment has been postponed owing to the difficulty of getting range accommodation, but we hope to fire this match very shortly.

We have been definitely told by the Brigade Commander that we shall go to Lyndhurst in the New Forest for Annual Training this year. We have heard from people who have been there that it is a

delightful spot and ranks equal with, if not higher than, Arundel Park as an ideal site for camp. Further, we have been told that we shall have lorries on which to take our guns about. Those of us who were at Falmer in 1928 will remember our lorries there and hope that something better than two Henry Fords, with only half an engine each, will be allotted to us.

We held a most successful dance on March 29th, most of the Company being present, a thing that has never been known before. At our Annual Company Meeting held on April 3rd it was decided to make a real effort to popularize the Friday night sports. So far a marked improvement in the attendance has been seen, about thirty or forty members and friends being present each Friday.

We should like to take this opportunity of extending a very hearty welcome to Mr. Amor and the N.C.Os. and men of the M.G. Platoon who have now become part of our Company. We shall be very pleased to see them on any occasion they care to turn up at Enfield, either Friday nights or Sunday mornings, when they will always find the range open and beer in our Canteen. We are told that Enfield beer is better than Hornsey beer, so this should be an added inducement to them.

### "C" COMPANY.

It is difficult to say which event has caused most excitement since the last issue. Some say it is "Major Segrave's" newly cultivated whiskers, whilst others preferred seeing a very senior N.C.O. pelted with carnival novelties at a dance held by "C" Company and "H.Q." Wing in February. It has since been laid down that in future small lumps of coal will not be regarded as novelties, carnival.

At a Canteen smoker early in March, Sergt. Carter added to his long list of accomplishments by blossoming forth as a slap-stick comedian. "Jerry, the Toothless," helped us by giving his now-famous imitation of a man singing a comic song. It is reported that he afterwards consumed the better part of a firkin barrel of beer. As a result of this, several transport drivers want to have their teeth removed so as to be better able to compete.



However, let us turn to our more serious occupations. Annual Musketry Classification means to us—Rainham. And Rainham means to us a draughty wilderness where the N.A.A.F.I. turn soldiers out of a nice warm Canteen at 11 p.m. and the R.S.M. turns them out of a nice cold tent into a still colder world at 6.30 a.m. After that we fill sandbags, fall in ditches, wave red flags, and fire an occasional bullet. And so to bed. On the whole, shooting was quite good, considering the weather. One or two young recruits, firing in what amounted almost to a blizzard, put up remarkably good scores.

We are sorry to lose L./Cpl. Dehnil on his move to the Regular Army. He is now at the Depot, and we wish him the best of luck. We have to congratulate Cpl. Knight and Pte. Sheehan on their recent appointments as Lance-Sergeant and Lance-Corporal respectively and finally we welcome a new subaltern in 2/Lieut. P. H. B. Benfield, who has just been posted to us.

#### "D" COMPANY.

(TOTTENHAM)

Almost immediately after the last issue of these notes we finished the Miniature Range Competition, and once again we were fortunate enough to win all matches. The King Cup, therefore, becomes ours for another year.

At the Battalion Prize Distribution we secured a fair share of awards, although not so many as we had hoped. We are told that the Warner Drill Cup is a good thing to win, as it holds more liquid than any other trophy in the Battalion. This year, therefore, we are going to see what can be done about it.

Congratulations to Pte. Napper on winning the Marksmen's Cup, and to Pte. Fay on winning the Enfield Cup.

Our numbers have not increased very much since we last wrote, but at least they have not decreased; and, as we have lost quite a number of men to the Regular Army, etc., etc., it is something to have maintained our strength.

We are now working very hard at musketry, and over Easter the large majority of the Company fired and passed their Annual Course.

We had a very successful Company Dance on March 8th, and are holding the final one of the season on April 26th.

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

Since our last issue, a big change has taken place, Major Bower, M.C., having been transferred to us from "A" Company, and we extend to him a hearty welcome.

The M.G. Section has now been transferred to "B" (M.G.) Company, and this has knocked our numbers down somewhat.

The Annual Musketry is in full swing, and a very good number have attended already.

Congratulations are extended to R.Q.M.S. Raddon on being awarded the second clasp to his T.E. Medal, he being the oldest soldier in the Battalion, with thirty-eight years' service. Also Cpl. Drumey (Transport) on being awarded the T.E. Medal.

We still require about twenty recruits for the Drums, Signals and Transport.  
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### COLONEL E. E. F. BAKER, D.S.O., M.C.

LIEUT.-COL. AND BREVET COL. EUSTON EDWARD FRANCIS BAKER, D.S.O., M.C., whose command of the 8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment expired on February 20th, was born on April 5th, 1895. He was educated at Sherborne School, where he was captain of Rugby football and shooting, and a cadet officer in the O.T.C. He was rejected for the R.M.C. and also the 6th Battalion a few months before the war, on account of defective vision, but, aided by success at Bisley in July, 1914, was able to obtain a commission in the 5th Battalion on August 15th, 1914. He joined the Battalion at Chatham and was placed in charge of weapon training. He was subsequently appointed Machine Gun Officer, and in December, 1914, was drafted to the 2nd Battalion in France.

He was wounded at the Battle of Neuve Chapelle, but rejoined the Battalion one month later and served with it continu-



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COLONEL E. E. F. BAKER, D.S.O., M.C.



ously till August, 1917, as Bombing Officer, Company Commander, Adjutant, and Second-in-Command. He was mentioned in despatches in June, 1917, and awarded the Military Cross in the Battle of Passchendaele, July 31st, 1917, during part of which action he was in command of the Battalion. He was then appointed Second-in-Command of the 2nd Bn. The P.W.O. West Yorkshire Regiment, and shortly afterwards of the 2nd Bn. The Lincolnshire Regiment.

In January, 1918, he was again mentioned in despatches, and later took part in the Battle of the Somme, 1918 (being awarded a bar to the Military Cross), the Battle of Kemmel, and the Battle of the Aisne, 1918, on all three occasions taking command of the Lincolns during the fighting.

He returned to the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment in June, 1918, to take command at the age of 23. For a short period he was in command of the 23rd Infantry Brigade, and commanded the Battalion until he brought the cadre home in April, 1919. He was awarded the D.S.O. after the fighting in October, 1918, which culminated in the capture of Douai, and when the Armistice was declared was in command of a mixed force which had been pushed up to fill a gap just north of Mons. He was mentioned in despatches for the third time in January, 1919.

He joined the 8th Battalion in July, 1920, with the rank of Captain, commanding "D" Company (Uxbridge). He was promoted Major a year later, and on February 20th, 1923, was appointed to command the Battalion, which appointment he held for seven years, receiving the rank of Brevet Colonel in 1927.

He married in 1920 Mary Helena, daughter of Thomas Sampson. During his period of command she gave him unfailing support and took the greatest interest in the Battalion. That this was appreciated is evidenced by the handsome silver salver presented to her by the officers and the fine cut-glass table lamp given to her by the Warrant Officers and Sergeants.



## 8th BATTALION NOTES.

THE event which has eclipsed all others during the past three months is the change of command. We have with very great regret to bid farewell to Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., who has commanded the Battalion since February, 1923. During these seven years we have had a Commanding Officer who has worked unceasingly in the interest of the Battalion (a separate article appears on another page).

On February 10th the Officers, and on February 7th the Sergeants, gave a farewell dinner. Appropriate toasts were proposed by the P.M.C. and the R.S.M. The latter handed to Col. Baker a very fine cut-glass electric table lamp for Mrs. Baker as an appreciation from the W.Os. and Sergeants.

The officers held a very successful ball on January 10th, when they entertained nearly one hundred and fifty guests. During the evening, Major A. W. Lewey presented Mrs. Baker with a handsome silver salver in appreciation of her many kindnesses.

Mrs. Baker entertained the officers and their wives to tea in the Mess on Saturday, February 15th. At this delightfully informal function, Col. Baker, on behalf of Mrs. Baker, presented to the Honorary Colonel (Col. W. Garner, C.M.G., T.D.) a beautifully embroidered Drum-Major's Sash. In thanking Mrs. Baker, Col. Garner said that the Battalion would always greatly value such a handsome presentation.

We wish Col. and Mrs. Baker the best of luck and sincerely hope we shall see them frequently as visitors to the Battalion.

We are extremely sorry that both Major A. W. Lewey and Lieut. D. R. Pattison have left us. The former sailed for West Africa on January 22nd, and the latter transferred to the Reserve on February 12th.

Major A. W. Lewey came to the Battalion late in 1920 from the 10th Middlesex Regiment. He commanded "A" Company until August, 1921, and then "D" Company twelve months later. He went on the Reserve, returning in July, 1923, as Second-in-Command.

Lieut. D. R. Pattison was gazetted Second-Lieutenant on November 13th, 1922, and was posted to "B" Company. Promoted Lieutenant in November, 1924, he subsequently transferred to "A" Company.

We are delighted to welcome to the Battalion 2/Lieuts. K. V. T. Russell, E. C. A. Wheeler and R. H. Northcott. 2/Lieut. Russell is posted as Transport Officer, and both 2/Lieuts. Wheeler and Northcott as Platoon Commanders in "B" (M.G.) Company. We look for success, and wish them the best of luck.

All companies are working hard in preparation for the Inter-Company Weapon Training Competitions, which are to be held on March 24th and 27th, as a preliminary to the Brigade Contest in April.

The Annual Boxing Tournament for the selection of Battalion representatives was held at Hounslow on January 25th. The Battalion Boxing Cup, recently presented by Mr. Fenton, was competed for. "G" Group, "H.Q." Wing, are to be congratulated on being the first winners.

The following are the individual winners:—

*Middle-weight.*—Pte. Davies ("A" Company); runner-up, Pte. Raynsford ("A" Company).

*Welter-weight.*—L./Cpl. Batten ("A" Company); runner-up, Pte. Fiddler ("H.Q." Wing).

*Light-weight.*—Pte. White ("H.Q." Wing); runner-up, Pte. Johnson ("D" Company).

*Feather-weight.*—Pte. Hutton ("D" Company); runner-up, Pte. Oswald ("H.Q." Wing).

The Brigade Tournament was held at the Headquarters of the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment on February 8th. Although the Battalion representatives put up an excellent fight, only Pte. Clarke ("D" Company) won his bout. An enjoyable evening was marred by a regrettable accident which necessitated Pte. Raynsford ("A" Company) being admitted to hospital with a damaged rib. He is now well again.

The Divisional Tournament was held at Chelsea Barracks on February 15th. We congratulate 2/Lieut. R. W. Mayer on again winning his bout with Lieut. G. P. Stephens (6th Bn. East Surrey Regiment)

on points. He represented the Division in the finals at the Stadium for the second year in succession. Hearty congratulations to him on becoming T.A. Champion—Officers' Light-weight. Pte. Clarke ("D" Company), our only other entry, lost his fight on points. He was congratulated by the referee on being a very plucky loser.

A very successful open boxing tournament was held at Battalion Headquarters on Wednesday, March 5th. There were several good bouts, and the tournament was well attended. The Band, under Bandmaster Groves, played several items during the evening.

On Friday, February 21st, the officers held their second subscription dance of the season, when all present spent a very enjoyable evening.

The Battalion Cross-Country Run was held at Uxbridge over a four-and-a-half-mile course. Forty-three started, and we congratulate Pte. Hooper ("B" Company) on being first man home.

The result was as follows:—

1. "D" Company ... 45 pts.
2. "B" Company ... 61 pts.
3. "H.Q." Wing ... 105 pts.
4. "A" Company ... 153 pts.
5. "C" Company ... 171 pts.

## "H.Q." WING. (HOUNSLOW)

We have many events to record since our last notes were written.

"H.Q." Wing, not unnaturally, is more closely in touch with Battalion Headquarters than the outlying companies, and we especially regret the departure of Col. Baker, who has been our Commanding Officer for so many years. We wish him and Mrs. Baker all possible good luck, and we feel comforted by their promise to visit us frequently.

After a prolonged shortage of officers we are glad to welcome 2/Lieut. J. L. H. Cloutte, our new Signalling Officer, and 2/Lieut. K. V. T. Russell, who has taken over the Transport. As there appears to be a certain liveliness in these sections, and as their numbers are increasing, we shall look for great results before long. In fact, the Drill Hall on Monday and Wednesday nights is already echoing with the sound of "Sorry you have been



troubled," and Hounslow Heath now reverberates on Sunday mornings with the thunder of hooves and the creak of wagons.

The miniature range (under the supervision of 2/Lieut. Cloutte) is becoming a centre of activity, and shooting is in progress for the "Own Start" Competition and the Quarterly Spoon.

In the field of sport, we won the Battalion Boxing Competition in January and carried off the cup very kindly presented by Mr. Fenton, and awarded this year for the first time.

We congratulate the following winners and runner-up:—

*Fly-weights*.—Pte. Field, winner.

*Feather-weights*.—Pte. Oswald, winner.

*Welter-weights*.—Pte. Fiddler, runner-up.

The chief social event of the past quarter was our combined Children's Christmas Party and Company Prize Giving, held in January. This was a very great success and a large number of children were present, in addition to several members of the Company and their wives. After an excellent tea every child received a present from the Christmas tree and there was also a lucky dip. Games and races were much enjoyed, and the Band, under Bandmaster Groves, and also Drum-Major Furse at the piano, gave a most enjoyable musical programme.

Later in the evening the Prize Giving took place, and, after Capt. Sherbrooke-Walker had made a few remarks, the cups and prizes were presented by Mrs. Sherbrooke-Walker as follows:—

*Edwards Memorial Cup*.—Employed Group (R.Q.M.S. Unsted).

*Captain Palmer's Cup and Prize*.—Sergt. Mullaley.

*Individual Efficiency Cup and Prize*.—L./Cpl. Court.

*Clasp to Territorial Efficiency Medal*.—Bdsn. Clarke.

After the presentation of prizes, Mrs. Sherbrooke-Walker was presented with a beautiful bouquet on behalf of the Club Committee.

Our thanks are due to the Committee and their wives who worked hard with such excellent results, and we are grateful to R.S.M. and Mrs. Pelly, who spared

no efforts in making the party such a success.

The Annual General Meeting of the "H.Q." Wing Club was held on February 27th, and there was a fair attendance. In addition to the *ex-officio* members, the following were elected by ballot to the Committee for the ensuing year:—

Sergt. Reeve, Cpl. Henson, L./Cpl. Court, Pte. Arthurs and Mr. H. George (Hon. Members' representative).

Our thanks are due to the Committee for their services during the past year, and to Sergt. Hawkesworth, Secretary of the Club, who has kindly promised to continue his labours.

### "A" COMPANY.

(HAMPTON)

The first quarter of our training year is, of course, devoted to Individual Training, and in this we have made much progress, though attendances, averaging perhaps 20 per cent., have been disappointing. But a distinct improvement seems to be setting in now, and we are hard at work with our new P.S.I., in the person of C.S.M. Cronin (ex The Buffs), whom we welcome. Incidentally, we extend our congratulations to his new recruit, Brian Adrian, as well as to the proud father and mother.

Which brings us to the question of recruits. Whilst we are just able to make up the usual wastage due to discharges and enlistments into the Regular Army, we find it difficult to increase our strength, though everyone in the Company is working to that end. May our efforts be fruitful.

The Company Boxing Contests, held in January, produced some excellent, keen and clean fighting. A little later on, at the Divisional Contests, one of our latest rookies, Jennings (having quickly caught hold of "A" Company style), fought a losing contest so well that he was awarded a special prize. We congratulate him on this, and also on being the first of the Company home in the Battalion Cross-Country Run on March 15th.

Lieut. Pattison, owing to his absence abroad, has left us for the Reserve of Officers. May he soon be restored to the Active List and to the Company roll. Meanwhile, good luck to him.

Our fortnightly dances have been growing in popularity. They are most enjoyable (and, incidentally, remunerative), and our thanks are due to C.S.M. Hillier for his energy and skill in organizing them and to Cpl. Seymour, who is always ready to take his part (and the door) at our functions.

In our next notes we shall have many promotions and appointments to note. "Going up."

### "B" COMPANY.

(EALING)

We have very little to record in the way of social happenings at Ealing during the past three months. The Drill Hall being open for parades every night of the week except Saturdays, we seem to get very little time for the lighter things of life.

Judging by the attendances, however, everybody seems to be enjoying himself. The parades have shown an enormous improvement in the past few weeks.

Recruiting is improving, and we are glad to welcome back to the Company Pte. Mills, who, after transferring to the Royal Artillery, has decided that he prefers small guns to big guns.

Our Saturday evening dances have not met with the success we hoped. Possibly the sight of the L.G.S. wagons and the miniature range in the Drill Hall prevents that light and happy feeling.

We are glad to welcome to the Company 2/Lieuts. E. C. A. Wheeler and Norcott.

2/Lieut. R. W. Mayer, after a strenuous fight, was the winner of his weight in the Divisional Boxing Contests held at Chelsea Barracks. He appeared at the Stadium Club, and we heartily congratulate him on his success in winning the Territorial Army (Officers' Class) Lightweight Championship.

"B" Company distinguished itself in the Battalion Cross-country Run held at Uxbridge by gaining the first and third places. We congratulate Ptes. Hooper and Budden. Unfortunately, in spite of heroic efforts of the remainder of the team we just lost the Battalion Cup to "D" Company.

### "C" COMPANY.

(STAINES.)

Since the writing of our last notes one or two outstanding events have occurred, the chief being that we regret to announce the loss of our former P.S.I., C.S.M. W. Rogers, who, on completing his tour of duty with us, has returned to the 1st Battalion at Catterick. We welcome the arrival of his successor, C.S.M. H. Warren. We again take this opportunity of according a hearty vote of thanks to C.S.M. Rogers for his zealous and untiring devotion to the Company, especially from the training and social point of view, and we all wish him the best of good luck for the future. We anticipate that our new P.S.I. will prove as capable as our late P.S.I., and his knowledge of weapons and athletics will be invaluable to us in the future. We all wish him a happy time with us.

Training is very intensive now in preparation for the Winter Weapon Training Competition, and for Col. Dams Winter Weapon Training Cup. We hope to be successful in the Battalion eliminating competition, so that we can represent the Battalion in the Brigade Competition.

The Company cricket team have a full season before them, the fixture list is full and we hope that we shall have a very successful season.

Football in the Company has not been a success this season, but we have acquired the lease of a ground from the local Council. We hope that the team will prove its worth and talent by heading the league in which it has entered for the forthcoming season.

Our fortnightly dances are a great success and are receiving great support from all ranks.

We congratulate L./Cpls. Allaway, Currier, Godfrey, Hales, Hamilton, Hart, Reed and Steward on their appointments to their present rank.

Our Company Commander has gone to Paris—some say for business. Good business, what?

### "D" COMPANY.

(UXBRIDGE)

Since the last notes for this Journal were written there has been a slight falling off in the number of recruits. The Company still remains, however, the



strongest in the Battalion, and we are now marking time all round about 87.

The Annual Winter Weapon Training Competition is almost upon us. For some weeks we have been endeavouring to select the necessary teams, but have not found it an easy matter. Recently joined recruits have, by their keenness, reached a degree of efficiency in the handling of the Lewis gun which is not far short of remarkable.

We have been considerably handicapped in firing on the miniature range, firstly by the rifles themselves, which, it is understood, have now been condemned, and, secondly, by the shortage of ammunition. The innovation of firing on Sunday mornings appears to be popular, judging by the attendance.

Speculation is rife in the Company as to the whereabouts of this year's camp. There are rumours of several places floating about, and it is hoped that the powers that control such matters will soon set our doubts at rest.

To turn to sport, a great deal of time has been taken up by boxing, and the Company has had its share of success. In the Battalion Boxing Championships, we were the runners-up to "H.Q." Wing, who carried off the cup presented by Mr. Fenton. The fly-weight championship was won by Pte. R. Clarke, who was the only man in the Battalion to box in the Divisional Championships.

At the Brigade Boxing Championships Pte. Clarke was compelled to box bantam-weight, and in this class he won the championship. At Chelsea in the Divisional Championships, he again fought bantam-weight, but was beaten, after a splendid fight, on points.

The Battalion light heavy-weight championship was won by Pte. R. Johnson.

For the second year in succession the Company have won the Cross-Country Running Cup. The race was run on March 15th over a course used by the Royal Air Force. By the kind permission of the Royal Air Force Sports Officer, the Depot Gymnasium was placed at our disposal as a changing room. Fourteen men of the Company ran and finished the course. Pte. Hayward was the second man home, L./Cpl. Taylor was fourth, and Pte. Gardner sixth. These three men are therefore among the first eight who have been chosen to represent the Bat-

talion in the Divisional Cross-Country Run, which takes place at Coulsdon on April 5th. We congratulate them on their success, and wish them further success in their next effort.

### ◆ —◆ —◆ —◆ "THE DIE-HARDS IN THE GREAT WAR."

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**E**X-SERVICE men of the Middlesex Regiment will be pleased to hear that the second volume of Mr. Everard Wyrall's book, "The Die-Hards in the Great War," has now been completed and can be obtained from Messrs. Harrison and Sons, Ltd. (45, St. Martin's Lane, W.C.2). The book is a survey, or history, of the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment) from 1916 to the end of the war, compiled from the records of the Line, Special Reserve, Service, and Territorial Battalions, and written by an author with many outstanding and noteworthy military histories to his name. His style is concise with the rapid movement characteristic of such surveys, and yet Mr. Wyrall writes in a narrative vein which is particularly readable. This volume includes the British advance and the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line in 1917, the Battles of Arras, 1917, the Flanders offensive, the Battle of Cambrai, the German offensives of 1918, the final breaking of the Hindenburg Line to the Allied advances into Flanders, Artois and Picardy. The last chapters are devoted to the Eastern theatre of the war in Italy, Salonika, Palestine, India, Mesopotamia, Siberia and finally the Murmansk adventure. Maps are given of all these campaigns which will enable everyone to follow the movements of events and make the detail that Mr. Wyrall has collected intelligible to all. The author says in his Preface that "To the student of the Great War and also to the young soldier wishing to know why his regiment was engaged in certain operations therein, the general situation in France and Flanders at the beginning of 1917 is of profound interest, for the Germans expected to be beaten before the end of that year," and

the author endeavours to throw light on the mysteries of the campaign.

To men of the Middlesex Regiment, which incidentally was one of our largest regiments, and one which bore the strain of most campaigns, this book will prove immensely interesting, especially as the author mentions by name men he wishes to comment on in connection with some act of bravery, or who by some unfortunate happenings were either injured or killed. Any profits which may accrue from the sale of the history will benefit the Regimental Association.

### THE DIE-HARDS.

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THE DIE-HARDS IN THE GREAT WAR: A History of the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment), 1914-1919. By EVERARD WYRALL. Vol. II, 1916-1919. (Harrison and Sons, 10s. 6d. net.)

At the beginning of 1917, at which point this volume takes up the War history of the "Die-Hards," although the title-page gives the period covered as 1916-19, there were no fewer than fifteen battalions of the Regiment serving on the Western Front. Five of these were disbanded in February, 1918, but this only reduced the total to eleven, as another had come out from England in the previous October. In addition there were two battalions in the Balkans; in India two, one of which afterwards served in Mesopotamia; and another in Egypt ready for the advance into Palestine.

To narrate in one volume the achievements of all these units in so many different theatres of war through nearly two years of hostilities obviously demanded the most careful arrangement and very judicious compression. Mr. Wyrall has managed to do it in less than 380 pages of text; and has also found room to trace the career of the 25th (Garrison) Battalion in Siberia in 1918 and to describe the Murmansk adventure of No. 1 Special Company in the following year. The method followed is to describe the part played by the battalions in each action without reference to the larger rôles of the divisions to which they belonged; and it is of interest to notice

that in October, 1917, the sixteen battalions on the Western Front were distributed among twelve different divisions. Without unlimited space one could not expect anything more than a short, business-like narrative of each operation, and it is this that Mr. Wyrall provides. He often transcribes frankly from the battalion war-diaries, sometimes lamenting the brevity and other short-comings of the official records. Thus chapter by chapter the "Die-Hards" are shown in action from the German retreat in the spring of 1917, through the Battles of Arras, Messines, "Third Ypres," and Cambrai, and then in the great German offensives of March, April and May, 1918, and the Allied advance to final victory. One or more battalions were in nearly every engagement of note, and the record of the Regiment presented is a very fine one. The history of a battalion between battles is sometimes covered by the insertion of a long footnote, but those readers who are interested in one particular unit will have no difficulty in tracing its career.

Space has been found to give the reader some idea of the strategical situation at the commencement of each of the big offensives, the main authorities used for the Western Front being the British official despatches and Ludendorff. The description of the enemy defences at "Third Ypres" as "pillboxes distributed all along his front" gives a wrong impression. It might have been explained that the basic principle was defence in depth by the multiplication of small but strong points of resistance offering no well-defined target to our artillery or obvious objective to our infantry. A few paragraphs suffice for the short stay of the 10th (Pioneer) Battalion in Italy, and one brief chapter is devoted to the Salonika front, where two battalions had far more of hardship and monotony than of fighting. The 2nd/10th Middlesex, in the Palestine campaign with the 53rd Division, fought at all three Battles of Gaza, and was eventually disbanded in August, 1918. Coming from India to Mesopotamia at the end of 1917 the 1st/9th Middlesex fought in two actions during the advance on Mosul, though not seriously engaged at the Battle of Sharqat. The narratives of these units move easily along, but Mr. Wyrall seems to have lost track of the 1st/10th Middlesex



in India. So we come to Colonel John Ward's 25th Battalion in Siberia in 1918, and for this chapter Colonel Ward himself has supplied many interesting details of the fighting between the Allied forces—they were very mixed—and the Red Russians which will be new to most readers.

There are seven general maps, five covering the chief battle areas on the Western Front, one of Palestine, and one of Mesopotamia. It is a pity that there are no small sketch maps to illustrate some of the actions. For example, the achievements of the 1st/7th and 1st/8th Middlesex during the Battles of Arras, 1917, are almost impossible to understand without a plan of the trenches.

### THE TOP-HATTED PIPER OF MONS.

COCKNEY WHO GAVE JOCK A  
BIT OF A LIFT.

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of the "Evening News.")

DURING the retreat from Mons it was a case of "going while the going was good," until called upon to make a stand to harass the enemy's advance.

After the stand at Le Cateau, bad and blistered feet caused many to stop by the wayside. Among these, in passing with my little squad, I noticed a piper belonging to a Scottish regiment sitting with his blistered feet exposed, and his pipes lying beside him. Staff officers were continually riding back and urging the parties of stragglers to make an effort to push on before they were overtaken.

In the late afternoon of this same day, having myself come up with my unit, I was resting on the road-side when I heard the skirl of bagpipes. Before long there came into sight, marching with a fair swing, too, as motley a throng as one ever saw in the King's uniform. Headed by a staff officer were about 150 men of all regiments with that same piper, hatless and with one stocking, in front.

Beside him was a Cockney of the Middlesex Regiment, with a silk hat on his head, whose cheeks threatened to burst as he churned out the strains of

"Alexander's Rag-time Band" on the bagpipes. Being a bit of a piper himself, he was giving "Jock" a lift and was incidentally the means of fetching this little band away from the clutches of the enemy.—"BUSTER" BROWN (late Bedfordshire Regiment), Hertford.

### 9th BATTALION NOTES.

IN the last Battalion notes which were written at the end of 1929, a fervent hope was expressed that the year 1930 would be as kind to us as the old one had been.

Well, so far, it has certainly done its best, and there can be no complaints about the results of the first quarter.

The boxing season has been the most successful that we have ever had. For the first time in history, the Brigade and Divisional Boxing Cups repose at Pound Lane, Willesden. Our energetic trainer, Jimmy Dunmow, positively beams with satisfaction.

The footballers have done equally well, and we reached the semi-final of the South of England in the Territorial Army Championships. Indeed, with a little more luck we should have been in the final, as we were leading by 2-1 up to two minutes from time.

It must be admitted, however, that we were beaten by a better team. Had we won, the 4th Essex would have had just cause to complain of the ill fortune which had attended them. Anyhow, to win the Divisional Championship in both boxing and football is a pretty good effort for one year.

There are, however, other sides to the Territorial Army besides sport, and everyone has been feverishly engaged in the Annual Weapon Training Competition during the past three months. "B" Company, having become specialists, are engaged in their own particular little war, thus leaving "A," "C" and "D" Companies to fight it out.

By the time these notes appear in print the result will be old history, but at the present time it looks as though "D" and "A" Companies were running each other very close.



THEIR RETREAT FROM MONS.

"... A Cockney, with a silk hat on his head, whose cheeks threatened to burst as he churned out the strains of 'Alexander's Rag-Time Band'."



"D" Company are most consistent, and every year they either win the competition or are very close to it, but "A" Company must be congratulated on the great improvement that they have made this year.

Last year we lost the Machine Gun Weapon Training Competition to our friendly rivals, the Seventh, but we are hoping to recapture it in 1930, though we realize that the Seventh have something pretty hot up their sleeve. It is rumoured that Col. Perrin is going to present a wonderful silver machine gun for this competition, and we naturally think that it would look very nice at Pound Lane.

Our Social Committee, with the help of the indefatigable Sergt. Remmers, has been very busy and an excellent series of dances and concerts have been run at Pound Lane. The two most successful dances were those held on New Year's Eve and St. Patrick's Night, particularly the latter, when approximately 500 people were present.

The attendance at the concerts, however, has been most disappointing, probably because the excellence of the programme is not generally realized. The last programme on March 22nd could hardly have been bettered, and yet the audience could not have been more than 250 strong, while seating accommodation had been arranged for double that number.

Now that the dark winter days are over, the outdoor training season is approaching and a very extensive programme of tactical exercises and week-end camps has been arranged.

On April 1st the new Machine Gun Company comes officially into being, and, thanks to the energetic work put in by all ranks of "B" Company and the Machine Gun Platoon, it will certainly start on a very live unit. There is no doubt that the high standard of efficiency of the Machine Gun Platoon of the past will be reflected in the Machine Gun Company of the future.

An innovation this year will be the Annual Presentation of Prizes on Albuhera Day, and it is hoped that all ranks of the Battalion will attend. Even though they may not be the recipient of a prize, they can still enjoy the Battalion Dance, which is taking place afterwards.

The location of Annual Training has at last been settled, most happily as regards the 132nd Infantry Brigade. There can be few more attractive camping places in England than Lyndhurst in the New Forest. Everyone should make a great effort to get down for at least one week and take this unique opportunity of spending his holiday among some of the finest scenery in England.

#### BATTALION BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Battalion held their Boxing Championships at Pound Lane Drill Hall on Thursday, January 23rd, and in spite of the inclement weather, a large crowd of spectators witnessed the best evening's boxing that has ever taken place at Pound Lane. In addition to three special contests, there were over thirty other bouts, and the programme, which started at 7.40 p.m., did not end until midnight.

The first contest was between Pte. Moors (9th Middlesex) and Gdsn. Francis (Coldstream Guards). Both competitors gave as fine an exhibition of clever boxing as one could wish to see, Moors just getting the verdict, mainly as a result of his vigorous offensive tactics in the last round.

The great event of the evening was undoubtedly the second contest, between Pte. Hitching (9th Middlesex) and Pte. Meacham (24th London Regiment). The latter is, of course, the Amateur champion of Great Britain, and at their last meeting in the semi-finals of the Territorial Army Championships Meacham just won on points. The contest came well up to expectations, and was a splendid example of clean, hard and very clever boxing. Hitching scored freely with his left leads, and as long as he could keep away from his opponent he did well. But Meacham was not to be kept at a distance, and his powerful in-fighting just gave him the verdict at the end of six rounds brimful of excitement.

The third contest, in which Pte. Saunders (9th Middlesex) met Fus. White (2nd Royal Fusiliers), if not such a skilful display as the previous one, was probably the closest fight of the evening, and Saunders by means of his rugged attacks just got home.

There were numerous entries for the Battalion Championships, mainly from "C" Company (Wealdstone) and "D" Company (Hendon). Most of the competitors were naturally novices, but what they lacked in skill they made up for in pluck.

Each fight was fought to a finish in the most convincing manner, and the 9th Battalion have undoubtedly some very good talent for future years. Pte. Trendell ("H.Q." Wing) was most unlucky to break his thumb when going strongly for the light-weight title.

The best final was probably in this weight when Foster of "C" Company just managed to beat Graham of "D" Company. The latter fought very pluckily, but, as he remarked afterwards, "Four hard fights on top of a day's work just told their tale."

The Inter-Company Championship Cup was won by "D" Company with 7 points and "A" and "C" Companies tied for second place with 6 points each.

The following is a list of individual winners:—

*Light Heavy-weight.*—Pte. Garrett ("D" Company); runner-up, L./Cpl. French ("A" Company).

*Middle-weight.*—L./Cpl. Lock ("C" Company); runner-up, Pte. Bass ("C" Company).

*Welter-weight.*—Pte. Macdonald ("A" Company); runner-up, Pte. Kent ("C" Company).

*Light-weight.*—Pte. Foster ("C" Company); runner-up, Pte. Graham ("D" Company).

*Feather-weight.*—Pte. Wright ("D" Company); runner-up, Pte. Le Ceve ("A" Company).

#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY GROUP BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF THE TERRITORIAL ARMY.

The Middlesex Championships, which are an eliminating stage in the Territorial Army Boxing Championships, were held at the Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, on Saturday, February 8th, before a large and enthusiastic audience.

All the Territorial Army units in the county of Middlesex were competing for a challenge cup presented by Col. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O.

There is always keen competition to win this trophy, as boxing is a most flourishing sport in the Territorial Army, and particularly in Middlesex. The 9th Middlesex won the competition in 1926, 1927 and 1928, but lost to the 7th Middlesex by one point in 1929, and were therefore determined to avenge their defeat of last year and bring the cup back once more to Pound Lane. The boxing was extraordinarily keen throughout the evening and, contrary to expectations, the 9th Middlesex scored a runaway victory.

The final placings of the first three units were:—

1. 9th Middlesex Regiment ... 16 pts.
2. 7th Middlesex Regiment ... 6 pts.
3. 8th Middlesex Regiment ... 2 pts.

In the heavy-weight competition, L./Cpl. French (9th Middlesex) scored a noteworthy victory over Sergt. Cooper (7th Middlesex). The latter was Divisional champion last year, and, as French is quite a novice to the boxing game, the result was most unexpected. In the first round it seemed certain that the aggressive tactics of Cooper would secure a knock-out, but in the second round French, landing well to the point of the jaw, floored his large opponent, who took the count.

In the light heavy-weights, Pte. Moors (9th Middlesex) proved much too clever for his opponent, Pte. Littlefield, and deservedly won on points.

The final of the middle-weights between Pte. Townes (9th Middlesex) and Pte. Britchard (7th Middlesex) produced the best fight of the evening. Townes, who was a Territorial Army welter-weight champion, is, needless to say, a clever experienced boxer, but he had all his work cut out to beat Britchard, who has come on a lot since last year. His extra cleverness, however, just told, and he secured the verdict on points at the end of three rounds packed full of excitement.

In the welter-weights Sergt. Chapman (7th Middlesex) proved just too good for Pte. Macdonald (9th Middlesex), who boxed very pluckily, but lacks experience.

Two 9th Middlesex men, Saunders and Broom, met in the final of the light-weights, and an excellent, clever exhibition of boxing ensued, the former just winning on points. Again in the feather-weights two 9th Middlesex men met in the



final. Pte. Hitching, however, proved much too good for his younger opponent, Pte. Foster.

The bantam-weight was won by Pte. Clark (8th Middlesex), a most plucky young boxer, who just beat Pte. Wright (9th Middlesex) on points after a gruelling contest.

In the fly-weights, Pte. Richardson (7th Middlesex) was knocked out by Pte.

and, although usually in the first three, we have never quite managed to bring it off until this year.

The Divisional Championships took place at Chelsea Barracks on Saturday, February 15th, and, thanks to our sweeping victory in the Group Championships, we were represented by a very strong team.

L./Cpl. French did very well in the



9th BATTALION MIDDLESEX REGIMENT BOXING TEAM.  
Winners of 132nd Infantry Brigade and 44th (H.C.) Divisional Championships

Chichester (9th Middlesex) in the first round.

On completion of the boxing the prizes were distributed by Col. R. C. W. H. Wortham, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 132nd Infantry Brigade.

#### 44TH HOME COUNTIES DIVISIONAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

At last we have won the Divisional Boxing Championships. For years we have been trying to accomplish this feat,

heavy-weights, but was unfortunate in meeting the eventual winner, Gnr. Hoadley, an ex-Territorial Army champion, in the first round. French went the full distance, which was a good effort for a comparative novice, but was eventually beaten on points. Pte. Moors made no mistake about the light-heavyweights, and knocked out Pte. Fisher (The Buffs) with a beautifully timed right to the point of the jaw. To our intense astonishment, Pte. Townes, our T.A. champion, was beaten in the final of the middle-weights

by Pte. Williams (5th East Surreys). Townes unfortunately has had difficulty in training this year, as his present employment necessitates his travelling all over England. The whole catastrophe occurred through his not being fit and meeting a man who was.

In the light-weights Saunders outboxed Gnr. McLeod and scored an easy victory on points. The feather-weights provided

The Divisional Cup was won by the 9th Middlesex Regiment with 8 points, the 6th Bn. East Surrey Regiment being second with 6 points.

Individual winners:—

*Light Heavy-weight.*—Pte. A. C. Moors (9th Middlesex Regiment).

*Middle-weight.*—Pte. L. H. Townes (9th Middlesex Regiment), runner-up.



9th BATTALION MIDDLESEX REGIMENT FOOTBALL TEAM.  
Winners of the 44th (H.C.) Divisional Championship and Semi-Finalists South of England Territorial Army Championships.

our next winner in Hitching, who boxed very cleverly and was obviously in a different class from any other competitor in this weight.

Pte. Chichester had a couple of very hard fights in the fly-weights and just lost the decision in the final to Pte. Mew (5th East Surreys). When one considers that Chichester took up boxing seriously only this year, one must heartily congratulate him on the immense improvement that he has made.

*Light-weight.*—Pte. A. Saunders (9th Middlesex Regiment).

*Feather-weight.*—Pte. J. Hitchin (9th Middlesex Regiment).

*Fly-weight.*—Pte. Chichester (9th Middlesex Regiment), runner-up.

#### TERRITORIAL ARMY BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

In the finals of the T.A. Boxing which were held at the Stadium Club on March



12th and 13th, the 9th Middlesex Regiment were represented by four boxers, and it is interesting to note that only one other unit in the Territorial Army had as many representatives as this.

Although we did not win a championship this year, the valuable points scored by our representatives helped to bring the 44th (H.C.) Division into second place in the competition for the Scarborough Cup. French, Moors and Hitching all got beaten in the second series, but the latter was undoubtedly unlucky in that he had to fight twice after losing a pound a half of weight in forty minutes. Saunders was runner-up in the light-weights, being beaten in the final by L./Cpl. Steers (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), who is the Amateur champion of Scotland.

#### TERRITORIAL ARMY FOOTBALL CUP — INTER-DIVISIONAL STAGE.

44TH (HOME COUNTIES) DIVISION v.  
47TH (2ND LONDON) DIVISION.

The 9th Middlesex Regiment, Champions of the 44th (Home Counties) Division, met the R.A.M.C., Champions of the 47th (2nd London) Division, in the Inter-Divisional stage of the Territorial Army Football Cup on the L.G.O.C. Sports Ground at Kenton on Saturday, February 1st.

The 9th Middlesex Regiment had accounted for the 4th Bn. The Sussex Regiment and the 4th Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Surrey Regiment, whilst the R.A.M.C. had knocked out the London Scottish, London Irish and the Divisional Engineers, so that a good game was expected.

The game opened with a strong attack by the R.A.M.C. before the Middlesex halves had time to settle down to their game, but a long pass from Pte. Brown at centre-half to L./Cpl. Boston at outside right relieved the pressure. Boston took the ball up to the line before scoring with a perfect shot. This score came after three minutes, and practically settled the issue.

The Middlesex halves took a strong command of the game and gave a perfectly working forward line every opportunity. The result was 8 goals to 2 in favour of the 9th Middlesex Regiment.

It is difficult to pick out individual players in a team that played the game

of their lives, but particular mention should be made of the half-back line and Pte. Brown in particular at centre-half. Sergt. Bateman was as dangerous as ever at centre-forward when in front of goal and scored four times. Bateman has now scored eighteen goals in three games in this competition.

#### "A" COMPANY.

Football is still foremost in the thoughts of most of us, especially as the Battalion has gone farther on its way towards winning the Territorial Army Championship than in any previous year. "A" Company is proud of having contributed a good share towards the splendid results achieved in this field. Sergt. Bateman and Pte. Macdonald especially have distinguished themselves in the matches played.

In boxing also the Company has done its bit towards the successes which the Battalion has scored. L./Cpl. French, who has only taken up boxing this year, put up a very good show in the Divisional Championship, and, although beaten on points by a former Territorial Army champion, fought most pluckily. When he was selected to fight in the Territorial Army Championships everybody agreed that he fully deserved the honour. Pte. Saunders also covered himself with glory by getting into the final of the Territorial Army Championship, and, but for a rather unlucky draw in the fights, might very easily have beaten his man in the final. However, we must look forward to next year and hope then that the Company will have a Territorial Army champion amongst them, and also have a greater number of representatives in the Championships.

Besides trying to be good at our play we also try to be good at our work. As regards the number of drills done, in February the Company went up with a bang to the first place in the Battalion. We gather that we have at last been able to make "D" Company feel a little bit nervous as, up to this time, they seem to have rather had their own way as regards the Winter Weapon Training Competition. The small but efficient Acton Contingent in particular put up a record attendance, on which we congratulate

them. We hope there may soon be an Acton platoon in the Company.

Then as regards the monthly Shooting Competition on the miniature range, we have at last managed to head off "C" Company, who, since Christmas, have looked on this competition as their own particular show. At the same time, rumour had it that we had come out top in the Battalion for this month. However, for once Rumour was wrong. Rumour having made the mistake of thinking that the percentage of 13.35 was greater than 13.5.

The whole Company has worked manfully during the strenuous three months' weapon training season which is just over. We are still panting somewhat and are "sweating on the top line" until the result of the Weapon Training Championship comes out. If we don't win it—well, at least we shall be able to say we have had a — good try!

#### "B" (M.G.) COMPANY.

By the time these notes will appear the above will be our correct description and we shall all, we hope, have settled down under the new organization.

We most heartily welcome Mr. L. C. Wright and Mr. E. W. Wright and the old M.G. Platoon to our ranks, and look forward to their assistance in work and play.

The past quarter has been devoted to Individual Training, and we have had the very able and enthusiastic assistance of Sergt. Fletcher and Cpl. Davis of the 1st Battalion. We are very grateful to them for their help, and to the 1st Battalion for lending them to us. We hope that they will take back with them happy impressions of their visit to Pound Lane.

We have had two very enjoyable Sunday parades (Extra Training is the official name), when a lot of good work was done.

Rumours are being circulated that the officers of the Company are qualifying for positions in a circus.

This is not quite true, but the rumour is due to tales one hears of the Sunday morning rodeos at "J" Battery, R.H.A., where we, with officers of some of the other battalions, have been learning how to fall off our horses with that degree of

elegance always associated with the doings of "B" Company.

"BEER."

#### "C" COMPANY.

Part I of yet another Winter Weapon Training Competition has just been completed. It is to be feared that it has not had the backing of quite the number of the members of this Company that it deserved. Though several keen supporters—both N.C.Os. and privates—have so regularly stripped and reassembled our Lewis guns, that it was somewhat surprising to learn that at a recent inspection they were passed fit for service.

It is unusual to mention any particular individual by name, but the present efficiency of our Lewis gunners is undoubtedly greatly due to the encouragement and assistance given them by Sergt. Hattley, whose hard work on our behalf is at least deserving of this short paragraph.

The monthly Miniature Range Competition this season ended in March, and it is satisfactory to note the improvement in the shooting, particularly among the more recently joined members. Our average score (out of a possible 20) has steadily risen from 9.7 in December to 14.5 for last month. We feel sure that this competition has done much to encourage rifle shooting (and it needs plenty of encouragement in these days of short supply of ammunition and the more general use of the Lewis gun!), and we look forward to a great improvement in the standard of shooting at this year's Rifle Meeting.

Our Battalion Boxing Championships were held at Pound Lane on January 23rd and provided the spectators with a splendid evening's entertainment, brimful of the sporting spirit and good, clean boxing for which the Services are noted.

Our Company provided twelve entrants headed by two well-known representatives, L./Cpl. Lock and Pte. Foster, who both won their respective weights. The former had not had the opportunity to go into strict training for the competition this season, but he was drawn to meet another member of our Company, Pte. Bass, who, though beaten by a more experienced boxer, put up a stout show for a first appearance in the ring. In the final of the light-weights Foster had



to meet a heavier man in Graham of "D" Company, but he managed to win on points after three rounds of really hard boxing.

Several of our representatives had put on gloves for the first time at the beginning of this season and, with further training and experience, should provide some good boxing next year. Hunt was most unlucky to receive such a nasty blow over the eye (from his opponent's elbow) while L./Cpl. Kent's boxing shows enormous improvement, and the style of both Finch and Jacob, coupled with steady training, should be an asset to our team in the future.

We congratulate "D" Company on winning the Boxing Cup with a score of 7 points; our Company tied with "A" Company for second place, one point behind.

Elsewhere mention will no doubt be made of the Middlesex Group Boxing Championships held on February 8th. On this occasion Foster had managed to reduce his weight sufficiently to compete in the feather-weights, and, after an interesting three rounds, was beaten on points in the final by Pte. Hitching, another member of the 9th, who afterwards represented our Division in the T.A. Championships at the Stadium Club.

Our Drill Hall at Wealdstone has improved in appearance, externally and internally—externally through the application of a coat of paint, and internally through the co-operation of Mrs. Sherwood and Mrs. Ross in the provision of new curtains for the Canteen, while, chiefly through the financial co-operation of the P.R.I., the potholes and other obstacles—for which our billiard table was famed—have been removed and replaced with a cloth which at present bears no traces or scars of battle. Long may it continue in this happy condition!

We offer our congratulations to L./Cpls. Berry and Kent on their first step up in promotion.

H. S.

#### "D" COMPANY.

Since our last issue, we have been busy with the winter weapon training. All the teams are keen and are not only looking forward to winning the Battalion W.W.T.

but also the Brigade Competition as they have done for the past two years.

Our congratulations are offered to our Company Commander on the birth of a son. We also congratulate L./Sergt. D. Devereaux on his promotion to Sergeant, Cpl. Erwood on appointment to Lance-Sergeant, and L./Cpl. Mansbridge on promotion to Corporal, and Pte. Kent on appointment to Lance-Corporal.

One of the most popular Company events that have taken place since the last Journal was published is the Company Dinner and Prize Distribution, which was held at the Drill Hall on Saturday, February 22nd. About fifty present members and a good number of Old Comrades attended, including Cols. Beach and Bartholomew—two former Commanding Officers. After dinner the hall was cleared for a dance, and during an interval the prizes were distributed by Col. Tupper.

The following were the successful N.C.Os. and men:—

*Cup for Most Efficient N.C.O. or Man.*—Cpl. R. Podger.

*Cup for Best Shot.*—Cpl. Erwood.

*Cup and Medals for Best Section for the Year.*—No. 11 Section (Cpl. Podger, L./Cpl. White and Pte. Graham).

*Cup for Best Recruit of the Year.*—Pte. C. Doily.

*Cup for Most Efficient Platoon for the Year.*—No. 14 Platoon (commanded by Sergt. Devereaux).

Medals were presented to Ptes. Howell and E. Doily, who were second in the Brigade Young Soldiers' team, and to Pte. R. Kentish, who was the best Lewis gunner in the Battalion.

We are most pleased to be able to say that this Company has won the Battalion Boxing Cup this year. Thanks are due to Mr. Jimmy Dunmow, an old "D" Company man, who trained our team so efficiently.

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#### SIGNAL SECTION.

The Signallers, after a brief period of unofficial inertia, are once again bustling with life and energy. The air is now blue with dots and dashes, and flags are being wagged promiscuously at all angles throughout the Drill Hall. We

are now looking forward to Easter Training and the wide open spaces of Rainham.

The other day all Signallers were given a written test, and the results were nothing if not highly satisfactory. We venture to append the questions with suggested answers, in the hope that they may prove of service to any embryo signallers or others who happen to be interested.

*Question 1. PROCEDURE.* You are acting as Signal Clerk on a station using "F" procedure, when an orderly from Brigade hands you a message for transmission that is written in cypher on four sheets of plain paper with no signature, date, or special instructions. Your lines are all dis, there is a thick fog, and your runners all have trench feet. What action will you take?

*Answer.*—(1) Sound the fire alarm. (2) Report sick. (3) Return the message to the B.F. (Brigade File).

*Question 2. INSTRUMENTS.* You are operator on a line terminal when a message is handed to you by the Bandmaster containing the last eight bars of "Sussex by the Sea." How would you transmit the same?

*Answer.*—Take eight D.IIIs. and tune each armature to the requisite note until the complete octave is obtained. The instruments should then be connected in parallel to the line and the message may be sent throughout.

*Alternative solution.*—Whistle the message through the speech-circuit.

*Question 3. ELECTRICITY AND LINES.*

Since  $I = \frac{E}{R}$  and when the resistance is constant, the current is directly proportional to the voltage, and when the voltage is constant the current is inversely proportional to the resistance, explain how you would determine the difference of potential between two D.III telephones connected by four and a half miles of D.II, Mk. I cable, having a resistance of 1080 ohms per mile of single conductor.

*Answer.*—Use a voltmeter.

*Question 4. INTER-COMMUNICATION.* You have been instructed to use pigeons as much as possible and a message is handed to you for dispatch by pigeon to Brigade. The only bird you have left is severely damaged in the starboard wing and is deficient of its rudder. What action would you take?

*Answer.*—If the Pioneer Sergeant is unable to carry out the necessary repairs attach the message to the bird's leg and send the pigeon by D.R.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS.

The past quarter has been extraordinarily quiet with regard to social functions in the Mess. Everybody has seemed full up with the Winter Weapon Training Competition and Boxing.

Our Annual Dinner, which proved such a success last year, is taking place on April 12th at the White Horse Assembly Rooms.

We are sorry that the Cavendish Rooms are not available this year, but from all accounts we shall be just as comfortable where we are going.

We hope to put a full account of it in the next issue of the Journal.

We wish to congratulate our Sergeant Master-Cook, who again went very close to winning the Territorial Army Cookery Competition with his team at Olympia this year. They were beaten into second place. Better luck next time.

By the time these notes appear we shall have welcomed back as Caterer our old friend Sergt. Morris. Sergt. Miller, who has served us wonderfully well for a long period, finds that his work prevents him from giving us as much of his time as he has done in the past.

As we are still short of a budding journalist, these notes are again rather short, but we hope to do better next time.

S. M.

#### MIDDLESEX TERRITORIAL CADET BRIGADE.

THE Annual Dinner took place at the Restaurant Frascati, Oxford Street, W.1, on Saturday, April 12th.

The Cadet Colonel-Commandant (Col. W. Scott-Miller, D.L.) and Mrs. J. W. Abraham (in the unavoidable absence of Mrs. W. Scott-Miller), received the guests, who numbered 100.

It was a great pleasure to have with us that evening so many distinguished guests, amongst whom I might mention:



Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., D.L. (Vice-Chairman, Middlesex T.A. and A.F. Association).

Lieut.-Col. W. P. Hewett, T.D. (Chairman, Recruiting and Cadet Committee, Middlesex T.A. and A.F. Association) and Mrs. W. P. Hewett.

Col. R. R. Kimmitt, O.B.E. (Honorary Colonel, 44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals, and Member of the Middlesex T.A. and A.F. Association) and Mrs. R. R. Kimmitt.

Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C. (late O.C. 8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, T.A., and Member of Middlesex T.A. and A.F. Association), and Mrs. E. E. F. Baker.

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (Secretary, Middlesex T.A. and A.F. Association), and Miss Anwyl Passingham.

Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O. (Commanding Depot The Middlesex Regiment), and Mrs. L. L. Pargiter.

Capt. H. E. R. Ford, M.C. (Adjutant, 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, T.A.), and Mrs. H. E. R. Ford.

After an excellent dinner short speeches were made by Col. W. Scott-Miller, D.L., and Lieut.-Col. J. W. Abrahams, O.B.E., D.L.

Lieut.-Col. J. W. Abraham, in proposing "The Colonel-Commandant," referred to the active interest taken in the Brigade by the Colonel-Commandant, and welcomed the fact that Col. W. Scott-Miller had practically recovered from a recent period of ill-health.

Col. W. Scott-Miller responded and expressed his thanks for such an enthusiastic welcome. He said that he owed a debt of thanks to his Brigade Staff, Commanding Officers and junior officers for the excellent work that they were doing in keeping the Middlesex Territorial Cadet Brigade together at a difficult time, and he hoped that the same keenness and enthusiasm would continue, in spite of the cloud hanging over the Cadet movement.

Col. W. Scott-Miller concluded by welcoming the ladies, and expressed his thanks for the help given and the interest taken by them in the Cadet movement.

Following the dinner a very successful dance was held, at which all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The arrangements, etc., for this function were, as in former years, most ably carried out by the Brigade Quartermaster, Major J. G. Campbell, who had devoted a great deal of time to ensure that an enjoyable evening would result.

#### WITHDRAWAL OF OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF CADET UNITS.

On April 1st, 1930, a War Office letter was circulated to all Territorial Army Associations, etc., conveying the decision of H.M. Government (as announced by the Secretary of State in the House of Commons on March 24th) that official recognition of Cadet units, at present raised under the provisions of the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, shall be withdrawn.

This decision will take effect as from October 31st next.

In view of this decision, the Army Council and Territorial Army Associations will not take cognisance of the Cadet movement, but this does not, of course, necessarily mean the disbandment of the units.

Grants under the usual conditions will be paid in respect of the year 1930 to County Associations and Cadet units at the usual rates, notwithstanding the withdrawal of official recognition before the termination of the full period covered by the grant.

#### 2nd CADET BATTALION MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

(Affiliated to 8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), T.A.)

Headquarters.—Drill Hall, Churchfield Road, Ealing, London, W.13.

It is very gratifying to note that this Battalion is gradually gaining strength and recruits are steadily coming along; within the past quarter one has been transferred to the Territorials, and it is anticipated that a few more will follow suit.

An interesting ceremony took place at Ealing Priory School on January 24th, when Lieut.-Col. P. W. Heanly inaugurated a new company of the 2nd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, with two officers and fifty-two pupils.

The Company was drawn up outside the gymnasium under the command of Major

W. F. Morris, M.C. (author of "Brether-ton," the war novel). Each cadet signed the roll, which was afterwards attested by Lieut.-Col. Heanly, Major Morris, and Capt. and Adjutant F. Clifford Davey, and Lieut. Fitzpatrick.

Col. Heanly, addressing the newly formed company, said that it was with great satisfaction and pride that he welcomed them as members of his battalion. He reminded them that they had now joined a famous regiment, and that it was up to them to live up to its traditions.

Three cheers for Lieut.-Col. Heanly, led by Major Morris, ended the proceedings.

The Ealing Priory School is the first to start its own company under the new arrangements whereby all drills and instruction are carried out at the school. The officers are masters at the school, and the company only joins the battalion on such occasions as annual inspection, ceremonial parades and field days.

Arrangements are being made with other private schools in West Middlesex, and any desirous of information should apply to Lieut.-Col. P. W. Heanly at the Headquarters, Drill Hall, West Ealing.

On January 27th a most successful dance was held at the Drill Hall. Upwards of 350 attended, and amongst those present were the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, Sir Sydney Hoare, Bart., the C.O. and Mrs. P. W. Heanly, and many Army and Territorial visitors from neighbouring battalions.

On January 5th, upon the occasion of the Civic Church Parade at the Parish Church, a guard of honour was provided by the Battalion, under the command of Capt. S. R. Durdin. At the conclusion of the service Lieut.-Col. P. W. Heanly met the Mayor (Alderman H. J. Baker) at the church doors and accompanied His Worship during the inspection of the guard of honour. The Mayor expressed himself as highly pleased with the Cadets' turn-out.

The Battalion Calendar has been greatly admired and applications are still coming in for them. It depicts the R.S.M. standing beside the smallest recruit, who is looking up at the 6 ft. 1½ in. R.S.M., and on the top of the calendar the words, "Join the Cadets and Grow."

Unfortunately, R.S.M. Kerridge has left the Battalion. He joined as a cadet in 1922, joined the Guards in 1925, served

three years and returned to the Battalion as R.S.M. Now he has been appointed to the Palestine Gendarmerie, and our good wishes go to him at Mount Scopus, Jerusalem, where he is now stationed.

The newly appointed R.S.M. is ex-Sergt.-Instr. Durham, of the Highland Light Infantry, in which regiment he enlisted as a boy of 14 and served continuously until 1920.

The Sergeants of the Battalion have held two very successful dances recently, which are a good medium for recruiting.

This Battalion will be well represented at the Brigade Dinner on April 12th at Frascati's. The Mayor and Mayoress of Ealing (Alderman H. J. Baker, J.P., C.C., and Mrs. Baker) have graciously consented to attend to support their local Battalion.

The Battalion had a very successful church parade on Sunday, March 23rd, at St. Matthew's, Ealing Common, and by the courtesy of the Officer Commanding the 4th Cadet Battalion (Chiswick), the Band attended in scarlet, which added a great deal to the success of the parade.

During the past quarter the training has been very satisfactory, and it is hoped to start the firing classes soon. Considering that there is only an hour and a half each week in the Drill Hall, the Cadets have a very good knowledge of musketry, signalling, guard mounting and routine work.

Negotiations are in progress to start companies at Hampton, Twickenham, Southall and Hayes.

#### THE ARMY AND SCIENTIFIC STUDY.

THE WAR OFFICE,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

February 24th, 1930.

THE Army Council has requested General Officers Commanding, at home and abroad, to call the attention of all officers in their Commands to the facilities for scientific study which are offered by the Royal United Services Institution. The Institution possesses one of the finest professional libraries in the kingdom, and otherwise provides exceptional



advantages for the pursuit of an Army career. All officers can join without ballot on intimating their wish to do so, and forwarding the entrance fee of two guineas and an annual subscription of £1 5s. to the Secretary of the Institution, Whitehall, London, S.W.1. Junior officers with three years' or less commissioned service and Gentlemen Cadets are admitted to membership without the entrance fee, on payment of the first annual subscription.

### NOTES ON CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

By LIEUT.-COL. F. K. HARDY, D.S.O.  
(Commandant A.V.T.C., Hounslow)

NOBODY would consider the job of night watchman to be a particularly desirable form of employment. The fact that there were 450 applicants for such a vacancy recently shows the wretched state of the labour market at present better than any statistics.

On every side one hears of factories standing off hands, and, except for building, no one seems very hopeful about the future. In the building trade in London and the neighbourhood there is great confidence. Large contracts have been placed and people who should know tell me that there will be plenty of work for bricklayers, plasterers and carpenters.

A number of soldiers seem to think that to be able to drive a motor is all that they need do in order to be sure of employment. That is a false idea. Employers who pay a decent wage and offer good conditions of work expect a man to be something more than a driver. He has to be a mechanic-driver or a salesman-driver, and in addition know a particular district intimately. A large proportion of the drivers of the summer pleasure traffic are unemployed during the winter months, so that men who are only drivers cannot expect constant employment or a good wage. It is for these reasons that at Hounslow we train men to become motor fitters and mechanic-drivers and are not content with only teaching men to drive. The pay in both these is good, and students have found employment fairly readily.

A recent innovation has been the introduction of a course to train "Married Couples." The daily papers are always full of vacant situations for man and wife. The wife has to be a cook, and the man either a house-parlourman or chauffeur. The wages range from £100 to £120 a year and all found. Only childless couples can be considered for this training, as employment cannot be found for those with families. It is essential, if a high wage is to be obtained, that the wife should be qualified to do high-class cooking; consequently, the arrangements are that the wife attends a really good school of cookery in London, and the husband goes through the Motor Mechanics' or Private Service Course at Hounslow.

The frequent inquiries I receive point to the fact that few soldiers realize the many pitfalls which are to be met with in buying a business. Before anyone puts down money to buy a business, very careful inquiries should be made into its past history and its prospects for the future. Information should be sought from disinterested people as well as from the seller, who, unless he has something to hide, should readily answer questions and give all particulars of the income and outgoings over a period.

The arrangement by which soldiers on furlough may visit Hounslow on any Wednesday morning should prove useful to many who want advice as to their future in civil life. All expenses in connection with the visit have, of course, to be borne by the soldier himself.

### 11th BATTALION NOTES.

THE 11th Battalion gathering which comes up for notice this quarter was an informal smoking concert which took place at the Earl Russell, Wells Street, W., on Saturday evening, February 1st. About thirty Old Comrades attended, and a very cheery evening was spent. We were very pleased to welcome Capt. Whinney after his long absence abroad, and also to meet Capt. Regan for the first time for many years. We were also particularly pleased to have got into touch with a number of new members.

The next event—and one of the principal ones in the Association's calendar—was our Annual Battalion Dinner, which was arranged for Saturday, March 1st, at Slater's Restaurant, Moorgate Street. Forty-seven members sat down, with our senior Vice-President, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, in the chair, supported by quite a large number of former officers of the Battalion, among whom we noted with very great pleasure Capt. A. F. E. Robinson, Dr. Malden and Mr. Chipperfield, none of whom had been present at our meetings before.

After dinner and the honouring of the loyal toasts, and after the Chairman had, amid great applause, been invited to "send up a flare," the toasts of "The Regiment" and "The Battalion" were drunk with much enthusiasm. In a short reply to the latter, Mr. McDonald gave a short summary of the present position and urged everybody present to do his utmost to get other Old Comrades into touch with Headquarters.

Later in the evening an excellent programme of songs and dances was provided by our old friends Mr. and Mrs. Hanley, Miss Jessie Hassett, and Master James Hanley, who, by the way, seems to be rapidly becoming the Battalion Mascot.

A full list of those present is as follows:

Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel.  
Majors H. G. Money, G. B. Anderson and J. English.  
Capts. A. F. E. Robinson, H. L. MacIlwaine, C. T. Whinney, A. Regan and H. R. Strong.  
Dr. E. C. Malden.  
Messrs. D. McDonald, D. McR. Weber, G. Chipperfield, J. G. P. Hunt, E. D. Hearn-White, Basset, Bird, S. Buckle, Bell, Calcott, Carr, Castro, Coombes, Geale, Goodchild, Gales, Howey, Haviland, Hart, Haynes, Hagley, C. James, Jeffe, Edwin Jones (Hon. Secretary), Kew, Longly, Morley, Paine, Price, Simmons, Scholefield, Tuck, Warren, H. White, Welch, Buckle, T. White.

### "ISLINGTON'S OWN."

(Reproduced by courtesy of the "Islington Gazette," March 14th 1930.)

### RE-UNION OF OFFICERS OF 21ST MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

A VERY pleasant evening was spent by the officers of the 21st Battalion Middlesex Regiment ("Islington's Own")

on Friday last, at the Florence Restaurant, Rupert Street, W.

The chair was taken by Lieut.-Col. Metcalfe, D.S.O., and it was a pleasure to see so many of those who were with the battalion when it departed from Islington in the early part of the war.

In proposing the toast of "The Guests," the Chairman mentioned that they were delighted to have with them Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., who is at present commanding the Mill Hill Depot, and who is so well known to those present. He also welcomed Alderman L. F. Sargent and Alderman H. Hudson. Being an Islington battalion, it was always a pleasure to welcome any public representatives of that borough.

Major Pargiter suitably responded. He invited all officers present to take particular note that, should they come across any members of the 21st Battalion who were in difficulty as to employment, it would be as well to advise them that the Regimental Association was open to all those who had worn the Middlesex badge, and that every endeavour was made by the Association to assist men to find employment.

During the opening a musical programme was provided by the officers themselves, and the old war-time songs were heartily sung in chorus by the company, under the able direction of Lieut. Jaggard, who acted as the conductor of the community singing. Old memories were revived through such themes as "The Old Kit Bag," "Tipperary," and "Keep the Home Fires Burning." The enjoyment of the musical programme was added to by songs given by Lieut.-Col. Metcalfe and Lieut. Reynolds. Many humorous items were contributed by Lieut. Jaggard, who has a never-failing supply of amusing stories connected with the Regiment, and its endeavours on the Western Front.

Lieut.-Col. Samuel, who proposed the toast of "The Battalion," hoped that the dinner would be an annual event for some long time to come, and trusted that the members would rally round in strength each year.

Capt. A. F. Engelbach recalled the discipline to which they were subject when under their commanding officers, and kept the assembly in roars of laughter as he illustrated, by several incidents, their





[Photo: The Eagle Photographic Co., Ltd., 20, Red Lion Square, W.C.1.]  
REUNION DINNER, OFFICERS 21st (SERVICE) BATTALION.

early endeavours to overcome the difficulties of becoming war-like.

A telegram was received from the Equerry at Buckingham Palace, in reply to one sent to the King, expressing loyalty. The reply read as follows:—

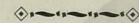
"The King commands me to ask you to convey to the officers, 21st Service Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, His Majesty's appreciation of their loyal message."

At the end of the evening a vote of thanks was made to the Chairman, and also to Capt. L. A. Lucas, as Secretary, and the evening closed with the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne."

Officers present, in addition to those mentioned, included Majors F. H. Agar and E. D. Macleod, Capts. J. Andrew-Marshall, A. F. Engelbach, H. C. Killingback and R. W. Marlow, and Lieuts. E. J. Conyngham, S. B. Dearing, C. L. Morgan, R. L. Sears, C. W. Tabbush and S. P. Bolton.

Amongst the messages of regret at inability to be present were those of Lieut.-Col. E. St. Aubyn Wake, C.M.G., and Lieut.-Col. P. F. Hone, D.S.O.

If there are any ex-officers of the 21st Battalion who do not receive notices of the dinner, and are not in touch with any other members, Capt. L. A. Lucas would be glad to receive their address. Notifications should be sent to 168, Regent Street, London, W.1.



## NOTICES.

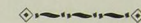
### MOTOR CARS FOR OFFICERS.

Major D. C. G. Sharp, R.A. (Retired), is Proprietor of the United Service Garages, 126, High Street, Portsmouth, and Palmerston Road, Southsea (phone 2235). Any make of new or used car (100 in stock) can be purchased on confidential extended terms. A repurchase voucher will be given guaranteeing to repurchase a new or used car at a definite figure after any given period (minimum, two months). A generous allowance will be given for any car in part exchange, valued on the owner's description. An ingenious free service scheme for twelve months has been arranged to operate in any part of the United Kingdom. Cars

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## OBITUARY.

### MAJOR FRANK ALLAM.

WE much regret to announce the death, which occurred at Romford, on April 13th, 1930, of Major Frank Allam, aged 66 years, who served for many years with the 1st and 2nd Battalions.

After becoming Colour-Sergeant in the 1st Battalion, he was posted to the 2nd Battalion in India, where he became Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant. He returned home with the 2nd Battalion in 1898, and accompanied it to South Africa in December, 1899, and served throughout the campaign. He was promoted Quartermaster on June 28th, 1902, and retired voluntarily in August, 1913, in the rank of Captain. Recalled to service in August, 1914, he carried out the important duties of Quartermaster at the Regimental Depot during the whole of the Great War. He was promoted Major in July, 1917.

For his services in the South African War he received the Queen's Medal with six clasps, the King's Medal with two clasps, and the Medal for Distinguished Service in the field, and was twice mentioned in despatches.

The funeral took place on April 17th. It is regretted that the news of Major Allam's death did not reach the Depot in time to permit of a representative attending.

We extend our sincere sympathy to all his relatives in their sad bereavement.



## EX-CPL. CHARLES LEVER.

We regret to announce the death of this Old Comrade, who passed away on February 14th, 1930.

He enlisted in the Regiment in November, 1887, and served many years in the 2nd Battalion, including the South African campaign. On the outbreak of the Great War he joined the Royal Fusiliers, and was subsequently transferred to the Middlesex Regiment in which he served until 1919. A representative attended the funeral at Hounslow Cemetery on February 19th with a wreath from the Regimental Association.

We extend our sympathy to the widow and relatives.

## EX-SERGT. HENRY MILLER.

This Old Comrade died on February 14th, 1930, and was buried at Stapleford Abbots Church, Essex, on the 18th. Notification of his death was not received in time to admit of a representative of the Regimental Association being present at the funeral.

## HENRY KNOWLAND.

This Old Comrade passed away at the Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey, on March 6th, 1930, aged 61 years.

He enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment on July 11th, 1887, and was discharged to pension on completion of twenty-one years' service in 1908. He was in possession of the Queen's South African Medal with seven clasps and the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. Knowland had been an inmate of the Star and Garter Home for five years.

The funeral took place on March 8th, but as the news of the death was not received until that day, no representative attended.

He leaves a widow, two daughters and a son, who have our sincere sympathy.

## EX-CLR.-SERGT. MICHAEL HUNT.

The death is announced of the above-named pensioner, on March 9th, 1930, at the age of 56 years. The funeral, which was attended by Major English and a bugler from the Depot, took place at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone, on

March 14th, and a wreath was sent from the Association.

He enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment on July 29th, 1890, and was discharged to pension on December 2nd, 1911. He was employed as a civilian with an American contingent in France during the war. He leaves a widow and son, to whom we tender our sympathy in their bereavement.

## FUNERAL OF W. WHITESIDE.

The Regiment has lost by death one of its oldest (if not the oldest) members.

Mr. W. Whiteside (late Colour-Sergeant) was born in the 77th Foot in 1846, and joined that regiment as a boy in 1860, was appointed Drummer, and later posted as Side Drummer in the Band. He retained that position for about ten years, when he was posted to the ranks, where he soon obtained the Lance stripe; he attained the rank of Sergeant in 1874, and was appointed Colour-Sergeant in 1878.

When the Regiment went to India in 1880, he was posted to the Depot at Hounslow, and afterwards appointed Sergeant-Instructor to the 3rd Middlesex Rifle Volunteers (now the 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment), and served with that Corps until transferred to pension with (including boy service) nearly thirty years' Army service.

He married in the Service. (His original application for permission to marry, signed by Lieut.-Col. Henry Kent, is in the Museum at Mill Hill.)

On discharge, he obtained a situation with a city firm and remained in their service for another thirty years, when he retired owing to age, thus having had two situations only (one Army and one civil) during the whole of his life.

He died at the age of 84 years, and was buried at Plumstead Cemetery on April 2nd, 1930, with military honours, being borne on his last journey on a gun-carriage supplied by the 2nd "T" Brigade, R.A., attended by six bearers, six followers (all of the rank of Sergeant or above that rank), two buglers and the Regimental Sergeant-Major, R. Mantell, all from the Depot The Middlesex Regiment, Mill Hill, and followed by three sons, two daughters and a son-in-law, Mr. W. Valentine, and E. J. Warren (late 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment).

At the Cemetery were Mr. N. Taylor (late Sergeant-Drummer, Middlesex Regiment), Mr. Turner (late Middlesex Regiment), Mr. Butler (late Sergeant-Major, R.H.A.), and a number of friends from Woolwich, where Whiteside has resided for the past few years.

H.Q., 54TH DIVISIONAL SIGNALS,  
BAY LODGE, THE GREEN,  
STRATFORD, E.15.

February 24th 1930.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

SIR,

I should be glad if you could find space to publish the enclosed obituary and photo of ex-Clr.-Sergt. Safferty, so that his many friends in the Regiment may know of his demise.

Safferty and I served together in the 4th Battalion and also in the 54th Divisional Signals, and were the best of pals.

A similar account is being published in the Royal Corps of Signals Journal *The Wire*, March edition.

I should be glad if you would kindly return the photo after use, as it is one of my prized possessions.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

C. J. SHARP, R.Q.M.S.  
54th Divisional Signals.  
(ex-6605 Sergt., 3rd and 4th Battalions  
The Middlesex Regiment.)

## EX-CLR.-SERGT. A. SAFFERTY.

Many old "Die-Hards" will learn with regret of the death of No. 3630 Clr.-Sergt. A. Safferty, which took place at his residence, 22, Southend Road, East Ham, on February 1st, 1930, after a protracted and painful illness.

Clr.-Sergt. Safferty was attested for the Middlesex Regiment at Hounslow on June 1st, 1892, and completed twenty-one years' service, being discharged to pension from the 4th Battalion at Devonport on May 31st, 1913. During this period, Safferty served with the 1st, 2nd and 4th Battalions. He was with the 2nd Battalion during the South African campaign, 1899-1902, for which he held the Queen's Medal with six clasps and the King's Medal with two clasps. During his period of service with the 4th Battalion he was for some time Master Cook

and whilst so serving at Aldershot had some prominent connection with the invention of the present-day field cooker. He was later promoted Colour-Sergeant in the 4th Battalion.

When the "call" sounded in 1914, Safferty was to the front and re-enlisted for the "duration" in the Middlesex Regiment. During the Great War he served in the Middlesex Regiment, Suffolk Regiment, Royal Flying Corps, and the



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Royal Air Force, being demobilized from the latter on August 10th, 1919, with the rank of Sergeant. So keen a soldier was Safferty that he could not leave the Army altogether, and on December 14th, 1921, he enlisted in the 54th Divisional Signals, T.A., as a Bandsman, serving with that unit for seven years. He was discharged on December 13th, 1928, a few months before reaching the age limit. During this period the writer can testify as to his soldier-like qualities. When not on duty with the Band he was always of invaluable assistance to the officers and the Per-



manent Staff. Young soldiers would flock round him and with general conversation he would teach them their business without them knowing they were being taught. A good shot, he always made himself useful on the ranges, and many a young Signalman has to thank Saffery for his knowledge of musketry.

The 54th Divisional Signals as well as the Middlesex Regiment has lost a fine man and an excellent soldier.

The funeral took place at Golders Green Cemetery on February 4th, and was attended by detachments from the Middlesex Regiment and 54th Divisional Signals. Many wreaths were sent, including those from the Depot Middlesex Regiment, 54th Divisional Signals, and Aldershot Camp Lodge of Freemasons No. 1331.

He is deeply mourned by his sorrowing widow and four daughters.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

22, SOUTHEND ROAD,  
EAST HAM, E.6.  
*February 5th, 1930.*

To The Secretary,  
Regimental Association,  
Middlesex Regiment,  
Mill Hill Barracks, N.W.

DEAR SIR,  
Will you please convey my sincere  
thanks, and that of my children, to every-

one concerned, for their kind sympathies shown at the death of my husband, ex-Clr.-Sergt. A. Safferty, and for the honour shown to him by the presence of a representative party at the funeral.

I also beg to tender my thanks for the lovely flowers.

Yours respectfully,  
EDITH SAFFERTY.

280, BOTSFORD STREET,  
MONCTON, N.B.,  
CANADA

January 20th, 1930.

To the Editor of "The Die-hards."

DEAR SIR,  
I beg to thank you for the Second Volume of "The Die-Hards in the Great War," which I received in perfect condition.

Myself and family have read, and re-read, this volume with interest and admiration. I am now placing it in my office, where it will be eagerly read by several of our salesmen, who served in France with infantry, and siege batteries. Several of these men had personal contact with members of various battalions of Middlesex, and take a great interest in the Middlesex Regiment's doings.

Again thanking you, I am, dear sir,

Sincerely yours,  
GEO. WHELAN.  
(ex-Clr.-Sergt., Middlesex Regt.)

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

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# SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.Os. APRIL 30TH, 1930.

## NOTICE.

Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. are, in their own interests, requested to write direct to the Adjutant 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, Catterick Camp, Yorks., should they observe any omission or error in the Seniority Roll of the Home Establishment.

## 1st BATTALION (Home Establishment).

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
R.S.M.	R. Mantell	...	26/9/24	Sgt.	E. J. Steward	...	Depot 7/3/28
R.S.M.	C. Davis	...	1st 13/4/29	Sgt.	S. Buckle	...	Depot 20/3/28
Bdmr.	J. W. Clark	...	1st 27/6/16	Sgt.	H. Warren	...	8th 29/3/28
Q.M.S. (O.R.S.)	A. Finch	...	Depot 13/6/28	Sgt. (Cook-Sgt.)	G. E. Knock	...	1st 18/11/28
R.Q.M.S.	E. J. Crouch	...	1st 28/4/29	Sgt.	A. T. Jones	...	1st 18/2/29
C.S.M.	H. Gray, D.C.M.	...	7th 4/9/18	Sgt. (Band-Sgt.)	A. Stenning	...	1st 23/2/29
C.S.M.	H. Rand	...	1st 28/1/25	Sgt.	R. King	...	Supnny., Fire Bde, Bordon 5/7/29
C.S.M.	C. Denton	...	9th 26/3/25	Sgt. J. West	...	...	1st 15/1/30
C.S.M.	G. F. Goodall	...	9th 4/6/25	Sgt.	W. H. E. Northcott,	...	M.M. 25/2/30
C.S.M.	J. Tungate, D.C.M.	...	1st 17/6/25	Cpl.	W. Overton	...	1st 11/5/30
C.S.M.	F. Pelly	...	8th 28/10/25	Cpl.	C. Egan	...	1st 16/2/24
C.S.M.	C. W. Cook, D.C.M.	...	Depot 15/8/26	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. Tibble	...	1st 11/6/24
C.S.M.	T. E. Smith	...	19th London 28/2/28	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. W. R. Soper	...	Depot 16/7/24
C.S.M.	F. Peck	...	8th 18/2/29	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	G. E. Goss	...	1st 1/9/24
C.S.M.	C. E. Goodall	...	1st 28/4/29	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	G. Blake	...	1st 13/12/24
C.S.M.	A. King	...	Egyptian Army 4/1/30	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. H. Kennett	...	1st 1/3/25
C.S.M.	F. Stevenson	...	1st 4/1/30	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	E. Williams	...	1st 26/3/25
C.S.M.	P. Newman	...	1st 15/1/30	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. J. O'Brien	...	Depot 16/4/25
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	S. Steadman	...	Depot 23/7/23	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. Honeybun	...	Depot 26/5/25
Sgt.	E. D. Pain	...	1st 26/10/18	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	H. C. Hull, M.M.	...	1st 18/2/26
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	J. Wilcockson	...	1st 11/6/27	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. Priddy	...	1st 13/3/26
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	H. Darby	...	1st 28/2/28	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	R. W. Glover	...	1st 9/2/27
Sgt.	W. Christie	...	1st 1/5/20	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	S. A. Thompson	...	1st 13/12/27
Sgt.	W. Sadler	...	1st 10/2/21	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	R. Bayles	...	Depot 13/12/27
Sgt.	E. Walsh	...	1st 25/8/21	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. Brown	...	Depot 24/12/27
Sgt.	H. Tisdale	...	Depot 22/1/22	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. West	...	1st 1/1/28
Sgt.	V. Osterholm	...	1st 18/10/23	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	R. Phillipson	...	1st 15/1/28
Sgt. (Cook-Sgt.)	E. Shaw	...	Depot 19/1/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. Painter	...	1st 15/1/28
Sgt.	H. Campbell	...	1st 16/2/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	A. Mason	...	1st 28/2/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	G. Anderson	...	1st 28/4/29	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	F. Donovan	...	1st 5/3/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	H. Farrow	...	1st 29/9/29	Cpl.	M. Horton	...	1st 7/3/28
Sgt.	H. Griffin	...	7th 11/6/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	E. Paterson	...	1st 8/3/28
Col.-Sgt. (O.R.S.)	B. E. Baldwin	...	2/7/27	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	O.R.C.) P. Hale	...	1st 8/3/28
Sgt.	B. Brockman	...	1st 15/7/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. Little	...	Depot 14/3/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	L. Clarke	...	1st 15/1/30	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. Webster	...	1st 12/4/28
Sgt.	W. Clements	...	1st 10/11/24	Cpl.	R. Ginnaw	...	1st 26/4/28
Sgt.	A. Russell	...	1st 18/2/25	Cpl.	W. Holt	...	Depot 1/5/28
Sgt.	E. A. G. Jones	...	1st 1/3/25	Cpl.	J. Thompson	...	1st 4/6/28
Sgt.	E. Burt	...	1st 26/3/25	Cpl.	F. Chasney	...	Depot 22/6/28
Sgt.	E. Fleming	...	1st 16/4/25	Cpl.	L. Williams	...	1st 8/8/28
Sgt.	W. Rogers	...	1st 26/5/25	Cpl.	P. Barley	...	1st 16/8/28
Sgt.	W. Randle	...	7th 16/8/25	Cpl.	A. Coulling	...	Depot 1/9/28
Sgt.	S. Mason	...	Depot 2/2/26	Cpl.	W. Bean	...	1st 14/9/28
Sgt.	E. Hazeldine	...	Depot 5/4/26	Cpl.	A. Lawrence	...	Depot 26/9/28
Sgt.	T. Page	...	19th London 20/5/26	Cpl.	J. Ayres	...	1st 1/11/28
Sgt.	J. Bennett	...	7th 19/6/26	Cpl.	F. Davis	...	1st 7/11/28
Sgt.	J. Trapp	...	1st 30/1/27	Cpl.	H. Kruck	...	1st 18/11/28
Drum-Major	J. Bray	...	1st 9/2/27	Cpl.	A. Davis	...	1st 22/12/28
Sgt.	G. Clift	...	9th 9/2/27	Cpl.	S. Boiling	...	1st 8/1/29
Sgt.	G. Horrex	...	1st 9/2/27	Cpl.	P. Andrews	...	1st 18/1/29
Sgt. (I.M.)	W. Robbins	...	1st 15/2/27	Cpl.	F. Brightman	...	Depot 1/2/29
Sgt.	R. Challis	...	1st 21/2/27	Cpl.	A. Tutte	...	1st 18/2/29
Sgt.	C. V. Misso	...	1st 28/2/28	Cpl.	R. Dyson	...	1st 20/2/29
Sgt.	H. G. Thomas	...	1st 5/3/28	Cpl.	P. Edwards	...	1st 23/2/29

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
Cpl.	R. Chaplin	...	1st 17/6/29	Paid—			
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. Warren	...	1st 21/9/29	L./Cpl.	B. White	...	1st 27/8/29
Cpl.	H. Tyler	...	1st 21/9/29	L./Cpl.	J. Packard	...	1st 9/9/29
Cpl.	E. Edmunds	...	Depot 10/10/29	L./Cpl.	A. Nicholls	...	Depot 9/9/29
Cpl.	F. Rumens	...	1st 15/11/29	L./Cpl.	C. Walker	...	1st 13/9/29
Cpl.	E. Paterson	...	1st 15/1/30	L./Cpl.	F. Connett	...	1st 13/9/29
Cpl.	J. W. Hood	...	1st 25/2/30	L./Cpl.	B. Bedward	...	1st 19/9/29
Cpl.	J. Chillery	...	1st 20/3/30	L./Cpl.	W. Dibble	...	1st 21/9/29

## Paid—

L./Cpl.	J. O'Neill	...	1st 28/1/26	L./Cpl.	H. Ramsden	...	1st 2/10/29
L./Cpl.	E. Rochester	...	1st 26/8/27	L./Cpl.	W. Snell	...	Depot 2/10/29
L./Cpl.	A. Stone	...	1st 15/1/28	L./Cpl.	A. Brown	...	1st 2/10/29
L./Cpl.	S. Green	...	1st 28/1/28	L./Cpl.	G. Prentice	...	1st 17/10/29
L./Cpl.	F. Hammond	...	1st 18/5/28	L./Cpl.	F. Jeffree	...	1st 29/10/29
L./Cpl.	G. Veares	...	1st 29/5/28	L./Cpl.	H. Sims	...	1st 29/10/29
L./Cpl.	J. Gould	...	1st 22/6/28	L./Cpl.	E. Swadling	...	Depot 5/11/29
L./Cpl.	E. Zetter	...	1st 20/7/28	L./Cpl.	J. Robinson	...	1st 6/1/30
L./Cpl.	J. Barnett	...	1st 16/8/28	L./Cpl.	H. Lyall	...	1st 9/1/30
L./Cpl.	A. Allison	...	1st 14/9/28	L./Cpl.	A. Windows	...	1st 9/1/30
L./Cpl.	T. Murphy	...	1st 9/10/28	L./Cpl.	C. Theobald	...	1st 15/1/30
L./Cpl.	C. Sneesby	...	Depot 9/10/28	L./Cpl.	C. Bolton	...	1st 25/2/30
L./Cpl.	W. Pinkney	...	Depot 29/10/28	L./Cpl.	F. Povey	...	1st 12/3/30
L./Cpl.	H. Hill	...	1st 7/11/28	L./Cpl.	J. Thirkettle	...	1st 12/3/30
L./Cpl.	W. Hancock	...	1st 18/11/28	L./Cpl.	W. Hack	...	1st 12/3/30
L./Cpl.	R. Simmons	...	1st 15/1/29	L./Cpl.	P. Hatchett	...	1st 21/3/30
L./Cpl.	H. Keen	...	1st 15/1/29	L./Cpl.	C. Brown	...	1st 20/3/30
L./Cpl.	S. Bullock	...	1st 15/1/29	L./Cpl.	J. Riches	...	1st 3/4/30
L./Cpl.	L. Beck	...	Depot 18/1/29	L./Cpl.	W. Smith	...	1st 3/4/30
L./Cpl.	W. Lambert	...	Depot 20/2/29	Unpaid—			
L./Cpl.	F. Surrey	...	Depot 23/2/29	L./Cpl.	S. Fletcher	...	1st 13/10/28
L./Cpl.	F. Payne	...	1st 20/4/29	L./Cpl.	A. Morgan	...	1st 18/2/30
L./Cpl.	G. Newstead	...	1st 18/5/29	L./Cpl.	C. May	...	1st 1/3/30
L./Cpl.	A. Stapleton	...	1st 17/6/29	L./Cpl.	C. White	...	1st 15/3/30
L./Cpl.	R. Jenkins	...	1st 26/6/29	L./Cpl.	H. Maidment	...	1st 15/3/30
L./Cpl.	V. Cooper	...	1st 15/7/29	L./Cpl.	G. Kirby	...	1st 18/3/30
L./Cpl.	S. Phelan	...	1st 24/7/29	L./Cpl.	A. Stokes	...	1st 18/3/30
L./Cpl.	J. Urquhart	...	1st 3/8/29	L./Cpl.	P. McGann	...	1st 18/3/30
L./Cpl.	A. Allchorne	...	1st 24/8/29	L./Cpl.	J. Johnson	...	1st 20/3/30

## 2nd BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Rank and Name.	Qualifications for promotion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Qualifications for promotion.	Date of present promotion.
R.S.M. S. Cox	...	20/1/26	Sgt. W. Harwood (Band Sgt.)	...	17/8/27
Bdmr. H. Clibbens	...	22/2/24	Sgt. S. Bishop	...	12/11/27
R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher	...	31/1/30	Sgt. L. Johnson	...	24/12/27
C.S.M. W. Beasley	...	30/1/15	Sgt. (O.R.S.) W. Baker	1st Cl. Ed.	20/3/28
C.S.M. J. Hart	...	20/1/26	Sgt. S. Buckle (Tour of duty, Depot)	...	20/3/28
C.S.M. E. Kent	...	15/5/28	Sgt. F. Denchfield	1st Cl. Ed.	20/3/28
C.S.M. E. Palmer	...	13/12/28	Sgt. A. Webb	...	15/5/28
C.S.M. R. Colbourne	...	13/4/29	Sgt. T. Tiller (Tour of duty, Depot)	...	29/5/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. King	...	26/5/25	Drum-Major H. Poulter	...	13/10/28
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) L. Hills	...	2/11/26	Sgt. C. Champion (Cook-Sgt.)	1st Cl. Ed.	1/1/29
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. West	...	22/2/28	Sgt. H. Short, M.M. (Intelligence-Sgt.)	1st Cl. Ed.	21/2/29
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) G. Capel	1st Cl. Ed.	6/11/29	Sgt. A. Jones	...	8/4/29
Sgt. A. Walker (Prov. Sgt.)	1st Cl. Ed.	27/12/29	Sgt. E. Addinall	...	10/4/29
Sgt. H. Glover	...	1/5/20	Sgt. A. Boen	...	13/4/29
Sgt. G. Mewett	...	1/5/20	Sgt. C. Donaldson	...	25/4/29
Sgt. L. Simmonds	1st Cl. Ed.	12/12/23	Sgt. W. Knighton (Signal Sgt.)	...	15/5/29
Sgt. J. Beaverbridge	...	24/8/24	Sgt. G. Sherriff	...	9/12/29
Sgt. S. Ingle (Pioneer Sgt.)	1st Cl. Ed.	28/1/25	Sgt. F. Nash	...	11/12/29
Sgt. G. Lambert (Mil. D. Corps)	1st Cl. Ed.	27/2/25	Sgt. W. Green (Sgt.-Instr., Musketry)	...	27/12/29
Sgt. S. Mason (Tour of duty, Depot)	...	2/2/26	L./Sgt. S. Copelin	1st Cl. Ed.	1/1/27
Sgt. C. Banfield	...	13/2/26	L./Sgt. G. Blackman	...	13/4/29
Sgt. G. Bone (Transp. Sgt.)	...	19/3/26	L./Sgt. A. Hows	...	25/4/29
Sgt. E. Hazeldine (Tour of duty, Depot)	...	5/4/26			
Sgt. A. Wright (Tour of duty, Depot)	...	10/2/27			



The Adjutant will be glad if W.Os. and N.C.Os. will bring to his notice any errors or omissions.