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EDITORIAL



SIR BENJAMIN GOTT, who died recently at the age of 67, was associated with the Middlesex County Council for many years, and held the post of Secretary of the Education Committee for thirty years. During the war he was Secretary of the Middlesex Regiment Comforts Fund and Voluntary Aid Association.

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We deeply regret to announce the death, which occurred suddenly at

Chelmsford on April 19th, 1933, of Lieut. Col. F. S. Steed, O.B.E., D.C.M., and tender our most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Steed and her sons and daughters in their sad bereavement.

A memoir appears on page 529.

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The attention of those of our readers who are about to leave the Colours is invited to the various reports which appear elsewhere in this issue concerning employment in civil life.

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The Old Comrades' Concert, which should have been held on April 1st, had to be cancelled, as the Druids' Hall in Lambs Conduit Street was not available, and no other rendezvous could be found.

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It is hoped that there will be a large gathering at Mill Hill on the occasion of the Depot Sports on June 30th.

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The next Old Comrades' Annual Dinner will be held at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, on Saturday, November 4th. It is earnestly hoped that many retired officers and others will make a special point, not only of attending themselves, but also of inducing others to be present. Don't forget! First Saturday in November!

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REGIMENTAL FIXTURES.

June 26th to July 1st.—Cricket Week (June 26th, *v.* Criptics; 27th, *v.* Col. Airey's XI; 28th, *v.* Free Foresters; 29th, *v.* I Zingari; July 1st, *v.* Hampstead C.C.).

June 29th.—Officers' Club Dinner at the Junior United Service Club.

June 30th.—Old Comrades' Summer Gathering at Depot and Depot Sports.

Nov. 4th.—Annual General Meeting of the Regimental Association and Old Comrades' Annual Dinner at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone.

Nov. 11th.—Remembrance Day Service, at the Regimental War Memorial.

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REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

THE following presentations have been made to the Regimental Museum during the quarter ending March 31st, 1933, and are acknowledged with thanks:

4th Battalion.—German *picklehaube* helmet with number "57" on cover. From Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C. This was found after an encounter between the 4th Battalion and the 57th German Regiment on October 24th, 1914.

2nd Battalion.—Book of group photographs of the Battalion, Ahmednagar, India, 1924. From Lieut. S. J. Clark.

4th Battalion.—Book of group photographs of the Battalion, Devonport, 1913. From Sergt. Russell.

4th Battalion.—Framed photograph, Battalion on parade, Devonport, 1913. From Major J. R. Thorp.

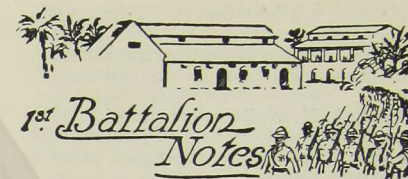
2nd Battalion.—Pin from carriage of Boer gun, "Long Tom"; iron ration issued to Ladysmith Relief Force; and South African War maps. From Major E. H. Amor.

2nd Battalion.—Map used by Ladysmith Relief Force; Kafir witch doctor's medicine chest; and signed photograph of Col. Grove-White (1st Battalion). From Miss Gertrude Allam. (The above presentations were the property of her father.)

3rd Battalion.—Programme of Presentation of Colours, 1904. From Mr. H. A. Edwards (late C.S.M., 3rd Battalion).

4th Battalion.—Programme of Presentation of Colours, 1902. From Mr. H. A. Edwards (late C.S.M., 3rd Battalion).

Coloured picture and photograph of the late General Sir William Gatacre, by Mr. W. Trezona.



IT seems a very short time since we made our last move, and we have now completed our sixth in six years, not a bad record on the whole.

We had a rousing send-off from Jerusalem on January 16th, and for once we went off in daylight at the reasonable hour of 9.30 a.m., so that all our friends came to see us off.

The journey across the Sinai Desert was uneventful and rather dull, and we finally arrived within a half a mile of the Citadel the next morning, and had a very dusty march into barracks.

The whole place is planned on a very large scale, though very dilapidated, and we were very pleased to find that the R.E. had been at work on restorations during our absence at camp.

We marched out to Mena, on the edge of the desert, on February 8th, and on the completion of the last Command exercise, on March 14th, we marched back again up the east bank of the Nile, after crossing the night before on pontoons made by the R.E.

Now that Collective Training is over for the year, we are getting ready for the Annual Musketry Course, which will be fired on the open ranges up behind the Citadel, on the Muquattam Hills.

We welcome Capt. B. G. Horrocks to Cairo and have already made full use of his Staff College experience on training.

Lieuts. L. H. J. Herapath and R. W. D. Sword and 2/Lieut. R. A. Gwyn have departed on leave to the United Kingdom.

Just before we left Palestine we gave two performances of "French Leave." The play, which was considered a great success, was produced by Lieut. H. Marsh, and we should like to take this opportunity to congratulate him on his promotion.

Lieut. W. H. P. Chattey has now turned his hand to film production, and the Battalion enjoys its own cinema in

barracks, which shows a different film every night.

As the weather is getting warmer now, the cinema will soon be shifted out of doors.

Capt. A. V. Weller was married to Miss Pamela Day at Port Said in January, and we wish them both a very happy married life.

Lieut. P. D. ff. Powell has just left for the United Kingdom on sick leave, and when Lieut. D. Y. Cubitt is considered fit enough he will in all probability follow.

BOXING.

The only boxing which has occurred since the last issue of the Journal is the Egyptian Command Inter-Unit Team Championships. In the first round we drew a bye, and in the second came up against the 1st Bn. The Royal Ulster Rifles. This match took place in Cairo early in January, when the Battalion was still in Palestine, which perhaps made some slight difference in the result. After a very close match, we were rather unlucky to lose by 7 fights to 8. We were also unfortunate not to have our heavy-weight, Pte. Evans.

Everybody was very glad to see C.S.M. Fleming come into the side, and heartily congratulate him and his team on a very fine performance, and hope in the next match that the result will be reversed.

The following was our team:—

Heavy-weight.—L./Cpl. Adams (lost).
Light Heavy-weight.—L./Cpl. Gadsden (lost).

Middle-weight.—(1) L./Cpl. Chillery (won); (2) L./Cpl. Whichello (lost); (3) L./Cpl. Roseblade (won).

Welter-weight.—(1) L./Cpl. McGrady (lost); (2) L./Cpl. Urquhart (lost); (3) Pte. Simmons (lost); (4) Pte. Ellis (won).

Light-weight.—(1) Pte. Francis (won); (2) L./Cpl. Parker (lost); (3) L./Cpl. Smith (won).

Feather-weight.—(1) Pte. Wildin (won); (2) Pte. Coleman (lost).

Bantam-weight.—C.S.M. Fleming (won).

Extract from the "Palestine Post," December 12th, 1932.

A most successful production of "French Leave" was given by some of the Middlesex

Regiment on December 22nd and 23rd. The cast consisted of Capt. and Mrs. del Court, Lieut. Cubitt, Miss Walker, Capt. Anslow, Lieut. Gwyn, Sergt. Bennett and Sergt. West. The play was produced by Lieut. Marsh and a great deal of its success was due to his untiring energies. The cast was well chosen, and special praise is due to Lieut. Cubitt, Lieut. Gwyn, Sergt. Bennett and Sergt. West. Among others who helped were Lieut. Sword and Mr. Gwatkin. Three very effective chickens were kindly lent by Mr. Bowden.



THE CAST OF "FRENCH LEAVE."

Back Row.—Pte. Jenks (Sergt. West); Lieut. Graham (Lieut. Gwyn); Capt. Glenister (Capt. del Court); Lieut. Marsh (Producer); Jules Maurier (Capt. Anslow); Cpl. Sykes (Sergt. Bennett).
Front Row.—Madame Devaux (Mrs. del Court); Gen. Root (Lieut. Cubitt); Juliette (Miss Walker).

A (M.G.) COMPANY.

Since last going to press we have participated in a number of important events, but, as most of them have also been done by the Battalion in general, and are no doubt mentioned elsewhere, we will only refer lightly to them.

The Christmas festivities, which we referred to in the last issue with such great expectations, were well up to standard. Thanks are due to the N.C.Os. and men who devoted considerable time and patience to the decorations of the Company dining-hall and to the cooks who did good work in the culinary department; also last, but by no means least, to the organizing staff for their great mental effort. We take this opportunity

of congratulating the Company as a whole on their capacity for turkeys and beer (sorry, we forgot—nuts).

The move of the Battalion, which is dealt with in detail elsewhere, we have very little to write about. The move, as far as we were concerned, went without a hitch and was far more comfortable than we anticipated it to be. Cairo at first sight seems to be a better station than Jerusalem, and everyone seems pleased at the prospect of a full year in it. The social side of soldiering has rather a bright appearance in comparison with anything Palestine had to offer, although up to now we have had very little time to sample it. Fate decreed that we should arrive here just in time to take part in the training season: this is certainly a cloud with a silver lining, as we are of the opinion that the sooner these things are started the sooner they finish, and the roughest part is now over. (Cheers.)

We carried out our first Machine Gun Concentration, since leaving England, at Maadi. It rained three days out of the five, which put a damp feeling on the canvas, but in no way spoiled the camp. We are all unanimous in saying that we enjoyed ourselves, and the "specimen" collectors are delighted with their petrified wood collections.

Battalion Training followed up the Concentration, and we joined the Battalion the day after they encamped at Mena, in the shade of the great Pyramid of Cheops. (Note.—If you want to know the way, *don't* ask a policeman.) Here we tried and apparently succeeded in keeping our end up during a strenuous but interesting spell.

Brigade and Command Exercises followed in rotation, and our only complaint is caused by the extremes of the climate, including sandstorms. S.B.Rs. came in very useful during the latter. We have benefited very much by the lessons learned on all training, especially in the method of finding direction and maintaining it on night marches. We pass on a few for the guidance of the next generation:—

Following the wheels of a reconnaissance lorry by the light of a full moon. Taking advantage of the generosity of the postal authorities, who put up telegraph poles in the direction we wanted to go (we suspect some liaison with them

is necessary for this) and by reading the stars. We have become very proficient at star-gazing ourselves; in fact, one member of the Company wants to know who called them stars, anyway. It seems that the only ones he recognizes are the film variety.

Our best wishes to Lieut. Mackenzie, who is in England on a long course, and we wish him every success, though we run the great risk of losing him to the Ordnance Corps on the completion of it. We congratulate L./Cpls. Sheen and Dyer on their appointment, and hope that they will be successful leaders, rising to Field-Marshal before their service expires. No. 2 Platoon's "Mention in Despatches" is hereby duly noted, and we say "Well done!" It was indeed a good "action."

At sport we are holding our own in fairly good style, and, although the various leagues are not yet completed, we can look forward to some good results. We stand, to date, top in the Company Football League, top in the Company Hockey League, and finalists in the Company Football Knock-out. We were unfortunately knocked out in the Company Hockey Knock-out by D Company, to whom we wish the best of luck in the remainder of the tournament. We will be able to give the final results in the next issue, and it is hoped that they will be very favourable to us.

Previous to the arrival of the Battalion in Cairo, the Battalion boxing team took part in the Egyptian Command Championships. We were fortunately able to supply a large percentage of this team. The Battalion unfortunately lost in the contest by one point, the result being in doubt right to the last fight. C.S.M. Fleming and L./Cpl. Smith put up excellent shows, both winning their bouts, thereby gaining two points each for the team. Pte. Coleman lost a very closely contested bout; in fact, experts think that a very little push on his part would have reversed the decision. The following put up a very good show, but lost on a knock-out, in the second round in each case: L./Cpls. Whichello, Parker and Adams, who fought middle-weight, light-weight and heavy-weight respectively. In the reserves we had Ptes. Almond and Johns, who were not called upon to fight. We congratulate the team, as a team, on its very fine performance, and can look

forward with confidence to their next appearance as our representatives in the boxing world.

We were very pleased to welcome the families of the Company into our midst again, and hope that the long separation will soon be forgotten in the joy of reunion. We wish them a very happy sojourn in foreign climes, and look forward to meeting them all during the social events of the future.

Dame Rumour whispers that we are taking on some Carden-Loyds, and Cowboy Fink is now out of control entirely. If rumour proves false, it will be the end of him, unless we can get something else for him to play with.

We close these notes with the sincere, if somewhat belated, wish that all members and readers will enjoy a very happy and prosperous New Year.

ACK EMMA GEE.

B COMPANY.

Although these notes will not appear in print until May, we feel it our duty to mention the events of our last few days in Palestine.

Under the skilful direction of Lieut. Marsh, a very successful production of the farce, "French Leave," was given by members of the Battalion, assisted by Miss Sybil Walker and Capt. Anslow, A.D.C. The acting of Sergt. Bennett as the Corporal of the typical old disciplinarian school, and Sergt. West as the cheeky and inquisitive young waiter was one of the outstanding features of the performance. We wonder if Sergt. Bennett can always keep Sergt. West in his place so easily, and whether Sergt. West always uses nicknames for his superiors.

Everybody who had dinner with the Company at Christmas will join me in offering our hearty thanks to Sergt.-Major Brockman and staff of volunteers for the excellent fare which was placed before us and to which we did full justice. Thanks are also due to Ptes. Judd and Clapton for their excellent work in making the decorations, which helped us to win first prize for the best decorated dining-hall.

In January we packed our kits and said good-bye to Jerusalem, eventually arriving in Cairo after a very tiresome journey. Our first impressions of Cairo,

made in the early hours of the morning, and including a long trek through loose sand, were not very favourable. The "Out of Bounds" notice did not strengthen our opinion of Cairo; in fact, we began to wonder if any part of the town was in bounds. However, we found consolation in the fact that what was in bounds to us is certainly worth visiting.

We were not allowed to settle down in the Citadel for long, for very soon after our arrival we were plodding along in the direction of the Pyramids to join in the "Merry Mena Movement." This consisted of our dear old friends Battalion and Brigade Training, and we certainly learnt something about the desert and sandstorms. Additions to our long list of prominent features include Middlesex Bump, Gobble and Hiccough, and Self Ridge. Unfortunately for all concerned, this training came at a time when the married families were due to arrive, and of course at every available opportunity one would see the married members of the Company creeping towards the Regimental bus with their suit-cases in their hands. In fact, it became a question of the repetition of Nelson's famous watchword, "Every married man expects that every single man will this week-end do his duty," and they did—well, enough said.

The adventures of a member of another company are worthy of mention, as they include a burnt tent, a crack on the head from a tent-pole, the putting up of a tent *à la* wigwam, and a dawn attack with a cloud as his line of advance. Well done, you.

Sorbo, of Sorbo and Sox fame, has deserted Sox for the joys of mail-escort duties (*Daily Sketch*, please note!), and Hardy has gone back to gaol-bird days, this time as a warden.

Once again the command of the Company is changing hands, and we extend a hearty welcome to Capt. Horrocks, our new commander, and at the same time regret the loss of Capt. Rackham, who is returning to A (M.G.) Company.

The Battalion athletic team has lost one of its greatest sportsmen in Lieut. Powell, who has been invalided home, where we wish him a rapid return to good health, as also we wish Pte. Duxbury, who is also returning home as a result of a very nasty accident.

Finally we congratulate Sergts. Soper and West, and L./Cpl. Jacob on obtaining their 1st Class Certificates of Education, and welcome Cpl. Payne to the Company.

BEER.

C COMPANY.

The land of stony heights and fertile plains, where sheep and orange groves thrive under an atmosphere that seems to awe the insignificant modern with its subtle expression of its religious ancients, is now but a pleasant memory.

Palestine has given place to Egypt. The sugar-canes and Pyramids have ousted the vineyard and Wailing Wall.

Before we dismiss Palestine from our minds, however, let us say something of the last weeks of our stay there.

It is fitting that our Christmas celebrations should afford so favourable a contrast to those of the 1st Battalion the previous year.

The ball was set rolling by a fancy-dress football match between the Company and the R.A.S.C.

However, the crowning event was the Christmas dinner, the excellence of which was a tribute in itself to the efficiency of the cooks.

Unfortunately, the C.O. could not be with us on Christmas Day, but all ranks were very pleased to see him on Christmas Eve. The Company Commander and officers are unlikely ever to forget the ovation they received on appearing at the Christmas dinner.

As the Command Inter-Unit Boxing Tournament took place before the arrival of the Battalion, the advance party included the Battalion team. The Company were represented very ably by Ptes. Simmonds and 42 Ellis (welter-weights).

The team put up a very creditable performance so that the Royal Ulster Rifles, the winners, must be congratulated on the result. Although Simmonds lost by a narrow margin on points, he gave a very skilful display of boxing. Ellis, as usual, did all that was expected of him in winning.

The first few weeks of our stay in the Citadel were mainly spent in assimilating knowledge, in a practical fashion, of the

many duties, guards, etc., that have to be found. These duties were seasoned somewhat by various expeditions into the desert, disguised as unruly natives, mainly occupied in harassing the 1st Bn. The King's Own Royal Regiment in the execution of Battalion Training.

This training was very useful in that it gave us an insight into the conditions under which Brigade Training was to take place.

Early in February the Company, minus a few details, proceeded to Mena, a distance of about thirteen miles from the Citadel.

The camp itself was situated about 300 yards from the base of the Gizeh Pyramids, memorials of 5,000 years ago, and deeply impressive in their grim antiquity. The group consists of the Pyramids of the King of Cheops, Chephren, and the enigmatic Sphinx, the latter a human-headed couchant lion which has watched over the tombs of the Pharaohs for centuries, gazing ever eastwards across the fertile Valley of the Nile.

Of the period spent in camp there is little to say, as, on the whole, time was taken up with Battalion, Brigade and Command Training.

We do, however, feel the wiser for having experienced a sandstorm, which, according to local opinion, has been unequalled for ten years.

The voluntary and spontaneous counter-offensive launched by members of the Company against elusive tents was much appreciated by the owner-victims of the same.

A vote of thanks is due to the Committee of the "Merry Mena Movement" for the way in which they ran whist drives and concerts, and to those members of the Company who assisted in the programmes.

On our return Major Savile took over command of the Company, and we welcome him.

It cannot be denied that a distinct gloom has been felt by all ranks at the prospect of a change, but since hearing that Capt. Mirams was to remain, confidence has returned. 2/Lieut. Gwyn has now gone on three months' leave; we feel sure he will return from this respite with renewed vigour to tackle his duties.

D COMPANY.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

All our friends will be interested to hear that we have moved from the Holy Land and now that Battalion and Brigade Training are over we are back in our own comfortable cream villas in the Citadel. The barrack rooms are certainly very delightful after the tin huts in Palestine, and in most cases the rooms here are just the correct size for one section, so that shortly we hope to hold some keen intersection competitions for room neatness.

We are all very pleased to welcome 2/Lieut. Beadnell from the 2nd Battalion, and also L./Cpl. Chillery from H.Q. Wing, and we are quite certain that Company games will receive a great impetus with their assistance.

We are sorry to lose Cpl. Payne, who has gone to B Company, and Sergt. Priddy, who has left temporarily for a Hythe course in the United Kingdom, but we hope to be seeing the latter back soon, bursting with a desire to impart his newly acquired knowledge to us all.

FOOTBALL.

We are becoming very scientific at this game, and L./Sergt. Williams is holding regular blackboard classes each week to a host of possible and probable Company footballers, and it is now quite evident that this is having the desired effect of making the team play as a team and not as a crowd of individuals.

Team selection has always been a very difficult problem, and now that C.S.M. Burt has taken on the job everyone is thoroughly satisfied with the result.

We have had three important matches since arrival here. In the first one we beat H.Q. Wing 3-1; in the next we were beaten by A (M.G.) Company after gaining a two-goal lead in the first ten minutes. Our third match, against C Company, was an excellent game resulting in a win by one goal for C Company.

It must be mentioned here that the Battalion only owns one football ground, which is just outside the Citadel walls, and this has to be flooded before play, to prevent the dust becoming unbearable, so that it is not surprising that there are not more results to publish; but, whilst we were in camp at Mena, for the last six weeks our details remaining in the

Citadel excelled themselves and were successful in winning a cup presented by Major Savile, M.C., for football, hockey and billiards. Well done, Don!

HOCKEY.

We mentioned in our last notes that No. 13 Platoon had done well in the Inter-Platoon Hockey Competition, and we must now congratulate them on winning the final match against the Band by 2 goals to 1.

In the Inter-Company Knock-out we drew a bye in the first round, and beat A (M.G.) Company in the second round by 5 goals to 2.

The following are the results in the Company Hockey League:—

v. A (M.G.) Company, lost 1-3.

v. B Company, won 2-1.

v. H.Q. Wing, lost 1-2.

v. C Company, won 3-2.

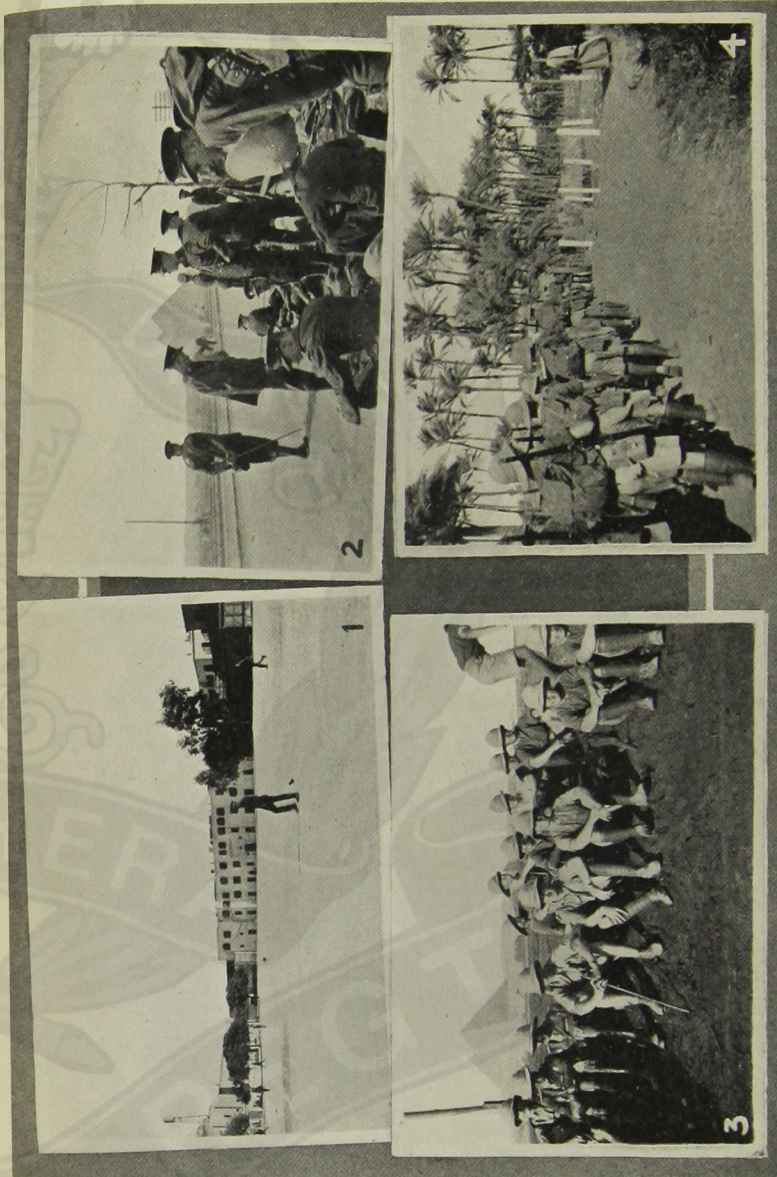
Finally, we wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Nos. 14 and 15 Platoons on being first and second in the Battalion Rifle Meeting. We always knew we were the best shooting company. Don.

H.Q. WING.

BAND.

Moving, Manceuvres and Moans have all been our lot since our last contribution. We will refrain from mentioning our move from Palestine, except to say that our new quarters at the Citadel are much better than we anticipated. As one wag remarked, "Not so bad as it is painted—if it was painted."

Having had just time to look around Cairo and explore the mysteries of the city, we proceeded to the Great Pyramids, to take part in Battalion and Brigade Training, where we performed the various jobs of war, as Intelligence, stretcher-bearers and even anti-tanks. Many of our members now think the Foreign Legion would be easy after foot-slogging over the desert. However, our stay in camp has been fairly pleasant apart from one or two sandstorms—a great experience to our younger members. Naturally, our Band duties have been practically nil at camp, which may give us a new zest for practice when we return to barracks.



1.—View of the Square with the Married Families' Block in the distance and Swimming Bath on the right in front of D Company's Quarters.

3.—A Halt during the march on Command Exercises, 13th and 14th March, 1933 (near Giza Pyramids).

2.—Part of No. 14 Platoon, D Company, during a halt on the march out to Mena Camp, with the Pyramids in the distance.

4.—D Company marching through Memphis, near the Nile.

We are glad to welcome L./Cpl. Ward and Bdsn. Plummer and Ure from Kneller Hall, and hope they have benefited from their course. Also Bdsn. Goulding and Merritt and four new boys from the Home Battalion.

FLAT PITCH.

MUSICAL DEFINITIONS.

Pitch.—A lonely spot near the desert.

Scale.—Up and down Cheops.

Syncopation.—An unsteady movement from bar to bar.

DRUMS.

We will hurry over the Christmas festivities by remarking that everybody voted that we had a good time, and trust that the 2nd Battalion did equally as well.

The Drummers find Cairo offers much more entertainment than the Promised Land.

Our one and only sporting event up to the present was our match with the Coldstream Guards, when we were very unfortunate to lose 1—3, but with no discredit to the team. Tich and Spag played a very good game, but could not find the net, and a good defence was held by Dmrs. Pullen, Purse and T. Stickley, with the rest of the team playing like Trojans.

Now we are looking forward to the re-play, when we hope to give those stalwarts their eggs, or, failing this, then a "stodge" equal to the one they gave us.

"Till the sands of the desert grow cold" is a much-repeated saying, but did the composer ever sleep on the desert as we have been doing during this term of Brigade Training at Mena Camp alongside the Pyramids of Geiza? Steeple-jacks we have in plenty, for the majority of the Drummers have made the ascent of the 540-odd feet of the main Pyramid.

Training has been in full swing for the past four weeks, and we are getting quite used to the life in the desert. "Oh, blimey, ain't it cold!" seeing that nearly all training was night work.

On March 15th we return to the Citadel, where we hope that sand does not form part of a soldier's diet.

In conclusion, we should like to know how Ted and Tiny managed to become great pals of the Brigade mokes. We suppose that all things gifted with intelligence usually stick together. Also we

hope that "ample proportions" will find sufficient room in No. 6 in the Citadel (Secrets No. 6 holds 52 men).

SNAKE CHARMER III.

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THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

The trio to the tent walked in,
The Ganger's feet, the others then
To put their kit they didn't know,
Nine in one small tent, and so:

The Ganger looking round said "Oh!
This is the place for me!
T'other side of the pole and
Opposite the door, you see."

The others gazed around the tent,
Finding fault was their intent;
Upon their faces was despair
To find there was no room to spare.

Then one of them, a trifle bold,
Said "I'm not going in the cold."
"Well," said the Ganger, seeing red,
"Either do or move your bed."

In from the march and all were tired,
Plenty of sleep was all they desired;
But, alas, for all their hopes and vows,
The night finished up with a series of rows.

At "Réveillé" next morning they all
looked around,
Not an inch of ground space was there
to be found;
However, the Ganger, as was his might,
Soon had a space cleared by way of his right.

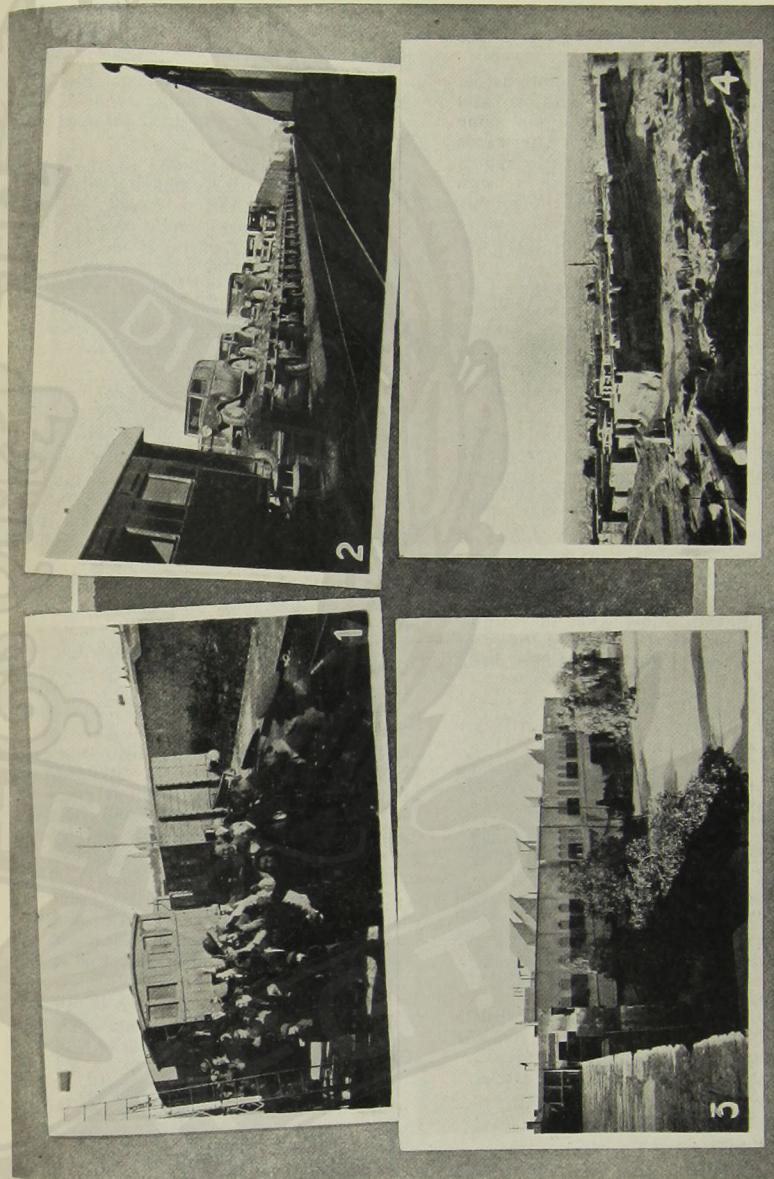
Some few days and nights these conditions prevailed
And every new dawn was joyously hailed.
After each stunt when kip was the word
Only the Ganger's snore could be heard.

AMPLE PROPORTIONS.

SIGNALS.

Palestine, the land of hills and valleys,
is now a thing of the past, we having moved on to Cairo, the city of mosques and domes.

The Battalion boxing team which went with the advance party, included the Signals' contribution, L./Cpl. Gadsden and Pte. Wilden, and though the former lost



1.—A Snap taken as we were moving out of Jerusalem Station, January 16th, 1933.
2.—Leaving Jerusalem for Cairo, January 16th, 1933.
3.—The outside of the Officers' Mess, taken from the Inner Wall Citadel, 1933.
4.—General view of the Citadel from the Muquattam Hills, Cairo, 1933.

to a harder hitter, we are glad to see Harry getting back to form.

The Signal Section, Coldstream Guards, arranged a football match with us, and we were beaten after a very good game by 2 goals to 1, and were afterwards entertained to tea. In return, a match was played at the Citadel, which we won by 1-0. Both games were thoroughly enjoyed, and we hope to have more matches with them before they leave for "Blighty."

At the time of writing these notes we are in camp at Mena. Battalion Training is now finished, and Brigade Training is nearly so. As Middlesex Bump seems to be the centre of operations, a lot is heard about taking it away with us as a souvenir.

We have had our share of climbing the Pyramids, and many remarks were heard about Cheops when certain Signallers reached the top. We would like to know what Mac and Sid said when they got to the top early one morning. Was it worth it?

Beware the Secret Six! Jack and his followers having been dubbed as such, we would like to know what the Sloppy Seven are going to do. One member of the Seven accuses Casso of manufacturing bombs.

As two Signallers were sent back to the Citadel to sit for the 1st Class Certificate of Education, we cannot let them "creep" without a "razz." Our best wishes when they sit, but the cry from some Signallers was "Scroungers!"

Buck is now time-ex. Hard luck Buck—only a few more months and you will be signing-on (?).

Rumour has it that Lieut. Bellers will be our next Signal Officer. We shall welcome him, and hope his stay with us will be a pleasant one. We will be sorry to lose Lieut. Cubitt, and he will be missed by all.

In closing these notes we congratulate Nick on his promotion, and wish him the best of luck when he goes to Catterick.

Dors.

TRANSPORT.

We think it is our first duty to congratulate Ted and Jim Boy of the 2nd Battalion Transport on their promotion,

and also hope that Ted is still managing director of Rag Fair.

The Battalion is now under canvas at Mena for Brigade Training, and, except for one sandstorm, we have enjoyed the best of weather.

Grooms are now things of the past. Syces look after all Regimental chargers. Ex-grooms have been issued with a double set of harness, and a pair of long-eared pals. Most of them are winning their spurs as machine gunners and cooker drivers, except Dollars, and he—well, personality goes a long way—or shall we say Dutch (Cheddar)? Anyway, the odds are that he supports the shoe-maker more than the rest of us.

By the time these notes appear in print Ptes. Hack (Bill) and Coles (Reg), not forgetting Doc Ross, will be time-ex.

We know that there is a spare seat on the Embankment for Bill, but Reggie is hiding under a dark bushy moustache, and we wonder if it is grown for the King's wish or in case the coppers recognize him way back in Brum?

As usual, there were plenty of ups and downs on Battalion and Brigade Training—cookers, etc.!

Puff-Puff, of the turn-over, did his tricks by knocking down the one and only telegraph pole in the Lybian Desert. Still, it wanted skill to hit it, and a vast amount of judgment.

The Cowboy King is still instructing us in languages, and drinking Bluebell to get shaky. Still, we all put it down to senile decay, and perhaps he will cheer up when he receives his bounty and Rootingong. But the bounty, we believe, is preferable.

There is also another bounty going to be won by a Transport N.C.O., and we often wonder what sort of name will be inscribed on the gold medal that goes with it.

We congratulate L./Cpls. Urquhart and Ransom on their promotion, and hope that their grandchildren will see them as Transport Sergeants.

Jock, by the way, was sent to draw water at midnight on Brigade Training, and charged tigers with a rifle and bayonet, which afterwards proved to be small bushes. No wonder half a mug of rum was thirty men's rations that night!

In conclusion, we wish all members of the Transport Sections the best of health.
RUSTY LEG-IRON.

DETAILS.

Since the arrival of the Battalion in Cairo (or, as Birth calls it, the Mystic East), our small Group has been kept extra busy.

About a fortnight after the arrival, the Battalion paraded for inspection by the Brigadier commanding the Cairo Brigade. The poor Details were represented on this parade by 100 per cent. of our numbers, but consoled themselves with the fact that the "Trano" had been stung to the same extent.

We hardly had time to explore the city before manoeuvres commenced. On February 4th the advance party left for Mena Camp and had an *easy time* erecting the Battalion home (tents), until the arrival of the Battalion on February 8th. The Battalion (less the usual group of exempt wallahs) marched to Mena, the march being accomplished in good time. As usual, the Details upheld their reputation by not having a man report sick on arrival.

The camp is situated on the edge of the Lybian Desert, by the side of the Gizeh Pyramids. Out of this group, only one (Cheops) is in bounds for sight-seeing, etc., and for quite a few days our lads ascended and descended in good numbers. The Pyramid now seems deserted, as weary legs and feet seem to create lazy bodies.

On the whole, Mena Camp is one of those heaven-sent rest homes, but at intervals the gods decree that we have a "khamseen," and make our lives a misery thereby. During these "khamseens," the "Brains of the Battalion" marquee (the Orderly Room) laid down twice, and thus relieved the inmates of a considerable amount of work, which unfortunately had to be attended to after the marquee was re-erected.

Up to the time of writing, Battalion Headquarters have the honour of arriving back at camp (off schemes) first out of all units. Praise is due to the men of our Group, who, while not training as much as other groups at normal times, are still able to march with them.

There has not been enough time for the Group to play matches in any branch of sport, but certain of our members have assisted the Wing in both the Football and Hockey Knock-out Competitions.

At football the Wing lost 0-1 to C Company, but were revenged a few days later by knocking them out of the hockey, thus entering the final. Our opponents in the final will be D Company, who will have the assistance of our former mainstay, Bert. Look out, Bert, our recent transfers have made the Wing team stronger than ever.

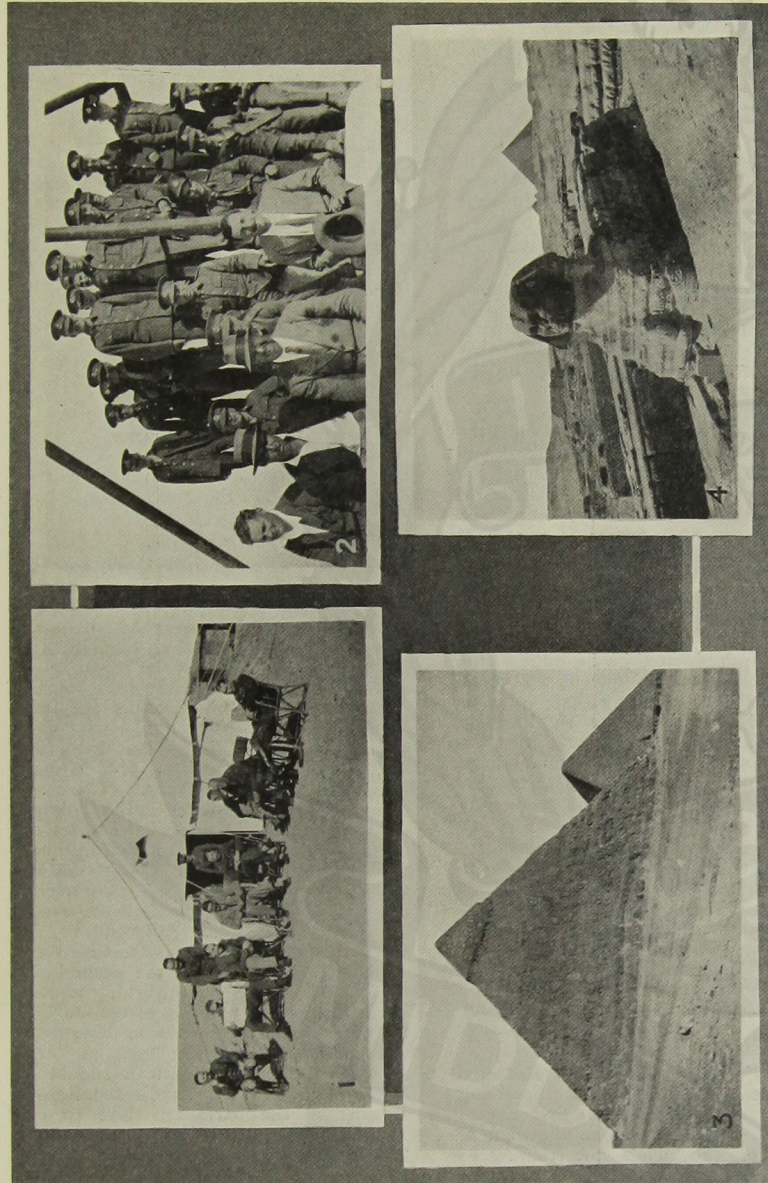
OVER-EMPLOYED.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

There is surprisingly little to record for the May issue of the Journal. Apart from our arrival in Cairo and a spot of training on the desert, nothing worthy of note, as far as the Mess is concerned, has occurred.

THE CITADEL.

We arrived in our new Cairo quarters on January 17th, 1933—"new" only in one sense of the word. The Citadel is old and dilapidated, and not by any means a station of choice. It is situated on a hill away to the south of the town, and is accessible only through the most squalid part of Cairo. The barracks are built in the centre of the ruins of Saladin's Palace, the walls, ramparts, dungeons, etc., of which still exist. It is a most peculiarly planned barracks. The Presbyterian chapel is situated in the Quartermaster's Stores, a ball-alley separates the rooms of several married members' quarters, the domain of the Quartermaster, the C. of E. chapel, E.S.A. Store, etc., are accessible through a hole in a wall six feet thick, etc. Adjacent to the Citadel is the renowned Mohamed Ali Mosque, reputed to be the second-best mosque of its type in the world. Legend has it that, on completion of the mosque, the eyes of the architect who designed it were blinded, in order that no other mosque of the same pattern should be built. There is a smaller disused mosque actually in the barracks, close to our Mess. It is generally known as the "Half Acker" mosque, and an excellent bird's-eye view of Cairo can be obtained from the summit of its minaret.



1.—Outside Officers' Mess Tent in Camp at Mena, March, 1933.
 2.—A Group taken on the Great Pyramid at Mena, March, 1933.
 3.—The Khéphren Pyramid, with the Grand or Cheops Pyramid behind.
 4.—A view of the Sphinx with the small Pyramid behind, Mena, 1933.

TENNIS.

The Mess now possesses a sand-surfaced tennis court. There are many enthusiasts among the members and members' families, both experienced and novices. We hope in time to come to be able to produce quite an excellent tennis team for competitions.

TRAINING.

The Battalion has been away at Mena Camp, close to El Giza Pyramids, on the edge of the desert, for Battalion and Brigade Training, from February 8th to March 14th, leaving only details in barracks. That completed, everyone is settling in for Individual Training during the summer.

FUNCTIONS.

The Mess is now running whist drives on Friday of each week amongst members, members' families and local Messes of other units in the Citadel. Attendances are good, and Friday evenings are now looked forward to by all as a pleasant evening. Since our arrival, the Mess has attended excellent functions, chiefly whist drives and dances, of Messes of other units in Cairo, including the 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards, a weekly whist drive in the R.A.M.C. Mess in the Citadel Military Hospital, R.A.O.C., R.A.S.C., and R.A.P.C. Messes.

MOASCAR, ISMAILIA.

We learn, and are pleased to inform all our friends, that the Battalion is due to move to Moascar, Ismailia, during the next trooping season. Very few seem disappointed at leaving the Citadel behind them. This move will constitute the seventh of the Battalion in seven years.

CORPORALS' MESS.

Here we are again, still sweating on the next trooper. Ernie's still soldiering.

Before we left Jerusalem we entertained the Police, 1st Bn. The Royal Ulster Rifles and the R.A.S.C. to a social and farewell dinner. This was a huge success; anyone doubting this, ask Stan and Craw.

The move to Cairo has been described in other places, and as nothing untoward happened it is hardly worth mentioning here.

Our Mess here is the best we have had for some time, and we are looking forward to great things in the near future.

Owing to training we have been unable to enjoy any social evenings in the Citadel up to now.

Things are looking up now, as the Corporals have purchased their own sports kit, so look to it, you chaps; and we have our own representatives at all branches of sport, and they are tripping themselves up in their eagerness to get going. Stand back, Blue.

We heartily welcome all new members to the Mess, and also L./Cpl. Ward on joining us from the United Kingdom. Also we extend our sympathy to Shef, who has now left the Eastern Sun to go on leave to the unfriendly climate of that foreign place, England. Poor Shef!

CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

THE following War Office and other reports on the above subject are published for the information of all concerned, especially those about to become time-expired.

ARMY VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

ALDERSHOT CENTRE'S SUCCESS AT OLYMPIA.

The many sceptics who still argue that a six months' Vocational Course is not sufficient training to make the soldier a useful craftsman will be given much food for thought by the successes of the Aldershot Army Vocational Training Centre at the International Building Trades Exhibition held at Olympia during September.

In the competitions open to students of the London Polytechnics, Technical and Trade Training Schools, the Centre secured more prizes than any other school competing: three first, two second and one third prizes being awarded as follows:—

For the Best Stand.—First prize (presented by the promoters of the Building Exhibition).

For the Best Piece of Smithy Work.—First prize (presented by the Worshipful Company of Armourers and Brasiers).

For the Best Exhibits of Plumbing.—First, second and third prizes (presented by the Worshipful Company of Pewterers).

For the Best Piece of Finished Brickwork.—Second prize (presented by the Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers).

This success is very gratifying to the Centre, as it is the first occasion on which they have been allowed to compete in these competitions.

The following extract from some notes on "The School Exhibits" by Mr. Hubert Lidbetter, F.R.I.B.A., which have been published in the leading technical journals, is worth reproducing:—

"The metal-work of the Army Vocational Training Centre, however, should delight the heart of the pacifist by the evidence of the great skill of these young soldiers in turning their swords into ploughshares. The whole exhibit was a credit to the men and their instructors. It may seem invidious to pick out one exhibit for special mention when there were so many admirable collections, but this is a work we should all encourage and delight in."

The Builder reports as follows:—

"On this occasion, though some of the work could be criticized, the average of merit is a very high one, and it would be invidious to single out any one for special mention. But the Army Vocational Training Centre is in rather a different category, in that it tends to encourage the enlistment in the Army of the better type of recruit. That the training now given to those whose bent is towards one or other of the buildings crafts is practical and thorough becomes more and more evident at each Exhibition."

The stands attracted considerable attention from employers and the high standard of workmanship was remarked upon, which augurs well for the employment of vocationally-trained men.

Specimens of finished work carried out by the students of the various trades taught at the Centre were displayed on the stand and, in addition, specimens of work by the bricklayer, plumber, plasterer, carpenter and painter students were actually constructed and finished at Olympia.

The latter included an arched brick-surround with lead fountain giving a continuous spray of water, a two-column portico in fibrous plaster, an oak half-timbered wall complete with oak door with forged iron fittings, and repoussé lead rain-water heads, and pipes. On the outer sides of the stand a striking colour scheme was prepared, and an ashlar wall-face was erected complete with oriel bay and cedar shingle roof.

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WORK FOR DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

In January, 135 soldiers completed courses of instruction at the Army Vocational Training Centres. Of these, immediate employment was found for 92, and 21 students who had left in previous months were also placed in employment.

These courses, at which soldiers about to leave the Army receive training in civil trades, include the various building trades, acetylene welding, motor mechanism, boot repairing, electrical wiring, french polishing, general farming, poultry farming, handyman, groundsman, gardener-chauffeur, and also positions of trust and private service.

"THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION."

On January 23rd, 1933, the official figure of unemployed persons issued by the Ministry of Labour was 2,903,065, showing an increase of 179,778 on the total a month previous. A murky outlook, and yet throughout the country there are faintly distinguishable indications of an improvement in industrial conditions.

Since our note written on October 18th, the Commander-in-Chief, Northern Command, has made a grant of £1,200 from Tattoo Funds—payable £400 per annum for three years—which has made possible the appointment of one job-finder at 27, Blandford Street, Sunderland, and one at the New Barracks, Lincoln. Another is about to be appointed at Halifax.

Under the new rules of the Association every Corps and Regimental Association may become a corporate member of the National Association on signifying their agreement with its objects and the payment of an annual fee of £5. This entitles the corporate member to one vote at general meetings with a further vote for every additional £20 subscribed, and must eventually give the corporate members a large measure in controlling the policy of the Association.

[The Regimental Association, having subscribed £100 per annum, has five votes.—ED.]

The problem of re-settling himself in civil life is peculiar to the Regular sailor, soldier or airman because his own act of enlistment has lifted him out of the social and economic life of the nation into fleets or camps for a period of defence training. But if this voluntary act of service presents him a certain difficulty, Service, of itself, does much to assist him to overcome his own difficulties. Organized physical training, hygienic sleeping accommodation and good food, educational facilities and development of personality and morale through discipline, tradition and *esprit de corps* are factors which afford him very material assistance in his after life and combine to make him an employee to whom many employers are prepared to pay a steady wage.

Service affords much more spare time and leave periods than will ever be obtained in civil life. A young man in the Service does tend, and not unnaturally, to devote the whole of that spare time and leave to recreation and amusement, whereas, if he is wise, he will definitely devote a regular proportion of it to study and to preparation for his return to civil life. When he is on leave he should study the economic situation in his district, he should lay himself out to make contacts amongst employers of labour, foremen of works and persons who may be able to assist him on his return if they have formed a high opinion of him. Every opportunity should be taken during Service to perform sideline duties—care of an officer's charger may enable a man to obtain a position as groom; care of an officer's car, if sufficient attention be paid to its proper

care, may enable a man to obtain a position as night-watchman or car cleaner in a garage; if he can add to it handyman or a little gardening experience it may lead to a gardener-chauffeur job for a private owner, whose running repairs are done by a garage but who requires someone to clean his car and possibly drive it to the station; care of pigs at the Depot, or the care of lawns may enable a man to obtain employment in civil life. Ability to use the typewriter may just turn the scale for a commissionaire's appointment.

Employers interviewing candidates do not appreciate heel-clicking or rigidity or monosyllabic answers invariably accompanied by Sir. In interviews employers are quite often as uncomfortable as those they are interviewing, and their object is to get past a barrier of shyness and to find out the personality behind it. Men should be ready to assist the employer without becoming unduly talkative or familiar.

Employers quite frequently desire a selection of men from whom they can choose, and the selection put forward by the National Association is often on such a uniform level that the employer finds some difficulty in choosing. Men should, therefore, see that they are ready to put their personality across, lift themselves out of the brown and indicate to the employer that they are individually more suited to his requirements than the other candidates. The method of doing this must be left to the individual, but a spark of humour goes a long way—"laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone" is only not true to-day because you weep with three million other unemployed.

During the interview candidates should make up their minds definitely whether they are going to accept or reject the job, and should never reply "I don't mind if I do," or "Yes, I think it might suit me." If undecided it is better to say, "May I have time to consider?" rather than to appear indifferent one way or the other. In the present economic conditions it is never wise to turn down any job, as any foothold is better than none from which to attempt to climb the ladder; temporary jobs not infrequently lead to permanent employment; three temporary jobs are better than six

months' unemployment; a temporary job may result in a reference which will assist to obtain a permanent job.

May we repeat our conclusion of three months ago:—

"Start right NOW to pick up something of use to a civil employer; concentrate on collecting helpful chits; save up for the 'look-round' period; find out all you can about civil conditions to-day, so that contact with them to-morrow won't be too great a shock of disappointment, and if there's a chance of going on Serving—GO ON!"

A. H. SMYTH,
General Manager,
National Association.

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February 9th, 1933.

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REGISTRATION OF SOLDIERS FOR CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The three Service Departments, in conjunction with the Ministry of Labour, are introducing a new system of automatic registration for civil employment for all men leaving the Services.

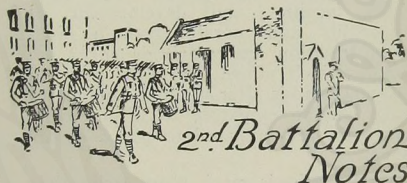
In the case of the Army, the details of the new system are set out in a pamphlet issued with Army Orders. It provides for the compulsory registration of all soldiers three months before they are due to leave the Colours, except in the case of men serving abroad who will register three months before they are due to embark for the United Kingdom for leaving the Colours.

The reasons for making this registration are:—

- (a) That there is a considerable amount of employment which can be obtained solely through the Employment Exchanges, and the Army Council are anxious that ex-soldiers shall not be excluded from consideration for this employment when opportunities arise, and
- (b) That it will save work in Pay and Record Offices in connection with the registration of the men after they have left the Colours. At the present time, when ex-

soldiers wish to register for certain types of employment, the Employment Exchanges are required to refer to the men's Pay and Record Office to obtain details of service; under the new procedure these details will be inserted on the appropriate form before the men leave the Service, thereby obviating subsequent reference to Pay and Record Offices and effecting a saving in time, money and labour.

The new procedure does not alter in any way the present system under which men are free to register with voluntary organizations, *i.e.*, Regimental Associations, the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, the British Legion, the Incorporated Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, etc., nor is it intended that it should interfere with the existing relations between units and these voluntary organizations.



IF you read the following company contributions you will perhaps gather that very little has happened in the Battalion during the past three months. That would be only half the truth. The first three months of the year seldom do provide many great excitements. Be that as it may, we have been carrying out the normal duties of this period of the year—Individual and Company Training, "Tewts" and Cadre Courses. These latter especially are an important part of the Battalion's activities, as during the comparatively short period we have been at home so many Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. have left us and their places have been filled by others with less experience.

Sport has not been neglected, as may be judged by reading the reports given

later. Soccer, rugby, hockey, cross-country running and boxing have all received due attention, and although we have not been outstandingly successful in any of these sports yet, we have definitely progressed in the difficult business of team building. Improvement comes slowly, however, and it is a question to be considered whether it would be advisable, while the Battalion is so very weak in numbers, to give up "rugger" for the time being and concentrate all our efforts on "soccer." It is certainly very difficult to raise good teams for both games and it sometimes happens that the same players are wanted for both on the same day, with the obvious result that one team must suffer. This, of course, is unavoidable while the Battalion is at its present strength. On the other hand would it be advisable now, considering the amount of energy that has been expended on organizing "rugger" in the Battalion during the last few years, to cut our losses as it were and wait for more favourable times?

Boxing is not our strong point. We have few fighters who are up to the standard of those who take part locally in open events, but our novices show great promise of ability in the future. All they need is experience in the ring—in other words, more fights—and a ready ear for the words of wisdom of the excellent trainer who has been employed to coach them.

The season for athletic sports will be on us again soon and already the companies are separating the sheep from the goats and the sprinters from the distance runners in preparation for the Battalion Sports. They will no doubt find the same difficulty as in other games—the same men will be required for both. Unfortunately at present it is a difficulty which we meet at every turn, due once more to lack of numbers. Although drafts regularly arrive from the Depot, our strength remains stationary owing to the number leaving us for the Army Reserve.

We hope that all who leave are successful in obtaining jobs in civilian life, but there can be little doubt that there is great competition, and the difficulties of finding permanent work must be enormous.

We welcome to the Regiment four officers newly gazetted from Sandhurst—2/Lieuts. Fishbourne, Porter, Unwin and Willoughby. The last named has previously made the acquaintance of the Regiment, for his father served with it during the Great War, having previously fought with the Battalion during the South African War.

We cannot close without expressing regret at the loss the Battalion sustains in the departure of Bdmr. Clibbens. During the eight years he served with the Battalion he gained the respect and affection of all those with whom he came in contact. The good wishes of the whole Battalion for a speedy return to health go with him.

A COMPANY.

We must apologize for having very little news of interest but our numbers are small, and these are decreasing instead of increasing, as N.C.Os. and men are taking advantage of the excellent vocational training courses offered to them.

Some notable changes have recently taken place, and whilst regretting our losses we extend a hearty welcome to the newcomers. We have lost C.S.M. Simmonds to the T.A., and C.Q.M.S. Jones and Sergeant Mason to "D" Company. These three will be sadly missed. We hope that their reliefs, Sergt. Mewett and Sergt. Denchfield, as acting C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. respectively, will soon be confirmed in their acting ranks and enjoy a pleasant stay with us. Cpl. Chalkley, Ptes. Filby and Smith 57 have left us for vocational training. Whilst regretting their departure we wish them the best possible results on their courses and trust they will succeed in obtaining employment. "Bill" was quite a part of the Company furniture, and his decision came as a real blow to us all.

Our limited numbers prevent us from being shining lights at sports. We lost to A Squadron 4th Hussars in the Garrison Inter-Company knock-out competition but managed to keep away from bottom place in the Battalion Inter-Company cross-country team championship, thanks chiefly to such stalwarts as Pte. Jaques, Smith (57) and L./Cpl. Holmes, not to mention "Tishy."

Some additions to the Company recently have been Cpl. Smith and Pte. Gorman from H.Q. Wing, and L./Cpl. Weaver from C (M.G.). The latter should prove a valuable asset to our running team, and Pte. Gorman will undoubtedly prove useful in the hockey team. In this branch of sport we are now strongly represented and great things are expected of the team.

The company is at present co-operating with D Company in Company Training. The N.C.Os. who have attended the recent Battalion cadre courses have now an excellent opportunity to make practical use of the knowledge gained.

We welcome Lieut. W. M. Ferguson, who has been transferred to us from C (M.G.) Company and also 2/Lieut. E. J. Unwin on appointment from the R.M.C. The latter has already proved a great asset to our sports teams.

Before ending our notes we must congratulate Cpl. Poulter on obtaining a First at the Army School of Physical Training, and Sergts. Mason and Mewett on obtaining First-class certificates of education.

B COMPANY.

Since our last notes very little of importance has taken place in the Company. Five more have left us for civilian life. They are Ptes. Cosgrove, Holmes, Barry, Webber and Vanderhoven. We wish them every success.

Little has happened in the way of sport, except a Garrison Inter-Company football competition. In this we managed to get through two rounds and were then knocked out by B Company of the Black Watch. This was quite satisfactory when one considers the difficulties in collecting a side together.

L./Cpl. Chapman, Ptes. Alexander and Cornford entered for a Battalion Novices' Boxing Competition and acquitted themselves in a laudable manner.

Quite a number of changes have taken place among the officers of the Company. Lieut. E. S. M. Ayscough has left us for D Company, and Lieut. C. M. Baldwin for C (M.G.). We welcome the following who have joined the Company: Lieut. E. M. G. Wray, 2/Lieut. J. G. F. Wiloughby and 2/Lieut. P. A. Fishbourne. (This is not Mr. Wray's first appearance

in the Company, as he commanded No. 7 Platoon for eight years!). L./Sergt. Swadling has also joined us from the Depot.

2/Lieut. G. P. L. Weston has returned to us from the P.T. School, Aldershot.

C (M.G.) COMPANY.

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL another draft has joined us. This will enable us to take two complete platoons to Netheravon for the concentration in May. As these men also show great promise in their training up to date we feel now that we should be able to look forward, if not this year, certainly next year, to results above the average.

Capt. Jones and Sergt. Johnson are to be congratulated on obtaining "Distinguished" reports at the last course at Netheravon. With Sergt. Boen and Cpl. Gatehouse now there, and two or three N.C.Os. ready to go in the near future, we are assured of a sufficiency of trained instructors.

To turn to other activities, the Novices' Boxing Competition held in March produced no less than twenty-four entries from the Company, of whom we congratulate Pte. Lawton on winning the light-weight and Pte. Nicholls the welter-weight. The enthusiasm and keenness was excellent, and one or two of those taking part should do well later on in open events.

Lieut. Ferguson leaves us shortly, but we welcome back Lieut. Baldwin in his place. Since Christmas there have been many departures from the Company. L./Cpl. Goodall, Ptes. Baker, Bent, Smith, Lee, Gray, Stuart, Dale and Palmer have all left us for civilian life. We wish them good luck and, what is more important, employment of a permanent nature.

D COMPANY.

We pause in the midst of a second spasm of Individual Training to send our quarterly contributions to the JOURNAL. After a short period of kapok bridging, wiring, digging and tests of elementary training, we settled down to a shorter period of normal routine. But again we must take up the float, piquet, spade and rifle and carry on from where we so re-

cently left off. May will see us firing the annual musketry course, and in April we hope (?) to renew our acquaintance with Friday Wood, the Roman River and other scenes of fierce encounter.

A draft of twenty-four recruits joined us from the Depot at the beginning of February. We welcome them and wish them the best of luck during their stay with the Company.

Owing to training and the weather we have had very few games recently, but both our football matches resulted in our favour. We beat B Company 5-1 and H.Q. Wing 5-3. The newcomers of the Company will help us in our future games, five of them having already played in several games with the Battalion second eleven. We have been taking part in weekly cross-country runs, and it seems that D Company will not be at the tail-end of these when it comes to competition. Most of our representatives in the Battalion Novices' Boxing Competition were recruited from the draft, and all put up a good show, particularly Pte. Head, who won the feather-weight competition. We congratulate him, and the others deserve praise. Though they did not get as far as Head, they all put up good fights and should do even better when they have more experience.

We are sorry to lose Cpl. Warnes, who has left us for civilian life. He was always one of our leading lights at sports, and we shall miss him. At the same time, we wish him all the best in his new sphere of life.

Our C.Q.M.S. is at present undergoing a course of Vocational Training before leaving us for good.

We congratulate Cpls. Evans and Bromley on their promotion, also L./Cpls. Parker, Trinder and Baldwin, three of the draft, who have recently been appointed Lance-Corporals.

H.Q. WING.

We have to report that the Wing has done very well in the field of sport during the past quarter, especially at boxing and soccer.

Congratulations to all who took part in the recent Novices' Boxing Tournament, especially to Dmr. Wheeler and Bdsn. Avery, who had a wonderful set-to in the bantam-weight competition, the issue

being in doubt up to the last punch. Wheeler won, and we are proud to acknowledge a good winner and a very plucky loser. Bdsn. Dillon and Moggeridge were runners-up in the welter-weight and feather-weight respectively; they fought very well indeed.

At soccer we have not as yet lost a friendly game, beating B Company twice and drawing with Braintree Thursday 1-1, and then beating them in the return 8-0. In the Garrison Inter-Company Knock-out we beat Y Company of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry 4-1, but were in turn knocked out by D Company of the Black Watch. In the first game the first half was very even, though we managed to obtain a lead of 2-1 against a stiff wind. In the second half two quick goals settled the issue, and, though the K.S.L.I. tried hard, they could not reduce the deficit.

The game against D Company of the Black Watch was played on a very wet day in half a gale. Within a few minutes of the start, the slippery ball played tricks with our goalkeeper and enabled the opposing forwards to score before he could recover. A second goal followed later in the first half, the ball glancing off one of our backs. Attacks on the opponents' goal failed to produce any score, although Pullen was unfortunate not to be rewarded for one particularly good shot.

In the second half the Wing woke up and started to make the pace. A goal resulted at last and as the pressure was maintained it seemed that the equalizing goal must come, especially as the Black Watch goalkeeper fell with two of our forwards over him, but he just managed to gather the ball. Although our forwards continued to do most of the attacking, the ball refused to enter the net, and in the last few minutes a raid by the opposition ended in a goal. Result, 3-1.

The Wing supporters are apparently dry-weather friends, and we feel that had more of them faced the day and supported their team the extra encouragement might have saved the game.

We extend a hearty welcome to all newcomers to the Wing, including L./Sergt. Housden, whom we congratulate on his appointment.

Quite a few of the old Wingers have left us, either for civilian life or for duty in a company. Those who have gone to

civilian life are Bdsn. Russell and Corner, and Ptes. Dickenson, Taggart and Cooper. We wish them the very best of luck in their new sphere, and hope to see them now and again. L./Cpl. Day and Pte. Gibbons are at present on Vocational Training courses, and we trust that they are doing well. Pte. Thomas goes to Hounslow in the near future, and we wish him the best of luck. Last, but not least, is Pte. Bradshaw, who has been transferred to the Military Police. We congratulate him on his appointment to Lance-Corporal.

BAND.

About the time these notes go to print a change will have taken place in the Band. Our present Bandmaster will have left us for civilian life, and his place been taken by one who we hope will carry on the good work. At present we are carrying on under the able direction of Sergt. Harwood.

We had a visitor from Kneller Hall some weeks back in the person of the Musical Director, but we have not the space to print the very favourable report he left behind.

We have been doing rather well in the sports line, having beaten the Employed Group 5-4 and the Signals 5-1 at hockey. We have only to draw with the Drums and the shield is ours again for the first time since Ahmednagar. We were rather unfortunate in losing to the Employed at football in the only game played so far in the league.

In the Battalion Novices' Boxing Competition we had four entries from the Band, and a very creditable performance they put up. Bdsn. Dillon, Avery and Moggeridge were all finalists in their respective weights, but, alas and alack for "Brother Lennie," some nasty person put paid to his account in his first fight. Better luck next time, Lennie.

We have lost two very popular men from the Band lately, Spargo and Ginger having gone to civilian life. We trust Spargo has at last ridded himself of that paste brush and that Ginger will not find doing "Mucko" in civilian life such a treat as he did whilst serving with the lads of H.Q. We offer our heartiest congratulations to L./Cpl. Drane on obtaining his second stripe.

Spud has had a free transfer to the position of Company Clerk. So far so good; but wait until the short pays are forthcoming.

In closing, we all tender our very best wishes to Mr. Clibbens, and trust his recovery will be a very quick one. We hope his successor will have little knowledge of our old enemy—B minor melodies.

BOYS.

Once again after a long break we greet you, and once again these notes find us under a new régime.

We all extend our heartiest congratulations to Cpl. McEnery on his promotion, and to L./Cpl. Rayner on his appointment. Cpl. Drane has left us on promotion. Perhaps L./Cpl. Rayner will enjoy his stay up here; we hope so, at least.

Owing to the omission of the Boys' Notes in the last quarter, there is news, as yet untold, regarding football. We got into the third round of the Boys' Army Cup, and were defeated by the Welsh Guards Boys. They may consider themselves lucky to have won, as we missed a penalty and practically presented them with a goal. Still, there's no use crying over spilt milk, and there is plenty of time in the future.

We lost most of our stars when the 1st Battalion draft left for Cairo, but we have plenty of young blood to build a team on. While on the subject of the draft, we wish Haigh and Co. all the best in their new Battalion, and hope that they are not yearning for the "Empire" already. To fill the existing vacancies, we have had several freshly enlisted boys, namely, Humphreys, Burrell, Salmon and Streat, the last-named being a "local." We hope they enjoy their sojourn in the "Pothooks."

In conclusion we extend our best wishes to the Boys in Cairo and hope they continue to win such events as basketball and rounders against the keen competition of the rest of the Wing.

DRUMS.

In our opening notes for this issue we would like to congratulate our last draft on the splendid performance they put up in the last Novices' Boxing Tournament. The best fight was between Dmr. Wheeler

and Bdsn. Avery. Wheeler certainly showed the heavier fellows how to get "stuck in." Avery was no mean opponent, and they both deserved the kind things the referee said about them. At last Wheeler has won his weight. Pte. Burt was another whom everybody thought would win his weight, but he was unlucky in the first round of his semi-final fight. A terrific right to the stomach put paid to his and our hopes of another champion in the Drums; Bdsn. Dillon certainly has a wicked punch. Pte. Collis was unlucky to be beaten very narrowly on points in the semi-finals of the light-weights, as were also Ptes. Lawrence and Phipps, who were beaten on the post in the earlier rounds of the tournament.

L./Cpl. Doolan has just returned to us after a six weeks' S.A.T. Cadre Course, and we understand that he got a good report. One of his L.G. instructors was heard to say something about dust-plates after L./Cpl. Doolan had finished his course.

At hockey we have not been so successful as at boxing. We lost to the Employed 0-5. The Employed have about the best team in the Battalion, so that we have nothing to be downhearted about. Perhaps we could have won, but they turned out the C.Q.M.S., and who cares to carve a chap like him on the shins on a Thursday—a day before pay-day? Well, I ask you!

At cross-country running we were first with an average of 69.3, and so the Clock comes to the Drums. This is the only trophy in the Wing which the Drummers have not previously won, so we naturally feel a little bucked at winning it.

Specialist training has started, and everybody is busy with either maps and compass or Lewis gun and limbers. Battalion and Garrison fatigues cramp our style a little, but we manage to keep smiling.

We welcome back a very old member of the Drums in Cpl. Gribble, who is a great asset to us in both musical and military training. He has been attached to the Battalion Training Cadre for some months. (All the brains come from the Drums.) Pte. Devine is at present very busy with Educational Training (more brains). The Drum-Major, too, has been busy on the same subject, and has sat for his 1st Class Certificate recently. We all

wish him success and hope he comes out top.

Two boys have joined us, Boy Cook from the Band, and Boy Streat from civilian life. An old member of the Corps leaves us in L./Cpl. Carpenter, who goes to civilian life in May. We wish him the best of luck, and expect him to pop up and see us now and again in his two-seater (?).

We extend our hearty congratulations to Cpl. McEnery on his promotion, and to L./Cpl. Dowsett on his appointment. As regards the former, we have heard him ask a few questions about C.R.A. of some of the old married men. We wonder (?).

In conclusion we send our best wishes to the Drummers of the 1st Battalion.

EMPLOYED GROUP.

We extend a hearty welcome to all new arrivals into the family circle, the chief of them being L./Sergt. Housden, whom we congratulate on his appointment.

There has been plenty of sport this quarter, and we have secured the Football Shield, winning all three games with a goal average of 16 for and 1 against. We had the unhappy experience of finishing last in the Inter-Group Cross-Country Run, but Dame Fortune was against us that day, as we had the worst runner in the Battalion running in our colours—no offence—and he finished last. If he had not run we could have cakewalked it.

In the Hockey League we have completed our programme, winning two games and losing the other, the Band beating us 5-4 in our last game. Dame Fortune again refused to smile on us that day, as we could only turn out a very weak team owing to Sergt. Deane being away on a course, and Pte. Hunter being selected to represent the Garrison. Without wishing to cast discredit on anyone, we think that had Pte. Mileham or his reserve, or L./Cpl. Wray, been able to play in goal we should have been the victors. But what is the use of crying over spilt milk? The Band have to play the Drums, and, while wanting the better team to win, we would like to see the Drums triumph, as that would give us a chance to beat the Band in the play-off.

We were very pleased to see that the C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. turned out for us

at football and hockey. They are both still good enough for a place in the Wing teams, but prefer to give youth its chance. We congratulate them on the excellent performance they put up.

Now for the departures. L./Cpl. Smith and Pte. Gorman have gone to A Company, and since Smudger has been at duty he has obtained promotion. Congratulations, Smudger. Pte. Thomas has been granted a V.T. course at Hounslow, and we wish him every success, especially at cross-country running.

Rumour has it that Sergt. Kemp is shortly to leave the ranks of the bachelors. If this is true we wish him all the best.

SIGNALS.

Again we put pen to paper, although little has happened during the past quarter; but here goes with what little we have in the way of fresh news.

Very little has happened in the field of sport with the exception of some soccer and hockey in the Group Half-League, in which we came off rather badly. So the least said the better, although the great cause of our non-success is that we have not found many among the new members of the Section to fill the places of the men we have lost to civilian life or to the 1st Battalion. Would that we had just one or two Colliers and Bullocks with us now. But time will tell whether we shall again earn the reputation we had abroad.

Already this year we have lost two or three old "bashers," namely, Ptes. Gibbons, Dickenson and Taggart. Gibbons has gone to Hounslow for a Vocational Training course, and our hopes are with him in that he gets a good job at the end of it. Dickenson and Taggart left us for civilian life, and Cooper in March. Everyone who is left wishes them the best of luck. No; I have not finished yet, for L./Cpl. Walker, Pte. Bartlett, not forgetting the humble writer, will soon be leaving for Vocational Training.

There are rumours that Mr. Stephenson leaves us this year for duty with a company. If this is correct it will be our loss and some duty company's gain, and our thoughts will go with him. At the same time, we will have cause to welcome Mr. Man, whom we congratulate on being gazetted Lieutenant, and trust that

his tour as Signal Officer will be a successful one.

By the time these notes appear in print it will be very near Classification time, so here's wishing the old hands the best of luck in their last "classo," and the youngsters the best of luck in their first.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

We have had only one promotion during the quarter under review, that of Cpl. Housden, who has recently entered the Mess as a Lance-Sergeant, and is the Battalion Cook Sergeant. Our congratulations to him. Perhaps the following what might be called "premature promotions" are worthy of record, and congratulations to the members concerned:

C.Q.M.S. Jones: Acting C.S.M. of D Company.

Sergt. Denchfield: Acting C.Q.M.S. of A Company.

Sergt. Mewett: Acting C.S.M. of A Company.

Sergt. Mason: Acting C.Q.M.S. of D Company.

It may possibly be a case of "coming events cast their shadows before." Who knows?

Sergts. Russell and Wright, and L./Sergt. Swadling have joined us from the Depot, and we offer them a hearty welcome. The two first-named are old friends. Sergt. Wright has been posted but has not actually joined at present; he is due to join with his family in the very near future.

Sergt. Green has left us for the Depot and we wish him the best of luck. C.Q.M.S. Sadler has also left us for Vocational Training at Aldershot before going to civil life. We also wish him the best of luck, and trust he may be successful in obtaining a decent job on leaving the Service. We have lost another member in C.S.M. Simmonds, who has gone to the 9th Battalion, T.A. We miss him and wish him the best of success in his new appointment. Anyhow, the Terriers under his charge will have an excellent opportunity of improving their French while he is with them. Our greatest loss during the quarter under review is the Bandmaster—a loss so great as to merit a special paragraph.

Mr. Clibbens had been with us since the latter end of 1924, when he joined us at Ahmednagar. He was such a permanent fixture that it came as an almost unrealizable shock to hear, a few weeks ago, that he had contracted lung trouble and was to be packed off to Woolwich Hospital. When this news was received most of us anticipated that he would return to us, but since then we have heard that he has had a medical board and has been invalidated from the Service. We are very, very sorry. Mr. Clibbens is always the perfect gentleman and a true example of the best type of Mess member, and his popularity is real and sincere. He is sadly missed. We can but wish him the very best of luck for the future, and hope that he will recover sufficiently to be an active and useful member of society still. Mr. Clibbens married only in April, 1932, and we should like to take this opportunity of offering Mrs. Clibbens our sincere condolences. The latest news of her husband is that he is very much better and is looking very well. It is evident he has not been wasting his time, as we learn he has won about £150 in a cross-word competition with which he has been passing the time while in hospital. That's the stuff to give 'em! We can but say that the heartfelt good wishes of the whole Mess go with him for the future, and we hope to see him many times when he is about again.

The monthly dinners and whist drives have been held as usual during the quarter and have been well attended and very much enjoyed by all present.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

This sport has been flourishing during the season. An Inter-Company Run was held in January, which was won by Q Group, H.Q. Wing, with G Group a close second.

Throughout the season Battalion runs have been held once a week. At first the distance was anything up to five miles, but it has since been cut down to two. This alteration was gratefully received by a certain minority at first until they found that so short a distance called for greater energy.

Pte. Jaques, of A Company, has done extremely well, having come in first nearly every time he has run—we are beginning

to believe that nobody can beat him, but next year we think there will be greater competition.

We did not do as well as we expected in the Garrison Run, as a result of which we did not go to Shorncliffe as a team. If we did not do well, however, we gained a lot in experience, and now know what standard to train up to.

L./Cpl. Day and Ptes. Jaques and Peasley ran very well as individuals in the Eastern Command Cross-Country Run. Pte. Jaques came in tenth, with Day and Peasley not far behind. If we are not up to Army standard next season it will not be for want of trying or training.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

At the beginning of this season we were confronted with the task of building up a new fifteen from a somewhat limited number of players, as those in the team we had in India have now very nearly all left us, and we are dependent on the newcomers to the Battalion. Lieut. Gilbert was a great loss to our three-quarter line and throughout the season courses and the 'flu epidemic sadly interfered with the regular appearance of several of our 1st XV.

From the point of view of winning matches we have been far from successful, but we did not expect to win many games this season, although we hope for a great improvement next year, when the material from this year's drafts will have been developed. 2/Lieut. Unwin will be a great asset and 2/Lieut. Willoughby will help towards the much-needed weight in the scrum. We were beaten in the first round of the Army Championship by the 2nd Bn. The Black Watch by 10 points to 3. The game was a really hard one, and the forwards played well, but our out-sides were weak and this has been our chief failing all through the season.

We have always given the soccer team first call upon any individual they wanted and our rugger team has consisted of those players who have not been required at any time for the Battalion 1st and 2nd XIs. This has, of course, reduced our numbers considerably, but we have managed to keep going through the most difficult season with the Battalion at very low strength, and will have a much larger

number of players to choose from next year.

At present we are running a Seven-a-Side Competition and have completed the first and second rounds. The chief object is to try to find likely players for building up a proper 2nd XV next season, as last year at times we were badly handicapped by a lack of useful three-quarters.

Although throughout the season we have been losing our matches, we can congratulate ourselves on having put up a really good game every time, and have kept going hard right up to the end of the game. We hope that as our numbers increase and as more experience is gained we shall begin to win matches.

FOOTBALL.

Looking back on the football season that is just finishing, one can say that the play of the Battalion teams has been satisfactory. We were not looking for laurels. Like everything else with a battalion that has just returned home from its foreign tour, it has been a question of experiment and building up Battalion 1st and 2nd XIs. In this we have been quite successful. Although we lost a number of old players on our return from abroad, we have been able to find some useful players among the new men who have joined us. We are persevering with these men, and if only they will listen to sound advice there is no reason why all of them should not turn into really good players and so produce a first-class Battalion side.

The first team entered the following competitions: the Army Cup, the Inter-Battalion Knock-out, and the Essex and Suffolk Border League. In the Army Cup we met the R.A., Shoeburyness, in the first round and were beaten 2-1. This was no disgrace, as the R.A. are a very good side, and the Battalion put up a very good show. In the Garrison Inter-Battalion Knock-out we met the 2nd Bn. The Black Watch, who beat us after a replay. This produced strange football. In the first match the Black Watch were leading 4-1, but the final result was 6-6! In the replay, we were leading 5-1 and were beaten 8-5! Our defence seemed to go all to pieces.

We are still in the throes of the Essex and Suffolk Border League, on which we

are steering a middle course. It is quite satisfactory.

The Battalion 2nd XI were entered for the Colchester Mid-Week Hospital Cup, and in that we were eliminated at the first attempt, the 2nd Bn. The Royal Fusiliers beating us 4-3 after we had led them 2-0. Defence again cracked up.

They were also entered in the Colchester and District Thursday League. Success seemed to attend them in the first half of the season, they being third or fourth until after Christmas. We had great hopes of winning this competition, and then came some sad reverses. Still, we are yet in the top half of the league, and hope to do better next season.

HOCKEY.

We have had quite a good hockey season, although weather upset numerous matches and still more company games, which are really the things we need in order to discover and train new talent. Nevertheless, we enjoyed ourselves, and had varying success, possibly because it was seldom (through one cause or another) that we were able to turn out what might be considered our full team. Football often claimed Sergt. Deane, our inside left, and it was the forwards generally that caused the trouble. The defence was fairly constant, with Pte. Mileham in goal, Sergt. Carter and Pte. Hunter at back, and Bdsn. Penner and Ptes. Gorman and 22 Robinson as halves.

As regards the forwards, Cpl. Buckland played in the centre throughout the season. Dmr. Thompson is developing into a useful outside left, but owing to shortage of forwards, Lieut. Jacob frequently played outside and Thompson moved in. The right-wing places were usually filled by Lieuts. Heywood and Else. Sergt. Kemp filled gaps on numerous occasions, and also helped us out with our grave shortage of umpires. C.Q.M.S. Jones and Cpl. Jennings were others who nobly came to the rescue with the whistle.

Our last match was rather extraordinary. We had played the 17th Brigade, R.A., twice, each having won once, and were expecting an even battle, but we finished up 17-3 in our favour. 2/Lieut. Unwin, who has just joined us, was playing inside right on this occasion, and

should be a useful addition to the team if rugger does not claim him entirely next season.

We still depend too much, however, on old stagers, and next year it is hoped that we really shall be able to get hold of some new blood, especially those who are not required for either type of football. We shall then perhaps have more combination and get greater understanding, which at present we lack. We want more young players, so those of you who do not know the game or have not played much should take every opportunity of tackling it next season.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

A Central Rifle Club has been formed in the Battalion with the dual object of promoting interest in shooting and of training the best shots in the Battalion for competition. There is at present a membership of sixty drawn from the best shots among the officers, the W.Os. and Sergeants, and the Corporals and Privates—the first two categories being selected by the Presidents of the respective Messes and the third category by Company Commanders. It is intended to award twenty of the best rifles in the Battalion to the most promising shots as determined by the results of competition shooting.

The rifle competitions have been fired fortnightly, and in spite of adverse weather conditions six of these have been held since October last year, when the Club first came into being. The attendance has not so far been very encouraging, and it is hoped that members will realize the paramount importance of good shooting and will make every effort to fire regularly when the opportunity occurs. A nucleus of keen rifle shots in the Battalion will go far towards stimulating the interest of the remainder, especially the young soldiers, in shooting, and will, we hope, improve the Battalion figure of merit and bring about good results when the A.R.A. non-central matches are fired.

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

THE Regimental Cricket Week will be held this year, in the last week of June, at the Depot. The At Home will be held on Wednesday, June 28th, at the Depot, as formerly.

Tickets for guests for this function can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, on application.

The Committee feel that a number of people connected with the Regiment, chiefly ladies, are not in many cases aware of this function, or, if they are, do not realize that they are entitled to ask for a ticket, if they wish to attend.

This is due chiefly to their being out of touch with Regimental affairs.

The Committee hopes that all members of the Club will endeavour to bring this matter to the notice of those to whom it relates.

The Hon. Secretary would be very grateful if certain members would not insist on paying for their dinner tickets on the actual night of the Dinner. He is quite prepared to accept payment by post later.

The Regimental Dinner will be held this year at the Junior United Service Club on the evening of Thursday, June 29th, at 7.45 p.m. for 8 p.m.

The charge for tickets will be 6s.; and two guineas to non-members of the Club.

Application for tickets should be sent in good time to the Hon. Secretary, Mill Hill Barracks. It would help if applications were accompanied by either a postal order or cheque for six shillings. It is hoped that all who possibly can will attend this function.

The Annual Golf Meeting was held at Hendon Golf Club on April 6th. The weather and golfing conditions were ideal. Even so, the general standard of play was not appreciably higher than in former years. Cpts. Whinney and Worton were the two winners in the morning. Capt. Whinney returned the best scratch score, and Capt. Worton the best score on handicap. They have now won three years in succession and are to be congratulated on doing so.

Three pairs tied for first place in the afternoon, but the prizes were given to

Majors Paul and Bucknall, who had the best score for the first nine holes.

The scores are given below:—

Capt. J. R. Worton ...	90-16=74
Major G. C. Bucknall ...	86-11=75
Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson ...	84-8=76
Capt. C. T. Whinney ...	79-2=77
Capt. G. W. Kempster ...	91-13=78
Lieut. L. C. Wright ...	88-10=78
Major T. South ...	86-8=78
Lieut. G. L. Weston ...	98-20=78
Capt. H. G. Arnold ...	81-3=78
Major G. B. Anderson ...	95-16=79
Lieut. A. E. Green ...	97-18=79
Lieut. C. M. Baldwin ...	104-24=80
Capt. F. G. Hogg ...	90-8=82
Lieut. E. L. Heywood ...	107-24=83
Lieut. F. H. Else ...	101-14=87
Lieut. S. J. Clark ...	113-24=89
Major H. W. M. Paul ...	105-16=89
Major T. S. Wollocombe ...	114-24=90
Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel ...	105-13=92
Lieut. R. T. Guscott ...	117-24=93
Major D. A. Scott ...	110-14=96
Lieut. A. M. Man ...	127-24=103
Lieut. J. G. Reid ...	128-24=104

BOGEY FOURSOMES.

Majors G. C. Bucknall and H. W. M. Paul: 3 down.

Lieuts. G. L. Weston and A. E. Green: 3 down.

Cpts. F. G. Hogg and J. R. Worton: 3 down.

General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., D.L., has accepted an invitation to attend the Annual Dinner on June 29th.

DEPOT NOTES.

AT the time of writing there are one hundred and eighty-five recruits in training at the Depot, a number considerably in excess of the normal strength here, and there are seven squads in place of the usual five. The cause of these unusual numbers is the fact that so many recruits were due to be enlisted in February and March, in order to complete the annual quota allotted to the Regiment for the financial year ending March 31st, 1933. This quota has now been filled, and for a brief space the Regiment is closed for recruiting; it is understood,

however, that this will recommence on April 1st.

Two squads have left the Depot for Colchester during the quarter; these being Ladysmith on February 4th (a squad which contained a number of promising footballers and boxers) and Albuhera on March 25th.

The chief sporting successes achieved recently have been in boxing, of which a full account appears elsewhere. Football has been much handicapped by the bad weather and consequent poor condition of the grounds.

Not very much co-operation has been possible with the Territorials lately, but we have been pleased to see signalling and range-taking parties up here from the 9th Battalion, and it is understood that a detachment from the 8th Battalion is again coming to Mill Hill at Easter. A number of N.C.Os. and recruits under the Adjutant proceeded to Little Gaddesden at the beginning of February to assist in a tactical exercise arranged by the 19th London Regiment, and we would like to express our gratitude to Col. Cuthbertson for his kindness to them whilst they were there.

In addition to the contingents of Highgate and Mill Hill Schools which are already attached to this Depot for training, those of Aldenham and Berkhamsted Schools have also now been affiliated to us, and we are very pleased to have opportunities of helping the Officers' Training Corps of these schools. Certificate A examinations have been held at all these four schools recently.

The Depot pigs, in spite of one or two alarms—one misguided practical joker let them out on the night of the last dance, into which they tried to gate-crash—are flourishing under the direction of Lieut. Gilbert. Incidentally, the last dance was a considerable success, financially, and on the strength of this another one is to be held.

Pye wireless sets of the very latest model have been bought for the Corporals' Club and Library, thus considerably adding to the amenities of these institutes.

Educational Training has continued most successfully at the Depot during the period under review and there has only been a single case of a recruit proceeding to the 2nd Battalion without a 3rd Class

Certificate since May, 1932, which is distinctly creditable when one remembers in the past how many men, even abroad, were not in possession of this certificate. Sergt.-Instr. Benwell, A.E.C., deserves the highest praise for his efforts in this direction.

2/Lieuts. Willoughby, Porter, Unwin and Fishbourne were attached to the Depot on first appointment from March 2nd to the 10th, and we were very pleased to welcome them to the Regiment.

We all congratulate Major Wollocombe on the birth of another son, and in conclusion may we offer our heartiest congratulations to Lieut.-Col. J. English on his marriage, which took place on January 14th, 1933, and also, rather belatedly, it is feared, on his promotion to his present rank.

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The Commanding Officer has to record with deep regret the death of No. 6200587 Pte. S. Gardiner, of Albuhera Squad, which took place at the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, during an operation for appendicitis on February 1st, 1933. The funeral took place at St. Pancras Cemetery on February 6th, and was conducted with military honours, a firing party and detachment from the Depot attending. Pte. Gardiner was a promising recruit who had been at the Depot for twenty-two weeks at the time of his death. We extend our sincerest sympathy to his mother.

FOOTBALL.

Football at the Depot has been greatly handicapped during the past quarter by the vagaries of the weather and the consequent bad condition of the grounds. It is understood that this is almost invariably the case at this time of year, but it is very disappointing nevertheless.

The lower ground drains so slowly that after a late thaw, snow or rain it is a long time before it is sufficiently dry for play to commence, and if the ground is used before it is dry, the surface becomes so cut up that play may be impossible for days afterwards. The upper ground is better from the point of view of drainage, but at present it is too uneven to permit of much serious football being played on it. It is hoped to improve this ground during the summer.

Whenever play has been possible inter-squad games have been arranged, and quite a lot of talent has been unearthed amongst the younger recruits. The senior squads, however, do not at present show much promise. Only two matches with outside teams have actually been played recently; several other matches, which have had unavoidably to be postponed, will probably be played before the end of the season.

The first match was against Westminster School 2nd XI, and, although we did not play our strongest team by any means, we won rather easily by 6 goals to 1. Ptes. Crossthwaite, Crowhurst and Thomas played especially well, the last-named scoring several goals. Our opponents would probably have done much better on a hard ground, to which they were accustomed, but a late thaw had rendered the top surface very soft. The game was, however, a very enjoyable one and our visitors evidently enjoyed coming out to the Depot. It is hoped to make this fixture a regular event.

For the next match, against the Royal Fusiliers Depot, at Hounslow, we were somewhat handicapped, as most of our best recruit players—in Ladysmith Squad—had just left, and we had been able to play so very little football that there had been little chance of finding further talent, while, with a few exceptions (such as Cpls. Overy and Clarke), the N.C.Os. and Depot Staff include few footballers. In consequence, we had to play with a very scratch team and were rather lucky only to be beaten by 4 goals to 1. It is noticeable in connection with Depot as opposed to Recruits' matches, that our opponents invariably put into the field teams composed of N.C.Os. and Depot Staff, whereas here, there being little football ability amongst these men, we have to rely very largely on the recruits whom we happen to have at the time. This, while giving the recruits good experience, does not give us very much chance of winning these matches. This, however, should be rather a secondary consideration as long as the play of the recruits, our future Regimental players, is thereby improved.

Next year it is hoped to arrange an interesting programme, including games with all the soccer-playing schools near London, and we hope to have a

successful season, which, of course, has to depend a great deal on the form shown by the recruits who are at the Depot then.

A large number of recruits went to see the British Army v. French Army match at Selhurst Park on February 18th, and we hope they were as impressed as they should have been by the beautiful ball control and attractive football generally of the French team.

During the quarter, Cpl. Burgess, Dmr. Course and Pte. Crossthwaite have qualified as Army referees. At one time there were six qualified referees at the Depot, but Pte. Crossthwaite has now proceeded to Colchester.

BOXING.

There has been such a glut of boxing at the Depot since Christmas that it is very difficult to know where to start with these notes.

At the beginning of January the Recruits' team went into strict training for the Area Inter-Depot Competition. Influenza played havoc with the team, and the trainer's nerves, but eventually, after almost superhuman efforts by the P.T. staff, a team was evolved. We travelled over to Kingston for the Area Competition with very mixed hopes, only to see our men put up a record, by winning all their fights in the first series. By the end of the evening, Ptes. Hudson and Du-Heaume became feather-weight and light-weight champions of the Area, and Ptes. Gilham, O'Keefe and Vickers were runners-up in the light-weight, intermediate-weight and welter-weight respectively.

The order of merit amongst the various regiments was:—

1. Depot The Middlesex Regiment, 17 points.
2. Depot The East Surrey Regiment, 13 points.
3. Depot The Queen's Royal Regiment, 10 points.
4. Depot The Royal Fusiliers, 5 points.

The team had no time to allow grass to grow under their feet, for they now had to compete in the Eastern Command Competition on the following Friday. Although we did not do so well in this tournament, we must congratulate the

team on putting up an extremely fine show. Pte. O'Keefe emerged as intermediate-weight champion of the Eastern Command, and Pte. Hudson as runner-up in the feather-weight.

The order of finish amongst the teams was as follows:—

1. Depot The Essex Regiment, 14 points.
2. Royal Artillery, 13 points.
3. Depot The Middlesex Regiment, 10 points.
4. Depot The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, 8 points.

At the end of February our boxing team travelled over to Woolwich to fight 38 Company, R.A.S.C. We emerged comfortable winners by 8 fights to 4. It is particularly creditable to note that seven of our eight winners were recruits, the more so when it is realized that they were all boxing trained soldiers.

On the evening of March 16th the Gymnasium at Mill Hill was crowded to witness the first encounter between the Depot and the 19th London Regiment, an event which will, in future, be an annual fixture. After some very exciting fighting, the Depot carried off the cup by 13 points to 11. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Col. Cuthbertson and the 19th London Regiment for their kindness in presenting the cup for annual competition.

Six other contests had been arranged, including one between Pte. Saunders, 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, welter-weight champion of the Territorial Army, and Pte. Collison. The former won comfortably, but the latter must be congratulated on putting up a very fine performance. He richly deserved his good-loser's prize.

Another particularly healthy fight was that between Pte. Weaterton, 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, runner-up in the heavy-weight series of the Territorial Army, and Pte. Baxter. Until Baxter had a recurrence of his old thumb trouble it was anybody's fight. Unfortunately, the fight had to be stopped in the second round. (Note.—Bandages are always provided.)

To round off a very enjoyable evening, we again had the services of Dusty Miller and Sergt. Wigmore, from the A.P.T.S. They gave us during the interval a most

instructive as well as a very amusing show.

The following is a complete programme of the evening's show:—

Bantam-weight.—L./Cpl. Armstrong (Depot) beat Pte. Clarke (London R.). Pte. Pitman (Depot) beat Cpl. Howell (London R.).

Feather-weight.—Pte. Hudson (Depot) beat L./Sergt. Dobey (London R.). Pte. Davis (London R.) beat Pte. Knight (Depot).

Welter-weight.—Pte. Bennett (Depot) beat Pte. Elminger (London R.).

Middle-weight.—Pte. Leedham (London R.) beat Pte. Vickers (Depot).

Light Heavy-weight.—Pte. Kent (Depot) beat L./Cpl. Woolford (London R.).

Heavy-weight, Special Contest.—Pte. Weaterton (9th Middx. R.) beat Pte. Baxter (Depot).

A photograph of the members of the Depot boxing team is shown below. The



[Photo: Nellie Milner Mill Hill.]

Standing.—Sergt. Paterson. Pte. Kennelly. Pte. Collison. Pte. Stebbing. Pte. Kent. Pte. Baxter. Cpl. Riches. Pte. Fredman. Pte. Matthews. Pte. Knight. Sitting Behind.—L./Cpl. Armstrong. L./Cpl. Berks. Pte. Roden. Sitting.—Pte. Vickers. Pte. Hudson. Lieut. N. G. Gilbert. Major T. S. Woolcombe, M.C. Q.M.S.I. Hill. Pte. Du Heaume. Pte. Gilham. On Ground.—Pte. Reis. Pte. Pitman. Pte. Bennett. Pte. Murray. Absent.—Pte. O'Keefe.

Feather-weight, Special Contests.—Pte. Nation (7th Middx. R.) beat Pte. Reis (Depot). Pte. Broome (9th Middx. R.) beat Pte. Kennelly (Depot).

Light-weight.—Sergt. Shaylor (London R.) beat Pte. Du Heaume (Depot).

Bantam-weight, Special Contest.—Pte. Murray (Depot) beat Pte. Dymond (7th Middx. R.).

Welter-weight, Special Contests.—Pte. Saunders (9th Middx. R.) beat Pte. Collison (Depot). Pte. Desborough (7th Middx. R.) beat Pte. Roden (Depot).

men wearing black vests represented the Depot in the Area and Eastern Command Tournaments.

Since these notes have gone to press, Ptes. Kent and Bennett have added further laurels to the record of the Depot boxing.

They entered for an Open Novices' Tournament at Bermondsey, promoted by the 22nd London Regiment (T.A.), and both emerged winners, of the light heavy-weight and welter-weight respectively.

SHOOTING.

The weather has not been particularly kind to us during the past quarter, and so monthly shoots have been temporarily suspended. But with six squads in the Depot for the next month or two the situation looks definitely promising, and we should be able to hold a large number of competitions.

On March 15th a team of six recruits visited the Headquarters of the 19th London Regiment to fire in a small-bore competition. Our team must be congratulated on putting up a very fine performance. The results, as appended, speak for themselves:—

DEPOT THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

	H.P.S.—	Grouping.	200	500	Snap.	Total.
	25	20	20	15	80	
Pte. Roden	...	25	20	17	9	71
Pte. Bord	...	20	18	19	9	66
Pte. Bint	...	20	20	19	9	68
Pte. Tarnier	...	20	18	17	12	67
Pte. Kenny	...	25	18	17	15	75
Pte. West	...	20	19	16	15	70
Totals	...	130	113	105	69	417

19TH LONDON REGIMENT (T.A.).

	H.P.S.—	Grouping.	200	500	Snap.	Total.
	25	20	20	15	80	
Pte. Elmiger	...	20	16	12	15	63
Pte. Mossop	...	20	14	15	12	61
Pte. Howard	...	20	14	12	9	55
Pte. C. Holland	...	10	13	9	w.o.	32
Pte. Durham	...	20	16	8	9	53
Pte. L. Holland	...	25	19	14	9	67
Totals	...	115	92	70	54	331

During February, Sergt. Wright and a party of recruits built a new firing-point on the 30 yards range. The R.E. owned that they could not have done it better themselves. (Shades of the Pioneer Platoon, 1920-24!)

The Depot entered a team for the S.M.R.A. Small-Bore Competition. We must confess to putting up only mediocre scores on the day, but there is still hope until the results are published.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Like the rest of the world in this time of financial depression, we, after the hectic heralding-in of the New Year, also feel the pinch, and our social activities have necessarily been somewhat curtailed.

To help meet the slump, messing charges have been raised—the cost of staple foods, both light and dark, having been raised six shillings the firkin. How-

ever, we are meeting this reverse bravely, our noses to the grindstone, our backs to the wall and our shoulders to the wheel, shaking hands with ourselves behind our backs, cheered with the thought that spring is here.

It would appear that the spring craze will be that invigorating pastime "501 up," start and finish on a double. Among the participants there are a goodly number of "Green Archers," but rumour hath it that the Dharzi and the Bawarchi both throw a deadly arrow.

Hookey, whom all will remember and many will never forget, has devised a new scheme for the catching of rats. The method of procedure is as follows: take one attic and besprinkle it with traps; bore a hole with a waiter's leg in the ceiling, trusting that the rodents, to avoid the traps, will fall through the hole and become impaled on a dart placed point uppermost on the floor.

To date we have killed one of the enemy—more by luck than judgment, we fear. It happened thusly: a certain Warrant Officer was throwing. Deathly silence prevailed. A rat, enticed by the stillness, came and peeped over the hole. The Warrant Officer threw a double and broke his score—the rat threw a fit of surprise, fell, and broke his neck.

Apart from this vernal madness, whist drives and dances have been held regularly, and still prove very popular.

Monthly "post-Mess meeting" tournaments are still in full swing, and Sergts. Wright and Bishop can now invite members to their *thé dansants*, as they have three silver tea-spoons between them.

In some other part of this issue will be found a record of a pleasing evening spent by the members when they were entertained by the Corporals at snooker. We are looking forward to a return match, and warn our prospective opponents that they had better bring their own candles, for we shall make certain that our fuses will be burnt out beyond all repair.

We welcome Sergt. Green to our fold and trust that his stay at the Depot will be enjoyable.

Sergts. Paterson and Kruck, with families, are now "working out a penance beneath a tropical sun." We wish them the best.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31st, 1933.

Amounts of grants and loans made: £157 5s. 9d.

Grants and loans specially sanctioned by Committee: £6 14s.

Number of cases dealt with: 242.

Number of cases assisted: 115.

Number of men registered for employment: 60.

Number of men found permanent employment by Association: 4.

Number of men found permanent employment by Acton: 3.

Number of men found temporary employment by Association: nil.

Number of men found temporary employment by Acton: 13.

Number of men who took up employment: 19.

Number of parcels sent out by Ladies' Guild: 19.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, on January 25th, 1933. Present:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair); Brigadier-General R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G., Lieut.-Cols. M. Browne, M.C., C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., W. H. Samuel and F. S. Steed, O.B.E., D.C.M. (Hon. Treasurer), Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C. (Hon. Secretary), Capt. H. E. Foster and A. N. Overell (1st Battalion), R.S.M. C. Davis, R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley, C.Q.M.S. C. King, Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., Mr. F. E. Holmes, and Major E. H. Amor (Assistant Secretary).

It was notified that Major R. A. Slee and Mr. E. Morris had been re-elected members of the Executive Committee, *vice* Lieut.-Col. Samuel and Mr. Blackwood, who resign under Rule V, 1 (b) on March 31st, 1933.

The following amendment to Rule V, 1, was approved:—

Add new sub-para.: "(c) The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt two ex-officers for a period."

Lieut.-Col. Samuel was co-opted on the Committee for the ensuing year.

Sergt. Wright and L./Sergt. Swadling have both left us for the Battalion. Our good wishes accompany them, and we hope Dusty can do the thousand yards' double as easily as he can find the double three.

We regret to have to report that Sergt. Bishop has been admitted to hospital and undergone an operation on the throat. Details are lacking as to the cause, but possibly the medical authorities may have discovered the need for an extra "liquid-air inlet."

And so for the present we leave you.

P. R. C.

CORPORALS' ROOM.

Pride of place in these notes is given to mention of a snooker tournament held on February 24th, against the Sergeants' Mess. The evening started in great style. Cpl. Moore, rising to the occasion as usual, managed to fuse the lights, leaving us to peer at our guests across the stygian blackness of the billiard table. Eventually we got going, and attack after attack was launched at the Sergeants' team in the best "Fire and Movement" manner, and we managed to gain our objective in spite of counter-attacks, winning by 4 games to 1. Several skirmishes took place in the neighbourhood of the dart-board (we presume it was to worry us), but again strategy, plus ability, gained the day. The evening was voted a great success, and we hope the future may hold another Herculean tussle in store for us.

We have been rather quiet in the Football League, not having taken part in any matches, but several members are helping their squads out (to the detriment of the aforesaid squads).

A dance was held on January 21st, and all enjoyed themselves. April 8th is the date of our next, and we hope to see all old as well as many new friends present.

Congratulations are extended to Cpls. Burgess and Knight on their promotion. We welcome Cpl. Moore and L./Cpl. Jaques, and hope they will enjoy a pleasant tour. We are very sorry to lose Cpl. Maloney, and the Club will be poorer by his absence.

Since the last notes, two more members have become Benedicts. We wish them good luck and feel that they need it.

CORPE.

The accounts for 1932 were examined and passed, subject to receipt of the auditor's certificate.

A donation of £15 was approved from the Journal Account to the Old Comrades' Dinner and Entertainment Fund.

Capt. Foster was appointed Chairman of a Sub-Committee, with power to co-opt, to inquire into and report upon the War Office employment scheme in relation to the National Association, the Regimental Association, and the Labour Exchanges.

The following officers were elected, or re-elected, for the year ending March 31st, 1934:—

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

Vice-Chairman.—O.C. Depot.

Hon. Secretary.—O.C. Depot.

Hon. Treasurer.—Lieut.-Col. Steed.

Standing Sub-Committee.—Chairman: O.C. Depot. Members: R.S.M. Davis, R.Q.M.S. Pilley and C.Q.M.S. King.

Entertainment Sub-Committee.—Chairman: Mr. Holmes. Members: R.S.M. Davis, R.Q.M.S. Pilley and C.Q.M.S. King.

OLD COMRADES' QUARTERLY CONCERT.

It was intended to hold a concert at Lambs Conduit Street on April 1st, but the hall was not available. As no other suitable premises could be secured, the function had to be abandoned.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

MANY interesting events have interspersed our progress during the past few months, and one of these—less militant than the rest—stands out prominently. It was the Children's Party. This was held on January 7th, when two hundred carefree, romping youngsters made the Drill Hall a happy pandemonium. After reaching the limit of "Punch's" Tommy, who could chew more but could not swallow, they had a Christmas tree; and then they followed, with wide-eyed interest, the skill of Mr. Quigley, the well-known Enfield conjuror, drawing kicking rabbits from hard hats, snatching coins from the empty air, and a score of other tricks. But the

afternoon was crowned when two Santa Clauses came on the scene. Major Pringle and Capt. Bartram played this part well. Both are first-class tacticians, and their knowledge of that attribute of war served them in this pageantry of peace, because, instead of coming down the chimney, lest they should get jammed in the flue, they arrived in a motor-car made up as a tank; and, while they distributed the gifts, they wisely observed Santa Claus's traditional silence, keeping their minds to themselves, even at the most trying moments. The versatile Capt. Johnson rigged up the tank and drove the greybeards two.

Everybody present recognized with gratefulness and admiration the successful efforts of Mrs. Cedric Smith, Mrs. Pringle, the other officers' wives, and their lady friends, whose efforts, both before and during the party, ensured its complete success.

On January 19th the Battalion Boxing Championships were held. Clean fighting and the best of comradeship prevailed. No untoward word or unfair blow sullied the evening's sport, and the best traditions of the ring were maintained before a well-filled house.

Again we have won the Lady Regnart Cup from the 19th London Regiment. Our congratulations are due to all members of the team for the work they put in to ensure a victory for us.

On March 4th we had our Annual Prize Distribution. Our Honorary Colonel, Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., D.L., A.D.C., made the distribution, each recipient receiving from him a warm handshake, which we feel in many cases was as much esteemed as the trophy. The order and punctuality with which the winners, individually and in batches, came forward for their awards have never been excelled at any of our previous functions of the kind, and earned the admiration of everybody present. Our Colonel, Col. H. A. Murray, T.D., in the course of his address, reviewed the Battalion's activities during the past twelve months, and dealt, in interesting and pithy terms, with the progress of each section.

The Brigade Commander, Col. G. Hyde Harrison, D.S.O., complimented the Battalion on the success of its training, spoke with optimism of the approach-

ing camp, and expressed satisfaction at the progress of recruiting.

The Mayor of Hornsey, speaking in his own quiet way, but with depth and sincerity of feeling, referred to the warm and lasting friendship which has always existed between the municipality and the Battalion.

Then our new Divisional Commander, Major-General J. Kennedy, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., made his first acquaintance with the Battalion, when he told us that not only our records but our present standing as regards training and comradeship inspired the utmost confidence.

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

This event, one of the most important of the year, so far as the Territorial Army is concerned, was held at Headquarters on Saturday, March 4th. The prizes were distributed by Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., D.L., A.D.C. Amongst those present were the Mayor and Mayoress of Hornsey, Alderman and Mrs. Rowlands; Major-General J. Kennedy, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. G. Hyde Harrison, D.S.O., Col. J. K. Maitland, M.C., T.D., Col. S. Cedric Smith, T.D., Major J. F. Whitacre Allen and the Rev. Montgomery-Campbell, M.C., M.A., Chaplain to the Battalion.

The prizes were distributed as follows:

TROPHIES WON BY THE BATTALION.

Middlesex Justices' Shield (Rifle).—Team: Capt. R. Bartram, Lieut. G. C. D. Scott Lowe, 2/Lieut. B. J. Paul, Sergts. W. Knight, A. McNally, F. Porter, E. R. Thomas and H. Webb, L./Sergts. C. Lenney and T. Rockall, Cpl. C. Beale, L./Cpls. H. C. Tassell and C. Williams, and Ptes. A. Clarke, L. Heard and F. McGee.

Middlesex Justices' Shield (Lewis Gun).—D (Tottenham) Company. Team: L./Sergt. L. Sutton, Cpls. S. Allinson, G. Bundy and T. Kernot, and L./Cpls. P. Hobrough and R. Stratford.

B.S.A. Guns, Ltd. (Young Soldiers) Trophy.—D (Tottenham) Company. Team: Ptes. J. Binhammer, C. Burbridge, F. Holman, E. Levett, E. Payne, F. Phipps, J. Taylor and W. Wood.

Chesham Cup.—2/Lieut. B. J. Paul.

Brigade Efficiency Cup.—D (Totten-

ham) Company. Rifle Team: L./Sergt. Lenney, Cpls. Allinson, Beale, Bundy and Duck, L./Cpls. Tassell and Wade, and Ptes. Brown and Oxley. Lewis-gun Team: L./Sergt. Sutton, Cpls. Lambert and Kernot, L./Cpls. Desborough, Morley and Hobrough, and Ptes. Loxton, McGee and Warren.

INTER-COMPANY TROPHIES.

Clay Memorial Shield.—B (Enfield) Company.

Lee Memorial Challenge Shield.—B (Enfield) Company.

Warner Drill Cup.—D (Tottenham) Company.

Arnold White Cup.—H.Q. Wing (Hornsey). Team: Lieut. C. F. Denton, 2/Lieut. B. J. Paul, R.Q.M.S. W. Roberts, Sergts. J. Carter, W. Clarke and H. Webb, and Ptes. A. Clark and W. Gilbey.

Hornsey Vase.—B (Enfield) Company. Team: C.S.M. Cutting, Sergt. W. Povey, L./Cpls. T. Phillips and C. Starr, and Ptes. R. Freeman and B. Tack.

Volunteer Cup.—D (Tottenham) Company. Team: Ptes. J. Binhammer, C. Burbridge, J. French, F. Holman, E. Levett, F. Phipps, J. Taylor and W. Wood.

King Cup.—D (Tottenham) Company.

Barnet Cup.—B (Enfield) Company. Team: Sergt. E. R. Thomas, L./Cpl. C. Starr, and Ptes. L. Read, N. McCullum, R. Wood, L. Heard and B. Tack.

Inter-Platoon Tactical Cup.—D (Tottenham) Company.

Boxing Cup.—C (Hornsey) Company.

Cross-Country Running Cup.—B (Enfield) Company.

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES.

Officers' Cup (Rifle Shooting).—2/Lieut. B. J. Paul.

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Cup (Rifle Shooting).—1, Sergt. H. Webb; 2, Sergt. E. R. Thomas; 3, Sergt. T. Rockall.

Marksmen's Cup.—1, Pte. L. Heard; 2, Pte. F. McGee; 3, L./Cpl. C. Williams.

Lewis Gunners' Cup.—1, Pte. R. Freeman; 2, Pte. R. Baker; 3, Sergt. F. Powell.

Enfield Cup (Lewis Gun).—1, Pte. W. Hemingway; 2, Pte. W. Wood; 3, Pte. L. Powell.

SHOOTING.

Since the publication of the last issue of the Journal, a number of competitions have taken place, the chief of which has been the Brigade Fire Direction Competition. This was held at Headquarters on January 17th, and we were again second to the 9th Battalion by the narrow margin of 10 points. Whilst congratulating the 9th Battalion on their success, we hope next year we may be able to reverse positions with them.

In the Byrne Cup Competition our recruits showed a distinct improvement on last year by coming second to the 1st (Cadet) Battalion.

The King Cup (for miniature range shooting) was again won by D Company, who are to be congratulated on their all-round consistent shooting. They have a very fine team, which will be hard to beat.

The Barnett Cup (Fire Direction Competition) was won by B (M.G.) Company with comparative ease. Their success was largely due to their fire unit leader (Sergt. Thomas), whose fire orders were excellent. The team, too, had been well trained, and it was a thousand pities they were not allowed to represent us in the Brigade Competition. Next year, we understand, this rule will be relaxed, and if B Company can produce as good a team as this year they will be worthy representatives of the Battalion.

The Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition (Rifle and L.A.) is to take place shortly. We are again represented by D Company, who were easy winners in the eliminating competition. We hope they will repeat last year's success and retain the trophy for the Battalion.

BOXING.

The Battalion Team and Individual Championships were held at Headquarters on January 19th, before a large audience. Some good boxing was seen, and there is undoubtedly some very promising material on which to build a team for next year, when we hope we may have the services of an expert coach.

The individual winners were as follows:

Midge-weight (Boys).—Boy Pennick, H.Q. Wing.

Feather-weight (Boys).—Boy Moring, H.Q. Wing.

Fly-weight.—Pte. Dymond, C Company.

Bantam-weight.—Pte. Tassell, D Company.

Feather-weight.—Pte. Nation, C Company.

Light-weight.—Drum-Major Lamprell, H.Q. Wing.

Welter-weight.—Sergt. Parker, B (M.G.) Company.

Middle-weight.—Pte. Hylott, D Company.

Light Heavy-weight.—L./Cpl. Hall, C Company.

Heavy-weight.—Pte. Cooper, D Company.

The competition for the Team Championships was keenly contested between C and D Companies, the latter eventually winning by 2 points.

The following were the results:—

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| 1. D Company | ... | ... | 10 points |
| 2. C Company | ... | ... | 8 points |
| 3. H.Q. Wing | ... | ... | 2 points |
| B (M.G.) Company | ... | ... | 2 points |
| 5. A Company | ... | ... | 0 points |

In the Middlesex Group Championships, which took place at Willesden on January 28th, our team were second to the 9th Battalion, whom we congratulate, not only on winning the Group Championship, but also on being successful again in securing the Divisional Championship. They have a very fine team, and one which will be difficult to beat, although we have great hopes of doing so next year.

Our individual winners in the Group Championships were Pte. Desborough, D Company (middle-weight) and Pte. Cooper, D Company (heavy-weight). The former is a distinctly promising boxer, and, with experience, should do well.

We must congratulate Pte. Nation, C Company, on putting up such a plucky fight in this competition against a more experienced boxer, and so gaining the best loser's prize.

It is always gratifying to see officers taking part in the "noble art." This year Capt. Bartram and 2/Lieut. Jefferson both entered in the officers' weights. They were unopposed in both the Group and Divisional Championships, and so had no opportunity of trying themselves out before the T.A. Championships. In

these they were both, unfortunately, beaten. We were particularly sorry to hear that Capt. Bartram had broken his right hand in his first fight, and we hope he may make a speedy recovery. Next year we want more officers to box. If we are to have a good team, as much depends on the officers as on the other ranks, and it must be everyone's endeavour, from now onwards, to win the Group Championship. We can only do this by hard, conscientious training, and this must start with the new season, next September.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

The Battalion Inter-Company Cross-Country Running Championship was held at Mill Hill on March 28th, in delightful weather, over a three-and-a-half-mile course.

In an exciting race B (M.G.) and D Companies tied with 21 points each, C Company finishing next with 45 points. The chances of H.Q. Wing and A Company were ruined by their inability to find complete teams. It is hoped that next year they will make every endeavour to find full teams.

The individual winner was L./Cpl. Phillips, B (M.G.) Company, who ran extremely well, and finished strongly with a good lead over the second man, Cpl. Bundy, D Company.

The Battalion team is now training for the Divisional Cross-Country Run, which is to take place at Sevenoaks on April 22nd.

A COMPANY.

We are very pleased to welcome to Highgate our new officer, 2/Lieut. A. D. Jefferson, and we hope his stay with us will be a long and pleasant one. We should also like to offer our congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Ellis on his recent promotion.

Since our last notes graced the pages of this Journal we have had quite an eventful time. First, the Children's Party was held at Hornsey on January 7th, and was, as usual, a great success. The grown-ups seemed to enjoy themselves quite as much as the youngsters, and the ladies who so kindly helped with the tea made admirable "Nippies." There was mild consternation among the

kiddies when, with appropriate noises, a tank rumbled into the hall, driven by Capt. Johnson, who looked very smart in his overalls and black beret. When Father Christmas—a very familiar figure—appeared, accompanied by his "little boy," who seems to have changed somewhat since the departure of Major Ford, there was a delighted shout from the children. They all received presents as in previous years, and were sent home tired out.

The next event of importance was the Battalion Boxing Championships. Though A Company did not cover itself with glory, we had a fair number of entrants, and our parades show a better-looking lot of faces now that their owners have again adopted more peaceful pastimes. We must congratulate our officers on their bloodless victories in the Brigade and Divisional Shows, but were sorry to hear that Capt. Bartram smashed his right hand in the eliminating rounds prior to the finals. We hope that he will be quite fit again in time to lead our shooting team to victory at the Battalion Rifle Meeting. Congratulations are also due to Ptes. Desborough and Cooper, who both reached the Divisional finals.

We were very pleased to see our new Divisional Commander at the Prize Distribution on March 4th, which was greatly enjoyed by everybody. Although the Company had no trophies to receive, we had three members of the Battalion rifle team that did so well at the Brigade Meeting. C.S.M. Howard and Sergt. Knight were joint M.Cs. for the all ranks' dance that followed. This was a very jolly, if somewhat crowded, affair, and a large measure of its success is due to Mr. Laing and the Battalion Band, who also fulfilled another engagement at the Alexandra Palace on March 19th. We are glad to see that the local authorities realize that we possess a Band that can hold its own with anybody.

On February 26th a T.E.W.T. for N.C.Os. was held near Northaw, and, in spite of the bad weather, there was a very good attendance. This Company showed up very well, having ten N.C.Os. present out of a total of twelve.

Mention was made in our last notes of a badminton match played by the Company, in which we were beaten by 15 matches to 1. We are pleased to state

that in the return fixture we managed to win four out of the sixteen games played. We are hoping to improve this figure by again multiplying our wins by four and winning all sixteen next time.

Before we leave off, we should like to thank B Company for their charming little Stop Press note in their last issue. May we retaliate by congratulating Capt. Johnson on his recent promotion, and by hoping that B Company realize how lucky they are?

B (M.G.) COMPANY.

Referring to our February edition, there were one or two events we promised to say more about in this issue.

The Battalion Boxing Championships duly took place and, although we did not win the cup, we put up quite a good show. Whilst on the question of boxing, we should like to offer our sympathy to Capt. Bartram on his recent accident to a hand during the T.A. Championships. We hope that before he reads this the hand will be doing all its normal work.

The Children's Party was as successful as ever this year, and most of our married men's children were on parade with their mothers. On January 14th we held a Company Dance, which, in spite of the thickest fog of the year, was a great success. We were sorry that many of the officers and their guests could not get through the fog. Our own Company Commander took two hours and a half to do a journey which usually takes him eighteen minutes. (No remarks, please; this *was* due to the fog.)

For the second year in succession we managed to win the Fire Direction Competition (Barnet Cup), but owing to the rules we were not allowed to represent the Battalion. However, we understand that this rule has been amended and in future should the M.G. Company win they may represent the Battalion in the Brigade Competition.

On February 11th our late Company Commander, Capt. H. G. Arnold, was married to Miss Sendall at St. Mary's Church, Enfield. We wish him a long and happy married life—he looks very well on it so far.

On February 26th the N.C.Os. took part in a T.E.W.T. about Northaw. As usual, the rain spoilt the last part of the

show, but no one seemed to mind, and everyone did a really good day's work.

The Annual Prize Distribution took place on Saturday, March 4th. It is fully recorded elsewhere, so all we need say is that the Company did extraordinarily well this year. To crown our success all we need is that Perring Trophy. See to it, B!

Referring to the last paragraph of our February notes, we are pleased to say that our cups have returned home. They were actually found in a disused garden—we are really sorry that they were not of any use to the thief, but we are equally glad to have them back!

We are all glad to know that camp is an established thing this year, and we are looking forward to Exceat and all that it means to us.

Finally, we held our Annual Company Meeting and talked over the year's prospects. We think some good has come of it, as parades are steadily getting better.

As this is the last Magazine which will appear before Annual Camp this year, we ask every member of the Company to do his very utmost to do fifteen days in camp and, in the words of the Divisional General, "show the authorities how much we appreciate getting our camp again."

C COMPANY.

We are still suffering from that "second place" complex. This time it is boxing. We congratulate D Company on their win, having beaten us by two points. Out of consideration for D Company, we are now going to make strenuous efforts to relieve them of at least some of the enormous amount of the Battalion's silver for which they are held responsible. In connection with the boxing, we must mention Ptes. Dymond and Nation, who won the fly-weight and feather-weight competitions respectively. We cannot shower congratulations on everyone, but we must mention the fine performances put up by one or two of our novices for the first time in the ring. Ptes. Smith and Belling should do well next year.

We departed from our usual custom in finishing third in the Inter-Company Fire Direction Competition, but, of course,

felt it was only right to revert to second place in the Winter Weapon Training Competition. When the results of the Battalion Efficiency Competition were made public, we found that we were, of course, placed second.

The Cross-Country and Battalion Rifle Meeting are looming on the horizon. In all fairness to the rest of the Battalion, we are seriously thinking of winning these in order to give other companies a chance.

"Coursing" is still a popular pastime, Cpl. Hall and L./Cpl. Lauderback being on a Drill Course at L.D.S.I. A vacancy for a Sanitary Course at Aldershot did not seem to have such a widespread appeal. In view of the early rising necessary for this, it has been suggested that a lamp-lighter's Course would have been more in line with popular feeling.

We are sorry to hear that C.S.M. Allin will shortly leave us, on termination of engagement. He joined the Battalion many years ago, serving right through the Great War, and has been with this Company as C.S.M. since 1926. We all wish him the best of luck. His place will be taken by C.S.M. Howard, from A Company. We are pleased to have C.S.M. Howard back again in his new capacity. Incidentally, he should strengthen our rifle team for the Battalion Meeting.

Clr.-Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) Bryan will shortly "down pens," pack up his Army Forms, and move to the other side of our communal office as C.S.M. of H.Q. Wing. We congratulate him on his impending promotion, and hope that he will see that H.Q. Wing in future have their own blotting-paper.

His successor is not yet appointed, but we welcome him "in the abstract." We congratulate Sergt. Nolan and Cpls. Leggett, Hunt and Hall on their recent promotion, and also L./Cpl. Lauderback on his appointment.

We must all regret the tragic circumstances which led to the death of L./Cpl. Williams shortly after Christmas. Williams was one of the most efficient of the Battalion's young N.C.Os. His loss is keenly felt, especially on the athletic side of our activities. We extend our deepest sympathy to his mother. At his funeral the officers were represented by Capt. S. A. Wilson Brown, the Sergeants by

Sergt. Porter, and the Corporals and Privates by Pte. Valentine.

D COMPANY.

So many things have happened since the last issue of THE DIE-HARDS that it is rather difficult to know how to start these notes. Referring to that old and never-failing friend, the Regimental Diary, we find that the Barnet (Fire Direction) Cup was the first important event of the quarter. As was anticipated, B (M.G.) Company carried the day, and in our opinion would also have won the Brigade Competition had they been allowed to enter. As it was, we were a close second in both events, but for the benefit of the world in general we would say that we have something up our sleeve for next year.

After a short spell in the doldrums, our boxing team asserted themselves once more in no uncertain manner, and won the Battalion Competition at Headquarters on January 19th. All the old and experienced "toughs" who have served us so well in the past have disappeared, and in their place we have a young and very promising team, who should be a tower of strength to the Company and the Battalion for some years to come.

The following won their weights: Ptes. Cooper (heavy), Hylott (middle), and E. Tassell (bantam), whilst Ptes. Nelson (middle), Desborough (welter), Watts (light) and Clewley (bantam) were runners-up in their respective weights. Desborough and Watts put up exceedingly fine shows, the first-named being unlucky not to beat that experienced B Company expert, Sergt. Parker, in the welter-weight final, whilst Watts fought ten very plucky rounds and is obviously a man to be watched.

In the Brigade Championships Cooper had a walk-over, and Desborough, going up to middle-weight, did really well to win his weight. These two were eventually beaten at the Divisional Meeting at Chelsea.

Shooting maintains its popularity amongst the members of the Company, and, judging by the number of our representatives in the Battalion miniature range teams, their practice is not in vain. We supplied four men and two reserves

for the Battalion VI, and six of the Recruits VIII. The Company lost its first miniature range match since 1931 when we put a team in the field against University College School O.T.C. on Sunday, February 12th. The result was remarkably close (408—403), but the School thoroughly deserved their win and it was an eye-opener to see the excellent shooting of the younger members of the team.

D Company again won the Battalion Winter Weapon Training Competition easily, and we have high hopes of retaining the Brigade Efficiency Cup. The following figures of merit speak for themselves (possible 175):—

Battalion Competition, 1932.—145 pts.

Brigade Competition, 1932.—155 pts.

Battalion Competition, 1933.—150 pts.

We are now hoping for the best!

In the rifle team Cpl. Bundy and Pte. Coomber registered possibles (45), whilst Sergt. Lenney (44) and Cpl. Allinson (42) also shot consistently. The best Lewis-gun scores were: L./Cpl. Morley, with the maximum score of 75, Cpl. Kernot 71, Pte. Warren 71, L./Cpl. Hobrough 70, and L./Cpl. Desborough 70.

It is noteworthy to mention that, although last year D Company won three out of the four competitions open to all companies in the Brigade, the Brigade Efficiency Cup, the Young Soldiers' and Lewis Gun Trophies at Purfleet, we were but fourth in the Battalion Efficiency Competition! This seems rather a curious situation, and the fact that we took seven of the fourteen trophies at the Battalion Prize Distribution does not help us in the solution of the problem. Considering all things, we think that the gods have not been at all kind! Still, are we worrying? No, we disdain cups—give us a tankard (preferably foaming) any day.

D Company were well represented at the N.C.Os.' T.E.W.T. held at Northaw. The new-born lambs must have had a shock to see our stalwarts in full cry looking for "features." Capt. Christodoulo reminded us of those "fine" days at camp by appearing in gum-boots. In passing, we would suggest that cigars should be banned on such serious occasions as these!

We would like to hand our very belated congratulations to C.S.M. Cutting, L./Cpls. Hobrough and Desborough, and Ptes. Fuller and Oxley, who all obtained Q.1 on a recent N.C.Os.' Weapon Training Cadre at Headquarters. One or two of the junior members did extremely well.

The pursuit of the badminton shuttle has been our chief relaxation lately, and we would recommend our more rotund members to come along and get rid of that surplus *avoids*. We have played two matches, winning one, and, although our play may not be very scientific, we hit hard and often.

Our cross-country team have been doing their stuff on the Finsbury Park running track. We are informed that Mr. Scott Lowe and Cpl. Bundy went round so many times one day that they were called off for wearing out the track!

Camp looms near and Seaford promises to provide us with ample compensation for last year's disappointment. With a strength of over 150, we should march into camp very strong, but this can only be achieved by every member of the Company obtaining leave from his employer in good time. Use your loaf, D! HOTSPUR.

P.S.—We were very pleased to see the photographs of our late P.S.I., C.Q.M.S. Raindle, in the last issue of the Magazine. *Vive le sport*, Bill!

8th BATTALION NOTES.

DURING the first two months of this quarter the Battalion concentrated on boxing—a special effort was made in an attempt to win the Brigade Boxing Trophy. The 9th Battalion were much too good for us, and we congratulate them on retaining the Boxing Cup. Ptes. Dollimore and Mills were awarded good losers' prizes, and Cpl. Reed, and Ptes. Dollimore and Garrett are to be congratulated on the very sporting efforts they made.

The result of the Battalion Boxing Competition for the Fenton Cup is as follows:—

1. H.Q. Wing	51 points
2. B Company	33 „
3. A Company	18 „
4. C Company	11 „
5. D Company	10 „

The Miniature Range Fire Direction Competition resulted in a win for B (M.G.) Company. D Company, the rifle company with the highest score, was selected to represent the Battalion in the Brigade Fire Direction Competition. Whether it was the long and cold bus ride from Uxbridge to Hornsey, or whether it was "wind up," the Company failed to give of its best, and in consequence the Fire Direction Trophy passed to the 9th Battalion, whom we congratulate.

The Battalion Cross-Country Run was held at Ruislip on Saturday, March 18th. This again resulted in a win for D Company, but H.Q. Wing managed to get first man home (Pte. Kendall).

Congratulations to:—

2/Lieut. M. C. D. King on passing his promotion examination to Captain.

2/Lieuts. Turner and Blair on passing Certificate A, Part II.

Lieuts. Marks and Cloutte on their recent promotion.

C Company on having entered teams in two recent competitions.

B Company on having settled their brewer's bill.

Lieut. Mayer on winning his weight (light-weight) at the Territorial Army Boxing Championships, and on being selected to fight at the Imperial Services Championships.

Lieut. Warrell on putting up a sporting effort at the Divisional Boxing finals.

Capt. Black on extricating himself from a perilous position.

BATTALION CHRISTMAS TREE AND PARTY.

January 21st saw a happy gathering at Battalion Headquarters, Hounslow, the occasion being the Annual Christmas Tree and Tea.

Some 380 parents and children sat down to tea at 4 p.m. and did justice to the good things provided. After tea the presents were distributed from a tastefully decorated tree in the time-honoured fashion by Major R. B. Hirst, who was vested with full authority by Father

Christmas himself. He arrived to the sound of music (?) on the lutes, harps, salters, etc., of the Regimental Band under Bandmaster A. S. Groves, and with due pomp and circumstance, after an uneventful journey by Jam Pan escorted by Pimpo.

The manner in which he accomplished the arduous task (which coupled nearly two hours) is worthy of special mention.

After the presents were duly delivered into the eager hands of the multitude, games were indulged in until the charabancs arrived for the return journey to outlying drill halls. All voted it a very enjoyable time. The success was entirely due to the fact that all the cakes, pastries and crackers (the number of the latter was some sixty dozen) were given by friends of the Battalion; well-wishers of the Battalion gave generous donations in cash, and lastly, but by no means least, the time and energy spent by the officers' wives in buying, sorting and labelling the presents and preparing the tea, materially contributed to an enjoyable afternoon.

To anyone watching the proceedings, it was very evident that the occasion had been looked forward to for some time and was thoroughly enjoyed. These facts alone make a repetition in 1933 a certainty.

H.Q. WING.

During the past quarter, all groups have been hard at it, and have taken a keen interest in Individual Training.

The Signallers have concluded a strenuous course, as a result of which we hope to see that every Signaller classifies in the Annual Test.

The Band and Drums have been working quietly—well, as quietly as musicians can, you know—and they are going to show the world what they can do. Look out for the big noise (with music) at Annual Training.

Ptes. Garrett and Mills and the brothers Dollimore put up a good show in the Brigade Boxing, but all unfortunately lost on points so we were not represented in the Divisional finals. They are to be congratulated on their skill and pluck. Next year we hope they will get farther.

The 44th Divisional R.A.S.C. challenged us to a shoot on the miniature range, three practices—slow, rapid and

snap. We were victors by 83 points. Our team has entered for the T.A. Small Bore Match, which takes place in the near future. We hope to report in the next issue that we have been equally successful.

The football team have struck a bad patch, but, in spite of a spell of bad luck, are sticking to it and hoping for better results.

We entered for the Middlesex Junior Charity Cup, and were drawn against the well-known Hayes team. The game was played on as wretched an afternoon as could be; it poured in torrents, and we lost 1-7, so must blame something, if only the elements. Our R.Q.M.S. turned out in an oilskin hat, lifeboatman pattern. The spectators soon nicknamed him "Skipper"; he answered all inquiries as to what time the lifeboat was coming out, and whether there would be "Skippers" for tea. After the match the team sat down to a much-appreciated meal, and easily defeated it.

We entered a team for the Winter Weapon Training Competition, but were first at the wrong end. We did hope for better results, although we can take some consolation in the fact that Cpl. Woodall's rifle team were third—not bad, you know, when competing against rifle companies. Our Lewis-gun team were short in strength, which we think explains the cause of our position.

We hope that Ptes. Baker and Jones, and Boy Thomas have a successful career in the Regular Army. We have lost some good lads.

At the time of writing, Easter Training looms very close, and those of us who are able will be visiting Mill Hill, and are looking forward to meeting old friends and having a pleasant time at the Depot.

H.Q.

A COMPANY.

This quarter has been a somewhat busy one for all as regards training and competitions.

Individual Training is now on its last lap, and we can say that everybody has taken his training seriously and has learnt quite a lot from it.

We should like to congratulate all those who represented the Battalion in the

Brigade Boxing Competition on putting up such a splendid show.

The special Signal Training which started on January 30th has now finished. We were pleased to see such a regular attendance each evening, and hope that the N.C.Os. and men who attended will have had great benefit from it, and again go all out to retain the Kittoe Cup for the Battalion.

The month of March was a busy one with regard to competitions. Firstly, the Winter Weapon Training Competition, when we were tested on Thursday, March 16th. Well, we have not much to say about this, but can say we had a shock when the result was published that we took fourth place, after the extra training put in for this, and we should like to thank the N.C.Os. and men for the time they gave for training. We congratulate D Company on winning this, also C Company, who have shown us that it can be done; we wish them better luck next time.

The Battalion Cross-Country Run took place at Northolt on Saturday, March 18th. This really was a foregone result, as we admit D Company have a splendid running team, which will take some time to be beaten. Well, again congratulations to D Company. Here again we bow to fourth place. Now, A Company, you have tried hard, but you must try harder and get a first place. If we let Don Company pull off all the trophies they will have to render an estimate for a larger Drill Hall to hold same. Pte. Smith put up a good show in the run in coming in sixth in the Battalion. Well done!

Referring to the social side, the Saturday night socials have been going very well. On Saturday, February 11th, we invited all officers, and this was a success; dancing took place in the hall, and games in the club-room. With regard to dancing, we proved this can be done with the radio-gramophone. We are now going to try our luck at weekly dances, starting with a Grand Carnival on March 25th.

B (M.G.) COMPANY.

Easter being rather late, we are unfortunately not able to give any training details and results, but one officer and

thirty N.C.Os. and men will be at Mill Hill during the Easter break.

We have just concluded the Winter Weapon Training Competition, and were placed third, and we must congratulate D Company on their win and on representing the Battalion on yet another occasion.

Naturally, we are at the moment going very hard at it, due to the close proximity of the Perring Machine Gun Trophy Competition. Things are looking very bright and, although we say so "as shouldn't," we will take a lot of beating.

Congratulations to Capt. Maddox on having passed a course at the London District School of Instruction on the tactical handling of machine guns, and we are looking forward keenly to the future for him to pass on some of this to the Company at Annual Training.

We are pleased to have Lieut. Cloutte and 2/Lieut. Blair attached to us for machine-gun training, and hope that their stay will be an enjoyable one.

On March 18th we went to Northolt Aerodrome, where we took part in the Battalion Cross-Country Race. Unfortunately we were without some of our outstanding "turns," so we were again placed second. What couldn't we do if only these celebrities could turn up and run for us! L./Cpl. Crump has again been selected to represent the Battalion in the Divisional Run.

Heartiest congratulations to Lieut. Mayer on winning the Territorial Army Officers' Light-weight Championship, the third time in four years we believe; also the best of luck in the Inter-Services Competition on April 11th and 12th, in which he is representing the Territorial Army, at Portsmouth.

In conclusion, we are rather bucked that the Company football team finished runners-up in the Chiswick and District Football League. Next year we are going to be at the head of it.

C COMPANY.

No doubt everybody is busy writing about this year's camp, so we add nothing, but hope to see all old—and many new—friends at Eastbourne in August.

Our dances are still going strong, much to the enjoyment of ourselves and our

friends and the improvement of our bank balance. The New Year's Eve dance was a corker, and we raise our hats to the Committee. Pte. Woodhouse (*alias* Father Time) really looked the part, and, despite his traditional age, has a future in front of him. Very kindly he postponed closing-time to enable us to greet his successor.

Elsewhere the reader will no doubt find a report of the Battalion Prize Giving. We admit that our charabanc was not overcrowded with pots on the return journey to Staines, but the one we did take was, you will agree, a good one.

Company competitions have had to take second place to preparation for Battalion competitions, and the hard work necessary in preparation for dances, so the only one of note to report was darts, won (?) by L./Sergt. Wright.

As a mark of our appreciation of their good and strenuous work, the Dance Committee were entertained to a dinner and social evening. Eighteen sat down, including the O.C. and all other officers of the Company, and we proceeded to enjoy well-cooked and well-served fare. Our thanks are due to Sergt.-Major and Mrs. Cook, who carried out the arrangements so excellently, and to Cpl. Raymond, who officiated at the piano. The evening ended, alas, all too soon.

For the cross-country run we turned out a good team; not, however, good enough to wrest the trophy from Don Company, whom we heartily congratulate, at the same time warning them that we intend to win it next year. Our team was: L./Cpl. R. Pearce, and Ptes. Bantick, Stevenson, Wheeler, Plume, Burt, Cuming, Dakin and Fisher. They put up a very creditable performance.

And now to the more serious side of life.

Intensive Signal Training is in full swing, and, judging from the keen interest taken by the class, there should be excellent Classification results at Mill Hill at Easter. L./Sergt. Wright, in charge of the class, has put in much hard work, and we hope he will be duly rewarded by 100 per cent. classification.

In the Winter Weapon Training Competition C Company is at long last coming back to its old form. From the results, to be seen on another page, you will see that we are not in the position of the

cow's tail, thanks to the excellent work put in by the teams, the renewed keenness all round, and the help of the P.S.I. Other companies must look to their laurels in future—our jaws are set, and our toes dug in.

A note of sadness must end our contribution to this issue, as the Company has lost two men of fine character and lovable personality. Cpl. Hart and Pte. Barker both answered the final roll call during January. Our deepest sympathy goes to those who loved them.

D COMPANY.

Since last going to press we have experienced a peculiarly uneventful phase in the Company's life, apart, of course, from the one or two successes consequent upon a really intensive period of winter training.

Everything we have been engaged in has gone with a swing and without a hitch, everybody pulling together in a truly commendable manner.

On March 13th we were put through our paces for the Weapon Training Team Competition and Miniature Range Competition, being fortunate in pulling these off, coming out first in both events. A great deal of credit for these results is due, of course, to our able P.S.I., Sergt.-Major Barber, who, without doubt, has a very happy knack of converting all our latent possibilities into real live talent; at least, we call it that, for, as Edison once remarked, and as in our case is very true, "Genius is 90 per cent. perspiration."

On March 18th the Battalion Cross-Country Run took place, our team coming first again. We are very fortunate in having an extremely enthusiastic team and good coaches, the combination making us formidable opponents. We think it is quite permissible for us to use the word "formidable," as there is no doubt that the other companies have very strong teams.

We have been making a special effort recently to turn out first-grade signallers, Sergt.-Major Sparkes, of course, being our signalling expert, taking charge of this department.

On March 20th our N.C.Os., under Capt. Hartley, took part in the Battalion Tactical Exercises without Troops, held in the region of Richmond Park, the

whole scheme resulting in an exceptionally good day's work.

We still have a very fair recruit squad in the throes of training, who are going to be a very good all-round addition to the Company. Their former very able instructor has had to cease his activities in that direction to take over the Signallers, as has been mentioned previously. No longer will his fair form be seen performing gyrations and contortions during P.T.

By popular request we are recommending our weekly dances shortly—somewhat late, we must confess—they having been discontinued some time ago. As our dances have always gone very well locally—as our readers well know from our former notes—we are anticipating very good attendances.

We look forward to presenting our readers with a really super-programme in our next notes, so until then must bid you "au revoir."



9th BATTALION NOTES.

THE year started badly with a heavy defeat in the Divisional Football Cup by the 4th Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment to the tune of 7-2. Owing to various causes, we were unable to field a full team, and in addition the team had a distinct off day, thus causing our worst defeat for some years. Since then, however, things have been going better from a Battalion point of view.

The Inter-Company Boxing Competition was held on January 12th, and, although there were slightly fewer entries than last year, the fighting was well up to standard. C Company were successful in winning the cup by a comfortable margin.

The Inter-Company Fire Direction Competition on January 10th resulted in a win for A Company No. 2 Team, commanded by Sergt. Bateman. The shooting of this team was very much superior to that of any other, and this won them the competition. The fire orders on the whole were very good, but the shooting, with the exception of the winners, was not up to the standard of the fire orders.

The Brigade Competition took place the following week, and here again the shooting of Sergt. Bateman's team, who were representing the Battalion, proved the deciding factor, and the Brigade Cup returned to us after a year's absence. The whole team are to be congratulated on their win.

Our record year of boxing successes last year has been equalled, if not exceeded, this year. We have again won the Brigade and Divisional Cups, and in addition furnished the Territorial Army welter-weight champion in Pte. R. H. Saunders, and the T.A. light heavy-weight runner-up in Pte. J. S. Weaterton.

The Brigade Competition was held at Willesden this year, and resulted in a fairly easy win for the Battalion, the following winning their weights:—

Pte. Weaterton (light heavy).
Pte. Saunders (welter).
Pte. Gaït (light).
Pte. Broome (feather).
Pte. Smith (bantam).
Pte. Carney (fly).

The final of the welter-weight was between Ptes. Saunders and Townes, who won the T.A. Championship in 1929. This provided one of the best fights seen in the Drill Hall for years. Saunders was a shade the quicker, and just won a very fine fight. Pte. Smith, a new member of the Battalion, showed fine form in winning his two fights in the first round, and Pte. Gaït, another young recruit, also boxed very well.

The Divisional finals at Chelsea resulted in a narrow win for us by one point. Pte. Smith was unfortunately not able to box owing to a broken nose, and Pte. Carney was overweight and not allowed to fight. Weaterton, Saunders and Broome, however, all won their fights and got us home by one point. Pte. Gaït fought well, but was beaten by a more experienced man. Next year he should do well.

Our three winners took part in the T.A. finals at the London Scottish Drill Hall on March 8th and 9th. Broome met his opponent of last year in the preliminary rounds and once again just lost the verdict after a very close fight. Weaterton and Saunders both won their way into the finals at the Albert Hall. Saunders met his opponent of last year, who beat him

in the final, but this time he won a very good fight. Weaterton was handicapped by a cut eye, but nevertheless put up a very fine fight, and just lost on points. It was a very fine achievement to have two members of the Battalion in the finals, and we hope that Weaterton will win next year.

Turning to more military matters, a tactical exercise for officers and N.C.Os. was arranged at Hawridge on February 25th and 26th. Unfortunately this coincided with the worst snowstorm of the century and the N.C.Os.' exercise was cancelled. The officers, however, went out, and after staying the Saturday night at Tring, spent a profitable if uncomfortable morning doing the first two problems. Conditions were too bad after lunch for anything except indoor work, and a few questions were asked on "Q" arrangements which were admirably answered by the O.C. H.Q. Wing, after which the exercise was concluded.

The Divisional exercise was carried out at Cambridge on February 25th and 26th and was favoured with glorious weather. The C.O., Second-in-Command and Adjutant attended. The Divisional Commander gave a most interesting lecture on the Saturday night.

A reconnaissance of the training areas for Annual Training at Crowlink was carried out by the Company Commanders on March 18th and 19th, and, in spite of indifferent weather, much useful work was done.

Extra training on two Sundays has been carried out by the Signal Section in the neighbourhood of Boreham Wood and the Depot respectively, and have been well attended in each case.

Sergts. Cooper and Impey have been attending so many courses at the London District School of Instruction that they will shortly be taking up their quarters there altogether. They have returned with good reports on each occasion. Capt. Hardcastle has also attended a course in range-taking at the Military College of Science, and now calls loudly for an "indoor teacher."

We have lost Lieuts. Petrie and Mordue to the Reserve, the former through pressure of work, and the latter having obtained an appointment in the Survey Office in Calcutta. To counter-balance this, we have another honorary member

in the person of Miss Furness, who arrived on January 16th. We offer our congratulations to Lieut. and Mrs. Furness.

It is impossible to close these notes without reference to the death of Drum-Major Goodwin, who after a week's illness died of double pneumonia on January 12th. After serving for twenty-one years in the 1st, 3rd and 4th Battalions of the Regiment, he joined the 9th Battalion as Orderly Room Clerk and Drum-Major in 1926, where he soon made himself invaluable. In addition to his work in building up and training the Corps of Drums, his activities included assistance in the running of the football team, whist drives and dances.

He was an enthusiastic and indefatigable worker in every branch of the Battalion's activities, and many of the Battalion's various successes were due in no small measure to his enthusiasm. A cheerful and enthusiastic personality, he was immensely popular with all ranks. His sudden death was a great loss to his innumerable friends and to the Battalion in general. He was buried on January 20th in the Willesden New Cemetery with full military honours.

We are fortunate in getting Sergt. Bray, late Drum-Major of the 1st Battalion, as Drum-Major in his place.

The Annual Old Comrades' Dinner was held on March 4th at Willesden (Head-quarters). It was very well attended by 139 members, and was made notable by the presentation by the Old Comrades of a very fine trophy to the Battalion. The trophy is a silver model of a man of the Battalion in Colonial service kit, mounted on a plinth with the following inscription:

"Presented to the Officer Commanding 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), by its Old Comrades in commemoration of the Battalion's service during the Great War."

The trophy is for competition of a nature to be decided by the Commanding Officer.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Lieut. Wright on his recent engagement.

A COMPANY.

First and foremost we must congratulate Sergt. Bateman and his team—com-

prised as follows: L./Cpl. S. Margeson and Ptes. A. Keene, S. Parker and N. Hilton—on winning both the Battalion and Brigade Fire Direction Competitions.

We entered two teams for the Battalion Competition, and there is no doubt that these teams have put in a great deal of hard work. It was particularly gratifying to note the great improvement in the shooting by a number of members of the Company, and we should have been extremely disappointed if we had not done well in the competition. Without detracting in any way from the merits of Sergt. Bateman's team, we perhaps may say that the unexpected happened, and the second team won the Battalion Competition. Not only did they do this, but they went farther and put up an extremely good show in the Brigade Competition and won this also.

This year we were not so lucky in the Inter-Company Boxing Competition. We feel that we had the material in the Company to have won this competition, but unfortunately two of the best novice competitors were unable to fight. Pte. Butler was putting up an extremely good show, and would in all probability have won his fight if it had not been that practically on the sound of the gong in the first round he received a very nasty cut over his eye, and under medical orders was not allowed to continue the fight. However, we hope we may do better next year. All congratulations to C Company on their win.

When we come to the Brigade and Divisional shows we had two members of our Company fighting, and we offer our hearty congratulations to Pte. Saunders, who is now welter-weight champion of the Territorial Army. Not quite a record for the Battalion, but it is certainly a record for A Company. Pte. Broom won his way through the Brigade and Divisional Competitions, but was just beaten in the second round of the individual competitions held in the London Scottish Drill Hall. We wish him better luck next time, and hope that he may appear at the Albert Hall next year.

Sergts. Cooper and Impey have just rejoined the Company after having been away on two instructional courses, and we should like to congratulate them on their extremely good reports. It is some time since we have had two such expert

instructors bursting with up-to-date knowledge, and we should acquit ourselves well in the various competitions to take place in the future. We especially have in mind the musketry competitions to be held at Rainham, and if we do not win one or more competitions down there it will not be through lack of up-to-date instructors.

Lieut. Mordue has left the Company to our great regret to take up an appointment in Calcutta. We wish him the best of luck.

Lieut. Gunston has been granted three months' leave owing to pressure of work. We hope to see him at camp.

B (M.G.) COMPANY.

When Easter is late there is but little to report for the first three months of the year, as our energies are largely expended on preparation for the Machine Gun Competition, and we defy anyone to be lyrical about the training for that competition.

We endeavoured, in conjunction with the other companies, to have a day in the country in February, but the weather decided that we knew enough already, and the exercise was cancelled.

A certain officer has lately returned from a course, and stray remarks about "mean residuals" and "standard figures for consistency" have been heard around the Drill Hall. All very well for them who understand, but mere Greek to the uninitiated. Even the initiated find the vagaries of 5 rds. difficult to understand and they have our heartfelt sympathies.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to L./Cpl. Wright on his engagement, and wish him and the future Mrs. Wright every happiness.

C COMPANY.

As usual, I have the pleasure of deputizing for the Company scribe.

Now that the Christmas festivities are over we are settling down to business seriously.

We entered two teams for the Harmonized Sights Competition—C1 Team, composed of Sergt. Hattley, and Ptes. Mas-call, Fox, Gravestock and Didcock; and C2 Team, composed of Cpl. Campkin,

L./Cpl. Jones, and Ptes. P. Tanner, G. Tanner and Powell.

Both teams did very well, C1 being third, and C2 fourth, and, from what I can hear, C1 should have won the competition. Their shooting was very accurate, but by some mistake in the sighting all their shots were low. In this same competition A Company were the winners, and we heartily congratulate them.

We concentrated a bit more on boxing this year, and, thanks to the excellent training our team received from ex-Sergt. Doman, we were able to win the Battalion Boxing Cup. We entered seven boxers: three welters, one light, one feather, one bantam and one fly.

Of the welters, Pte. Catchpole beat Pte. Dandridge. Pte. Pinfold won his first fight and met Catchpole in the final, which Catchpole won after a jolly good fight. Our light-weight, Pte. Didcock, won his first fight by the knock-out route in the first few seconds of the fight, and the final on points. Pte. Carter won the feather-weight series by the same method as Didcock, handing out to others what Bert Doman handed to them earlier on in the year.

Gravestock in the bantams won his weight by excellent boxing against a very good man, and Baxter in the fly-weight class was very unlucky to lose, having had his man down twice, and then being knocked out himself. Hard luck, Baxter; better luck next time.

We are proud of the whole team for the good show they put up, and we were pleased to see more of the Company turn up to support them. Good support is half the battle.

From our finalists, Pte. Didcock was chosen to represent the Battalion at the Brigade Tournament, but was unlucky to lose against a more experienced boxer, and Pte. Catchpole was reserve welter-weight.

Next year we hope to have a few more in the Battalion team.

Result of Battalion boxing: C Company, entries 7, finalists 6, semi-finalists, 1.

We are now waiting for the results of the Sherwood Shield Competition and will be very much surprised if the shield remains at Hendon. We have an idea that the air at Wealdstone would do it quite a lot of good, so we are making

room for it in anticipation of its coming here. I do not think I ought to say anything more about it at the moment, and as a matter of fact I must draw to a close because I have not soaked the dart-board yet (yes, our Dart Club still exists), and I have got to get things ready for our Company team to try their hand once more at winning the S.M.R.C. medals.

P.S.—We have not transferred any more Old Comrades yet. There is one nearly up to standard at shooting. A little more improvement and we will give him a trial.

QUOITS.

D COMPANY.

Beyond the Battalion Boxing Competition and training for the Winter Weapon Training Competition, little of note has taken place this quarter.

We welcome Lieut. S. H. Townall back to the Company after a long sojourn in the wilderness, and C.S.M. Simmonds from the 2nd Battalion, who has taken over the duties of P.S.I., C.S.M. Rand having taken his discharge.

Two members of the Company distinguished themselves in the Battalion boxing team. Pte. Weaterton succeeded in reaching the final of the light heavyweight in the T.A. Championships, and was only beaten after a great fight. We wish him success next year. Pte. Gaith, although very young and comparatively inexperienced, put up a very good show in the Brigade and Divisional finals, and next year, with more experience and a better right-hand punch, should go a long way.

We hope in the next issue to record another victory in the Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition, and thus atone for last year's defeat.

THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX CADET ASSOCIATION NOTES.

APPOINTMENT.

Mr. C. A. F. Sheppard to be Second-Lieutenant, 2nd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, to date 25/3/33.

PROMOTIONS.

The following promotions have been approved, consequent on the division of the John Lyon School Company, 1st Cadet Battalion, into two companies (to date 1/5/33):—

Lieut. S. Kearsey to be Captain and O.C. 2nd Company.

2/Lieut. A. M. Mitchell to be Lieutenant and Second-in-Command, 1st Company.

2/Lieut. G. H. Fairs to be Lieutenant and Second-in-Command, 2nd Company.

3RD CADET BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

The following promotions have been approved:—

Lieut. J. L. R. Webb to be Captain, to date 1/3/33.

2/Lieut. P. J. Fenn to be Lieutenant, to date 1/2/33.

2/Lieut. Magnus Goodfellow to be Lieutenant, to date 31/3/33.

RESIGNATION.

C./Col. W. Scott-Miller, D.L., has resigned his appointment as a member of the County of Middlesex Cadet Association.

STRENGTH.

The strength of the Middlesex Cadet Brigade on March 31st, 1933, was 39 officers and 794 cadets.

ANNUAL CAMP, 1933.

Through the kindness of Lieut.-Col. M. Browne, M.C., Commanding 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, arrangements have been made for a party of about 10 officers and 100 cadets to be attached to the 2nd Battalion at Colchester from Saturday, August 5th, to Saturday, August 12th, for Annual Training.

GARDEN PARTY.

As reported in the previous issue of the Journal, Sir Robert and Lady Waley Cohen are giving a garden party at Caen Wood Towers, Highgate, on Saturday, May 27th, in order to raise funds for the County of Middlesex Cadets. Tickets are 10s. each, and it is hoped to sell 500. Arrangements are now well in hand, and tickets may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, County of Middlesex Cadet

Association, 66, Victoria Street, S.W.1. There are three tennis courts at Caen Wood Towers, and it is hoped that certain well-known players will give exhibition matches during the afternoon.

PLAY.

The Association are very glad to announce that the profit from the play—particulars of which were inserted in the previous issue of the Journal—amounted to £40 11s. 4d.

Our grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Marsden-Smedley, who organized the play, and to all those who assisted in the arrangements.

BOXING.

The 2nd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment beat the Frimley and Camberley Cadet Corps in the Command stage of the Prince of Wales's Shield, and will meet the 1st Cadet Bn. The London Regiment (The Queen's) for the South of England Championship at Chelsea Barracks on April 26th.

Col. P. Carlebach, C.M.G., T.D., has very kindly presented a Boxing Cup to the Middlesex Cadet Brigade, for competition amongst the units. It is hoped to announce the result of this year's competition in the next issue of the Journal.

The following is an extract from a local paper.

"LORD ALLENBY AND CADETS.

"SAVIOURS OF THE COUNTRY.

"AN EALING PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

"Field-Marshal Viscount Allenby, who was accompanied by Lady Allenby, distributed prizes to Ealing Cadets (the 2nd Cadet Battalion Middlesex Regiment) at Ealing Drill Hall on March 23rd.

"The Battalion, of which Lieut.-Colonel P. W. Heanly is commanding officer, paraded outside the Drill Hall and formed a guard of Honour for Viscount Allenby, who was received by many distinguished guests, including men prominently identified with the Cadet movement.

"Among them were the Mayor and Mayoress of Ealing (Councillor and Mrs.

A. E. Cobbin), the High Sheriff of Middlesex (Lieut.-Colonel M. F. M. S. Kittoe), Sir Montagu Sharpe, K.C., and Lady Sharpe, Lord Lawrence (Hon. Colonel), the Hon. Sarah Lawrence, Mrs. Otter, Colonel Carlebach (commandant of the City of London Cadet Brigade), Colonel G. Beach (commandant of the Middlesex Cadet Battalion), Colonel E. J. King, Captain G. J. Leatham, M.C., Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Samuel, Colonel A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, Sir James MacKenna, Alderman Colonel R. R. Kimmitt and Mrs. Kimmitt, County Councillor Mrs. F. M. Baker, Colonel Macgregor Greer, Colonel M. P. Browne, M.C., Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Colman, Major Wollocombe (officer commanding Middlesex Regiment Depot), Major W. F. Morris, M.C., and Mrs. Morris, Major the Rev. S. D. Young, the Rev. J. E. Cardigan Williams, Colonel W. H. Parmeter (commanding 8th Battalion Middlesex Regiment), Colonel Guy Lee, Mrs. Heanly, County Councillor H. J. Baker, Councillor E. H. Brooks and County Councillor Mrs. Brooks, Councillors T. P. May, W. J. S. Cox and Willoughby Garner, County Alderman Basil Holmes, and Messrs. A. H. Procter, J. Penn Howard, W. J. Dobson and R. J. T. Barnes.

"SCHOOL COMPANIES?

"Colonel Heanly, who said that Viscount Allenby's presence was a great encouragement to the Battalion, reviewed the local activities of the Cadets during the past year, and said it was his ambition to have companies of Cadets in all boys' schools. He could arrange parades quite easily so as not to interfere with the boys' scholastic duties or their blessed home work. (Laughter.)

"Except for the company at the Priory School, which is self-supporting, we are hopelessly 'broke,'" Colonel Heanly proceeded. 'We are now. (Laughter.) We want one or two drums because at present we go to church so quietly that nobody knows we go.' (Laughter.)

"Before proceeding to distribute the prizes, Viscount Allenby said he accepted the invitation with great enthusiasm because anything connected with Cadets always appealed to him.

"I look upon the Cadets as the future saviours of the country,' he proceeded,

'because they are the people who are keeping up the spirit of discipline without which we should go to pieces. There is a great danger that after our experiences of the last war we may think there will never be another war. I hope to God there may not be, for no one who has seen anything of war will want to see it again. We must, however, be prepared for it and the way to be prepared for it is by discipline—mental, moral and physical.

"DUTY AND DISCIPLINE."

"Many of those who were in the war were very young and missed a good deal of the training the older ones had had and might not realize what the duties and difficulties are. There can be no duty without discipline.

"During the war we lost a million or more of our best and bravest, and the children of the war lost the training and teaching they might have had from those who were doing their duty in the Army and dying in the performance of it. That was a great loss to the nation, but the Cadet movement, I am glad to say, is endeavouring to make up for that lack of early training. Two or three years ago it had a great set-back, but we were determined that it should not die and it is now more vigorous than it has ever been.' (Applause.)

"In proposing a vote of thanks, the Mayor recalled Lord Allenby's recent speech in which he referred to a conversation with a lady who asked him if he had ever been to Jerusalem. 'I have never been to Jerusalem,' he added, 'but for a short time I lived in the East End, so that I feel I have been in one of its suburbs.' (Laughter.)

"THE AWARDS."

"Viscount Allenby presented the following awards:—

"*Sir Sydney Skinner Cup for Regular Attendance (Drill Hall).*—Attended every parade, Cadet A. Andrews.

"*Regular Attendance (Northolt).*—Attended every parade, Cadet E. L. Groves.

"*Smartest on Parade (Drill Hall).*—Cadet L. Vellenoweth.

"*Smartest on Parade (Northolt).*—Lance-Corporal M. Robinson.

"*General Arms Drill (Drill Hall).*—Lance-Corporal H. C. Dicketts.

"*General Intelligence (Northolt).*—Cadet E. L. Groves.

"*Smartest Recruit (Drill Hall).*—Cadet W. A. Sofflett.

"*Smartest Recruit (Northolt).*—Cadet S. Pomford.

"*Cadet obtaining most Recruits (Drill Hall).*—Cadet L. Vellenoweth.

"*Cadet obtaining most Recruits (Northolt).*—Cadet E. L. Groves.

"*General Ability, Arms Drill for N.C.Os., 1932 (Prior School Company).*—C.S.M. Woollett.

"*General Ability, Squad Drill for N.C.Os. (Drill Hall).*—Sergt. A. T. Rockhey.

"*General Ability, Squad Drill for N.C.Os. (Northolt).*—Lance-Corporal Barber.

"*Section Commander (Drill Hall).*—Lance-Sergt. S. J. Whitburn.

"*Section Commander (Northolt).*—Corporal L. C. Deane.

"*Band Efficiency (Priory School Company).*—Lance-Corporal B. Rich.

"*Lord Lawrence Challenge Cup (for N.C.Os.' boxing).*—Sergt. C. R. Bartlett.

"*Appreciation for Services (C.O.'s Cup).*—R.S.M. W. Durham.

"*Appreciation for Services (Adjutant's Cup).*—C.S.M. E. Donaldson.

"The Black and Ambers (the concert party of the Ealing Toc H League of Women Helpers) gave an excellent entertainment."

CORRESPONDENCE.

WELLINGTON,
NEW ZEALAND.

February 22nd, 1933.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

I forward the enclosed, believing you will find space for it in your May Number. The only other old "Die-Hard," Michael Gill, is still on top. I heard from him on my 95th birthday; he will top his 96th in July next. He joins me in best wishes to the old Regiment. The first time Mick and I met was on March 6th, 1856, when

I was transferred from the 62nd to the "Die-Hards" in the Crimea—seventy-seven years ago in a couple more weeks; how does that stand for top place?

I am, etc.,
E. BEZAR,
Late Colour-Sergeant.

"VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY."

"SERGEANT-MAJOR BEZAR.

"Sergeant-Major Bezar celebrates his ninety-fifth birthday to-day. Seventy-eight years ago last month he joined his county regiment, the First Wiltshires 62nd Regiment, and a year later was transferred to the 57th in the Crimea. His first seven birthdays in the Army were spent as follows:—Seventeenth in Ireland, eighteenth in the Crimea, nineteenth in Malta, twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second in Aden, and twenty-third in New Zealand. This involved travelling many thousands of miles. He crossed the Mediterranean Sea four times between March 14, 1855, and October 4, 1857. The final trip was made from Malta to Alexandria. Everyone knows what took place in India in May, 1857. At that time the 57th Regiment was in Malta, and there must have been fully ten thousand troops on the island, mostly from the Crimea the year before. 'We naturally thought some would be sent to India, as most horifying news was coming from that country,' says Sergeant-Major Bezar, 'but no move was made until September 20, when an order came from the War Office that two hundred of the 57th Regiment were to be put in plain clothes and hurried away to Aden, via Egypt. The reason for this was the fact that a strong Sepoy regiment stationed there was causing anxiety. There were only seventy European troops there, and troops could not be spared from India. We sailed from Malta on September 30, and reached Suez on October 7. The steamer *Alma* was waiting our arrival to run us to Aden, and we landed there on October 14 for a two and a half years' stay.'

"His next experience was the Maori War. It brought him to New Zealand for his twenty-third birthday, and his friends will be quick to express the hope that he may go on to celebrate his one-hundredth."

3, FRITH COTTAGES,
PARTINGDALE LANE,
MILL HILL, N.W.
April 24th, 1933.

To the Secretary of the Middlesex Regimental Association.

DEAR SIR,

I regret to have read the news of the death of Lieut.-Col. F. S. Steed, and in his memory I enclose herewith the sum of 5s. to the funds of the Association.

Yours faithfully,
A. PURCELL.

P.O., MARAISBURG,
TRANSVAAAL.

April 5th, 1933.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

SIR,

Under separate cover I have much pleasure in forwarding you two photos of the late General Gatacre.

One of the Sub-Editors of the *Johannesburg Star*, Mr. Gordon Makepeace, was kind enough to insert an appeal in his paper—the appeal is enclosed with the photos—and the response was immediate. The coloured photo was given me by a Mrs. Heany, whose father was a Captain in the D.E.O.V. Rifles, at one time commanded by the father of Capt. Spence, and the smaller picture was given me by ex-Cpl. Gordon Ogilvie, of the Cameron Highlanders.

Yours faithfully,
WM. TREZONA.

REMINISCENCES OF MY THIRTY-NINE YEARS' ARMY LIFE.

BY SERGT.-MAJOR JAMES WHITE.

(Continued from p. 265, Vol. IV, No. 4,
May, 1932.)

TOMMY ATKINS.

A great variety of reasons are given by different persons as to why "Tommy Atkins" is used as a sort of nickname for the soldier, but I have never known the correct one, as I think, to be given. At any rate, previous to April 1st, 1866, the companies' ledger, a book in which

the accounts of the men were kept, was always in manuscript, a leaf (two pages) being allotted to each man, and the book sufficed for six months as three months' accounts would fill a page. In some cases the lines for money columns were printed, and in some the headings also. A very large amount of writing to write a hundred or more items each month, all the items, both Dr. and Cr. side of a man's account, and a want of uniformity existed. In some cases "haircutting" would appear about fifth on the list of charges; in others it might be the ninth.

In April, 1866, a small printed company ledger, W.O. pattern, came into use; it would only last four months, but it was so small that it might have been carried in the haversack of the Pay-Sergeant, and every item of certain charges or allowances being printed, it saved an immense amount of writing. As the style of the thing was new, the Dr. and Cr. columns for money standing side by side, and there was a possibility of the idea not being grasped at once by men of very limited education (as the Pay-Sergeants of those days often were) a specimen page was inside the cover, showing one month's account, and it was the sheet of Private Thomas Atkins, and the name of the officer signing the account was given as Reginald T. Lawrence, Captain. Thomas Atkins, as far as I can discover, had never been previously heard of. I believe that to be the true origin of "Tommy Atkins."

There was issued at the same time a specimen Company Defaulter Sheet for the guidance of officers making entries, and at the same time gave concise wording of "Crimes." The name of the supposed soldier, whose Company Defaulter Sheet it was, was "William Grimes." Poor "Grimes" committed every imaginable military offence and was awarded every kind of military punishment, as well as conviction by civil power, and ended his military life by being discharged with ignominy. It was a good thing "Tommy Atkins" and not "Billy Grimes" was chosen as a nickname.

CHOLERA AGAIN.

Even in the healthy station of Bareilly some cholera came to us, but three cases only, and two of them fatal—all in the

company to which I had been appointed Colour-Sergeant. One of the cases was an illustration of the French proverb, "L'homme propose, et Dieu dispose." He was a man who had just finished twenty-one years' service, nearly all in India. He had served in another regiment, in the Sutlej Campaign of 1845-46 as well as at Mooltan in 1849, and through the Mutiny Campaign of 1857. He was a Corporal with no length of service as such, having only taken a thought of promotion in later years, and a widower. He had a married daughter, the wife of our Orderly Room Sergeant, a son serving in the band of another regiment, and a boy of 12 years. The evening before his death he was talking to me, telling me his plans for the boy on arrival in Ireland. He little thought his funeral would take place on the following evening.

TOO OLD FOR THREE DAYS' C.B.

I had a man named Fanning in my company, a genuine specimen of a good Irish soldier, and one I much liked. I gave him an order one day, and for some reason he neglected to carry it out. As I knew I must retain my authority, I reported him to my Captain, thinking only of getting him a caution against neglecting to comply with orders. But to my surprise the Captain took it very seriously, although it was not really very important, and gave him three days' C.B. Fanning answered, "You know, sir, I am nigh on thirty years old, and am really too old for such a punishment. I hope you will reconsider it." The Captain thought there was a lot in the man's idea, and let him off with a caution. Unique I should say.

TO DUBBAR AND THENCE TO PESHAWAR.

In October, 1866, we moved to Agra, to attend the Grand Durbar. Fifteen days' march via Allyghur brought us on to the Agra Cantonments, where, on the edge of it, we encamped. There was a force of about twenty thousand, Europeans and natives, present; the 2nd Dragoon Guards and the 19th Hussars, and the 41st, 77th, 88th and 101st were the cavalry and infantry of the European Forces. Artillery I knew little of. The troops brought by the different rajahs formed a further large force. I saw some of them entering the station, and some were rather "tag, rag and bobtail," dressed in old European infantry tunics,

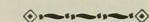
very slightly altered. We had some very useful field days while awaiting the arrival of the "big heads."

The State entry of the Viceroy and the Commander-in-Chief was a big sight. On off days we took advantage of the opportunity of seeing the many places of interest in or near Agra: the Taj Mahal, etc. etc.

There was a rumour while we were there that cholera had appeared among the Europeans; two deaths took place. There were two funerals of officers certainly. I heard afterwards that it was another way—a case of honour to be satisfied and that both had obtained satisfaction at one moment.

During our stay at the Durbar Camp, being astir at 4 a.m., we saw a sight which is not as a rule to be seen more than once in a lifetime, and then is only seen by such as sentries and police on duty. It was November 15th, 1866, and thousands—I suppose hundreds of thousands—of stars were falling. A truly grand sight, and in the clear air of an Indian morning we saw it under the best possible conditions.

(To be continued.)



OBITUARY.

COL. W. G. STONOR.

WE regret to announce the death, which occurred on March 7th, 1933, at Dunoon, Argyllshire, of Col. William George Stonor, M.C., F.R.C.S., F.R.H.S., late King's Own Scottish Borderers, Middlesex Regiment, and King's African Rifles. The funeral took place at Holy Trinity Church, Dunoon, on March 9th.

FREDERICK SHERMAN STEED.

Lieut.-Col. Steed, whose sudden death is announced on page 478, enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment in 1883, and was posted to the 1st Battalion, in which he served until after he had attained the rank of Colour-Sergeant.

After serving at various stations at home, including Ireland, Steed accompanied the 1st Battalion to South Africa, but was left behind for family reasons when that Battalion proceeded to India

in 1898. He came home and joined the 2nd Battalion in Woolwich, and later embarked for India to rejoin the 1st Battalion. He was not destined, however, to serve again with the 1st Battalion, being disembarked at Queenstown and sent to Hounslow to take up the position of Acting Sergeant-Major of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion (now the 8th Battalion). Shortly afterwards he was posted to the Depot and promoted Warrant Officer (Regimental Sergeant-Major).

In June, 1900, he joined the 2nd Battalion, then on active service in South Africa, and remained with it until the end of that campaign. For his services Steed received the Queen's Medal with one clasp, and the King's Medal with two clasps, also the Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the field, and was mentioned in despatches.

On returning home with the 2nd Battalion, he remained with it until 1906, when he was promoted Quartermaster and Hon. Lieutenant of the 4th Battalion, then stationed in Londonderry. In 1910 he was posted to the 6th Battalion at Mill Hill, and on mobilization in 1914 went with that Battalion to Chatham.

In the latter part of 1915 he was posted to the 3rd Battalion, and served with that Battalion in Salonika until the end of the war, receiving the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal, and the Victory Medal. He was also mentioned in despatches and promoted Major for distinguished service in the field.

On returning home in 1919 he was posted to the Depot, where on retirement in 1921 he took up the appointment of Retired Recruiting Officer. This office he retained until its abolition in 1927, when he became Chief Recruiting Officer of the Eastern Counties, a position he still held at his death. He had been given the local rank of Lieutenant-Colonel while thus employed.

In 1921 the office of the Regimental Association, which had hitherto been administered by the Regimental Agency, was moved to Mill Hill, and Steed became the Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. Two years later the Officers' Club was formed and he was its first Hon. Secretary. On his leaving Mill Hill he ceased to be Secretary of the Regimental Association, but continued to be Hon. Treasurer and a member of the Executive Committee. His work in these connections and also as

SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.Os. FEBRUARY, 1933.

1st BATTALION.

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*R.S.M. P. Newman ...	13/8/31	Cpl. H. Ramsden ...	1/4/31
*Bdmr. A. Judge ...	12/4/31	Cpl. E. Wilson ...	9/7/31
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) A. Finch ...	13/6/28	Cpl. G. Herbert ...	20/7/31
*Q.R.M.S. E. Crouch ...	28/4/29	Cpl. L. Sheffield ...	24/7/31
*C.S.M. G. Anderson ...	20/10/30	Cpl. J. O'Neill ...	13/8/31
*C.S.M. A. Russell ...	1/4/31	Cpl. A. Stone ...	2/9/31
*C.S.M. E. Burt ...	13/8/31	Cpl. S. Phelan ...	15/9/31
*C.S.M. B. Brockman ...	10/12/31	Cpl. A. Nicholls ...	18/9/31
*C.S.M. E. Fleming ...	10/12/31	Cpl. F. Connett ...	30/9/31
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) S. Steadman ...	23/7/23	Cpl. C. Bolton ...	10/12/31
Sgt. W. Christie ...	1/5/20	Cpl. J. Tinkettle ...	10/12/31
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) J. Wilcockson ...	10/6/27	Cpl. C. Pantling ...	19/1/32
*Sgt. V. Osterholm ...	18/10/23	*Cpl. G. Bayford ...	21/1/32
Sgt. H. Griffin ...	11/6/24	Cpl. A. Cladd ...	28/1/32
*C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Raindle ...	10/12/31	Cpl. J. Donegar ...	4/2/32
Sgt. E. Hazledene ...	5/4/26	Cpl. T. Castle ...	23/6/32
Sgt. W. Bennett ...	19/6/26	Cpl. R. Blackman ...	26/7/32
Sgt. T. Tiller ...	1/7/26	L./Cpl. E. Rochester ...	26/8/27
*C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) E. Robbins ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. A. Allison ...	14/9/28
*Sgt. R. Challis ...	30/10/27	L./Cpl. G. Jeffree ...	5/6/30
*C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. Misso ...	19/1/32	L./Cpl. W. Belcher ...	30/6/30
*Sgt. H. Thomas ...	5/3/28	*L./Cpl. P. Ward ...	20/10/30
*Sgt. A. Stenning ...	23/2/29	L./Cpl. E. Wadsworth ...	17/11/30
*Sgt. J. West ...	15/1/30	L./Cpl. E. Whichello ...	17/11/30
*Sgt. W. Northcott ...	25/2/30	L./Cpl. F. Gardiner ...	29/11/30
*Sgt. C. Soper ...	17/12/30	L./Cpl. G. Endersby ...	11/12/30
*Sgt. G. Blake ...	10/1/31	L./Cpl. L. Jerman ...	11/12/30
*Sgt. L. Honeybun ...	13/8/31	L./Cpl. C. Clark ...	30/12/30
*Sgt. L. Priddy ...	18/9/31	L./Cpl. A. Moore ...	3/1/31
Sgt. S. Thompson ...	30/9/31	L./Cpl. H. Chillery ...	16/1/31
Sgt. R. Bayles ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. A. Lane ...	23/1/31
*Sgt. L. West ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. A. Windows ...	2/2/31
*Sgt. C. Painter ...	19/1/32	L./Cpl. W. Watts ...	18/2/31
*Drum-Major D. Drew ...	22/1/32	L./Cpl. M. Duddy ...	22/3/31
Sgt. F. Donovan ...	4/2/32	*L./Cpl. C. Jacob ...	23/3/31
*Sgt. E. Paterson ...	18/2/32	L./Cpl. L. Roseblade ...	24/4/31
*Sgt. H. Kruck ...	24/8/32	L./Cpl. F. Britton ...	29/4/31
L./Sgt. R. Glover ...	1/8/28	L./Cpl. F. Thorn ...	11/6/31
L./Sgt. H. Hull ...	26/11/31	L./Cpl. L. Mallard ...	16/6/31
L./Sgt. A. Mason ...	16/1/31	L./Cpl. H. Game ...	14/7/31
*L./Sgt. (O.R.C.) P. Hale ...	31/10/29	*L./Cpl. T. Brind ...	23/7/31
L./Sgt. J. Little ...	26/11/31	L./Cpl. P. Hopwood ...	13/8/31
L./Sgt. F. Chasney ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. W. Gadsden ...	29/8/31
L./Sgt. J. Ayres ...	18/9/31	L./Cpl. F. Dell ...	2/9/31
L./Sgt. P. Edwards ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. A. Willis ...	15/9/31
*L./Sgt. R. Chaplin ...	19/1/32	L./Cpl. G. Sach ...	30/9/31
L./Sgt. E. Edmunds ...	4/2/32	L./Cpl. W. Lambert ...	2/1/32
L./Sgt. J. Chillery ...	22/8/32	L./Cpl. S. Sibley ...	2/1/32
L./Sgt. L. Williams ...	3/10/32	L./Cpl. L. McDowell ...	2/1/32
Cpl. A. Lawrence ...	26/9/28	L./Cpl. G. Wordley ...	2/1/32
Cpl. L. Beck ...	9/4/30	L./Cpl. J. Howie ...	2/1/32
Cpl. F. Payne ...	11/4/30	L./Cpl. A. Cokeley ...	2/1/32
Cpl. J. Smith ...	28/4/30	*L./Cpl. J. Painter ...	31/1/32
Cpl. E. Zetter ...	15/4/30	L./Cpl. J. Groves ...	28/1/32
Cpl. C. Ives ...	16/8/30	L./Cpl. W. Sampford ...	4/2/32
Cpl. S. Green ...	17/10/30	L./Cpl. A. Keeler ...	7/3/32
Cpl. H. Padgett ...	1/1/31	L./Cpl. R. Kent ...	11/4/32
Cpl. R. Simmons ...	3/1/31	L./Cpl. L. Image ...	6/6/32
*Cpl. W. Snell ...	10/1/31	L./Cpl. A. Brown ...	16/6/32
*Cpl. C. May ...	16/1/31	L./Cpl. R. Bowden ...	23/6/32
Cpl. S. Bullock ...	23/1/31	L./Cpl. E. Staley ...	26/7/32
Cpl. E. Moir ...	20/2/31	L./Cpl. F. Mills ...	30/9/32

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L./Cpl. J. Robinson ...	1/11/32	L./Cpl. G. Parker ...	25/8/32
L./Cpl. C. Adams ...	2/11/32	*L./Cpl. W. O'Connor ...	25/8/32
L./Cpl. J. Stickley ...	15/11/32	L./Cpl. W. Harewell ...	25/8/32
L./Cpl. H. Burrows ...	5/1/33	L./Cpl. J. McLeod ...	25/8/32
		L./Cpl. H. Hughes ...	25/8/32
		L./Cpl. T. Stallard ...	25/8/32
		L./Cpl. F. Markham ...	25/8/32
		L./Cpl. H. Collier ...	25/8/32
		L./Cpl. C. Keefe ...	25/8/32
		L./Cpl. H. Holloway ...	17/11/32
		L./Cpl. J. McGrady ...	17/11/32
		L./Cpl. E. Parrish ...	17/11/32
		L./Cpl. J. Sheen ...	23/12/32
		L./Cpl. S. Dyer ...	2/1/33
		L./Cpl. W. Ransom ...	24/1/33
		L./Cpl. F. Carter ...	6/2/33

Unpaid :-

L./Cpl. F. Munday ...	7/3/32
L./Cpl. A. Smith ...	12/3/32
L./Cpl. H. Payne ...	12/3/32
L./Cpl. V. Thomas ...	11/6/32
L./Cpl. H. Nayler ...	11/6/32
*L./Cpl. F. Stock ...	25/7/32
L./Cpl. C. Hawkesworth ...	16/8/32
L./Cpl. H. Ormes ...	16/8/32
L./Cpl. J. Urquhart ...	16/8/32
L./Cpl. T. Bayly ...	16/8/32

2nd BATTALION (Home Establishment).

NOTICE.

Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. are, in their own interests, requested to write direct to the Adjutant, 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), Colchester, Essex, should they observe any omissions or errors in the Seniority Roll of the Home Establishment.

Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
*R.S.M. C. Davis ...	Depot	13/4/29	Sgt. A. Boen ...	2nd	13/4/29
*R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M. ...	2nd	18/3/31	*Sgt. C. Donaldson ...	2nd	24/5/29
*Bdmr. H. Clibbens ...	2nd	22/2/24	Sgt. R. King ...	Supnmy., Fire Bde., Bordon	5/7/29
*R.Q.M.S. W. Piley ...	Depot	7/3/26	Sgt. G. Sherriff ...	2nd	9/12/29
*R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher ...	2nd	31/3/30	Sgt. F. Nash ...	8th	11/12/29
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) B. Baldwin ...	Depot	2/7/30	*Sgt. A. Russell ...	2nd	16/2/30
*C.S.M. G. Goodall ...	9th	4/6/25	*Sgt. W. Tibble ...	7th	17/10/30
*C.S.M. J. Hart ...	Depot	20/1/26	*Sgt. W. Green ...	Depot	27/12/30
*C.S.M. C. Cook, D.C.M. ...	8th	15/8/26	*Sgt. J. Quick ...	2nd	23/4/31
*C.S.M. T. Smith ...	19th London	28/2/28	*Sgt. W. Kemp ...	2nd	19/1/32
*C.S.M. F. Peck ...	2nd	18/2/29	*Sgt. E. Patterson ...	Depot	18/2/32
*C.S.M. R. Colbourne ...	2nd	13/4/29	Sgt. H. Cartwright ...	2nd	27/3/32
*C.S.M. C. Goodall ...	8th	28/4/29	*Sgt. R. Parsler ...	2nd	1/4/32
*C.S.M. F. Stevenson ...	7th	4/1/30	Sgt. J. Harper ...	Depot	19/4/32
*C.S.M. H. Hewett ...	2nd	19/4/32	Sgt. (O.R.S.) F. Deane ...	2nd	10/6/32
*C.S.M. L. Simmonds ...	9th	3/9/32	Sgt. C. Trestrain ...	2nd	14/6/32
*C.S.M. L. Clarke ...	2nd	15/11/32	Sgt. J. Ramsey ...	2nd	23/6/32
Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. King ...	Depot	26/5/25	Sgt. S. Smith ...	2nd	30/7/32
Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) L. Hills ...	2nd	2/11/26	Sgt. R. Smith ...	2nd	2/9/32
Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) J. West ...	2nd	22/2/28	Sgt. J. Scott ...	2nd	3/9/32
Sgt. H. Glover ...	2nd	1/5/20	Sgt. L. Johnson ...	2nd	15/11/32
*Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Sadler ...	2nd	19/4/32	L./Sgt. H. Ison ...	2nd	27/12/29
Sgt. H. Tisdale ...	7th London	22/1/22		(Cpl. 9/2/28)	
*Sgt. R. Mewett ...	2nd	12/12/23	Cpl. W. Chalkley ...	2nd	26/4/28
Sgt. E. Shaw ...	Depot	19/1/24	L./Sgt. W. Bean ...	2nd	15/11/32
Sgt. H. Campbell ...	9th	16/2/24		(Cpl. 14/9/28)	
Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	Depot	28/1/25	Cpl. R. Wilson ...	2nd	24/8/29
*Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) E. Jones ...	2nd	15/11/32	L./Sgt. E. Patterson ...	Depot	2/9/31
*Sgt. S. Mason ...	2nd	2/2/26		(Cpl. 15/1/30)	
Sgt. J. Bray ...	Depot	10/2/27	L./Sgt. A. Brett ...	2nd	1/4/32
Sgt. A. Wright ...	Depot	10/2/27		(Cpl. 28/1/30)	
Sgt. W. Harwood ...	2nd	17/8/27	L./Sgt. G. Newstead ...	2nd	14/6/32
Sgt. S. Bishop ...	Depot	24/11/27		(Cpl. 20/4/30)	
*Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) F. Stacey ...	2nd	3/9/32	*L./Sgt. V. Cooper ...	2nd	23/6/32
Sgt. F. Denchfield ...	2nd	20/3/28		(Cpl. 1/5/30)	
Sgt. A. Webb ...	19th London	15/5/28	*L./Sgt. A. Allchorne ...	Depot	19/4/32
Drum-Major H. Poulter ...	2nd	13/10/28		(Cpl. 15/5/30)	
*Sgt. C. Champion ...	2nd	1/1/29	L./Sgt. A. Hows ...	2nd	27/3/32
*Sgt. A. Jones ...	7th	18/2/29		(Cpl. 25/10/30)	
*Sgt. H. Short, M.M. ...	2nd	21/2/29			
Sgt. A. Jones ...	2nd	8/4/29			

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L./Sgt. A. Whitcombe ...	2nd	30/7/32 (Cpl. 31/10/30)	L./Cpl. A. North ...	2nd	4/3/32
L./Sgt. B. Bedward ...	Depot	24/8/32 (Cpl. 19/11/30)	L./Cpl. A. Wray ...	2nd	13/4/32
L./Sgt. F. Livens ...	2nd	2/9/32 (Cpl. 20/1/31)	L./Cpl. C. Holmes ...	2nd	17/5/32
L./Sgt. R. Jenkins ...	Depot	3/9/32 (Cpl. 17/2/31)	L./Cpl. R. Harman ...	2nd	1/6/32
L./Sgt. J. Swadling ...	2nd	3/10/31 (Cpl. 2/10/31)	L./Cpl. R. Outram ...	2nd	5/6/32
Cpl. E. Jennings ...	2nd	28/12/31	L./Cpl. H. Leonard ...	2nd	13/6/32
Cpl. S. Moore ...	Depot	28/12/31	L./Cpl. B. Armstrong ...	Depot	13/6/32
Cpl. F. Gribble ...	2nd	19/1/32	L./Cpl. J. Johnson ...	2nd	14/6/32
*Cpl. H. Frewin ...	Depot	18/2/32	L./Cpl. J. Walker ...	2nd	14/6/32
Cpl. E. Warnes ...	2nd	4/3/32	L./Cpl. J. O'Neill ...	2nd	26/6/32
*Cpl. H. Dujardin ...	2nd	27/3/32	L./Cpl. E. Soden ...	Depot	5/8/32
Cpl. E. Bennett ...	Depot	1/4/32	L./Cpl. A. Gigg ...	2nd	17/8/32
L./Sgt. F. Housden ...	2nd	15/3/33 (Cpl. 15/4/32)	L./Cpl. H. Sayer ...	2nd	19/8/32
*Cpl. B. White ...	2nd	17/5/32	*L./Cpl. D. Chapman ...	2nd	24/8/32
Cpl. P. Maloney ...	Depot	1/6/32	L./Cpl. G. McKay ...	2nd	2/9/32
Cpl. (O.R.C.) J. Wright	2nd	13/6/32	L./Cpl. G. Grant ...	2nd	3/9/32
Cpl. H. Walker ...	2nd	13/6/32	L./Cpl. A. Revett ...	2nd	25/9/32
Cpl. R. Overy ...	Depot	14/6/32	L./Cpl. W. Patterson ...	2nd	8/10/32
Cpl. R. Smallridge ...	2nd	14/6/32	L./Cpl. C. Carpenter ...	2nd	13/10/32
Cpl. W. Brown ...	2nd	23/6/32	L./Cpl. A. Webb ...	2nd	21/10/32
Cpl. F. Hawkins ...	2nd	28/6/32	L./Cpl. A. Drake ...	2nd	23/10/32
*Cpl. J. Bond ...	2nd	29/6/32	L./Cpl. T. Sargent ...	2nd	1/11/32
*Cpl. P. Doubleday ...	2nd	2/7/32	L./Cpl. E. Tydeman ...	2nd	11/11/32
Cpl. L. Grainger ...	2nd	30/7/32	L./Cpl. W. Smith ...	2nd	12/11/32
Cpl. C. Gatehouse ...	2nd	5/8/32	L./Cpl. W. Myles ...	2nd	16/11/32
*Cpl. H. Parnell ...	2nd	6/8/32	L./Cpl. J. Eldridge ...	2nd	23/11/32
Cpl. W. Makewell ...	2nd	17/8/32	L./Cpl. R. Doolan ...	2nd	23/11/32
Cpl. J. Ritches ...	Depot	19/8/32	L./Cpl. R. Weaver ...	2nd	23/11/32
Cpl. A. Thorne ...	2nd	24/8/32	L./Cpl. A. Eldrett ...	2nd	23/11/32
Cpl. H. Clarke ...	Depot	2/9/32	L./Cpl. W. Powell ...	2nd	23/11/32
Cpl. W. Poulter ...	2nd	3/9/32	L./Cpl. L. Lewis ...	2nd	23/11/32
Cpl. W. Muircott ...	2nd	25/9/32	L./Cpl. R. Fenton ...	2nd	23/11/32
Cpl. H. Buckland ...	2nd	13/10/32	L./Cpl. J. Wood ...	2nd	15/12/32
Cpl. E. Mead ...	2nd	1/11/32	L./Cpl. C. Armitage ...	2nd	3/1/33
Cpl. P. Oliver ...	2nd	16/11/32	L./Cpl. J. Hayes ...	2nd	14/1/33
*Cpl. H. Marshall ...	2nd	15/12/32	L./Cpl. R. Stretton ...	2nd	31/1/33
Cpl. F. Knights ...	2nd	14/1/33	L./Cpl. L. Raynor ...	2nd	1/2/33
Cpl. J. Burgess ...	Depot	3/2/33	L./Cpl. F. Jaques ...	Depot	3/2/33
Cpl. A. Smith ...	2nd	10/3/33	L./Cpl. F. Hutchins ...	2nd	3/2/33
Cpl. F. Knight ...	Depot	15/3/33	L./Cpl. T. Cordell ...	Depot	23/2/33
Cpl. W. Evans ...	2nd	15/3/33	L./Cpl. H. Tye ...	2nd	10/3/33
Cpl. W. McEnery ...	2nd	15/3/33	*L./Cpl. P. Davidson ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. A. Drane ...	2nd	15/3/33	L./Cpl. S. Day ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. J. Bromley ...	2nd	15/3/33	L./Cpl. F. Payne ...	2nd	15/3/33
L./Cpl. G. Frost ...	2nd	14/5/31	L./Cpl. R. Wigg ...	2nd	15/3/33
*L./Cpl. S. Day ...	2nd	15/6/31	L./Cpl. B. Bruniges ...	2nd	15/3/33
L./Cpl. J. Harriss ...	Depot	10/7/31	L./Cpl. W. Broadbridge ...	2nd	15/3/33
L./Cpl. A. Baxter ...	2nd	24/7/31	L./Cpl. C. Dowsett ...	2nd	15/3/33
L./Cpl. A. Bird ...	Depot	28/12/31	L./Cpl. J. Allen ...	2nd	15/3/33
L./Cpl. W. Ayles ...	Depot	19/1/32			

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