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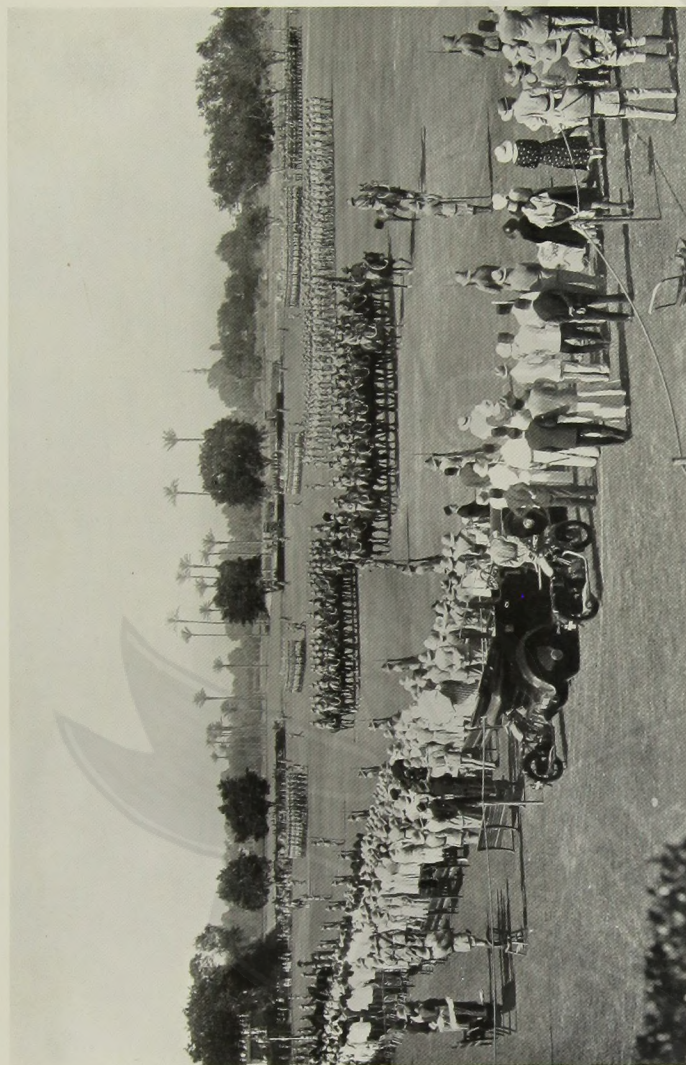
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THE KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE CEREMONY ON JUNE 3RD, 1933, AT GEZIRA SPORTING CLUB.
The units taking part are: Two Troops, King's Dragoon Guards Two Guards, 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards. Two Guards, 1st Bn. King's Own Royal Regiment. Two Guards, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
The "March Past" is taking place, and the Acting High Commissioner is taking the Salute.
In the centre of the photo are the Massed Bands and Drums of the Cairo Brigade, Gezira, Cairo, 1933.

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The Plume of the Prince of Wales. In each of the four corners the late Duke of Cambridge's Cypher and Coronet.

"Mysore," "Serangapatam," "Albuhera," "Ciudad Rodrigo," "Badajoz," "Vittoria," "Pyrenees," "Nive," "Peninsula," "Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "New Zealand," "South Africa, 1879," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1900-02," "Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Ypres, 1915," "17, 18," "Albert, 1916, '18," "Bazentin," "Cambrai, 1917, '18," "Hindenburg Line," "Suvla," "Jerusalem," "Mesopotamia, 1917-18."

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The Wentworth Regiment ...	Dundas, Ontario.
The Middlesex Light Infantry ...	Strathroy, Ontario.

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57th Battalion ...	Preston, Victoria.
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The Taranaki Regiment ...	New Plymouth.
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Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C.

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EDITORIAL



WE deeply regret to announce the death, which occurred on May 12th, of Colonel C. J. Matthews, a Veteran of the New Zealand War of 1865-1867, and the South African War, 1879, and a former Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion. An intimation of his serious illness was received at the Depot, but it is much to be regretted that the news of his death did not arrive until it was too late to arrange for the attendance of regimental representatives at the funeral.

Colonel Matthews was always a sub-

scriber to the Regimental Association and this Journal.

A memoir appears on page 592.

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We also much regret to announce the death of Lieut.-Colonel W. D. Ingle, who passed away on June 10th. Colonel Ingle had suffered from heart attacks for some eight weeks, and had been removed to hospital for closer attendance. The end came quietly on the morning of the 10th.

A memoir is given on page 593.

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We publish on page 573 a War Office Letter relating to a hostel for retired members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service in necessitous circumstances. The Colonel of the Regiment would be glad if donations collected by Officers Commanding Battalions could be sent, in bulk, to the Honorary Secretary, Regimental Association, by October 1st, next. The Hon. Secretary would also gladly accept donations for this object from retired officers and other individuals if remitted by the date mentioned. It will be seen by the letter that donations are restricted to small sums not exceeding five shillings.

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The Honorary Secretary of the Ladies' Guild requests us to acquaint our readers with the fact that the supply of clothing for men, women and children is very low at the present time. Very valuable help as regards clothing is given by the Guild to families in necessitous circumstances. Parcels should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Ladies' Guild, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W. 7. Sixty-two parcels were sent out last year, and in the first six months of the present year, thirty have been despatched.

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A Regimental Diary will be produced for 1934, and will contain (1) matters of Regimental interest; (2) the principal Services and Civilian Sporting Fixtures during the year under their respective dates; (3) useful general information. All Diaries are complete with Regimental Crest, Pencil, and Regimental Ribbon Marker.

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REGIMENTAL FIXTURES.

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.

Feb. 3rd, 1934.—Old Comrades' Concert, "Goat and Compasses," Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.

Aug. 26th and 27th, 1934.—Officers' Club Tennis Tournament, Regimental Depot. (Entries to Hon. Secretary.)



REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

THE Regimental Museum was visited by the Colonel of the Regiment on June 10th, 1933.

The following presentations have been made during the past quarter, and are acknowledged with many thanks:—

TARANAKI REGIMENT.

Manuscript history of the Regiment, with map, compiled by two officers of the Regiment.

History of the Wellington Regiment, N.Z.E.F., 1914-1919.

Story of St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth.

Album of photographs. (This is a very fine collection, and contains photographs of the memorials to the 57th Regiment, and of graves of men of the 57th Regiment at New Plymouth.)

The above from officers of the Taranaki Regiment.

57TH REGIMENT.

Framed photograph of Capt. Herman Norman (died of wounds, June 18th, 1855), from Capt. E. F. Lyons, M.C.

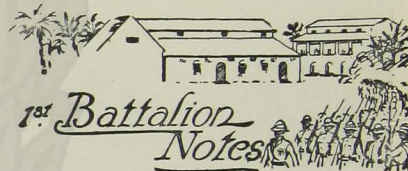
Letter written before Sevastopol by Lieut.-Colonel H. Warre, from Capt. E. F. Lyons, M.C.

Photographs from Mrs. Steed.

Full dress pre-war Territorial Officer's helmet, from Capt. H. Sherwood, 9th Bn. Bound copy of Army Orders, 1900, on loan from Officers of the 5th Bn.

Show case. Lieut.-Colonel L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O.

Photograph of Mr. and Mrs. James Mooney, from Mr. Mooney, late 57th Regiment.



OUR chief concern this past quarter has been the preparation for the Trooping of the Colour for the King's Birthday Parade, which was carried out by detachments from the units of the Cairo Brigade. Rehearsals are unpleasant things at the best of times, but what with the heat and the flies, we were all very thankful when the final day came. The setting for the parade could not have been better chosen. No. 1 polo ground at Gezira Sporting Club is a beautiful expanse of green grass, a rare sight in this sun-parched land, and all the trees around were covered with a mass of bright red blossom. The whole ceremony was carried out without a hitch.

Albuhera Day was celebrated in the usual style at the Citadel, and owing to the temperature, all the important athletic events were completed in the cool of the day. An inter-mess fancy-dress donkey relay-race provided a great deal of amusement. A (M.G.) Company were easy winners of the Athletic Meeting.

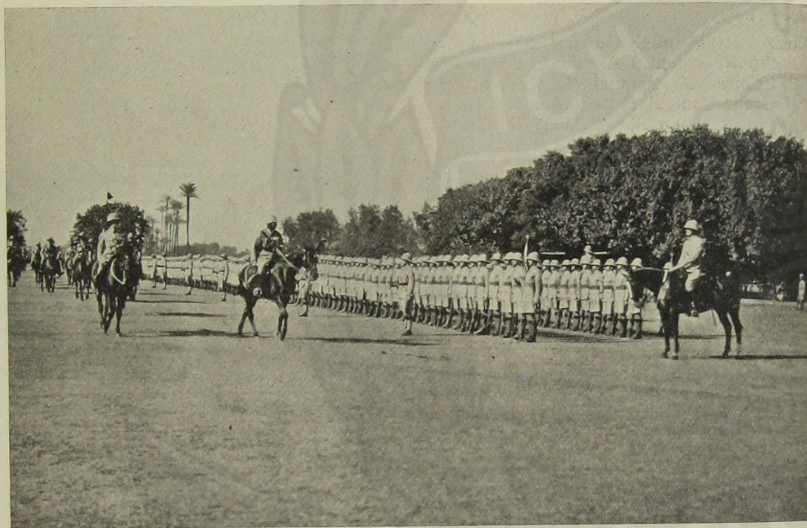
We entered a team for the Command Sports this year, and it was certainly not through lack of enthusiasm on the

part of Capt. Horrocks, M.C., that the team was not more successful than on the last occasion in England.

2/Lieut. L. C. Beadnall is to be congratulated on winning the Open Individual Squash Tournament at Gezira on April 23rd. He has now left us to attend a riding course with the cavalry at Abbassia.

A Battalion Cross-Country Run took place on May 18th, and was a very hot

B and C Companies have now completed their Musketry Course, and D Company and H.Q. Wing are in the process of completing their firing. A demonstration was recently given us by the R.E.s., and they put a kapok bridge across the Ismailia Canal in record time, which was no small feat, as it is about 150 feet wide, and there was a three-knot current flowing at the time. The Brigadier and his staff went across it, and were



[Photo: S. Sarhis, Egypt.]

THE G.O.C., GENERAL BURNETT STEWART, INSPECTING THE TWO GUARDS OF THE 1ST BATTALION ON THE KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE, JUNE 3RD, GEZIRA, CAIRO.

and dusty affair up the Macattam Hills and down again. A (M.G.) Company were again the winners of this event.

The "Die-Hards" Concert Party gave a successful performance in April, and looked very gay in their bright costumes. There is no lack of entertainment in the Citadel as the Regimental Cinema has now had a new, modern "talkie" apparatus installed in the open air, and a good programme of recently-produced films is shown there every night.

nearly run down by a native steamer on their way back when, unable to stop, it ran itself aground in the canal bank to prevent cutting the bridge in two.

The Commanding Officer and Mrs. Brown are at present on leave in Cyprus. Lieuts. Herapath, Sword and Gwyn have recently returned from leave; and Major Jefford, Capt. Lyons, Lieuts. Chattey, Hall and Bellers are going off on leave to the United Kingdom; some of them will spend part of their time on Physical Training, Machine Gun and

Signal Courses. We are sorry to hear that Lieut. Powell has had a two months' extension of sick leave.

Batches of sixty men at a time are going off to Sidi Gaber, near Alexandria, for a fortnight each to the change of air rest camp, and from the reports we have heard about it from those returning, it sounds very delightful. Lieut. Musselwhite has recently conducted a party down there, and is now conducting a Gas Course at Alexandria.

We were all very sorry to be unable to attend Capt. C. W. Hayden's wedding in London, but we wish them both the very best of luck and happiness.

BOXING.

Owing to the move from Palestine and the separation of Companies there, the Albuhera Sports Programme for 1932 got very congested, with the result that the Individual and Inter-Company Team Boxing Tournaments took place after Albuhera Day this year.

The Open Individual Tournament took place on May 25th, 26th and 29th, and resulted in a victory for B Company on the points awarded for the Albuhera Shield. A (M.G.) and D Companies tied for second place.

Pte. Evans (D) was considered sufficiently outstanding to be excluded from fighting, and Pte. Tatt (D) was the final winner of the heavy-weights. L./Cpl. Chillery (D) won the light heavy-weight, and L./Cpl. Roseblade (D) was the winner of the middle-weights.

L./Cpl. Clark (A) won the welter-weight, L./Cpl. Francis (B) the light-weight, and Pte. Almond (B) and Dmr. Elms (H.Q.) won the feather-weight and bantam-weight, respectively.

The Band Boys also fought amongst themselves, Boy Stemp winning the welter-weight; Boy Haigh the fly-weight; Boy Williams the bantam-weight; and Boy Vervard the feather-weight.

The fighting was all of a very high standard, but there were several cases of boxers leaning on their opponents, and it seemed rather doubtful if all the entrants in the tournament had put in much previous training. No doubt this was partly due to the crowded sporting fixture list which had to be carried out.

The Inter-Company Team Boxing Tournament took place on June 6th, 8th and 12th, and on account of the heat the duration of the rounds was reduced by half a minute each round.

The result of the Tournament was again a victory for B Company, who beat D Company in a very close and exciting match by one point only. A (M.G.) Company beat C Company, and were in turn beaten by D Company in another very close contest, since there was again only one point difference between the Companies. B Company are to be congratulated on their fine efforts, and thoroughly deserved to win. Their team was as follows:—

Heavy-weight.—Pte. Freshwater.

Light-Heavy-weight.—Pte. Marsh.

Middle-weight.—Pte. Hatchett, Pte. Dean and L./Sergt. Ayres.

Welter-weight.—L./Cpl. Francis, L./Cpl. McGrady, Pte. Dobson and Pte. Samson.

Light-weight.—Pte. Almond, Pte. Burch and Pte. Barnes.

Feather-weight.—Pte. Litchfield and Pte. Hutchins.

Bantam-weight.—Pte. Stone.

On March 25th Pte. Evans fought as heavy-weight for the army in Egypt against the Royal Air Force, and had no difficulty in defeating his opponent. It had been arranged that he should meet Pte. Gillibrand, the champion heavy-weight of the King's Own Royal Regiment, but so far the event, which should prove most spectacular, has not been fixed up.

CRICKET.

Although there has been much enjoyable cricket, the Battalion cannot boast any great success up to date.

This has been due largely, perhaps, to the absence of the cricket-playing officers on leave to the United Kingdom, and also to the poor facilities for practice in the Citadel, but the chief weakness is, undoubtedly, our bowling.

Sergt. Kennett's loss has been keenly felt, and though good performances have been put up by L./Cpl. Britton, Pte. Chapman '17, and L./Cpl. Painter,

it is hopeless in this climate to expect consistency from one's bowlers, without a reliable change to fall back on.

From a batting standpoint, the Battalion falls little short of other teams to which it has lost.

In the first match of the season, when we drew with the Coldstream Guards, Pte. Jones made his century; and against the K.D.Gs., C.Q.M.S. Thomas and Pte. Price both passed their half-centuries; while L./Cpl. Dyer and Pte. Rogers have seldom come out with less than 20 to their credit.

We had pleasant matches with Maadi and the Heliopolis Sporting Clubs, beating the former and drawing with the latter; and against Gezira, when we lost.

We are shortly due to play Gezira again, and now that Lieuts. Sword, Herapath and Gwyn, and C.Q.M.S. Thomas are back in the team, there is a good chance of reversing the last defeat.

It was unfortunate that these players were not available for the Moascar tour, when the Battalion Team paid an enjoyable visit to the West Yorks and our old friends the R.S.Fs.

Although we failed to win in either case, some of the scores were not unworthy of the Battalion, and there is every hope that when we meet them again on our own ground with our strengthened team, we may give them as good as they gave us.

Up to date, Colours for this season have been awarded to Sergt. Northcott; L./Cpls, Painter, Dyer and Britton; and Ptes. Chapman '17 and Jones.

The fact that Major Savile has been elected a member of the famous "Five Cs." Club is also worthy of mention, in view of the high standard demanded for selection.

A (M.G.) COMPANY.

The past quarter has been so eventful that perhaps to ensure that no important item is missed, categories of each different subject should be made.

M.G. TURNOVER.

The annual M.G. turnover took place on April 1st, 1933. We lost 29 of the Company and regained 39 from the remaining companies of the Battalion.



(Photo: S. Sarkis, Egypt.)

A (M.G.) Company Football Team. Champions.

Winners, Inter-Company Football League.
Runners-up, Company Knock-Out.
Winners of Football Shield, 1932-33

We are sorry to lose the old gunners, and take this opportunity of wishing them the best of luck with their new companies. We would like to congratulate L./Cpl. Sargent on his appointment in his new company.

The new gunners have just finished a strenuous period of training in preparation for the annual course. Undoubtedly we have acquired some very fine material in the new turnover, and we think that we have little to fear as regards their upholding the traditions of the Company. We wish them a happy and successful sojourn in the "Gunnery."

SPORTS.

To record all the sporting successes of the Company in detail would probably take up the whole of the Journal, so perhaps it would be the better policy to survey the complete seasons results in short notes.

Football.

League.—This was a great success. The Company finished undefeated champions, dropping only one point throughout the season—to C Company. Some fine games were experienced in this league, and struggles for supremacy were good to witness. L./Cpl. Dyer is to be congratulated on his management of the team and his coaching of individuals. We are looking forward to next season and hope that L./Cpl. Dyer will find some useful young material amongst the turnover.

Company Knock-out.—The Company reached the final stage of this competition. The redoubtable C Company were again our rivals. The "Bogey" of Sarafand was, however, repeated, the score resulting in two goals to one. As can be imagined the game was exceedingly exciting, and the result remained in the balance until the last kick of the game. We congratulate C Company, but at the same time warn them to beware of the Gunners next season.

Platoon Knock-out.—No. 1 Platoon won this competition for A Company, beating No. 13 Platoon of D Company in the final. We congratulate No. 1 Platoon on their success and hope that they retain it next season.

Hockey.

League.—The competition was greater in this league than in the Football League. We, however, finished on top after a great fight for leadership between H.Q., D, and ourselves. The championship remained in the balance until the last match.

Company Knock-out.—Our visions of winning this competition were extinguished by D Company in the second round. We have the consolation (if it can be called a consolation) of knowing that D Company finished champions.

Platoon Knock-out.—No. 4 Platoon reached the farthest stage of this competition—the semi-final—when they were knocked out by No. 11 Platoon C Company.



No. 1 Platoon, A (M.G.) Company.
Winners, Platoon Knock-Out, 1932-33, Football.

Athletics.

Company.—The Inter-Platoon Sports took place in April, and some fine sport was witnessed. In the number of points No. 2 Platoon finished easy winners, but in actual sport the competition between the four Platoons was very keen. The Platoon Scurry, in which every officer, N.C.O. and man in the Platoon had to run 100 yards, proved to be an amusing event. No. 1 Platoon won this event, but we are inclined to think that if it was not for the wonderful solo effort by Sergt. Hull the result might have been different.

Command.—The Company provided a good supply of the Battalion Team in the Command Sports, and we think that congratulations are due to the following on their fine efforts:—Lieut. Chattey, L./Cpls. Clark, Gardiner and Broughton, Ptes. McNamara and Saddington.

Battalion.—We were again successful in the Battalion Sports, and carried off the Athletic Shield for the fourth year in succession. The competition was exceedingly keen, and Albuhera Day did not lack the "Victory" atmosphere. At the end of the first day we were seven points behind D Company. However, we won most of the events on Albuhera Day and finished champions, with D Company second 11½ points behind.

Out of the nine events that counted towards the Athletic Shield, we won five outright, and shared first place with C Company in the High Jump (thanks to the effort of L./Cpl. Broughton). We would like to mention the splendid effort of the sprint team (L./Cpls. Parker, and McDowell, Ptes. MacNamara and Saddington) in winning both the 100 Yards and 220 Yards—a great double. The half mile team sprang a surprise on D Company (Lieut. Chattey, Sergt. Donovan, Pte. Dunn and L./Cpl. Gardiner) by winning the race by a comfortable margin.

Tug-of-War.—The Tug-of-War team, under the supervision of Sergt. Hull, pulled extremely well, beating C Company in the final on Albuhera Day. The confidence of the team was extremely great, as was shown in the practice pulls when they pulled against twice their number and then won. We must mention the

fact that they represented the Battalion in the Command Sports and did extremely well to beat the Signals. Congratulations are due to Sergt. Hull on his able coaching.

Cross-Country.—The result of the first cross-country run is the only one to hand. We won this easily, D Company finishing second. We were disappointed to hear that the remaining two runs had to be cancelled, as we had great hopes of completing the hat trick. We must wait until next year to bring it off now. L./Cpl. Clark, in spite of a bad start and having eaten a considerable amount of dust behind the rest of the Battalion for over half a mile pulled away to the front and arrived home in his usual easy style, a



Pte. Macnamara, A Company, High Jumping, Albuhera Day Sports, 1933.

comfortable winner. L./Cpl. Clark's return to form has been a feature of this year's athletics—in particular a very fine win in the Open Mile at the R.A.M.C. Sports. L./Cpl. Sheen has put in a lot of good work in training the team.

Boxing.—The "Opens" were held on April 25th, 26th and 29th, and the Company tied for second place with D Company with 41 points. We congratulate B Company on winning it—the first time for many years and a really good effort. Our team was: Bantam, Pte. Denham; Feathers, Ptes. Wyllie and Stroud; Lights, L./Cpl. Smith, Ptes. Goodair and Reeves; Welters, L./Cpl. Clark, Ptes. Preston and Hewitt; Middle, L./Sergt. Ayres and Cpl. Whichello; Light-Heavy, Pte. Cox (97); Heavy, L./Cpl. Adams. The team fought with splendid spirit, everybody going all out. L./Cpl. Clark is Welter-weight Champion in the Bat-

talion for the year. At the conclusion of the meeting the Commanding Officer called C.S.M. Fleming into the ring and paid tribute to his fine work for his Battalion, the Army and the Services, and all joined heartily in the three cheers given for our popular Sergeant-Major.

At the moment we are in full preparation for the "Team" meeting, and we live in great hopes.

Pass-Ball.—No. 2 Platoon proved to be our best Pass-Ball Platoon this year and reached the final when they were beaten by No. 13 Platoon D Company. It was our best season of Pass-Ball for several years, and the Company finished level with D Company for first place in the Albuhera Shield. Nos. 2 and 3 Platoons had a terrific semi-final, which necessitated two replays before a result was reached.

ALBUHERA SHIELD.

A well-contested fight is being held for the Albuhera Shield this season. To date we hold a lead of seven points over the next Company, but in spite of this we think that to become winners of the remaining competitions is the only way of ensuring our retaining this great trophy. The heart of the Company is centred entirely on retaining it, and we feel sure that it would not be through lack of spirit if the shield is taken away from us.

COURSES.

The following of the Company have proceeded on courses: L./Sergt. Snell, L./Cpls. Thomas and McLeod, and Pte. Dowell.

L./Sergt. Snell and L./Cpl. Thomas are at present on M.G. Courses in the U.K. We hope that they will have successful results, and we wish them the best of luck. L./Cpl. McLeod is at present on a course at Alexandria. Pte. Dowell attended a local course and qualified. Congratulations.

APPOINTMENTS.

Congratulations are due to the following on their appointments and promotions: L./Sergts. Bullock and Snell, Cpl. Whichello, L./Cpls. Nye, Dehnel and Broughton (55).

ANNUAL COURSE.

The Company is now undergoing strenuous periods of work in preparation for

the Annual Course (A.M.G.C.), and the "Pay" problem is now perhaps the most discussed subject in the Company. More results of this will be given in the next issue.

We regret that the usual article from L./Sergt. Snell's pen is not in this issue but he is busy obtaining fresh "copy" in England.

B COMPANY.

All our trials and worries are nearly over. Mena Camp is a thing of the past now, and after a period of rest doing nothing but regimental duties and guards, we proceeded to the "Heights of Macattam" to fire our Annual Weapon Training Course. Much wind and breath were wasted climbing the Causeway. I wonder if Sorbo has found his "Ammos" yet? Competition was aroused by Capt. Horrocks giving packets of cigarettes for good scores, and from the results, the cigarette business has greatly improved in those weeks. One cannot help feeling sorry for a certain N.C.O. who last year lost a day's pay to ??? It must have proved a great strain on him whilst firing this year, especially when the well-known "Lancer" appeared.

The result as yet is excellent, and we are hoping to regain our shooting shield this year.

We have much to thank our Company Commander for. He has taken a great interest in the sports of the Company, and we feel certain that with his help we shall soon be top dogs in the "world of sport." We were unfortunate in the Albuhera Day Sports, doing nothing of any importance. After all, the fittest team always wins.

We have said farewell to football, and welcome cricket in its place. The Company team was drawn against No. 2 (M.G.) Company, of the Coldstream Guards, in the Small Units Cup. We had an enjoyable afternoon, and were unfortunate to lose by 12 runs. Even Bruv's willow had to succumb in the end. Pte. Freshwater played a splendid game, and as a result, was chosen to play for the Battalion 2nd XI. We have started the Company League, and met A (M.G.) Company in our first match, and were victorious by 26 runs.

We have been equally successful in the Inter-Platoon Knock-out, as we have still three of our platoons remaining in the competition.

Undoubtedly, sport in our Company has taken a turn for the better, and many matches have been arranged with companies of outside battalions, and many good games are in sight.

Another sport where we have undoubtedly shone to great effect is boxing. Last year we were runners-up in the Novices' Competition, and we followed it up this year by winning the Open Individual Competition, and of the seven weights we have two weight holders and two runners-up. We congratulate L./Cpl. Francis and Pte. Almond on winning the light-weights and feather-weights respectively, and L./Cpl. McGrady and Pte. Lichfield on being runners-up in the welter-weights and bantam-weights.

We then proceeded to make the winning of the Boxing Shield certain. The next item in the boxing programme was the Company Team Competition, and here again we met with success. After going from one knock-out to another, we disposed of H.Q. Wing in the semi-final, and met D Company in the final. The final proved to be an excellent exhibition of boxing, and we congratulate every member of the team on proving the winners by only one point.

The next shield we have our eyes on is the Swimming Shield, and from the talent that has been forthcoming, we feel certain of retaining it. Water Polo has aroused great interest throughout the Battalion, and many of us have been trying to master the art of throwing the ball and having our feet off the bottom. Still, success will come to those who are patient. Sergts. Painter and Chillery and L./Cpl. Chandler have proved adepts at the game, and are all members of the Battalion team.

We have heard from unofficial sources that "Charlie" is going to apply for a furlough next year so that he can attempt the channel crossing. Good luck, Charlie! You have our best wishes.

One thing this station will always be well known for, and that is the abundance of flies. Fly swatters seem to be the latest craze, and two of our N.C.Os. have found them invaluable. They even

consider them as part of their equipment, and are never seen on parade without them. Perhaps the "swotter" was the means of one of them retaining his guns this year?

We welcome Capt. Horrocks, M.C., on his taking over the command of our Company, and hope his stay with us will be both pleasant and enjoyable.

We congratulate L./Sergt. Herbert, L./Cpls. Chandler, Rogers, Moth and Francis on their appointments, and we congratulate Ptes. Gould and Chisholm on obtaining their First Class Certificates of Education.

Before we say "goodbye" to all the long-suffering readers of these notes, we must give our heartiest congratulations to our big film promoter. Our news correspondent reports that he has just completed the biggest deal of his career, and that in future his cinema will be first with all the big pictures.

"BUSY BEE."

C COMPANY.

Cairo is ours by right of conquest. Not that any minor wars have been ravaging the country by any means—we have simply settled down. No longer do we require the services of a regimental policeman to guide us through the various gates, that once formed a veritable maze, to the main gate of the Citadel. Of course, the return journey for many of us is not so easily accomplished.

However, we can look the overbearing tourist full in the eye with that conscious air of superiority born of a six months' experience of the most cosmopolitan of all cities.

The Company fired the Annual Range Course in May, and the results were extremely gratifying when the inconveniences are considered.

While dealing with the subject it is interesting to record that we have been awarded Best Shooting Company for 1932. We hope to keep this up.

The way backs were kept up after continually walking up the causeway to the Moquattam Heights was very pronounced.

One hardy marksman has suggested the following for a notice to be placed by Napoleon's Fort:—

To Marksmen.

"You may fire your course but once, if there are any remarks you wish to pass, pass them now, for you will not pass this way."

(Apologia have been forwarded to the proper quarters.)

At Réveille on May 16th the Drums going the rounds of the Barracks awoke us to the Regiment's "Day of Remembrance." It was celebrated in the appropriate manner with the Battalion Sports Meeting held on the Barrack Square.

Splendid weather ensured a fine day of unusually keen athletic competition. With A Company rested the honours of the day, but while congratulating them let us not forget the splendid show put up by our own team.

The King's birthday was preceded by a period of bustling activity engendered by numerous R.S.Ms' parades. An account of the final parade held on June 3rd on the ground of the Gezira Sports Club probably appears elsewhere.

We must, however, express our pride in the fact that our Company supplied some of those who, with the remainder of the Brigade, took part in such an outstanding success.

Nothing was left to chance in order to achieve smartness, one N.C.O. at least must have had practical experience of the vagaries of life when, after parading for weeks with a rifle he finally had to parade with a "Flit Gun."

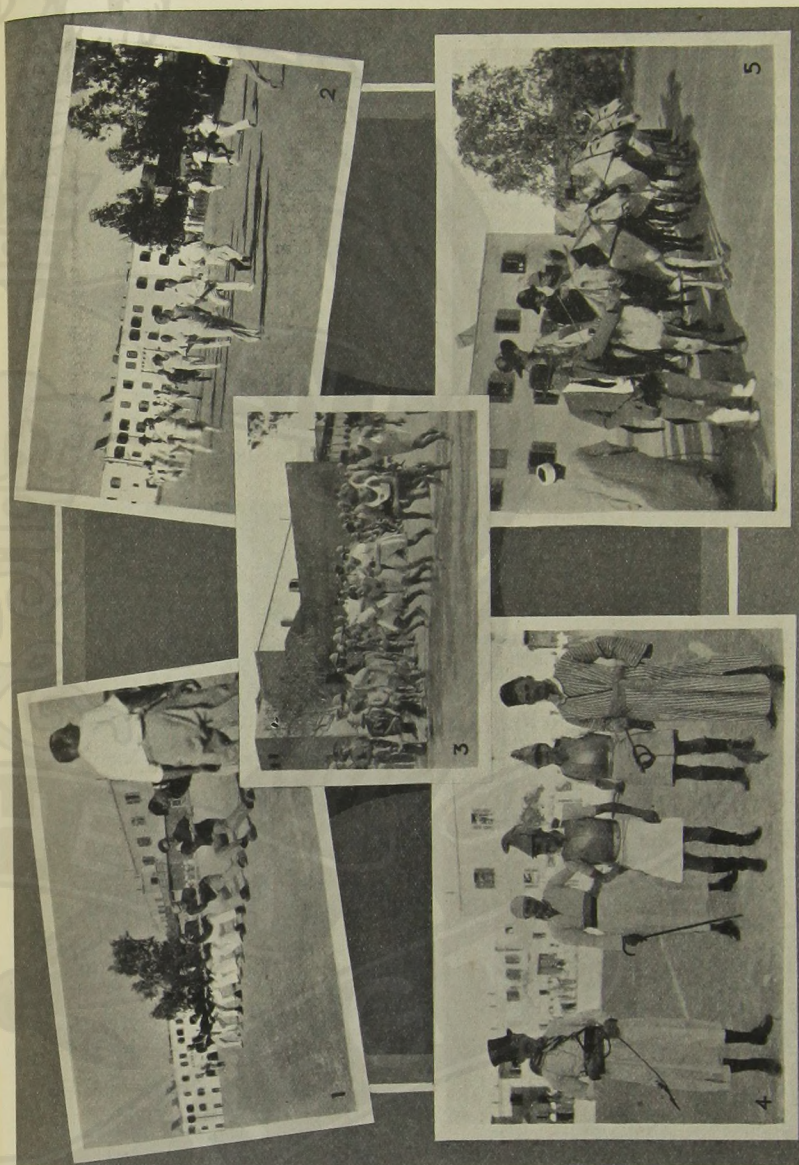
We are now resting in the interval between the first two spasms and the blast of the Annual Boxing Tournament. Unhappily our Company was not able to achieve the success of previous years in the Individual Meeting.

The Company team, on meeting A Company, were very unlucky to lose by such a narrow margin of points, better luck next time.

Detachments are now being sent to Alexandria for change of air, the holiday is much appreciated by all ranks, and the first arrivals back make us hunger for our fortnight by the sea.

We are reading daily of the heat waves in England, with monstrous temperatures of 87 in the shade. O Happy Land!

The date for our departure to Moascar is not officially published yet, but there



1ST BATTALION—ALBUHERA DAY, MAY 16TH, 1933, CITADEL, CAIRO.

1. The Sergeants' Tug-of-War Team pulling against the Officers' Mile Team Race.
2. The Veterans' Race.
3. D Company Sports, Start of the One Mile Race.
4. The Officers' Donkey Race Team (reading from left to right): "Hassan," "Henry," "Abdul," "Beadnell," "Centurion," "Chatney," "Bold Bad," "Bellers," "Mohamed," "Hall."
5. The start of the Inter-Mess Donkey Race: C.S.M. Burt (D Company) is the "lady," whose donkey is being held in position in the front.

are many among us who are looking forward to this station, the reason is obscure because Cairo is really quite a most interesting place. It might have something to do with covert whispers that are going round now, they are only muttered but they sound like "Time Ex." and "Last Station." In closing, we express our regret at our probable loss of L./Cpl. Kent, who has left us for a probationary course with the Military Police, and wish him every success in his new Corps.

Congratulations are also due to L./Cpl. Simpson who has gained another two subjects towards his Special Certificate of Education. We hope that he will complete this record of hard work in the October Examination.

D COMPANY.

Let us look at the Company parade state and see what it tells us which is of interest to our readers.

Commencing at the proper column, we find that our Company Commander is at present enjoying leave in Europe. Capt. F. G. Parker, M.C., is commanding the Company in Capt. del Court's absence, and is, we presume, eager for him to return, so that he himself may enjoy the pleasure of leave. Lieut. H. Marsh is with us and is leading a very energetic existence as Officer in charge of the Regimental Cinema, besides playing the lead in other productions—we mean, other departments. 2/Lieut. Beadnell is just now attending a Riding Course with the cavalry at Abbassia.

In the next column we find that Clr./Sergt. Steadman is employed as C.Q.M.S. at the married families' "change of air" camp at Alexandria. We shall not see him again until the end of September. Sergt. Tiller is acting C.Q.M.S. in his absence. Sergt. Priddy has returned from Hythe with a "Q.I." We have a newly-appointed member of the Sergeants' Mess in L./Sergt. Dyson, whom we congratulate on his appointment.

Now let us look at our programme of work.

Until June 10th, employments, duties and training for the Trooping of the Colour on the King's Birthday Parade was enough to keep the Company at full

work. Since that date we have ceased to be employed, and are now all together in our platoons again, and are training for the Annual Musketry Course.

One party of twenty-three men of the Company have already enjoyed a fortnight's change of air at Alexandria. One of them improved so rapidly at swimming while there that we have heard that his comrades had great difficulty in restraining him from emulating channel swimmers to the extent of following the all-red route to London by breast-stroke.

After the Musketry Course is finished, more N.C.Os. and men will be able to enjoy change of air.

In the results of recent games and sports in the battalion, the Company make a good showing, thus giving sign of better results to follow. These results are summarized below:—



D Company Boxing Team, Runners-up, Inter-Company Team Boxing Tournament, 1933. Citadel.

FINAL.

Hockey, Inter-Coy. K.O.—D Company beat H.Q. Wing.

Passball, Inter-Pttn. K.O., Final.—No. 13 Platoon beat No. 2 Platoon A (M.G.) Company.

Athletics, Albuhera Sports.—2nd.

Boxing, Inter-Coy. K.O.—Runners-up: D Company.

Boxing, Open Individuals.—2nd (tied with A (M.G.) Company).

Hockey, Inter-Coy. League.—Runners-up: D Company.

All members of representative teams are congratulated by us all on a very

good and thoroughly sportsmanlike show, especially the following:—

L./Sergt. Williams, longest individual distance in long jump, Albuhera Sports.

MIDDLE EAST.

Pte. Evans, Bn. Champion Heavy-weight, 1933.

L./Cpl. Chillery, Bn. Champion Light-Heavy-weight, 1933.

Pte. Tatt, Winner Heavy-weight Open Individuals, 1933.

L./Cpl. Roseblade, Bn. Champion Middle-weight, 1933.

Pte. Langdale, Runner-up, Middle-weight, 1933.

We congratulate Pte. Eddison upon obtaining his First Class Certificate of Education at the March examination, with a "distinguished" in mathematics.

DON.

H.Q. WING.

DRUMS.

Since our last notes, sports have been the chief item of interest. The return football match with the Coldstream Guards was fought on the Citadel ground. The result was very disappointing, for although we dominated the play from start to finish, we lacked the finishing touches in front of goal, and consequently lost 3—1. An excellent tea was provided after the game, thanks to the catering of Dmrs. Bolt and North.

Our team did remarkably well in the Passball Competition. Owing to the absence of L./Cpl. Stickley we lost the fifth game to No. 13 Platoon. (Superstitious people please note.)

The Company Sports took place on April 22nd and 23rd. Although we did not win the clock, our team gave a good exhibition of "health and strength" by winning the tug-of-war, ably coached by the Drum-Major.

We must congratulate Dmr. Elms on winning the long distance events, and Boy Williams on the good show he put up.

In the Battalion Sports the Wing was assisted by Dmr. Elms and Boy Williams.

The result of the Battalion Open Boxing Tournament will be seen elsewhere in the Journal, but we must congratulate Dmr. Elms on winning the Battalion

Bantam-weight belt. Dmr. Bolt lost after a hard fight with L./Cpl. Markham, and Webber assumed the prone position to "Choppers." Both Bolt and Webber won their fights in the Battalion Team Competition, but luck was against H.Q. and B Company collected the points.

Cricket is now in full swing. The Drums have played and won the first match in the Platoon K.O., and beat the Band in a friendly by 30 runs, "Tich" "wielding the willow" to the tune of 75, not out.

During the hot weather, swimming takes up all the spare time. The Company polo and diving teams are well represented, with Dmrs. Crawshaw and the Stickley brothers being well to the fore.

Great was the rejoicing on June 4th. No more parades for the King's Birthday Ceremony. We had a month of rehearsals under the Drill Sergt. of the Coldstream Guards, which was beneficial to all. The actual parade took place on the Gezira sports club ground, in front of the notables of Cairo.

By the time these notes appear, Drum-Major Drew will be regaining his lost weight on a six months' leave in United Kingdom. We wish him a happy holiday.

Dmr. Harding is the proud possessor of twin ducks. We are given to understand that the drummers are to have feather pillows in the near future.

The Ringer has rung the changes by signing on, after stating otherwise. Haggis followed his example after falling at the last hurdle.

The heat which we are subjected to now is the cause of many discussions. "Spag" is a staunch believer in the saying that "all handsome men are sun-burnt."

In closing down we must offer our congratulations to Dmrs. Stickley and Purse on again being awarded cricket medals for this year.

"SNAKE CHARMER III."

SIGNALS.

It is now the "little season" in Cairo, and as "Shepheards" and most of the other well-known places to visit are now closed until the season starts again, there is little to write about.

We are now experiencing the Egyptian summer, and it is an experience.

It seems as though all the flies in the world have decided to summer in Egypt, and all of them are staying at the Hotel Citadel.

Now is the time when all the antiques (?) are being repaired, and most of the Sheikhs are going back to their wives and families. (Shades of Robert Highens.)

As we have decided, like the flies, to summer in Cairo, we had better give an account of ourselves.

In the Wing Sports we proved easy victors, thanks to the good work of L./Cpl. Hopwood, Ptes. Bristow and Woods, and again we take the Clock.

The new class have now settled down and are well on the way to classification.

All the lads are eagerly looking forward to the rest camp at Alexandria, and are promising themselves a respite from debugging, which is no joke, is it Buck?

We congratulate L./Cpl. Clark on his appointment, and wish him every success.

In conclusion we sincerely wish 2/Lieut. Bellers the best of luck on his course at the School of Signals, Catterick, and also hope that he will enjoy his stay in Yorkshire as much as we did.

"Dors."

BAND.

Since our last notes we have been participating in one or two important Cairo events, the chief being the Trooping of the Colour on the King's birthday. We put in many rehearsals for this, and we can safely say we did not let anyone down judging from the numerous congratulations which we have received since. However, we are all glad the parade is over, for the weather is decidedly sticky.

Our other event was in the nature of an engagement at the Y.M.C.A., and although not profitable we at least welcomed the change of playing to a distinguished and interested audience, who much appreciated our efforts.

Albuhera Day was celebrated in the usual gay manner. We were all glad that we could have a day off, thanks to the band of The King's Own who came to play for us.

Weapon Training is now in full swing,

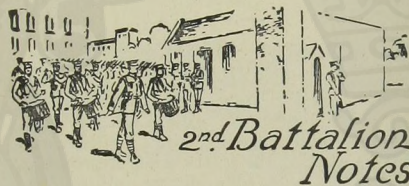
and many are hoping to prove that being a Sarafand marksman is not exactly a fluke.

At cricket we were very unfortunate in losing to No. 15 Platoon, or shall we say Sergt. Northcott, who was missed at six runs and went on to score the necessary runs to give his side the game. Well done, Slim!

The Battalion Boxing Championships are now over and we must congratulate Bdsn. Rowntree on his fine display against a redoubtable opponent in L./Cpl. Francis. A fine show was put up by Boys Haig and Carpenter, who certainly should go far in the noble art.

Best wishes to the 2nd Battalion.

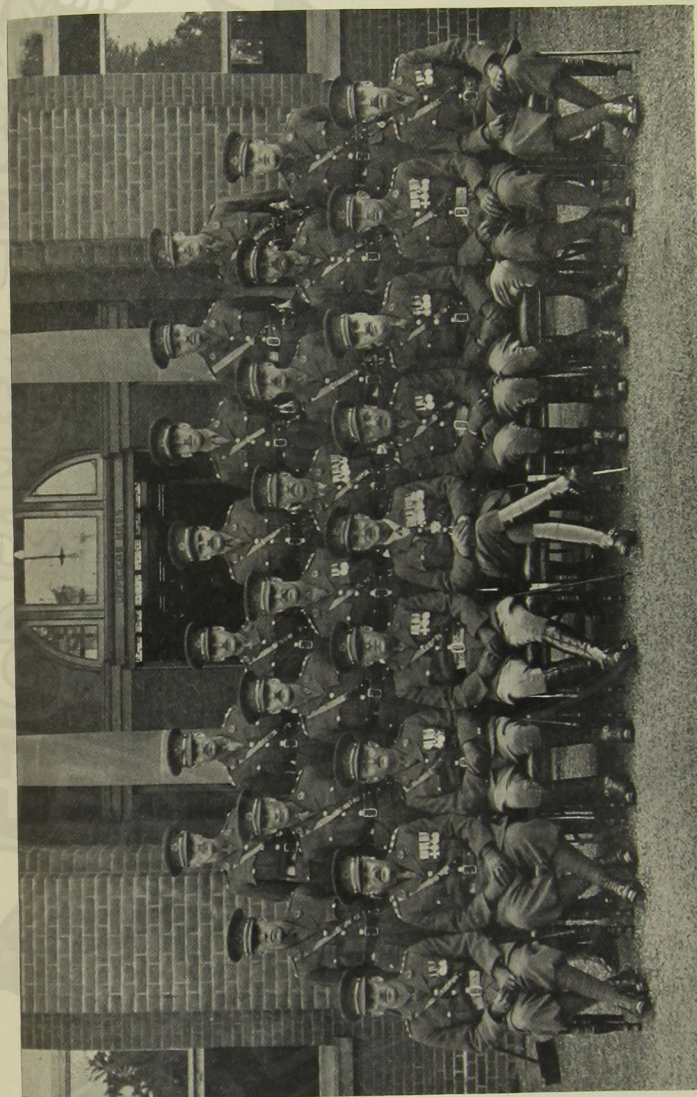
"FLAT PITCH."



SINCE Easter the Battalion's chief occupation as far as work is concerned has been the firing of the Annual Weapon Training Course. As no time has been lost through bad weather the bulk of firing is now over. The machine gunners have returned from their fortnights' training at Netheravon and are now getting busy with that mundane weapon—the rifle. They all appear to have enjoyed the concentration in spite of the hard work they had to put in—or should we say because of it.

For various reasons it has been difficult to fix dates for Battalion Athletic Sports and for swimming sports. The latter were to have been held in the middle of June, but owing to the insanitary state of the water in the swimming bath, due to the continued drought, the medical authorities ordered the bath to be closed. It is now hoped to hold them in July.

The athletic sports were held on June 1st and 2nd. There were few inter-company team events. Most were for individuals, in order that our teams might



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OFFICERS, 2ND BATTALION, ON THE OCCASION OF THE VISIT OF THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT, ON JUNE 8TH, 1933.

Back Row (Left to Right)—2/Lieut. G. O. Porter, Lieut. A. M. Man, Lieut. M. A. Jacob, Lieut. A. E. Green, 2/Lieut. G. P. L. Weston, Lieut. C. M. Baldwin.
Middle Row—Lieut. P. A. Fabbourne, Lieut. J. D. S. Gordon, Lieut. E. S. M. Ayscough, Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe, Lieut. R. T. Goscott, Lieut. J. G. E. Reid.
Front Row (Left to Right)—Capt. E. T. Pain, Capt. C. T. Whimney, Major J. R. Thorp, Major N. H. B. Lyon, Brig-General R. M. Heath, Lieut. S. J. Clark.
Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence, Capt. N. P. Procter, Capt. W. H. V. Jones.

be chosen for the garrison sports, held on June 21st and 22nd.

In June the Battalion was honoured with a visit by the Colonel of the Regiment. He dined with the officers on Wednesday, June 7th. On the following morning he inspected the Battalion on parade and later carried out a thorough inspection of the whole barracks.

The Brigade Commander's annual inspection took place on June 23rd, when he expressed his complete satisfaction with all that he saw.

A number of officers have been away undergoing courses of instruction recently, most of them at Hythe. Among them is Lieut. H. F. Else, whom we congratulate on his recent marriage. Another officer threatens to take that step shortly, Capt. T. C. Whinney, whom we congratulate on the announcement of his engagement. Unfortunately he has decided that marriage and soldiering do not go together and we regret that he has also decided to retire.

A COMPANY.

The last publication of the Journal found us slogging away at Company Training. This was completed with a three days' camp at Mersea under ideal conditions. Everybody came back looking very fit and healthy, and as a result we were in good form for the next most important event — Company Sports. Owing to our small numbers, and as in Company Training, we were again amalgamated with D Company. The weather was ideal for athletics, and everybody appeared to be in at least one event. "Dasher" surprised us all by gaining second place in the pole jump. C.S.M. Mewitt showed that there is "life in the old ones yet" by putting up a very good show in a relay race between the two companies.

The next item of interest was the Battalion sports. The Company did very well here, being the winners of the Inter-Company Relay Race. The team consisted of Lieut. Unwin, C.S.M. Mewitt, Cpl. Dujardin, L./Cpl. Holmes and Pte. Jacques. The latter also won the mile and half-mile. We congratulate him on this and his performance in the Army Cross-country Run.

In shooting we have done very well.

Of 26 N.C.Os. and men who fired, 15 became Marksmen in Part 1; and in Part 2 of 20 firers, 10 finished Marksmen. With this performance we are looking forward to being "Best Shooting Company" again. We are pleased at having five of the ten members of the Battalion team which won the Essex County Shield at Middlewick Ranges. We also congratulate Pte. Claxton, who, although only in his first year of Table B put up a very good show.

During the past quarter we have had many newcomers to the Company. 2/Lieut. Unwin, who has just joined us on posting, has helped us considerably with our sports. We welcome him to the Company and hope that his stay with us will be long and pleasant. Sergt. Wright and Cpl. Overy have joined us from the Depot. The former is now acting C.S.M. of D Company. The latter will be a great asset to the football and athletic teams. We extend a hearty welcome to them both.

After an absence of nearly two years L./Cpl. Copelin decided to join us again from the Somerset Light Infantry. We hope that his stay will be as pleasant as in the days of Ahmednagar and Madras. With our present members and the draft which will be here by the time these notes are published the Company should do well in sports, especially in football and hockey.

At the time of going to press Lieuts. Ferguson and Whiting are on courses. We wish them good luck and hope they come back with D's. L./Sergt. Cooper is attached to the Depot, where we hope he will not stay too long, as our football team may suffer in consequence.

B COMPANY.

The Company Notes for this issue of the Journal will be very short. There have been no competitive games to report on.

Ptes. Wisbey, Page and Doughty have left us for civil life, and we wish them every success in their new sphere.

2/Lieut. G. P. L. Weston has been appointed Brigade Intelligence Officer for the Collective Training period.

We congratulate 2/Lieut. J. E. F. Willoughby on representing the Eastern Command in épée and sabre at the Royal

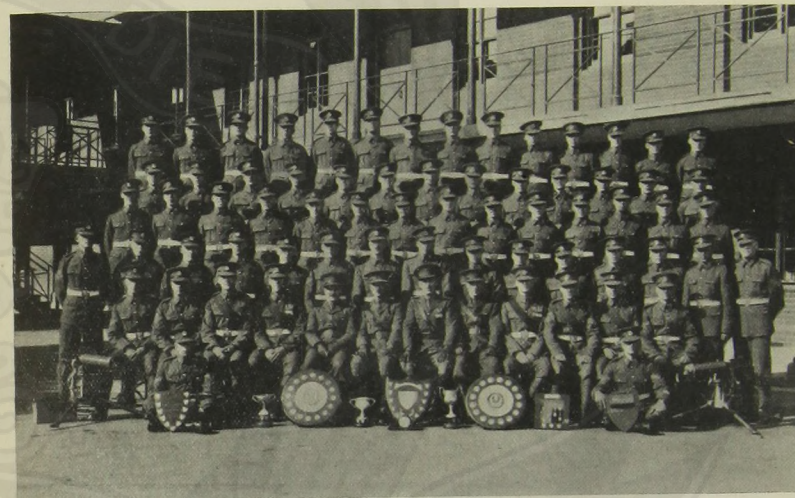
Military Tournament. He reached the semi-final of the sabre and had the honour of getting nearer the final of the championship than any other Army Officer.

The biggest item of news we have is the announcement by our Company Commander of his engagement to be married. The whole of the Company congratulate him and wish him and his fiancée every happiness. This news is only marred by a strong rumour to the effect that he will shortly leave us.

obtained 1st Class badges. Several men failed to do the same by failing badly at one range.

M.G. CONCENTRATION.

We left Colchester at mid-day on May 13th and arrived at Bulford station at 5 p.m. The camp was already pitched, so it was not long before we were settled in and enjoying a good meal. During the ten days we were in camp the weather was wonderful, but, alas, we were unable to



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C (M.G.) COMPANY.

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The Company has had a busy period since our last journal notes were written. With the exception of the N.C.Os. and four men, all are first-year gunners. The results of the A.M.G.C. were very satisfactory, and we must congratulate L./Cpl. Davis on his excellent shooting, whereby he becomes Company Shot.

The Rangetakers, who are also first-year gunners, were tested during the M.G. Concentration at Netheravon, and the results were well up to standard. L./Cpls. Tye, Broadbridge and Payne

make the most of it. Every day we were up at 5 a.m., and we considered ourselves lucky if we could fall out before 8 p.m. The only exception to this was the last Sunday, when we managed to get the afternoon off. The work was certainly interesting, and everybody worked well and enjoyed the period in camp. Considering the short period the Company has been formed, the results obtained to date are excellent. The Commanding Officer congratulated us on our work and said that great credit was due to the Officers, W.Os. and N.C.Os. on their

very good performance. A good start, but we must see what we can do next year, especially in the A.R.A. Competitions.

The Small Arms School ran several competitions and gave prizes for the winners. In the football we met the 2nd Bn. The Black Watch in the first round. At half-time we were leading 4-1. Unfortunately L./Cpl. Eldridge broke a bone in his foot and had to retire, whilst two others had temporary injuries which

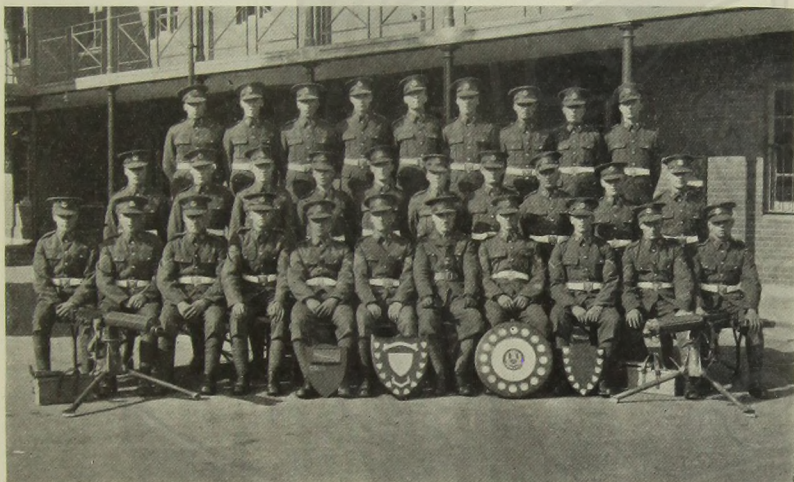
No. 2 Section.—2nd Place: Cpl. Brown, L./Cpl. Day, Ptes. Rae, Rathbone, Dawes, Charles and Lowton.

No. 1 Section.—4th Place: Cpl. Gatehouse, L./Cpl. Bruniges, Ptes. Cheal, Pearson, Conner, Morris and Osbourne.

No. 4 Section.—5th Place: Cpl. Makewell, L./Cpls. Eastland, Tye, Ptes. Nicholls, Haywood, Welsh and Hall.

FOOTBALL.

The Battalion Half-League was played



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C (M.G.) COMPANY (NO. 9 PLATOON).

obviously affected their play. The final result was that we lost 7-5.

A 30 yards range Section Fire Control Competition was held in the Brigade, and all Battalions entered four teams. Our teams shot extremely well and obtained 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th places. This was a remarkable fire achievement. The clock presented as first prize is now in No. 10 Platoon barrack room.

The teams were as follows:—

No. 3 Section.—Winners: Sergt. Johnson, L./Cpls. Davis, Davidson, Broadbridge, Ptes. Hayden, Aslin and Theed.

in April, and although we played all our matches, some companies failed to do so, so the shield which we would have won was not presented. We lost one match to G Company, and won four. Special praise must be given to Sergt. Ramsey, the goalkeeper, who allowed two goals only to be scored against us. The three inside forwards scored 24 goals in all.

The following played regularly for the team:—Sergts. Ramsey and Trestain, L./Cpls. Tye and Broadbridge, Ptes. Wood, Delaney, Coombes, Lowton, Robinson, Conner and Dawes.

ATHLETICS.

We held our Company Sports on the same day as B Company at the end of May. The Commanding Officer very kindly allowed us a holiday, so we were able to run off the heats in the morning in a slight drizzle. The afternoon was fine and we saw some very fine performances and excellent finishes.

If individuals had had further opportunity for training I am sure the results would have been of an exceptional standard.

The Drum-Major and the Drums kindly played during the afternoon, and Mrs. Jones presented the prizes at the conclusion. The results were:—

100 Yards.—1, Sergt. Ramsey; 2, L./Cpl. Broadbridge; 3, L./Cpl. Davis.

220 Yards.—1, Sergt. Ramsey; 2, L./Cpl. Davis; 3, Pte. Combes.

440 Yards.—1, Sergt. Ramsey; 2, Pte. Allen; 3, Pte. Fergusson.

880 Yards.—1, L./Cpl. Day; 2, Pte. Berryman; 3, Pte. Allen.

One Mile.—1, Pte. Berryman; 2, L./Cpl. Day; 3, Pte. Hayden.

Hurdles.—1, L./Cpl. Broadbridge; 2, Cpl. Brown.

Three Miles.—1, L./Cpl. Day; 2, Pte. Berryman; 3, Pte. Hayden.

Putting the Weight.—1, C.S.M. Peck; 2, L./Cpl. Tye; 3, Pte. Burgess.

Pole Jump.—1, L./Cpl. Davis; 2, Sergt. Ramsey; 3, Pte. Conner.

High Jump.—1, Pte. Combes; 2, Pte. Delaney; 3, Pte. Allen.

Long Jump.—1, Sergt. Ramsey; 2, Pte. Allen; 3, Pte. Combes.

Throwing the Javelin.—1, L./Cpl. Tye; 2, C.S.M. Peck; 3, Cpl. Marshall.

Throwing the Hammer.—1, Sergt. Boen; 2, Cpl. Gatehouse; 3, Pte. Burgess.

Throwing the Discus.—1, L./Cpl. Tye; 2, C.S.M. Peck; 3, Pte. Nicholls.

CRICKET.

With a view of having more games of cricket the company entered for the Colchester and District League, Division I. Our opponents consist of two military teams and two civil. Up to date we have won one match and lost two.

The following have played regularly for the company:—

Lieuts. Reid, Baldwin and Green, Cpl. Gatehouse, L./Cpls. Tye and Broadbridge, Ptes. Allen, Combes and Pearson.

MUSKETRY.

We are now hring our Rifle Course. As a number of the company have to fire Table A and B it is a long job. Nevertheless, the shooting has been quite good and several people have shown their ability to be capable of firing for the Battalion team next year.

TRAINING.

Company training will soon be started, but our numbers are so small we shall find difficulty in raising two platoons. We expect a draft from the Depot shortly, which is badly required.

D COMPANY.

The "spasms" of Individual Training—as they were termed in our last notes—have since given way to Company (*sic!*) Training which, in its turn, has come to an end. We say Company (*sic!*) Training because for our grand manoeuvres we joined forces with A Company, and the total muster does not bear mention. However, quality, not quantity, we have always agreed with. The Company March which brought Company Training to an end was enjoyed by all who took part in it. We could hardly believe our eyes when we marched into our camp near Mersea to see less than ten tents to accommodate two companies. Very strange after India, but none the less true. Bathing was popular as the weather was kind, but the Company took no part in the nightly cross-country runs which some members of A Company indulged in. The track, or hedge, or field record, I am afraid, we are unable to publish as no times were taken. However, we feel sure it is a record which will stand for all time.

We did notice some cricket talent. The pitch gave every assistance to the bowler it should be added, never we feel having been used as such before.

The Company Sports—once again we had the pleasure of joining with A Company—were held the week following our

return. They went off very well, though I'm sorry to say we lost too many events to A Company. There was little competition, except in the last event of the day when a novel relay race was run. An officer, warrant-officer, sergeant, corporal, lance-corporal and private from each Company ran 220 yards against each other. The Company Commanders, it should be added reserved their energies for the Veterans' Race. D Company won a very exciting race, and we must compliment Pte. Bridge for really winning the race for us.

We seem to be losing many men these days which we can hardly afford. However, we hope to have another draft soon. We must welcome 2/Lieut. Porter to the Company and congratulate him on his performances in the Company Sports and Battalion trials.

We have had one game of cricket against a company of the Black Watch when we scored our first victory. We hope to get some more games, and hope to do well in the Inter-Company Knock-out.

The firing of the annual Weapon Training Course was quite a success. We have no third-class shots—but then we never should have!

H.Q. WING.

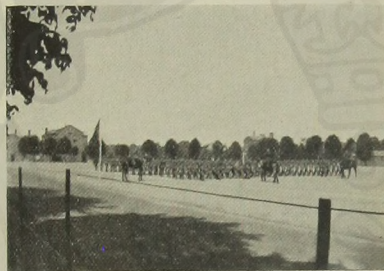
The past three months have been more than busy for most folk in the Wing and we shall probably, in consequence, forget some of the things. There have been a few changes during the quarter, although things are settling down and the comings and goings are decreasing. Lieut. Man has relieved Lieut. Stephenson as Signalling Officer and we, as a result, have lost a great all-round asset to the Wing teams. However, these turnovers must occur, and Lieut. Man's recent and "Distinguished" visit to Catterick should be of great value to the Signals, whilst he has already proved that signalling officers who are not Army players can also make useful runs for the Wing.

Lieut. Else has been away seeking D's at Hythe, but his large black dog has most evidently been with us to act as a reminder that his master still belongs to the Wing even if he is seldom here. This reminds us that his absence is not all "Course," and that we have not con-

gratulated him upon his marriage which occurred soon after the last notes were sent in. We wish him and Mrs. Else long life and happiness.

Whilst on the subject of marriages we have to congratulate Sergt. (I.M.) Kemp and Pte. Claxton on theirs. The latter event actually occurred after he left the Battalion, but we noticed that he came back to Barracks to collect his best man.

We welcome Bandmaster Dennis to the Wing on his arrival to join the Battalion *vice* Mr. Clibbens. We all deplore the circumstances which necessitated the change and hope that Mr. Clibbens will have a speedy recovery. In Mr. Dennis we have a man who nearly cleared the board of prizes at Kneller Hall, and we feel confident that we shall soon have a



Inspection by Brig.-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O.

steady flow of prizewinning bandmen returning from Kneller Hall. We wish him many happy and successful years with us.

We congratulate L./Sergt. Jennings on his appointment as Lance-Sergeant and Band Corporal, and Cpls. Wray and Buck upon their promotions. Unfortunately, as usual in the Wing, promotion means "good-bye," and they have left us for rifle companies. The following have also left: Evans (Pioneers), Clark (Officers' Mess), Brazier (Wing Storeman), Ellis (Signals), all having gone to civil life. Another ten have gone on Vocational Training courses.

On June 8th, Brig.-General R. M. Heath, the Colonel of the Regiment, visited the Battalion, and in the course of a long day inspected every barrack room and store in the Wing. He was

particularly pleased with the rooms of the Band and Drums.

The annual Weapon Training Course is over for most of the Wing. It was, as usual, rather a hectic period, accentuated by the fact that C (M.G.) Company were away at Netheravon and there were all the rehearsals for H.M. The King's Birthday Parade, to say nothing of Horse Shows, training for Battalion Sports and other incidental amusements. The results were not up to expectations and there will be far fewer crossed rifles displayed than we had hoped for. It is some consolation to find that the Wing are well represented in the Battalion rifle team, which we have to congratulate on winning the Essex County Shield. We hope that these experts have not shot their bolts and will assist us to carry off some of the competitions in the Garrison Meeting.

The Transport have again had a barren year in competitions. As in everything else, success does not come easily in these shows and it will be another year before we can hope that our young personnel will have sufficient experience to win. If they do not do something then we shall want to know the reason why.

On June 18th the married families of the Wing went by bus to Walton for the day. A couple of showers descended upon them during the day, but otherwise the sun shone kindly on the party and allowed all except grandfather Bryan and A./S./Sergt. Staley to bathe. The former naturally has to be careful at his age, and the latter did not think it worth while as the tide was out and he was afraid of hitting the cliffs of France with the plunge. In between bathing, football and cricket matches were played, and we understand that the body-line tactics of the ladies devastated the mere male batsmen. The fact that nearly all the ladies got prizes in the fun-park for trying hard reflects great credit upon the wives in the Wing. On the other hand the fact that the husbands failed miserably in the only effort they made, which was to avoid having pennies extracted from them by their offspring, shows how kind-hearted are Wing fathers.

Training and fatigues have still allowed some time for games. We have been forced to help out our meagre allotment of grounds by hiring one of the recreation

grounds from time to time. With the exception of the Inter-Group Cricket all other competitions have been completed this year and the results are as follows:—

Boxing.—Drums.
Cross-Country.—Drums.
Athletics.—Drums.
Football.—Employed.
Hockey.—Band.
Champion Group.—Drums.
Uberoi Cup (for the best barrack room).—Drums.

We congratulate the Drums on their success, which they worked very hard for. Competition was very level in most events, especially in the Cross-country, where the Signals were rather unlucky to lose by half a point, and the athletics where the Employed were only caught on the post. The apparent lack of success of the Signals was only the usual reaction after sweeping the board in recent years, and we shall expect to see them collecting their share of the shields next year.

A seven-a-side football tournament on Albuhera Day ended in an all-Wing final, in which the Employed defeated the Band. The Wing sports results were:—

100 Yards.—1, Dmr. Thompson; 2, Bdsn. Riselay; 3, Sergt. Deane.
220 Yards.—1, Dmr. Thompson; 2, Sergt. Deane; 3, Bdsn. Riseley.
440 Yards.—1, Dmr. Thompson; 2, Bdsn. Gilbert; 3, Pte. Rawlinson.
880 Yards.—1, Pte. Peasley; 2, Pte. Crossthwaite; 3, Pte. Towler.
One Mile.—1, Pte. Peasley; 2, Pte. Atkins; 3, Pte. Towler.
Three Miles.—1, Pte. Peasley; 2, Dmr. Jones; 3, Pte. Towler.
Hurdles.—1, L./Cpl. Stanley; 2, Dmr. Mew; 3, Dmr. Mitchell.
Weight.—1, Pte. Mew; 2, Cpl. Day; 3, Pte. Pusey.
Hammer.—1, Pte. Mew; 2, Bdsn. Hoare; 3, Pte. Hunter.
Javelin.—1, Bdsn. Hoare; 2, L./Cpl. Stanley; 3, Bdsn. White.
Discus.—1, Pte. Mew; 2, L./Cpl. Hayes; 3, L./Cpl. Stanley.
Long Jump.—1, Sergt. Deane; 2, Dmr. Thompson; 3, Sergt. Kemp.
High Jump.—1, Bdsn. Hoare; 2, L./Cpl. Stanley; 3, Cpl. Day.
Pole Vault.—1, Pte. Mew; 2, Bdsn. Hoare.

Boys' 100 Yards.—1, Humberstone; 2, Burrell; 3, Firman.

Boys' Mile.—1, Burrell; 2, Humberstone; 3, Caney.

Boys' High Jump.—1, Phipps; 2, Humberstone; 3, Cox.

Boys' Long Jump.—1, Humberstone; 2, Phipps; 3, Cox.

We have entered for the Colchester District Cricket League, Division 1, this year, and the results so far have been:—

v. St. Stephen's, draw.

v. — Company, Royal Fusiliers, won.

v. C (M.G.) Company, won.

v. St. Stephen's, lost.

v. C (M.G.) Company, won.

With three games to go we are equal with St. Stephen's, and we have no real excuse for not beating them in our return match, as we got them out for a very reasonable score and neither the bowling nor the pitch can be blamed for the rot which set in and made everyone get out in very infantile fashion. However, we still have hopes of winning the League provided we make no more mistakes.

Sergts. Glover and Kemp, Bdsn. Riseley and Dmr. Thompson have all been most useful as bowlers, and each match has found one or other in form, whilst Pte. Hatfield bowled very steadily against C (M.G.) Company. Our batting is uncertain. Pte. Pullen is a very useful recruit and has done well for the Wing and Battalion teams. With more experience and improved fielding he should be a good cricketer. Apart from Pullen, various others have made useful small scores, the highest being by Lieut. Man and Capt. Procter, each in the games against C (M.G.) Company. The return of Lieut. Else should help to steady the batting and we hope to have him for our remaining fixtures.

We had hoped to have a tale of successes in the Battalion Swimming Sports, but owing to the drought these have been postponed.

BAND.

We take this opportunity of welcoming our new Bandmaster, Mr. Dennis, from Kneller Hall, and wish him every success in his new appointment. Cpl. Jennings also has recently found himself on the promotion list. Congratulations.

We have just finished "fishing" for the elusive tanner, and whilst some made a "catch" a few find themselves the poorer by sixpence or more a day. Perhaps they endorse Leonard's remark: "It must be the blinking rifles"—made when he was put back for further instruction.

Engagements are few and far between, but we are looking forward to a better season next year, and we have made a start with an engagement at Headingham, which produced a very complimentary letter from the committee (and, we hope, the money), and we make a pilgrimage to Sudbury on August Bank Holiday. What a chance for Hogg and Avery on their new banjos.

It was rumoured that we were going to play on the wireless, but now television has come in some of us think we had better cancel the engagement. (We anticipate trouble for Flat Pitch over this, as we know of one or two in the Band who rather fancy their chances if their profiles could be broadcast.—SUB-ED.)

Depot week starts on the 25th, and judging by some of the remarks there seems to be a good time in front of us. ("What a chance to practise for Sudbury."—Bd.-Mr. *sotto voce*.) I expect we shall meet a lot of old comrades on the reunion day. We overheard the following last year: "Do you remember so-and-so, Bob? You know, the bloke who used to be on Sano; he left in '94." A short pause, then, "Oh, that was before you were born, I forgot."

We hope the 1st Battalion Band are having as good a time in Cairo as we had. There were plenty of engagements to be had there then and we hope they have their share now.

DRUMS.

I suppose that the main topic in this issue will be the results of the Battalion Sports, which were held recently. Although we cannot dwell too largely on this subject we should just like to mention that though we are still weak in numbers and material we can still hold our own with the rest of the Battalion. By gaining first place in the Wing trials we proved this, and Dmr. Rundle's last-minute entry for the Mile, in which he finished fifth, although he ran practically

in "walking-out order," is certainly worth a mention. The field events were left to Dmr. Mew, and by winning the Discus, Pole Vault and Hammer he showed us that he is practically a team on his own. Well done! Meanwhile, Dmr. Thompson and his little gang of learners entered for the track events and proved to us that one does not know what one can do until one tries.

Our boys, too, upheld the good tradition of the Drums. Boys Burrell and Humberstone should do quite well in athletics later on. Keep on trying, Boys, and you will be as good as your old uncle. Once again the Drums' rooms look like the showrooms of Mappin and Webb's. Next year we should like to see some fresh faces in the field. It's very easy to put down for events and to tell the youngsters how good you were abroad, but you won't prove this to them by scratching at the last moment. Seeing is believing, and they naturally look to the older members of the corps to show them something. As it is the youngsters are quite capable of showing the older fellows a bit! Enough of this.

Before these notes appear we shall have lost another member of the Corps in L./Cpl. Doolan, who leaves us in July for vocational training as a motor mechanic. We wish him all success and hope he won't forget his old pals when he owns a fleet of motor coaches.

At the time of writing we are in the midst of a hurricane, as there is the Brigade Commander's annual inspection on the 23rd. You know what it is: "Don't forget," "Parade with this on Friday" and "If he says—I'll say," etc. However, I expect we shall get over it, and perhaps wish for a few more to break the monotony of life.

Now, pay attention! We have got an engagement at Sudbury in July. Pukka? Yes! The folks in Sudbury know about it. You should see our "fan mail." The dames in Sudbury have all gone in clubs for the great event, but they won't swerve us from our duty to the people of Sudbury. No, sir! Nix on the dames. So you can picture us, in between fatigues of course, punching up programmes. We shall soon get to know them, though. The C.Q.M.S. knows them already. You ask him. We have had no applause from him

—which does not seem promising. Perhaps he hasn't got a musical ear. Of course, the pen is mightier than the flute. (August leave, please.)

We extend our hearty congratulations to L./Sergt. Jennings on his recent promotion. He still remains on the "inventory board" we are pleased to hear. In conclusion we send our best wishes to the 1st Battalion Drummers.

SIGNALS.

A few more departures and only one increase to report this quarter. We are very sorry to lose "Vic Eddy" (May) who has obtained a Vocational Training Course, but we wish him all the best. (Try and get that weight down, Busty.) Another old-timer who has left us is L./Cpl. Griffiths, who has relieved Cpl. Wray as Wing Clerk, and we congratulate him on his promotion. Pte. Pusey is another who is attending a Vocational Training Course.

Congratulations to Lieut. Man on his "Special" certificate. We wish Lieut. Stephenson all the best in his new company. D have already found him useful in games. Our heartiest congratulations to L./Cpl. Green on his appointment, and we hope that he gets a D at Catterick.

The old signallers held a reception at "Dirty Dick's" in Liverpool Street. Carter and Co. were prominent, as were our old friends Bartlett and Dickenson. Alex managed to sell Ireland again. At the time of writing we are about to start our A.W.T.C. We expect great things from "Kitty" (Marshall) who carries his left eye in a sling when firing. Should he become a Marksman I fancy that eye-shades will be the fashion in the section next year.

We have completed our Annual Classification, and though the result has not yet been published we understand that everyone passed. The new class did extremely well, we believe.

Signal outdoor schemes are now the order of the day, as Battalion and Brigade Training draw near; and while it seemed strange at first to the new fellows, they showed that they were willing

to learn and soon picked up this method of training and seem to enjoy it. This spirit is what is wanted, and if they carry on as they have started the Battalion will not suffer by the loss of our old hands.

EMPLOYED GROUP.

The following notes have been compiled by our ex-Group Editor and his successor, Cpl. Wray having been transferred to the morse and flags department (Signals).

Ptes. Evans and Claxton have left us for civilian life; we wish them luck, especially Pte. Claxton, who was married within a fortnight of leaving us. The next on the roll to leave is Abbiss, who is going to Hounslow for a course of boot repairing. We wish him every success.

Among the new Employed there are several dark horses who need bringing out, and at present we can say that Pte. Crossthwaite is a valuable addition to our football, cricket and athletic teams. Cpl. Wright has forsaken our dart team for a motor-bike. We believe he is after a job as an American traffic cop. In place of Corporal Wright we have elected Pte. McAndrew who seems to be very fond of treble 20's. We hope that he will be on top of his form in the forthcoming Inter-Company Silver Dart Competition.

Since our last notes we have been very busy firing our A.W.T.C., of which the result was not very pleasing. With reference to our last notes we can definitely say that Sergt. Kemp has left the ranks of bachelors, and we wish him the best of married life—may all his troubles be little ones.

We are sorry to say that one of our ranks (Cpl. Grainger) has been seriously ill following a breakdown, and has been in and out of hospital several times; but now he is on leave, and we hope that his recovery is complete. Congratulations to L./Cpls. Griffiths and Stanley (R.A.O.C.) on their appointment to the first rung of the ladder.

Headquarter Wing has entered for the Colchester and District League, and at present are sitting on top. Of course, the family has done its little bit towards this success.

BOYS.

Time fairly flies, and it seems only last week that the last lot of notes were prepared. Still we will put our backs into it and do our best to supply some interesting literature. Whitsun is now a thing of the past, and we are all looking forward to the August break. Except for the Whitsun week-end Old King Sol has been very backward in making an appearance, the only comfort being lack of rain.

At the Company Sports there were four events for the boys, and the entries were quite large. Boy Burrell proved himself a promising runner, whilst Phipps and Humberstone were very prominent in the jumps.

As regards cricket we have not had the same success as last year; our record is two played, two lost. However, we hope to do better in the remaining matches.

The boys who did not go on leave at Whitsun were very pleasantly surprised when the officers gave them a treat to Walton-on-the-Naze. This was much appreciated by all and, judging by reports, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, including the officers!

Our numbers are steadily being increased, the latest acquisitions being Boys Holmes and Davies. The former was promptly designated "Skilts." Davies is a heavily built fellow and should be an asset to our soccer team.

We are now eagerly awaiting the swimming sports, which are soon due. This sport has almost become an obsession with most of us.

Concluding, we extend our heartiest good wishes to the boys of the 1st Battalion.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Our heartiest congratulations to C.S.M. Mewitt on his promotion to warrant rank. We also congratulate Sergt. Housden, who has been appointed Sergt.-Master Cook, and L./Sergts. Wilson and Jennings on their entry into the Mess.

Sergt. Boen has left us on being appointed to the 9th Battalion (T.A.), and L./Sergt. Whitcombe has proceeded to the Depot. Our best wishes go with both of them.

We extend a hearty welcome to Sergts. Wright and Bishop, who have joined the

Battalion from the Depot. They and their wives are old friends and were with the Battalion for several years during the tour abroad.

We particularly welcome our new Bandmaster, Mr. C. Dennis, who has been appointed to the Battalion in place of Mr. Clibbens. Mr. Dennis hails from the Irish Guards, and we are told the School of Music literally had to kick him out because he had bagged all the honours and distinctions they had to give him. Excluding the possibility of untoward happenings, Mr. Dennis should be with the Battalion for very many years and we take this opportunity of wishing him a successful and happy career. He might be with us long enough to learn to appreciate the delights of gardening, and might even raise prize turnips with the same zest as he collected "Firsts" at Kneller Hall. However, he is getting married on July 2nd and we have a feeling he has a sneaking hope that all his anxiety in this direction will vanish with the advent of feminine influence in his home. We wish him the best of luck on his marriage and extend a premature welcome to the prospective Mrs. Bandmaster, who has already paid several visits to Colchester and made herself known to her future neighbours.

Apropos of Bandmasters, it will interest readers to hear that we often have news of Mr. Clibbens. It appears he is on the road to recovery and is eagerly awaiting his discharge from the sanatorium near Hastings, where he is at present convalescing, when he can settle down again to home life. We confidently expect the first place he will make for when he is free again will be the Sergeants' Mess, Hyderabad Barracks, Colchester, to see us all.

It might also interest old members of the Mess who are not at present serving with the Battalion to hear that we have back with us in the Battalion, although not in the Mess, an old "Indian" member, one, Copelin, who has suffered many ups and downs since he left us in India, and has eventually found sanctuary again with his old Battalion. More of him anon, as he has plenty of time in front of him during which to regain his old position in the Mess.

The chief social event of the quarter has, of course, been the annual Albuhera

Ball, which we held on May 5th, a few days prior to Albuhera Day. This was necessary on account of C (M.G.) Company's departure to Netheravon for the M.G. Concentration on May 13th. The Ball was held in the Garrison Gymnasium and was very successful indeed. It is no exaggeration to say that pretty well the "whole" of Colchester attended, both military and civil, and we were particularly gratified to have the company of a large contingent of the Depot Mess. To say this contingent had a good time is putting it too mildly. They stayed over the week-end and were finally sent home in the early hours of Sunday morning. We are looking forward very much to a return visit on the occasion of the Depot Sports week and Old Comrades' gathering at the end of June, when the Mess will be very strongly represented to the tune of 75 per cent. of its members. However, to revert to the Ball, nothing but praise is due to C.S.M. Peck and his willing band of helpers for the way the show was organized and managed.

With the coming of the light evenings we have discontinued our monthly whist drives and dances. It is with regret we have had to do so, because they were very enjoyable, but we have next winter to look forward to in this respect, and to slightly compensate for them we hope to engage the services of the Band to give us periodical concerts on the "lawn" outside the Mess, which Sergt. Scott has been so patiently nursing into maturity the last few months.

The monthly dinners are, of course, still going strong, although, owing to this and that, it was found impracticable to fit one in for May.

We cannot close these notes without a passing reference to the Essex County Rifle Meeting, at which the Battalion carried off the County Shield. Six members of the Mess were included in the Battalion team.

MUSKETRY.

The annual Small Arms Meeting of the Essex County Rifle Association was held at Middlewick on June 17th. Teams representing the Battalion were entered for two competitions, the All Comers and the Essex Challenge Shield, and a large number of entries for the Rapid Fire

Competition were also made. Those who took part enjoyed a most successful day's shooting though wind and weather were not favourable throughout. A heavy thunder and hailstorm caused firing to be temporarily suspended during the progress of the competition for the Essex Shield, but when the weather cleared there was, for a time, a perfect light for shooting.

The Essex County Shield was won by the Battalion Team with a score of 540

complete with gum-boots, waders, orthotics, telescopic sights, heavily padded jackets, and in some cases even special gloves! Last but not least, Cpl. White put up a fine performance in the Open Rapid Fire Competition which event he won.

The day's results were very encouraging, and we have great hopes for the Garrison Rifle Meeting, and later on in the A.R.A. Non-Central Matches. We have entered for the King George, Royal



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WINNERS OF THE COLCHESTER GARRISON SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGBY COMPETITION, APRIL, 1933.

Standing (Left to Right).—Cpl. Marshall. 2/Lieut. Unwin. 2/Lieut. Willoughby. Sergt. Johnson. L./Cpl. Davis.
Sitting (Left to Right).—Lieut. Green. Lieut.-Colonel M. Browne. Lieut. Baldwin. 2/Lieut. Weston.

points, the highest possible being 700. The team consisted of Lieut. Clarke (Capt.), R.S.M. Ward, M.M., C.S.Ms. Colbourne and Mewitt, Sergts. Wright, Jones and Kemp, Cpl. Parnell, L./Cpl. Chapman and Pte. Brodie, to all of whom great credit is due. In the All Corners Competition the Battalion "A" and "B" teams gained first and third places respectively amongst the Regular and Territorial units who entered, though they were unable to compete against the Bisley marksmen who were at present in force

Irish and Young Soldiers' Cups, the Company Shield, Machine Gun Cup and the Machine Gun Fire Control Cup. Owing to the block musketry period Central Rifle Club and voluntary rifle competitions have of necessity remained in abeyance.

SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGBY.

The Battalion entered a team for the Brock Challenge Cup held at Lexden on Saturday, April 22nd. Ipswich, Southend, Felixstowe R.A.F. and 2nd Bat-

talion The Black Watch withdrew at the last moment, leaving only eight instead of twelve teams.

The following is an extract from the *East Anglian Daily Times*:—

The second surprise came in the ultimate results, for Chelmsford were knocked out in the first round at the hands of the 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, and Colchester, the most probable winners, met their fate when they were defeated 6—5 by the same team in the semi-finals. Both finalists therefore were military teams, the 2nd Middlesex Regiment defeating the 7th Field Company R.E., by 8 points to 6 points.

First Round.—Chelmsford, 5; 2nd Middlesex, 6.

A fairly even game in which the soldiers showed a slight predominance forward. In the first half Cheshire scored a converted try for Chelmsford, and Baldwin lessened the deficit for the Middlesex with an unconverted try. In the second half the Middlesex Regiment soon gained a single point lead by Weston crossing, but the try was not converted.

Colchester, 5 points; Martlesham R.A.F., 3 points.

Norwich, 5 points; Clacton, 0 points.

7th Field Company, R.E., 13 points; 2nd K.S.L.I., 3 points.

Semi-Finals.—2nd Middlesex Regiment, 6 points; Colchester, 5 points.

The first half was very even although Colchester were in arrears at the interval, Baldwin having crossed for the Middlesex. In the second half Fraser crossed for Colchester and Saunders converted, but Marshall gave the military victory with an unconverted try.

7th Field Company R.E., 13 points; Norwich, 10 points.

Final.—2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, 8 points; 7th Field Company R.E., 6 points.

A closely contested final in which some good seven-a-side tactics were to be seen. Powell shone for the first time, culminating a powerful movement in an unconverted try for the Sappers. The game was very open and the Middlesex soon equalized through Green, but before the interval the R.E. secured the lead through Keen. In the second half Unwin, a brilliant three-quarter, scored a splendid converted try for the Middlesex Regiment,

thus making them holders of the Brock Challenge Cup which was presented to them by Dr. A. Nolan Fell (President of the Colchester Club).

The team was:—Lieuts. Baldwin, Stephenson, and Green, 2/Lieuts. Willoughby and Unwin, Cpl. Marshall, L./Cpl. Davis, and Sergt. Johnson a reserve.

CRICKET.

Cricket is in full swing, and we hope the present ideal weather conditions will continue for it.

There have been many changes in the team since last season. Major Lyon has not yet played this year, Lieut. Heywood is at present away, and until recently Lieuts. Else and Peal were at Hythe. The recent drafts from the Depot, however, have provided new members of the team—a promising sign.

We began the season on May 6th with a good win over Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and the bowlers must take most of the credit, although Lieut. Stephenson hit up a useful 63 runs. The scores were:—Trinity Hall, 78 runs; 2nd Middlesex Regiment, 156 runs, leaving us winners by 78 runs. The fielding, especially the catching, was indeed good to see. We only wish the standard attained in that match had been maintained. Our fielding at the moment should be more consistent. It should be realized that being "on your toes" is the secret of good fielding.

St. John's College, Cambridge, were our next opponents, on May 11th, and we were glad to earn an honourable draw after our hiding last year at Cambridge. The finish was quite exciting. Ptes. McQuillen and Allen managed to remain undefeated after some rather anxious moments—and somewhat anxious shots. We were very glad to see Lieut. Green back to form with a chanceless 22, and we doubt very much whether he will be given "out" in so unfortunate a manner again. Scores: St. John's College, 190 for 9 wickets, declared; 2nd Middlesex Regiment, 142 for 8 wickets. Result, a draw.

Against Witham we always seem to collapse. We draw a veil hurriedly over our batting in the first game on May 18th, when our score was 32 runs! The bowling

was not as good as all that. In the return game at Witham on June 8th we did rather better. Anyhow, we did not collapse in our usual fashion though the wicket was definitely a bowler's one. The first game was lost by 93 runs, and the second was a draw—Witham 205 for 7, and ourselves 125 for 5.

We were indebted to Lieuts. Hudson and Unwin for some good forcing cricket against Trinity Hall, at Cambridge, on May 20th, and a very good innings when it was really needed by Pte. Pullen was in a large way responsible for our victory. His 26 was worth many a fifty, and a good example of the value of a straight bat. Scores: Trinity Hall, 144 runs; 2nd Bn. Middlesex Regiment, 194 for 6 wickets.

The game against the 17th Field Brigade on June 9th saw a very welcome innings of 56 by Capt. Whinney. With Lieut. Hudson as a partner 122 runs were added in just over the hour. We were very near winning in the last quarter of an hour when the rate of scoring was nearer 200 than 100 runs an hour! The scores were: 17th Field Brigade, 185; 2nd Middlesex Regiment, 155 for 5 wickets. Result, a draw.

On June 14th the Travellers brought down a strong side—probably the strongest we shall play this year. A missed catch—an easy one, too—showed how easy it is to lose the advantage of being on top. We were very much on top when their score showed 21 for 4. It was a pleasant surprise for us as they were a strong batting side. The scoreboard should have read 30 for 5. It actually showed 91 when the next wicket fell. Their final score was 232. Against such a strong bowling side, which included R. C. Rought-Rought of last year's Cambridge XI, we had little hope of getting the runs. There was an exciting finish, and they tried desperately hard in the last ten minutes to snatch a victory. Lieut. Weston, however, was there to thwart them. He refused to be beaten and was there when time (it was time?) was called. Our score was 138 for eight wickets. Result, a draw.

We hope we can maintain our record to date, which is: Played, 8; Won, 2; Lost, 1; Drawn, 5. We shall (as someone keeps saying) do even better if we can win the toss, even if we can only win

it occasionally! There is plenty of time to remedy that, as the season is only half over.

ATHLETICS.

It is commonly believed that to make bricks without straw is a somewhat difficult task, and we all know that despite their labels pork sausages are not—when they are made of beef. Similarly, a list of men on the notice-board does not make an athletic team nor a regimental vest an athlete. So we fear that we cannot expect very good results from our representatives in this year's meetings as we have not all the necessary ingredients. Last year we were represented largely by men due to go back to civil life in the near future, there are therefore, many gaps to be filled in the team, and there are even less men to choose from. Whilst, in addition, the weakness of the Battalion and the enormous number of activities which, however weak it is, have to be carried out have made training very difficult, with the result that only the really keen have been preparing themselves anything like seriously. In spite of this there are signs of being able to build up a team in a year or two's time when some of our young soldiers have strengthened up and gained in experience, as in nearly all events the standard shows a slight improvement on last year's at this time.

At present we sadly need the services of Lieuts. Else and Gilbert, and Cpl. Knights, but we hope to have all these available for the Command Athletic Meeting, and we are very glad to have C.S.M.I. Hill down here once more to coach our field event people and put new life into them.

The Battalion Sports were held on June 1st and 2nd and were really individual trials to endeavour to pick new talent. It was felt that with the three rifle companies so deplorably weak it was useless to attempt to have the normal Inter-Company meeting and definitely bad for any runners there might be in those companies. The results were:—

100 Yards.—1, 2/Lieut. Unwin; 2, Lieut. Stephenson; 3, Dmr. Thompson. Time, 10 3-5 sec.

220 Yards.—1, Dmr. Thompson; 2,

Sergt. Deane; 3, Pte. Lowton. Time, 26 sec.

440 Yards.—1, L./Cpl. Hiscocks; 2, Pte. Allen (72); 3, Pte. Rawlinson. Time, 59 4-5 sec.

880 Yards.—1, Pte. Jacques; 2, Pte. Crossthwaite; 3, Pte. Allen (72). Time, 2 min 15 1-5 sec.

One Mile.—1, Pte. Jacques; 2, 2/Lieut. Porter; 3, Pte. Thundow. Time, 4 min. 53 1-5 sec.

Three Miles.—1, Pte. Jacques; 2, Pte. Peasley; 3, L./Cpl. Day. Time, 16 min. 43 sec.

Hurdles.—1, Lieut. Stephenson; 2, 2/Lieut. Unwin; 3, Bdsn. Hoare. Time, 17 secs.

Discus.—1, 2/Lieut. Unwin (94ft.); 2, Pte. Mew (89ft. 3in.); 3, C.S.M. Peck (82ft.).

Javelin.—1, Lieut. Stephenson (141ft. 5in.); 2, Pte. Mew (134ft. 4in.); 3, L./Cpl. Tye (107ft. 7in.).

Long Jump.—1, Sergt. Deane (19ft. 7½in.); 2, Pte. Allen (18ft. 10in.); 3, Pte. Combes (18ft. 8in.).

High Jump.—1, Cpl. Poulter and Bdsn. Hoare, tie (5ft.); 2, 2/Lieut. Unwin (4ft. 11in.).

Pole Jump.—1, Pte. Mew (9ft. 6in.); 2, Cpl. Poulter (9ft.); 3, L./Cpl. Davis (8ft. 6in.).

Shot.—1, C.S.M. Peck (31ft. 3½in.); 2, Cpl. White (31ft. 1in.); 3, L./Cpl. Tye (29ft. 11½in.).

Hammer.—1, Pte. Mew (90ft. 3in.); 2, C.S.M. Peck (70ft. 3in.); 3, Pte. Burgess (64ft. 8in.).

Inter-Company Relay.—1, "A" Company; 2, "B" Company.

Apart from Cpl. Knights, away at Aldershot, Sergt. Ramsay on leave and Pte. Berryman sick, Dmr. Thompson was running with a slight strain and is now unable to run for some months, and L./Cpl. Stanley was unable to compete in the Hurdles owing to sickness, whilst in the mile Pte. Peasley managed to miscount the laps and ruined his chances of making a race of it with Jacques. In addition to these sports we have entered for two open relays, but in both cases entered experimental teams, and in addition we have had two matches. The first against the 4th

Divisional Signals provided a very pleasant afternoon's sport although we were badly beaten. This was chiefly due to the field events in which we were even weaker than usual owing to casualties. On the 15th we sent a team to Chelmsford at the invitation of the Southend and Chelmsford Harriers to take part in a quadrangular match. Needless to say, the standard was too good for us, but those who went had a most interesting evening, and with runners such as Lieut. Rampling taking part should have gained a real benefit from example. It is particularly noteworthy that the mile and three miles were not our worst races, and it looks as though in another year we should be strong in those events. Pte. Peasley is coming on steadily with training and experience, and 2/Lieut. Porter looks like being a useful miler, whilst in addition we hear that some promising recruits at this distance are arriving shortly. Another young soldier who is rapidly coming on is Pte. Rawlinson, who only needs steady work and a slightly increased stride to become a good quarter-miler with experience.

The Garrison Meeting was held on June 21st and 22nd. It was a foregone conclusion that we had little chance of competing this year with the other three Battalions, at any rate until we are at full strength and have the services of our absent members. However the team did by no means disgrace itself and confirmed our previously stated opinion that whoever is training the team next year can look forward to a possibility of doing quite well. Even this year we were unfortunate in being beaten by an inch or so only into the second final heat of the 440 yards, in being disqualified in the Hurdles final when, on treacherous ground, Lieut. Stephenson rightly decided that it was no good running to be second and went all out to win, slipping in consequence and knocking three hurdles. There were certain outstanding efforts, for two of which Pte. Mew was responsible—a hammer throw of over 100 feet which gave him second individual place, and a tying for the first pole vault at 10ft. 3in. with a damaged ankle. Mr. Unwin is to be heartily congratulated on beating Sergt. Holmes of the Black Watch in the discus with a throw of 106ft. 10½in. Jacques ran well in the

mile and three miles, and Mr. Porter in the mile again improved. Peasley did better in the three miles than the mile. A very welcome sight was the running of two recruits, Ptes. Hinch and Valle, in the three miles both showed great promise, particularly the former, and in a year or two's time they should be really good.

Cpl. Overy was unlucky to get badly hurt in the 440 yards the first day, and we were without his assistance for the rest of the meeting. However, Sergt. Deane and L./Cpl. Armitage took his place highly creditably and we managed to get second in the 880. L./Cpl. Davis gave a very promising display in the long jump, doing 19ft. 6in. He will also be a good pole jumper in a year's time. In the javelin Mr. Stephenson and Mew threw very consistently and obtained second place, both being around the 140ft. mark, whilst Bdsn. Hoare jumped well on nasty ground and would have got us well placed if Pte. Combes could have produced his normal form.

We have absolutely no half-milers yet, and before next year this will have to receive our very serious attention. On the whole there is nothing to be depressed about, as we said last year, and much that is encouraging, especially if, as we hope, C.S.M.I. Hill, who is going to civil life shortly, is able to come to us for these periods to coach our possibles and probables.

MILITARY WEDDING IN NORWICH.

CEREMONY AT PRINCE'S STREET.
From *The Eastern Daily Press*, Norwich.

MAROON and gold, the colours of the Middlesex Regiment, were the predominant shades at the wedding in Prince's Street Congregational Church, Norwich, to-day, of Miss Audrey Monica Driver, and Mr. Francis Hermann Else, of the 2nd Battalion Middlesex Regiment.

After the ceremony ten of the bridegroom's brother officers formed a guard of honour outside the church and the bridal pair passed beneath an archway of drawn swords.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Percy E. Driver, of Northrepps, Newmarket-road, Norwich, and the bridegroom is the younger son of Capt. S. F. Else, of Rowlands Castle, Hants.

The Bridal March from "Lohengrin," played by the organist (Mr. W. J. Gaze), heralded the arrival of the bride, who looked a graceful figure in shimmering satin as she walked down the aisle on the arm of her father. The hymn, "O Love Divine," was sung by the large congregation. The minister (Rev. C. T. Rae) conducted the ceremony, after which the anthem, "Be Thou Faithful Unto Death," was sung. The service ended with the hymn, "O Perfect Love."

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white excelsior satin made in one of Lanvin's latest classic designs. The train, which extended from the skirt, was trimmed with orange blossom and lined with pale pink chiffon. A diamond shaped design was formed at the back by straps of the same material. For head-dress the bride had a halo of diamante, and she carried a bouquet of white lilac, lily of the valley, and white heather.

Lieut. J. Stephenson, of the 2nd Battalion Middlesex Regiment, was best man.

There were three bridesmaids and two pages in the bridal retinue. The maids were Miss Joan Oaten, a school friend of the bride, Miss Barbara Gricks, of Sturminster, a cousin of the bride, and Miss Margot Tillott, of Hendon. Their dresses were of yellow flowered silk organdie with detachable frilled capes, which fell softly over the shoulders. The skirts, cut very full, made a delightful contrast with the bride's svelte satin frock. Low collars of maroon velvet trimmed the neck, and each bridesmaid wore a regimental badge brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. Their bouquets were of tulips to tone with their frocks.

The pages were Master John Cator and Master Francis Cator, and they made a pretty picture in the colours of the Middlesex Regiment. Their knee breeches and tight-fitting coats were of maroon corduroy velvet, and they had yellow satin shirts, yellow silk stockings, and maroon satin shoes. They carried hunting stocks with the regimental badge as their presents from the bridegroom.

When the newly-wedded pair and their attendants emerged from the vestry after signing the register the organist played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."

After the ceremony there was a reception at Northrepps, Newmarket Road. Mr. and Mrs. Else afterwards left for their honeymoon, which is being spent in London and on the South Coast. The bride's going-away frock was of Karafa crepe in light blue and grey pastel shades, and she wore with it a cape trimmed with grey fox fur.

The many presents received included a cut glass bowl from the staff at London Street and a hors d'œuvre dish from the restaurant staff. The bridegroom's brother officers gave him a silver salver engraved with the regimental crest and their signatures. From the bridegroom the bride received a platinum and enamel regimental brooch.

SOME PATHS TO EMPLOYMENT FOR THE SOLDIER.

THIS article does not apply to you. But it does apply to a number of half-wits who wonder why they do not fall into a job when their time in the Service is up.

First of all, let us consider what a man wants when he goes to civil life. He wants money. For that he must sell something, his brains, his skill or his brawn. Brawn is cheap and the returns are uncertain. But brains and skill are well paid, and the better skilled the man the less often he is out of work. Hence while you are serving train your brain and your hands.

SAVE MONEY.

Now, brains and hands require tools with which to function and material on which to work. These things cost money. So start to save money and *save it regularly*. Threepence a day amounts to nearly £5 a year, and if pay was 3d. a day less, there would still be enough for the unmarried man to do pretty well what he liked.

A year or two before your time is up consider what you are going to do when

you leave. Are you going to work at a trade or are you going to run your own business?

If you decide to work at a trade, there are two points of importance.

First, to learn the trade—here the Army Vocational Training Centre comes in. Second to look for a job—here you come in. Neither of these two items is magic.

NOT DIFFICULT.

The Army Vocational Training Centre can, and does, turn out first-class tradesmen, but the first-class tradesmen are those who have put their backs and brains into learning their trade from the first day they joined the A.V.T.C. To learn a trade is not difficult if you try hard, but it is impossible if you don't. So say good-bye to easy ways and join the A.V.T.C. for your last six months, and when you are there remember the only person you are fooling, if you don't work, is yourself.

You have joined the Army Vocational Training Centre and two months have sped by and you are beginning to get hold of your trade. Now start thinking about your job. It is useless to wait until your "fortnight pending" and then hope to walk into employment. First of all, think. Write to all your relatives and friends and tell them you want a job at such and such a trade and when you will be wanting it. Tell them you will take a job any time in your last three months, when, as you know, you can go to the Reserve provided you have a definite offer of employment.

YOU MUST TRY.

Having done this, you can really start on finding a job. See or write to your Company Commander and Company Officers, tell them you will be wanting a job, and ask them if they know anyone in business who might give you one. If they say no, then ask them if they would mind writing on your behalf to the Adjutant of the Territorial Battalion of your Unit. He is a regular officer and is in touch with the various business men who are in the Territorials.

While all this is being done, watch the papers and start answering advertisements. You never know, you may be the lucky one, and anyway it costs little to

try. Above all things, carry on working hard at your trade. Remember that for every first-class tradesman who is out of a job there are 5,000 not first-class.

Finally, when your time is nearly up go and see the A.V.T.C. Employment Bureau, and they will do what they can to help.

They will not say a loafer works hard or that a slapdash, careless man is a good tradesman. They will, however, tell the truth about you and try to put something in your way.

Lastly, when you have got your job and made good, remember the others who are leaving the Service, and if there is a job going or likely to be going soon, write full details of it *at once* to the A.V.T.C. Employment Bureau and give someone else the chance you had. Don't forget this; it is the least you can do in return for all you learnt at the Centre.

And when you are in civil life work your hardest, work with your brain as well as with your hands, and you will find that it will not be long before you have become one of the firm's best men and on the road to promotion.

YOUR OWN BUSINESS.

If you intend to run your own business, start in and learn something about business whilst you are still serving. Learn accounting and book-keeping, study the trade journal of the line you intend to go into, look at every shop that is in the line you propose to adopt, and think how you would improve the way they do things. Consider where your business should be set up, consider who might be valuable as a partner or assistant, and having thought it all out and worked out how much it is going to cost, talk it over with a trusted friend outside the Army, and then when the time comes go to it with a good heart and your success will depend on you alone.

One last word—the above article is written on an experience of four years in dealing with soldiers wanting to find jobs on finishing their Army Service. It does not include everything, but it does include some sound sense. If you agree with it, follow it. If you don't, try your own way. But, whatever you think, *do* something.

DEPOT NOTES.

WE were very pleased to see the Colonel of the Regiment here recently. General Heath spent a short time at the Depot on June 10th.

The number of recruits at the Depot is at present one hundred and eighty-eight, a number which is considerably in excess of what is normal here. It will shortly decrease as Inkerman Squad (Sergt. Beaveridge) is on the point of leaving for Colchester, but it appears that we are likely to have six or seven squads, instead of the usual five, for some time to come. The other six squads at present at the Depot are Alma, Mysore, Ladysmith, Albuhera, Badajos and Seringapatam. The first named will proceed to Colchester in the middle of July. Only one squad has so far left for the 2nd Battalion during the period under review; this was Mons (Sergt. Harper) on May 27th.

The new Area Commander, Major-General Kennedy, visited the Depot on April 27th, and other officers to come here recently have included the D.D.M.S., Eastern Command, and the Command Education Officer, who both visited us on May 23rd. The Assistant Chaplain-General was here on the following day and addressed the recruits.

A parade in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday was held on June 1st, and the occasion was taken for the Long Service and Good Conduct Medals awarded to R.Q.M.S. Pilley and O.R.Q.M.S. Baldwin to be presented by the Commanding Officer. The Meritorious Service Medal was also presented to Mr. W. Carter, who was formerly a Quartermaster-Sergeant in the Grenadier Guards and Quartermaster in the 10th Middlesex Regiment.

Three officers of the Depot will be assisting at the 132nd Infantry Brigade Camp at Crowlink, in August: Capt. A. N. Overell (Brigade Machine Gun Officer), Lieut. H. W. Clayden (Brigade Transport Officer) and Lieut. N. G. Gilbert (Staff Captain).

The four schools affiliated to the Depot have all held their Annual Inspections during June, and officers of the Depot have been present in each case.

A six-a-side football tournament for recruits was held on Albuhera Day and was

won by Badajos, which at that time was the junior squad. Pte. Etheridge was undoubtedly their star turn. Mons squad, the runners-up, put up a very plucky show, but, having had a much harder draw than their opponents, were rather exhausted in the final.

The recruits' individual athletic events have recently been held and produced some good performances, Ptes. Kent, Pilfold, Valle and Hinch of Inkerman squad, and Pte. Page of Albuhera squad, doing particularly well. Pte. Hinch beat the existing Recruits' record for the One Mile, for which performance he received a special silver medal.

The team events were held on June 30th.

The Depot cricket team has started its season in a satisfactory manner, and has achieved good victories over the Guards Depot and the Depot, East Surrey Regiment.

The following recruits have been winners of their squad competitions during the quarter:—

SILVER MEDAL FOR BEST RECRUIT AT PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Mons.—Pte. Cain.

Inkerman.—Pte. Kent.

WINNERS OF SHOOTING PRIZES.

Mons Squad.—Table A, Pte. Roden; Empire Test, Pte. Kenny.

Inkerman Squad.—Table A, Pte. Payze; Empire Test, Pte. Jarvis.

Alma Squad.—Table A, Pte. Baldock; Empire Test, Pte. Baldock.

Mysore Squad.—Table A, Pte. Burchell; Empire Test, Pte. Tyler.

SQUAD BADGE WINNERS.

Inkerman Squad.—12th Week Test, Pte. Kent; 16th Week Test, Pte. Pilford.

Alma Squad.—8th Week Test, Pte. Barrs; 12th Week Test, Pte. Du-Heaume.

Mysore Squad.—4th Week Test, Pte. Dunne; 8th Week Test, Pte. Ramsey; 12th Week Test, Pte. Vince.

Ladysmith Squad.—4th Week Test, Pte. Bennett; 8th Week Test, Pte. Hobson.

Albuhera Squad.—4th Week Test, Pte. Page; 8th Week Test, Pte. Gribble.

Badajos Squad.—4th Week Test, Pte. Lancos.

The following recruits were awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education during the quarter: Ptes. Baxter, Chambers, Zelle, Kenny, 93 Clark, 63 Clark, Collings and Pitman. Another examination, for which a large number of candidates was entered, has just been held, but the results have not yet been received.

CRICKET.

Although as yet the Depot have only played seven matches, and cricket has not started really seriously, the results to date give promise of a very successful season. We have a number of fresh fixtures, including the Romany C.C., the Guards Depot, the London Fire Brigade, and the R.A.S.C., Kensington. Depot cricket, as far as the recruits are concerned, does not really begin until after the Regimental Cricket Week. Nevertheless, we have found one or two recruits who show promise. A new concrete cricket net has been built in the barracks, which has been very popular.

A short *résumé* of the matches already played follows:—

v. Hampstead C.C., won by 100 runs. (Lieut. Stephenson, 48; Lieut. Franklin, 41; Pte. Addinall, 32; Lieut. Stephenson, 4 for 30; Capt. Whinney, 4 for 14.)

v. Depot The East Surrey Regiment, won by 24 runs. (Lieut. Heywood, 32; Pte. Addinall, 24; Sergt. Kennett, 6 for 33.)

v. Guards Depot, won by 4 wickets. (Major Wollocombe, 35; Pte. Addinall, 38; Sergt. Kennett, 8 for 54.)

v. 19th London Regiment, lost by 4 runs. (Lieut. Sword, 29; Sergt. Glover, 23; Sergt. Kennett, 5 for 42.)

v. R.A.F., Stanmore, lost by 104 runs. (Lieut. Sword, 39; R.Q.M.S. Pilley, 24.)

v. Lieut.-Col. McGregor Greer's XI, won by 206 runs. (Sergt. Cooper, 47; Sergt. Beaveridge, 35; R.Q.M.S. Pilley, 30; Sergt. Kennett, 7 for 18.)

v. South Hampstead C.C., lost by 298 runs.

ATHLETICS.

This year the Athletic Sports have been run on rather a larger scale than in previous years. Events such as the Javelin, Discus, Pole Vault and Hammer have been introduced. In order to obviate the

"super-man" taking part in more than one or two events on any one day, the individual sports have been spread over five days. The standard has been very satisfactory without any really outstanding performance. Ptes. Valle, Hinch and Pilford have left for Colchester, where they may help the 2nd Battalion in the Garrison and Eastern Command Sports.

Great difficulty has been experienced in trying to coach large numbers of novices in the more specialized events, owing to a lack of really capable instructors. Nevertheless, Q.M.S.I. Hill has performed Herculean work and quite a number of recruits show promise for the future.

Two events, the Pole Vault and the Javelin, were rather disappointing in the individual sports. It has been decided that these events will be redécided on June 30th, when the Inter-Squad Relay Meeting will be held.

The results of the individual sports are appended, but the report of the Inter-Squad Relays will have to appear in the next issue of the Journal, since they are not due to take place until June 30th.

Prize list:—

RECRUITS.

100 Yards.—1, Pte. Kent; 2, Pte. Glendenning; 3, Pte. Bowker. Time, 11 2-5 sec.
220 Yards.—1, Pte. Kent; 2, Pte. Hinch; 3, Pte. Bowker. Time, 25 1-5 sec.
440 Yards.—1, Pte. Pilford; 2, Pte. Bowker; 3, Pte. Thomas. Time, 58 4-5 sec.
880 Yards.—1, Pte. Hinch; 2, Pte. Valle; 3, Pte. Cox. Time, 2 min. 20 sec.
One Mile.—1, Pte. Hinch; 2, Pte. Valle; 3, Pte. Davis. Time, 5 min. 7 2-5 sec.
High Jump.—1, Pte. Page; 2, Pte. Bridger; 3, Pte. Pilford. Height, 4 ft. 11 in.
Long Jump.—1, Pte. Glendenning; 2, Pte. Pilford; 3, Pte. Kent. Distance, 17 ft. 6 1/2 in.
Shot.—1, Pte. Eyles; 2, Pte. Lancas; 3, Pte. Kent. Distance, 28 ft. 10 in.
Discus.—1, Pte. Trotobas; 2, Pte. Jack; 3, Pte. Fabray. Distance, 71 ft. 3 in.
Hammer.—1, Pte. Kent; 2, Pte. Fabray; 3, Pte. Lancas. Distance, 64 ft. 2 1/2 in.

DEPOT STAFF.

100 Yards.—1, Cpl. Overy; 2, Sergt. Cooper; 3, Sergt. Jenkins. Time, 10 4-5 sec.
440 Yards.—1, Cpl. Overy; 2, Sergt. Jenkins; 3, Pte. Weller. Time, 57 1-5 sec.
Long Jump.—1, Sergt. Cooper; 2, Sergt. Jenkins; 3, Pte. Weller. Distance, 17 ft. 5 1/2 in.
Shot.—1, Pte. Addinall; 2, Sergt. Smith; 3, Cpl. Overy. Distance, 30 ft. 11 1/2 in.
Javelin.—1, Pte. Weller; 2, Sergt. Jenkins; 3, Pte. Collison. Distance, 113 ft. 3 in.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

First we must offer our congratulations to R.Q.M.S. Pilley and O.R.Q.M.S. Baldwin on their well-earned decorations which were presented by the Commanding Officer on parade on June 1st.

On May 16th, 1811, history tells us that the 57th, to the tune of sackbut, fife and drum, overcame the French White Guards of Soult at Albuhera; one hundred and twenty-two years later to the day, the Mess members, to the tune of Somebody's Saxophone Symphonies, battled again—the enemy being the Scotch White Labels of Dewar. On collecting somewhat disjointed reports the following day it was apparent that the Albuhera Ball had proved a huge success. All enjoyed themselves to the utmost, even the unfortunate Gunners who discovered that "Ubique" does not literally mean "everywhere."

After a pæan of praise, let us hear a doleful dirge. On the last day of May a joyous opulent throng quitted their strenuous labour to disport themselves on Epsom Downs. Some thirty in all were there and all agree—"socially it was a furore; financially, it was a flop."

As the poet says:—

"'Cast not a clout till May is out,'

Black-hearted Douglas roared;

A clout was cast, but missed his head,
But Badger boned his board."

In the realm of sport, darts have given place to skittles and the old familiar catch-phrases have been superseded by a new technical vocabulary for young gentlemen, viz., Floras, Florianas and Sarahs. *En passant* it may be recorded that our rat-catcher thinks he is losing his cunning; for recently, one rat having imbibed nearly a quart of poison, it crawled into the coal cellar to die, thought better of it, and gnawed its way out through the door. The rat-catcher had then been on the tack over a week, so it was a "real" rat.

However, he is well to the fore in his new pastime, his record score being sixteen woods.

We offer our warmest greetings to Sergt. Smith and L./Sergt. Whitcome, who have joined us from the Battalion, and also L./Sergt. Cooper, who is with us temporarily, and at the same time wish Dusty and Bish all the best at Colchester.

We have also had one other arrival,

who is a potential member or rather honorary member. He is the son of R.S.M. and Mrs. Davis; to both, our congratulations.

In the near future we understand that C.S.M. Hart and Sergt. Harper will be trying their luck at Bisley. Their prowess at darts and skittles should stand them in good stead, and we sincerely hope they will both be well placed in the Hundred.

And so, if we do not see you again, hello!

Note.—Some members have only just discovered that the difference between an outdoor aerial and an indoor aerial is 10s. a year.

CORPORALS' CLUB.

Since our last notes very little of importance has taken place relating to the Club.

Our dance held in April was a great success, as was also the combined N.C.Os.' dance, held on May 16th (Albuhera Day); needless to say, all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Cpl. Overy has left us for the 2nd Battalion. We wish him the very best of luck; he will be greatly missed by all N.C.Os., both in the Mess and on the sports ground. Rumour has it already that the football teams are wording their challenges for us. (They seem to forget that we still have our Jimmy in the team.)

In the individual events of the Depot Sports, which have recently taken place, the number of entries from the Mess was very small but telling, members winning the 100 Yards and 440 Yards, and being placed in the Long Jump and Putting the Shot.

Congratulations are extended to Cpls. Soden and Gigg on their promotions and to L./Cpl. Skinner on his appointment. We welcome Cpl. Evans and L./Cpl. Harman, and sincerely hope they enjoy their temporary stay. We shall also be sorry to lose L./Cpl. Blackman, who is shortly to join the 2nd Battalion. The cricket team as well as the Club will be the poorer by his absence.

We are sorry to lose Cpl. Soden on his transfer to the Battalion on promotion.

TURKISH ACTION AT THE BATTLE OF THE BEACHES, GALLIPOLI, 1915.

War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.1.

May 11th, 1933.

To the Editor,

THE DIE-HARDS JOURNAL.

Dear Sir,

I should be much obliged if you will publish the enclosed account of the Turkish action at the Battle of the Beaches, Gallipoli, 1915, if you consider it of sufficient interest. The coincidence is remarkable, both the Turkish regiments, the 57th and 77th being mentioned. A similar occurrence, not dissimilar in character, took place at the Battle of Inkerman in the Crimean War, where the 77th Regiment and a wing of the 57th Regiment were, according to Kinglake, largely instrumental, together with the Brigade of Guards, in turning the tide of that battle in favour of the Allies.

I believe the Battle of Inkerman was the last and only battle where the 57th and 77th Regiments fought comparatively close to each other.

In the Great War, 1914—1918, the nearest place at which both the 1st and 2nd Battalions took part in an action was at Neuve-Chapelle, although that part of the action carried out by the 1st Battalion entailed no actual attack.

Yours truly,
H. W. M. PAUL.

After describing the landing on the Peninsula of the 29th Division and that of the Anzac Corps, the writer goes on to say:—

"The two Turkish divisions who were left without help of any sort to face the onslaught of the Allied Army were shrewdly disposed. Nine battalions of the 9th Division guarded the likely landing-places around the coast from Gaba Tepe to Morto Bay; the remaining three battalions of that Division and the nine battalions forming the 19th Division were all held concentrated in reserve near Maidos. At the head of the 19th Division there stood in this strange story a Man of Destiny. Mustapha Kemal Bey

had on April 24th *ordered his best regiment*, the 57th, a field exercise for the next morning in the direction of the high mountain of Sari Bair (Hill 971) and, as Fate would have it, these three battalions stood drawn up on parade when, at 5.30 a.m., the news of the first landings came in. A later message reported that about one British battalion had landed near Ari Burnu and were marching upon Sari Bair. Both Sami Pasha, who commanded at the Southern end of the Peninsula, and Liman von Sanders himself regarded the landing at Ari Burnu as a feint, and Mustapha Kemal was ordered merely to detach a single battalion to deal with it. But this General instantly divined the power and peril of the attack. On his own authority he at once ordered the whole 57th Regiment, accompanied by a battery of Artillery, to march to meet it. He himself, on foot, map in hand, set off across country at the head of the leading company. The distance was not great, and in an hour he met the Turkish covering forces falling back before the impetuous Australian advance. He at once ordered the 57th Regiment to deploy and attack, and himself personally planted his mountain battery in position. Forthwith—again without seeking higher authority—he *ordered his 77th Regiment to the scene*. By ten o'clock, when the Turkish Commander-in-Chief galloped on to the field, practically the whole of the reserves in the southern part of the Peninsula had been drawn into the battle, and ten battalions and all the available artillery were in violent action against the Australians.

"Bitter and confused was the struggle which followed. The long-limbed athletic Anzacs thrust inland in all directions with fierce ardour as they had sprung pell-mell ashore from the boats, intent on seizing every inch of ground they could. They now came in contact with extremely well-handled and bravely led troops and momentarily increasing artillery fire. In the deep gulleys, among the rocks and scrub, many small bloody fights were fought to the end. Quarter was neither asked nor given; parties of Australians cut off were killed to the last man; no prisoners wounded or unwounded were taken by the Turks."

Note.—The action of Mustapha Kemal Bey and the 57th and 77th Turkish Regi-

ments undoubtedly prevented the British Forces obtaining a decisive success on April 25th, 1915.

Only one battalion of the Middlesex Regiment fought on the Gallipoli Peninsula, but this battalion is responsible for the Battle Honour "Suvla" now borne on the King's Colour of the Regiment.

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

CRICKET WEEK.

CRICKET Week this year was a great success. Four of the five matches played were won, and the fifth was a draw very much in our favour. Lieut. Franklin and ex-Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer both made centuries, and, as can be seen from the scores, there were a number of very useful batting and bowling performances. Capt. C. T. Whinney, who, unfortunately, is leaving us shortly, captained the side and kept them to their task very ably. We hope he will emerge from retirement sometimes, at least during future cricket weeks.

The weather during the week was glorious. No other word can describe it adequately. The new pavilion was very much admired, and the "wicket" played well; rather too well, perhaps, to please the bowlers.

The new fixture against Hampstead proved a great success, and resulted in a very close game. The bowling in this match was very accurate, and the fielding of Hampstead was particularly keen.

A very good week indeed, clearly demonstrating that the Regiment possesses a very strong cricket side.

The "At Home" was held during the Week and the attendance was again a large one.

A hundred and fifteen members attended the Annual Dinner at the Junior United Service Club. General Sir Ivor Maxse was present as the guest of the evening.

Brig.-General R. M. Heath, in his speech, referred to an incident in the South African War, in which he met his predecessor, then Major Maxse. He claimed that this meeting taught him a valuable lesson; and the story he told clearly illustrated his point; that an officer on active service should not rely entirely on the existing system of supplies.

General Sir Ivor Maxse replied, expressing his keen appreciation at being invited to attend the Dinner, and thanked all present for the warm welcome they had extended to him. He was very pleased, he said in effect, to see the Regiment so united. Perhaps this was the biggest compliment our late Colonel could have paid us.

The Dinner was again very excellent, and our thanks are due to Col. W. H. Samuel and his Committee, and also the staff of the Junior United Service Club.

Monday, June 26th, 1933, Middlesex Regiment v. Cryptics.

CRYPTICS.

1st Innings.	
A. C. Loder, c Worton b Stephenson	14
A. D. Whitehorn, b Unwin	1
Capt. R. Ingram-Johnson, c Stephenson b Hudson	5
M. D. Pugh, b Unwin	9
F. E. Burge, b Stephenson	0
D. Noble, b Stephenson	0
Col. H. O. Carroll, b Stephenson	8
M. M. Reese, b Stephenson	8
Col. R. M. Airey, c and b Hudson	10
J. C. Taylor, c Franklin b Hudson	0
V. Cooper, not out	0
Extras	10

2nd Innings.	
A. C. Loder, b Stephenson	15
A. D. Whitehorn, b Hudson	25
Capt. R. Ingram-Johnson, b Stephenson	15
M. D. Pugh, b Unwin	5
F. E. Burge, not out	25
D. Noble, b Kennett	0
M. M. Reese, b Unwin	2
Col. R. M. Airey, b Kennett	0
J. C. Taylor, not out	8
Extras	1

(for 7 wickets) 96

Col. H. O. Carroll and V. Cooper did not bat.
Bowling.—1st Innings: Unwin, 2 wickets, 22 runs; Kennett, 8 runs; Hudson, 3 wickets, 11 runs; Stephenson, 5 wickets, 14 runs. 2nd Innings: Unwin, 2 wickets, 35 runs; Kennett, 2 wickets, 32 runs; Hudson, 1 wicket, 12 runs; Stephenson, 2 wickets 16 runs.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

W. Flint, c Taylor b Pugh	34
Capt. J. H. Clowes, c Cooper b Loder	59
R. C. Franklin, lbw Loder	0
J. W. A. Stephenson, not out	62
E. J. Unwin, b Loder	2
E. V. Hudson, c Pugh b Loder	19
Capt. C. T. Whinney, b Taylor	1
Capt. J. R. B. Worton, b Loder	0
Capt. H. Phillips, lbw Loder	1
G. P. L. Weston, not out	16
Extras	13

Innings declared closed. 207
C. Kennett, did not bat.

Bowling.—Taylor, 1 wicket, 20 runs; Noble, 24 runs; Reese, 51 runs; Pugh, 1 wicket, 29 runs; Loder, 6 wickets, 70 runs.

Tuesday, June 27th, 1933, Middlesex Regiment v. Lieut.-Colonel R. M. Airey's XI.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

W. Flint, b Whitcombe	0
Capt. J. H. Clowes, b Scrope	37
R. C. Franklin, c Whitcombe b Edwards	128
J. W. A. Stephenson, b Whitcombe	69
E. J. Unwin, c and b Whitcombe	68
E. V. Hudson, not out	3
Extras	3

Innings declared closed. 308

Capt. C. T. Whinney, J. R. B. Worton and H. Phillips, E. Heywood and C. Kennett did not bat.

Bowling.—Whitcombe, 3 wickets, 93 runs; Scrope, 1 wicket, 42 runs; Ramsden, 45 runs; Towsey, 60 runs; Edwards 1 wicket, 65 runs.

LIEUT.-COLONEL R. M. AIREY'S XI.

1st Innings.

Lieut.-Col. E. H. Fitzherbert, c Whinney b Kennett	27
Capt. N. F. Penruddocke, b Stephenson	15
M. N. E. McMullen, b Stephenson	2
Major P. S. Whitcombe, b Hudson	7
Major B. V. Ramsden, b Unwin	13
Lieut.-Col. H. C. Harrison, b Kennett	1
Lieut.-Col. C. W. Edwards, b Kennett	1
Capt. E. W. Towsey, st Flint b Hudson	0
C. Scrope, b Kennett	4
Lieut.-Col. R. M. Airey, not out	1
Capt. J. Brook, b Kennett	1
Extras	10

82

2nd Innings.

Lieut.-Col. E. H. Fitzherbert, c and b Hudson	9
Capt. N. F. Penruddocke, c Stephenson b Hudson	4
M. N. E. McMullen, b Whinney	8
Major P. S. Whitcombe, not out	43
Major B. V. Ramsden, c Whinney b Franklin	5
Lieut.-Col. H. C. Harrison, lbw Franklin	2
Lieut.-Col. C. W. Edwards, not out	7
Capt. E. W. Towsey, b Hudson	1
C. Scrope, b Whinney	15
Lieut.-Col. R. M. Airey, c Unwin b Kennett	0
Capt. J. Brook, b Kennett	5
Extras	13

(for 9 wickets) 116

Bowling.—1st Innings: Stephenson, 2 wickets, 29 runs; Unwin, 1 wicket, 19 runs; Hudson, 2 wickets, 17 runs; Kennett, 5 wickets, 7 runs. 2nd Innings: Kennett, 2 wickets, 24 runs; Hudson, 3 wickets, 8 runs; Franklin, 2 wickets, 28 runs; Whinney, 2 wickets, 43 runs.

Wednesday, June 28th, 1933, Middlesex Regiment
v. Free Foresters.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.		
W. Flint, c Instone b Awdry ...	...	3
Capt. J. H. Clowes, c Gosling b Chaytor ...	...	11
R. C. Franklin, lbw Awdry ...	...	14
W. Palmer, b Chaytor ...	...	14
E. J. Unwin, b Sangster ...	...	18
E. V. Hudson, not out ...	...	62
Capt. C. T. Whinney, lbw Awdry ...	...	39
Capt. J. R. B. Worton, lbw Sangster ...	...	5
Capt. H. Phillips, b Sangster ...	...	3
E. Heywood, b Awdry ...	...	3
C. Kennett, b Sangster ...	...	1

190
Bowling.—Awdry, 4 wickets, 92 runs; Chaytor, 2 wickets, 25 runs; Sangster, 4 wickets, 47 runs; Impey, 9 runs.

FREE FORESTERS.		
Capt. R. A. K. Sangster, b Unwin ...	...	0
C. H. Gosling, c Worton b Unwin ...	...	5
Capt. G. D. Chaytor, b Palmer ...	...	59
S. A. Instone, b Kennett ...	...	2
J. Churchill, b Kennett ...	...	7
C. E. Awdry, b Unwin ...	...	27
Capt. C. Peto, c Flint b Palmer ...	...	6
M. E. Impey, b Kennett ...	...	13
N. G. Mordaunt, b Palmer ...	...	24
J. Beaveridge, b Unwin ...	...	14
R. Whitehead, not out ...	...	1

166
Bowling.—Unwin, 4 wickets, 28 runs; Kennett, 3 wickets, 54 runs; Hudson, 38 runs; Palmer, 3 wickets, 36 runs; Whinney, 12 runs.

Thursday, June 29th, 1933, Middlesex Regiment v.
I Zingari.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.		
W. Flint, c Meynell b Welch ...	...	56
Capt. J. H. Clowes, b Welch ...	...	21
R. C. Franklin, b Welch ...	...	12
W. Palmer, c Crofton b Meynell ...	...	110
E. J. Unwin, not out ...	...	38
E. V. Hudson, lbw Saville ...	...	4
Capt. C. H. Whinney, not out ...	...	21
Extras ...	...	25

(for 5 wickets) 287
Innings declared closed.

Major T. S. Wollcombe, Capt. J. R. Worton and H. Phillips and C. Kennett did not bat.

Bowling.—Crofton, 26 runs; Saville, 1 wicket, 106 runs; Welch, 3 wickets, 56 runs; Dalkeith, 22 runs; Lupton, 23 runs; Meynell, 1 wicket, 29 runs.

I ZINGARI.		
Capt. S. A. Saville, b Hudson ...	...	23
W. A. Lupton, b Kennett ...	...	2
H. Meynell, c Flint b Kennett ...	...	5
W. E. Welch, b Palmer ...	...	65
H. D. M. Crichton-Maitland, b Palmer ...	...	13
Lieut.-Comdr. W. S. Mann, not out ...	...	58
Lord Dalkeith, b Palmer ...	...	2
M. Crofton, st Flint b Palmer ...	...	27
J. Beaveridge, b Palmer ...	...	8
Extras ...	...	14

(for 8 wickets) 217
R. H. Fox and R. Whitehead did not bat.
Result: Match drawn.

Saturday, July 1st, 1933, Middlesex Regiment v.
Hampstead C.C.

HAMPSTEAD C.C.		
M. H. Carpmael, lbw Kennett ...	...	6
H. C. Preston, b Stephenson ...	...	26
P. B. Berliner, c Kennett b Whinney ...	...	37
N. S. Atkinson, c Franklin b Unwin ...	...	41
G. F. R. Park, b Stephenson ...	...	3
K. C. Raikes, b Unwin ...	...	3
A. C. Eiloart, b Unwin ...	...	0
S. M. Gow, b Kennett ...	...	6
G. P. Mead, c Wollcombe b Unwin ...	...	8
W. E. Green, c Weston b Unwin ...	...	0
J. Perceval, not out ...	...	1
Extras ...	...	6

137
Bowling.—Unwin, 5 wickets, 48 runs; Kennett, 2 wickets, 29 runs; Stephenson, 2 wickets, 25 runs; Peel, 16 runs; Whinney, 1 wicket, 13 runs.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.		
Major T. S. Wollcombe, b Berliner ...	...	0
E. L. Heywood, b Raikes ...	...	0
R. C. Franklin, b Berliner ...	...	1
J. W. A. Stephenson, lbw Raikes ...	...	54
E. J. Unwin, c Atkinson b Park ...	...	25
Capt. C. T. Whinney, c Carpmael b Berliner ...	...	18
G. Capel, lbw Berliner ...	...	0
A. W. F. Peel, run out ...	...	3
G. P. L. Weston, not out ...	...	12
J. G. E. Reid, b Atkinson ...	...	11
Extras ...	...	18

(for 9 wickets) 142
C. Kennett did not bat.
Bowling.—Raikes, 2 wickets, 51 runs; Berliner, 4 wickets, 34 runs; Atkinson, 1 wicket, 32 runs; Park, 1 wicket, 7 runs.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

The Regimental Golf Meeting, held at Hendon on April 6th, produced a good crop of serving and Territorial officers, but only one retired officer, who is a regular attendant year after year.

It seems a great pity that more retired officers do not turn up at this cheery well-run meeting. The course is a very fair one, and the amenities of the Club-house are excellent.

The meeting is held in Middlesex, and within easy reach of London by train and car.

I am sure a great number of our retired officers play golf in addition to their normal duties.

One can readily understand the excuse of lack of funds, but this is not universal, and it will be a great day when serving and retired officers meet more regularly

other than on the At Home day at the Depot.

At a regimental golf meeting of a famous regiment not long ago more retired than serving officers played in the regimental golf meeting, and it is understood that this is not a unique case.

Yours truly,
SERVING OFFICER.

QUEEN MARY'S HOUSE FUND.

THE WAR OFFICE,
WHITEHALL, S.W.1.
May 25th, 1933.

DEAR SIR,

You may have seen in the Press that a residence for retired members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service in necessitous circumstances has been established owing to the generosity of Her Majesty the Queen, who purchased "The Pines" at Fleet for this purpose, and His Majesty the King has permitted it to be known as Queen Mary's House.

The necessary funds for the establishment of the House have been collected by means of private donations from various sources, and many gifts of furniture, plate, china, etc., have been given by the Queen. The King, the Prince of Wales, and the Princess Royal have also graciously given beautiful gifts.

The balance of the Fund has been invested and the interest on this with annual grants from the Aldershot Tattoo Fund and the War Office non-public funds assures an income of £440, but a further capital sum of £1,700 is still required to put the House on a permanent satisfactory financial basis.

The House is now occupied, and eight retired Sisters are already in residence and leading a happy existence very different from their former one.

A copy of the original appeal is enclosed which gives the object of the scheme, and also a copy of a letter from the Adjutant-General in India which accompanied a donation of £1,000 from the officers of the Army in India.

It has occurred to the Committee that regimental officers of the Army at home and stations abroad (excluding India) might like an opportunity of subscribing

to the very deserving object, especially those who have been indebted to the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service in military hospitals during their service, and it appears that none of them—except officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps—have up to now had the chance of doing so.

It is particularly desired that donations from individual officers should be limited to a small sum not exceeding five shillings.

The Adjutant-General has consented to the Committee writing this letter to Colonels of Regiments, as they are in the closest touch with officers of their regiments, both past and present.

It would be much appreciated by the Committee if you could collect such donations as you may receive and forward them in a lump sum to the Hon. Treasurer, Queen Mary's House Fund, c/o Messrs. Glyn, Mills & Co., Kirkland House, Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

Yours faithfully,
MABEL AIRLIE, *President*,
Queen Mary's House Fund
Committee.
H. B. FAWCUS, *Chairman*,
Queen Mary's House Fund
Committee.

To THE COLONEL,
THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR
QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30th, 1933.

Amount of grants and loans made: £169 2s. 6d.

Special grants sanctioned by the Committee: £6 2s.

Number of cases dealt with: 262.

Number of cases assisted: 132.

Number of men registered for employment: 57.

Number of men found permanent employment: (a) Association, 1; (b) Acton Branch of National Association, 6.

Number of men found temporary employment: (a) Association, nil; (b) Acton Branch of National Association, 1.

Number of men who took up employment: 8.

Number of parcels sent out by Ladies' Guild: 11.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, on April 26th, 1933.

Present:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair); Brig.-General R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G.; Lieut.-Cols. M. Browne, M.C., C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., and W. H. Samuel; Majors W. E. Pringle, M.C., R. A. Slee and T. S. Wollocombe, M.C. (Hon. Secretary); Capt. A. N. Overell; R.S.M. C. Davis; R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley; C.Q.M.S. C. King; Messrs. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., F. E. Holmes and E. Morris; and Major E. H. Amor (Assistant Secretary).

The Chairman paid a tribute to the memory of the late Lieut.-Col. Steed, who had given long and valued services to the Association and was held in respect and affection by all. The Committee stood in silence for a few moments on the conclusion of the Chairman's remarks.

The 1932 accounts were finally passed, and the 1932 Annual Report was approved for circulation.

It was decided that the next Old Comrades' Concert shall be held on February 3rd, 1934, the place, etc., to be decided at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the next Old Comrades' Dinner shall be held at the Grand Dining Hall, Great Central Hotel. This takes place on Saturday, November 4th.

It was also decided that from 1934 inclusive the Old Comrades' Summer Gathering shall be held on a Saturday.

A leaflet explaining the objects of the Regimental Association is being issued to all serving soldiers of the Regiment and will, in future, be issued to all recruits joining the Depot.

OLD COMRADES' SUMMER GATHERING.

Friday, June 30th, was the occasion of another Annual Gathering of Old Comrades. A fairly good number attended, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. An excellent tea was much appreciated by all the visitors.

A great many Old Comrades were prevented by business from attending, but, as already announced, future Gatherings are to be held on a Saturday, so the old excuse will not hold good.

To add to the general enjoyment, the Depot Sports were in progress, and several good events were witnessed. A further attraction was the Band of the 2nd Battalion from Colchester.

In the evening the Sergeants and Corporals of the Depot gave a dance in the Gymnasium, and invited the Old Comrades to be present. Many accepted and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the numbers being augmented by several who could not get away from business in time to attend the afternoon gathering. This opportunity is taken of thanking the Sergeants and Corporals for their hospitality.

Among those present at the Gathering were:—

Col. and Miss Passingham, Major Amor, Capt. G. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Kerswill, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Mr. Walter, Mr. Williams (a Zulu War veteran), Mr. Foley, Mr. White, Mr. Hackett, Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Mr. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Rouse, Mr. Blackwood, Mr. Trezona, Mr. Arden, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Stapley, Mr. Digby, Mr. and Mrs. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Sparkes, Mrs. Baynham, Mrs. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, Mr. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Kent, Mr. Stephens (another Zulu War veteran), Mr. Broom, Mr. Patmore, Mr. and Mrs. Lambourne, Mrs. Goss, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Coomber, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. Peters, Mr. Cromer, Mr. Milton, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Caldicott, Mrs. Adkins, Mr. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Webb, Mr. Huggins, Mr. O'Leary, Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Skinner, Mr. and Miss Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. Watton, Mr. Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Peel, Mr. Head, Mr. Herbert, Mr. Doherty, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, Mr. Kerridge, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Furniss, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Lambert, Mrs. Jephson, Mr. Plumb, Mrs. Jephson, Mr. and Mrs. Whining, Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Beadle, and Mr. H. A. Watkins.

We were also very pleased to see a number of Warrant Officers and Sergeants from the 2nd Battalion, accompanied in some cases by their wives.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

BY the time these notes appear in print we shall once again be in camp. The site of camp this year is on the Sussex Downs, at Crowlink, almost midway between Eastbourne and Seaford, and it will only need fine weather, such as we have experienced in the early summer, to make our Annual Training really successful and enjoyable. Needless to say, we are all looking forward to this year's camp, perhaps more than usual, in view of the absence of Annual Training in camp last year. With the strength of the Battalion increasing gradually each month, it is everybody's hope that we shall be almost—if not quite—up to establishment by the time camp arrives.

Since our last notes were written a number of events of considerable interest have taken place. The spring of the year is usually a busy time in the Territorial Army from the point of view of competitions, and this year has been no exception to the rule. The first event of importance was the Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition (Rifle and L.A.). In this we were represented by D (Tottenham) Company, who were beaten into second place by the 8th Battalion, by the narrow margin of 6 points. We congratulate D Company on putting up such a fine performance, and, whilst we are sorry to part with the trophy, we cannot in all fairness begrudge its departure to the 8th Battalion, as their rifle shooting in this competition was truly magnificent. We hope, and will strive, to recapture the trophy next year.

The next event of importance was Part I of the Perring Machine Gun Trophy. Again in this part of the competition we were second, having tied with the 9th Battalion, and only 4 points behind the leaders, the 5th Bn. The Royal West Kent Regiment. Part II of this competition, which includes firing on the open range, is now taking place, and we shall not know the results until our arrival in camp. The Machine Gun Company has worked very hard in this competition, and deserves to get a high place.

We congratulate the Battalion cross-country running team on putting up such a fine show in the Divisional Run at Sevenoaks on April 22nd. The members

of the team ran well, and we feel sure that with more practice next year there is no reason why we should not win the Divisional Trophy. It will mean much practice and self-sacrifice, but these are necessary if we are to come out on top.

On Albuhera Day a new departure took place when our Drums beat "Retreat" in the Priory Gardens, Hornsey. The ceremony was watched by a large crowd of the local inhabitants, and from their remarks it was obvious that they very much appreciated the performance. In addition, the usual Albuhera Dinner took place in the Officers' Mess, when about thirty officers and their guests were present.

On Whit-Monday the Battalion entered for the Annual Horse Parade at Ealing, and we should like to take this opportunity of offering the Transport personnel our congratulations on the very excellent turn-out of the G.S. wagon and limbers. A great deal of hard work had been put in, and, although we did not win the Challenge Cup, we feel that now we know what is demanded in this competition—and we can place every confidence next time in our Transport.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Rainham on Sunday, June 18th, under perhaps the most unpleasant conditions it has been held in for some years. This was particularly unfortunate, in view of the fact that this year the scores made at the Battalion Rifle Meeting count also towards the various Brigade trophies. The Young Soldiers' team of D Company are to be congratulated on their very fine score which exceeded their winning Brigade score last year by 16 points. We hope that they will again carry off the Brigade Young Soldiers' Team Championship. As regards the other competitions, we cannot at present say too much but it would appear that we shall not be as successful as last year, although there is no doubt whatever that the general standard of shooting this year has shown a distinct all-round improvement. The tabulated results of the meeting will be found elsewhere.

The thanks of the officers are especially due to our Honorary Colonel for the beautiful portrait of the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig, which he recently presented to the Officers' Mess. We are extremely fortunate in obtaining a portrait

of this description, and it has been the subject of much admiration not only from members of the Mess, but also from visitors and guests.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

The Divisional Cross-Country Running Championship was held at Knole Park, Sevenoaks, on Saturday, April 22nd.

The Battalion team ran extremely well, and came second to the 4th Bn. The Royal West Kent Regiment. Altogether twelve teams competed in this event, so our team has every reason to be pleased with its performance. Our first man to finish was L./Cpl. Phillips, of B (M.G.) Company, who ran extremely well. He has reached a higher place in each successive year that he has run for the Battalion in this event.

ANNUAL HORSE PARADE.

For the first time the Battalion took part in the Annual Horse Parade, which is held at Ealing each year, on Whit-Monday. A special class is open to Territorial units, and the Battalion entered with a complete team consisting of a G.S. wagon, two G.S. limbers, and two riders. The turn-out was generally very good indeed, and we gained the following prizes:—

- 2nd Prize.—G.S. Wagon (Cpl. T. Watts).
- 2nd Prize.—Rider (Sergt. A. McNally).
- 3rd Prize.—Rider (Lieut. C. P. Gliksten).

In the competition for the Challenge Cup which was awarded to the unit gaining the highest aggregate in this class, the points gained by the first and second teams were as follows:—

1st, 6th Bn. The East Surrey Regiment, 265; 2nd, 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 220.

BATTALION RIFLE MEETING.

The following are the results of the Battalion Rifle Meeting held at Rainham on Sunday, June 18th:—

Lee Memorial Shield.—1, D Company, 789; 2, A Company, 707; 3, B (M.G.) Company, 674; 4, C Company, 507.
Arnold White Cup.—Equal 1, H.Q. Wing and B (M.G.) Company, 395 each; 3, A Company, 357; 4, D Company, 342; 5, C Company, 253. The

trophy was awarded to H.Q. Wing, who scored the most points in the fire-and-movement practice.
Hornsey Vase.—Equal 1, B (M.G.) Company and D Company, 156 each; 3, A Company, 122; 4, C Company, 84.

Volunteer Cup.—1, D Company, 291; 2, C Company, 270; 3, A Company, 228; 4, B (M.G.) Company, 123.

Battalion Inter-Sub-Section M.G. Competition.—Order of Merit: 1, No. 2 Sub-Section, 342; 2, No. 1 Sub-Section, 185; 3, No. 4 Sub-Section, 169; 4, No. 3 Sub-Section, 123.

Officers' Cup.—1, Capt. N. E. T. Christodoulo, D Company, 61; 2, Capt. R. Bartram, A Company, 53; 3, Lieut. G. C. D. Scott Lowe, D Company, 37.

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Cup.—1, C.S.M. E. Thomas, B (M.G.) Company, 74; 2, Bandmaster S. Laing, H.Q. Wing, 71; 3, L./Sergt. T. Rockall, A Company, 65.

Marksman's Cup.—1, L./Cpl. J. Butler, B Company, 51 points; 2, L./Cpl. H. Tassell, D Company, 49 points; 3, L./Cpl. A. Valentine, C Company, 49.

Lewis Gunners' Cup.—1, Cpl. G. Bundy, D Company, 44; 2, Pte. R. Freeman, B (M.G.) Company, 40; 3, L./Cpl. H. Morley, D Company, 36.

Enfield Cup.—1, Pte. J. Nation, C Company, 48; 2, Pte. J. Coomber, D Company, 47; 3, L./Cpl. F. Fuller, D Company, 43.

Scores of the Battalion Sixteen, to be counted towards the award of the Middlesex Justices' Shield:—

H.Q. Wing.—Bandmaster S. Laing, 71; L./Cpl. A. Clarke, 45; Dmr. W. Gilbey, 47.

A Company.—Capt. R. Bartram, 53; C.S.M. W. Knight, 60; Sergt. A. Endersby, 43; L./Sergt. T. Rockall, 65.

B (M.G.) Company.—C.S.M. E. Thomas, 74; L./Cpl. L. Heard, 49.

C Company.—Capt. S. A. W. Brown, 25; C.Q.M.S. J. Badham, 28; L./Cpl. A. Valentine, 49.

D Company.—Lieut. G. C. D. Scott Lowe, 37; L./Sergt. C. Lenney, 44; L./Cpl. H. Tassell, 49; L./Cpl. J. Taylor, 42.

Total Points.—781.

A COMPANY.

We take this first opportunity of welcoming to Highgate Capt. Holt, of the 5th Bn. The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment), who has been attached to us for drills, and who is putting in a lot of work with the Company. We hope his stay is as pleasant to him as it is to us. We were all sorry to lose C.S.M. Howard, who left us for C Company, but we feel sure that C.S.M. Knight will carry on the job with equal success. He and C.Q.M.S. Ellis are to be congratulated on their recent promotions.

The most important event that has happened since the last issue is the Battalion Rifle Meeting. While this has no

doubt been dealt with elsewhere with greater skill and in more detail, we congratulate D (Tottenham) Company on winning the Lee Memorial Shield, and the Young Soldiers' Cup; H.Q. Wing the High Sheriff's Competition; also D and B Companies who tied for the Lewis Gun Competition. We can be pleased with ourselves that we were second to D Company in the Lee Memorial Shield—not a bad effort for the smallest company. The Company teams are deserving of all praise for the way in which they have practised both in the Drill Hall and at Rainham, and the only regret we have is that reserves to the teams were unable to fire after the work they put in.

On searching the Company Diary we find that on March 31st we fired and lost to the 11th London Regiment Old Comrades Association in a miniature range match. We adjourned, however, to the canteen, and enjoyed their excellent hospitality. We hope to arrange a return fixture in the near future.

Our numbers are steadily going up, thanks chiefly to a recent new member, who, though according to "Records," cannot spell his own name, can at least produce the right type of man for us. We welcome these newcomers, and hope that they in turn will produce the sort of men we want.

Finally, we hope to see all of A Company at Annual Training this year. Crowlink is an ideal spot for a camp, and, given fine weather, we feel that everybody will not only learn a great deal, but have a most enjoyable and healthy fortnight at Sussex-by-the-Sea.

B (M.G.) COMPANY.

We must state at the beginning of these notes that they will be very brief owing to the absence of anything out of the ordinary during the past three months, bar two things—Whitsun and the Battalion Rifle Meeting. At Whitsun we contented ourselves by giving the range-takers a chance of picking up some instruction and three days' pay, which they did with enthusiasm. We are pleased to say that now we have definitely some good men in this branch of our work, and they are at last keen on their job. It has taken three years to show them that there is *some* interest in taking ranges,

especially on a bright and hot Sunday afternoon at Cuffley. The range to a certain patch of hedge is known to an inch by the entire squad.

Of the Battalion Rifle Meeting there is much to be said, and much more that could not possibly be printed here. We lost the Lee Memorial Shield after winning it two years in succession. We congratulate Don Company on their win, but issue the usual warning to them. Our Young Soldiers were disappointing, but the riflemen and Lewis gunners were fairly good. Both tied with the winners, but the High Sheriff's team lost on the fire-and-movement practice and so the cup went to H.Q. Wing. Congratulations. Strange to say, Pte. Freeman could get no nearer than second place in the individual L.A. scores. The Perring Trophy platoon will be passed over by saying that one sub-section put up a remarkably good score—the other three did not. So again we shall have to get down to the competition with even more enthusiasm, if possible, than this year. We were very unfortunate in Part I and very poor in Part II, but even this year's score was far above last year's, so there is great hope for next year.

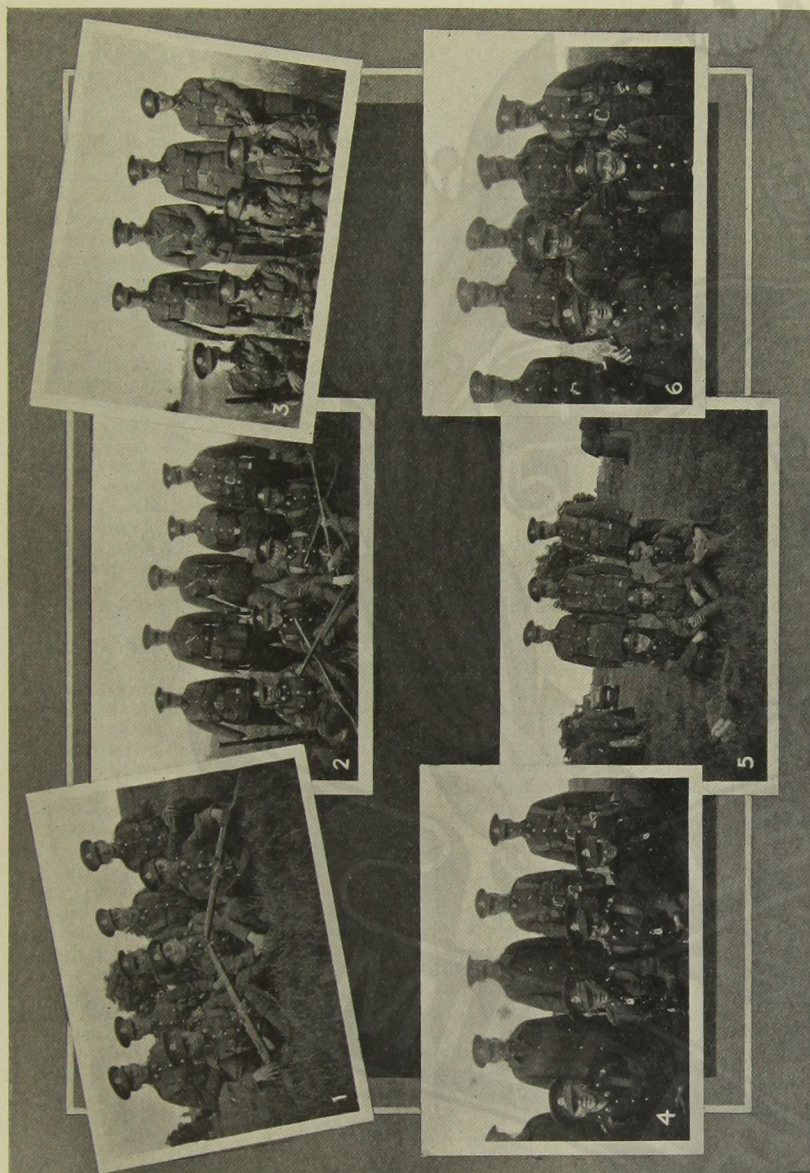
The day's weather consisted of sun (just), wind (hurricane force), thunder (loud), lightning (bright), rain (buckets of it), hail (a — of a lot). It is unfortunate that we cannot include an earthquake, tidal wave and fog or snow, as otherwise the assortment would have been complete.

We extend a very warm welcome to 2/Lieut. R. T. Webster, who has joined the Battalion from the London Scottish and has been duly posted to our Company. We also offer our congratulations to C.S.M. Thomas on his recent promotion. We all know how much Thomas has done for the Company, and we are certain that he will ably carry out his new duties.

Some of us heard part of the sing-song held by C Company on June 19th, and we think it was jolly good. Everyone seemed to be enjoying himself. Special praise to 2/Lieut. Catt and L./Cpl. Hall, whom some call "Sailor."

C COMPANY.

The writing of these notes was purposely delayed until after the Battalion



7TH BATTALION.

1. D Company Young Soldiers' Team, 1933. Winners.
2. D Company High Sheriff's Team, 1933.
3. High Sheriff's Team.
4. Young Soldiers, 1933.
5. D Company Lewis Gun Team, 1933.
6. Lewis Gun.

Rifle Meeting. This is unfortunate, because after mature consideration we cannot find much we care to say on this subject. The Young Soldiers upheld our traditions by landing a very good second, and Pte. Nation is to be congratulated on having the highest score in the competition, thus keeping the Enfield Cup in the Company. The rising generation was not supported by its elders and betters. In spite of the fact that L./Cpl. Valentine tied for second place in the Marksmen's Cup, we will definitely draw the thickest veil obtainable over the performances of the trained men's L.A. and rifle teams. A cloudburst and wind which had not decided (a) how hard to blow, and (b) in which direction to blow, were perhaps responsible for several cases of markers' elbow brought on by over-exertion with red and white flags. This is mentioned mainly because the writer is hiding behind the thickest part of the a/m veil.

Apart from the usual number of odds and spare parts, all trained men have fired their A.W.T.C. without any casualties among the local herds of cattle. We may yet bag a few brace of "fat cows, all weights," as the recruits start their course in the near future.

Whilst practising for the Battalion Rifle Meeting, a new branch of the Dress Reform League was discovered. Its members are distinguishable by a somewhat unorthodox arrangement of their musketry order. We understand that a certain Depot Sergeant has been elected a life member.

One bright spot in our existence is the fact that quite a large number of recruits have been posted to us in the past few weeks, and we hope that when we move to Crowlink for Annual Training we shall be up to establishment.

We congratulate Clr.-Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) Badham on his recent promotion and appointment, and hope that he and his ledgers get along well together. We must also raise our bowler hat to Cpl. Lauderback on his appointment to Lance-Sergeant, and to our old friend C.S.M. Knight on his recent promotion.

D COMPANY.

The most important event of the past few months was undoubtedly the Bat-

talion Rifle Meeting which took place at Rainham on June 18th. Although we had warned B (M.G.) Company in the August, 1932, issue of the Magazine that we were going to regain the Lee Memorial Shield, they failed to "watch their step," and we thus won the shield for the highest aggregate at the meeting. This was chiefly due to the successful Young Soldiers' team, who put together the fine total of 291 (16 more than our winning team in the Brigade Rifle Meeting last year), and to the Lewis gunners, who tied for the first place with B (M.G.) Company. The High Sheriff's team were not so good, but Capt. Christodoulo managed to pull off the Officers' Cup, and L./Cpl. Tassell was equal second in the Marksmen's Cup. Cpl. Bundy made the highest score in the Battalion to win the Lewis Gun Cup, and L./Cpl. Morley was third, whilst Pte. Coomber and L./Cpl. Fuller were second and third in the Young Soldiers' Competition. The Company congratulate all those mentioned above on their success, and the teams as a whole on their excellent day's work.

In the Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition we were not so successful. Both teams did extremely well, improving on last year's record score, but in the end we were placed second to the 8th Battalion, who must be congratulated particularly on their wonderful shooting. Pte. Coomber (44 out of 45), Cpl. Allinson (43), and Sergt. Lenney (42) made the best scores in the rifle team, whilst Cpl. Kernot (73 out of 75), L./Cpl. Hobrough (72), and Pte. McGee (72) did the best in the Lewis gun part of the competition. Had two members of the rifle team obtained their usual "possible" at grouping, the result would have been different.

Whilst on the subject of shooting we should like to mention two very pleasant matches we had against No. 4 Company, H.A.C. The result of these competitions was as follows:—

At Armoury House.—No. 4 Company, H.A.C., 411 (Cpl. Worley, 63; h.p.s. 65); D Company, 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 409 (Lieut. Scott Lowe, 61).

At Tottenham.—D Company, 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 414 (Cpl. Allinson, 57; h.p.s. 60); No. 4 Company, H.A.C., 408 (Pte. Grimwood, 59).

As will be seen, each of these matches was very close, and we are looking forward to the two matches which will be fired next season.

Turning to athletics, we are very glad to record that our cross-country team tied with the hitherto formidable B (M.G.) Company team in the Battalion Race. Cpl. Bundy and Lieut. Scott Lowe came home second and third. These two, together with 2/Lieut. Westcott, were members of the Battalion team who were runners-up in the Divisional Race at Sevenoaks. During the winter we played four badminton matches which were very much appreciated by the members, even though we won but one of them. We understand that an Inter-Company Badminton League is going to be formed during the recreational training period, and we hope we shall be able to show other companies up, provided our rackets are not all smashed by then.

Most of our N.C.Os. have attended a Section Leaders' Course which was run at Headquarters from May to July, and when these notes appear we hope to be enjoying the results of their efforts.

Congratulations to L./Cpls. Taylor, Fuller, Oxley, W. Desborough and Cooper on their appointments, and to Cpl. Allinson on his marriage.

A party of thirty-three went to the Aldershot Tattoo on June 16th, and a "very rare" evening was enjoyed by all concerned. Our travelling canteen did very well on the way down, and the "Traveller's Rest" did even better, although we understand that Jack Loxton had little time left for drinking. Why is it that some of our members who never drink a glass of ale at the Drill Hall are the first in the field elsewhere? They say that any time is Guinness-time, but surely "Taylor-Walker-time" is every drill night.



8th BATTALION NOTES.

PREPARATION and training for the Divisional Cross-Country Run were exceptionally keen this year, and a strong team left Hounslow for the course. Unfortunately the conveyance broke down *en route*, and the team arrived late; we certainly made a dramatic entry, for the

team jumped straight out of the bus to run the course. Unfortunately, unlike most dramatic heroes, they did not win the cup, but the first man home for us returned a time five seconds better than the winner. Our congratulations and consolations to them.

Passing to the sterner side of life, training has been keenly planned and energetically carried out. We showed some of the results at the church parade at Staines on April 23rd, when a good parade attended Divine service. We listened to an interesting sermon by the Vicar, and enjoyed the singing of the choir, and the day's work ended, appropriately enough, with the presentation of the T.A. Efficiency Medal to C.Q.M.S. Johnson, Sergts. Browning and Johnson, Pte. Bavin, and Bdsn. Frost and Meads.

The Weapon Training this year at Bisley showed a marked improvement, both in firing and attendance. Except for the first Sunday, conditions were good, and even then those who attended put up a good show.

The Battalion was inspected in quarters on June 8th. We were particularly complimented on the tidiness and cleanliness of its drill and club rooms.

In this quarter the most important social event is, of course, Albuhera Day, which was honoured at Hounslow by an All Ranks' Dance. The officers welcomed several guests; a telegram was sent to the 2nd Battalion; and an enjoyable evening wound up at 2.30 a.m. The visit to the Tattoo was, as usual, a great success. A party of twenty-eight, made up of officers and their friends, found good seats, and enjoyed an alfresco supper afterwards, with Sergt. Reeve as the perfect *maitre d'hôtel*.

The Old Comrades' Reunion provided a record attendance. Space will not permit the enumeration of all the old friends we saw there, but we do remember Major South in the chair. After dinner our recollections are a trifle hazy; but it was a good evening.

The high spot of the year, so far, was the Officers v. Sergeants cricket match at Staines. The Officers made 117, thanks to some vigorous hitting by Lieut. Blair (35) and the Adjutant (24). We were pleased to see that the crowd recognized a hero when they saw him, for the Adjutant was attacked by a platoon of auto-

graph hunters, while a barrage of congratulatory music was put down by the Band. We then took tea. The Sergeants still incline to the belief that they were nobbled, for afterwards they were quite unable to cope with the bowling of Messrs. Day, Blair and Mayer, and were all out for 27. The Ashes were then presented by Capt. Sunners, and the party broke up just before 7 p.m. We must not forget the Band, who gave us many tuneful interludes, although one Philistine was heard to attribute the loss of his wicket to being interrupted in his stroke by the first notes of "Bitter Sweet," and trying to remember what the tune was. This we think was only an excuse.

Finally, we congratulate 2/Lieuts. Marks, Miskin and Sadler on their promotion.

H.Q. WING.

Our contribution to this issue must, with apologies, be a brief one, but, *believe it or not*, we are really busy preparing for Annual Training, which will soon be in full swing on the Downs near Eastbourne.

Our Sundays have been occupied lately scoring possibles at Bisley, and now that the Musketry Course is over we are concentrating on the Brigade Competitions. While on the subject of shooting, we feel it worthy of mention that our two teams entered for the Territorial Army Small Bore Competition of the N.S.M.R.C. did very well, particularly the A Team, who were 21st out of an entry of over 500, with a score of 663.

Our Cricket Club has commenced its activities and several matches have been played on our new ground on Hounslow Heath. We cannot close this paragraph without mentioning the very enjoyable game on a recent Saturday at Staines, when the Officers beat the Sergeants and were presented with the Ashes. Our O.C. and Lieuts. Cox and Cloutie played for the Officers, and Sergt. Court for the Sergeants, and the professional-looking umpire was Sergt. Henson, and who says our Adjutant cannot play cricket? But for his bright and breezy knock of 24 and Lieut. Blair's 35, the Ashes might now be reposing in the Sergeants' Mess. An excellent tea and selections by the Band completed a very jolly family gathering

and a sporting and social event which we hope will now be an annual fixture.

We hope to have "Our Special Correspondent" with us in camp this year, so that our contribution to the next issue may prove in-tents-ly interesting.

A COMPANY.

Our chief concern this quarter has been the Annual Musketry Course, which was started on May 21st. We have now had four Sundays at Bisley, which completes the musketry until September. The Company have responded to this very well, as we have only four to complete the course, which includes two recruits just joined.

We are now busy at it, in preparation for Annual Training in camp. Everyone is keenly looking forward to this year's camp, and as long as the Weather Clerk is kind to us we look to a happy camp.

Cricket has only just started in the Company owing to the fact that we were hard-pushed for a ground; fortunately we have now got one, and are fixing games for every Saturday. Our first match was on June 10th, when we played C Company at Staines. The result was a good win for the Company, the scores being: C Company, 1st innings, 32; 2nd innings, 66; total, 98; A Company, 1st innings, 55; 2nd innings, 48 for 6 dec. Result: won by 4 wickets.

As regards this sport, an annual game between the Officers and Sergeants has been fixed. The first of these took place at Staines on Saturday, June 17th. The Company had three representatives in the Sergeants, and two in the Officers. The Sergeants were soundly thrashed, and the Officers are congratulated on putting up such a splendid score.

We welcome to the Company Lieut. R. W. Mayer, our new Company Commander, also Lieut. T. L. Marks, and we wish them both a very happy stay with us; also we congratulate Cpl. Swan and L./Cpls. Bullen, Ashton, Mortimer and Lonsdale on their promotions, and Ptes. Tickner, Charles, Boyce and Hayward on their appointments to Lance-Corporal.

The socials have now finished until later in the year, but a loud-speaker is going to be fixed up in the Drill Hall for the amusement of the Company. Thanks to the Company Commander and P.S.I. this will not cost the funds any expenses.

B (M.G.) COMPANY.

We are now in the midst of our Annual Weapon Training Course at Bisley. At the time of writing, 100 per cent. of the Company who have fired have qualified for their proficiency grant. Most of our recruits have fired and put up a very good show.

We are all looking forward keenly to June 25th, when we are firing the second part of the Perring Cup Competition. This competition is in an exceedingly open state, the four units being very close and all units have an equal opportunity of winning the trophy.

Training is now being speeded up in preparation for Annual Camp at Crowlink, Eastbourne. The cliffs, rolling down, hills and valleys appear suitable for spiders and aeroplanes. Whether the Battalion appreciates the natural beauty of Beachy Head after a field day remains to be seen.

Our rifle companies will have to look to their laurels this year, as there have been scenes of great activity in the Drill Hall, with Sergt.-Major Nash as the leading light, and the arms drill is now a real sight for the gods.

Recruiting is going very well, and we are keeping well up to strength and should go to camp very strong in numbers (also in spirits).

Since our last notes there have been a number of changes again in the Company officers. Lieut. Mayer has gone to A Company to take over command, and we all wish him the best of luck. 2/Lieut. Blair, although only attached to us for M.G. work, has become more or less part of the Company, and we are very sorry to lose him to D Company. However, the very best of luck at Uxbridge.

Turning to the sports side, we have recommenced cricket and have just played our first match against St. John Ambulance. This we unfortunately lost by an innings and 58 runs. Still, we have the right material and a little more practice will benefit the team. We have an admirable matting wicket in the Drill Hall and the use of this regularly should soon bring about the form we hope to attain. The use of pads is rather recommended, however, as in the restricted space and the fast wicket the ball rather resembles a .303 bullet coming at you, but it does teach quickness of eye.

On June 17th there is to be an Officers versus Sergeants cricket match at Staines. This is a very popular event and should provide some good cricket. Of B Company, Sergts. Hodges, Aitken and Huckstep have been selected to play in the Sergeants' team.

We have to announce with very deep regret the death of Sergt.-Major R. J. Smith. We had the honour of paying our last respects by providing a funeral party on May 13th.

Sergt.-Major Smith enlisted in 1886 in the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, and in 1908 was posted as Permanent Staff Instructor to B Company at Ealing, until his discharge in 1912. However, he again saw service from August 4th, 1914, till April, 1918. During this period he had the rank of Regimental Sergeant-Major and earned the Meritorious Service Medal and was mentioned in despatches on November 13th, 1916.

His death will be a great sorrow to the Middlesex Regiment as a whole, and we extend our deep sympathy to his relatives.

C COMPANY.

Our first item of interest is of Easter Training at Mill Hill which passed off very well. C Company turned up in strong force; unfortunately the time was too short, but we all had a good time.

The usual Battalion Church Parade took place at Staines on April 23rd, when C Company totalled thirty-five strong.

On return to the Drill Hall the Commanding Officer presented Long Service Medals to six members of the Battalion, four of whom were of C Company, i.e., C.Q.M.S. Johnson, Sergts. Browning and Johnson, and Pte. Bavin. (Old soldiers never die.)

The Fancy Dress Dance on April 28th was a huge success. Pte. (Joe) Woodhouse snaked first prize as a Down-and-out Lady; this caused much amusement and was greatly applauded.

As every other company will say, we are in the throes of A.W.T.C., which is now almost over. The results are quite satisfactory. One item of interest is recorded here: General Delano Osborne (late Commanding Officer of the 4th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment) visited us at Bisley one Sunday, and, whilst watching the Lewis gunners, noticed one man in

particular who was doing his job in a very efficient way. The General asked for the score of this man to be sent through, and the result was top score of the day. Pte. Kallmer of this Company was the fortunate man, and received the congratulations of General Osborne. Well done, Kallmer.

On June 8th Col. Harrison, our Brigade Commander, held his annual inspection, which passed off very well, a colour scheme being our *pièce de résistance*.

CRICKET.

This is really going great guns this season, and we are having some real topping matches. We have played H.Q. Wing, the result being a draw owing to the weather. A Company beat us by 3 wickets, but they were very fortunate; they will certainly have to look to their laurels in the return match at Hampton.

We are now thirsting for the blood of B and D Companies.

We congratulate Lieut. T. L. Marks on his promotion, but we are all sorry that he has gone to A Company.

Our congratulations are also tendered to Lieut. E. C. K. Sadler on his promotion. Let us hope the powers-that-be will let him remain.

Lieut. M. C. D. King has left us to join the Mule Section. We are more than sorry to lose him; may his ride be a merry one and no bumps.

We welcome 2/Lieut. C. W. Summers to the Company and hope his stay may be a happy and successful one.

The following promotion and appointments have taken place in C Company, and we wish them all the best of good fortune:—

L./Sergt. Wright to Sergeant.

Ptes. Snelling, Woodhouse, Kallmer, Chappell, Annesley and Jones to Lance-Corporal.

OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION, STAINES.

We are pleased to announce that the Staines Branch is going very strong and the number of members is now 27. Well done!

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D COMPANY.

(UXBRIDGE.)

Before we go on to the more general news—if any—we extend a very hearty welcome to 2/Lieut. N. M. Blair, who has been posted to us from B Company, and trust that his stay with us will be a long and happy one. That is our official and formal welcome. In other words, of a more human and personal nature, we must say that we are very glad to have this officer join our merry band, as we know that we shall now work and play even harder and with a still greater keenness than ever before.

We regret that the phrase “if any” in the opening lines of this eulogy is quite warranted, as we are having the utmost difficulty in finding any news at all. The Company scribe, or in this case “padder”, having lost or mislaid his diary—again if any—we cannot, in all honesty, becoming platitudinous, say “Let us turn to our old friend the diary,” etc. The best thing we can do, having a flair for originality, is to adopt the unusual procedure of commencing our story at the end and working backwards.

At the moment, of course, we are working in a slight daze induced by suppressed excitement, whilst one or two of our Company are seen to be walking around with a glazed and far-away look in their eyes. All this is due to the approaching camp. We must confess that it is rather excusable, as there is no doubt that the working atmosphere prior to camp is extremely heady, with all its preparations and promise of bigger and better things. Almost lyrical, don't you think?

It is at this glorious period of a Territorial soldier's life that Pte. H—s commences to brood in the Stores, at 2000 hours each Monday and Friday voluntarily foregoing this careless life of worldly pleasures and mortal frailties with a fervency not easily to be denied or set aside, and at 2100 hours returning to the petty round, with the unappeased creative desire of the true artist who has visualized and yet not achieved his masterpiece. It is said on good authority that he has been heard softly crooning to himself, in a definitely minor key, “Where, oh, where is my little clay pipe?” In the fulness of our hearts we find it behoves

us to forgive him his preoccupation and drooping moustache.

Returning to more serious subjects, although we by no means intend to infer that the subject of our broody comrade is not a serious one, we feel that there is very little to record.

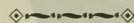
For the past three Sundays from the time of writing we have been firing our various courses at Bisley, and, whilst the weather has possibly not been all that we might have desired, we certainly enjoyed our Sundays down there.

In the near future we go down with our teams, of whom incidentally we are expecting great things, to fire in the Battalion Competitions, on which results we understand the Brigade Competitions are being judged.

In the forthcoming Battalion's Assault-at-Arms we have been generously allotted the task of presenting a P.T. Display, and are surreptitiously bounding about in stray corners striving to cultivate that indescribable spirit of something different—or, no, something better, finished, *finesse*.

We understand that an enterprising member of the Company is running a book on the anticipated effects on the Company of C.S.M. S—s in gym shorts—a bonny sight.

As hope is reputed to spring eternal in the human breast, we once again close with the optimistic observation that we hope to present our readers with a really sensational column of news in the next issue.



9th BATTALION NOTES.

THE Sherwood Shield Competition, which took place just after the last issue of the Journal, was won appropriately enough by C Company. D Company were a close second, and, as their platoon average was higher, they represented the Battalion in the Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition, in which they gained third place. Although their Lewis-gun team gained top marks in the Brigade, their rifle team on this particular night suffered from an attack of nerves and quite failed to do themselves justice. We congratulate the 8th Battalion on their win, and on the un-

cannily accurate shooting of their rifle team.

Easter Training was confined to shooting by companies at Rainham, a week-end camp for the Machine Gunners and the Signallers at Flamstead, and a visit to the 2nd Battalion at Colchester by the Transport Section. The camp at Flamstead broke new ground and was an unqualified success in every way, there being numerous outside attractions as well as good ground for training.

The Annual Prize Distribution took place as usual on Albuhera Day, and the Director-General of the Territorial Army, General Sir William Thwaites, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., A.D.C., gave away the prizes. He was received by a guard of honour commanded by Capt. H. K. Hardcastle, with which he was apparently very pleased.

An account of the proceedings taken from the *Willesden Chronicle* is as follows:—

"The annual distribution of trophies, cups and awards, won by the members of our local Battalion, took place on Tuesday night at headquarters, the Drill Hall, Pound Lane. The presentation was made by General Sir Wm. Thwaites, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., A.D.C., Director-General of the Territorial Army, who first of all made a careful inspection of the Battalion, who were lined up on the parade ground in front of the hall, and whose appearance was very smart and soldierly. The band, under the direction of Bandmaster H. J. Rouse, played excellent selections whilst the guests were assembling. Lieut.-Col. Tupper, T.D., Officer Commanding, presided, and others present were General Kennedy, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (4th Division), Captain Riddell (Royal West Kents), Colonel Beach, C.B., C.M.G., T.D., Lieut.-Col. Bindloss, Colonel and Mrs. G. H. Harrison, Colonel and Mrs. Blumfeld, Colonel and Mrs. Anwyl Passingham, Major Lloyd Williams, Councillor Capt. H. Leigh Mossley, J.P. (Chairman of the Willesden District Council), Colonel Garner, Colonel Sir Chas. Pinkham, J.P., D.L., Major and Mrs. P. V. Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hogg, Major and Mrs. Whitacre Allan, Capt. and Mrs. Brindley, Capt. and Mrs. Harper, Majors J. Northcott, Toovey, Lloyd-Williams,

Capt. and Adjutant J. R. B. Worton, Major Lamont, M.C., T.D., and Mrs. Lamont, Major and Mrs. Fox, Capt. and Mrs. Sherwood, Capt. and Mrs. Hardcastle, Capt. Hogg, Capt. and Mrs. Hewson, Capt. W. S. Wright, Lieut. G. J. B. Furness, C.C., and Mrs. Furness, Lieuts. Coubro, Sutcliffe, S. H. Townell, L. C. Wright, L. J. Bedwell, Heffer and M. J. Abbott. There was a very large and interested company present.

"The Chairman, who was received with applause, said it was his privilege to welcome, on behalf of the 9th Battalion, General Thwaites—(applause)—and he could assure him that they were deeply conscious of the honour bestowed upon them by his attendance. It was the second occasion in one year that they had been honoured by the presence of the Director-General of the Territorial Army. They were celebrating that night the victory of Albuhera. It was 122 years ago that the old 57th Foot won for the Middlesex Regiment their title of 'The Die-Hards.' Both the first and second Battalions of the Regiment had assisted them in every way, and the liaison between them and their Regiment was a model for the whole Territorial Army. (Applause.) He felt justified in referring that night to the successes of the boxing team, who won the Brigade and Divisional Championships, and provided the Territorial Army with a champion in Pte. Winton, who was the runner-up in the Army championship. (Applause.) Their unit had sent a larger number of men than ever before into the Regular Army, no less than 77 having joined within the last four years. (Applause.) They had established a scheme to provide their unemployed members with work. It received the support of the County Association, and four men had been given jobs—it could not be too widely known that members of the 9th Middlesex stood a better chance of getting work than those outside. (Applause.) Despite a year of gloom and difficulty, the morale of that battalion was as high, and its spirit was as active, as ever. (Applause.) They had many friends and supporters, but in the forefront he would place the help given by the Old Comrades Association. The old comrades had presented a silver trophy—a rifleman of the 9th Battalion, in Indian kit—and it was modelled

by an N.C.O. He was glad to say, too, that some of the sons of those old comrades had now joined the battalion. Their Drill Hall had received a great deal of attention, and was in as fine a condition as ever it was. He acknowledged, too, the support which had been given them by the Local Authority, and he cordially welcomed Councillor Capt. Leigh Mossley, J.P., Chairman of the Willesden District Council, who was present to show his interest. (Applause.) He hoped that as Willesden was so soon to become a Borough, its citizens would support its own Battalion—the 9th Middlesex. Mrs. Tate, M.P. for West Willesden, had promised to attend that night, but he had just received a telegram from her, stating that she was detained in the House of Commons. She was a great supporter of the Regiment, and had been present at several of their gatherings. In view of all those facts, it was not surprising that he looked forward to the future of the Regiment with something more than equanimity. (Applause.)

"THE TROPHIES."

"Sir William Thwaites then presented the following trophies, shaking hands with each one of the recipients, and offering a few words of congratulations:—Crowborough Cup, C Company; Best Company in High Sheriff's Competition, H.Q. Wing; Best Company average in Lewis Gun, A Company; Best Company average in attendance at drills, Q Company; Company which does best in the T.A.R.A. competition, A Company; Sherwood Shield for Winter Weapon Training Competition, D Company; Inter-Company N.C.Os.' Shield, B (M.G.) Company; Individual N.C.Os.' Cup, Sergt. Spivey, C Company; Best score by W.O. and N.C.O. in Battalion Rifle Meeting, Sergt. Patterson, D Company; Best score by Private Soldier in Battalion Rifle Meeting, Bdsn. Carnell, H.Q. Wing; Best score by Recruit in Battalion Rifle Meeting, Pte. Butler, A Company; Best score by any rank, Sergt. Patterson, D Company; Best Machine Gun Team, No. 7 Platoon; Transport Driver with best set of Harness, Pte. Belton; Section Leading Competition, competition not held; Guard Mounting Competition, competition not held; Scholl Cup, Company scoring highest points in

Brigade Rifle Meeting, A Company; L.G.O.C. Cup (best Signaller), Pte. Green, P.R.; British Legion Cup (best Machine Gunner), Cpl. Hulford; Battalion Football Cup (not held); Battalion Boxing Cup, A Company; Best Bugler, Cpl. Pocock; Best Recruit score, Annual Musketry, Pte. Hunt, C Company; Best Officer's score in T.A.R.A. Competition, Lieut. L. H. Mordue, A Company; Inter-Company L.G. Cup, D Company; Fire Direction Cup, Sergt. Bateman, A Company.

"In addition, the following trophies won by the Battalion during the past year were presented: 132nd Infantry Brigade Boxing Cup, 44th (H.C.) Divisional Boxing Cup, Albuhera Cup, T.A. Band Trophy, T.A. Drums Trophy, Welterweight Championship Cup, T.A. (Pte. Saunders), 132nd Infantry Brigade Fire Direction Shield.

"General Thwaites said he was very glad to hear such a glowing statement from their Commanding Officer. He went on to say, 'There appears to be a healthy atmosphere in the 9th Middlesex, now 478 strong, out of an establishment of 603 all ranks. I am very glad to know it, but we want to do something better than that. We are all aware, or should be, of the sulphurous atmosphere which pervades the Continent of Europe at this moment. The noxious fumes of the war spirit are again beginning to poison the minds of the majority of Continental nations, and we, like the proverbial ostrich, are burying our heads in the sand, in the hope that the disarmament discussions at Geneva are going to end in producing a Utopian condition of everlasting peace and that the necessity for even maintaining an efficient defence force has passed. Until the talk about disarmament has been translated into action, let us keep our heads. In these vitriolic days can anybody say quite definitely that a grave National Emergency may not be forced upon us, and without warning? History teems with such situations, and history has a habit of repeating itself. We are a peace-loving nation, and curiously enough the personnel of the Services are the most peace-loving of all, because it is on them that devolves the dirty work when it comes—they don't like it, but being good and true patriots at heart, the defence of

their country comes before all things. Now, will you ask yourselves quite seriously this question: Is our Defence House in order? We have a dangerously reduced Navy, a skeleton Regular Army, an emaciated Territorial Force, and an insufficient, but a highly efficient, Air Force. That is the situation. In my capacity as Director-General of the Territorial Army, it is about the Territorial Army I wish to speak. A force organized specially for defence and not for aggression. I wish to make that point quite clear, and I am supported in that by the utterances of the League of Nations Union. How stands the health of the Territorial Army? At the end of last year it was in a dying condition. I had great anxiety as to what was going to happen. I am now of opinion that the crisis has been passed, and that the convalescent stage has been reached. Since the 1st of March of this year, the Force has gone up over 5,000 in strength, and we have taken in that period about 10,000 recruits, that is 7,000 more than for the same period last year. But the Territorial Army is still 32,000 short of its Recruiting Establishment. Whether the augmentation of the Force is due to the restoration of camps, to the recent recruiting campaign, the aftermath of which is stirring local activity, or to the present situation in Europe stirring the minds of adventurous youth, I cannot say. Anyway, the Territorial Army has struggled to its feet, and will, I hope, be shortly standing firm and solid once more. But it is curious how the movement has reacted. In Scotland and the provinces it is very much alive. The Highland Division and the Northumbrian Division are racing each other to reach Establishment, 9,500 all ranks. The former has reached 9,100 and the latter 8,900. The East Lancashire with 8,300, the Welsh with 8,000, and the Lowland with 7,800 are running them very close. These five divisions in the aggregate have gone up 2,396 in strength during the period I have referred to—that is nearly half the total accrued strength. Other Provincial Divisions have also shown increase. But what is the matter with London? The two London Divisions have been actually racing each other towards evaporation, though the 56th is in a better position than the 47th, the

former having increased 116 in the three months under review, but the latter has actually *lost* 57. Their strengths are respectively at this moment 6,300 and 5,800, about 3,100 and 3,700 short of Establishment. I suppose the male population of London and Greater London to-day is about 3½ millions. Do you mean to tell me that out of that number we cannot fill two divisions—we cannot get 18,000 officers and men who will come forward to be trained for the defence of their country in a National Emergency? Do you mean to tell me that the heart of the Empire is so lethargic and spiritless that it almost looks as though the spirit of patriotism is at an ebb? If that is the case, I say shame on London. Wake up and show the Empire what you are really made of, for we all know that there is actually real good stuff in the manhood of the metropolis.

"I am glad to have been able to put the position before you as regards the situation of the Territorial Army, and it is heartening to realize that the 9th Middlesex, which belongs to the Home Counties Division, which has also been putting on flesh during the last three months to the tune of 102, are not lagging behind in their endeavours to fill up with the right sort of material such as I have seen in the Guard of Honour, which I have this evening had the privilege to inspect."

"On the call of the Colonel Commanding, three hearty cheers were given for General Sir Wm. Thwaites, which finished with the 9th Middlesex 'whisper'."

"The Band again played selections outside."

"Afterwards, the floor was cleared, and a large and jolly company joined in dancing, which was kept up with zest and vigour, all the popular numbers being on the programme."

"The 'Highlows' Dance Orchestra provided excellent music, and Sergt. Battey satisfactorily and tactfully carried out the arduous duties of M.C. It was a very happy gathering."

A Tactical Exercise for Officers, in which the withdrawal was studied, was held at Cholesbury on May 28th. This was very successful, and the beer at the "Full Moon" was very good.

Training at Whitsun was confined to

shooting at Rainham on Whit-Sunday. On Whit-Monday the Transport Section took part in the horse parade at Ealing, and was successful in winning the Class 4 G.S. Wagon and Limber Turn-out. This was not surprising, as they had put in an enormous amount of work beforehand, and they are very heartily to be congratulated.

On June 11th an N.C.Os.' Tactical Exercise was held on the same ground as that of the officers, fifty N.C.Os. attending. The beer was again very good at the "Full Moon."

An innovation in having band concerts at Headquarters has been made, primarily for raising recruits. It has, strangely enough, been successful in luring the youth of Willesden into the Drill Hall. Our numbers have been steadily increasing since last December, and by the time we go to camp we hope to be 500 strong.

Camp will be a new experience for many of the Battalion, and, given good weather, everything points to it being even more successful than previous ones.

A COMPANY.

The outstanding event of the quarter has been Albuhera Day, when we were gratified by the procession (may we say?) of members of A Company who received prizes from the Director-General. The All Ranks' Dance which followed was enjoyed by everyone, even the bystanders, of whom there seemed to be a large number. We feel that criticism must be made of the members of A Company dancing together in the "males only" number. We look forward to an improvement in the standard of footwork next time.

On June 11th we had the N.C.Os.' Tactical Exercise at Cholesbury, near Chesham, and, the weather being fine, we had an enjoyable day.

It looked like being a good day almost from the start, as the rendezvous for giving solutions of Problem No. 1 was at the "Full Moon."

The lorry broke down on the way to Cholesbury, and the occupants, with the exception of two Sergeants, started to walk, ultimately arriving at Cholesbury at the same moment as the lorry and Sergeants. Comment is needless.

A suggestion of night operations in the

adjacent sand-pits was turned down summarily and with a good deal of ribald banter.

On June 25th we journeyed to Rainham to practise for the Battalion Rifle Meeting, and were afraid we should be well soaked (by rain, otherwise we should not be afraid) after the dreadful weather on the previous day. However, the sun shone most of the time, and some good shooting was done.

We look forward to the standard being maintained for the Battalion Rifle Meeting on July 9th.



B (M.G.) COMPANY, EASTER, 1933.

We are glad to welcome Lieut. Gunston back after his leave.

In conclusion, we take this opportunity of wishing ourselves and the rest of the Battalion an excellent fortnight in camp.

B (M.G.) COMPANY.

The chief event of this quarter was our Easter Camp. We took the Signallers under our wing and set up our camp in the recreation ground of Flamstead in Hertfordshire—a tiny village with but two inns—at least so far as we could find. The journey there was uneventful except for a puncture sustained by one of the

charabancs, which, or rather who, being an unwise virgin, had ventured forth without a spare wheel; it was the rear charabanc and so the occupants had to wait until the first charabanc had deposited its load and could return. The week-end was full of incident—apart from the inevitable work (yes, we really did do some). The Brigade Commander and Col. Tupper saw us; there were the cows dancing in the neighbouring field to the strains of Mr. L. C. Wright's gramophone; the Hertfordshire Hunt Point-to-Point Meeting on the Saturday afternoon;

the ten minutes each way twenty-a-side football match on the Sunday afternoon, the second half of which lasted forty minutes, and Capt. Wright's excellent refereeing and the impartiality of his decisions given from the other end of the field; the horror of our official visitors at the comfort in which we all lived; the rousing of the village policeman from his bed on the Sunday night by our village picquet owing to the rowdiness of his villagers and the consequent inability of our troops to sleep; and last, but not least, the four ladies of Kentish Town who will not forget Easter, 1933, in a hurry.

It was an excellent week-end, and our thanks are due to the Adjutant and the Quartermaster for all the trouble they took in arranging the camp, and to the latter and his cooks for the excellent food—to the Village Council of Flamstead for their hospitality, to the 2nd Battalion for lending us Cpl. Brown, who was voted a great success by everyone and who was a first-class instructor, and last, but not least, to the weather, which was glorious. The accompanying photograph gives some idea of the effect which the camp had on the spirits of B (M.G.) Company.

Easter was our big event, but that has not been the end of our activities; we have sojourned on one or two occasions to Rainham and Purfleet to shoot. We have paraded at Headquarters, taken part in a guard of honour to the Director-General of the Territorial Army, won second place in the Fire Direction Competition (our first venture in this competition), and won second place equal with the 7th Battalion in Part I of the Perrin Trophy.

There have been a promotion or two in the Company; these are rare events and worthy of record: L./Cpls. Hulford and Yelland being promoted Corporals, and Ptes. F. A. Smith and Woolsey being promoted Lance-Corporals. The first two especially are to be heartily congratulated on their promotion; they have both worked very hard and thoroughly earned their second stripes.

We are now looking forward to camp—for many of us our first one—and hope that the weather in August may be as good as it was in March.

C COMPANY.

As all real soldiers know, the secret of success in the British Army is "learn to delegate." The present writer learnt this lesson many years ago—so many that age has made him a little slow in putting it into practice. So, when at the last moment, the job of writing these notes was delegated to him, he failed to pass it on again.

The great event for us during the past three months has been the Winter Weapon Training Competition. This we won, thanks to the excellent staff work by the P.S.I., who, finding that strict adherence to the rules of the competition

suited our book, insisted on the rules being followed. As the premier shooting company of the Battalion, we are in our right place, and I have no doubt we shall consolidate what we have won by a smashing victory at the Battalion Rifle Meeting.

We heartily congratulate Sergt. Spivey on winning the cup for the best N.C.O. in the Battalion. He thoroughly deserved it; everyone in the Company knows his solid worth.

At the Prize Giving on Albuhera Day one or two members of the Company upheld our reputation for producing capable soldiers by taking several prizes which did not belong to them. In particular, Pte. Deacon, looking every inch a welter-weight champion, deputized for the Territorial Army champion. The General, who was giving away the prizes, appeared to be on the point of asking how he got his weight down, but thought better of it.

Our other Company Cook, Pte. Parker, will soon have quite a lot of young soldiers calling him Daddy; he has brought in eight recruits since Christmas.

We are again, by the great kindness of the R.A.F., practising hard on the thirty yards' range at Northolt. This has been made possible by the use of an auxiliary vehicle which has caused amusement to those of us who have been to camp. I am, of course, referring to the Great Panjandrum's Trailer.

I am told that Frank Fenemore has, in some mysterious way, acquired a rifle cover, but I heard some unkind person say it was no good keeping the dust from the outside and leaving the rust inside.

Modern methods of instruction are much better than the old way of repeating the book word for word. A timely illustration will teach a recruit far more than a string of words, the most important of which he may not understand. The sort of thing is shown by the following story.

One of our outside—sorry, I mean outstanding—N.C.Os. was teaching recruits to shoot. To explain the reason for holding the breath before pressing the trigger, he lay on the floor and said, "When I breathe I go up and down five or six inches," and so he did.

These notes are not complete without some reference to the Dart Club. I hear that a new game has been introduced by

the P.S.I. It is played on the same lines as strip poker, and is a dangerous game to play before parade. A prominent member lost a few games the other night and was forced to come on parade minus braces and trouser buttons. He saved his jacket because he always plays without it.

As these notes are supposed to be serious and to contain facts, I doubt if I shall be given the job of writing them again.

CORK II.

H.Q. WING.

Having been asked to write a few notes for H.Q. Wing for the first time, and not being very intimate with the working or personnel comprising it, I am afraid my notes will be very short.

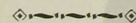
However, our first praise must be given to Sergt. Bungay and his band of Transport men for winning first prize at the Ealing Horse and Dog Show on Whit-Monday. This is a great achievement when it is realized that they had to do a lot of work in their spare time, and this in the evenings.

The Band have been busy, too, giving band concerts in the square of the Drill Hall, where anyone could come and listen to a good programme of music free. It has also helped in recruiting, and we are all hoping that they will give more concerts.

Of course, the one and only thing that is in everyone's mind now is the Annual Camp, which is to take place at Crowlink in the vicinity of Eastbourne.

We are all very busy getting ready for camp, and hope that the powers-that-be are busy sorting out the weather for us. (Play fair!)

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NOTICES.

BALANCE OF DECEASED SOLDIER UNDISPOSED OF.

Parker, C., Pte., Middlesex Regiment.—£74 1s. 6d.

THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX CADET ASSOCIATION NOTES.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. E. A. C. Ricketts to be Lieutenant, 2nd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, to date 6/6/33.

Capt. L. A. H. Gingell to be Captain, 4th Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, to date 1/5/33.

Mr. Lewis James Twinn to be Second-Lieutenant, 4th Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, to date 18/5/33.

Mr. V. F. L. Sumners to be Second-Lieutenant, 4th Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, to date 20/6/33.

RESIGNATION.

Lieut. G. S. Sedgwick, on being appointed to a commission in the 317th (Middlesex) Anti-Aircraft Searchlight Company, R.E. (T.A.).

ANNUAL CAMPS, 1933.

(a) *School Battalions.*—Cirencester, July 29th to August 12th.

(b) *Non-School Battalions.*—Colchester (attached to the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment), August 5th to 12th.

GARDEN PARTY.

In spite of the inclement weather, the Garden Party given by Sir Robert and Lady Waley Cohen at Caen Wood Towers, Highgate, was a great success.

The Cadet Funds have been considerably augmented by the success of this function, and our grateful thanks are due to Sir Robert and Lady Waley Cohen for giving the Garden Party, and to Col. and Mrs. Samuel and all those who helped in connection with the organization, etc.

COURSES AT REGULAR DEPOTS.

Through the kindness of the Officer Commanding the Depot The Royal Fusiliers at Hounslow, and the Officer Commanding the Depot The Middlesex Regiment at Mill Hill, courses of instruction for Cadet N.C.Os. have been held at the Depots referred to, and those attending have derived considerable benefit from the instruction given. It is hoped that these excellent courses may be continued during the coming autumn.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Lieut.-Col. F. Reid, M.C., T.D., Officer Commanding 44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals, T.A., has been appointed a T.A. Association representative on the Cadet Association, *vice* Cadet Col. W. Scott-Miller, D.L., resigned.

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS.

The programme for the annual inspections this year is as follows:—

1st Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.—Christ's College Cadet Company, Friern Barnet Grammar School Cadet Company, The Stationers' School Cadet Company, and John Lyon School Cadet Company: at Mill Hill, Friday, July 14th, 1933, at 3 p.m.

2nd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.—Priory School Cadet Company: at Ealing, July 7th, 1933; Ealing Company: at Ealing Drill Hall, July 30th, 1933.

3rd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.—At Highgate Golf Club, July 9th, 1933.

4th Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.—At Stamford Brook Lodge, September 10th, 1933.

2ND CADET BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

HEADQUARTERS: Drill Hall, Ealing.

A COMPANY: Drill Hall.

B COMPANY: Priory School.

C COMPANY: Northolt.

Two new officers are welcomed to this Battalion in Lieut. E. A. C. Ricketts, late of the Queen Victoria Rifles, and 2/Lieut. C. A. F. Sheppard, A.I.A.A.

A very successful field day was held on Whit-Sunday at Ruislip, and in spite of the heat the operations carried out were most commendable.

Capt. Fitzpatrick and 2/Lieut. Robinson were in charge of the detachment which witnessed the rehearsal of the Aldershot Tattoo. Capt. Nye, and 2/Lieuts. Sheppard and Robinson were with the detachment to witness the re-

hearsal of the Hendon Air Pageant on June 23rd.

It is anticipated that there will be several candidates for the last A examination from the Priory School Company, which again competed for the Lucas Tooth Competition last June.

A detachment formed an escort for the Hospital Chairman in the Hospital procession on July 1st, which traversed most of the main roads in Ealing.

There is considerable enthusiasm about the Annual Training at Colchester, and many Cadets are endeavouring to arrange with their employers for a holiday. The idea of being quartered in barracks is greatly appreciated: there will be a lot learned.

B Company (Priory School Company) will go into camp with the Public School Battalions at Cirencester Park from July 29th to August 12th.

4TH CADET BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

This unit of the Middlesex Cadet Brigade is commanded by Lieut.-Col. H. Hugh White, M.C., and has as its Headquarters the Drill Hall, Stamford Brook. The Battalion is affiliated to the 44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals. There are two companies at Stamford Brook, one at Brentford, and one at Harrow.

During the past twelve months, ten members of the Battalion have joined the Regular Army, and twelve the Territorial Army—four into the 44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals.

The unit has carried out a number of week-end schemes during the past few months at Horsender Hill, Perivale, and Company parades were held twice weekly.

Col. G. R. Crosfield, C.B.E., D.S.O., T.D., the Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, has recently been appointed Honorary Colonel of the Battalion he commanded during the war. All ranks of the 4th Cadet Battalion congratulate Col. Crosfield on this appointment.

The unit has been training for the Lucas Tooth Competition and it is hoped to bring back to Stamford Brook this

year the County Shield which the Battalion lost some years back. The competition is to be judged by Capt. G. J. Leatham, M.B.E., M.C., at the Drill Hall on Friday, June 30th, at 8.30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"HIGHVIEW,"
KINGSWOOD ROAD,
SHORTLANDS, KENT.

May 2nd, 1933.

MAJOR J. S. WOLLOCOMBE, M.C.

DEAR SIR,

Will you permit me, through the Journal, to convey my sincerest thanks to all comrades of the Middlesex Regiment, past and present, for the honour and respect shown the memory of my late husband, also for the wonderful floral tributes?

In such a sad time it is helpful to know how deeply he was appreciated.

Through the Journal I hope to reach all whom I have not been able to thank personally on account of lack of addresses, etc.

Yours sincerely,
ANNIE E. STEED.

OBITUARY.

COL. CHARLES JOHN MATTHEWS.

COL. MATTHEWS, whose death is announced on page 536, was born on March 19th, 1845, and was commissioned into the 57th Regiment on August 9th, 1864. He took part in the New Zealand War, 1865-67, and was present at the affair of Ketemarae, and received the medal. He subsequently served with the 57th in Ceylon and proceeded with it to South Africa for the war of 1879. He was present at the action of Ginginhlovo and the Relief of Etshowe, and received the medal and clasp.

In 1895 he succeeded Lieut.-Col. (afterwards General) Sir William Gatacre in the command of the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, then in India, and was in turn followed by the late Col. H. D. Wade-Dalton in 1889.

During Col. Matthews's command, the 2nd Battalion carried out a memorable march, on change of station, from Kamp-tee to Mhow, along a route which had not been travelled by British troops since the days of the Indian Mutiny. Another notable event was the inspection of the Battalion by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who was then Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Army.

He became Brevet Colonel on May 5th, 1885, Colonel four years later, and went to retired pay on September 18th, 1889.

His father, Major Mark Matthews, was a 57th officer, and the following particulars of his service are given:—

Ensign, May 20th, 1839; Lieutenant, November 23rd, 1840; Paymaster, July 28th, 1843; served in the Crimea from September 22nd, 1854, including the siege and fall of Sebastopol; attack and surrender of Kimbourn; medal and clasp, and Turkish Medal, also medal for New Zealand; served with the Regiment until his death in 1871 at Devonport.

Col. Matthews volunteered his services both in the Boer War and in the European War, and was much disappointed that they were not accepted.

It may be of interest to know how his example in this respect was followed by members of his family.

His only son, Mervyn, a young officer in the R.E., was severely wounded at Festubert in 1915, and was hurried home, but unfortunately died on reaching London, at the age of 21½. He had just been made Lieutenant.

Col. Matthews's wife was employed throughout the war at a Red Cross hospital at Cheltenham, and died suddenly in 1917 when on duty there, her name being placed on the British Women's Roll of Honour for the Great War in York Minster.

His second daughter, Gladys, is a surgeon. She served in the Great War as Medical Officer in the Royal Air Force and is now one of the C.M.S. doctors in India, being in medical charge of the

Pennell Memorial Women's Hospital at Bannu, on the North-West Frontier.

His third daughter, Alice, gained the M.B.E. with two special mentions for her splendid X-ray work for the Red Cross in the Great War. She died a month before her father, of a rare kind of anæmia, caused doubtless by her exceedingly hard work during and after the war.

His other two daughters also served in Red Cross hospitals during the war.

It will be seen from the few remarks above what good reason Col. Matthews had to be proud of the part played by members of his family in the Great War. It is surely fitting that this should be mentioned in the obituary notice of one who loved the Regiment as much as he did.

LIEUT.-COL. WILLIAM DALY INGLE.

Memories of Omdurman, and of several other important military actions, are evoked by the death, which occurred at his residence, "The Thorns," Shripney, on June 10th, 1933, of Lieut.-Col. William Daly Ingle, who passed away in his 62nd year. He had lived in the district for eight or nine years, and was highly esteemed in this neighbourhood.

A son of the late Mr. William Ingle, Lieut.-Col. Ingle was educated in Ireland, and entered the Middlesex Regiment in 1892. Afterwards he served with the Egyptian Army in the Sudan, while in 1898 he, then holding the rank of Captain, acted as galloper to General Gatacre, who was in command of the British Division against the Dervishes at Omdurman. In 1899 he was among those present at the military action which resulted in the final defeat of the Khalifa (horse shot). He was twice mentioned in despatches. Eight years later he was promoted to the rank of Major, and for some time was Second-in-Command of a Sudanese regiment.

He was Adjutant of the 4th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment from 1904 to 1907.

When war broke out, he was made Lieutenant-Colonel, and until 1916 he was in command of the 11th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment in France.

In addition to the three medals awarded during the Great War, Lieut.-Col. Ingle held two Sudanese Campaign Medals and the Order of the Medjidie.

When a younger man he was a keen sportsman, being an excellent polo player, and in this capacity playing for his Regiment. He was also a very good shot, fond of billiards and bridge, and a popular member of the Bognor Club in Sudley Road.

The funeral took place in Bognor Regis Cemetery, being preceded by a service at South Bersted Church, at which the Vicar of Bersted (Rev. C. E. T. Wills) officiated. The coffin, as it was borne into the church, was covered with a Union Jack, surmounted with flowers.

The two chief mourners were Mr. A. St. John Ingle (brother) and Mr. Hugh Halliday (nephew), and others present either at the church or by the graveside, included Col. H. E. Ravenscroft, Mr. K. Wannon, Mr. J. H. Curle, Capt. H. C. Pocock, Mr. H. A. Cayzer, Col. G. A. Bridgman, Col. A. J. Byrne, Mr. F. R. Hole, and Mr. H. Robinson.

The wreaths included tributes from the following: Rita and Hugh; Ellene; Dot; Kitty and Ashby; Mrs. Sharp and family; A. and P. Maginnis; Julia and Booth; All Ranks, 11th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; the members of the Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club; members of the Bognor Club; Col. G. A. Bridgman, late Middlesex Regiment; Lieut.-Col. H. V. Ravenscroft (Storrington); Edith and Keith; Shripney Football Club.

[Many of the above particulars are reprinted from the *Bognor Regis Post* of June 17th.—Ed.]

ROBERT JOHN SMITH.

Ex-R.S.M. R. J. Smith, whose death we regret to announce, enlisted into the Middlesex Regiment from the Suffolk Militia in 1886, and was posted to the 1st Battalion, with which he served in Gibraltar and South Africa. He was posted to the Permanent Staff of the 8th Battalion as Acting Sergeant-Major, and continued as such until discharged to pension in June, 1912.

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

1st BATTALION.

Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
*R.S.M. P. Newman ...	13/8/31	Cpl. H. Padgett ...	1/1/31
*Bdmr. A. Judge ...	12/4/31	Cpl. R. Simmons ...	3/1/31
*R.Q.M.S. E. Crouch ...	28/4/29	*Cpl. C. May ...	16/1/31
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) A. Finch ...	13/6/28	Cpl. H. Ramsden ...	1/4/31
*C.S.M. G. Anderson ...	20/10/30	Cpl. E. Wilson ...	9/7/31
*C.S.M. A. Russell ...	1/4/31	Cpl. L. Sheffield ...	24/7/31
*C.S.M. E. Burt ...	13/8/31	Cpl. J. O'Neill ...	13/8/31
*C.S.M. B. Brockman ...	10/12/31	Cpl. A. Stone ...	2/9/31
*C.S.M. E. Fleming ...	10/12/31	Cpl. S. Phelan ...	15/9/31
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) S. Steadman ...	23/7/23	Cpl. A. Nicholls ...	18/9/31
Sgt. W. Christie ...	1/5/20	Cpl. F. Connell ...	30/9/31
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) J. Wilcockson ...	10/6/27	Cpl. C. Bolton ...	10/12/31
*Sgt. V. Osterholm ...	18/10/23	Cpl. J. Thirkettle ...	10/12/31
*Sgt. H. Griffin ...	11/6/24	Cpl. C. Pantling ...	19/1/32
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Raindle ...	10/12/31	*Cpl. G. Bayford ...	21/1/32
Sgt. E. Hazledene ...	5/4/26	Cpl. A. Cladd ...	28/1/32
Sgt. W. Bennett ...	19/6/26	Cpl. J. Donegar ...	4/2/32
*C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) E. Robbins ...	10/12/31	Cpl. T. Castle ...	23/6/32
*Sgt. R. Challis ...	30/10/27	Cpl. R. Blackman ...	26/7/32
*C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. Misso ...	19/1/32	Cpl. E. Wadsworth ...	15/11/32
*Sgt. H. Thomas ...	5/3/28	Cpl. E. Whicheol ...	22/2/33
Sgt. T. Tiller ...	20/5/28	L./Cpl. E. Rochester ...	26/8/27
*Sgt. A. Stenning ...	23/2/29	L./Cpl. A. Allison ...	14/9/28
Sgt. J. West ...	15/1/30	L./Cpl. G. Jeffree ...	5/6/30
*Sgt. W. Northcott ...	25/2/30	L./Cpl. W. Belcher ...	30/6/30
*Sgt. C. Soper ...	17/12/30	*L./Cpl. P. Ward ...	20/10/30
*Sgt. G. Blake ...	10/1/31	L./Cpl. F. Gardiner ...	29/11/30
*Sgt. L. Honeybun ...	13/8/31	L./Cpl. G. Endersby ...	11/12/30
*Sgt. L. Priddy ...	18/9/31	L./Cpl. L. Jerman ...	11/12/30
Sgt. S. Thompson ...	30/9/31	L./Cpl. C. Clark ...	30/12/30
Sgt. R. Bayles ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. A. Moore ...	3/1/31
*Sgt. L. West ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. H. Chillery ...	16/1/31
*Sgt. C. Painter ...	19/1/32	L./Cpl. A. Lane ...	23/1/31
*Drum-Major D. Drew ...	22/1/32	L./Cpl. A. Windows ...	2/2/31
Sgt. F. Donovan ...	4/2/32	L./Cpl. W. Watts ...	18/2/31
*Sgt. E. Paterson ...	18/2/32	L./Cpl. M. Duddy ...	22/3/31
*Sgt. H. Kruck ...	24/8/32	*L./Cpl. C. Jacob ...	23/3/31
Sgt. H. Hull ...	22/2/33	L./Cpl. L. Roseblade ...	24/4/31
L./Sgt. R. Glover ...	1/8/28	L./Cpl. F. Britton ...	29/4/31
L./Sgt. A. Mason ...	16/1/31	L./Cpl. F. Thorn ...	11/6/31
*L./Sgt. (Unpaid) (O.R.C.) P. Hale ...	31/10/29	L./Cpl. L. Mallard ...	16/6/31
L./Sgt. J. Little ...	26/11/31	L./Cpl. H. Game ...	14/7/31
L./Sgt. F. Chasney ...	10/12/31	*L./Cpl. T. Brind ...	23/7/31
L./Sgt. L. Williams ...	3/10/32	*L./Cpl. P. Hopwood ...	13/8/31
Cpl. A. Lawrence ...	26/9/28	L./Cpl. W. Gadsden ...	29/8/31
L./Sgt. J. Ayres ...	18/9/31	L./Cpl. F. Dell ...	2/9/31
L./Sgt. (Unpaid) R. Dyson ...	27/4/33	L./Cpl. A. Willis ...	15/9/31
L./Sgt. P. Edwards ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. G. Sach ...	30/9/31
*L./Sgt. R. Chaplin ...	19/1/32	L./Cpl. W. Lambert ...	2/1/32
L./Sgt. E. Edmunds ...	4/2/32	L./Cpl. S. Sibley ...	2/1/32
L./Sgt. J. Chillery ...	22/2/33	L./Cpl. L. McDowell ...	2/1/32
L./Sgt. (Unpaid) J. Smith ...	27/4/33	L./Cpl. G. Wordley ...	2/1/32
L./Sgt. (Unpaid) S. Bullock ...	27/4/33	L./Cpl. J. Howie ...	2/1/32
*L./Sgt. (Unpaid) W. Snell ...	27/4/33	L./Cpl. A. Cokeley ...	2/1/32
L./Sgt. (Unpaid) E. Moir ...	27/4/33	L./Cpl. J. Groves ...	28/1/32
L./Sgt. (Unpaid) G. Herbert ...	27/4/33	*L./Cpl. J. Painter ...	31/1/32
Cpl. L. Beck ...	9/4/30	L./Cpl. W. Sampford ...	4/2/32
Cpl. F. Payne ...	11/4/30	L./Cpl. A. Keeler ...	7/3/32
Cpl. E. Zetter ...	14/5/30	L./Cpl. R. Kent ...	11/4/32
Cpl. C. Ives ...	16/8/30	L./Cpl. L. Image ...	6/6/32
Cpl. S. Green ...	17/10/30	L./Cpl. A. Brown ...	16/6/32

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L./Cpl. R. Bowden ...	23/6/32	L./Cpl. F. Markham ...	25/8/32
L./Cpl. E. Staley ...	26/7/32	L./Cpl. C. Keefe ...	25/8/32
L./Cpl. F. Mills ...	30/9/32	L./Cpl. H. Holloway ...	17/11/32
L./Cpl. J. Robinson ...	1/11/32	L./Cpl. J. McGrady ...	17/11/32
L./Cpl. C. Adams ...	2/11/32	L./Cpl. J. Sheen ...	23/12/32
L./Cpl. J. Stickley ...	15/11/32	L./Cpl. S. Dyer ...	2/1/33
L./Cpl. H. Burrows ...	5/1/33	L./Cpl. W. Ransom ...	24/1/33
L./Cpl. F. Munday ...	22/2/33	L./Cpl. F. Carter ...	6/2/33
Unpaid :-			
L./Cpl. A. Smith ...	12/3/32	L./Cpl. R. Dehnel ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. H. Payne ...	12/3/32	L./Cpl. G. Chandler ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. V. Thomas ...	11/6/32	L./Cpl. H. Jolley ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. H. Nayler ...	11/6/32	L./Cpl. W. Sargent ...	27/4/33
*L./Cpl. F. Stock ...	25/7/32	L./Cpl. F. Broughton ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. C. Hawkesworth ...	16/8/32	L./Cpl. E. Nye ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. H. Ormes ...	16/8/32	L./Cpl. E. Rogers ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. T. Bayly ...	16/8/32	L./Cpl. W. Nihill ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. G. Parker ...	25/8/32	L./Cpl. F. Scott ...	27/4/33
*L./Cpl. W. O'Connor ...	25/8/32	L./Cpl. R. Moth ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. W. Harewell ...	25/8/32	L./Cpl. F. Shaw ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. J. McLeod ...	25/8/32	L./Cpl. P. Crowley ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. H. Hughes ...	25/8/32	L./Cpl. J. Francis ...	11/5/33
		L./Cpl. V. Whippis ...	19/5/33
		L./Cpl. S. Clark ...	19/5/33

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 or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
*R.S.M. C. Davis ...	Depot	13/4/29	*Sgt. F. Denchfield ...	2nd	20/3/28
*R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M. ...	2nd	18/3/31	Sgt. A. Webb ...	19th London	15/5/28
*Bdmr. C. Dennis ...	2nd	25/3/33	Drum-Major H. Poulter ...	2nd	13/10/28
*R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley ...	Depot	7/3/26	*Sgt. C. Champion ...	2nd	1/1/29
*R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher ...	2nd	31/3/30	*Sgt. A. Jones ...	7th	18/2/29
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) B. Baldwin ...	Depot	2/7/30	*Sgt. H. Short ...	2nd	21/2/29
*C.S.M. G. Goodall ...	9th	4/6/25	Sgt. A. Jones ...	2nd	8/4/29
*C.S.M. J. Hart ...	Depot	20/1/26	Sgt. A. Boen ...	9th	13/4/29
*C.S.M. C. Cook, D.C.M. ...	8th	15/8/26	*Sgt. C. Donaldson ...	2nd	24/5/29
*C.S.M. T. Smith ...	19th London	28/2/28	Sgt. R. King ...	Supnmy., Fire Bde., Bordon	5/7/29
*C.S.M. F. Peck ...	2nd	18/2/29	Sgt. G. Sherriff ...	2nd	9/12/29
*C.S.M. R. Colbourne ...	2nd	13/4/29	Sgt. F. Nash ...	8th	11/12/29
*C.S.M. C. Goodall ...	8th	28/4/29	*Sgt. A. Russell ...	2nd	16/2/30
*C.S.M. F. Stevenson ...	7th	4/1/30	*Sgt. W. Tibble ...	7th	17/10/30
*C.S.M. H. Hewett ...	2nd	19/4/32	*Sgt. W. Green ...	Depot	27/12/30
*C.S.M. L. Simmonds ...	9th	3/9/32	*Sgt. C. Kennett ...	Depot	16/1/30
*C.S.M. L. Clarke ...	2nd	15/11/32	*Sgt. J. Quick ...	2nd	23/4/31
*Sgt. R. Mewett ...	2nd	12/12/32	*Sgt. W. Kemp ...	2nd	19/1/32
Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. King ...	Depot	26/5/25	*Sgt. E. Patterson ...	2nd	18/2/32
Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) L. Hills ...	2nd	2/11/26	*Sgt. H. Cartwright ...	2nd	27/3/32
Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) J. West ...	2nd	22/2/28	Sgt. R. Parsler ...	2nd	1/4/32
Sgt. H. Glover ...	2nd	1/5/20	*Sgt. J. Harper ...	Depot	19/4/32
*Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Sadler ...	2nd	19/4/32	Sgt. (O.R.S.) F. Deane ...	2nd	10/6/32
Sgt. H. Tisdale ...	7th London	22/1/22	Sgt. C. Trestrain ...	2nd	14/6/32
Sgt. E. Shaw ...	Depot	19/1/24	Sgt. J. Ramsey ...	2nd	23/6/32
Sgt. H. Campbell ...	9th	16/2/24	Sgt. S. Smith ...	2nd	30/7/32
Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	Depot	28/1/25	Sgt. R. Smith ...	Depot	2/9/32
Sgt. H. Rogers ...	Depot	26/5/25	Sgt. J. Scott ...	2nd	15/11/32
*Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) E. Jones ...	2nd	15/11/32	Sgt. L. Johnson ...	2nd	23/3/33
*Sgt. S. Mason ...	2nd	2/2/26	Sgt. W. Bean ...	2nd	3/5/33
Sgt. A. Wright ...	2nd	10/2/27	Sgt. (S.M.C.) F. Housden ...	2nd	27/12/29
Sgt. W. Harwood ...	2nd	17/8/27	L./Sgt. H. Ison ...	2nd	(Cpl. 9/2/28)
Sgt. S. Bishop ...	2nd	24/11/27			
*Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) F. Stacey ...	2nd	3/9/32			

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Cpl. W. Chalkley ...	2nd	26/4/28	Cpl. E. Buck ...	2nd	13/4/33
L./Sgt. R. Wilson ...	2nd	23/3/33	Cpl. E. Soden ...	2nd	3/5/33
	(Cpl. 24/8/29)		Cpl. R. Gigg ...	Depot	2/6/33
L./Sgt. E. Patterson ...	Depot	2/9/31	L./Cpl. G. Frost ...	2nd	14/5/31
	(Cpl. 15/1/30)		*L./Cpl. S. Day ...	2nd	15/6/31
L./Sgt. A. Brett ...	2nd	1/4/32	L./Cpl. J. Harriss ...	Depot	10/7/31
	(Cpl. 28/1/30)		L./Cpl. A. Baxter ...	2nd	24/7/31
L./Sgt. G. Newstead ...	2nd	14/6/32	L./Cpl. A. Bird ...	Depot	28/12/31
	(Cpl. 20/4/30)		L./Cpl. W. Ayles ...	Depot	19/1/32
*L./Sgt. V. Cooper ...	2nd	23/6/32	L./Cpl. A. North ...	2nd	4/3/32
	(Cpl. 1/5/30)		L./Cpl. C. Holmes ...	2nd	17/5/32
*L./Sgt. A. Allchorne ...	Depot	19/4/32	L./Cpl. R. Harman ...	2nd	1/6/32
	(Cpl. 15/5/30)		L./Cpl. H. Leonard ...	2nd	13/6/32
L./Sgt. A. Hows ...	2nd	27/3/32	L./Cpl. B. Armstrong ...	Depot	13/6/32
	(Cpl. 25/10/30)		L./Cpl. J. Johnson ...	2nd	14/6/32
L./Sgt. A. Whitcombe ...	Depot	30/7/32	L./Cpl. J. Walker ...	2nd	26/6/32
	(Cpl. 31/10/30)		L./Cpl. J. O'Neill ...	2nd	5/8/32
L./Sgt. E. Bedward ...	Depot	24/8/32	L./Cpl. H. Sayer ...	2nd	19/8/32
	(Cpl. 19/11/30)		*L./Cpl. D. Chapman ...	2nd	24/8/32
L./Sgt. F. Livens ...	2nd	2/9/32	L./Cpl. E. Fuller ...	2nd	3/9/32
	(Cpl. 20/1/31)		L./Cpl. G. Grant ...	Depot	25/9/32
L./Sgt. R. Jenkins ...	Depot	3/9/32	L./Cpl. A. Revett ...	2nd	8/10/32
	(Cpl. 17/2/31)		L./Cpl. W. Patterson ...	Depot	13/10/32
L./Sgt. J. Swadling ...	2nd	3/10/31	L./Cpl. C. Carpentier ...	2nd	21/10/32
	(Cpl. 2/10/31)		L./Cpl. A. Webb ...	2nd	23/10/32
L./Sgt. (Bd. Cpl.) E. Jennings	2nd	3/5/33	L./Cpl. A. Drake ...	2nd	1/11/32
	(Cpl. 28/12/31)		L./Cpl. T. Sargent ...	2nd	11/11/32
Cpl. S. Moore ...	Depot	28/12/31	L./Cpl. E. Tydeman ...	2nd	12/11/32
Cpl. F. Gribble ...	2nd	19/1/32	L./Cpl. W. Smith ...	2nd	16/11/32
*Cpl. H. Frewin ...	Depot	18/2/32	L./Cpl. J. Eldridge ...	2nd	23/11/32
*Cpl. H. Dujardin ...	2nd	27/3/32	L./Cpl. R. Doolan ...	2nd	23/11/32
Cpl. E. Bennett ...	Depot	1/4/32	L./Cpl. R. Weaver ...	2nd	23/11/32
*Cpl. B. White ...	2nd	17/5/32	L./Cpl. A. Eldrett ...	2nd	23/11/32
*Cpl. P. Maloney ...	Depot	1/6/32	L./Cpl. W. Powell ...	2nd	23/11/32
Cpl. (O.R.C.) J. Wright	2nd	13/6/32	L./Cpl. J. Wood ...	2nd	15/12/32
Cpl. H. Walker ...	2nd	13/6/32	L./Cpl. C. Armitage ...	2nd	3/1/33
Cpl. R. Overy ...	2nd	14/6/32	L./Cpl. J. Hayes ...	2nd	14/1/33
Cpl. R. Smallridge ...	2nd	14/6/32	L./Cpl. R. Stretton ...	2nd	31/1/33
Cpl. W. Brown ...	2nd	23/6/32	L./Cpl. F. Jaques ...	Depot	3/2/33
Cpl. F. Hawkins ...	2nd	28/6/32	L./Cpl. H. Tye ...	2nd	10/3/33
*Cpl. J. Bond ...	2nd	29/6/32	**L./Cpl. P. Davidson ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. L. Grainger ...	2nd	30/7/32	L./Cpl. S. Day ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. W. Day ...	2nd	5/8/32	L./Cpl. F. Payne ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. C. Gatehouse ...	2nd	6/8/32	L./Cpl. R. Wigg ...	2nd	15/3/33
*Cpl. H. Parnell ...	2nd	17/8/32	L./Cpl. B. Bruniges ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. W. Makewell ...	2nd	17/8/32	L./Cpl. W. Broadbridge ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. J. Ritches ...	Depot	19/8/32	L./Cpl. C. Dowsett ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. A. Thorne ...	2nd	24/8/32	L./Cpl. H. Eastland ...	2nd	23/3/33
Cpl. H. Clarke ...	Depot	2/9/32	L./Cpl. F. Hiscocks ...	2nd	9/4/33
Cpl. W. Poulter ...	2nd	3/9/32	L./Cpl. N. Islip ...	2nd	13/4/33
Cpl. W. Murcott ...	2nd	25/9/32	L./Cpl. W. Trinder ...	2nd	2/5/33
Cpl. H. Buckland ...	2nd	13/10/32	L./Cpl. R. Parker ...	2nd	3/5/33
Cpl. E. Mead ...	2nd	1/11/32	L./Cpl. B. Baldwin ...	2nd	4/5/33
Cpl. H. Elcome ...	2nd	16/11/32	L./Cpl. A. Ball ...	2nd	7/5/33
Cpl. P. Oliver ...	2nd	15/12/32	L./Cpl. R. Green ...	2nd	1/6/33
*Cpl. H. Marshall ...	2nd	14/1/33	L./Cpl. S. Copelin ...	2nd	2/6/33
Cpl. F. Knights ...	2nd	1/2/33			
Cpl. J. Burgess ...	Depot	3/2/33	Unpaid:—		
Cpl. A. Smith ...	2nd	10/3/33	L./Cpl. J. Davis ...	2nd	1/5/33
Cpl. F. Knight ...	Depot	15/3/33	L./Cpl. J. Lawrence ...	2nd	8/5/33
Cpl. W. Evans ...	2nd	15/3/33	L./Cpl. A. Read ...	2nd	10/5/33
Cpl. W. McEnery ...	2nd	15/3/33	L./Cpl. H. Griffiths ...	2nd	10/6/33
Cpl. J. Bromley ...	2nd	15/3/33	L./Cpl. A. Morris ...	2nd	12/6/33
Cpl. A. Wray ...	2nd	23/3/33	L./Cpl. S. Simpkins ...	2nd	13/6/33
Cpl. R. Outram ...	2nd	9/4/33	L./Cpl. L. Sturmeay ...	2nd	16/6/33

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