

2nd BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.) RUGBY FOOTBALL TEAM, 1935.
Winners Colchester Garrison Rugby Cup.

Back Row.—L., Sergt. Jenkins. L./Cpl. Williams.
Middle Row.—Pte. Rawlinson. 2/Lieut. G. O. Porter. Blount, Hogg, 2/Lieut. N. G. Gudgeon. Cpl. Marshall. Pte. Rimmer. Pte. Kent.
Sitting.—Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson. 2/Lieut. C. M. Beath. Col. M. Browne M.C. 2/Lieut. E. J. Unwin. Lieut. F. H. Elie.
On Ground.—Pte. Short. Blount, Hills.

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Home Counties Area.

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

"Mysore," "Seringapatam," "Alubera," "Ciudad Rodrigo," "Badajoz," "Vittoria," "Pyrenes," "Nivelle," "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," "15," "Bazentin," "Cambrai, 1917," "18," "Hindenburg Line," "Suvla," "Jerusalem," "Mesopotamia, 1917-18."

"Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "Aisne, 1914," "18," "La Bassée, 1914," "Messines, 1914," "17," "18," "Armentières, 1914," "Neuve Chapelle," "Gravenstafel," "St. Julien," "Frezenberg," "Bellewaarde," "Aubers," "Hooge, 1915," "Loos," "Somme, 1916," "18," "Delville Wood," "Pozières," "Ginchy," "Fliers-Courcelette," "Morval," "Thiepval," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre, 1916," "18," "Bapaume, 1917," "18," "Arras, 1917," "18," "Vimy, 1917," "Scarpe, 1917," "18," "Arleux," "Ploeghem," "Langemarck, 1917," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Broodseinde," "Poelcapelle," "Fasschendale," "St. Quentin," "Rosières," "Avre," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazebrück," "Baillet," "Kemmel," "Scherpenberg," "Canal du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Valenciennes," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Italy, 1917-18," "Struma," "Doiran, 1918," "Macedonia, 1915-18," "Landing at Suvla," "Scimitar Hill," "Gallipoli, 1915," "Rumani," "Egypt, 1915-17," "Gaza," "El Mughar," "Jericho," "Jordan," "Tell 'Asur," "Palestine, 1917-18," "Murmur, 1919," "Dukhovskaya," "Siberia, 1918-19."

Regular and Militia Battalions.

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1st Bn. (57th Foot) Egypt.
2nd Bn. (77th Foot) Colchester.
5th Bn. (R. Elthorne Mill) Mill Hill.
6th Bn. (R. East Middlesex Mill) Mill Hill.
Depot—Mill Hill. Record and Pay Office—Hounslow.

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7th Bn. ... "The Elms," Priory Road, Hornsey, N.8.
8th Bn. ... Drill Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow.
9th Bn. ... Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W.10.

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

Allied Battalion of Australian Infantry.

57th Battalion Preston, Victoria.

Allied Regiment of Dominion of New Zealand.

The Taranaki Regiment New Plymouth.

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G.B.E., M.C., Colonel W. Gds., Colonel-in-Chief 12th L.,
R. S. Fus., S. Wales Bord., D.C.L.I., P.W. Vols., Seaforth, and
R. Wilts Yeo., Personal A.D.C. to the King.

Colonel:

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

Officer Commanding Depot:

Major N. H. B. Lyon, M.C.

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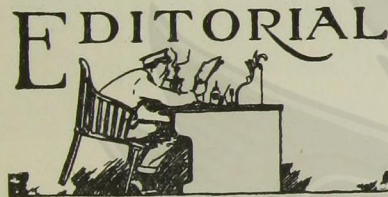
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HIS MAJESTY THE KING has appointed Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., D.L., A.D.C., Sheriff for the County of Middlesex for 1935.

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C.S.M. Harry Farrow, late 1st Battalion, attached to Penang and Province Wellesley Volunteer Corps, Straits Settlements Volunteer Force, was awarded the M.B.E. in the last New Year's Honours List.

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We much regret to announce the death, which occurred on 7th February, of

Lieut.-Col. C. A. H. Graves, O.B.E., late 6th Battalion, at Ramsey Lodge, Ramsey, Essex. The funeral, which took place at Ramsey on 9th February, was attended by Col. M. Browne, M.C., Lieut.-Col. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., and 2/Lieut. J. E. F. Willoughby. A wreath was sent from the Officers' Club.

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We sympathize very much with Lieut.-Col. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., on the death of his mother.

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The following telephone numbers at Mill Hill Barracks are published for information:—

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REGIMENTAL FIXTURES.

- June 22nd, Saturday.—Depot Sports and Old Comrades' Summer Gathering.
- June 23rd, Sunday.—Cricket: v. Hampstead Heathens.
- June 24th, Monday.—Cricket: v. Cryptics.
- June 25th, Tuesday.—Cricket: v. Metropolitan Police College.
- June 26th, Wednesday.—Cricket: v. Free Foresters.
- June 27th, Thursday.—Cricket: v. I Zingari.
- June 27th, Thursday.—Officers' Club Dinner.
- June 28th, Friday.—Officers' Club "At Home."
- June 29th, Saturday.—Cricket: v. Hampstead.
- June 29th, Saturday.—Officers' Club Tennis Tournament.
- June 30th, Sunday.—Officers' Club Tennis Tournament.
- June 30th, Sunday.—Cenotaph Parade. (See article in this issue.)
- November 2nd, Saturday.—Old Comrades' Annual Dinner at Handel Street, Bloomsbury, W.C.1.
- November 11th, Monday.—Armistice Day Service at the Regimental War Memorial, Mill Hill Barracks.

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

BRITISH FIELD SPORTS SOCIETY.

THE British Field Sports Society announces that the first Annual Tournament for the Duke of Westminster Challenge Trophy will be held in the vicinity of London on Saturday, 22nd June, 1935. The competition is open to teams from any recognized club in the world, including angling clubs, associations and societies, together with casting clubs (with the exception of governing bodies), also teams from any unit of the Army, Navy or Air Force of any country.

A team to consist of three members.

The events will include salmon and trout fly casting for distance, and an accuracy event for trout rods. A permanent memento of the event will be presented to each member of the teams placed first and second respectively. Entries close on 22nd May, and should be addressed to the Secretary, British Field Sports Society, 3, St. James's Square, London, S.W.1, from whom all particulars can be obtained and who will be pleased to answer all inquiries.

It is proposed to enter a team from the Club. Will any members who wish to take part please notify the Hon. Secretary immediately.

REGIMENTAL GOLF MEETING.

It is regretted that the dates for the above meeting were wrongly published in the Regimental fixtures in the last issue.

"AT HOME."

All members are reminded that this year the "At Home" on 28th June will be held at the Officers' Mess, The Barracks, Mill Hill, and not, as in previous years, on the cricket ground.

TENNIS.

It is hoped that during the season a few matches will be arranged. Members desirous of taking part please communicate with the Hon. Secretary.

Entries for the Regimental Meeting being held on 29th and 30th June should be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary by 14th June. Owing to the fact that the parade for all ranks who served in the war

has been fixed for 30th June, it may be necessary to slightly alter the times of play on the 29th and 30th, and a few preliminary games may be arranged to take place during the evenings of Cricket Week for those available. All competitors, however, will be informed in due course.

DINNER.

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Junior United Service Club, Charles Street, London, S.W.1, on 27th June, 1935. Members requiring tickets please apply to the Hon. Secretary as early as possible.

It is notified for information that there will be no special seating plan at the Dinner this year.

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REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

THE following articles have been presented to the Regimental Museum during the past quarter and are acknowledged with many thanks:—

Album containing photographs of the presentation of Colours to the 1st Battalion, Colchester, 1931, from Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon.

Mills bomb, from Capt. A. H. Cooper, late the Middlesex Regiment.

"British Regiments" (Fortescue), from Major N. P. Procter, M.C.

Webley pistol, from Capt. S. Mirams, M.C.

Large Russian album of maps of the defences of Sevastopol (purchased).

Framed picture, "Meeting of Allied Officers" (purchased).

The Colours of the 2nd Battalion 57th Regiment (1804-16), which were presented to the 1st Battalion by Admiral of the Fleet Sir Arthur Fanshawe, have recently been placed in the Museum.

Photographs of presentation of Colours to the 2nd Battalion at Ahmednagar, 1925, from Lieut H. P. Lambert.

Standing Orders of the 57th Foot, from Mrs. R. Cashel.

General Warre's "History of the 57th Foot," from Major F. Sapte.

Bound copy of *Illustrated London News* (1916), from Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon.

Photograph of L./Cpl. Ryder, V.C., from Army Recruiter W. Sperry, M.C.

Programme of the Opening of the Parliament of Northern Ireland by H.M. the King, in which ceremony the 1st Battalion took part, 1921, from Major N. P. Procter, M.C.

Military Medal of 15888 L./Cpl. P. J. Barclay, 4th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, on long loan from the War Office.

A copy of the communication sent by O.C. German troops, Tientsin, to the G.O.C., North China Command, on the occasion of King Edward VII's birthday, 1906 (3rd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment formed part of the North China Command), from Mr. J. R. Fairbairn.

Various German weapons and articles of equipment, from Lieut.-Col. W. C. Newton.

Regimental badges of Lieut.-Col. H. D. Wade-Dalton, late The Middlesex Regiment, and the counterfoil of the cheque-book for the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regimental Fund, 1888, from Mr. W. L. Wade-Dalton.

Photographs of the following events are still desired for the Museum, and it would be very much appreciated if any officers or others who have copies in their possession which they can spare would send them to the Officer-in-charge of the Regimental Museum:—

Albuhera Centenary Celebrations.

Photographs of the Regular Battalions at the outbreak of the Great War in 1914, either groups or photographs of units on parade, about to embark or leaving their peace-time stations.

CENOTAPH PARADE.

ON 30th June a parade will be held on the Horse Guards Parade at 2.15 p.m. of all ranks who served in Regular, Territorial or Service Battalions of the Regiment during the Great War.

Details of the parade will be notified to all concerned in due course.

It will be of a simple nature and will probably take the following form:—

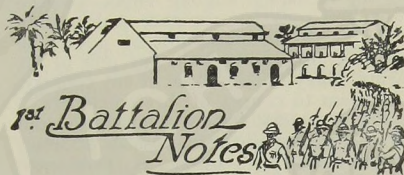
2.15 p.m.—Fall in on markers.

2.30 p.m.—Inspection by the Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex.

3 p.m.—March to the Cenotaph, where a wreath will be laid by the Colonel of the Regiment.

The Band of the 2nd Battalion will play during the inspection.

Will all those who have not already done so, and who wish to attend the parade, please send their names, rank and Battalion to O.C. Depot, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7?



AS usual, this has been the busy quarter of the year, moves, either on foot, by lorry or train, following one another in quick succession.

The M.G. Concentration with the Support Companies of the Royal Ulster Rifles from Alexandria and the Royal Scots Fusiliers, took place at Geneva during the first half of January. "A" (S.) Company distinguished themselves in the final tests by carrying off the Indirect Shoot; while the Transport Section, following up their last year's achievements, won both the Individual and Team Ride-and-Drive Competition.

Mention must be made of the last day's scheme, when any thought of repelling the attackers was quickly dismissed and a fight against a far crueller enemy—one of Nature's worst khamseens—began. This, however, proved to be only the advanced guard, for on retiring to camp we were treated to a torrential downpour (to show "it never rains in Egypt"!), with somewhat disastrous results—increased by the fact that the tents were pitched in the bed of a wadi.

Battalion Training followed a fortnight after the conclusion of the M.G. Camp, and for this period we had attached to us the 7th Light Battery from Helmieh. We used to pride ourselves that we had got to know the vagaries of the Egyptian weather, but that fortnight, when every scheme was invariably accompanied by a biting wind and stinging sand, has somewhat shattered our ideas on the subject!

On the last day of the camp Lieut. Gwyn and Lieut. Priest, R.A., set out on a five-day camel trek with six men of the Battalion Intelligence Section, to survey an imaginary link between the Cairo-Suez and Cairo-Port Said railways. The expedition completed 130 miles in all, being twenty miles from Cairo on the second night, where one camel gave up the ghost and had to be left behind.

On 23rd February the Battalion, together with the Royal Scots Fusiliers, left by train for Helwan for Brigade Training. This proved to be an extremely interesting period with schemes varying from "Mountain Warfare" in the Wadi Hof, to an "Assault Landing" over the River Nile. This last—the *pièce de résistance* of the whole training, for which we had been rehearsing, was successfully carried out under the eye of the C.I.G.S. himself. A word of praise is due to "D" Company oarsmen for the skilful and silent handling of their craft, while Lieuts. Peal and Powell are to be congratulated on their numerous mentions in despatches (or conferences).

We had one very welcome visitor staying under canvas with us in the person of Col. Cuthbertson (late of the 10th London Regiment). He took an enormous interest in all our schemes, and many are the times we have seen this "civilian attaché's" picturesque figure, in jhodpurs and rakish hat, standing on some rocky crag, silhouetted against the dawn.

While on this subject we offer him our deepest sympathies on his recent air crash; at the same time, we are delighted to hear of his fortunate escape. We hope that by the time summer appears he will have completely recovered from the shock.

On 9th January Capt. Dobbs, Lieut. Gwyn and a party of eighty went to Port Said for a guard of honour to meet H.E. the High Commissioner and Lady Lampson. The extreme smartness of the guard was remarked on by His Excellency, as also was the playing of the Band and Drums.

We congratulate C.Q.M.S. Misso and Pte. Bush on being awarded their Long Service and Good Conduct Medals.

Capt. Rackham, after a long stay in England, at Netheravon, has returned to us—a gunner.

The organization for emplaning a battalion at short notice has become so well

ingrained in our minds that it only requires the boxing ring to take unto itself a pair of wings and we shall be having week-end flights to Baghdad! Great progress has been made in weights and measure tables!

We received a visit from the C.I.G.S. at Moascar after Brigade Training, when on his way to Palestine. He walked round the barracks, and in the evening met many of the officers of the Brigade in our Mess.

The bombshell, coming as the result of his visit, that we are to move to Singapore early next year, has been received with mixed feelings owing to the rumour that the Battalion once more will be without its families.

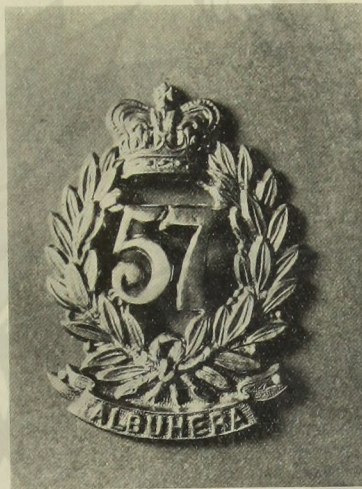
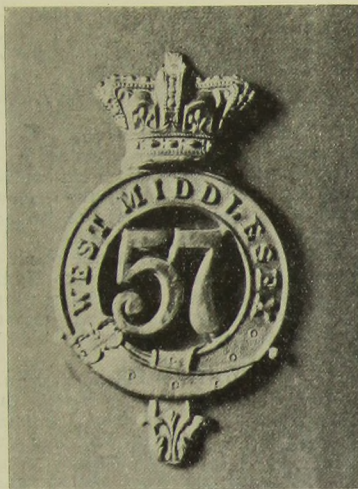
Two of the oldest members of the 1st Battalion will have left us before this number appears: Major Jefford goes to the 2nd Battalion, taking with him our sincerest wishes; Capt. and Mrs. del Court have been posted to the Depot, from where we hope they will rejoin us in a few years' time.

The officers of the Battalion gave an extremely successful dance on 19th February to the officers' families and friends in Moascar. The new gymnasium, suitably decorated for the occasion, and with marquees pitched outside as buffets, enabled a very large number of people to attend without any apparent crowding.

Although boxing has its own columns in this Journal, we feel bound to offer a word of congratulation to the Battalion boxing team in its great effort in carrying off the Egyptian Command Boxing Trophy. It would be invidious to single out any one performer, but great credit is due to 2/Lieut. Peal for his untiring work with the team but for which our victory might not have been so secure.

With the Moascar Week in front of us the polo players are hard at it with stick and ball. Last year, owing to the large number away on leave, we were unable to enter a Regimental team for the tournament; this year, however, in spite of the greatly felt absence of Major Sloane-Stanley and Capt. Weller, we hope to be able to enter a subalterns' team—the first time for many years.

The Inter-Company Sports were held on 21st, 22nd and 23rd March, and resulted in a win for "D" Company. This completed the sports programme for the



The above are two actual size photographs of the original pattern of the Rank and File Glengarry Cap Badge as worn during the period 1873 to 1881. Both were of brass. The first pattern is known as the Crown and Garter; the second with the laurels leaf was a special pattern introduced by the 57th because the first was not deemed handsome enough—both however were regulation.

Mr. G. H. Lucas has originals of both these Badges and it is through his kindness that we are able to print these copies.

year, with "H.Q." Wing taking the Albuhera Shield and "A" (S.) Company the Mons Shield.

The results of the various competitions are as follows:—

Sport.	Winners.	Runners-up.
Football League ...	"H.Q." "A" (S.)	"B" "A" (S.)
Hockey League ...	"B" "A" (S.)	"H.Q." "D"
Water Polo ...	"H.Q." "D"	"B" "A" (S.) & "D"
Cricket ...	"B" "A" (S.)	"H.Q." "A" (S.)
Cross-Country ...	"H.Q." "D"	"H.Q." "D"
Swimming ...	"H.Q." "D"	"D" "C"
Athletics ...	"D" "C"	"B" "C"
Boxing ...	"B" "C"	

"H.Q." WING.

BAND.

Having successfully won the Platoon Football since our last notes we departed to Geneifa for the Annual Training, where we all swallowed a fair share of sand.

A brief spell in barracks and then off we went to Helwan for Brigade Training.

The last stunt, that of crossing the Nile, was full of incidents and accidents, notable amongst them being Cash's moonlight dip and whose chief complaint afterwards was that he "busted" for breakfast.

We congratulate the Battalion Concert Party on their gallant effort and hope to hear some more from M. Goulding, who did extremely well. We also congratulate L./Cpl. Goddard on his recent appointment and wish him good luck.

The Band was well represented in the Company sports team, and we all hope they manage to carry off a few prizes for themselves, not to mention the coveted shield.

"George" has put away his crochet needles now and is busy serenading! Others have the same intentions, so we should have a string band by the time we go to Alexandria again. "Lofty" still agonizes every evening on the "squeeze-phone," and all the lads echo his sentiment for "England, home and beauty."

Now that the warm weather is almost here everyone is getting ready for his daily dip in preparation for the water-polo matches. Since camp we are doing our daily quarter of an hour of musketry to ensure a true eye and steady aim.

DRUMS.

Battalion Training was held at Geneifa, a Canal post on the shore of the Great Bitter Lake. It may be interesting to know that it was near here that Moses and the Israelites pitched their tents before crossing the Red Sea. The large expanse of the Bitter Lakes, which in ancient times were an arm of the Red Sea, was at the time of making the Suez Canal nothing more than a huge, dry depression encrusted with salt deposits. Owing to the rapid evaporation and the need for care of the Canal banks, the process of filling these lakes took about seven months. Before that they were covered with forests of trees, which were the home of such birds as the pelican, flamingo and wild duck; drowned by the salt water, these forests disappeared and with them many of their feathered occupants. Although spoken of as the Great Bitter Lakes, this vast stretch of water is more like an inland sea, being about twelve miles in length.

Brigade Training at Helwan was much more pleasant than Geneifa, the attraction being, of course, its nearness to Cairo. Helwan is famous for its sulphur baths. Some people pay pounds to visit here. Many of us, not to mention the C.Q.M.S., would likewise have paid double to get away from it!

During training the Drums performed their usual field duties: the "Brains" Department was in great demand, and in spite of numerous criticisms did very useful work. (Well done, Pullin.). The camels proved a little difficult during the first few days, but after getting used to our mounts we all seemed quite happy. The Drum-Major was not too keen, but with "Old Faithful" he managed to sit it out. "Roger" and "Rutle," the reprobates, were a trifle out of hand at Geneifa, but managed to cool down at Helwan. "Narrow's" camel must have been rather peeved with its more than ample rider, for it decided to scrounge by giving birth. "Narrow" took a great

interest in the youngster, and—well, it makes one wonder.

Six men of the Intelligence Section, under the leadership of Lieut. Gwyn, concluded Battalion Training with a trek from Geneifa to Moascar, taking a route of some 130 miles.

The Battalion Sports were held on 20th, 21st and 22nd March. Three of our number helped to place the Wing second to "D" Company. Congratulations to Dmr. Morley on winning the Javelin, Salmon the Pole Vault, and Williams, who was well placed in the Mile and Three Miles.

We shall be very busy during the next quarter firing the Annual Course, the King's birthday parade, and the leave season. All last year's anglers are overhauling their tackle and inventing new yarns.

The Battalion was detailed to provide a guard of honour to His Excellency in January. The Band, Drums and a Platoon from "B" Company proceeded to Port Said, and in spite of the early "Reveille" spent a very enjoyable day. The comments of His Excellency, especially on the Band and Drums, were very gratifying.

Best of luck to Sergt. Castle on his promotion and his posting to the M.G. Company. A tripod is slightly heavier than a flute, so they say, Tom. Congratulations to L./Cpls. Webber and Butt on their paid appointments.

In closing we wish Sergt. Hale and Miss Crouch every happiness during their married life. The event will have taken place before these notes appear in print.

S. C. III.

SIGNALS.

Once again we are here to record past events, in which Battalion Training and Brigade Training hold a conspicuous part, conspicuous by the mileage recorded on our pedometers, which by the way became overheated and seized up. Training was very interesting, especially for "Arry," who adopted his "Eh! procedure" on all occasions, and who by a stroke of genius managed to get into touch, without aid, with the enemy. (Alone he did it—eh!)

Beside being successful mountaineers, we are also accomplished sailors, having

learned the profession on a Cook's tour at Nil(e) expense. Suvla Bay had nothing on us, and all was quiet and peaceful until someone mistook it for Saturday night and fell in.

Now that we are back in barracks and the sand is out of our hair and blankets, we are endeavouring to get down to it once again. Many things are about to happen—Annual Rifle Meeting, Individual Training and last, but not least, leave, perhaps.

The new class will shortly be initiated into "Morse meanderings." We hope that they will enjoy it and prove a 100 per cent. Signal class, and are able to take the place of the time-ex. squad who will probably be leaving us. "Cookie" is still waiting man.

With summer come swimming and the water-polo championships, and we will soon start training in preparation for the forthcoming Inter-Platoon K.O., which we hope to win.

To bring these notes to an end, may we wish our brother Signallers at home all the best? May all their burdens be light ones—not lamps.

"IDDY UMPY."

"A" (S.) COMPANY.

Fire and water hold no terrors for the ammunition wasters. This statement was proved at the M.G. Concentration held at Geneifa. Of course, it is realized that this practice of concentrating fire should be carried out under as near as possible modern active service conditions. We can therefore state that this was religiously carried out.

It is a great help to soldiering abroad when authorities anticipate the climatic conditions of training periods by teaching the men to swim. The idea should be carried slightly farther, in that his kit should now be taught the same; our experience at Geneifa proves this to be necessary. A tent makes a very poor ark when the whole world seems to be under water. A future enemy will have to be very careful in the day-time when they take cover, because our efforts on "indirect" targets are remarkably good, but on "direct" or when we can see them, they have a fair chance of escape, while at night they are 100 per cent. safe according to our registered target hitting.

Sergt. Bullock will be able to take up an A.V.T.C. for cowboy, having won first prize for sticking on a bronc. Congratulations. Are your knees still sore?

Battalion Training also offered considerable variation in weather, only this time programme No. 2 was indulged in, *i.e.*, for "rain" read "sand." Tents, no longer requiring to be waterproof, decided that to follow the example of the sparrows and fly away was necessary for air co-operation with ground troops. S.B.Rs. proved of great value during the sandstorms. They at least made it possible to breathe. Speech in them seemed to be confined to "Grab that rope and hang on!"

We, of course, suffered in more or less silence during the railway disaster, when we were politely held up by another train which the sand pushed off the line. The duration of the hold-up is now recorded as approximately ten hours (not a week, as most hungry men seem to think). While the storm raged round us we passed the time telling fireside stories and singing "Home, sweet home."

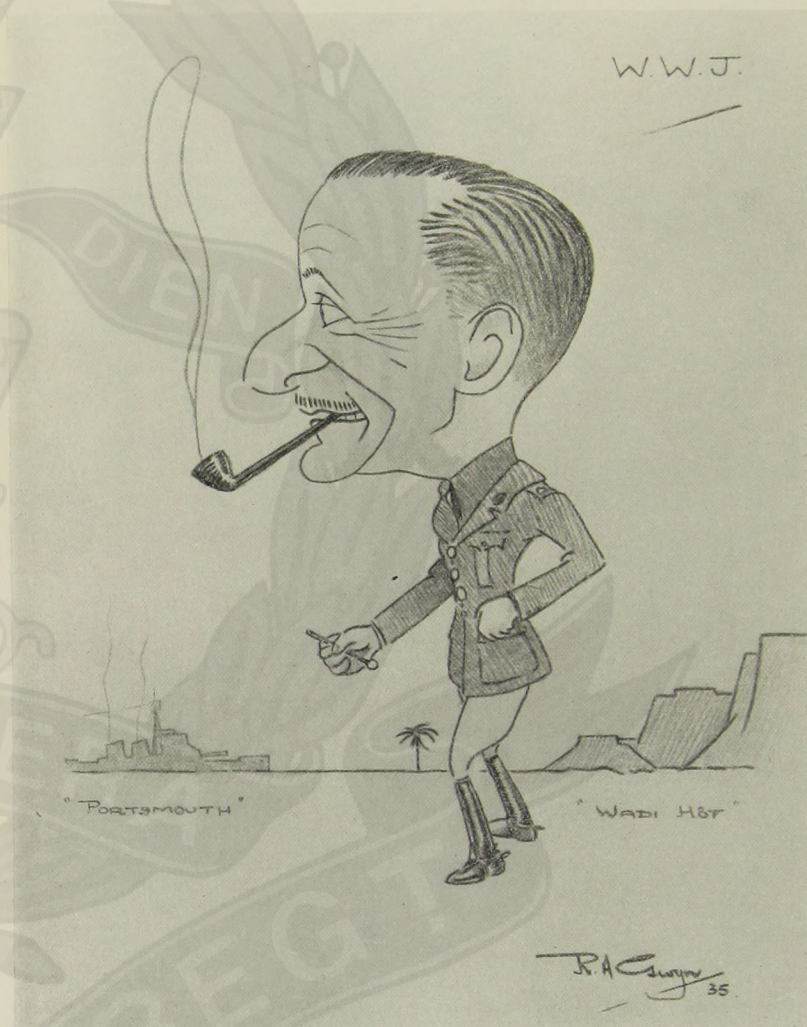
Brigade Training at Helwan was our first in the Canal Brigade, and we did enjoy ourselves, even though we were now and again placed on the horns of a dilemma, chiefly through the new M.G. circus.

It is quite true that the longer we live the more we learn. We could pack M.G. stores on limbers, lorries, horses, mules or donkeys, but the use of a camel for this purpose was a new one on us (we cannot speak for the camel).

"Crossing the Line" is a favourite saying in the Navy, but "Crossing the Nile" is now the password of the Company and sometimes this is supplemented by "You're all wet." This should lead our readers gently to the knowledge that some fell in and some were pushed in, but all got wet either inside or outside—perhaps not all through the Nile.

Concerts or whist drives filled every gap in training and rendered it difficult to wear equipment owing to painful ribs caused by unusual laughter. They were "great."

Training, like all other things, must come to an end, and Individual Training has now commenced, in which we have to classify to satisfy the public that we are worth the money. Well, let us hope that we manage to prove that we are.



MAJOR W. W. JEFFERD.



CAPTAIN S. F. W. M. del COURT, M.C.

In the sports world we are still going strong. For instance, in the Small Units' Cup we were unlucky to lose to the 9th Battery, R.A., in the semi-final. In the Company League we finished second to "H.O.," while No. 2 Platoon reached the Platoon Knock-out. At hockey we finished second in the Company League, and No. 3 Platoon won the Platoon Hockey Knock-out. We are very pleased to be able to say that we won the Mons Shield in spite of the fact that our chances at the beginning of the season looked very poor.

We congratulate L./Cpl. Fegan on his

with anything but joy and happiness, as it is definitely one of our sorrowful burdens. Still, we must train men in these quick-killing weapons in case, as one of our members puts it, we are called on to clear up Chicago.

We close down now in a hurry, as we want to get our share in the new Army Estimates.

ACK EMMA GEE.

"B" COMPANY.

There seems to be little news from the overseas "Bees," as we have been follow-



NOTE: It was on this occasion that the professor expressed his desire to see a certain adversary of his on the horns of this beast

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(DELIMMII HORNATUM)

[Drawn by Pte. Hall, "B" Company.]

appointment and ourselves on the posting of Capt. B. B. Rackham, M.C., and C.S.M. Russell to the Company. We wish them a happy sojourn with us.

Lieut. Herapath's being posted to "C" Company leaves a gap in the Company which will be hard to fill, and our good wishes go with him to his new company. We also regret the loss of five stalwart members of the Company to civil life in Ptes. Miller, Jones, Tarrant, Unstead and Stanford.

Once again an annual turn-over is due, and, although we do not yet know who are involved, we are looking forward to it

ing the flag of Islam into the desert. Oh, yes, that sounds nice to the readers at home, but deserts are not quite so good when one has to train on them. We upheld our good name under the able guidance of our Company Commander, and in spite of a sandstorm we showed the Battalion how a fighting patrol should be done. The enemy were quite disconcerted on many occasions by having one of our platoons attacking them to the cries of "Wolla-Wolla." Do not try to guess whose platoon it was, as there are no prizes. While on the subject of training, we must congratulate Pte. 03 Rogers on

his fine performances in the concerts during Brigade Training.

The hockey team must be congratulated on winning the Hockey League. They did not lose a match, gaining 6 points out of 8. In the Football we were not so lucky, all our plans coming unstuck, so we had to be content with being one off the bottom.

The next item in the sports line is the Athletics, and how we shall get on there one cannot tell, but are hoping for the best. The teams are training well under Lieuts. Cubitt and Whiting.

In the near future there is a Drill Competition, and so we may keep up our good name by winning that. (Yimkin.)

"JACKO."

"C" COMPANY.

There is but little to record for the past quarter, owing to the fact that the past three months have been devoted to Collective Training.

On the Company's return from Geneifa, where we did our Company Training, we attempted to settle down for a short period, and before we knew where we were Christmas had come and gone and we were back at Geneifa ready to show our prowess on Battalion Training.

We fought many fierce battles with varying success, convincing ourselves when the umpires' decision was against us that if it had been real business and bullets had replaced umpires, victory would have been ours. Nevertheless, we know that umpires get hungry like all humans, and their decisions must in the end bring the troops in the vicinity of the cooks. So, after all, even manoeuvres (not war) have some consolation.

After Geneifa only a few days elapsed before we found ourselves back at Helwan Camp, which still reminds us of our captured mines. We have now come to the conclusion that the "chocolate" business has gone bankrupt, the annual profit for 1934 being nil, except for our experiences in mountaineering and marching by night.

Anyhow, we must congratulate Lieut. Peal and his platoon on the medals and glory gained in the "Battle of the Heights."

During the intervals of schemes, etc., we enjoyed to the utmost the concerts given by the various units, and we take

the opportunity of congratulating Pte. ("Brigadier") Rogers of "B" Company on the amusing items he put forth.

In the realm of sport we had hopes of reporting our deeds at great length, but once again we had to say good-bye to practically all our old well-known sportsmen, who have now ventured to be protected by those who remain, and cherish the thought that they once stood in the shoes of the protectors. We are now wondering whether the Arsenal football team are going such great guns since they now continually have the support of the renowned Charlie Bland. Perhaps he will let us know whether carrying programmes is better than carrying the can back.

Space will not allow for the mention of all those who have gone to "Blighty," so we tender our apologies for this and wish each and every one the best of luck in his new environment. They all have the consolation that they assisted us in gaining such a wonderful record last year. Trying to be modest about our deeds at sport, although we are sorry to mention it, we do not at present hold any of the premier honours, but with the young blood gradually coming our way we sincerely hope to commence a bumper year.

At the present moment we are getting our minds set on athletics and the Annual Musketry Course. We hope to give a good account of ourselves in these two branches in the next issue of the Journal.

We conclude with tendering our hearty greetings to Lieut. Herapath on joining the Company.

SEE.

"D" COMPANY.

Having successfully accomplished the pilgrimage to Cairo and surmounted the divers pitfalls of Brigade Training, we of "D" Company can take a well-earned rest. The tale will be told in the years to come of how we rowed the Battalion across the Nile. Many a "draftie" fresh from England will be regaled with yarns of doughty feats of oarsmanship. It is a feather in our cap, and we are secretly proud of the effort. A certain deep-sea swagger is noticeable in the gait of a number of those who took part in the operations of the 7th and 8th March.

Whilst on the subject of Brigade Training "D" would like to know who was

responsible for the slogan "A good soldier needs no blankets," and also why Napoleon's dictum, *re an army marching on its stomach*, was disregarded.

The Individual Training season is upon us and soon the air will resound to the laments of indifferent shots. Tactical classes for the lads of the fifth and sixth forms are likewise regarded with some apprehension. Still, anticipation is always worse than realization.

Before saying farewell to training in our present issue we wish to record our regret at losing Lieut. Priest, of the R.A., who was attached to us for the Collective Training period, and has now departed to his own unit. He will surely be missed.

The annual M.G. turn-over takes place in April, and there is a great deal of speculation as to who will be going. There will be woe in Israel when the lists are published.

In the region of sport there is a lack of news. This is the time of the year when football is drawing to a close and cricket has not yet begun. A period of rest seems to be indicated for those who have battled during the winter.

The Company was not too well placed in the Inter-Company Football and Hockey Leagues. Still, we are not without hope. We have a lot of new material to work on, and there should be some startling results when the season reopens.

A great deal of energy is being expended by our athletes. Training for them is in full swing, as the Battalion Athletic Meeting will be held shortly. We are confident that our star turns will exceed expectations. More of this in the next issue.

The notes this quarter do not appear to be very profuse. However, we hope that the great reading public will excuse this quarter's scantiness and accept the assurance that our next number will be bigger and better than ever.

DON.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Just recently there has been a spot of bother between the Canal Brigade and the hostile tribes in the vicinity of Helwan. Fortunately for all concerned, the outbreak has been successfully quelled and both natives and troops are once more safely ensconced behind the walls of their

respective hamlets and—well, we are all pleased that Battalion and Brigade Training is at an end. However, more of that anon.

BATTALION TRAINING.

This year we found a new happy hunting-ground at a place called Geneifa, and many battles, such as the battle of the old camp site, Volcano Hill, and "Mutt v. Jeff," were fought with great success and medals were often forthcoming at the conferences which followed each phase of the war. How the Battalion was nearly stranded in the thick (correct) of a sand-storm without food, water or means of conveyance will be a matter for discussion in the years to come.

SPORT.

Next on the programme come two football matches, versus Corporals (lost 2—7) and versus Officers (drew 1—1). In the first match we were completely outclassed by a much superior and younger team. Then we came to the Officers and here we had visions of recording a substantial victory, but this was not to be—as a matter of fact, we were lucky to draw, as our equalizing goal was not netted until the closing stages of the game. Both events were played in the usual sporting spirit associated with such games, and we look forward to more of these enjoyable entertainments.

CHRISTMAS.

Dr. Barnardo's Home benefited by the vocal efforts of a number of our members who disturbed the neighbourhood in their attempts at carol singing. Personally I prefer to listen to the Carlisle Cousins. All the single members were entertained on Christmas Day by the married members, and as a single member I take this opportunity, on behalf of my colleagues and myself, of thanking the very generous entertainers.

On Boxing Day "Bogey" West and his boys attempted to entertain in return. A set programme was arranged, but somehow things did not work out quite right and the only item carried out was the prize distribution by the Mayor of Wapping, Mr. "Dolly" Payne. Percy Hale, E— (I nearly said it) Patterson, Stan Bullock, "Tin" Kettle, "Chas." and "Bogey" were howling successes as

minstrels. Sorry, "Ginger," I nearly forgot you.

HALF-YEARLY BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT.

This event was played off with only a few entries and resulted in a win for Sergt. 36 Paterson, who beat Sergt. West in the final by 250 to 231.

SOCIALS.

Training has interfered with our usual whist drives, but we managed to hold one which was very well attended, and "Bunny" Bayford showed his skill at the noble art of tombola. Well done, "Abdul."

BRIGADE TRAINING.

As already reported, this was carried out at Helwan, and we are pleased to be able to state that our fortnight's camp was spent without a visit from our usual sandstorms. What with concerts and pleasure cruises across the Nile, not to mention the Wall of Death, the training was very interesting and comparatively easy. Coxswains Tiller, Blake and Glover put in some admirable work, but the chief coxswain preferred the peaceful quietness of Company Headquarters.

"Nobby" Clarke and Percy Hopwood found training too much for them, their reasons being—feet, and Band boys and "Tich" Williams languished in barracks recovering from a knee operation.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

We congratulate L./Sergts. Wadsworth, Clarke, Sheffield, Hopwood, Bolton, Castle, Thirkettle, Cladd, Bayford and Painter on their appointments, and extend to them a hearty welcome to the Mess. L./Sergt. Payne has left us for civilian life, and our best wishes for his success go with him.

CONGRATULATIONS.

The above are extended to Sergt. Chasney on his promotion, to Sergts. Hazeldine and Thompson on obtaining their "Firsts," and to Sergts. Champion, Challis, Osterholm and Sheffield on a happy event in their families.

"PORTHOS."

BOXING.

The Command Team Championships this year started earlier than usual. This enabled the team to begin training directly the Command Individual Championships finished on 8th December. Eight teams entered for the competition, and as last year's winners had left the Command we started as favourites.

Our first match was against the 2nd Light Brigade, R.A., at Helmhich, on 22nd December. This contest we won very easily by 28 points to 10, as our opponents could only produce nine bouts for us. The result was of little assistance in helping to form a team.

After a welcome break over Christmas we concentrated on training for the semi-final against our neighbours, the 1st Bn. The Royal Scots Fusiliers, at Moascar. This match, which we won by 10 bouts to 5, produced some good fighting, especially by Bdsn. Cousins, L./Cpls. McGrady, Smith and Almond, and Ptes. Stone and Francis. L./Cpl. Tatt made a welcome return to the Battalion team and won his bout, while Pte. Evans again had no opponent to fight in the heavy-weight.

We were then left with a week before the final. This was fought at Abbassia and our opponents were the 1st Bn. The Royal Ulster Rifles, who had beaten us two years previously in this competition. This time, after leading by 4 bouts to 3 at the interval, we won by 9 bouts to 6. The championship was our first Command win since coming abroad.

The whole team and reserves are to be heartily congratulated on having really settled into hard training over a period of two months, and a special word is due to Cpl. Donegar for the amount of work, energy and enthusiasm he has put in as trainer to the team.

The result was a due reward for the amount of keenness and enthusiasm shown by all concerned.

The following represented the Battalion in this competition:—

Bantam-weight.—Ptes. Stone and Elms.
Feather-weight.—Pte. Wildin, L./Cpl. Almond and Bdsn. Cousins.
Light-weight.—L./Cpl. Markham, Pte. Benham, Bdsn. Rowntree and Pte. Hardaway.
Welter-weight.—Pte. Francis (team captain), and L./Cpls. Ellis, McGrady, Price, Smith and Simmons.
Middle-weight.—Cpls. Roseblade and Whichello, and Pte. Nicholls.

Light Heavy-weight.—L./Cpl. Tatt and Pte. Dean.

Heavy-weight.—Pte. Evans.

Pte. Wildin also fought in two matches as light-weight and L./Cpl. McGrady fought in one match as middle-weight.

The following extract from the *Egyptian Gazette* gives a good summary of the bouts:—

The following were the results (Middlesex Regiment mentioned first in each case):

Bantam-weight.—Pte. Stone knocked out Rfn. Graham in the first round.

Feather-weight.—L./Cpl. Almond was outpointed by Rfn. Whelan. Almond opened confidently and connected with a couple of hard right swings. In the last two rounds Whelan was deadly. Drawing his opponent into a lead he connected to the head and body with both hands, and near the end of the second round Almond looked all in, but he fought back with splendid courage, taking terrific punishment till the final gong, when he was congratulated on a gallant display. Bdsn. Cousins outpointed Rfn. McCarthy. A good hard bout, with victory going to the Bandsman, whose hitting was more accurate.

Light-weight.—L./Cpl. Markham outpointed Rfn. McClay after a fairly interesting bout in which the former used a left to good effect in the last round to earn a decision. Pte. Wildin was outpointed by Rfn. Lavery. A well-matched pair. Both opened with body attacks, Lavery trying uppercuts timed just a fraction of a second too late to connect properly. Lavery held the advantage in the last round, being faster he connected with a couple of straight rights to the jaw. Pte. Hardaway was outpointed by Cpl. Gordon. Gordon countered his opponent's leads well and scored with some hard left crosses to the body and an occasional right, which tired Hardaway towards the end, although he drew claret from Gordon's nose with a number of rights.

Welter-weight.—Pte. Francis beat Rfn. Dillon on points. Dillon has a dangerous left swing, but covered up each time he scored a point, thus enabling Francis to attack and score with both hands, although he was shaken in the second round by a hard right swing to the jaw. L./Cpl. McGrady beat L./Cpl. Connor. McGrady secured the decision on his straight hitting when he forced the issue in the last round, showing better footwork and scoring with both hands. L./Cpl. Price beat Rfn. Grundle on points. After a very tame two rounds, Grundle shook his opponent with a hard left swing, and in the last round the Rifleman attacked, scoring with an occasional left cross to the body. L./Cpl. Smith beat Rfn. Farrel on points. A willing scrap. There was a good exchange of blows, both trying to connect with swings and uppercuts.

Middle-weight.—Cpl. Roseblade beat Rfn. Tennyson on points. Roseblade opened with a good left, but Tennyson bored in and scored to the body. Roseblade, however, attacked persistently. L./Cpl. Ellis was knocked out in the second round by Rfn. Quinlan. During a mix-up in the first minute Ellis was dropped for a short count. In the second round Quinlan followed up a left with

a hard right to the jaw and Ellis dropped for the count. Cpl. Whichello was outpointed by Rfn. Bingham. He fought back well against Bingham's hard right swings and an occasional left, although he was beaten at inside fighting.

Light Heavy-weight.—L./Cpl. Tatt was knocked out by L./Sergt. Henderson in the first round. Tatt was out for a quick finish, and before Henderson had settled down he connected with a terrific right to the jaw, but, unfortunately for him it was with the open glove. Henderson retaliated with a hard right, and after a terrific exchange of blows in the middle of the ring, Henderson connected with a hard right to the solar-plexus, and another blow to the same spot dropped Tatt for the count.

Heavy-weight.—Pte. Evans stopped Cpl. Warner in the second round. Warner, who was at a disadvantage in height, weight and reach, was no match for him. Warner took a number of counts before the referee wisely stepped in during the second round to save him further punishment.

This year the following were selected to train for the Army team against the Royal Air Force:—

Cpl. Roseblade, L./Cpls. Markham and Almond, and Ptes. Francis, Evans, Stone and Johns.

We wish them the best of luck in the Inter-Services Team Championships on 20th March.

A considerable amount of talent has been shown amongst the members of the team and reserves this season, and, although unfortunately we shall lose some of our best boxers before next season, we hope the same amount of keenness and enthusiasm will be shown by the younger members of the Battalion in assisting us next year to produce an equally good team to retain the Command Cup.

SOME SOLDIERING IN THE MIDDLE SEVENTIES.

IN the autumn of 1875 a "bait" of ten shillings was offered to men to join the Militia. I nibbled, and was told I would be called up in the following spring; so, in due course, I reported myself at the Headquarters of the 1st Royal East Middlesex Militia Regiment, Well Walk, Hampstead. After being rigged out and paid 1s. 6d. (1s. a day's pay and 6d. ration allowance), there being no barrack accommodation for recruits, I and two others sallied forth to find our billet. When a

few yards past the corner of the street we heard some boys calling in a loud voice:

"Would I be a Militiaman for ninepence a day?

I'd take a rope and hang myself and chuck the money away—

Hampstead Bloodworms." (This was the local name for the Regiment.)

Had either one of us possessed a grain of sense we should have ignored the whole thing, but like fools we gave chase, forgetting we had on new ammunition boots and also a full pack on our backs. Of course, we lost the race, and had to listen to derisive laughter and more shouts of "*Hampstead Bloodworms.*" We set many traps for these boys, but they were much too wily for us.

In many respects the billets varied. I was fortunate to be with honest people, and in clean and comfortable digs. Some complained that they had found the old-time seaside landlady, whose cat could drink whisky, eat soap and even pawn one's belongings.

About 1904 there was a popular song, "Come to the old Bull and Bush." In 1876 it was advisable to keep away from the "Old Bull and Bush."

After a month we went to a camp at Cove Common, North Camp, Aldershot, and daily to Ash Ranges for musketry. Being equipped with the old Enfield rifle, which had a recoil similar to the kick of a mule, woe betide the man who did not press the butt well into the hollow of the shoulder. Consequently, the shooting was not of the best.

Aldershot after "Retreat" was alive with picquets and police. Improperly dressed, such as a button undone, etc., or smoking in the street was enough to land one in the guard room. There was a Garrison Guard Room, which sometimes did a good trade. A good trade was also done in the Garrison Canteen, where black beer was sold at 2½d. a quart. Full house every night.

There being few shops near our camp, Crimean pensioners or their relatives ran a small market at the end of the company's lines. Often I have heard the cry, "Jam tarts, fizzers and bloaters, hair-oil, blacking and soap."

A fortnight later the Headquarters and the old hands arrived, and anybody wishing to learn the chorus of the latest song

had only to listen to those in the canteen. Their lung power was astonishing.

The Regiment being up for twenty-seven days' training, which included the day of assembly and day of dismissal, left but little time for a lot of work. Marching order parades every day, but only one field day. Recruits in the first year were expected to learn as much as a line recruit would in six months. There was a General's inspection two days before the end of the training.

We returned to Hampstead, changed clothing, and were paid out £1, less 10s. advance of bounty—"the bait." We were given our boots, and one pair of part-worn socks and one shirt. In those days it was an offence for a soldier to be clean-shaven; his moustache was Government property, not to be destroyed. I have seen this punished by C.B. (without drill) till it grew again. Pioneers were allowed to grow a full beard, but others wishing to grow a beard must shave the space of three fingers on the chin. Old military photographs often show this.

The second year's training was about Whitsuntide, and the day of assembly a day to be remembered. Some turned up drunk; some thought they ought to be drunk and acted accordingly; some in top hats, some in swallow-tail coats, others in part nigger costume, etc. etc. But a little marching and the train journey and all were sobered on arrival in camp.

Towards the end of training, which was similar each year, I was asked to join the Militia Reserve. In answer to my inquiry as to what it meant, I was told, "All you have to do is an extra training and you get another pound bounty each year." I nibbled again. But how little did I think how soon and in what manner I was going to do that extra training! The standard of the Militia Reserve was 5 ft. 5 in. and 34-inch chest minimum, the same as the Regular Army. But I never suspected anything. The training finished, I received £2 bounty.

And now for the extra training. For the first time in military history the whole of the Reserves were called up for permanent service and ordered to report between the 3rd and 10th of April, 1878. As sufficient numbers reported themselves, drafts were made up and taken over by an officer of the 77th D.C.O. Regiment, and at once proceeded to Liverpool, where

we boarded a pig boat for Dundalk. It being our first glimpse of Mother Carey's chickens (seagulls in the Irish Channel), most of us were seasick or pigsick. I seem to smell that boat now.

On arrival at Newry, the Headquarters of the 77th Regiment, we found we were not attached, but transferred, allotted regimental numbers, posted to companies and clothed in their uniform.

The next day I learned that 200 men of each Militia regiment might join the Reserve, and could be called up at any time and transferred to the Regular Army. The only difference between us and the Army Reserve was that we got less pay.

For some unknown reason, the 77th Regiment had a fearful name in the Militia. As one man said, "It's hell upon earth." Well, if that was so, the devil and all his imps must have been on furlough at the time—I didn't see them. But, there, if you want to find the worst regiment in the Army, ask any squad of defaulters. That fraternity was always hard done by.

There is no need to describe the whole Regiment. Our C.O., Col. Henry Kent, afterwards General, was known to us as "Old Teddy," or "The Father of the Regiment." My Company officers, Capt. Cockburn Forte ("Jimmy" Fanatie) and Lieut. Law, afterwards General, and a trump of a Colour-Sergeant, George Hay, made us, as we were often called, something like a happy family.

One officer I shall never forget. Twelve years later at Rangoon he left the Service. Everyone, including civilians, who knew him held him in the greatest respect and esteem. Such was the popularity of Capt. A. Graham Schuyler. But, alas! all those have passed away. I know of only one person living who was there in 1878; he is in New Zealand. But I would like to see again the kindly old face of Sergt.-Major J. White. Never once, from anybody, were we taunted with the word "Militiaman." The only discrimination made was the non-issue of tunics. But that was General Orders, decidedly no fault of our C.O. A welcome change for

us was the short Martini-Henry rifle instead of the long Enfield weapon. Later the old shako was replaced by the new helmet. And it soon became apparent that Killarney was not the only beauty-spot in Ireland.

At Sugar Island, close to the barracks, was a pub kept by one Mrs. Donnelly, who retailed excellent stout at 2d. a bottle. On hearing of our arrival, she invoked all the saints in heaven to protect her and her pub from the "blackguards of the Mileeshi," but, like ourselves, she found the devil is sometimes painted blacker than he really is. So, on the eve of the Regiment's departure for the Curragh, she offered free drinks together with good wishes and blessings for the "gintlemen of the Mileeshi."

Soon after we reached the Curragh the Berlin Conference was held, which concluded in "peace with honour" (Mr. Disraeli's expression). In a few days we returned to London. I received £3 and a few shillings bounty. And so ended the extra training.

The public always classed the Militia as a "pretty warm lot," but had it come to a fight I guess the enemy would have called them a "pretty hot lot." The gibes and jokes at the Militia's expense were numerous, and, although very old, some are worth retelling.

In a Mohawk Minstrels' dialogue *re war* with Turkey:—

"If you want Constantinople, just show it to the Militia, and if they can't take it otherwise, they'll jolly well steal it."

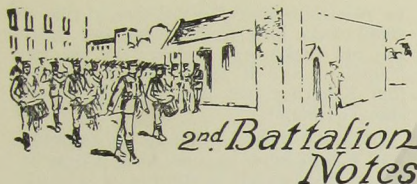
On the day the Regiment assembled, a gentleman, accompanied by a detective, complained to the O.C. that a man of the Regiment had stolen his gold watch and chain, but at the inspection he failed to identify the thief. The detective looked very hard at one man.

"Is that the man?" asked the O.C.

"No," said the detective.

"Then why do you stare at him like that?"

"Well, sir," said the detective, "he's about the only man in the Regiment that isn't known to the police."



ALTHOUGH the 2nd Battalion has more than six months' service to complete at Colchester, the majority of the unit will be away from the station for two long periods before the move takes place. On 23rd May 12 officers and 400 other ranks will proceed to Aldershot and will remain there until the Tattoo finishes on 22nd June. Major Bucknall, assisted by Lieut. Gordon, will be in charge of the detachment which will actually participate in the Tattoo. This will consist of four officers, with two understudies, and 290 other ranks; the remainder will be required for administrative duties.

The personnel taking part in the Tattoo will, in conjunction with the East Surrey Regiment, represent four companies of grenadiers in the dress of 1756 and will carry out manual exercises as were performed at that period on ceremonial parades, and grenade-throwing. The Band and Drums will be included in the Massed Bands and Drums, and we may also have to find the reserve for a representation of the Battle of Waterloo. Preliminary drill instruction of N.C.Os. under the R.S.M. has commenced, and commands such as "Order your firelocks" can be heard in the barracks.

In August the Battalion will move to an area round Winchester for a month to take part in the 4th Divisional Concentration.

Present activities in the Battalion include Company Training by "D" Company under Capt. E. L. Heywood, who is to be congratulated on his recent promotion, firing of Table "A" by recent drafts from the Depot, and preparation for the Annual Weapon Training Course. Each company will carry out a three-day march during its period of training.

We will be very sorry to lose Major Stewart, who is due to leave on the *Lancashire* at the beginning of April with a draft of 100 other ranks for the 1st Battalion at Moascar. The departure of this

draft will seriously deplete the numbers of the Battalion, but we expect to be augmented by three squads from the Depot during the next three months.

We are glad to see again in the Battalion, with which they have served since 1923, Major Wollocombe, who has been commanding the Regimental Depot since the Battalion came home from abroad, and Lieut. Tuckey, who has been Adjutant of the Depot for the past three years.

We welcome Major Bucknall, who has come to the Battalion after commanding a company for two years at the Royal Military College, and who has taken over the duties of O.C. "H.Q." Wing and Band President. We also welcome four new officers from the R.M.C.: 2/Lieuts. Ormiston, Gudgeon, Hewitt and Weedon. 2/Lieut. Ormiston is to be congratulated on obtaining a cadet scholarship. 2/Lieut. Hewitt's father was the Chaplain at Ahmednagar for a considerable part of the time during which the Battalion was stationed there.

We are about to lose three officers who are retiring under the terms instituted by the Stanhope Commission. These are Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence, E. P. Manson, M.C., and G. W. Kempster. These officers have been with the Battalion for a long time; their retirement will be a great loss and will be generally regretted by all ranks. Capt. Lawrence joined the 2nd Battalion at Ahmednagar in 1923 and has been with it ever since; he commanded "A" Company for a long period, but has spent most of his time in command of "D," by which company especially will he be missed. Capt. Manson joined the 2nd Battalion from the old 3rd in 1921 at Singapore, and was Adjutant of the Battalion at Singapore and in Ahmednagar; after a tour of duty at the Depot he rejoined at Madras in 1931, and has since then been in command of "H.Q." Wing. Capt. Kempster came to the Battalion in 1928 when it was in its last year at Ahmednagar and has spent his time with "D" and "B" Companies. He commanded "B" Company in Madras and Wellington, and, after two years at the Depot, again commanded this company at Colchester. For many years he supervised the boxing in the Battalion with considerable success.

We wish these officers the very best of luck, and hope that they will find many

opportunities of visiting the Battalion in the future.

Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon is at present completing the Company Commanders' Course at Netheravon and is due to return at the end of March. 2/Lieut. Porter is also shortly to proceed to Netheravon. Lieut. Weston is still on the Signalling Course at Catterick, and will eventually become Signalling Officer in place of Lieut. Man, who has left us to become an instructor at the Signal School, an appointment which will last for three years. While taking this opportunity of congratulating him on this appointment, we must express our regret that he is leaving us for so long, as he will be very much missed. He has done very good work in the organization of Battalion hockey. We will also be sorry to lose 2/Lieut. Anson, who is going abroad to join the 1st Battalion, and—temporarily—Lieut. Batten, who is going to Manston for six months as Infantry Liaison Officer to the R.A.F.

Major Thorp and 2/Lieut. Willoughby have recently enjoyed a battlefields tour in the Aisne Valley.

Sporting successes will be dealt with in more detail in the notes devoted to the various games, but we must record here that the Rugby team achieved a notable victory in winning for the first time the Colchester Garrison Rugby Cup, after two close games with the 2nd Bn. The Somerset Light Infantry (the first being a draw), and a rather easier game against the 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers in the final.

The soccer teams have also achieved some good victories; the 1st XI, though defeated somewhat unworthily by the 27th Field Brigade, R.A., in the semi-final of the Garrison Cup Competition, is still in a good position at the head of the Essex and Suffolk Border League, and won an exciting match against the team of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, which has reached the final of the Cavalry Cup Competition. The 1st XI also did well to reach the third round of the Essex Senior Cup, and played at Leyton before a considerable crowd. Though our team played quite well in this match, it was up against opponents of rather a different class. The 2nd XI has also had some successes and won the Hospitals Mid-Week Cup Competition. The general standard of soccer,

however, needs to be improved if we are to face the sterner competition at Portsmouth with any prospect of success.

We are all very sorry that 2/Lieut. Unwin did not gain his international rugger cap this season, though he was present as reserve at each of the three international matches. He is warmly to be congratulated on again representing the Army against the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force.

An Officers' and Sergeants' small-bore shooting team is doing very well in the Garrison League, and is second only to the Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. The team, which has defeated the 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers, 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, Royal Engineers, the R.A.O.C. and the R.A.S.C., consists of the following: Capt. Heywood, Lieuts. Jacob and Else, C.S.Ms. Hart, Mewitt and Jones, and Sergts. Hull, Kemp, Cooper and Moore.

A long-range team is to be entered for the Somerset Light Infantry Rifle Meeting.

We wish the best of luck to the hundred men of the Battalion who are about to leave for Moascar, and hope that they will enjoy their foreign service, and we welcome Mysore and Albuhera Squads, which have recently joined from the Depot and have been posted to "A" Company, and—in advance—Badajos Squad, which will arrive in the very near future and will go to "B" Company.

SAAR INTERNATIONAL FORCE.

The following personnel of the Battalion were attached to the British Force which assisted in keeping order in the Saar during the Plebiscite period:—

C.Q.M.S. West, who was employed on administrative duties, Ptes. Pike, Berryman and Aslin of "C" (S.) Company (officers' batmen), Pte. Hurren of "D" Company (Sergeants' Mess waiter), and Pte. Firth of "C" (S.) Company (orderly).

All of the foregoing were stationed at Saarbrücken and were there during the Plebiscite and the celebrations which followed.

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"SAAR SURPRISE FOR BRITISH SOLDIER."

"FATHER'S 'BEST FRIEND.'"

"From our *Special Correspondent*."

"SAARBRUECKEN, Tuesday."

"For one man at least in the British forces here the slight coldness with which the Saarlanders greeted the British has disappeared in a delighted warmth that has made him almost 'one of the family.'"

"As a result of an extraordinary coincidence, Private Thomas Pike, of the Middlesex Regiment, has been given the run of a Saarlander's home. He spends much of his time there and is trying hard to improve his knowledge of the German language."

"The other day Private Pike, whose home is at Wandsworth and who is the personal servant here of Major Hinchley Cooke at the International Headquarters, was on a tram in Saarbruecken. The conductor paused in front of the khaki uniform and asked if Private Pike could spare a few English cigarettes. 'I became very fond of Woodbines during the war,' added the conductor."

"Pike produced the cigarettes. The conductor explained that he had been taken prisoner on the Western front, and had made friends with a British soldier who was guarding the prison camp. 'I have his photograph here,' said the conductor, pulling out a picture of a group of British soldiers. 'The man marked with a cross was my great friend.'"

"Private Pike glanced at the picture and—in his own words to me to-day—'almost fell off his seat with surprise.' For the man marked with a cross was Private Pike's father!"

"A" COMPANY.

We should like to take this opportunity of welcoming to the Company 2/Lieuts. J. W. G. Ormiston and A. G. Hewitt. In addition to the two new squads which have joined us, we must welcome back two or three old faces from the Depot."

We have lost several of our older members, among whom are Sergt. Colbourne and Cpls. Gribble and Parnell, who have

been posted to the Depot, and Sergt. Mason, posted to the T.A. A dozen men have left us for the 1st Battalion, among them Pte. Gromm. We wish all success to them in their new spheres of activity."

Our sporting successes for the past quarter have not been outstanding, but, as we have recently been strengthened by the addition of two new drafts from the Depot, we have hopes for the future. That these hopes are justified is shown by our performance in the Novices' Boxing Competition. Although our team, composed mainly of recent additions, was beaten in the first round, we were defeated by a small margin by the eventual winners, "Q" Company, and we saw several men who showed promise."

At the moment our Open boxing team has reached the semi-finals of the Inter-Company Open Boxing Competition, having defeated "G" Company by a comfortable margin. Again we congratulate our recent additions on the show they put up. Our team was as follows:—

Cpl. Armstrong, Pte. Townes, Cpl. Drake, Pte. Lawrence, Pte. Phillips, L./Cpl. Parnell, Pte. Goodman, Cpl. Smith, Pte. Maskell, Cpl. Overy, and Ptes. Barber, Rimmer, Kent, Bower and Smith."

Our cross-country team gained third place in both the Inter-Company runs, which was most encouraging, as over 50 per cent. of our team was composed of newly joined men. We congratulate L./Cpls. Smith and Hinch on being awarded Battalion Colours, and Pte. Thomas on being in the Battalion team."

We reached the final of the Hockey Competition, having defeated "B" Company, after a replay, and "Q" in the semi-final. In the final "C" (S.) Company defeated us 2—0 after a hard and exciting game. We congratulate Cpl. Stickley and Ptes. Milham and Gorman on being awarded Battalion Hockey Colours."

"C" (S.) Company again proved themselves too strong for us in both Association and Rugby football when they defeated us in the first rounds of the Inter-Company Competitions. In the Garrison Inter-Company Soccer we did well to reach the second round, where we were defeated by "C" (S.) Company, Lancashire Fusiliers, after a hard game. "C"

(S.) Companies seem to be our stumbling-block at the present time."

We congratulate the following on being awarded Battalion Football Colours:—

Association Colours.—Sergt. Cooper, Cpl. Overy, and Ptes. Pearson and Vanner."

Rugby Colours.—Ptes. Kent and Rimmer."

In the first "Potted Sports" we were only able to gain fourth place, as unfortunately we had several of our best men away. We hope to improve on this at the next meeting with the help of our two new squads from the Depot."

Our Company Sports take place on 15th April; this period coincides with our Company Training, but nevertheless we hope to be able to do a good deal of athletic work in the evenings."

"B" COMPANY.

We have to record with regret the departure, on retirement, of our Company Commander, Capt. G. W. Kempster. He takes with him the best wishes of the Company, and we hope to see him again at some of the numerous functions which take place during the course of the year."

We welcome in his stead Capt. E. T. Pain, who has taken over the reins, and sincerely hope that his stay with the Company will be a pleasant one. Unfortunately, owing to employments, he has not seen much of the Company so far, but he can be assured of the full support of all in training and sport alike."

The Company also gives greetings to 2/Lieut. Weedon, on joining us on first appointment, and trust he will enjoy his sojourn with us."

We have not shone greatly in the football world. We have had our share of wins and losses, but the spirit is there and we shall improve once the team is welded together. The Six-a-Side Tournament is coming along, and we have great hopes of pulling nearer the top than last time."

We were beaten in the Hockey Championship by "D" Company by 4 goals to 3, after a very exciting match. Better luck next time."

In the second Inter-Company Cross-Country Run we again came second to "C" (S.) Company after a good run."

We have some budding runners amongst the younger members of the Company, and next time "C" (S.) can look to their laurels."

We were beaten in the Inter-Company Novices' Team Boxing by "G" Company, although the result was 16—16. We lost the decision, as we were unable to find a second-string feather-weight, and it was decided on the result of the first-string welter-weight, L./Cpl. Courtney being beaten by Pte. Curtis after a very good fight. All the team put up a very good show. We shall do a lot better in the Open, as we have several promising boxers in the Company, and under the guidance of L./Cpl. Trotobas a better result should be forthcoming."

The Company is now in the midst of the second series of the Potted Sports, and preparation for the Company Sports and Company Training."

Judging from some of the results obtained, we should have some good athletes next year—but plenty of training is needed first."

By the time these notes appear in print we shall have bidden farewell to the draft to the 1st Battalion. They take with them our best wishes for a pleasant voyage and equally pleasant life in their new surroundings. Although there are no "Scotch pie" shops in Moascar, they will find some suppers equally as good."

Everybody is now in the midst of "firelock drill" in preparation for the Aldershot Tattoo, in which the Battalion is taking part; and many people are to be seen walking about in a daze and muttering to himself, "Take up thy firelocks" and numerous other weird sayings, and one comes to the conclusion that it is just as well that the Tattoo is at the beginning of the year instead of later."

"C" (S.) COMPANY.

We should like to take this opportunity of welcoming to the Company Lieut. Porter, who will be a great help to us in all branches of sport. He will shortly be proceeding to the S.A.S., Netheravon, and we wish him the very best of luck on his course."

L./Cpl. McCarthy has also joined our happy throng, and we hope that he also will enjoy his stay."

The Company has had a very successful season as regards sport, winning the Garrison Inter-Company Cross-Country Run as well as the Battalion Run twice. We should like to congratulate all who were in any way responsible for the team winning.

We also won the Inter-Company Hockey, and are in the final of the Rugby. Everybody is now busy training for the Athletics, and we can only hope that we shall be as successful as last year.

Lastly, we must congratulate Lieut. Unwin on playing in all the England Rugby trials, and we consider it bad luck that he was not selected to play for his country.

Here are some of the results of our achievements during the quarter:—

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

First Inter-Company Cross-Country Run, 1935.—Run on 23rd January and won by "C" (S.) Company. The team was led by L./Cpl. Day and kept well together as a pack. The order of finish for the first eleven men testifies to this: L./Cpl. Day 3rd, Ptes. Thundow 10th, Cox 11th, March 12th, Weller 13th, Summerfield 14th, March 15th, Woolley 18th, L./Cpl. Stebbing 19th, Pte. Hayden 25th, and L./Cpl. Clark 30th.

Second Inter-Company Cross-Country Run.—Run on 11th March and won by "C" (S.) Company with 153 points, "B" Company being second with 413 points. The team again ran very well indeed, and the order of finishing was as follows: L./Cpl. Day 2nd, Ptes. Pearson 5th, Berryman 6th, Hobson 7th, Weller 8th, March 9th, Thundow 10th, Hayden 16th, Morley 20th, Woolley 21st, Summerfield 22nd, and L./Cpl. Stebbing 27th.

Garrison Inter-Company Cross-Country Run.—This run was held on Friday, 8th February, and was won by "C" (S.) Company by a good margin. The team ran very well indeed, and congratulations are due to L./Cpl. Day on the excellent way in which he kept the pack together. The result of the race was entirely due to the regular training of the team, and in view of the great sacrifice of time incurred by them they are all to be congratulated. The team was: L./Cpl. Day, Ptes. Thundow, Cox, March, Weller, Summerfield, Woolley, Stebbing and Hayden, L./Cpl.

Clark, and Ptes. Kidby, Hobson, Pearson, Wilson and Morley.

Garrison Inter-Unit Cross-Country Run.—Held on 8th February and won by the Somerset Light Infantry, the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment being second. The Battalion team contained seven "C" (S.) runners, namely, L./Cpls. Day and Stebbing, and Ptes. Thundow, Cox, Weller, Hobson, Summerfield and Hayden. Hayden unfortunately went sick on the morning of the race. L./Cpl. Day again distinguished himself by his leadership of the team.

The following have been awarded Battalion Cross-Country Running Colours: L./Cpl. Day and Pte. Hobson.

HOCKEY.

Two days of almost constant rain had made the ground almost unplayable, but the closeness of the leave period made it imperative for us to play "D" Company in the first round on Thursday, 6th December last.

Under these circumstances hockey, as such, was at a discount and the team which grasped the few opportunities presented of scoring was perforce victorious. We floundered home the winners by 3 goals to 2; Cpl. Powell scored twice, and Cpl. Marshall once. Cpl. Makewell proved himself a very tower of strength in defence; without his sterling play a different tale might have been told.

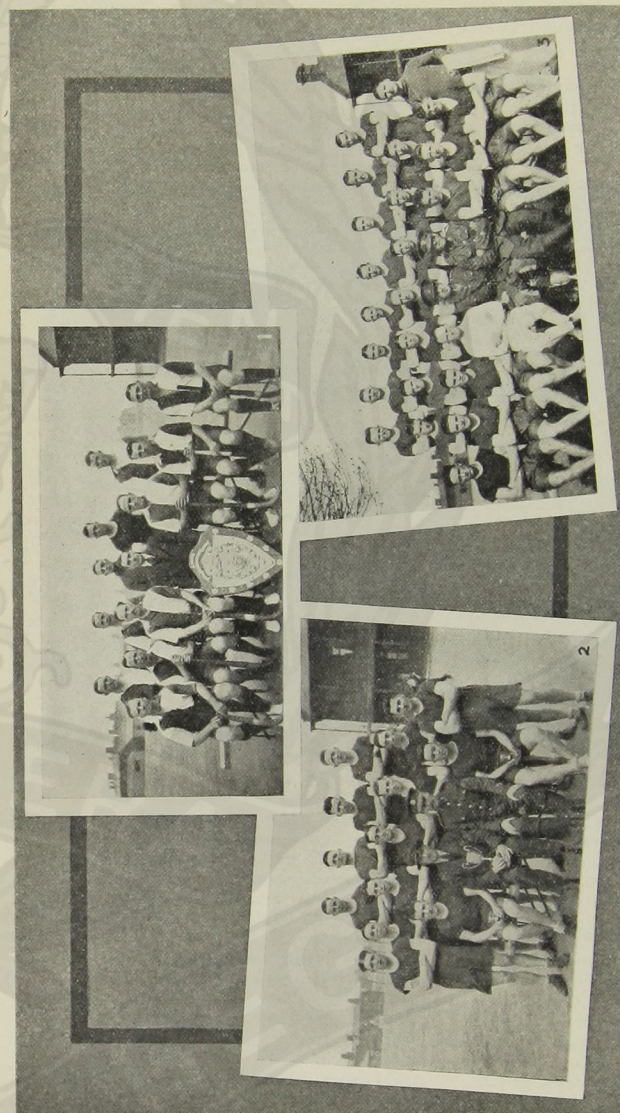
The final of the Inter-Company Hockey was played on Tuesday, 26th February, the weather and ground being ideal.

It was an extraordinarily close game the whole time, largely due to the strong defence on both sides. Shortly after half-time Lieut. Unwin scored from a penalty bully and a few minutes later he scored again. The fact that the opposing team were unable to score at all bears tribute to our backs, C.S.M. Peck and Cpl. Makewell. The team was as follows:—

Pte. 16 White; Cpl. Makewell, C.S.M. Peck; Sergt. Scott, Lieut. Unwin, Pte. Robinson; L./Cpl. Delaney, Cpl. Gatehouse, Lieut. Else, Sergt. Trestain and Lieut. Willoughby.

RUGBY.

In the semi-final of the Inter-Company Rugby Knock-out we met "G" Company, whom we beat by 21 points (3 goals,



1.—"C" (SUPPORT) COMPANY.
Winners Battalion Inter-Company Hockey Shield.

Standing—Pte. Robinson (22), Cpl. Gatehouse, Pte. White, L./Cpl. Broadbridge, L./Cpl. Delaney.
Sitting—Sergt. Scott, Cpl. Makewell, Lieut. F. H. Else, Capt. W. H. V. Jones (Coy. Comdr.), C.S.M. Peck, Sergt. Trestain, Cpl. Marshall.
Absent—2/Lieut. E. J. Unwin, 2/Lieut. J. E. F. Willoughby.

2.—"C" (SUPPORT) COMPANY.
Winners Brigade Inter-Company Cross-Country Run and Battalion Inter-Company Cross-Country Cup.

Back Row—Pte. Pearson, L./Cpl. Clark, Pte. Hayden, Pte. Berryman.
Middle Row—L./Cpl. Stebbing, Ptes. Morley, Woolley, Hobson, March, Wilson.
Sitting—L./Cpl. Day, Capt. Jones (Coy. Comdr.), Sergt. Pawler, Pte. Summerfield.
Absent—Lieut. Willoughby, Pte. Cox.

3.—"C" (SUPPORT) COMPANY.

Winners Battalion Inter-Company Open Boxing Cup.
Back Row—Pte. Lowton, Cpl. Marshall, Pte. Whitehouse, Pte. Grogan.
Middle Row—Pte. Pearson, L./Cpl. Payne, Pte. Jones, L./Cpl. Stanton.
Sitting—Pte. Wilson, Pte. Connor, Pte. White (47), Pte. Morley, L./Cpl. Nicholls, Sergt. Scott, Capt. W. H. V. Jones (Coy. Comdr.), L./Sergt. Jenkins, C.S.M. Peck, L./Sergt. Jenkins, Pte. Berryman, Pte. Pike.

2 tries) to 8 points (1 goal, 1 try), the scorers for the Company being: Lieut. Unwin (2 tries), Lieut. Else (2 tries) and L./Cpl. Broadbridge (1 try); Lieut. Unwin converting three tries. The game was a most interesting one, and new talent was found. We must congratulate "G" Company on the excellent game they gave us, and we only hope that we get just as good a game in the final.

At the time of going to press the final has yet to be played. Lieuts. Else and Unwin and Cpl. Marshall have been awarded Battalion Colours.

BOXING.

On Monday, 18th March, the Battalion Inter-Company Novices' Competition was held and we met "D" Company in the semi-final, having received a bye in the first round. We were unlucky to lose by one point, as some of the fights were very closely contested, especially in the cases of Ptes. Hall and Islip.

On the whole, all the fights were good and we must congratulate our team on putting up such a good show, and wish for better luck next time.

Our boxers must realize, however, that to gain the initiative they must attack. Several of our team remained too much on the defensive, and it must be realized that hitting with an open glove or with the inside of the glove not only scores no points, but is a foul blow.

We congratulate Ptes. Morley and Grogan on receiving their Battalion Colours.

In the Inter-Company Open Tournament, after having received a bye in the first round, we met "Q" Company in the semi-final, and were very lucky to win by 19 points to 17. We won owing to the fact that "Q" Company could not enter any feather-weights, and Pte. Tyler was at very short notice unable to box, as he had proceeded on leave owing to illness at home. Hard luck, "Q," as you certainly would have won the competition.

In the final we met "D" Company and won by 24 points to 15, the Commanding Officer congratulating L./Cpl. Pryor and Pte. Hall on their fight, which was an object-lesson in grit and determination. "D" Company had to fight twice in one night, which in all probability made their team rather tired, but we won in convincing style, the results being as follows:

Feather-weight.—Pte. Grogan, "C" (S.) knocked out Pte. Bond, "D," in the first round; Pte. Islip, "C" (S.), walk-over.

Light-weight.—Pte. Morley, "C" (S.), walk-over; Pte. Whitehouse, "C" (S.) knocked out L./Cpl. Davies, "D," in the first round; Pte. Lowton, "C" (S.), beat Pte. Coomer, "D," on points.

Welter-weight.—L./Cpl. Delaney, "C" (S.), beat L./Cpl. Collison, "D," on points; Pte. Hall, "C" (S.), knocked out L./Cpl. Pryor, "D," in the second round; Pte. Berryman, "C" (S.), lost to Pte. Barnes, "D," on points; L./Cpl. Day, "C" (S.), beat L./Cpl. Johl, "D," on points.

Middle-weight.—L./Cpl. Nicholls, "C" (S.), was knocked out by L./Sergt. Livens, "D," in the first round; Cpl. Marshall, "C" (S.), knocked out Sergt. Russell, "D," in the second round; L./Cpl. Payne, "C" (S.), knocked out Pte. Nagle, "D," second round.

Light Heavy-weight.—L./Sergt. Jenkins, "C" (S.), walk-over.

We wish to congratulate all who took part in the tournament on putting up such a good show.

"D" COMPANY.

Why is it that we always leave our Journal notes until the very last minute and then have to think hard trying to remember what has happened since our last feverish rush to do the same thing?

In this case, however, late though we are, there are certain things which stand out in our minds and which need no effort of the brain to recall.

It is always a sad thing to say good-bye, and we are very sorry indeed to lose Capt. Lawrence, who has commanded the Company now for six years, in India, the Sudan and at home. Mrs. Lawrence, and her interest in our welfare, will also be sadly missed, and all we can do now is to wish them the very best of luck in the future, and hope that we shall meet again on many occasions.

We welcome Capt. Heywood and 2/Lieut. Gudgeon to the Company. The former is no stranger to the Company, and 2/Lieut. Gudgeon has just joined us from the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and will, we hope, be of valuable assistance to us in our rugby.

"C" (S.) Company is always needing support, and they have already stretched a hand to try to seize Lieut. Porter, who, however, is still with us, though we have grave fears that he may be snatched from us at any moment.

At present we have a draft of forty-eight away on embarkation furlough, and,

thus depleted, we have been struggling with Company Training. But training is always sufficiently before us without writing about it here, so let us see what we have accomplished in the field of sport.

Ah, yes—this again needs no effort of the brain to recall. In the final of the Inter-Company Football Knock-out we

L./Cpl. Hiscocks came down from London, where he was on leave, to play for us in this match, which is the spirit we like to see. He is shortly going to the Depot. We shall miss his athletic capabilities, and wish him the best of luck there, and we welcome L./Cpl. Jacques in his place.



"D" COMPANY.

Runners-up Inter-Company Novices' Boxing.

Back Row.—Cpl. Bromley. Pte. Barnes. L./Cpl. Johl. Pte. Houghton. L./Cpl. Hamlin. L./Cpl. Morris. Pte. Walters.
Seated.—Pte. Coppard. Pte. Sturdy. Pte. Bond. L./Cpl. Davis. Pte. Coomer. L./Cpl. Pryor.
On Ground.—Pte. Joyce.

managed to score the only goal of the match when up against "Q." We have had some fierce tussles—"G," 2-1; "C" (S.), 5-4; and, lastly, this match which was played on a ground still partly covered with snow. The team was as follows:—

Pte. Mardell; Sergt. Wilson, L./Cpl. Haynes; Pte. Mellor, L./Cpl. Hiscocks, Pte. Wilkinson; L./Cpl. Head, Cpl. Riches, Pte. Thomas, Pte. Saw and L./Cpl. Vince.

In rugby we were beaten in the semi-final of the Inter-Company Knock-out by "Q" Company. They were undoubtedly the better team, but we were unfortunate in not having Lieut. Porter, who was away on a course, and both Sergt. Livens and L./Cpl. Williams, who were on the sick list. We hope now, with all the above available, that we may fare well if, and when, we play off for the last three places. We had to do this in the Hockey Knock-out and managed to beat both

"B" and "G" Companies and take fourth place.

The Seven-a-Side Rugger comes off in the very near future, and presumably the results may appear in the Stop Press.

At cross-country running we are not very bright. In spite of having all the draft away we did rise from fifth to fourth place, but we still hope for better things there.

In the Novices' Team Boxing we had a great run for our money. Meeting "C" (S.) in the semi-final, we snatched a victory by one point, and breathed again. The next evening we came up against "Q," who had already fought a gruelling battle with "G" earlier in the evening. Here again the result hung in the balance until the very last fight, and "Q" this time turned the scales against us by the odd point—a fine effort on their part, considering what they had just been through. On the other hand, with our small numbers, we have every reason to be pleased with ourselves, and we heartily congratulate all who fought so well. The team was as follows:—

Feather-weight.—Ptes. Bond and Joyce.
Light-weight.—L./Cpl. Davis, and Ptes. Coomer and Sturdy.

Welter-weight.—Pte. Coppard, L./Cpls. Johl and Morris, and Pte. Barnes.

Middle-weight.—L./Cpl. Hamlin.
Light Heavy-weight.—Pte. Houghton.

In the finals L./Cpl. Pryor and Pte. Walters replaced L./Cpl. Morris and Pte. Houghton, who were unable to fight owing to injuries.

In all departments of sport we would like to mention the untiring efforts and energy of C.S.M. Wright, and our success is in no small measure due to all the good work he has put in.

Our congratulations are due to L./Cpls. Haynes and Vince, and Ptes. Mardell and Thomas on being chosen to play for the Battalion 2nd XI, and to Sergt. Beaveridge, L./Cpl. Haynes and Pte. Mardell on being selected to play for the Battalion 2nd XI in the final of the Colchester Mid-Week Cup.

To L./Sergt. Moir on his marriage.

To L./Cpls. Hockley, Williams, Eyles and Davis on having their pay for their arduous duties as N.C.Os.; also to L./Cpl. Vince on starting on the first rung of the ladder.

Finally we wish the very best of luck to all those who, by the time these notes

appear in print, will have left us for abroad. May they enjoy foreign service as much as many of us did.

"H.Q." WING.

We extend a hearty welcome to Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C., our new Wing Commander, and we hope that he will have a pleasant time with us.

There is no doubt we all miss Capt. E. P. Manson, M.C., and our best wishes go with him on his retirement.

We have also lost another popular member of the Wing, namely, Band-Sergt. Harwood, whom we congratulate on finding employment as a postman.

Congratulations to Sergt. Jennings on his promotion and appointment to Band Sergeant; also to Cpl. Hayes on his appointment to Band Corporal.

The preparations for the Aldershot Tattoo are taking a great deal of time and are causing many abrasions on the fingers (matchlocks, etc.). There will be more about this in our next notes.

Congratulations to "Q" Company boxing team on winning the Novices' Inter-Company Boxing Tournament—a very fine effort indeed. We are now training hard for the Open, and we hope that this success will be repeated.

The football season is fast drawing to a close; there have been some very good games inside the Wing. The Inter-Group League is not yet complete, but it promises to be a very close finish.

The Band and Drums team in the Essex and Suffolk Border League is doing exceptionally well, considering that other battalions in the Garrison have their 2nd XIs in this league. We hope they get the medals which are presented to the winners of the league.

Four members of the Wing were due to leave us on 7th April for the 1st Battalion. We hope they have an enjoyable sojourn in the East.

BAND.

The time for writing these notes seems to have come round so quickly that we hardly know where to commence. However, here goes.

Perhaps our most notable event of the quarter was the departure of Sergt. Harwood, our Band Sergeant, after many years of valuable service to the Band.

Like most of us on the musical side of the Regiment, he started as a boy, and by his own perseverance attained a proficiency which drew praise from many, including the Director of Music at Kneller Hall. He takes with him our very best wishes for success in his new vocation, and for rapid promotion. He will retain an immortality in the lists of "famous sayings" with "Get the doin's done." And his habit of pulling his jacket down when talking to anyone was always a source of amusement.

We extend our congratulations to Sergt. Jennings on his promotion and appointment, *vice* Harwood. Also to Cpl. Hayes, who is now Band Corporal.

We had the pleasure of playing for the Hospital Sunday concert at the Regal Theatre, Colchester, on 24th February, and in this, our first real test, created an impression of sound ability and confidence which promises well for the future. We worked hard, and feel more pleased with ourselves that everything went so well. We would almost say that the "hit" of the evening was "Nickey and Oscar," with their xylophone duet which literally fetched the house down. Nor could we omit Jack, who rendered "Sanctuary of the Heart" with all the *sangfroid* of a born singer, to a crowded theatre. We like to think that fame for the Band is waiting round the corner. Where's that corner?

Whilst not exactly being "high lights" at sport, we are pleased to record that for the third year in succession we have won the Inter-Group Hockey Shield, whilst in the Inter-Company Novices' Boxing we reached the semi-finals. In this latter competition we were paired with the Signals, so we give each other a "pat on the back."

Talking of sport, our congratulations are due to the Bandmaster and Bdsn. Phipps on being awarded their Battalion Colours for soccer, also to Bdsn. Hogg and Hills for rugger.

Our own little team is still making a good show, and at present we are second in the league table. Unfortunately, one or two unexpected reverses have rather jeopardized our chances of finishing top.

Coming events include the annual inspection by the Commandant from Kneller Hall. At the moment we are being filled with scales, elements, sight reading, and

plenty of "etceteras." No doubt we shall know more of our ability (or lack of it) ere long. May 23rd sees our departure to Aldershot for the Tattoo, but we shall have more to say of this in our next notes.

L./Cpl. Bonham has left us to seek his fortune in the ranks, and we wish him every success. In his place we welcome Bdsn. Proctor, and hope that his stay will be an enjoyable one.

It is whispered that a few of Cupid's arrows have found a resting-place in the hearts of some of our stalwarts. Well, Mr. Cupid, look sharp and finish your job. Now then, ———s, don't be nervous!

Once more we have to record a change of Band President, and take this opportunity of extending to Major Bucknall a sincere welcome.

This is the end of our little ramble; no doubt you have had enough—we are sure the Editor has—so here's to the next time.

SMORZANDO.

DRUMS.

We welcome to the Wing Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C., who has recently taken over command from Capt. E. P. Manson, M.C., and wish our new commander a long and happy stay with us.

We also wish Capt. Manson the very best of luck on his retirement. Capt. Manson will be remembered by the Drummers for running our annual sports for the cup which he kindly presented for competition between the Drums and the Flutes during his tour as Adjutant in Ahmednagar.

Departures from the Wing also include Band-Sergt. Harwood, who has left us to deliver letters in the Edgware district, and will be greatly missed by the Band and Drums, having enlisted as a boy in the 2nd Battalion.

We congratulate Sergt. Jennings on attaining the appointment of Band Sergeant.

L./Cpl. Rundle is leaving us with the draft for the 1st Battalion, and we are wondering whether his spats and bowler-hat will be of any use to him in such a clime.

In the sports arena we have done fairly successfully. In the Inter-Group Hockey Competition we lost to the Band 2–3 and beat the Signals in our second match 3–1.

"Q" Company did well to get into the final of the Inter-Company Football Knock-out Competition, but were beaten 1-0 by "D" Company after one of the best games of football seen for a long time. Congratulations, "D"!

The Band and Drums are now second in the Essex and Suffolk Border League with five matches to be played to complete their fixtures for the season. Should we remain in this position, which we hope to do, it will be a very creditable performance on the part of the team when it is taken into consideration that the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards and the Somerset Light Infantry both have their regimental 2nd XIs taking part in this league. The latter we have beaten 1-0, but have lost both our games to the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.

We have also played matches with one or two civilian teams, one of which was against Severalls on their ground, and resulted in a win for "Q" Company by 4 goals to 2.

We are pleased to see that the Boys' team has been doing well at football of late.

In the Inter-Group Cross-Country Run the Drums came second, thus losing pride of place of the previous year to the Signals. We have already started training for next year's event. (Look out, Signals!)

Athletic training has now been taken seriously in hand, and we hope that we shall obtain a better position than we did last year.

The final placings in the Inter-Company Novices' Boxing were as follows: 1, Drums and Employed; 2, "D" Company; 3, Band and Signals; 4, "C" (S.) Company; the last two positions being filled by "A" and "B" Companies. This was a wonderful performance on the part of the team, as on the final night it fought twice in the final against "D" Company, who had not fought in the same evening.

The final was very closely contested, the decision being gained by Pte. Tyler, who managed to win a points victory over Pte. Barnes after a very plucky fight.

Tattoo.

SIGNALS.

We have just had our practice Classification, and apart from a few rusty points the Section is well set for a good show when the actual fireworks start. We still have just over a month to go, and hopes of a record average are high in our breasts.

At the time of writing we are due to lose Lieut. Man, who has been our skipper for two years. He goes to Catterick—and Catterick has all the luck.

Lieut. Man's successor is Lieut. Weston, to whom everyone in the Section extends a hearty welcome and hopes that he finds his time with us as pleasant as we know we will find ours with him.

Sergt. Smith and Pte. Hastie have had a throw at the 1st Class Certificate, and we wish them the best of luck, as the Section has rather a dearth of Firsts.

At present, owing to a spot of rewiring being carried out in our rooms, we are like unto the nomads, scattered over the fair face of the earth, but we hope to be reunited very soon.

The Battalion has just held a Novices' Inter-Company Boxing Competition, and "G" Company's team, of which we supplied eight out of the eleven, beat "B" Company in the first round, and, despite numerous facial injuries and sprained thumbs, was only narrowly beaten by our fellow-Wingers, "Q" Company, in the semi-final. Incidentally, our victors went on to beat "D" Company in splendid style, and we are very glad to have the cup next door, as it were.

The Inter-Group Cross-Country Run ended with the famous Clock returning to our fold. In the absence of L./Cpl. Peasley, Pte. Towler gathered his lads round him and led them along the high-ways and byways; the said lads ran well, and after two years the time is known by one and all. A good effort.

Pte. Rawlinson shone out as a member of the Battalion Rugby XV which won the Garrison Rugby Cup, beating the Lancashire Fusiliers 22-3 after what was perhaps the best game our team played this season.

Strange things are happening to our N.C.Os. We see them doing antics outside our ken, and the things they mutter about "flints" and "matchlocks" are very fruity indeed!

When, if ever, you see Cpl. H— standing at a mixture of "Prepare to signal" and Eros with lumbago you will know that he is a grenadier preparing to strike his match! No, don't laugh—pity the lad. This is all in preparation for the Aldershot Tattoo, and it certainly looks a "wow" (with apologies to Hollywood and points west).

Having said which we will retire until needed again, so here is wishing our fellow-flickers abroad the best of luck and plenty of warmth, and our many (?) readers the best of everything.

Dots.

TRANSPORT.

Time goes very quickly; it seems only but a week ago since the Editor, with a worried look on his face and an accusing forefinger, said "Your notes are overdue." However, although nearly too late, here they are.

Since the publication of our last notes, nothing of much importance has happened which affects the Transport generally. The Gunners, of course, are still training hard and often and, as these gentlemen absorb the majority of our horses and men, I think it is only fair that we give them a little consideration. Our occasional expeditions with the Machine Gunners have given us the opportunity of practising the Ride and Drive Competition which is held every year at the Concentration Camp. It is perfectly true that we have started to practise in ample time, but then "practice makes perfect." Two four-horse teams are entered, and the two we have earmarked are the team of light bays and a team of dark bays. Although, of course, not very outstanding, the horses are, I think, up to the standard of other units in the Garrison. The drivers also are quite good. They are, needless to say, four of the best men we have, viz., Symons and Kent one team, and Nichols and Miriams the other. We are sure that these fellows will do their best for us and bring us more into the limelight.

Whilst on the subject of drivers, I think it right to mention a conversation that took place at the Forage Supply Depot. One of our drivers hurried out with a wagon with—how shall we put it?—a "normal" turn-out. An officer of another regiment asked, "Is there a

special occasion for this driver?" When assured that this was not so, he remarked that both horses and harness did him credit. Congratulations, "631"; that is what we want!

We can for the time being leave our "long-faced chums" in the background and turn our attention to their guardians.

During the past few months the Transport personnel have been very well represented in the realm of sport. In the art of self-defence we have quite a number who can "hold their own," and quite a few others if they would only open themselves out. Pte. 26 Tyler is a boy who should go a long way. Likewise his namesake. The more fights the better the experience. Football, hockey and Rugby have been games looked forward to and participated in very keenly.

In conclusion, may I mention that on 7th February all our horses were weighed—*chargers* and *light draught*? The weight of the chargers averaged 11 cwt., and the light draught also 11 cwt. To compare these averages with the classes there is a problem for the thousands of horse-lovers whom this Journal must reach, and that is: are the chargers too fat, or our light draught poor?

The only solution we can offer is to wait and agree with the decision of the A.D.V.S., who inspected them on 12th March.

CLIPPER.

BOYS.

Something dreadful is going to happen in the Boys' section soon: L./Cpl. Dowsett is going to leave us, and, oh, how we shall miss him! We would like him to stay with us, but we wish him the best of luck in civilian life. He will soon be handling a blowlamp, so we hope he has bags of wind. We are also about to part with three useful boys who are due for a hot time (abroad). We wish them the best of luck and health for the future.

So far we have been extremely successful in our football matches; apart from the cup catastrophe, we have lost only one game, and that against a men's team. We have been piling up goals like 5-0 and 7-0 against both military and civilian teams, but we would certainly have been in a poor way if Drum-Major Poulter had not taken such a keen interest in us.

We are thankful to all N.C.Os. who have so greatly improved our football abilities.

All the Boys are now looking forward to a good Easter leave and an interesting time at Aldershot when we go there for the Tattoo.

We are having special flute practice too—"Cap'n, art tha listenin' thar below?" There are great hopes that we will show the lads at Portsmouth just how to play football.

In the meantime, cricket has our keen interest. Last year we were runners-up for the Boys' Garrison Cricket Cup, but this year we are going to win it.

We are also going to do wonders in the Boys' Athletic Cup Competition, for we have some excellent new blood. Boys Burrell and Redding are still with us, and last year they gained great running distinction.

Before we close these notes we wish to offer our congratulations to ex-Boy Firman, who recently attained the age of 18 years. We hope he will enjoy himself in his new phase of life, and that he will not get tired of running up and down when a certain bugle calls.

Wishing all readers the best of luck, we will say "au revoir."

BING.

EDUCATION.

As well as improving in all branches of sport, the Battalion has improved a great deal as regards its educational standard, which at present is very high.

The following is the state of education in the Battalion:—

- No. of Special Certificates: 2.
- No. of 1st Class Certificates: 39.
- No. of 2nd Class Certificates: 469.
- No. of 3rd Class Certificates: 151.

No. of personnel who have no certificates: 3.

At present we have forty-five candidates sitting for the 1st Class Certificate, sixteen of whom have one subject to complete for their certificate, and if all goes well we shall have 10 per cent. of the Battalion in possession of this certificate which is the standard required by the War Office.

We were visited during the past quarter by the Director of Educational Training, and he was very satisfied with the record of the past year's training. The result

of this visit has enabled us to change our present set book from the "Prisoner of Zenda" to "Greenmantle," a book which is of great interest to all, as it is centred around the period of the Great War.

At present there are fifteen instructors in the Battalion who have qualified at the School of Education; we send four N.C.Os. a year to the school, and the results have been very good. The instructors in the Battalion School are Cpl. Marshall (N.C.O. i/c Battalion School), and L./Cpls. Lomax, Cummins and Jarvis.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Results of matches played:—

1st XV.—Played, 21; won, 12; lost, 7; drawn, 2; points for, 213; points against, 143.

2nd XV.—Played, 11; won, 4; lost, 5; drawn, 2; points for, 49; points against, 60.

Totals.—Played, 32; won, 16; lost, 12; drawn, 4; points for, 262; points against, 203.

1st XV matches since the New Year:—

- v. 2nd Bn. The Somerset Light Infantry, won 3—0.
- v. Clacton, won 3—0.
- v. Old Colestrians, lost 0—20.
- v. 2nd Bn. The Somerset Light Infantry, drew 8—8 (semi-final of the Garrison Cup).
- v. 2nd Bn. The Somerset Light Infantry, won 10—3 (replay of semi-final).
- v. Gyppeswick, lost 5—10.
- v. 7th Field Company, R.E., lost 3—6.
- v. 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers, won 22—3 (final of the Garrison Cup).
- v. R.A.F., Martlesham, lost 0—16.

Since the New Year the only rugger of importance apart from our ordinary fixtures has been the Garrison Rugby Cup. This, we are glad to say, we won for the first time. The cup produced some very hard games, and it is most satisfactory to have won it, as this is our last year at Colchester. In the first round we drew the 27th Field Brigade, R.A., but owing to their inability to raise a side we had a walk-over. The semi-final against the 2nd Bn. The Somerset Light Infantry produced two very hard-fought games. The first resulted in a draw 8—8; this was played in a sea of mud and we were very lucky to draw the game. The replay was an equally hard game, but this we won by 10—3. The final against the 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers was also keenly contested, but, thanks to our outsidies and

especially to the magnificent running of 2/Lieut. Unwin, we won by a comfortable margin.

The results of our fixtures since the New Year have been somewhat disappointing, but this is not to be wondered at, as we have suffered considerably from lack of players through sickness, leave and courses, and so have been unable to turn out a full side for the majority of our fixtures. Among the best of the games, however, was our return match against the R.A.F., Martlesham; the Air-men avenged themselves for their defeat before Christmas.

We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating 2/Lieut. Unwin on his being chosen as reserve for the English side in all three internationals, and hope that the wonderful form he has been showing on the rugger field will assure him of his cap next year. We would also like to congratulate him on being chosen to play for the Army XV in all their representative matches.

Although all our fixtures are now over, we have not yet quite finished with rugger. The final of the Inter-Company Knock-out Competition has yet to be played, and we are this year again having an Inter-Company Seven-a-Side Tournament.

In spite of the disappointment of being put out in the first round of the Army Cup, we have had, on the whole, a most successful year, and if we can add victory in the Eastern Counties Seven-a-Side Competition to our success in the Garrison Cup, it will be a most fitting end to the season.

The following account of the final of the Garrison Cup is reproduced from the *East Anglian Daily News*:—

"The 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment became the Rugby champions of the Colchester Garrison yesterday, when at Reed Hall, Colchester, they easily defeated the 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers before a large crowd. The game commenced in a spectacular way, for a minute or two after the start Lieut. Unwin, the International Trial three-quarter, who was the most brilliant of the Middlesex's splendid three-quarter line, received the ball from Lieut. Stephenson and went away in a brilliant solo run. Although he ran three-quarters the length of the field, evading all comers,

he was eventually brought down about five yards from the line by Keen, the assiduous full back. Shortly after this, Stephenson, who partnered Unwin well, just failed to drop a goal. The Lancashire Fusiliers, seeing where the main danger lay, kept the game in their opponents' twenty-five and a try should certainly have resulted had they been more thrustful outside the scrum. Their three were slow and inclined to handle the ball poorly. Eventually, however, Unwin, whose runs hitherto had been frustrated mainly by Keen, got through for the Middlesex, taking a pass from Stephenson, evading almost the entire opposing defence and cutting in on the line to touch down between the posts. He converted his own try. A few minutes after this another cut-through by Unwin put Stephenson through for an unconverted try, but just before the interval a forward rush by the Lancashire Fusiliers put Galvin through, but Melia missed an easy kick. The half-time score was thus 8 points to 3 to the Middlesex.

"During the early part of the first half the Lancashire Fusiliers had worked hard as a team to keep the play even, but in the second half they relaxed a good deal, and the Middlesex attack experienced little trouble. Unwin and Stephenson were well fed by Hills, and the former, almost always with the help of Stephenson, scored two tries and a goal in the second half, all of them magnificent runs, while Else also scored a try after a good run."

The team was as follows:—

L./Cpl. Williams; Pte. Short, 2/Lieut. Unwin, 2/Lieut. Gudgeon, Pte. Rimmer; Lieut. Stephenson, Bdsn. Hills; Bdsn. Hogg, Pte. Kent, Cpl. Marshall, Sergt. Jenkins, Pte. Rawlinson, 2/Lieut. Porter, 2/Lieut. Beath and Lieut. Else.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Our hopes of remaining at the head of the Essex and Suffolk Border League have so far been sustained, and we are still at the top, but we have some very hard games to play yet, and it will be a fight to the finish if we are to be there at the end of the season.

The first match after the furlough period was against the Royal Artillery,

and this resulted in a win for us, the result being 3 goals to 0.

Our next opponents were Severalls, and again we won, this time by 5 goals to 2. Continuing our success, we beat Brightlingsea by 3 goals to 0.

In the next league game we played the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, and here we suffered our biggest defeat of the season so far, being beaten by 4 goals to 1. A small rot appears to have set in about this period, and in our next match, versus Crittalls, we again lost, the score being 4 goals to 2 against us.

Our opponents in the Essex Senior Cup for the third round were Leyton, and after the game had had to be postponed owing to the weather, we had to travel to Leyton. This team proved too good for us, and we were beaten by 7 goals to 1. This was not such a runaway victory as the score would suggest, as we held them very well up to half-time, but in the second half we dropped away a bit and Leyton, taking advantage of this, scored five goals.

Continuing our league matches, we beat Colchester Town by 5 goals to 1, and followed this up by beating Bury Town the following week by 7 goals to 0.

Again we had to break league games to fight a cup match, this time against the Lancashire Fusiliers in the Old Contemptibles Cup. Here we were beaten by 4 goals to 1.

Heybridge were our next opponents, and we beat them on their own ground by 4 goals to 2.

In the next game, against the Lancashire Fusiliers, in the league we drew at 2 goals each. The following week, in the return game against Severalls, we again beat them, this time by 3 goals to 1.

In the Garrison Cup semi-final we lost to the Royal Artillery by 4 goals to 2.

Against the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in our next league match we won by 2 goals to 1.

It would appear from the foregoing that, although we do fairly well in league matches, we are not a good cup-fighting team.

With regard to the second team, since the last notes they have done very well, both in league and cup matches.

In the Colchester Mid-Week Hospital Cup they beat the Post Office by 6 goals

to 0, and in the semi-final beat the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment by 3 goals to 1. In the final they were victorious over the Royal Eastern Counties Institution by 3 goals to 0, thus winning the cup. A fine achievement.

In the league they have beaten the following teams: R.A.M.C., 6—0; Colchester Police, 3—2; Brightlingsea, 3—2; R.A.S.C., 5—2; Post Office, 6—2.

In the return match with the Colchester Borough Police they were unlucky to lose by 1 goal to 2.

Extracts from both the Essex and Suffolk Border League and the Colchester and District Thursday League tables, showing the leading teams in each case, are as follows:—

BORDER LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
2nd Middlesex Regt. ...	18	14	2	2	73	28	30
2nd Bedfs. & Herts ...	21	11	5	5	60	29	27
Colchester Town ...	20	10	5	5	73	54	25
1st Lancashire Fus. ...	17	11	3	3	57	22	25

THURSDAY LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Borough Police ...	12	10	1	1	65	15	21
Colchester Casuals ...	12	10	0	2	52	19	20
Royal Engineers ...	10	9	1	0	38	9	19
Thursday Juniors ...	11	8	1	2	63	23	17
2nd Middlesex Regt. ...	13	8	1	4	43	27	17

HOCKEY.

Summary of results:—

1st XI.—Played, 26; won, 16; lost, 8; drawn, 2; goals for, 76; goals against, 53.

2nd XI.—Played, 8; won, 3; lost, 3; drawn, 2; goals for, 7; goals against, 11.

These results of the season just completed are really quite satisfactory. The 1st XI have not suffered defeat at the hands of the same team twice, and, considering the numerous changes amongst the players necessitated by leave, courses, etc., have maintained a high standard of play. It is very noticeable, however, how poor are the results in wet weather. Perhaps this is in some part due to the fact that the majority of the team have played most of their hockey in India.

Capt. Heywood is still the most effective forward in the side, making up for what he lacks in polish by a determination and dash which have been responsible in no small degree for many of the victories. He has certainly done much to make the

forwards "get a move on" and "make ground."

Pte. Mileham in goal has played consistently well from the beginning of the season—some of his saves being really excellent.

The 2nd XI is still very far below the standard of the 1st XI, particularly in forward play, as the record above shows. Unfortunately soccer and rugger claim most of the players, and the companies have not managed to produce any fresh talent from their drafts. Good and consistent coaching from experienced players is necessary to get the best out of the younger ones.

The Boys have played frequently throughout the season and hit a ball about on Reed Hall, when grounds have not been available, but as yet no one has shown particular talent.

It is proposed to start hockey on the square to provide exercise during the summer months. It is hoped that company hockey representatives will realize the danger to good hockey that will occur if "square hockey" is not properly controlled, and take care to ensure that good umpires are available to prevent "sticks," "turning" and "kicks" that will otherwise tend to appear and remain a habit. The stick-work throughout the Battalion showed marked improvement.

The Company Shield was won by "C" (S.) Company, who won a very close and keenly contested game with "A" Company by 2—0. 2/Lieut. Unwin's dash was really the deciding factor in two evenly matched sides. If Capt. Heywood's transfer from "A" Company to "D" could have been postponed some two months, possibly the result might have been different.

A class for umpires was started early in the season, but unfortunately no examination was held. Pte. Gromm and Sergt. Kemp are leaving shortly for the 1st Battalion and Depot respectively, and so only two qualified umpires remain. It is most important that further candidates come forward next season to take the examination. A great debt of gratitude is due to our umpires, who have made the season's games so enjoyable for us. In no game is bad umpiring felt so much as in hockey.

Finally, the Officer i/c Hockey would like to take this opportunity of thanking

players, umpires and company representatives for their assistance and co-operation in the cause of the game in the Battalion and of wishing his successor, and the teams, every success at Portsmouth.

The following received their 1st XI Colours for the season:—

Pte. Mileham, Lieut. Man, Cpl. Stickley, L./Cpl. Etheridge, 2/Lieut. Unwin, Pte. Gorman, Capt. Heywood, Cpl. Buckland, Sergt. Kemp, Sergt. Deane, L./Cpl. Thompson and Lieut. Stephenson. Reserves: Lieut. Jacob, Cpl. Elcombe and Cpl. Makewell.

BOXING.

On the whole, we have had quite a successful season, which opened with an Individual Novices' Meeting with a view to picking a team for the Garrison Inter-Unit Novices' Competition. This competition produced quite a lot of fresh talent, and some good boxing of quite a high standard for novices was seen.

On 16th January we met the Somerset Light Infantry in the second round of the Garrison Inter-Unit Open Competition, having drawn a bye in the first round, and beat them by 12 fights to 3. Unfortunately L./Cpl. Stanton, the light heavy-weight, damaged himself and was unable to fight.

The team was:—

Bantam-weight.—L./Cpl. Lowe.
Feather-weight.—Ptes. Grogan and Gribble.
Light-weight.—Ptes. Bennett and Morley, and L./Cpl. Head.
Welter-weight.—L./Sergt. Livens, and L./Cpls. Collison and Trotobas.
Middle-weight.—Dmr. Mew, Pte. Mathews, L./Cpl. Pace and Pte. Tyler.
Light Heavy-weight.—Pte. Hutton.
Heavy-weight.—L./Sergt. Jenkins.

Grogan, Bennett, Livens and Jenkins gave excellent fights, as also did Mew, who was fighting a good man.

On 10th January four of our team went up to London to box against men of the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. They were:—

L./Cpl. Lowe, who won his fight with a knock-out in the second round.

Pte. Bennett, who won his fight with a knock-out in the first round.

L./Sergt. Livens, who lost on points to Pte. A. Graitt (a Territorial Army champion).

Dmr. Mew, who won easily on points.

The next item of importance was the third round of the Army Team Championships and the Garrison Inter-Unit Open Competition, when we met the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and lost to them by 20 points to 25, all fights being very closely contested. All fought extraordinarily well.

We have just concluded the Inter-Company Novices' Competition which was the first time that such a competition was run under the new sport rules. Some very spirited fighting was seen; the winners being "Q" Company, a good all-round team. "D" Company were the runners-up. Nearly all the matches were closely contested, while that between "G" and "B" Companies had to be decided on the result of the first-string welter-weight, the points being equal. We were sorry to see that the "windmill style" was rather in evidence. There is no doubt that the straight hitter comes off best, for his blows have less distance to travel than those of the "round the corner" tactician, whose blows are easy to see, guard or duck; besides which he usually hits with the wrong side of the glove.

Some promising talent was seen in this competition, notably: Ptes. Lawrence, Townes and Phillips, of "A" Company; Pte. Hall, of "C" (S.) Company; and Pte. Curtis, of "G" Company.

Pte. Barnes and Dmr. Lewin put up good shows. Both showed many a younger man how to put up a good fight.

We congratulate the following on being awarded their Boxing Colours:—

L./Sergt. Livens, L./Cpls. Lowe, Head, Collision and Trotobas, Dmr. Mew, and Ptes. Bennett, Morley and Grogan.

This year we were well represented at the Army Individual Championships by L./Sergt. Livens, Dmr. Mew and Pte. Bennett. L./Sergt. Livens reached the semi-finals of the welter-weight and narrowly lost on points. Dmr. Mew was also unlucky, having got as far as the preliminaries at Chelsea, and Pte. Bennett had the bad luck to fail to make light-weight by only half a pound and went up to welter-weight, where, in spite of this disadvantage, he did very well. We are expecting great things of him in the future.

Unfortunately L./Cpl. Lowe has been unable to box for medical reasons this latter part of the season, and had to cancel his fight for the Army team against Wales. We understand he will be fit for next season, when we will look forward to seeing him box again and, we hope, get his Army Colours. All the team have worked hard, even to postponing their Christmas leave in order to train for the Army Team Championships; surely a good test of keenness.

Before completing a fairly successful season the Inter-Company Open and the Individual Open Competitions have to be decided, and as a result of the latter we hope to see some new names recorded as belt-holders.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

SEASON 1934-35.

The season 1934-35 has shown a great improvement in the standard obtained by the Battalion at cross-country running.

Firstly, we must congratulate "C" (S.) Company on winning the Garrison Inter-Company Cross-Country Run and L./Cpl. Jacques, of "B" Company, on being first man in. Eight teams competed.

Secondly, we congratulate the Battalion team on gaining second place in the Garrison Inter-Unit Cross-Country Run, the Somerset Light Infantry defeating us by a very small margin. Eight teams competed in this race.

The following were awarded Colours for the season 1934-35: L./Cpl. Jacques, "B"; L./Cpl. Peasley, "H.Q."; L./Cpl. Day, "C" (S.); L./Cpl. Hinch, "A"; L./Cpl. Smith, "A"; Pte. Adams, "B"; and Pte. Hobson, "C" (S.).

SERGEANTS' MESS.

We have quite a few casualties to report for the quarter under review.

Sergt. Mason has proceeded to the T.A., and Sergt. Hows to the Depot. We wish them both the best of luck.

Sergt. Harwood has left us for civilian life—or rather he has exchanged one uniform for another, as he has obtained a position as a postman. "The Baron" had been a member of the Mess for as long as any of us can remember, and we were very sorry to lose him. We could not let him go without a souvenir of his

long membership, and we had the pleasure of a visit from him a short time ago which was made the occasion for the presentation to him of a handsome cabinet of cutlery. It is still rather a mystery as to whether or not he is married; anyhow, he will find the cabinet a permanent and useful reminder of the Mess. We wish him every success in civilian life.

His place as Band Sergeant has been taken by Sergt. Jennings, to whom we tender our congratulations.

We welcome to the Mess Sergt. Webb, who has rejoined us from the T.A., and L./Sergt. Bennett from the Depot. Our congratulations also go to the latter on his appointment to Lance-Sergeant.

Sergt. Kemp has been posted to the Depot, but has not yet actually left us. His place will be taken by Sergt. Green.

C.Q.M.S. West has rejoined us after his interesting and busy time with the Saar Force. He was away exactly three months, from 18th December to 18th March, and we believe quite enjoyed the experience, although he is glad to be back amongst us again.

We feel we must offer our heartiest congratulations to the following members, who both received very handsome New Year presents, to wit, baby boys born on 1st January: C.S.M. Peck and Sergt. Donaldson.

The monthly whist drives and dances have been held in January, February and March, and they have each been very successful and enjoyable evenings, well attended by members of other Messes and members' friends. We suppose we must resign ourselves to the one we have just had being the last of the season, probably the last until we are settled down in Portsmouth.

We have a very busy time ahead of us, with the Aldershot Tattoo, closely followed by the Annual Training Camp and then the move to Portsmouth, and shall have little time for social events during the year.

We almost forgot our (little) friend, Sergt. Hill, and must not close our notes until we have extended to him a welcome to the Mess. He joined us from the 1st Battalion in January, and at once loomed large (very large) in the affairs and life of the Mess.

STOP PRESS.

RUGBY.

The final of the Inter-Company Rugger was played on 28th March and won by "C" (S.) Company after a good game with "Q" Company. The latter were handicapped by inexperience and scanty knowledge of the rules, but made up for this by going really hard and showing plenty of spirit.

"C" (S.) Company were stronger in the forwards, which gave them the advantage of getting the ball in the tight and using Lieut. Unwin as their chief means of scoring.

The score was 15 points to 0. Scorers were: Lieut. Unwin (2 tries, 1 penalty goal), Lieut. Else (1 try) and Pte. Short (1 try).

BOXING.

INTER-COMPANY OPEN TOURNAMENT.

This tournament has taken place since the boxing notes were written. A summary is given here, and full details will appear in the August number.

First Round.—"C" (S.) Company beat "Q" Company by 19 points to 17. "C" (S.) Company was very fortunate to pass on into the final, as "Q" Company would have won if it had produced two feather-weights, whilst Pte. Tyler, of "Q" Company, was unable to box at short notice.

"A" Company beat "G" Company by 24 points to 12. "A" Company's team included four men of recent squads from the Depot who showed promise.

"D" Company beat "B" Company by 20 points to 18. This was a close match with the result in doubt until the last fight but one, in which Pte. Houghton, of "D" Company, beat L./Cpl. Bint, of "B." L./Cpl. Head, one of "D" Company's most promising boxers, was forced to retire owing to a cut eye.

Semi-finals.—"D" Company beat "A" Company by 22 points to 17. "C" (S.) Company, a bye.

Final.—"C" (S.) Company beat "D" Company by 24 points to 15. An excellent fight was seen between Pte. Hall and L./Cpl. Pryor, which was won by the former, and these boxers were complimented by the Commanding Officer when he presented the cup.

KEY TO PICTURE.

The following is the key to the full-page caricatures which appeared on page 93 in our November, 1934, issue:—

COLCHESTER, 1934.

TOP ROW.—Lieut. G. P. L. Weston, 2/Lieut. G. O. Porter, Lieut. M. A. Jacob, Lieut. A. M. Man, Lieut. (Qrmr.) R. T. Guscott, Capt. E. P. Manson, M.C., Lieut. F. H. Else, Lieut. F. J. Vaux, Capt. W. H. V. Jones, Capt. E. T. Pain and Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence.

MIDDLE ROW.—2/Lieut. J. E. F. Willoughby, Capt. H. W. Clayden, Lieut. E. L. Heywood, 2/Lieut. E. J. Unwin, Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson, Lieut. A. E. Green and 2/Lieut. T. W. Chattey.

FIRST ROW.—Capt. and Adj. S. J. Clark, Major J. R. Thorp, Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon, 2/Lieut. P. A. Fishbourne, Bt. Col. M. Browne, M.C., Capt. G. W. Kempster, 2/Lieut. C. M. Beath, Major N. H. B. Lyon, M.C., and Lieut. R. H. Batten.

AHMEDNUGGUR.

COLLATONS,

BOW, DEVON.

16th March, 1935.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I came across the following article on the siege and taking of the town and fort of Ahmednuggur by General Wellesley (afterwards the Duke of Wellington) in an old Military Encyclopædia of 1853, and as the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment was twice quartered at that station and received their present Colours when there, I think the account may be of interest to many of the readers of THE DIE-HARDS Journal.

"Ahmednuggur, a strong fortress in the Deccan thirty miles from Poonah, which was formerly in the possession of Scindia, but fell to the British arms during the campaign conducted by Gen. Wellesley. The Army opposed to him under the immediate command of Scindia and the rajah of Berar amounted to about 38,000 Cavalry, 10,500 regular infantry, 500 matchlock men, 500 Rocket-men and 100 pieces of Ordnance.

"In addition to these forces Scindia had an advance party of a few thousand horse, dispersed through the surrounding hills. The Artillery were served by French Officers.

"On arriving in the vicinity of the Pettah (town) Genl. Wellesley offered protection to the inhabitants, but this was peremptorily refused, because implicit reliance was placed on its means of defence.

"No alternative then remained but to storm the town, which was accordingly done in three separate, but simultaneous, attacks under the respective commands of Lt. Colonel Harness, Lt. Colonel Wallace and Captain Vesey, though the garrison which consisted partly of Arabs, offered a most brave resistance. Genl. Wellesley immediately began to reconnoitre the ground in the vicinity of the Fort. After having so far established his troops by the successful assault of the Pettah, an advantageous position was soon discovered and taken possession of by a detachment under Colonel Wallace.

"In the course of the night a battery of four guns was erected to take off the defences on the side where it was intended to make the principal attack. At dawn on the following morning this battery was opened, and continued such an effective fire that the Killedar (head man or commandant) proposed a temporary suspension of operations to afford time for capitulating, but Gen. Wellesley replied that the firing should not cease until the fort was taken, or it surrendered. Accordingly next morning the Commissioners came to the General and proposed a surrender upon condition of being allowed to depart with the garrison, and to have private property secured.

"These terms were accepted, and on 12th August, 1803, the Killedar marched out with a garrison of 1,400 men and the British took possession of the Fort."

Note.—I well remember when I was quartered at Ahmednuggur in 1895-96 that black buck were running wild in the deep ditch round the fort, and a very old rajah was kept a prisoner inside the fort and was visited daily by the field officer of the week.

G. W. W. S.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1935.

Amount of grants and loans made: £163 19s. 9d.

Grants specially sanctioned by the Committee: £6 10s.

Number of cases dealt with: 177.

Number of cases assisted: 99.

Number of men registered for employment: 40.

Number of men found permanent employment:—

(a) By the Regimental Association: 1.

(b) By the Acton Branch of National Association: 9.

(c) By other branches of National Association: 18.

Number of men found temporary employment:—

(a) By Regimental Association: nil.

(b) By the Acton Branch of National Association: 2.

(c) By other branches of National Association: 12.

Number of men who took up employment: 42.

Number of parcels sent out by Ladies' Guild: 16.

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A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, on 30th January, 1935.

Present:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair); Lieut.-Cols. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., and W. H. Samuel; Majors N. H. B. Lyon, M.C. (Hon. Secretary), W. E. Pringle, M.C., 7th Battalion, and R. A. Slee (Hon. Treasurer); Capt. H. W. Clayden, 9th Battalion, H. E. Foster and C. T. Whinney, M.C.; Lieut. W. C. Newton, 1st Battalion; R.S.M. C. Davies, R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M., C.Q.M.S. C. King, Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., Mr. F. E. Holmes, Mr. E. Morris and Major E. H. Amor (Secretary) in attendance.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Brigadier-General R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G.

The proposal to hold a parade on the Horse Guards Parade, followed by a march to the Cenotaph, where a wreath would be laid, was fully discussed, and a proposition that the parade should be held on 30th June was carried. It was agreed that the parade should include all Old Comrades up to the time of the Armistice, also those now serving who served in the Great War. Mufti to be worn by those attending, except markers, who would be in uniform.

Col. G. Beach, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., was present during the discussion of this subject.

The sum of £175 was allocated for the relief of necessitous cases for the quarter ending 31st March, 1935.

The question of employment was discussed, and it was decided to invite the General Secretary of the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen to be present at the next meeting of the Committee.

The accounts for 1934 were considered and passed, subject to the receipt of the Hon. Auditors' certificate.

It was decided that the next Old Comrades' Dinner should be held at the Drill Hall, Handel Street, Bloomsbury, on 2nd November, 1935, and that details should be considered at the next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for 1st May, 1935.

EXTRACTS FROM THE "LONDON GAZETTE."

REGULAR ARMY.

Royal Army Pay Corps.—Capt. J. H. Clowes, from Middlesex Regt., to be Capt. & Paymr., 16th Jan., 1935.

R. Mil. Coll.—Capt. & Bt. Maj. G. C. Bucknall, M.C., Midd'x R., relinquishes the appt. of Commdr. of a Co. of Gentlemen Cadets, 21st Jan., 1935.

The undermentioned Gentleman Cadets, from the Royal Military College, to be 2nd Lts., 31st January, 1935:—

Midd'x R.—John William Graham Ormiston, Henry Noel Clifton Gudgeon, Anthony George Hewitt and Martin Pryce Weedon.

Midd'x R.—Lieut. E. L. Heywood to be Capt., 12th February, 1935.

Capt. E. F. Lyons, M.C., having attained the age for retirement, is placed on ret. pay (Feb. 12), and is granted the rank of Major.

Midd'x R.—The follg. Cpts. retire on ret. pay (April 4):—F. A. L. Lawrence, E. P. Manson, M.C., S. Mirams, M.C., and G. W. Kempster.

The follg. Lts. to be Cpts. (April 4):—E. S. M. Ayscough, J. G. E. Reid, and remains secd., C. C. Musselwhite, and remains secd., D. Y. Cubitt, P. E. C. Tuckey and J. B. Worton.

Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., retires on ret. pay (April 24), and is granted the hon. rank of Brig.-Gen.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The follg., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, cease to belong to the Res. of Off.:—

Sec. Lt. H. E. White (Feb. 10), Lt. W. Jackson (March 18), Capt. R. Stephens (March 24).

Lt. H. E. White (Feb. 10) (substituted for the notification in *Gazette* of March 12).

The follg. Cpts. (ret. pay) to be Cpts. (April 4):—

Midd'x R.—S. Mirams, M.C., with seny. April 25, 1925.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

9th Bn. Midd'x R.—Sec. Lt. M. F. Pearson to be Lt. (March 2).

8th Bn. Midd'x R.—Sec. Lt. K. E. Turner to be Lt. (Feb. 3).

9th Bn. Midd'x R.—Capt. (Gr.-Maj.) W. S. Wright (Lt. ret. pay) retires and retains his rank, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform (April 30).

9th Bn. Midd'x R.—Capt. T. C. M. Johnson (ret. pay, Res. of Off., Border R.) to be Maj. (Gr.-Maj.) (May 4).

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., relinquishes the appt. of Comdr., 150th (York and Durham) Inf. Bde. (April 24).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

8th Bn. Midd'x R.—Lieut. J. L. H. Cloutte, from Active List, to be Lt. (March 13).

DEPOT NOTES.

WE are very sorry to lose Capt. S. Mirams, who has left us to take up a position in civil life where we wish him the best of luck, and Lieut. P. E. C. Tuckey, who has relinquished the appointment of Adjutant and is posted to the 2nd Battalion. His loss will be keenly felt by all who were associated with him at the Depot.

Lieut. J. R. B. Worton has been attached here for the past three months pending posting to the 1st Battalion. Before the publication of these notes he will have left us, and good wishes from all ranks of the Depot go with him and his family.

The following squads are now at the Depot:—

Badajos (Sergt. Smith), Vittoria (Sergt. Griffin), Ladysmith (Sergt. Painter), Seringapatam (Sergt. Northcott), and Mons (Sergt. Soper).

Albuhera (L./Sergt. Whitcombe) left to join the 2nd Battalion on 9th February.

The following N.C.Os. have left, or will have left, the Depot by the time the next notes are written: Sergts. Rogers, Kennett and Smith, L./Sergt. Whitcombe, and Cpls. Grant, Gigg and Jaques. We welcome as their reliefs Cpl. Parnell and L./Cpl. Hiscocks.

Sergt. Colbourne has been appointed Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry.

The following were the winners of recruits' competitions since the publication of the last issue of the Journal:—

COMMANDING OFFICER'S P.T. MEDAL.

Albuhera Squad.—Silver, Pte. Goodman; Bronze, Pte. Green.

SQUAD BADGE WINNERS.

Albuhera Squad.—16th Week, Pte. Lawrence (Pte. Vanner).

Badajos Squad.—8th Week, Pte. Hartley, (Pte. Parnall); 16th Week, Pte. Parnall (Pte. Hartley).

Vittoria Squad.—4th Week, Pte. Stead (Pte. Cutter); 8th Week, Pte. Stead (Pte. Cutter); 12th Week, Pte. Mules (Pte. Cutter).

Ladysmith Squad.—4th Week, Pte. Noble (Pte. Webster).

SHOOTING PRIZES.

Table "A," Part III (h.p.s. 105).

Albuhera Squad.—Pte. Cavill, 92.

Badajos Squad.—Ptes. Baggs, Hartley and Parnall, 89.

Vittoria Squad.—Pte. Mules, 90.

Empire Test (h.p.s. 80).

Albuhera Squad.—Pte. Green, 80.

Badajos Squad.—Ptes. Baggs, Parnall and Clark, 77.

Vittoria Squad.—Pte. Frelford, 78.

EDUCATION.

The following were awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education as shown:—

Depot Staff.—Ptes. Clark and Marshall.

Albuhera.—Ptes. Anderson, Cavill, Goodman, Harris, Jackson, Lawrence and Pape.

Badajos.—Ptes. Bradford, Burnett, 68 Clarke, Morton, Parnall and Pennick.

Vittoria.—Ptes. Ayres, Frelford, Piddington and Wickens.

FOOTBALL.

Our fixture list for the season drew to a satisfactory finish with the following results:—

Depot v. Depot Royal Fusiliers (away), won 2—1.

Recruits v. Depot East Surrey Regiment (away), won 4—2.

Depot v. Hendon F.C. (away), drew 3—3.

To close the football season a match was arranged with the Metropolitan Police College at Hendon which resulted in a win for the Police by 3 goals to 0.

BOXING.

In search of talent for the Army Championships in March, a number of competitions have been held during the past quarter.

During January an Individual Recruits' Competition was held, and the winners at their weights were:—

Bantam-weight.—Pte. Thompson (Vittoria).

Feather-weight.—Pte. Starkey (Vittoria).

Light-weight.—Pte. Noble (Ladysmith).

Intermediate-weight.—Pte. Silver (Badajos).

Welter-weight.—Pte. Taylor (Badajos).

Middle-weight.—Pte. Mules (Vittoria).

A representative team comprising the foregoing winners and some of the Permanent Staff represented the Depot against the 7th Battalion at Hornsey. There were a number of well-matched contests and the Depot just managed to win by 7 events to 6. Pte. Mule's effort against L./Cpl. Desborough and his victory showed an improvement in his form; he should, when he is posted to the Battalion, prove a valuable asset to the Battalion team. Pte. Noble, who has had considerable experience in civilian life, has the makings of a good boxer. Pte. Silver, who displays courage and dash, must learn restraint and the elementary principles of boxing.

We were handicapped in the eliminating round of the Eastern Command Championships owing to the fact that the recruits of Vittoria Squad were precluded

from entering owing to their length of service, so the Depot team was considerably weakened. In the competition against the Depot The East Surrey Regiment we lost by the odd fight in five; the recruits from Kingston were stockier, stronger and heavier, and these qualities proved the undoing of our younger team.

During February a composite team of staff and recruits fought the R.A.S.C. at Woolwich. Again the fact that our opponents were stronger and were also experienced novices gave them the victory, they recording nine knock-outs out of thirteen fights.

Much promising material is to be found among our later-joined recruits, and a Recruits' Competition is in progress at the time of going to press.

Arrangements for a match against the R.A.M.C., Millbank, and a return match against the R.A.S.C. are in hand, and as training is being seriously undertaken at the moment we trust our reports of the next competitions will be somewhat more favourable.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

One is between the devil of physical-training instructors and the deep sea of football as far as cross-country running is concerned at the Depot.

In other words, if the weather is dry and the ground playable, we want squads to play football, and if it is wet cross-country running is the most suitable form of exercise: everyone gets delightfully muddy and there is weeping and grating of teeth in the gymnasium next day.

As a result, cross-country running has been handicapped, but by dint of having a weekly run on Thursdays, this has been partly overcome, as the laundry gets the pleasure of the dirty kit and the runners have their clean kit on Friday.

All obstacles have not been overcome, as there still crops up a boxing meeting or a Depot football match to rob us of a man.

In spite of everything, however, we have managed to have enough runs to find some promising runners, and there are several whom we hope to see running for the Battalion and helping them to improve their team next year and gain bigger successes.

We congratulate the runners of the 2nd Battalion on being second in the Garrison Run, and still more men of "C" (S.) Company on winning the Garrison Inter-Company Run.

In Albuhera Squad, Pte. Goodman was the outstanding runner, and we hope to see him doing really well as he gains experience both on the track and cross-country. Pte. Evans, too, has considerable natural ability.

Of the runners now here, Pte. Noble shows the most promise, but Pte. Thompson, when he cures the left ankle weakness, and Pte. Baggs should be useful.

On the 16th we had a run against the 7th Battalion. Unfortunately they were not at full strength, and in spite of loaning them Ptes. Leahy and Weller (the latter on leave from the Battalion), we had a fairly easy victory. Pte. Noble was the first man in, Pte. Thompson being our next (fourth).

The team was:—

L./Cpl. Jaques (capt.), and Ptes. Noble, Thompson, Barnes, Driscoll, Marshall, Clark, Stead and Burnett.

It is hoped to have a return match on a neutral course next year to enlarge the programme with additional matches and thus give those who are keen on running added interest.

Cross-country running is rather apt to be the Cinderella of our sports, regarded by most men as merely a weekly fag, and we feel that if the Depot team can have more outside matches they will find what a really good sport it is, and have the same advantages which the football and cricket teams have of gaining valuable experience in competing with people whose ability they do not know.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Now that spring, with all her finery and splendour, has arrived thoughts are turning to the Jubilee, the Cup Final and the Derby.

Let us conjure up visions of the Jubilee procession—glittering robes of scarlet and ermine, orders and decorations flashing in the sun, nodding helmets and motionless bearskins, the crowd, patient, quiet and loyal, and—policemen.

To Wembley let us wend our way while Sheffield Wednesday and West Bromwich Albion weave, work and worm to win

their reward. The crowd, still loyal, but not so quiet, and—"peelers."

The *hoi polloi* of the Downs; the gipsies, the tipsters, the fairs, laughter and tears as the favourite misses the mark by a muscle, and still—"flatfoots."

Under the various names the "man in blue" is still a friend of all—judicial, advisory and helpful, but when he becomes a "bloater" and lurks malignly in the "shade of a sheltering palm," he is taboo. His confrère stationed in a more open position due south-east of him is no less a deadly foe. Touch him, merely brush past him or disturb his equanimity by but one iota, and the air is rent with frenzied yells and shouts, and the dulcet strains of "Stars and Stripes for Ever" or "Wagon Wheels" will make the welkin and the ears of the loser ring.

So we introduce the new spring pastime—skittles.

The "five-ace" record mentioned in our previous issue has been beaten, definitely and decidedly, and our honour for the moment is at stake, for the new holders are members of the weaker sex—"the hand that rocks the cradle throws a nifty die."

Two of our civilian friends and "Badger" and his partner have staged a recurring event—"the Auction of Souls." The main object seems to be to try to make five, six or seven, but to establish an ace in any suit one must trump *that* suit with the other ace of the same colour, blandly remarking, "That makes it safe now." The score-sheet, reminiscent of a "battleship score-card," may be adjusted on a sliding scale to suit local requirements or any armament pact in vogue at the time.

Since the New Year we have commenced a monthly dinner on the first Monday of each month. These, so far, have proved a welcome change and a success and should continue to do so, as it is intended to follow them in future by the *tournee melange* which usually succeeds the Mess meeting. "Whit" and "Griff" have a very hazy idea of the number of courses at the first dinner, but they must remember para. 406, Supply Regulations, "to replace one hole in inner man, if rations are not to hand, pull up one hole in belt."

Late in January a dance was held which, although voted a great success, might

have been even more so but for the snow and ice-bound roads which prevented the arrival of a number of our guests. Whist drives seem to be still popular, and the attendances are gratifying to those responsible for their success or failure.

Before these notes appear, Sergts. Rogers and Kennett and their respective families (by the way, congratulations to the latter on his family "strength increase") will have left us for somewhere just west of Suez. Let us wish them the best of everything, and in the same breath extend to L./Sergt. Hows and family our best wishes for a happy time during his tour *chez nous*.



7th BATTALION NOTES.

AS has now become our custom, we commenced our New Year activities with the Children's Christmas Party, which was a great success. A large number of children, with their parents, sat down to tea and thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment provided afterwards, which concluded with the distribution of presents by "Santa Claus and Son." Our grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Pringle and the other ladies who assisted in the excellent arrangements for the tea, and to Mrs. Smith, who buys and personally ties up the two hundred or so presents for the children.

Whilst dealing with the social activities of the Battalion, we should like to take this opportunity of congratulating all companies on their dances this year. They have, on the whole, been very well attended, and deservedly so, for a great deal of time and labour was spent in each case in making the necessary preparations. It was most unfortunate for "H.Q." Wing and "C" Company that their dance fell on a day when there was a heavy snowstorm, which undoubtedly prevented many people from attending.

We are glad to notice that the N.C.Os.' Club, at Headquarters, have been re-organizing whist drives this winter, and we hope that next year they will carry on the good work.

Weapon Training has been uppermost in our thoughts since the drill halls reopened after the Christmas break, and it

has been gratifying to see that, on the whole, such an interest has been taken in this important part of our training. We look forward with some confidence to even better results than last year, when we commence Classification at Easter. For the riflemen there is a new experimental course, which should give no one any difficulty who has been regular in his attendance at the drill halls. In addition, all, except the Machine Gunners, have to qualify in the Empire Test on the miniature range. This also should present little difficulty.

"D" Company were again victorious in the Fire Direction Competition for the Barnet Cup and, as a result of this victory, were chosen to represent the Battalion in the Brigade Fire Direction Competition. Although the team had had a lot of practice, they failed to do themselves justice, and were beaten by both the 8th and 9th Battalions.

The results of the Efficiency Competition for the Clay Memorial Shield have just been announced, and "D" Company once more head the list. Their success is richly deserved, for they have done consistently well throughout the year. Hearty congratulations, "D" Company!

A T.E.W.T. for N.C.Os. was held at Sarratt, near Rickmansworth, on 17th March, and was well attended. This quiet Hertfordshire village had quite a shock when we descended upon it on a lovely spring morning to fight imaginary battles in its vicinity. The villagers would have had an even greater shock had they seen the amount of liquid refreshment consumed by some of our N.C.Os.

To turn to the sporting side of our activities, boxing has held pride of place. We had an exciting match with the Depot, at Hornsey, which was in doubt until the last fight of the evening, when the Depot won. It was a splendid evening's sport, which will long be remembered by those who witnessed it. We did not do so well as we expected in the Group Championships, which were also held at Hornsey. We had only one champion—L./Cpl. Desborough—whom we congratulate on again winning the middle-weight championship.

The Divisional Championships this year will, from our point of view, be chiefly remembered for the excellent performance of Pte. Trafford, who deputized at the

last minute in the bantam-weight competition for Pte. Smith of the 9th Battalion, and won his weight. Trafford took up boxing only this year, but he has made rapid progress, and should go far if he is properly looked after. As a result of his success in the Divisional Championships he was selected to represent the Division in the T.A. Championships, and he did extremely well again to reach the semi-finals, when he was narrowly beaten

Run, and we hope that next year they will make every effort to do so. A little encouragement is all that is needed. Apart from the Battalion Run we have had two matches against other teams, in preparation for the Divisional Run. We were beaten in both of these, and this was undoubtedly largely due to the fact that on neither occasion could we produce a really representative team. This was disappointing, as it has not been possible to gauge



"D" COMPANY CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM.
Winners, 1935.

Back Row.—Pte. A. Trafford (runner-up) and Pte. J. Watts.
Front Row.—L./Cpl. W. Desborough, Capt. G. C. D. Scott Lowe, Sergt. G. Bundy (winner).

on points, after a very good fight. Well done, Trafford!

We congratulate "D" Company on winning the Cross-Country Running Championship again, and also Sergt. Bundy on winning the Individual Championship for the second year in succession. Bundy is running extremely well this year, and we have great hopes that he will finish well up in the Divisional Cross-Country Running Championship at Seven-oaks on 13th April. It is a great pity that "H.Q." Wing and "C" Company did not enter teams for the Battalion

our real strength. We congratulate the Depot on beating us both times, and take this opportunity of thanking them for the excellent arrangements they made on our behalf for our Battalion Run. In the second match the Southgate Harriers kindly turned out a team to run against both the Depot and ourselves. The Harriers won easily, but the Depot and ourselves gained valuable experience. We hope this fixture will be repeated next year.

By the time these notes appear in print we shall be feverishly preparing for camp

once more. This year it has been decreed that we shall go to Aldershot and, despite the many rumours which seem to have been spread around, we feel sure that we shall have a really first-class camp which all will enjoy. Aldershot has always been a good camping-ground for the T.A., and there is no reason why this year, in our case, there should be an exception to the rule.

We bring our notes to an end sadly. Our Bandmaster died on 28th February, 1935, after a long illness. Mr. Laing was an excellent musician and a master at his job. He had been with us only a few years, but during that time he did some sterling work with the Band, and brought it up to a high state of efficiency. He will be greatly missed and difficult to replace. We tender our deepest sympathy to his family in their sad loss.

BATTALION EFFICIENCY COMPETITION.

The following was the result of the Battalion Efficiency Competition for the Clay Memorial Shield for the year ended 31st October, 1934:—

1. "D" Company	677.57
2. "B" (S.) Company	546.27
3. "A" Company	527.63
4. "C" Company	490.68

SHOOTING.

BARNET CUP COMPETITION.

The following was the result of the Inter-Company Fire Direction Competition for the Barnet Cup, held at Hornsey on 5th February:—

1. "D" Company	164
2. "B" (S.) Company	153
3. "C" Company	136
4. "A" Company	101

BOXING.

TEAM MATCH v. DEPOT.

The following are the detailed results of our match with the Depot, at Hornsey, on 24th January:—

Bantam-weight.—1. Pte. Trafford (7th Bn.) beat Pte. Parker (Depot); 2. Pte. Thompson (Depot) beat Dmr. Sills (7th Bn.).

Feather-weight.—1. Pte. Whiting (7th Bn.) beat Pte. Starkey (Depot); 2. Dmr. Pennick (7th Bn.) beat Pte. Green (Depot).

Light-weight.—1. L./Cpl. Nation (7th Bn.) beat Cpl. Wray (Depot); 2. Pte. Noble (Depot) beat Pte. Webb (7th Bn.); 3. Pte. Clark (Depot) beat Pte. Bolster (7th Bn.).

Intermediate-weight.—1. Pte. Spedding (7th Bn.) beat Cpl. Harman (Depot); 2. Pte. Wood (7th Bn.) beat Pte. McEachran (Depot); 3. Pte. Parnell (Depot) beat Pte. Hensman (7th Bn.).

Welter-weight.—1. Pte. Taylor (Depot) beat Pte. Jones (7th Bn.); 2. Pte. Goodman (Depot) beat Pte. Lambert (7th Bn.); 3. Cpl. Parry (Depot) beat Pte. Edwards (7th Bn.).

Middle-weight.—Pte. Mules (Depot) beat L./Cpl. Desborough (7th Bn.).

Team Result.—Depot beat 7th Battalion by 8 fights to 6.

MIDDLESEX GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The following were the points obtained towards the Group Boxing Trophy at the Group Boxing Championships held at Hornsey on 2nd February:—

1. 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment	13
2. 8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment	12
3. 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment	9
4. 317th A.A.S.L. Company, R.E. ...	0

The following individual successes were obtained by personnel of the Battalion at the above championship meeting:—

Other Ranks' Middle-weight Champion.—L./Cpl. W. Desborough, "D" Company.

Other Ranks' Fly-weight Runner-up.—Dmr. F. Smith, "H.Q." Wing.

Other Ranks' Bantam-weight Runner-up.—Pte. A. Trafford, "D" Company.

Other Ranks' Light-weight Runner-up.—Pte. G. Spedding, "D" Company.

DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The following individual success was obtained at the Divisional Boxing Championships held at Chelsea on 16th February:—

Other Ranks' Bantam-weight champion.—Pte. A. Trafford, "D" Company.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

INTER-COMPANY TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following was the result of the Inter-Company Cross-Country Running Championship held at Mill Hill on 23rd February:—

1. "D" Company	110
2. "B" (S.) Company	93
3. "A" Company	85
4. "C" Company	36

Individual Winner.—Sergt. G. Bundy, "D" Company; runner-up, Pte. A. Trafford, "D" Company.

MATCH 2. DEPOT.

Held at Mill Hill on 16th March, and won by the Depot on the average placing by 9.5 to 12.

MATCH 2. DEPOT AND SOUTHGATE HARRIERS.

Held at Enfield on 30th March, and resulted as follows:—

1. Southgate Harriers	30 pts.
2. Depot	62 pts.
3. 7th Battalion	89 pts.

"A" COMPANY.

On reading through recent numbers of this Journal one cannot fail to be struck by the modern trend of Regimental journalism, and one is forced to conclude that the writers are either newshawks themselves or more under the influence of the Penny Press than they think. To come into line, therefore, we are publishing in a like manner. We hasten to add that the Editor's decision is final.

BIRTH.

HICKS.—On 19th January, 1935, to Ethel May, wife of Cpl. J. Hicks—a son.

DEATH.

DIRT.—On Monday, 4th March, 1935, at the Drill Hall, Highgate, after a painful process lasting one week, dearly disliked foe of C.S.M. Stevenson, on the occasion of the De Salis Cup (Association papers, please note).

MARRIAGES.

NONE.—After all, they are much the same as deaths, and in a broadminded community such as ours, births will still go on, nevertheless.

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As the political situation is beneath our contempt we go on to sport:—

BADMINTON.

Unfortunately these notes have to be written before we play our final match with "D" Company. We confidently expect to win this competition, and, though being a modest lot of boys we do not indulge in chicken censuses or censi (whichever school you went to—you cads), we do not care if they call up all their

reserves. No players have been transferred, and it is not the directors' policy to spend thousands of pounds on new players. As we are not able to train at Brighton we are doing most of it in the canteen.

BOXING.

We must take this opportunity of congratulating Pte. Trafford, "D" Company, on getting into the semi-finals of the T.A. bantam-weight. We can understand his disappointment at losing on points, but would like to remind him that to be amongst the last four of his weight in the T.A. is no ordinary achievement. With increased experience he should do even better in twelve months' time.

CROSS-COUNTRY.

If it had not been that the representatives of "B" and "D" Companies had run faster than we did, or alternatively if they had mistaken the date or even died during the run, we would have won this comfortably. As it is, the Company must be congratulated—they might have been fourth.

WHIST.

A series of successful post-parade drives has been held under the auspices of Cpl. Batchelor. As a result of these debauches, trousers are now worn with capacious turn-ups, and two visiting Company Commanders have been led out sobbing, and revived with lashings of Mr. Watney's beer. That the writer has never had his card initialled by his opposing "lady," or won a prize, testifies to his honesty (or idiocy).

Motor racing, polo and chess notes are unavoidably held up until the next issue.

TRAINING.

Barnet Cup.—In this fire direction competition the Company are to be congratulated on putting up a very good performance. In passing, we should mention that the three other companies who entered had better scores than us.

We are now in the throes of the W.T. season, and we welcome the regular appearance of the Adjutant or Quartermaster to our precincts, for this reason. We hear that the 30-mile-an-hour lark is not greatly affecting the former. Had it been 10 miles per hour he might have been seriously inconvenienced.

SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

An all ranks' dance will be held on 30th March. All are welcome. (As the Journal is published in May, this information will be extremely useful.) Felicitations to L./Cpls. Ward and Newton on their recent appointments.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Cissy.—No, that was not a cuckoo—it was the deep-throated hiccough. They are very common, and can be heard at Highgate any Monday or Thursday evening.

Finally and seriously, we must deplore the loss the Battalion has suffered by the death of its Bandmaster. We extend our very sincere sympathies to Mrs. Laing in her bereavement.

"B" (S.) COMPANY.

Our Company scribe, having started his Christmas festivities early last year, it was quite impossible to get him to produce any notes for the February issue of the Journal.

On looking over the past few months it seems that there has been a general all-round improvement in the Company—not before it was needed. Attendances are going up, and we have at least gained a couple of second places in competitions; not that we place much faith in these things—they are apt to let you down.

We gained second place in the Fire Direction Competition, which is a credit to the whole team; only two of them had previously taken part in the show.

In the Cross-Country Championship we ran second to "Don" Company. The team ran well, but the conditions and extra length of course rather surprised them.

The Children's Party went off as well as usual this year. C.S.M. Stevenson is to be congratulated on his very fine imitation "Olde Englyshe Chimblee."

We held an all ranks' dance on 2nd March which, by general agreement, was one of the most successful any member can remember. The hall was excellently decorated by C.S.M. Ramsey and his gang, to whom all praise. The Band, our old friends "Stan Gould and His Virginians," played remarkably good music. There was a good attendance of

the Company and their friends, and an entire lack of the rowdy element.

On Sunday, 17th March, an N.C.O.s' T.E.W.T. was held about Sarratt, in Hertfordshire. The weather was kind to us, and a large number of N.C.O.s. enjoyed a pleasant and instructive day. It really is amazing the difference in speed between an N.C.O. walking to a pub and one walking away from a pub to carry on the exercise.

Certain officers in the Battalion hopped over to the Continent for a week-end, and we have since heard that the "bright young things" in Soissons are delighted with the two expressions they learnt that week-end. "Un pour la route" seems easy, but "un Bindem" sounds more like a traveller in baby-linen than an expression used in an hotel, inn, café or other drinking-den.

One of the major events in the Battalion life this past quarter was the arrival of our Adjutant in a brand-new "road-house." He has, it seems, invested in an Austin. It certainly looks very nice and has been seen to run occasionally. Further particulars can be had from the Quartermaster or any local "cop."

Since last we rushed into print we have lost the services of one of our officers, Mr. Clarke. Having duly defeated the examiners, he has thrown in his lot with the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and become a "pukka sahib," etc. We wish him the very best of luck and all happiness in his new sphere, and tender to him our grateful thanks for all he did for us whilst serving in the Company.

A much sadder loss to us and the Battalion was the death of our Bandmaster, "Sammy" Laing. We should like to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Laing.

We close by extending our heartiest congratulations to C.S.M. and Mrs. Ramsey on the birth of their second daughter, and we are all glad to hear that "mother and child are doing well."

"C" COMPANY.

At the moment we are all endeavouring to give a fair imitation of doing a job of work. That space of time known to training programmes as the "Individual Training Period, Part II," is the reason for this unaccustomed activity.

We have occasionally broken off for a few minutes, as on 26th January, when we, in conjunction with "H.Q." Wing, held an all ranks' dance. Owing to the howling blizzard, comparatively few turned up, but those present managed to enjoy themselves until a later hour than usual. In talking of this we should like to point out to certain N.C.Os. that it is only natural that a taxi with more than ten on board should ascend Muswell Hill rather slowly in a snowstorm.

A T.E.W.T. for all N.C.Os. stands out rather strongly in memory: especially for the inhabitants of Sarratt, who, on witnessing the arrival of bus-loads of individuals with one hand full of papers, the other of sandwiches, and both eyes on opening-time, decided that the long-promised extension of the railway was about to be surveyed. Incidentally, the syndicate which attempted to hand in answers to Problem 6 to a nearby scarecrow gets very few marks.

Whist drives seem to be a very popular indoor "sport" at the moment among the N.C.Os. This type of function is not to be confused with those weird midnight gatherings held by "A" Company under the guise of recreational training. The N.C.Os. have only four aces in each pack.

Among those recently posted to the Company we must welcome Pte. Collop, who is now fit enough to continue serving. Our quarterly crop of congratulations is extended to Cpl. and Mrs. Hunt on the increase in family strength; to Sergt. Nolan on being awarded the Territorial Efficiency Medal; to L./Sergt. Leggett on his recent promotion; and to "B" (S.) Company on their decorations at their dance.

In closing, we welcome 2/Lieut. R. H. Othwaite, of the 6th Bn. The West Yorkshire Regiment, who is temporarily attached to us. We hope he will find Hornsey a good substitute for Bradford.

"D" COMPANY.

We have this quarter to welcome to the Company Mr. Arnold, who, after a period of military inactivity, has returned to the Battalion. First impressions reveal that he has the interest of the Company at heart, and we hope he will settle down

and find that "D" Company is a worthy substitute for his old company at Enfield.

In the sporting line boxing, cross-country running and badminton have held our attention. For the first time for very many years the Battalion has produced an Other Ranks' Divisional Champion in Pte. Trafford, who won the bantam-weight.



PTE. A. TRAFFORD, "D" COMPANY.
Divisional Bantam-weight Champion and
Semi-Finalist T.A. Boxing Championships.

Not content with this, he eventually reached the semi-finals of the T.A. Championships, where he lost by a narrow margin to an opponent from Glasgow. This was a remarkable performance for a young fellow in his first year of serious boxing. Well done, Trafford! L./Cpl. Desborough also boxed finely in the Divisional Championships, and we are looking forward to the day when his luck will change at this show. At the Brigade

Meeting, besides those already mentioned, Ptes. Spedding (runner-up, light-weight), Watts (welter-weight) and Wood (welter-weight) did very well.

Our runners waded round the course at the Battalion Cross-Country Meeting at a faster rate than the other companies; Sergt. Bundy, Pte. Trafford and Capt. Scott Lowe occupying the first three places. Congratulations to Sergt. Bundy on retaining the Individual Championship and to Pte. Trafford on adding running to his boxing laurels.

At badminton we have beaten "B," "C" and "H.Q.," but "A" Company carried too many big guns for us, and we were rather easily defeated. Best wishes go to them on winning the tournament, but we should like to know whether Mr. Gandhi's friends had anything to do with it.

Darts and skittles (or knocking holes in the Drill Hall wall) are popular games these days at Tottenham. A dart club is in process of formation, and, judging by the abundant material available, we should find quite a useful team. Pokey-die is temporarily out of fashion, but it will rise when the shooting or thirsty season is on us again.

Congratulations to L./Cpl. Huggins on his appointment. He made a good start by leading our section to victory in the Fire Direction Competition. He also did quite well in the Brigade Show at Hounslow, but the shooting of the team rather put the tin hat on any hopes we had of winning.

We are now all thinking of that bright spot in the year—camp. This summer we are due to go to Mytchett Farm, near Aldershot, and, judging by statements made by people who have camped there before, it should be an unqualified success. We would point out to the few who imagine that camping near a garrison town will restrict their activities that this is nothing of the kind, and would draw their attention to the 1929 camp at Dover (another garrison town), which, apart from the wretched weather, was a very good show.

BARRACK STAFF.

The local correspondent (Portsmouth) to the R.A.S.C. Journal sends the following:—

Although not of the Corps, we should like to record the retirement of Barrack

Warden E. W. Partridge, at the age of 62, from the Barrack Department after nearly twenty-one years' faithful service, of which thirteen years have been spent in Portsmouth.

Enlisting as a band boy in the Middlesex Regiment in 1888 he was sent to India in the same year, and after ten years returned to Woolwich, only to embark for South Africa and the Boer War, from which he emerged with two medals—the Queen's South African (six bars) and the King's South African (two bars). He returned home to Hounslow, then Portsmouth and later to Mill Hill, the Middlesex Depot, where he was discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

He joined the Barrack Staff in October, 1914, and served in Halton Camp, the Royal Air Force camp, until moving to Portsmouth in 1921, from where he is departing to retirement in civil life.

In the presence of, and on behalf of, his comrades, Lieut. (Qrmr.) G. F. C. Gullidge presented him with a fourteen-day clock suitably inscribed.



8th BATTALION NOTES.

WE are again reminded that the notes for the next issue of the Journal are due, and it is extraordinary how time flies. We scarcely seem to be able to finish our contribution for one issue before it is time to commence our report for the next.

Since we last appeared in print we have been engaged in many sporting and social events. Our last officers' dance was a great success and well attended, and we hope at a later date to report a similar success on the occasion of our Jubilee Ball.

The Fire Direction Competition recently held at Battalion Headquarters produced a greatly improved standard and resulted in a close finish between "B" and "D" Companies, the latter being the winners with an excellent score of 100. The shoot was preceded by an officers' conference and supper.

On Saturday, 2nd February, we journeyed to the Headquarters of the 7th Battalion at Hornsey to witness one of the best Brigade Boxing Championships we have had for some years. Every bout was

keenly and cleanly contested, and we congratulate the 9th Battalion on retaining the cup, and of course ourselves on being placed second and only one point behind the winners. It was unfortunate that our two welter-weights, Ptes. Coshall and Colman, had to meet in the semi-final, and the latter was unlucky to lose by a small margin of points in the final after a very close fight which, however, was his third during the evening. We congratulate Coshall on his plucky and spirited display: with more training he will go far. Pte. Ing also is to be heartily congratulated on winning the light-weight, and Cpl. Crump on winning the light heavy-weight. Pte. King did well in the middle-weight class. An outstanding fighter was Pte. Baker, who is undoubtedly one of our best feather-weights. There are others we could mention, but time and space will not permit, but the whole Battalion team fought well and showed a marked improvement on last year's form.

In the Divisional contest Cpl. Crump won his first fight, but was ultimately beaten. And now to another topic.

We regret we were unable to witness the procession from the Abbey the other day: we were told it was indeed a "moving" spectacle, and a certain officer who was the hero of the occasion wishes us to announce that it was from Chertsey, not Westminster. We hope the new objective, now captured, will be well consolidated.

On Sunday, 17th February, the officers and N.C.Os. carried out a T.E.W.T. in the vicinity of Ash, and five coaches conveyed some 150 officers and other ranks of the Battalion to the same area again on 3rd March, when the attack was launched, the enemy routed, and their position consolidated by well-chosen defensive localities. Communications were well maintained by the Battalion Signalers, and the 44th (H.C.) Divisional Signals also took part in the operations. A civilian gentleman was much in evidence in the area of the "foremost defended localities"; we gather he was military correspondent for the *Acorn Gazette*.

We were represented in the finals of the T.A. Boxing Championships held at the Headquarters of the London Scottish at Buckingham Gate, on 7th March, by Capt. R. W. Mayer, who met Lieut. R. W. Gleed of the H.A.C., the holder

of the officers' light-weight. Gleed won the first two rounds, scoring frequently with good lefts, but Mayer made an excellent recovery, but, alas, too late, in the last round and scored points, but he gave his opponent a hard fight.

The Brigade Fire Direction Competition was held at our Headquarters on 12th March and resulted in our again winning the shield. We congratulate "D" Company on their excellent performance.

The result of the new competition for the best-conducted Drill Hall in the county has just been announced, and the De Salis Trophy goes to the 604 Squadron of the Auxiliary Air Force for their fine new Headquarters at Heathrow, Hampstead. We congratulate our "A" Company, "B" Company and Headquarters on gaining second, third and fourth prizes respectively for their Drill Halls.

On Saturday, 16th March, the Battalion Cross-Country Run was held at the Aerodrome at Northolt. There was a large field, and "D" Company (Uxbridge) again won the cup. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Ellis, after which the teams sat down to a good tea of eggs, sausages and chips—well worth running five miles for!

"H.Q." WING.

In our last notes we anticipated losing the Battalion Boxing Competition owing to our not being able to find competitors for the heavy and light heavy-weight, but we are very pleased to record that we won this competition and great credit is due to those battling boys of the Wing:—

L./Cpls. Jones and Maton, and Ptes. Charles, Sharp, Baker, Addinall and Kingsman.

The Wing in general thank them for putting up a very fine performance, and hope that they will continue training and at the same time teach newcomers the valuable spirit of "the will to win," so that there will be no difficulty in retaining the cup next year.

In the Miniature Range Competition all teams shot extremely well, honours going to "D" Company, who eventually went through to win the Brigade Competition, and the Wing heartily congratulate them on their success.

In the cross-country event we have nothing to shout about. In losing L./Cpl.

Kendall we lost our key man. The Wing must look round to find a runner around whom they can build a team, and it is hoped that this may be possible at camp when civil work is a secondary consideration. The social section is bucking up remarkably of late, and many dart and table-tennis competitions have taken place recently against visiting teams.

We have been doing well in recruiting lately, and the interest taken by the newcomers bids well for us in the future.

In closing, the Wing extend a hearty welcome to Major W. W. Wagstaff, who has taken over command of the Wing from Lieut. M. C. D. King.

"A" COMPANY.

We are feeling particularly proud of ourselves at the moment, and we earnestly request that all those who contemplate reading these notes should remove their caps at once. It is our privilege to announce that we came second in the De Salis Trophy (a prize for the best-kept Drill Hall in Middlesex), and without detracting any glory from Heathrow, the winners, we should like to say that, whereas we have occupied Hampton Drill Hall since 1914, Heathrow has only recently been completed.

During the past quarter we have been very busy, both as regards military and social activities. Our boxers are to be congratulated on an excellent performance, especially Ptes. Raynsford and Pickard. The Fire Direction Competition team have also carried our colours well, and Sergt. Handman and his merry men are to be congratulated on the time and practice they put in for this event.

"Bacchus" and his satellites visited us on Saturday, 16th February, in the person of Mr. Mitcham and his Old Comrades of "C" Company. We had as our guests also that night Capt. T. L. Marks and 2/Lieut. S. H. L. Walford. The games tournament went off very well; all enjoyed themselves and there was no beer left.

With our inter-communication exercise now past, we feel we are a great deal wiser and that, if once we get the chance to put our lessons into operation, red tabs will certainly come our way, and present us with a baton.

We take off our hats to:—

C.S.M. Atkins on his success in the De Salis Trophy.

Heathrow on winning the competition. "B" (S.) Company and "H.Q." Wing on being third and fourth respectively.

Capt. R. W. Mayer on his game fight in the Army Championships.

C.S.M. and Mrs. Atkins on adding a girl to their strength on Sunday, 17th March, 1935.

"B" (S.) COMPANY.

(EALING.)

Since our last notes we have sustained a most regrettable loss, viz., the Miniature Range Shield. We were congratulating ourselves on the successful retention of the trophy when the judges announced the chilling news that after a recount the "pot" had to be awarded elsewhere. Our heartiest congratulations go to "D" Company on wresting it from us, but we should like to warn them that we have every intention of taking it back again next year.

Though we did not carry off the Boxing Trophy we distinguished ourselves right well, and we congratulate all members of the Company who were successful contestants.

The training season is once more upon us, and we are able to make a great start this year, thanks to the 2nd Battalion, who have been good enough to invite us to Colchester for Easter Training. We hope the Company will show its appreciation by a really good attendance.

We have met with gratifying success in the N.C.Os.' course at Hounslow, and our congratulations are extended to all those candidates who passed the examination.

Lieut. Sadler is away on a five-week course at the London District School. On his return he will no doubt enlighten us with the latest intelligence of the gun. We should also like to take this opportunity of congratulating him on passing his promotion examination to Captain, which was held at Colchester in November last.

Before ending these notes we wish to play our small part in extending a most sincere and hearty welcome to Major W. W. Wagstaff ("H.Q." Wing), of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers, who

has joined the Battalion; we only hope that the Company will be fortunate enough to see a lot of him.

On going to press, news has reached us that the Company has lost another officer by the transfer of Lieut. J. H. Cloutte to the Regimental Reserve of Officers. We bid him "au revoir" and wish him the best of luck.

"C" COMPANY.

We acknowledge the triumph of Truth over Bureaucracy, and trust that once again conscience will compel the censor to allow these notes to reach the printed page.

A small entry, owing to some of the Company being unable to fight through work or illness, handicapped us in the Fenton Boxing Cup. But we must congratulate those who did fight; and especially Pte. Coshall on his very excellent performance. A word also for Pte. Bendall, who put up such a very plucky fight against a much more experienced opponent.

We beg to announce the discovery of the first mobile mountain; for at Ash during the recent tactical exercise we spent a delightful day pursuing Duke's Hill. But no sooner had we reached it than with alarming regularity it shifted its position some 500 yards away. There were many descriptions and explanations of this phenomena; the descriptions are all unprintable; and the only two possible explanations are either that we were victims of a mirage, or that "C" Company is psychic and this was some gigantic manifestation of table-turning. Owing to these unforeseen circumstances, we must tender our apologies to the Signal Section for not being able to make use of the Company Headquarters which they had so ably selected for us in the district.

Our team in the Fire Direction Competition under L./Sergt. Shrieves made a very good effort and finished third, only a few points behind the winners.

It was with great regret that we learned of the death of ex-Cpl. Seward, who for many years was a valuable member of the Company. Representatives of the Company attended the funeral.

We entered a full team for the cross-country run, and although inexperienced they all ran well and pluckily. Sergt.

Hawkins, the veteran of the race, deserves special congratulations.

Our Old Comrades, not content with their supremacy at Staines, journeyed to "A" Company at Hampton, where they proved invincible at darts, billiards, pokey-die, cribbage, elbow-lifting and several other games of skill or chance.

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Comrades was held at the Drill Hall on 9th March. The Hon. Secretary, ex-Clt.-Sergt. Mitcham, was able to report a credit balance in the accounts, and a membership of forty. In the absence of Major Norwood, Lieut. King ably presided over the meeting.

"D" COMPANY.

Since the last notes were printed, the Company has been going great guns.

First we should mention that we won the Battalion Fire Direction Competition with 100 points out of a possible 120. This was a very fine show and the Company are to be congratulated. "B" Company ran us to a very near finish, being only two points behind.

Following on this, we represented the Battalion in the Brigade Fire Direction Competition and won this by a margin of seven points from the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. Again the team put up a very fine show, and the amount of work they put in was amply justified.

In the Battalion Boxing Competition we were runners-up to "H.Q.", whom we congratulate on a fine performance. Pte. Ing won his weight in the Brigade Competition, and Pte. Coleman, whom we have to thank a lot for his efforts with the team, was beaten in the welter-weight final by Pte. Gaith, of the 9th Battalion. The latter went on to win the Territorial Army Championship title, and we offer our congratulations to him on this win.

We again won the Battalion Cross-Country Run at Northolt, and the excellence of our team may be guessed by the fact that out of the first twelve home, "D" Company supplied six. Pte. Love-ridge was first and Pte. Shepherd second. Room does not allow us to give all the other performances, but the Company put up a fine show and generally seems to have its tail well in the air. Congratulations to "B" Company on being second in this event.

We have had some matches with the company of R.E. at Southall on Sundays, playing darts and firing a shooting match. Up to now honours are with "D" Company, who have won both darts matches, while the shooting stands at one match each. We thoroughly enjoy these events and hope that we will have plenty more. What about the other companies?

Recruits are going strong and we have recruited eight since the last notes in a period of about three months against about thirteen in the whole of last year. We hope to get several more before camp.

OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the death of Pte. G. Hancocks of this Company at the early age of 21. Our sincere regrets to his parents on their bereavement.

9th BATTALION NOTES.

"A" COMPANY.

WHEN we penned these notes for last quarter we were full of Christmas spirit and optimism, to say nothing of a certain prize, won in the Christmas shoot, and we made some rather rash statements.

Owing to business reasons, we have been deprived of the presence of our Company Commander, and those who know Mr. Gunston will realize what this absence meant to us. Furthermore, our Second-in-Command, Mr. Canning, after being away in the North, returned with tonsillitis, and so for the greater part of the winter weapon training the leadership of the Company has fallen on R.S.M. Goodall, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude, for he has had to struggle along with a minimum number of instructors, nearly all our N.C.Os. apparently being on night work or overtime.

Firstly, the Battalion Boxing Championships. True, we hardly dared to hope we could regain this event, but, on paper, thought we could put up a fair show, but, alas, for the first time for many years, if ever at all, we did not collect a single point, although we were not alone in our misfortune, "D" Company sharing a similar fate. Our team—L./Cpl. Austin

and Ptes. Malcolm, Suckling and Thoroughgood—put up a good show.

Next came the Fire Direction Competition. Here again, on paper, we had a winning team—all good shots and members of the Battalion Rifle Club. But, alas, a misunderstanding as to which particular poplar tree or hedgerow—we know not which; anyhow, again we finished at the bottom.

We await the result of the Sherwood Shield, and wild horses will not drag our opinion from us now, but we promise to publish it in next quarter's notes.

Now for brighter news.

We congratulate L./Cpl. Williams on his appointment and welcome as newcomers Ptes. Aldridge, Foster, Grant and Sergeant.

Talking of newcomers brings us to the last item of these notes. For some unknown reason, either in the excitement of the Christmas festivities or else the fact that we do not quite realize it, we omitted in last quarter's notes all reference to the retirement of our C.Q.M.S., J. Shand.

For twenty-eight long years "Jimmy" has served this Battalion faithfully and well. Twenty-eight years! Think of that, you who speak glibly of the "first Arundel" or "Folkestone," and call yourselves "old sweats"!

As Col. Blumfeld said of another veteran, "He was a serving Volunteer before half this Battalion were born."

C.Q.M.S. Shand joined the 5th West Middlesex V.B. in 1906 and was the last link between the Mother Volunteer Battalion and the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. He went overseas with the 1st/9th Battalion, and was one of the gallant band who went to the 2nd Norfolk in Mesopotamia. After much fighting and hardships he was invalided to India with beri-beri, which we understand is usually fatal, but it takes more than that to kill a "Diehard" like Jimmy.

He has only been with "A" Company a few years, but all who were there will recall his wonderful staff work at Aston last Whitsun.

We are glad to say that he still remembers Tuesday is our drill night, and we hope to have the benefit of his wide and varied experience for many years.

ACKAY.

"B" (S.) COMPANY.

First of all, let us congratulate the members of "B" who took part in the Boxing Competitions held at Pound Lane on 19th January on the all-round good show they put up. Cpl. Brown won the light heavy-weight championship after one of the best fights we have seen at that weight for many years, and L./Cpl. Harper, also of "B" (S.) Company, deserves special praise for putting up such a fine performance—so good that Brown was lucky to win. Pte. Millard, who won the welter-weight, is also a "Busy B"; his style is good, and this lad, if properly trained, should go a long way. Davis, that mighty atom, provided a real thrill and won the toughest scrap of the evening, but only after an extra round had been fought. Where does he rake that knock-out of his from? There is not much feather-weight in that! "B" can fight, and win, and also lose, and we raise our hats to the best loser, L./Cpl. Southernwood, "B" (S.) Company.

We also congratulate Sergt. Jones on winning the Fire Direction Competition in the Battalion, and on coming second in the Brigade Competition.

January's great event was our Annual Dinner, the first one since we have been a Machine Gun Company. Over 100 sat down to dinner, and credit is due to our Dinner Committee for the spade-work they put in and so made the function successful. Col. Lamont's speech is now historical, one paper devoting a leader to his now-famous allusion to "loose gun-powder." Capt. Hogg surprised us all with his well-thought-out and splendidly rendered speech on the Company's work since he has had command.

February's great item was our visit to Flamstead, the quaint little village in Hertfordshire, where we spent Easter two years ago. The church with its spire is a landmark, and all interested should visit there at least once to see the marvellous mural paintings, which are from 500 to 700 years old, in excellent preservation, on the walls inside. I am afraid that, after Cpts. Clayden and Hogg had finished with their syndicates, and Hill Farm had been taken to their satisfaction, we were more interested with the inside of the "Three Blackbirds." A jolly day, ideal weather, and the schemes well worked out in advance—one that will live

in the memory of those who attended as a typical Territorial holiday. We were especially pleased to find that our Brigade Commander, Col. Hibbert, had managed to spare a day from his multifarious duties and spend it with us. We had our first day on the ranges at Rainham on Sunday, 31st March. The weather was good, and forty-one members fired their Annual Course.

We welcome Lieut. Bedwell to "B" (S.) Company, and hope that he will now settle down and become definitely one of us. He was with us once, before we became "Supports," and we hope that he will find the change-over to his liking.

This rumour about "H. W. W." Is there anything in it? "B" still miss him, and if he comes back it must be to his old Company.

And now our next bit of excitement. Easter at Colchester! We look forward to that—barrack life and our Regular pals for a short period.

"C" COMPANY.

We started the New Year with a carnival dance, which everyone agreed was a great success; our Company Commander attended, and we were very pleased to see him after his illness which necessitated an operation. Here's hoping he will now keep fit and well.

Winter Weapon Training is now in full swing, and what with "The gun firing" and then "Stops two," also "At the stomach point," the Drill Hall is strewn with bodies at irregular intervals doing standard tests.

The coveted Sherwood Shield has just been competed for by "C" Company, with what result it is hard to say. The N.C.O.s, running the teams have been handicapped by not having teams at full strength, but now that fares are to be paid for drills we are hoping next year to have more competition to get into the teams.

The Small Bore Club have carried out their weekly shoots, and, although they have not kept up the high standard they commenced the year with, they are hoping, when the new members have properly mastered the mystery of aperture backsight with its clockwise and anti-clockwise turning, to come back to the old standard.

In connection with the Rifle Club, several friendly matches have been fired.

"D" COMPANY.

Two events during the past quarter stand out above all others—one, our Annual Dinner, and the other an addition to the residents of our Drill Hall in the person of a son for C.S.M. Simmonds (our P.S.I.) and Mrs. Simmonds. We offer our congratulations to the proud parents, and our best wishes to the son and heir.

Our Dinner was a great success, the numbers being even greater than last year; actually 110 sat down to dinner, including Councillor Teare of the Hendon Council and the Town Clerk of Hendon. The Mayor was unfortunately unable to attend the Dinner, but he came along afterwards and kindly presented our prizes and promised us a cup for future competition. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The dance after the dinner was a most enjoyable function and no one minded in the least the homeward journey through the snow.

Our Rifle Club flourishes—the monthly prizes are hotly competed for and the standard of shooting is steadily improving. In fact, we hope shortly to be good enough for match shooting.

We have failed to record as yet an improvement in our Drill Hall in the shape of a new clock with a most melodious chime. It has been suggested that this clock was provided not so much on account of its ringing note as on account of its ability tactfully to remind our Company Commander that parades finish at 9 p.m.—not 9.10 p.m.!

We are now busy preparing to take our part in the celebrations in connection with the Jubilee—whatever such part may be. At one time we had hopes of having a big show in Hendon on 6th May, but the fates have decreed otherwise, and we shall probably be compelled to be content with a church parade on 12th May.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Since the printing of the last notes the Mess have had rather a busy time socially. On 5th January the Mess gave a party to all children of the members of the Mess. About fifty children sat down, a substantial tea of sandwiches, jellies, cakes, etc., being provided, during which crackers were pulled and hats and squeakers distributed.

Our Company Commander, Major Sherwood, arranged a shoot against the Bank of Scotland to take place in the City. The team started off in two cars, but on the journey the rear half got lost at a difficult spot. After a lot of heart beating on the part of our captain, the team eventually arrived at the range. But it was not true that the driver thought the Bank of Scotland was in Edinburgh. We beat this team by 7 points, the scores being: "C" Company and Old Comrades, 564; Bank of Scotland, 557. We had a very enjoyable evening.

Other friendly shoots were Wealdstone Police and "C" Company *v.* Willesden Police and Headquarters; and "C" Company and Old Comrades *v.* Hamilton Brush Works. We lost both these matches, the first by 8 points and the second by 19 points.

We must congratulate the Company boxers on the fine show they put up in the Battalion Novices' Competition, and, although we won three weights, we had to put up with second place, "B" (S.) Company beating us by 3 points. Mr. St. Ives, the trainer, had worked hard on the team, and we thank him for the way the boxers fought and the condition they were in.

The Fire Direction Competition was held at Pound Lane and once again we had to take second place to "B" (S.) Company, whom we congratulate on winning.

To come to the social side once more, our fortnightly dances have been well attended, and now table tennis is all the rage.

The final of our first tournament has just been played, and was won by L./Cpl. F. Mascal, who beat Mrs. Hill, the P.S.I.'s wife. As Mrs. Hill was the only lady entered, I am afraid the skill of the Company is not yet up to Wembley standard.

In conclusion, we are getting a few recruits in the Company, but are looking forward to seeing what the forthcoming Budget will give us—first to keep those we have already got, and to encourage new men to join.

HIGH PORT.

WANTED.—To know the member of the Company who thought it would improve his shooting by leaving his rod-guide on the rifle.

While the helpers were clearing away, and having their own tea, the children played games, during which Lieut.-Col. Lamont, accompanied by Mrs. Lamont, arrived to give away the presents to the children. The distribution of presents took place in the Sergeants' Mess, and much laughter was caused by a certain C.S.M.'s little girl running up for her toy and running back again.

Special mention must be made of the following ladies who gave their services: Mrs. Linthwaite, Mrs. Prowse, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Todman, Mrs. Spivey, Mrs. Hattley, Mrs. Robson and Mrs. Goodwin. Without their help the party would not have been a success.

The next event was the Ladies' Night on 25th January, which was well attended, there being fourteen tables for whist. The first prize was carried away by our Drum-Major's wife, Mrs. Allwood, which was an oak striking clock, other smaller prizes also being presented. During the evening a raffle was held for a wrist-watch, which was won by Mr. Upton. After the whist drive was over the evening was passed away in dancing and singing.

Our next Ladies' Night was held on 22nd February. This was also successful, starting off with a whist drive. The first prizes were won by an Old Comrade and his wife. Much laughter was caused at the opening of the booby prize won by C.S.M. Boen, which was a nice supper tied up with red ribbon. The rest of the evening was spent in singing, etc.

Again a raffle was held for two wrist-watches, and if luck goes by the size of a person a certain Old Comrade should have more than his share in life, as he won both watches.

On Saturday, 23rd March, a dinner-dance was held at the Cavendish Rooms, Willesden, given by the Mess to the wives and lady friends of the members; also all the officers and their wives were invited. We were very sorry that Col. Lamont, the Adjutant and Company Commanders were unable to be present, owing to a Brigade tactical exercise taking place the same day. About eighty sat down to dinner under the chairmanship of R.S.M. Goodall, supported by Mrs. Goodall, Col. and Mrs. G. Tupper, Major and Mrs. G. L. Fox, and also our late Adjutant, Capt. J. R. B. Worton, and Mrs. Worton.

The toast to "The Ladies" was given by "Bill" Sewell. This was very witty, his remark about the wives saying we should take our beds to the Mess causing much laughter.

The toast of "The Regiment" was proposed by Major Fox and responded to by Col. G. Beach, and that of "The Officers" by C.Q.M.S. Linthwaite.

After dinner presentations were made to ex-C.S.M. Fitzgerald, ex-C.Q.M.S. Shand and ex-Sergt. G. Smith by "Wilfred," these taking the form of oak striking clocks. Before presenting them he gave a glowing account of each one's service. The Mess Shooting Cup was presented by Major Fox to L./Sergt. Meek, who is one of the youngest members of the Mess.

Tables were then cleared and dancing was fully enjoyed by all. During the dancing a certain officer was heard to remark that the P.S.I. and Sergeants of his company had better take dancing lessons, as their lady friends were often seen sitting out.

We are now looking forward to our Annual Training at Aldershot this year, where we hope to have an enjoyable fortnight and meet "Punch" again.

NIBBY.

9th BATTALION OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION NOTES.

SINCE our last issue the only event of interest has been the chief one—the Annual Dinner. I said I thought it would be a record and I was right. We had an attendance of over 170 and among these were quite a few who were attending for the first time. I am quite sure that they will not miss another if it is possible for them to attend.

This was our Fourteenth Annual Dinner and, while 170 is not a bad crowd, it is not nearly as many as it ought to be. It is not nearly as many as it will be if all our active members will do their share by pointing out to all old "Middies" who are inactive what they are missing and get them to write to Frank Fennemore, 21, Palmerston Road, Wealdstone, Mdx.

With regard to the dinner itself, the general opinion is that it was better than

ever, but, of course, opinions always vary on these matters. I hear of two members who were absent from duty for some days after the event, but whether this was due to the food or the excitement is not clear. No, it could not have been the beer.

The cost of this year's dinner tickets was reduced to 2s. 6d. This was made possible by the fact that for the first time in our history we have a balance on the right side and part of this was used to subsidize the Dinner. As all of you who were present at the Annual General Meeting know, the two O.C.A. Dances gave us the balance, but as there were only about two of you present at the meeting, apart from the Committee and auditors, perhaps those two will forgive me for mentioning it again. So much for the cost.

Another feature was the provision of beer, etc., by a few officers for all present, and I am certain that this feature was greatly appreciated. Beer always is!

The programmes this year were done in Regimental colours by our usual printer, who is also one of our members, "Bill" Pearce, and were, I thought, a big improvement on previous ones.

The Battalion Band was in attendance this year again, with many of the old hands still performing. I know nothing of age limits in these days, but unless my memory is quite out of gear some of these must be at least ninety by now, but they are still carrying on. I sincerely hope to see them still playing in ten years' time, and I am sure you all do.

This year, too, the speeches were cut down, and I am of the opinion that this also was greatly appreciated by most of those present.

Altogether, the function was, as usual, a delightful evening.

Now for events to come. On 6th May the Jubilee celebrations at Pound Lane. These, I understand, include the firing of a *few de joie*, beating of "Retreat" by the Corps of Drums, and an all ranks' dance.

On 16th May Albuhera Day, will, as usual, be celebrated, and on 30th June (Sunday) the great muster of all Old Comrades of the Middlesex Regiment will take place on the Horse Guards Parade, Whitehall. Further details of this parade

are not yet available, but meanwhile make a note of this date and keep it open.

The only other event of interest for this issue will be the visit to camp. I have no doubt that this will take place as usual, and will be the same merry day as it always has been, so in due course get the details from Frank Fennemore, who is still our untiring Secretary and will, I hope, remain in this capacity for many years.

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THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX CADET ASSOCIATION NOTES.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held at the Middlesex Guildhall on 3rd April, 1935, and the following members attended:—

Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., D.L., J.P., A.D.C. (Chairman).

General Sir Robert D. Whigham, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O.

Rt. Hon. the Earl of Strafford, D.L., J.P.

Col. G. Beach, C.B., O.B.E., T.D. (Colonel-Commandant).

Col. R. R. Kimmitt, O.B.E., T.D.

Lieut.-Col. S. C. Byrne, T.D., D.L.

Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel.

H. S. Button, Esq., J.P.

H. R. Darlington, Esq., J.P.

H. G. Potter, Esq., J.P.

Cadet Lieut.-Col. J. Huck, O.B.E., O.C. 1st Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

Cadet Lieut.-Col. P. W. Heanley, O.C. 2nd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

Cadet Major S. A. Malvisi, O.C. 3rd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

Cadet Capt. W. W. Burton, Brigade Staff Captain.

The following appointments were approved:—

Capt. T. M. Wheeler to be Cadet Captain, 2nd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

Mr. W. W. Burton to be Cadet Captain and Staff Captain, Middlesex Cadet Brigade.

Mr. W. H. Feakins to be Cadet Second-Lieutenant, Harrow-Roxeth Company, Middlesex Cadet Brigade.

The following resignations were accepted:—

Cadet Lieut.-Col. H. H. White, M.C., consequent on the amalgamation of the 4th Cadet Bn. with the 2nd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

Cadet Capt. J. D. Hood, 2nd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

Cadet Capt. E. Ricketts, 2nd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

Cadet Lieut. C. Sheppard, 2nd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

The following were co-opted as members of the Association:—

Capt. A. H. Cooper, later The Middlesex Regiment.

Cadet Capt. W. W. Burton.

A. W. Bolden, Esq., J.P., has been nominated a member of the Association, by the Spelthorne Petty Sessional Division, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of T. Croysdale, Esq.

Various other matters were dealt with at the meeting, including the following:

Report by the Chairman on the formation of "The London (City and County) and Middlesex Cadet Committee."

Report by the Hon. Secretary regarding progress of the scheme in connection with the formation of Public School Clubs to support Cadet Companies.

Annual Report for 1934.

Report by Hon. Secretary in connection with the financial position of the Association.

Report by the Colonel-Commandant, Col. G. Beach, in which he stressed the desirability of a close liaison between the Territorial Army units and their affiliated Cadet units.

Annual Camps, 1935.

The strength of the Middlesex Cadet Brigade on 31st March, 1935, was as follows:—

Officers, 37; Cadets, 754.

Since December, 1934, there has been a decrease of 4 officers and an increase of 45 cadets.

COMPETITIONS.

The Lower School of John Lyon Cadet Company won the Command Phase of the Lady West Memorial Shield Competition

(Physical Training), and will be judged in connection with the semi-final during the month of April.

The 2nd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment will meet the 1st Cadet Bn. The London Regiment ("The Queen's") in the semi-final phase (South of England Championship) of the Prince of Wales's Boxing Competition on Wednesday, 10th April.

OBITUARY.

We deeply regret to report the death of Lady Waley Cohen, who was a most generous supporter of the Association, and largely instrumental in the Association raising a large sum of money in 1933 by giving a garden party at Caen Wood Towers, Highgate.

Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel represented the Association at the memorial service held in London.

3RD CADET BATTALION.

During the past few months a good number of new members have joined. These recruits are proving themselves to be quick in learning their drill and musketry and seem likely to become efficient members of the Battalion.

The strength of the Battalion, however, is still very low, partly due to several N.C.Os. and cadets joining Territorial units.

It is hoped that past and present "Die-hards," particularly those who have sons or young brothers of cadet age, will help the Battalion to gain strength worthy of the districts it covers.

The winter months, when much of the training has to be done indoors, have provided opportunities for laying the foundations for the year's work. The elements of musketry, squad, platoon and company drill have formed the bulk of the work done, and to this was added range practice (.22 rifle) and the firing of individual and inter-company competitions. The results of this period of preparation should emerge at the Annual Prize Distribution and Display to be held in May, and during the programme of tactical exercises and route marches arranged for the summer.

CORRESPONDENCE.

IMPERIAL EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION (N.Z.).

P.O. BOX 401, DUNEDIN,
NEW ZEALAND.

21st February, 1935.

To THE COMMANDING OFFICER,
REGIMENTAL DEPOT,
THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT,
c/o THE WAR OFFICE,
LONDON.

DEAR SIR,

I enclose herewith a Press cutting from the *Dunedin Evening Star* of the 19th inst. announcing the 97th birthday of ex-Sergt.-Major E. Bezar of Wellington, New Zealand, late of the 57th ("Die-Hards") Regiment.

It was felt that such an event would be of great interest to this gallant "old-timer's" regiment, and it is for that reason that I write to you on behalf of this Association of ex-members of Imperial units of the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force.

Also enclosed herewith is a copy of our letter of congratulations to our old comrade-in-arms.

May I take this opportunity of conveying hearty greetings from the Association to yourself, Commanding Officers, officers and all other ranks of all Battalions of the Middlesex Regiment.

I am, sir, yours faithfully,

W. R. WATTS (ex-Royal Navy),

Acting Hon. Secretary.

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From *Dunedin "Evening Star,"* dated 19th February, 1935.

"Sergeant-major E. Bezar, of Wellington, late of the 57th ('Die-hards') Regiment, yesterday celebrated his ninety-seventh birthday. He received numerous congratulatory telegrams throughout the day, including a personal message from his Excellency the Governor-General."

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Copy of letter to ex-Sergt.-Major Bezar from the Imperial Ex-Servicemen's Association (N.Z.).

DEAR SIR,

On behalf of this Association of ex-members of Imperial units of the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force, I have

the greatest pleasure in extending to you our very hearty congratulations on attaining your 97th birthday. "Ninety-seven not out" is a record to be proud of, and particularly appropriate to one who has served in a regiment bearing the proud nickname of "Die-Hards."

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which is being forwarded to the Commanding Officer of your old Regimental Depot.

Again extending hearty congratulations and the sincere wish that you will be "on parade" in order to celebrate "100 not out."

I am, yours faithfully,

W. R. WATTS (ex-Royal Navy),
Acting Hon. Secretary.

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OBITUARY.

R.S.M. THOMAS ROE.

WE regret to announce the death, which occurred in Redhill Hospital on 25th February, 1935, of the above-named Old Comrade, at the age of 70 years.

He enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment in April, 1883 and went to the 2nd Battalion in India in 1885, returning home in 1894, when he was posted to the Permanent Staff of the 5th Battalion. He subsequently went on the Recruiting Staff in London, first at New Kent Road and afterwards at Whitehall, where he was employed as R.S.M. On his retirement in 1920 he was succeeded by the late R.S.M. Brooks.

Roe's two sons, Thomas and Leonard, were killed in action during the Great War. The last-mentioned was a Corporal in the 2nd Battalion.

Our sincere sympathy is tendered to Mrs. Roe, his widow, and other members of the family.

The funeral took place at St. Pancras Cemetery on 28th February, when Sergt. Rogers of the Depot attended on behalf of the Regimental Association and took a wreath.

Mr. John Farmer, late Acting Sergeant-Major, 1st Volunteer Battalion, writes:

"I feel I must comment on the death of Sergt.-Major Roe.

"My first meeting with him was on Good Friday, 1884, when the 2nd Battalion was stationed in Secunderabad and a draft from home arrived.

"With great joviality Pte. Roe introduced himself and the newcomers as the Hot-Cross Bun Draft, and my attention was immediately centred on this cheery young man.

"It was soon evident that an energetic, industrious soldier had joined the Regiment.

"He was an ardent cricketer, and a splendid shot, and was soon recognized as one of the most popular men in the draft.

"I clearly remember an incident which occurred when the Battalion was ordered to prepare for the Afghan scare in 1885.

"Some of the lads were a little rowdy and unsettled. One of them took his rifle, with ten rounds of ammunition, and commenced firing rapidly towards the nearest bungalow.

"Pte. Roe, with remarkable presence of mind, steadily approached the unhinged lad and took the rifle from him, thereby saving many lives. We marvelled at his coolness, and the incident was repeatedly discussed in the Regiment for many years.

"At times his mirth was irrepressible, and when life under Indian skies became a little dull, we always knew where to turn for a merry tune and a sparkling joke.

"I clearly remember, when on the march from Kampotee to Mhow, a halt was called, and I fired at a jay which had arrested my attention. I discovered that my rifle was filled with slug and shot, and, in spite of my dismay on seeing the result of my aim, I was really amused, knowing only too well who had been busy with my property.

"While on the same march three of us left camp one morning at 3 o'clock, about an hour in advance of the Battalion, and suddenly two tigers appeared on the hillside. Feeling far from happy, I raised my gun, then glanced at Tommy Roe, who stood looking calm and unperturbed.

"Somehow, when with him in 1917 and 1918, after the news arrived that his sons, Thomas and Leonard (the latter a Middlesex lad), had both made the Great Sacrifice, my thoughts recurred to the bravery always so apparent in him.

"With what courage he bore the crushing blow! How his kindly sympathy helped to console the bereaved mother when his own heart was broken, again definitely proved what a grand character he was.

"He lived for the Army; he loved everything connected with the 'Die-Hards,' and one can truthfully say his life was well spent in its interests.

"He completed his service as Sergeant-Major of the Recruiting Depot in Whitehall, and was in possession of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

"The recollection of this grand old 'Die-Hard,' who served the Middlesex Regiment so many years, must surely inspire those now in its ranks, and fill them with the desire to give of their best to its service, as faithfully and loyally as he did for thirty-seven years."

GEORGE HENRY BALDWIN.

We much regret to announce the death, which occurred suddenly on 9th April, 1935, of the above-named Old Comrade.

Baldwin enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment as a boy in 1895, and was discharged to pension as a Sergeant in 1920, being in possession of the General Service and Victory Medals for the Great War, also the medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. He had two brothers in the Regiment, one of whom, a Colour-Sergeant, died in July, 1914; the other was a drummer in the 1st Battalion.

The funeral took place at St. Marylebone Cemetery, Finchley, on 12th April, when a Sergeant from the Depot attended and took a wreath from the Regimental Association. Baldwin was employed as a postman at the time of his death, and six of his colleagues acted as bearers while others followed. Among those present at the graveside were Mr. and Mrs. W. Clarke, Mr. H. Hewitt, Mrs. Lambourne, Mr. A. Pearce, Mr. Plumb and a representative of the North Finchley Tramway Depot, where Baldwin had formerly worked.

We tender sincere sympathy to Mrs. Baldwin and her family in their sad bereavement.

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THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN).

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1st and 2nd Battalions (Regular).	1st and 2nd Battalions—contd.	7th Battalion (Territorial).	8th Battalion (Territorial)—contd.	9th Battalion (Territorial)—contd.
Lt.-Colonels (2).	Lieutenants—contd.	"The Elms," Priory Road, Hornsey, N.8.	Lt.-Colonel.	Lieutenants.
Browne, M., M.C. (s.c.) (2)	Cubitt, D. Y. (1)	Hon. Colonel.	×Parneter, W. H., t.a.	Coubro, T. P.
28/9/32	24/12/28		11/6/30	24/7/29
bt. col. 1/7/34	Tuckey, P. E. C. (2)	×King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D.	bt. col. 11/6/34	×Bedwell, L. J.
Brown, G. L., D.S.O. (1)	14/7/23	(Col. ret. Terr. Army)		18/1/31
28/9/32	Worton, J. B. (1) d.	A.D.C., t.a.		Gunston, C. A.
	14/7/23			1/7/32
	Gordon, I. D. S. (2)			Exeter, G. W. M.
	23/12/23			14/2/34
	Adj. & Gr.-Mfr. (1)			Pearson, M. F.
	23/12/23			2/3/35
	Newton, W. C. (1), d.			
	30/8/26			
	Jacob, M. A. (2)			
	30/8/26			
	Gilbert, N. G., c.o.			
	4/2/20			
	Baldwin, G. M., c.o.			
	4/2/20			
	Elise, F. H. (2)			
	30/8/29			
	Heraopath, L. H. J. de la M.			
	(1)			
	19/3/30			
	Stephenson, J. W. A. (2)			
	2/2/31			
	Powell, P. D. fl. (1)			
	2/2/31			
	Mackenzie, H. F. o., o.d.			
	30/8/31			
	Chaitley, W. H. P., a.m.			
	31/8/31			
	Batten, R. H. (2)			
	31/1/32			
	Green, A. E. (d. Adj.)			
	14/2/33			
	31/7/32			
	Ferguson, W. M. (2) d.			
	31/1/32			
	Sword, R. W. D. (1)			
	29/8/32			
	Man, A. M. (2)			
	30/1/33			
	Marsh, H. (1)			
	30/1/33			
	Hall, J. P. (1) (1)			
	28/8/33			
	Weston, G. P. L. (2)			
	29/1/34			
	Owyn, R. A. (1)			
	29/1/34			
	Bellers, R. C. H. (1)			
	29/1/34			
	Beadnell, L. C. (1)			
	27/8/34			
Captains (14).	2nd Lieutenant.	Lieutenants.	Lieutenants.	Lieutenants.
Phillips, H., M.C. (1)	Whiting, F. B. (1)	Gliksten, C. P.	12/2/32	Summers, C. W.
26/8/16	1/9/32	Addis, I. B.	13/6/33	3/6/33
Bucknall, G. C., M.C., p.s.c.	Willoughby, J. E. F. (2)	Westcott, J. G.	3/12/33	McFarlane, A. J.
(2)	2/2/33	Catt, R. G.	26/7/34	28/6/33
26/8/16	Porter, G. O. (2)			Walford, S. H. L.
bt. maj. 3/6/19	2/2/33			25/7/33
M.C. (s.c.) (1) [2]	Unwin, E. J. (2)			Day, E. A.
26/8/16	2/2/33			15/11/33
bt. maj. 1/1/32	Fishbourne, P. A. (2)			Avre, G. B.
Horrocks, B. G., M.C.,	31/8/33			7/12/34
p.s.c. (1) s.	Chattey, T. W. (1)			Hamilton, J. A.
1/1/17	2/2/34			5/5/34
bt. maj. 1/1/35	Beath, C. M. (2)			
Haydon, C. W., M.C., c.o.	1/2/34			
25/4/17	Anson, P. A. R. (2)			
Lawrence, F. A. L. (2)	2/2/34			
7/5/17	Allen, W. P. M. (2)			
del Court, S. F. W. M., M.C.	30/8/34			
(1) (1)	Ormsion, J. W. G. (2)			
28/9/20	31/1/35			
Procter, N. P., M.C. (2) d.	Gudgeon, H. N. C. (2)			
1/4/21	31/1/35			
bt. maj. 1/1/34	Hewitt, A. G. (2)			
Manson, E. P., M.C. (2)	31/1/35			
29/6/26	Weedon, M. P. (2)			
9/5/27	31/1/35			
Mirams, S., M.C. (1) d.				
9/5/27				
Rackham, B. B., M.C. (1)				
9/5/27				
Weller, A. V. (1)				
9/5/27				
Pain, E. T. (2)				
9/5/27				
Kempster, G. W. (2)				
20/4/28				
Dobbs, J. E., M.C. (1)				
28/9/28				
Jones, W. H. V. (2)				
10/12/28				
Hedgecoe, S. F. (1) Adj.				
10/12/28				
Parker, F. G. (Spec. Appl.)				
10/12/28				
Overell, A. N. (1)				
10/12/28				
Wray, E. M., G., D.S.O. (1)				
1/2/34				
Clayden, H. W., t.				
14/4/34				
Clark, S. J. (2) Adj.				
14/4/34				
Walden, F., t.				
14/4/34				
Heywood, E. L. (2)				
12/2/35				
Subalterns (34).	6th Battalion (Militia).	6th Battalion (Militia).	6th Battalion (Militia).	6th Battalion (Militia).
Lieutenants.	Captain.	Captain.	Captain.	Captain.
Ayscough, E. S. M. (1)	×Pechell, H. C.	1/1/17		
20/12/20				
18/7/21				
Musselwhite, C. C., a.m.				
16/7/22				

SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.Os. MAY, 1935.

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	L./Sgt. A. Cladd ...	(Unpaid) 11/12/34
*Bdmr. A. Judge ...	12/4/31	L./Sgt. G. Bayford ...	(Cpl. 28/1/32)
*R.Q.M.S. E. Crouch ...	28/4/29	(Unpaid) 11/12/34	
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) A. Finch ...	13/6/28	L./Sgt. T. Castle ...	(Cpl. 21/11/33)
*C.S.M. C. Goodall ...	28/4/29	(Unpaid) 18/12/34	
*C.S.M. A. Russell ...	1/4/31	L./Sgt. E. Wadsworth ...	(Cpl. 23/6/32)
*C.S.M. E. Burt ...	13/8/31	(Unpaid) 18/12/34	
*C.S.M. B. Brockman ...	10/12/31	L./Sgt. C. Clark ...	(Cpl. 15/11/32)
*C.S.M. E. Fleming ...	10/12/31	(Unpaid) 18/12/34	
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) S. Steadman ...	23/7/23	(Cpl. 20/6/33)	
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Raindle ...	10/12/31	*L./Sgt. P. Hopwood ...	(Unpaid) 18/12/34
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. Misso ...	19/1/32	(Cpl. 20/4/34)	
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) H. Thomas ...	22/6/33	*L./Sgt. J. Painter ...	(Unpaid) 18/12/34
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) E. Hazeldine ...	4/3/35	(Cpl. 8/5/34)	
Sgt. W. Christie (Transport Sergeant)	1/5/20	Cpl. J. O'Neill ...	13/8/31
*Sgt. V. Osterholm (Pioneer Sergeant)	18/10/23	Cpl. A. Stone ...	2/9/31
*Sgt. R. Challis (Signal Sergeant)	30/10/27	Cpl. S. Phelan ...	15/9/31
Sgt. T. Tiller ...	29/5/28	Cpl. F. Connett ...	30/9/31
*Sgt. C. Champion ...	1/1/29	Cpl. C. Pantling ...	19/1/32
*Sgt. A. Stenning (Band Sergeant)	23/2/29	Cpl. J. Donegar ...	4/2/32
Sgt. J. West ...	15/1/30	Cpl. R. Blackman ...	26/7/32
*Sgt. G. Blake ...	10/1/31	Cpl. E. Whichello ...	22/2/33
*Sgt. L. Honeybun ...	13/8/31	Cpl. A. Smith ...	10/3/33
*Sgt. L. Priddy ...	18/9/31	Cpl. G. Endersby ...	2/6/33
*Sgt. S. Thompson ...	30/9/31	Cpl. G. Jeffree ...	19/10/33
Sgt. R. Bayles (S.I.M.) ...	10/12/31	Cpl. L. Roseblade ...	11/12/33
*Sgt. L. West ...	10/12/31	Cpl. F. Britton ...	23/12/33
*Drum-Major D. Drew ...	22/1/32	Cpl. G. Wordley ...	8/5/34
Sgt. F. Donovan ...	4/2/32	Cpl. A. Brown ...	8/5/34
*Sgt. E. Paterson ...	18/2/32	Cpl. F. Gardiner ...	28/5/34
*Sgt. H. Kruck ...	24/8/32	*Cpl. C. Jacob ...	10/6/34
Sgt. A. Mason ...	22/6/33	Cpl. H. Game ...	10/6/34
*Sgt. (O.R.C.) P. Hale ...	19/10/33	Cpl. V. Thomas ...	20/11/34
Sgt. J. Little ...	19/10/33	Cpl. C. Bayly ...	5/12/34
Sgt. F. Chasney ...	5/12/34	Cpl. A. Moore ...	15/2/35
Sgt. P. Edwards ...	4/3/35	Cpl. W. Watts ...	4/3/35
L./Sgt. R. Glover ...	1/8/28	L./Cpl. E. Rochester ...	26/8/27
L./Sgt. L. Williams ...	(Cpl. 11/2/27)	L./Cpl. A. Allison ...	14/9/28
Cpl. A. Lawrence ...	(Cpl. 3/10/32)	L./Cpl. W. Belcher ...	30/6/30
*L./Sgt. R. Chaplin ...	26/9/28	L./Cpl. L. Jernan ...	20/10/30
L./Sgt. J. Chillery ...	19/1/32	L./Cpl. M. Duddy ...	11/12/30
L./Sgt. J. Smith ...	(Cpl. 17/6/29)	L./Cpl. F. Thorn ...	22/3/31
Cpl. C. Ives ...	22/2/33	L./Cpl. W. Gadsden ...	11/6/31
Cpl. H. Padgett ...	(Cpl. 20/3/30)	*L./Cpl. L. McDowell ...	29/8/31
*L./Sgt. W. Snell ...	24/7/33	L./Cpl. J. Howie ...	2/1/32
Cpl. C. May ...	(Cpl. 28/4/30)	L./Cpl. W. Sampford ...	2/1/32
L./Sgt. S. Bullock ...	16/8/30	L./Cpl. E. Staley ...	4/2/32
L./Sgt. L. Sheffield ...	1/1/31	L./Cpl. J. Mills ...	26/7/32
L./Sgt. C. Bolton ...	19/10/33	L./Cpl. F. Robinson ...	30/9/32
L./Sgt. J. Thirkettle ...	(Cpl. 10/1/31)	L./Cpl. C. Adams ...	1/11/32
	16/1/31	L./Cpl. H. Burrows ...	2/11/32
	10/4/34	L./Cpl. C. Payne ...	5/1/33
	(Cpl. 23/1/31)	L./Cpl. H. Naylor ...	10/6/33
	5/12/34	L./Cpl. C. Hawkesworth ...	22/6/33
	(Cpl. 24/7/31)	L./Cpl. H. Ormes ...	3/8/33
	15/2/35	*L./Cpl. W. O'Connor ...	17/8/33
	(Cpl. 10/12/31)	L./Cpl. H. Hughes ...	28/11/33
	4/3/35	L./Cpl. F. Markham ...	25/12/33
	(Cpl. 10/12/31)	L./Cpl. C. Keefe ...	17/3/34
			10/4/34

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Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
L./Cpl. H. Holloway ...	10/4/34	Unpaid:—	
L./Cpl. W. Harewell ...	20/4/34	L./Cpl. T. Smith ...	17/4/34
L./Cpl. J. McGrady ...	24/4/34	L./Cpl. A. Burnett ...	6/7/34
L./Cpl. J. Sheen ...	8/5/34	L./Cpl. W. Lane ...	6/7/34
L./Cpl. S. Dyer ...	8/5/34	L./Cpl. J. Denham ...	6/7/34
L./Cpl. W. Ransom ...	8/5/34	L./Cpl. W. Millichap ...	6/7/34
L./Cpl. W. Sargent ...	10/6/34	L./Cpl. R. Burkitt ...	9/7/34
L./Cpl. F. Broughton ...	13/10/34	*L./Cpl. C. Cox ...	13/7/34
L./Cpl. F. Shaw ...	13/10/34	L./Cpl. L. Williams ...	8/9/34
L./Cpl. P. Crowley ...	2/11/34	L./Cpl. G. Martin ...	22/10/34
L./Cpl. V. Whipples ...	20/11/34	L./Cpl. G. Mizon ...	23/10/34
L./Cpl. S. Clark ...	27/11/34	L./Cpl. E. Pearce ...	23/10/34
L./Cpl. S. Hoskings ...	27/11/34	L./Cpl. F. Saddler ...	12/11/34
L./Cpl. W. Tatt ...	7/12/34	L./Cpl. F. Hammond ...	12/11/34
L./Cpl. F. Hammond ...	5/12/34	L./Cpl. C. Ellis ...	30/11/34
*L./Cpl. K. Simpson ...	30/12/34	L./Cpl. F. Brooks ...	30/11/34
L./Cpl. H. Jolley ...	11/2/35	L./Cpl. T. Lawton ...	30/11/34
L./Cpl. E. Webber ...	15/2/35	L./Cpl. W. Price ...	30/11/34
L./Cpl. R. Butt ...	15/2/35	L./Cpl. T. Doyle ...	30/11/34
L./Cpl. W. Hayward ...	24/2/35	L./Cpl. D. Fegan ...	13/12/34
L./Cpl. F. Penman ...	2/3/35	L./Cpl. H. Almond ...	10/1/35
L./Cpl. H. Dillon ...	4/3/35	L./Cpl. L. Savager ...	10/1/35
L./Cpl. H. Price ...	11/3/35	L./Cpl. L. Franklin ...	10/1/35
L./Cpl. F. Crawshaw ...	18/3/35	L./Cpl. J. Lee ...	14/1/35
		L./Cpl. W. Goddard ...	18/3/35
		L./Cpl. F. Gratton ...	19/3/35
		L./Cpl. T. Morgan ...	26/3/35
		L./Cpl. A. Borrow ...	26/3/35
		L./Cpl. C. Freshwater ...	26/3/35

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.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
*R.S.M. C. Davis ...	Depot 13/4/29	*Col./Sgt. E. Jones ...	2nd 15/11/32
*R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M. ...	2nd 18/3/31	(Sgt. 1/3/25)	
*Bdmr. C. Dennis, A.R.C.M. ...	2nd 25/3/33	*Col./Sgt. F. Franklin ...	2nd 8/9/33
*R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley ...	Depot 7/3/26	(Sgt. 20/3/28)	
*R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher ...	2nd 31/1/30	Sgt. H. Glover ...	2nd 1/5/20
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) B. Baldwin ...	Depot 2/7/30	Sgt. H. Tisdale ...	7th London 22/1/22
*C.S.M. G. Goodall ...	9th 4/6/25	*Sgt. R. Colbourne ...	Depot 6/10/23
*C.S.M. J. Hart ...	2nd 20/1/26	Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	2nd 28/1/25
*C.S.M. C. Cook, D.C.M. ...	8th 15/8/26	Sgt. H. Rogers ...	Depot 26/5/25
*C.S.M. F. Peck ...	2nd 18/2/29	*Sgt. S. Mason ...	19th London 2/2/26
*C.S.M. P. Stevenson ...	7th 4/1/30	Sgt. S. Bishop ...	7th 24/11/27
*C.S.M. A. Anderson ...	Depot 20/10/30	Sgt. H. Sneath ...	2nd 15/12/27
*C.S.M. H. Hewett ...	8th 19/4/32	Sgt. A. Webb ...	2nd 15/5/28
*C.S.M. L. Simmonds ...	9th 3/9/32	Drum-Major A. Poulter ...	2nd 13/10/28
*C.S.M. L. Clarke ...	19th London 15/11/32	*Sgt. H. Short, M.M. ...	2nd 21/2/29
*C.S.M. R. Mewett ...	2nd 23/3/33	Sgt. A. Boen ...	9th 13/4/29
*C.S.M. H. Wright ...	2nd 24/2/34	*Sgt. C. Donaldson ...	2nd 24/5/29
*C.S.M. A. Jones ...	2nd 19/5/34	Sgt. R. King ...	Supnmyr., Fire Bde., Bordon 5/7/29
Col./Sgt. C. King ...	Depot 26/5/25		
	(Sgt. 2/8/10)	*Sgt. G. Sherriff ...	2nd 9/12/29
Col./Sgt. L. Hills ...	2nd 2/11/26	*Sgt. F. Nash ...	8th 11/12/29
	(Sgt. 5/4/19)	*Sgt. H. Russell ...	2nd 16/2/30
Col./Sgt. W. West ...	2nd 22/2/28	*Sgt. W. Tibble ...	2nd 17/10/30
	(Sgt. 12/3/19)	*Sgt. W. Green ...	2nd 27/12/30
*Col./Sgt. F. Stacey ...	2nd 3/9/32	*Sgt. C. Kennett ...	Depot 16/1/31
	(Sgt. 2/2/28)	Sgt. J. Quick ...	2nd 23/4/31

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*Sgt. W. Kemp ...	Depot	19/1/32	Cpl. W. McNery ...	2nd	15/3/33
*Sgt. R. Parsler ...	2nd	1/4/32	Cpl. J. Bromley ...	2nd	15/3/33
Sgt. J. Harper ...	2nd	19/4/32	Cpl. A. Wray ...	Depot	23/3/33
Sgt. (O.R.S.) F. Deane	2nd	10/6/32	Cpl. E. Soden ...	2nd	3/5/33
*Sgt. C. Trestain ...	2nd	14/6/32	Cpl. A. Gigg ...	2nd	2/6/33
Sgt. R. Ramsey ...	7th	23/6/32	*Cpl. D. Chapman ...	2nd	15/8/33
Sgt. S. Smith ...	2nd	30/7/32	Cpl. E. Fuller ...	2nd	8/9/33
Sgt. R. Smith ...	Depot	2/9/32	Cpl. R. Harman ...	Depot	25/10/33
Sgt. J. Scott ...	2nd	3/9/32	Cpl. B. Armstrong ...	2nd	3/1/34
*Sgt. L. Johnson ...	2nd	15/11/32	*Cpl. B. Grant ...	Depot	25/4/34
Sgt. H. Hull ...	2nd	22/2/33	Cpl. C. Carpenter ...	2nd	5/5/34
Sgt. W. Bean ...	2nd	23/3/33	Cpl. T. Sargent ...	2nd	10/5/34
Sgt. F. Housden ...	Depot	3/5/33	Cpl. J. Stickley ...	2nd	10/6/34
Sgt. R. Wilson ...	2nd	8/7/33	Cpl. W. Smith ...	2nd	17/6/34
*Sgt. H. Ison ...	2nd	17/6/34	Cpl. W. Powell ...	2nd	2/10/34
*Sgt. (S.M.C.) S. Bond	2nd	17/6/34	Cpl. A. Drake ...	2nd	3/2/35
Sgt. E. Jennings ...	2nd	1/3/35	Cpl. J. Hayes ...	2nd	3/2/35
Cpl. A. Brett ...	2nd	28/1/30	*Cpl. S. Copelin ...	2nd	1/3/35
Cpl. G. Newstead ...	2nd	20/4/30	Cpl. R. Stretton ...	2nd	16/3/35
	(L./Sgt. 14/6/32)		Cpl. F. Jaques ...	2nd	20/3/35
*Cpl. V. Cooper ...	2nd	1/5/30	L./Cpl. J. O'Neill ...	2nd	15/8/32
	(L./Sgt. 23/6/32)		L./Cpl. W. Patterson ...	2nd	13/10/32
*Cpl. A. Allchorne ...	2nd	15/5/30	L./Cpl. R. Weaver ...	2nd	23/11/32
	(L./Sgt. 19/4/32)		L./Cpl. A. Eldrett ...	2nd	23/11/32
Cpl. A. Hows ...	Depot	25/10/30	L./Cpl. C. Armitage ...	2nd	3/1/33
	(L./Sgt. 27/3/32)		L./Cpl. T. Cordell ...	Depot	23/2/33
Cpl. A. Whitcombe ...	Depot	31/10/30	L./Cpl. H. Tye ...	2nd	10/3/33
	(L./Sgt. 30/7/32)		L./Cpl. S. Day ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. B. Bedward ...	2nd	19/11/30	L./Cpl. F. Payne ...	2nd	15/3/33
	(L./Sgt. 24/8/32)		L./Cpl. B. Bruniges ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. F. Livens ...	2nd	20/1/31	L./Cpl. W. Broadbridge	2nd	15/3/33
	(L./Sgt. 2/9/32)		L./Cpl. C. Dowsett ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. R. Jenkins ...	2nd	17/2/31	L./Cpl. J. Hiscocks ...	Depot	23/3/33
	(L./Sgt. 3/9/32)		*L./Cpl. B. Baldwin ...	2nd	9/4/33
Cpl. E. Moir ...	2nd	20/2/31	L./Cpl. A. Ball ...	Depot	7/5/33
	(L./Sgt. 20/3/34)		L./Cpl. A. Ellwood ...	Depot	22/6/33
Cpl. H. Ramsden ...	Depot	1/4/31	L./Cpl. G. Blackman	Depot	5/7/33
	(L./Sgt. 8/7/33)		L./Cpl. A. Etheridge	2nd	5/7/33
Cpl. S. Moore ...	2nd	28/12/31	L./Cpl. J. Lawrence	2nd	8/7/33
	(L./Sgt. 8/9/33)		L./Cpl. A. Read ...	2nd	11/7/33
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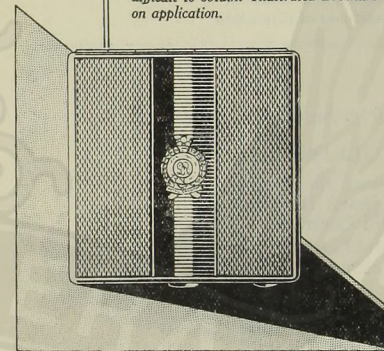


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JOHN EDWARD COLLINS.

We also regret to announce the death, which occurred in the Middlesex Hospital on 9th April, of another Old Comrade.

Collins enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment in July, 1911, and served with the 2nd Battalion in France. He was discharged in 1916 on account of wounds, and had his left leg amputated. In spite of his disability he was employed until quite recently at the Optical Works, Mill Hill.

The funeral took place at Edmonton Cemetery on 16th April, when a Sergeant and a bugler attended from the Depot and took a wreath on behalf of the Regimental Association.

Collins leaves a widow and four children, including a step-son, to all of whom we extend our sympathy.