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EDITORIAL



WE tender our hearty congratulations to Sir Cecil Fane De Salis, D.L., Chairman, Territorial Army and Air Force Association of the County of Middlesex, on his advancement to K.C.B. (Civil Division), in the recent Birthday Honours.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death, which occurred suddenly on 8th June, 1935, of Col. C. S. Collison, D.S.O. A memoir appears on page 319.

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REGIMENTAL FIXTURES.

November 2nd, Saturday.—Old Comrades' Annual Dinner at Handel Street, Bloomsbury, W.C.1; preceded by Annual General Meeting at 7 p.m.
November 11th, Monday.—Armistice Day Service at the Regimental War Memorial, Mill Hill Barracks.

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

THE Annual Dinner of the Officers of the Middlesex Regiment was held on 27th June at the Junior United Services Club.

The chair was taken by Brig-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., the Colonel of the Middlesex Regiment.

Col. O. Y. Hibbert, D.S.O., M.C., Commander of the Middlesex Regiment Territorial Brigade was the guest.

The following officers attended:—

Lieut. J. B. Addis, 2/Lieut. G. Ayre.
Col. M. Browne, M.C., Col. J. N. Blumfeld, T.D., D.L., Col. G. Beach, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C., Capt. S. A. W. Brown, Capt. R. Bartram, Lieut. C. M. Baldwin, Lieut. R. H. Batten, 2/Lieut. C. M. Beath.

Lieut.-Col. J. S. Cunningham, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. W. D. Coles, Major J. M. Cossar, Capt. A. H. Cooper, Capt. S. J. Clark, Capt. A. H. Charles, Capt. J. H. Clowes, Lieut. T. P. Coubro, 2/Lieut. T. W. Chattey.

Lieut.-Col. W. H. C. Davy, Lieut.-Col. C. Drew, D.S.O., Major A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C., Capt. L. C. D. Doidge, Lieut. R. Douthet.

Lieut.-Col. J. English, Major H. Ellis, O.B.E.

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Lieut.-Col. W. Newton, Major L. A. Newnham, M.C., Lieut. W. C. Newton. Col. L. G. Oliver, C.M.G., 2/Lieut. J. W. G. Ormiston.

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TENNIS, 1935.

The Annual Tennis Tournament was held on the Depot grass courts on Saturday and Sunday, 29th and 30th June.

Luckily the weather was fine and warm during the two days and all games were completed.

Owing to the parade for soldiers who served in the war being held at the Cenotaph on Sunday, the 30th, several competitors had to scratch. Major L. A. Newnham, the holder of the Singles, on account of duty, was unable to defend his title.

The Singles were won by Lieut. E. J. Unwin, who defeated Lieut. E. Miskin in the first round and Lieut. Drover in the final.

Lieut. Miskin had some consolation in winning the Mill Hill Plate. The Doubles went to Lieuts. Unwin and Beath. The draw and results were as follows:—

			SINGLES.					
Lieut. Miskin	}	Unwin	}	}	}	}
Lieut. Unwin		Bucknall				
Lieut. Jefferson	}	}	}	}	}	}
Major Bucknall						
Capt. Scott Lowe	}	}	}	}	}	}
Capt. Hill						
Capt. Tuckey	}	}	}	}	}	}
Lieut. Weston						
Lieut. Newton	}	}	}	}	}	}
Lieut. Bedwell						
Lieut. Man	}	}	}	}	}	}
Lieut. Beath						
Lieut. Page	}	}	}	}	}	}
Capt. Hogg						
Capt. Hardcastle	}	}	}	}	}	}
Lieut. Drover						
Lieut. Parlane	}	}	}	}	}	}
Lieut. Blair						
Lieut. Green	}	}	}	}	}	}
Capt. del Court						
Capt. Clayden	}	}	}	}	}	}
Lieut. Ferguson						
Capt. Willis	}	}	}	}	}	}
Major Sherwood						
Major Newnham	}	}	}	}	}	}
			DOUBLES.					
1st Battalion—			}	}	}	}	}	}
Capt. del Court						
Lieut. Newton	}	}	}	}	}	}
Depot—								
Lieut. Green	}	}	}	}	}	}
Lieut. Ferguson						
2nd Battalion			}	}	}	}	}	}
Lieut. Unwin						
Lieut. Beath	}	}	}	}	}	}
2nd Battalion—								
Capt. Tuckey	}	}	}	}	}	}
Lieut. Weston						
19th London	}	}	}	}	}	}
Lieut. Page						
Lieut. Drover	}	}	}	}	}	}
9th Battalion—								
Capt. Hardcastle	}	}	}	}	}	}
Capt. Clayden						
9th Battalion—			}	}	}	}	}	}
Major Sherwood						
Lieut. Bedwell	}	}	}	}	}	}
7th Battalion—								
Capt. Lowe	}	}	}	}	}	}
Lieut. Jefferson						
8th Battalion—			}	}	}	}	}	}
Lieut. Miskin						
Lieut. Blair	}	}	}	}	}	}
19th London—								
Capt. Willis	}	}	}	}	}	}
Capt. Hill						

CRICKET WEEK.

June, having behaved for three weeks like a washerwoman determined to give everything a good soaking, relented just in time, and on the Friday before Cricket Week suddenly beamed on us.

Needless to say, those at the Depot upon whom the onus sits for having everything in apple-pie order for this week were by then nearly grey-haired. Pte. Hinton, with acres of outfield and boundaries, to say nothing of the running

track and a thousand other matters, to cope with was most to be sympathized with, but Pte. Harvey, with the tennis court to be got ready for the tournament and the garden to be trimmed to the last struggling blade of grass and the last weed ready for the "At Home," came a close second.

The change in weather just saved the situation, and good work by everyone, particularly Mons Squad, saw all in readiness on Saturday, and, by a quick change of scenery, for the match *v.* Hampstead Heathens on Sunday.

This match, which is really a preliminary to the week proper, was a good omen for the following matches.

It being obvious that the wicket would in all probability be funny as a result of the very hot sun after so much rain, Capt. Whinney decided to put them in, a decision which results fully confirmed. The Heathens were all out for 71, and to this the Regimental side replied with 134 for 7, of which Ormiston made a very useful 34.

Monday, *v.* The Cryptics. Batting first, the Regimental side collected 186 runs, of which Stephenson claimed 57 not out and Beath 39. This did not seem likely to be a very alarming total, but Stephenson was in great bowling form, capturing 7 wickets for 35, and the Cryptics failing to get more than 75 altogether, it proved sufficient for the occasion.

Tuesday, *v.* The Metropolitan Police College. This was a new fixture, and it was therefore all the more disappointing that the game was ruined by thunder. Winning the toss, the Regiment made 181 for 9 by lunch-time. Ormiston made a nice 22 and Unwin and Stephenson 25 and 30 respectively. Chief batting honours, however, went to 2/Lieut. C. M. Man, who was 66 not out, a very nice innings.

Having got so far, thunder came upon us, there being storms all round, and in a short while all hope of further cricket was dispelled. The Metropolitan Police College have a very useful side and are undefeated this season; it is therefore probable that a highly interesting game was ruined. From all accounts, however, we may look forward to a great game next year, as the new entry is likely to be exceptionally strong.

The Free Foresters' side on Wednesday appeared strong in batting, but in reply

to the 179 of the Regiment they could make only 79. Hudson on this occasion was responsible for 5 wickets for 37 runs.

The 1 Zingari arrived two short on Thursday, and Sergts. Northcott and Kemp were co-opted. The 1 Zingari batted first and Capt. Isherwood and Lieut. K. A. Sellar alone gave any trouble, and Stephenson (5 for 36) and Hudson (4 for 41) wrought havoc with the rest.

Ormiston and Clowes gave a fine display as the opening pair for the Regiment and knocked up 133 before being parted, Clowes (81) being well caught by Sergt. Northcott.

Friday was a blank day from a cricket point of view, as this year it had been decided to hold the "At Home" up at the Mess. The weather was ideal and the Mess in its new paint and decorated with very attractive flowers looked exceptionally well.

From remarks made at the time and letters received since, it would appear that the innovation was popular.

On Saturday we played Hampstead as usual, and, again as usual, a great struggle resulted. Hampstead made 173, of which Stansfeld made 74, batting very well, and Berliner made 58. Apart from these two, no one else seemed comfortable with Stephenson, who took 7 wickets for 27.

There was plenty of time to get the runs apparently, but the expected never happens in this game. Three wickets were down for 25 and then Stephenson and Unwin brought the score up to 121 before Unwin was caught off Raikes after having made an attractive 46. Green was run out before scoring, but Weedon had a cheerful 18, including a 6 which was what was wanted, as time was getting short, and Stephenson was not in a cheerful mood, runs coming slowly. Stephenson was out at 168, having made a valuable 65, if not in his best form. Whinney had a short stay and the score was still 168 when he left. Weston, with memories of last year still in his head, smote the second ball of the last over for 6 and definitely decided the match.

During the week Stephenson took 25 wickets for just over 5 runs apiece—a fine performance. We have to congratulate him on following it up by shaking Yorkshire and earning his Essex cap.

Altogether, a very enjoyable and successful week, and we congratulate Capt. Whinney and his team on their success.

One other word before we close down, and that is that no Cricket Week can take place without the groundsman and working parties.

We have therefore to congratulate L./Cpl. Hinton on the state of his ground despite the handicap of so much rain right up to the start of the week. We can only say it has seldom if ever looked better.

Lastly, we express our appreciation of the excellent work of Mons Squad under Sergt. Soper, who worked wonders as screen shifters and a dozen other necessary but not exciting jobs.

THE MIDDLESEX REGT. OFFICERS' CLUB v. HAMPSTEAD HEATHENS. Played 23rd June, 1935.

HAMPSTEAD HEATHENS.	
A. T. Saunders, c Man b Stephenson	9
A. Bennett, b Hudson	4
P. B. Berliner, b Stephenson	0
G. M. Hay, b Stephenson	3
R. H. Rae, c Clowes b Hudson	6
G. P. Mead, lbw b Stephenson	7
M. S. Atkinson, b Hudson	0
R. A. Scoons, b Unwin	20
G. M. Gow, b Unwin	12
M. S. Fitzgerald, c Heywood b Unwin	0
G. J. Murdock, not out	1
Extras	9
Total	71

Bowling.—Unwin, 3 for 18; Stephenson, 4 for 10; Hudson, 3 for 21.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

J. W. G. Ormiston, lbw b Scoons	34
J. H. Clowes, c Scoons b Atkinson	18
E. J. Unwin, b Mead	23
J. W. A. Stephenson, c Murdock b Hay	9
N. Gilbert, b Scoons	0
C. M. Man, b Scoons	1
E. V. H. Hudson, not out	20
M. P. Weedon, b Berliner	19
C. T. Whinney, not out	6
Extras	4
Total	134

Bowling.—Scoons, 3 for 11.

THE MIDDLESEX REGT. OFFICERS' CLUB v. CRYPTICS. Played on 24th June, 1935.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
T. Capel, lbw b Duff	11
A. W. G. Ormiston, b Duff	10
E. J. Unwin, c Butler b Duff	8
J. W. A. Stephenson, not out	57
N. G. Gilbert, b Duff	14
M. P. Weedon, b Butler	8
Capt. C. T. Whinney, b Butler	4
C. M. Beath, b Glanfield	39

G. P. L. Weston, b Glanfield	1
A. E. Green, b Bushell	10
Major G. C. Bucknall, lbw b Glanfield	0
Extras	24
Total	186

Bowling.—Duff, 4 for 60; Glanfield, 3 for 29; Butler, 2 for 24; Bushell, 1 for 34; Mackie, 0 for 15.

CRYPTICS.

E. F. Earl, b Stephenson	12
Capt. A. W. Bavin, lbw b Whinney	14
F. K. Butler, b Stephenson	0
G. C. Banbridge, b Stephenson	0
T. Bushell, b Unwin	15
E. B. Glanfield, not out	17
G. F. McGrath, b Stephenson	0
B. C. Lee, b Stephenson	7
Col. H. O. Carroll, b Stephenson	5
J. L. W. Mackie, c Green b Unwin	0
H. E. Duff, c Green b Stephenson	3
Extras	2
Total	75

Bowling.—Stephenson, 7 for 35; Unwin, 2 for 23; Whinney, 1 for 15.

THE MIDDLESEX REGT. OFFICERS' CLUB v. FREE FORESTERS. Played on 26th June, 1935.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

2/Lieut. J. W. Ormiston, b Wheatley	30
Capt. J. Clowes, c Isherwood b Wheatley	1
Lieut. E. J. Unwin, c Impey b Cadogan-Rawlinson	39
Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson, c Fleming b Turner	30
Lieut. N. G. Gilbert, c Ward b Green	3
Capt. E. V. H. Hudson, b Wheatley	21
2/Lieut. C. M. M. Man, b Turner	9
2/Lieut. M. P. Weedon, b Turner	4
2/Lieut. C. M. Beath, c Fleming b Saunders	14
Capt. C. T. Whinney, not out	6
Lieut. A. E. Green, b Saunders	9
Extras	13
Total	179

Bowling.—Turner, 3 for 62; Wheatley, 3 for 38; Saunders, 2 for 28; Green, 1 for 19; Cadogan-Rawlinson, 1 for 15.

FREE FORESTERS.

Capt. Isherwood, b Unwin	5
J. A. Nunn, b Stephenson	6
J. D. K. Fleming, lbw b Hudson	9
Major M. A. Green, b Unwin	5
J. B. Wheatley, b Unwin	0
H. T. H. Foley, c Beath b Hudson	12
H. P. Ward, b Stephenson	5
J. J. Cadogan-Rawlinson, b Hudson	15
M. E. Impey, b Hudson	1
N. F. Turner, not out	16
A. G. Saunders, b Hudson	0
Extras	5
Total	79

Bowling.—Stephenson, 2 for 26; Unwin, 3 for 11; Hudson, 5 for 37.

THE MIDDLESEX REGT. OFFICERS' CLUB v. I ZINGARI C.C. Played on 27th June, 1935.

I. ZINGARI C.C.

Major A. C. Wilkinson, b Unwin	6
L. C. R. Isherwood, b Stephenson	49
Lieut. K. A. Sellar, b Hudson	20
Comdr. C. E. Glenister, not out	8
Comdr. W. S. Mann, b Stephenson	0
N. F. Turner, b Stephenson	3
C. E. Winter, b Stephenson	2
J. Lawrence, b Hudson	1
W. H. E. Northcott, b Stephenson	0
W. Kemp, lbw b Hudson	8
R. H. Fox, b Hudson	0
Extras	15
Total	112

Bowling.—Stephenson, 5 for 36; Unwin, 1 for 15; Hudson, 4 for 41; Beath, 0 for 5.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Capt. J. Clowes, c Northcott b Sellar	81
J. W. G. Ormiston, c Glenister b Sellar	67
E. J. Unwin, b Glenister	22
J. W. A. Stephenson, not out	39
E. V. H. Hudson, b Glenister	0
C. M. M. Man, st Winter b Turner	2
T. Capel, c Winter b Turner	1
M. P. Weedon, not out	24
Extras	11
Total (6 wks.)	247

Capt. C. T. Whinney, C. M. Beath and E. A. Green did not bat.

Bowling.—Glenister, 2 for 99; Turner, 2 for 52; Lawrence, 0 for 18; Sellar, 2 for 40; Kemp, 0 for 27.

THE MIDDLESEX REGT. OFFICERS' CLUB v. HAMPSTEAD C.C. Played on 29th June, 1935.

HAMPSTEAD C.C.

A. W. Stansfeld, c Green b Unwin	74
A. G. Saunders, b Stephenson	0
J. Mackie, b Stephenson	4
L. d'Ambrunil, b Stephenson	0
N. S. Atkinson, c Capel b Stephenson	7
K. C. Raikes, lbw b Stephenson	4
P. B. Berliner, b Unwin	58
C. E. Salaman, b Stephenson	1
G. J. Murdock, c Man b Stephenson	0
H. C. Preston, b Unwin	1
R. E. Moss, not out	1
Extras	23
Total	173

Bowling.—Unwin, 3 for 74; Stephenson, 7 for 27; Beath, 0 for 16; Green, 0 for 19; Whinney, 1 for 11.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

T. Capel, b Berliner	5
J. W. G. Ormiston, c Raikes b Berliner	7
C. M. M. Man, lbw b Raikes	3
E. J. Unwin, c Stansfeld b Raikes	46
J. W. A. Stephenson, lbw b Saunders	65
A. E. Green, not out	0
M. P. Weedon, b Saunders	18
Capt. C. T. Whinney, b d'Ambrunil	3
C. M. Beath, not out	0

G. P. L. Weston, b d'Ambrunil	8
Major N. P. Procter, did not bat.	
Extras	21
Total (9 wks.)	176

Bowling.—Berliner, 2 for 39; Raikes, 2 for 45; Atkinson, 0 for 13; Saunders, 2 for 8; d'Ambrunil, 2 for 50.

REGIMENTAL GOLF MEETING.

Writing a description of Hendon Golf Club a short while ago, a distinguished golfing journalist described the setting as "macabre." After that he went on to add a considerable number of pleasant remarks about the course and club-house. Had he been there on 4th and 5th April I cannot think how he would have worded his description of the setting.

Granted there were moments, even outside the club-house, when it was warm enough and almost cheerful, but there were stretches each day which I heard described by others and myself involuntarily expletated about in terms which no reader of a respectable periodical, let alone THE DIE-HARDS, could stand.

Once more the meeting opened with a match Past v. Present, but this year it had been decided to play four-ball four-somes in the morning, and foursomes in the afternoon, it being felt that, although more people wanted to beat their own ball once in a day, four balls were more in keeping with the spirit of the meeting than singles.

The hour of parade aimed at was 10.15, and the Past Officers were all assembled with commendable precision. The Present Officers, being, we suppose, brought up in a broader-minded school, succeeded finally in assembling by 11.15, but there is some excuse since, as a result of the Stanhope Commission, some of the Present team were doubtful whether they were Past, Passing Out or Present.

Fortunately the period of waiting was filled in by a good storm which soothed the venerable gentlemen kept waiting who would otherwise have been risking grave rheumatics.

At last, as the rain stopped, a car drew up and the Colchester contingent began to arrive. To describe the arrival would require an ability with the pen which I cannot and dare not attempt. Suffice it to say they arrived and a start was made in earnest. I say "in earnest" because

actually one party had already gone off bravely and were well away in the rain.

Nothing is more boring than for a non-golfer to be asked to read a long account of the shots played by combating golfers except for non-fishermen to be compelled to listen to a tale of the fish the fisherman missed, or the non-shooter to be saddled with a shooting bore.

One shot only will I describe: it was definitely the grimmest shot I ever saw, and it was the start of the second batch of four-ball matches. The striker had arrived from Colchester, where overnight he had been definitely relegated to the Past (all but the *Gazette*). He found his way to the tee and, having addressed the ball with apparent confidence and definite determination, he proceeded to flip it with great inaccuracy through the tree at forward point.

There was a pause. The game passed on in silence and really, after that, there was nothing to comment on.

All four games were very close, and only in the last game, where the Present had marshalled their "staff," was there a difference of more than one hole.

This was definitely more cheerful than last year, when the position at lunch-time was very grim.

In the afternoon there was a grand switch-round of partners. Whether this had any effect on the result we do not know, or whether it was merely that the Colchester party was definitely tiring. Whatever the cause, it will be noted that whereas two matches ended all square both those containing folk from Colchester ended 4 down.

However, this is an improvement on the part of the Present, and we may think of some way yet of defeating the Past.

After the match a large number of the players went to the Depot for supper, and a very enjoyable evening resulted. We hope this will be an annual affair.

The second day's results require no comment. They speak for themselves.

One remark only is necessary: Capt. Worton has definitely left for Egypt, so the handicap competition is now open once more.

Two decisions were made by the Committee after the meeting:—

1. *Handicaps*.—The winner of a handicap event will automatically be reduced

for the next meeting unless in possession of a handicap at a club where he competes in competitions and has competed since winning the Regimental handicap event.

2. *Autumn Meeting*.—Owing to the general desire of members an Autumn Meeting will be arranged in future. Details of this are given below.

PAST v. PRESENT.

MORNING FOURBALLS.

PAST.	PRESENT.
Arnold and South ... 0	Procter and Kempster ... 1
Whinney and Cooper ... 0	Stephenson and Wright ... 0
Macilwaine and Anderson ... 1	Hogg and Worton ... 0
Maitland and Coles ... 2	Bucknall and Horrocks ... 0
...	...
3	1

AFTERNOON FOURSOMES.

PAST.	PRESENT.
Maitland and Cooper ... 0	Horrocks and Wright ... 0
Arnold and Coles ... 4	Hogg and Bucknall ... 0
South and Macilwaine ... 0	Stephenson and Kempster ... 0
Whinney and Anderson ... 0	Worton and Procter ... 0
...	...
8	0
Total ... 11	Total ... 1

SINGLES.

	Handicap.	Gross.	Net.
Major Procter (wins Scratch Cup)	5	82	77
Lieut. Weston ...	20	101	81
Capt. Worton (1st) ...	15	88	73
Capt. Hogg ...	8	86	78
Major Anderson ...	16	95	79
Capt. Whinney ...	6	82	76
Capt. Kempster ...	12	88	76
Major South ...	8	92	84
Major Bucknall ...	9	88	79
Lieut. Unwin ...	24	101	77
Lieut. Else ...	17	106	89
Lieut. Stephenson ...	8	83	75
Lieut. Batten (2nd) ...	20	94	74
Lieut. Beath ...	24	113	89
Capt. Cooper ...	—	—	—
Major Wollocombe ...	29	102	78
Capt. Clark ...	30	111	81
Lieut. Green ...	18	102	82

FOURSOMES.

	Handicap.	Allowance.	Gross.
Else and Unwin ...	41	15	5 down.
Green and Weston ...	38	14	9 down.
Whinney and Anderson ...	22	8	5 down.
Hogg and Worton ...	23	9	4 down.
South and Procter (1st) ...	13	5	All square.
Newton and Cooper ...	36	14	11 down.
Batten and Beath* ...	44	17	3 down.
Bucknall and Horrocks* ...	21	8	3 down.
Clark and Wollocombe ...	54	20	—
Kempster and Stephenson ...	20	8	7 down.

* Tied for 2nd.

AUTUMN MEETING OF THE OFFICERS' CLUB.

By kind permission of the Committee of Frinton-on-Sea Golf Club, the Autumn Meeting will take place at that Club on 28th and 29th September, 1935.

The morning of Saturday will be devoted to social matches without card and pencil.

On Saturday afternoon there will be a Foursome Medal Competition, and on Sunday morning a better-ball four-ball competition against bogey. On Sunday afternoon mutually arranged blood matches will take place.

For the first competition players will arrange their own partners, and for the latter all pairs will be drawn from a hat.

Particulars of accommodation will be forwarded later to intending competitors.

Meanwhile entries should be sent to Bt. Major N. P. Procter, M.C., The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7, by 15th September, if possible, and in fact the earlier the better, as it will help to give an idea of how many are likely to attend, and we expect a record number.



ARMY GOLF MEETING.

THE Army Meeting this year was at a new rendezvous—Porthcawl. For the benefit of those whose geography is weak, like the bright young soldier who placed Liverpool in the Arctic Circle at a recent education examination, we will try to explain where Porthcawl is.

(1) For 1st Class candidates, Glamorganshire, South Wales.

(2) For the vast majority, leaving London, England, go to Land's End, turn right and follow the north coast of Cornwall, Devonshire and Somerset up to the Severn estuary and Gloucester; turn sharp left and follow the coast to Chepstow, and if you do not lose your money at the races there, pass on to Newport and Cardiff.

Provided you do not get lost in Cardiff you should be able to wend your way out at its western side and arrive in time at Bridgend, where you turn left and go hard at the sea. There, just as you reach the shore, is Porthcawl, with Atlantic rollers crashing on the walls and a breeze from the Atlantic which the inlander would call a gale.

This is not the shortest route, but it is bound to get you there eventually.

The golf course, a mile out of the town, is in perfect golfing country, and provides a stern test; there is little forgiveness for

a weak or crooked shot, and its scratch score of 74 needs a deal of doing in April.

Having missed the last meeting owing to lack of sufficient numbers to raise a team, it was good once more to be taking part, especially in such surroundings.

The weather, too, was kind to us for our practice rounds, and having drawn a bye in the first round, and our opponents in the second failing to produce a team, it seemed that by Thursday we should have had plenty of time to settle down to the course and seaside conditions and be able to put up a fight in the third round, even though the opposition would be formidable in all probability on the Monday, the first day of the Individual Championships, which was ushered in with a stiffer breeze than we had had, and scoring was high with few exceptions.

Our Regimental four were with the majority, though Stephenson did get into the 70's, net 86-8=78.

Tuesday was a beast of a day, a regular gale blowing, with very cold showers of sleet and rain at intervals.

For the majority golf in those conditions was anything but enjoyable, and there were numerous stories of tens and worse to be heard in the club-house.

And now the tragedy occurred. Capt. Phillips had long ago urged the A.G.S. to have a meeting at Porthcawl, and is there practically on his native heath. Having come home specially to assist the Regiment, it was altogether only fit and proper that the Regimental team should celebrate the occasion by doing well. It was not to be. For some days Phillips had been unwell, and on Tuesday definitely decided he was unfit to play. With the greatest disappointment and regret it was therefore necessary to hunt round for someone to fill the breach, and at 7.1 p.m. we started putting shillings in the telephone box. Here our luck was in and we found Else at home willing to dash to fill the breach. He dashed and, in spite of wrong times given him by us from the out-of-date hotel time-table, arrived in time for a practice round.

Meanwhile the three of us remaining went to Southerndown for a round on that delightful course. We were lucky to find there 2/Lieut. Duncan, of the South Wales Borderers, a good golfer, of a well-known golfing family, and had a very enjoyable four-ball.

When we got back and went to the club-house at Porthcawl we found that the R.E. No. 2 Unit team had qualified to meet us in the next round, and as the aggregate of their handicaps was 11 or less compared with our 40, it was obvious that all would have to go very well with us if we were to survive Thursday morning.

Such things have happened, but not on this occasion. The start was auspicious, as the R.E. having the honour, Armstrong hit a good drive down the middle which Procter followed with another ending alongside it. Both found the green and with the normal two putts a half resulted. The next five holes in this match are stern and disconcerting. Armstrong laid his opponent a stymie at the second, and then proceeded to putt like an automaton for the next four holes, whilst his opponent kept hitting the hole, but the ball steadfastly refused to drop. At last Armstrong faltered and two holes came back to Procter. Two halves followed and left Armstrong 2 up at the turn.

Meanwhile, behind these two Stephenson was having such a disastrous experience with Kigwell that it is kinder to leave it at that.

Bucknall was playing well and, firmly putting his brassie behind him, was holding on to his opponent well, and it was cheering news to hear from Phillips that they were all square as they approached the turn.

In the last match Else was struggling manfully with an opponent of 13 less handicap.

The second half was much like the first. The 10th and 11th holes were halved by Armstrong and Procter, though on each occasion the latter had them won if the putts had fallen. Another half at the 12th and then Armstrong laid his opponent another dead stymie, whilst at the 13th Procter's putt for a 2 refused to drop or quite stymie Armstrong, and another half resulted. The 14th at last came to Procter with a birdie 4, and then the news reached us that there was no doubt as to the issue.

Meanwhile Stephenson carried on his hopeless task. How well one knows that feeling, that the more one strives the worse things go, and down, down one descends. The caddie becomes despondent, sulky or facetious, according to his

nature, and one longs for the end and a hurried retreat.

Bucknall tried his brassie twice with negative results, and could not get his putts to sink, whilst Else carried on nobly and continued to "die hard" and his opponent could hardly have paid him a bigger compliment than when he said, "Poor fellow; he was off his game; he was dropping shots. I suppose he's about 9 really."

Here are the bald facts:—

R.E. (No. 2 Unit), 25; Middlesex, 0.

One good result has been effected: we have another member of the A.G.S., but we have a long way to go. Only on two occasions have we had more than four at a meeting. Other regiments have spares always, and prolific fighting for last place. We must, too. There is the talent, but the effort is only spasmodic. One excuse is that golf is a selfish game and means sacrificing time that should be given to Regimental games. This is a fallacy; a few minutes frequently, five minutes a day, will work wonders.

Owing to nine people we have been represented practically uninterruptedly since 1923, but most of those nine are now qualifying, if they have not already done so, for the Argyll and Sutherland Cup for retired officers' teams, and unless there is a determined effort we shall in a year or two be unrepresented in the Army Team Competition.

We hope that will not happen, but it is up to the 1930 and onwards vintage to see to it.

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:—

A copy of Standing Orders of the B.E.F. by Field-Marshal Sir John French, 1914: presented by Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence.

A stippie of General Lord Hutchinson: presented by Lieut. A. E. Green.

Five photographs of the 1st Battalion at Woolwich, 1913: presented by Lieut.-Col. J. S. Cunningham, D.S.O.

A copy of "Steady, the Drums and Fifes," from the *Illustrated London News* of 1895: presented by Mr. Hewett.

Various swords and daggers: presented by Col. L. G. Oliver, C.M.G.

Two 77th Band bayonets on loan from 2nd Battalion.

Photographs of men of the 1st Battalion in old uniforms as worn by the 57th in the Peninsular War, taken at Allahabad during the centenary celebrations of Albuhera: presented by Cpl. H. Marshall.

A 57th cap-badge: presented by Lieut.-Col. C. D. Drew, D.S.O.

A photograph of the presentation of Colours to the 4th Battalion at Woolwich in 1900: presented by Major-General C. R. Simpson, C.B.

A set of photographs of the presentation of Colours to the 2nd Battalion at Ahmednagar in 1925: presented by Sergt. Berry.

Two groups of 1st Battalion officers taken during the war; and photograph of Drum-Major F. Deacon, who served in the 1st Battalion from 1865 to 1913: presented by Mr. W. Smith (late R.S.M., 1st Battalion).

OLD COMRADES PARADE.

AT the Annual General Meeting of the Old Comrades Association in November, 1934, a suggestion was put forward that a parade and march to the Cenotaph should be held at some suitable date.

The suggestion was approved and the Hon. Secretary was requested to make the necessary arrangements. As to how successful he was all who attended the parade on Sunday, 30th June, can bear witness, and the smoothness with which everything went was the reward of many hours of planning and arranging.

The weather was ideal for attracting people to such a parade, though many must have wished for a little less sun when the column was on the march. At 2.15 p.m. the markers were placed in position on Horse Guards Parade. These were N.C.Os. from the Depot staff and were the only people in uniform, and each was armed with a notice-board to show

which detachment was to fall in on him. There were seven in all:—

- (1) Officers.
- (2) 1st and 2nd Battalions.
- (3) 3rd and 4th Battalions.
- (4) 7th and 2nd/7th Battalions.
- (5) 8th and 9th Battalions.
- (6) 10th to 16th Battalions.
- (7) 17th to 32nd Battalions.

Whilst the markers were being placed in position, Old Comrades in their hundreds were assembling and a wonderful sight it made. Here a dapper figure in top hat, morning coat covered with medals, and there a victim of the war whose unseeing steps are guided by his small son; here a V.C. and there an old soldier whose medals tell a tale of campaigns long before the Great War.

Everyone is busy meeting old friends, and chatting and laughter swell to a roar. Some have a last hurried fag before the parade falls in, and over there we spot an officer in top hat and morning coat taking a last pull at his beloved pipe.

No need for the R.S.M. (R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M.) to shout "On parade." As soon as the markers are out, everyone is busy taking up his place and collecting his pals near him, and the work of the detachment commanders starts. These are all W.Os. and senior N.C.Os. of the Depot and Territorial staff, who could be seen stroking their throats and obviously wondering how they could make themselves heard by all in such a vast detachment.

However, they succeed somehow in their task, and even get them numbered and practise forming fours.

The officers, though somewhat late in falling in, were equally quick at getting into their fours, and by the time the Lord-Lieutenant of the County, Lord Rochdale, arrived all was in readiness.

Lord Rochdale was accompanied by Lieut. Green, the Adjutant of the Depot, and was greeted by the Colonel of the Regiment, Brig.-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., who was accompanied by Major N. H. B. Lyon, M.C., Commanding the Depot, and the Sheriff of Middlesex, Col. E. J. King.

The parade was called to attention by the Adjutant to the parade, and the Lord-Lieutenant then proceeded round the ranks for his inspection. This took some

time with such a vast parade, and whilst it was in progress we were able to gather in the numbers from the detachment commanders—over 1,500 in the ranks.

This was 300 more than the numbers expected, and consequently word had to be sent to the Duke of York's Headquarters where Lieut. W. C. Newton was stationed to arrange for the accommodation of the parade for tea, which was supplied by the County, to enable him to make plans for dealing with the extra numbers.

To those who were able to get a view of the parade as a whole, it was truly an inspiring sight.

The inspection over, the parade marched off in silence headed by the Drums of the 2nd Battalion and with the Band in its centre. On reaching the Cenotaph, its columns formed three sides of a square, and the Colonel of the Regiment laid a wreath.

A short pause and the parade prepared to move on. Brig.-General Heath went direct to the Duke of York's Headquarters, where Lord Rochdale was, and Major-General Simpson took over command of the parade.

Down Whitehall, along Birdcage Walk to Victoria, and thence to Sloane Square and the Duke of York's Headquarters was the route. A good step on a piping-hot day for men not in marching trim, but they marched in grand style and right well did the bandsmen and drummers assist.

On the way we passed two recruits, and one felt that, young though they were, they must have felt great pride to belong to a regiment whose old soldiers made such a fine showing.

It should be noted that Lieut. Ferguson had four buses waiting near the Cenotaph to convey those who felt unable to walk, but very few were the candidates for this easy form of passage.

On reaching our destination, the column wound round the building and arrived at the main entrance. Here yet another supply of N.C.Os. from the Depot met each column and guided them into their respective halls. Needless to

say, this took some considerable time, and therefore the Band and Drums continued playing hard to the evident pleasure of those waiting to file in.

At last all were safely in, including the extra hundreds, but the caterer had to send out and scour the countryside for further supplies, and it was some time before the by-now boiling Band and Drums could be refreshed. However, it was done, to the high credit of all concerned. When we were all in, Brig.-General Heath spoke from the billiards room, the speech being broadcast to all ranks, and after him the Lord-Lieutenant also addressed the unseen gathering.

Personally I regret that I cannot give even a précis of these speeches, as I arrived too late, but it is hoped to get and reprint a copy if possible.

After tea the place was like a beehive, and, though many men met many pals, it was impossible that everyone could meet all whom he had hoped to meet—there must inevitably be the man with the grouse—no army would be complete otherwise—yet all or nearly all faded away feeling that the old soldiers of Middlesex had had a show to which they were entitled, and that the show had done the Regiment credit—in fact, it may safely be described as a memorable occasion for all those privileged to attend and an inspiration to spectators.

Parade state:—

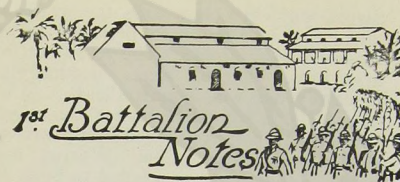
Officers	...	...	112
1st and 2nd Battalions	...	...	259
3rd and 4th Battalions	...	...	251
7th and 2nd/7th Battalions	...	...	215
8th and 9th Battalions	...	...	240
10th to 16th Battalions	...	...	258
17th to 32nd Battalions	...	...	169

Total 1504

NOTICE.

BALANCES OF DECEASED SOLDIERS UNDISPOSED OF.

	£	s.	d.
Parker, C., Pte., Midd'x. Regt....	74	1	6



WHEN last our notes were written we were approaching our annual inspection by Brigadier Sir Frederick Pile, Bt. This took place on 2nd April and, from all we hear, went off extremely well—the Battalion undoubtedly receiving a clean bill of health, which was a satisfactory start to the new training year.

A novel feature of this inspection was the appearance of the Brigadier and Battalion Staff at "A" (S.) Company's dinners—which all appeared to relish!

We rather assumed, perhaps somewhat prematurely, that after Helouan our strenuous training would close down.

But it was not to be! Instead a "War Game" initiating us into all the wiles of the staff was staged in the gymnasium and Brigade offices—from which many valuable lessons were learnt.

For the first time we are providing an officers' detachment at Port Said. We understand this will be our commitment until we leave for Singapore. We are also finding a Guard and Trained Crew for the Armoured Train, which to many of us appears to be an archaic weapon of warfare!

With the arrival of H.M.T. *Lancashire* on 29th April, Major Stewart and Capt. Worton once more returned to the Battalion, bringing with them Lieut. P. A. R. Anson and 77 other ranks from the 2nd Battalion.

Major Stewart has now taken over "D" Company, which he last commanded in 1927.

As will be seen in another part of the Journal our cricket team has been greatly strengthened by Capt. Worton. He has lately returned from his appointment as Adjutant of the 9th Battalion and we look to him to resuscitate our rugger team, in which he was such a tower of strength at Aldershot in 1926.

The new draft has settled down very rapidly and there is undoubtedly some excellent talent for sport which will go

a long way to fill the gaps which will shortly occur when so many of our good sportsmen return to civil life.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Capts. Ayscough, Cubitt and Worton on their recent promotions.

Our athletic team, which proceeded to Cairo with Lieut. Powell—under whose direction they had been training for many weeks, and whose form during the triangular match (between the R.A.F., Royal Scots Fusiliers and ourselves) had led us to believe that our chances in the Command Championships were distinctly rosy unfortunately had to be content with fifth place. Pte. Evans is to be congratulated on bringing off a "double" in the individuals, winning both the discus and the hammer.

On the occasion of His Majesty's Jubilee a full Brigade Parade was held on the "desert" parade ground, the salute being taken by the Brigadier.

This parade was also the occasion of the presentation of His Majesty's Jubilee Medals to the following: Lieut.-Col. G. L. Brown, D.S.O., Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. A. W. Clark, R.S.M. Newman, Sergt. Christie (Transport Sergeant) and Pte. Bray ("D" Company storeman), and we heartily congratulate the recipients.

As usual, Albuhera Day was observed in time-honoured fashion. As a new innovation in place of the Inter-Company Sports, which had been held previously, was the staging of a programme of less serious athletic events and sideshows, which was evidently enjoyed by all.

Perhaps the best piece of news we have had since the visit of the C.I.G.S. has been the definite undertaking that the families will proceed with us to our next station. We were fortunate in receiving a visit from Capt. Turner, R.E., who has lately come from Singapore to take up an appointment in Cairo. He was able to give us much useful information and many tips which will undoubtedly assist us in settling into our new barracks, which, we understand, are being specially built for us—in the middle of a pineapple grove!

The usual society routine was alleviated by visits from H.M.'s ships in May, notably H.M.S. *Hastings*, H.M.'s Submarines *Regulus*, *Rover* and *Regent* en route for Hong Kong, and H.M.S.

Dorsetshire. The latter ship gave a dance on board to the inhabitants and garrison, which was a great success and much enjoyed.

Late in May we sent a subalterns' team to play in the Halim Cup Polo Tournament at Alexandria. The team consisted of Lieut. Powell (1), Lieut. Hall (2), Lieut. Chattey (3) and Lieut. Gwyn (back). Although beaten in all matches the experience gained was considerable and we feel sure it will prove of great value to them later on. To quote from the *Egyptian Mail*: "Considering the short period these subalterns have been playing they gave quite a promising exhibition, and with more competitive polo will develop into a fair side. They all ride well, but their positioning and marking leaves much to be desired."

The Club Sailing Regatta took place on 13th June, and in spite of a very large entry we only succeeded in winning one race, namely, the Bordeaux, with a crew consisting of Lieut. Beadnell, 2/Lieuts. Peal and Whiting; in the former's boat the *Big Bad Wolf*. We are fully confident, however, that our real expert—Major Savile—will win the cup for the best aggregate for the weekly races throughout the season. Our most consistent helmsmen are Major Savile, Capt. Rackham and Lieut. Beadnell—none of whom have yet had to call upon the local Egyptian talent for assistance!

We have just heard with very great pleasure of the promotion of Major W. W. Jefferd to the command of the 2nd Battalion, and in consequence the rise in rank of Capt. Phillips to fill this vacancy. We wish Col. Jefferd every success and the very best of luck, and we know that he will carry on the good work of Col. M. Browne, who has left the Regiment to go to the Senior Officers' School.

We are anxiously awaiting the findings of the Battle Honours Awards Committee and hope that ere long further honours will be added to the Colours. Apropos of this we have recently received from England the Zulu War Colours which have been netted, and now hang in the Officers' Mess.

CRICKET.

We started the 1935 season with great hopes for a successful year. We missed three of last year's team, and Lieut.

Sword on leave, but with the available talent in the Battalion we prepared for an extensive programme. The results of the first three matches were encouraging, especially our win against the R.A.M.C. (Egypt) side over the Easter week-end. We were then strengthened by the arrival of Major Stewart, Capt. Worton and Sergt. Kennett and proceeded to build as sound a side as possible for the Army Cup Command Championships matches. We drew the R.A.S.C. (Egypt) in the first round and proceeded to Cairo to play them on the 11th and 12th of May. This proved to be an interesting game. Our bowling proved to be very steady throughout the match and our fielding was always good, and occasionally brilliant. Unfortunately a large number of byes were allowed. Our batting, as has happened throughout the season, was weak, and against moderate bowling we were only able to score totals of 107 and 110 and we lost the match. After this we began to search for any latent talent in the Battalion, as certain of our best players are due for transfer to the Army Reserve before we arrive in Singapore. Our intention at present is to find a side to do us justice in Singapore with the probable difference in ground and wicket to be considered.

This year we have tried the innovation of running a Battalion second side, which has so far provided interest and opportunities for a considerable number of players. From a Battalion point of view, fixtures in a small station are of necessity hard to come by, but in spite of our sports fund we have managed to cover a large range of fixtures.

The Inter-Company League began on the 20th and a considerable amount of enthusiasm has been shown and a number of new players have been found in these matches. The result so far has been much as was expected.

The leading Company, "A" (S.), together with "D" Company have been entered for the Command Small Units Competition beginning next month. The Champion Company versus The Rest will be played shortly, and the season will close with the Mons Shield Platoon Cricket when we hope to unearth some new and useful players, and finally with a Company second eleven league which proved a great success last year.

1st Match (14/4/35).—v. No. 6 (B.) Sqdn., R.A.F., Ismailia (Away). Result: Won by 6 wickets. Scores: Battalion, 139 for 8 wickets. (Thomas 60, Jones 49); No. 6 (B.) Sqdn., R.A.F., 89 (Hatfield 4 for 10, Connor 3 for 6).

2nd Match (15/4/35).—v. H.M.S. *Despatch* (Home). Result: Won by innings and 43 runs. Scores: Battalion, 150 for 6 dec. (Jones 53, Lieut. Chatty 20, Thomas 17); H.M.S. *Despatch*, 56 (Price 6 for 18) and 50 (Chapman 4 for 18, Connor 3 for 0).

3rd Match (21-22/4/35).—v. R.A.M.C., Egypt (Home). Result: Won by 23 runs. Scores: Battalion, 1st innings, 151 (James 76, Major Savile 22, Thomas 11); 2nd innings, 86 (Painter 15, Connor 15, Major Savile 11, James 11); R.A.M.C., 1st innings, 65 (Price 4 for 22, Chapman 4 for 16), 2nd innings, 149 (Hatfield 3 for 7; Chapman 3 for 59).

4th Match (28/4/35).—v. Captain Rackham's XI (Home). Result: Won by 70 runs. Scores: Battalion, 100 (Painter 24, James 14); Captain Rackham's XI, 30 (Hatfield 4 for 11, Connor 4 for 13).

5th Match (4-5/5/35).—v. 1st Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers (Home). Result: Won by 4 wickets. Scores: Battalion, 1st innings, 199 (James 33, Connor 14); 2nd innings, 139 for 6 wickets. (Thomas 43, Connor 24, Lieut. Chatty 21). 1st R.S.F., 1st innings, 105 (Price 5 for 36, Chapman 3 for 11, Kennett, 3 for 14).

6th Match.—1st Round Army Command Cup v. R.A.S.C., at Abbassia, Egypt, on 11/5/35. Result: Lost by 78 runs. Scores:—

R.A.S.C.

1st Innings.			
Cpl. Lees, c Jones b Kennett	...	...	3
Pte. Shergold, lbw b Kennett	...	...	1
L. Cpl. Young, b Price	...	...	28
Sergt. Bolton, c and b Chapman	...	...	1
Cpl. Madams, b Painter	...	...	28
Lieut. Fenders, not out	...	...	61
Dvr. Browne, c James b Kennett	...	...	6
Capt. Browne, b Kennett	...	...	0
Dvr. Smith, run out	...	...	5
Dvr. Bamford, c Price b Kennett	...	...	2
Dvr. Nicholson, b Painter	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	36
Total	...	...	175

Bowling—			
Chapman	...	15	5
Kennett	...	21	8
Price	...	12	1
Painter	...	62	2

2nd Innings.

Cpl. Lees, c James b Chapman	...	...	1
Pte. Shergold, b Price	...	...	18
L./Cpl. Young, b Price	...	...	9
Sergt. Bolton, b Price	...	...	43
Cpl. Madams, lbw b Kennett	...	...	1
Lieut. Fenders, b Kennett	...	...	0
Dvr. Browne, lbw b Price	...	...	13
Capt. Browne, not out	...	...	4
Dvr. Smith, b Kennett	...	...	0
Dvr. Bamford, b Hatfield	...	...	21
Dvr. Nicholson, c Kennett b Price	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	8
Total	...	...	120

Bowling—			
Kennett	...	16	3
Chapman	...	7	2
Price	...	15	4
Painter	...	2	0
Hatfield	...	4	0

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

1st Innings.

Col.-Sgt. Thomas, lbw b Nicholson	...	...	13
Pte. James, lbw b Nicholson	...	...	3
Pte. Jones, c Bamford b Browne	...	...	1
Sergt. Painter, b Young	...	...	14
Lieut. Chatty, b Nicholson	...	...	13
Pte. Connor, c Smith b Nicholson	...	...	4
Pte. Price, c Bolton, b Nicholson	...	...	0
Major Stewart, b Young	...	...	0
Pte. Chapman, b Browne	...	...	32
Sergt. Kennett, c Bolton b Browne	...	...	18
Pte. Hatfield, not out	...	...	5
Extras	...	...	4

Total	...	...	107
Bowling—			
Capt. Browne	...	10.4	2
Nicholson	...	13	1
Young	...	6	0
Smith	...	2	0

2nd Innings.

Col.-Sgt. Thomas, b Young	...	...	19
Pte. James, run out	...	...	29
Pte. Jones, b Nicholson	...	...	1
Sergt. Painter, lbw b Young	...	...	0
Lieut. Chatty, b Browne	...	...	17
Pte. Connor, b Young	...	...	2
Pte. Price, st Bamford b Smith	...	...	11
Major Stewart, b Smith	...	...	12
Pte. Chapman, b Browne	...	...	9
Sergt. Kennett, b Browne	...	...	1
Pte. Hatfield, not out	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	8

Total	...	...	110
Bowling—			
Capt. Browne	...	11	2
Nicholson	...	11	3
Young	...	6	1
Smith	...	4	0

7th Match (15/5/35).—v. No. 6 (B.) Sqdn., R.A.F. (Home). Result: Lost by 16 runs. Scores: Battalion 46 (James 11); No. 6 (B.) Sqdn., R.A.F., 62 (Chapman 3 for 15, Price 3 for 10, Painter 2 for 4).

8th Match (18-19/5/35).—v. Port Said I.S.C. (Away). Result: Won by 109 runs. Scores: Battalion 1st innings, 157 (Jones 52, Connor 59, Lieut. Beadnell 15); 2nd innings, 126 (Painter 39, Connor 18, Jones 12). Port Said I.S.C. 1st innings, 68 (Kennett 4 for 18, Price 3 for 22); 2nd innings, 101 (Kennett 5 for 36, Price 3 for 39).

9th Match (25-26/5/35).—v. 1st Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers (Away). Result: Won by 5 wickets. Scores: Battalion 1st innings, 111 (Capt. Worton 29, Connor 19, Jones 17); 2nd innings, 115 (Capt. Worton 5 for 34, Painter 35, James 11). 1st Bn. R.S.F. 1st innings, 128 (Chapman 4 for 29, Price 3 for 34); 2nd innings, 93 (Kennett 4 for 25, Price 2 for 17).



BATTALION TEAM v. 1st ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS.

10th Match (1-2/6/35).—v. No. 4 F.D.S., R.A.F. Result: Won by innings and 1 run. Scores: Battalion 1st innings, 112 (James 33, Capt. Worton 25). No. 4 F.D.S., R.A.F., 1st innings, 42 (Price 6 for 30, Kennett 5 for 10); 2nd innings, 69 (Kennett 5 for 28, Price 4 for 29).

11th Match (6/6/35).—v. No. 42 Field Coy., R.E. (Away). Result: Lost by 7 wickets. Scores: Battalion, 1st innings, 120 (Jones 40, Wilson 23, James 15). No. 42 Field Coy., 172 (Price 2 for 22; Wilson 3 for 20).

1. Battalion 2nd XI v. "X" Sqdn., No. 4 F.D.S. Result: Drawn. Scores: Battalion 2nd XI, 149 for 8 dec. (Lieut. Beadnell 44, Britten 35, Purse 22). "X" Sqdn., No. 4 F.D.S., R.A.F., 76 for 6 wks.

2. Battalion 2nd XI v. 1st R.S.F. 2nd XI. Result: Won by 125 runs. Scores: Battalion 2nd XI, 181 (Bullock 47, Jones 41, Connor 19). 1st R.S.F. 2nd XI, 56 (Purse 5 for 30, Connor 4 for 19).

3. Battalion 2nd XI v. "Y" Sqdn., No. 4 F.D.S., R.A.F. Result: Lost by 24 runs. Scores: Battalion 2nd XI, 89 (Savary 12, Bright 18, Willis 34). R.A.F., 113 (Hatfield 7 for 29).

4. Battalion Other Ranks' XI v. H.M.S. Dorsetshire. Result: Won by 4 wickets. Scores: Battalion Other Ranks' XI, 202 for 6 dec. (Connor 46, Painter 34, Kennett 34, Bullock 26, Thomas 23). H.M.S. Dorsetshire 75.

5. Battalion 2nd XI v. R.A.F., Abu Suer (Away). Result: Lost by 48 runs. Scores: Battalion 2nd

XI, 54 (Francis 14, Connor 13). R.A.F., 102 (Coombs 2 for 1, Baker 3 for 21).

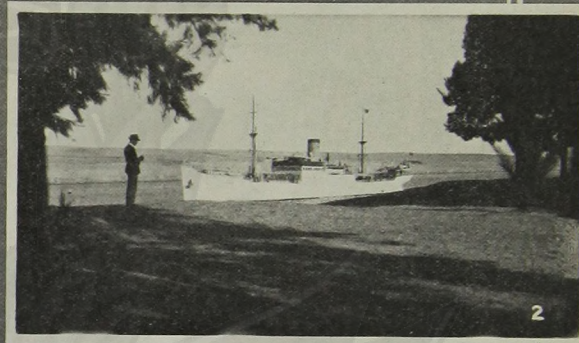
6. Battalion Other Ranks v. R.S.F. Other Ranks (15-16/6/35) (Away).—Result: Won by 133 runs. Scores: Battalion 1st innings, 71 (Chapman 24, James 13, Wilson 9); 2nd innings, 161 (Price 76 not out, Bullock 19, Wilson 7). Royal Scots Fusiliers 1st innings, 39 (Price 4 for 8, Wilson 4 for 10, Chapman 1 for 13); 2nd innings, 60 (Baker 3 for 7, Wilson 3 for 9, Kennett 2 for 15).

Our best batsmen, so far this year, have been Pte. James, 272 runs in 14 innings (highest score 76); Pte. Jones, 241 runs in 10 innings (highest score 53); C.Q.M.S. Thomas, 209 runs in 15 innings (highest score 60); Pte. Connor, 183 runs in 13 innings (highest score 59); Sergt. Painter, 149 runs in 12 innings (highest score 39); Capt. Worton, 117 runs in 5 innings (highest score 34).

Our best bowlers are Pte. Price (57 wks. for 482 runs), Sergt. Kennett (43 wks. for 287 runs), Pte. Chapman (39 wks. for 377 runs), Pte. Connor (14 wks. for 49 runs), Pte. Hatfield (14 wks. for 52 runs).

"H.Q." WING NOTES.

Our sporting successes for the past Albuhera year ended by us receiving quite a few shields, which are displayed very prominently in the Dining Hall. These



1.—Transport on the way to Geneifa. 2.—Suez Canal near Serapeum.
3.—U.S. Club Regatta on Lake Timsah.



1.—On the March, Helouan. 2.—French Gardens, Ismailia.
3.—Brigade Conference, Helouan.

will also be, I hope, published in the Regimental Journal for "H.Q." friends, who have left us for civilian life and the 2nd Battalion, to see; the Regimental Colours and various cups and medals were to numerous to be displayed.

We have now started on the Albuhera year 1935-36 with Company cricket. Unfortunately we only finished third, but with that small atom of luck in the final game with "A" (S.) Company there would have been no Champion Company versus the Rest of the Battalion on the following Wednesday and Thursday (26th and 27th June), because "H.Q.," "A" and "D" would have tied for first place. We congratulate the Gunners on winning the Cricket Shield, and also our rivals, "Don" Company, for being runners-up.

The Pass-Ball towards the Mons Shield we lost in the final to No. 4 Platoon, who beat the Band by 9 to 7 goals after a very interesting and sporting game, but we tied for first place owing to the Wing teams getting through most rounds.

At the present time swimming and water-polo occupy most of our time, and to date we have won one and drawn one. Eight goals to nil was the score against "C" Company, and 1-1 against "D" (the same score as last year), which ended by our beating "D" for the top place by goal average. I predict that the same case will occur again this year, "D" winning their first game 8-1, so if our goal scorers are on form the next two games should ensure a glut of goals. A few words about the match with "D" this year. It was one of the most sporting and evenly matched games seen for quite a long time between both Companies, and a draw was a fair result of the game.

Before these notes appear the swimming sports and rifle meeting will be over and "H.Q." should be well to the fore—if the results of our Company sports and practice shoots to date are any guide.

BAND.

Since our last notes much has taken place with regard to sport. The Band just failed to win the Platoon Pass-Ball Competition. We reached the final without much trouble, but in this match

things just would not settle down for us to play up to our normal standard and we lost after a very hard game.

We have finished our W.T. Course and are pleased to see some fresh "crack-shots." Bdsn. Clargo did very well, securing the highest number of points in our little group. This, incidentally, was his first fight for his proficiency pay (one has to do such things when they become independent).

We hope to pull off the water-polo again this year, but we may be without the services of Dowling and L./Cpl. Hawkesworth, who are feeling a strong temptation to give "Walls" a good run. Good luck, George, save me a wafer!

Two other members of the Band are looking forward to "Civvie Street" and we wish them all the best.

By the time these notes are in print we shall be at Alexandria wading in seaweed and "tearing" Tiger Rag.

In conclusion we would like to wish our fellow countrymen at home all the best of luck and hope that the sea air does not affect them and "Paddy's Resource."

DRUMS.

Last quarter's notes were full of the joys of Battalion and Brigade Training. This quarter we have very little of interest to pass on, excepting the Annual Weapon Training Course. All Drummers retained their pay and great is the rejoicing of the near future Class "A" Reserves.

Now that we are well into summer, cricket and swimming are very much to the fore. We have not had much opportunity of showing our worth at the former, but hope to do so after the Battalion Rifle Meeting in July. Swimming occupies the majority of our spare time. L./Cpl. Butt and Dmr. Holdford are the Brigade Life-Saving Instructors, and have produced excellent results.

Next week we start our annual fortnight's local leave. The Drum Major has arranged two trips per week to Serapeum (a post on the Suez Canal) so we are looking forward to a very enjoyable time. Rations are being taken, so our cooking staff must look to its laurels.

The best news this year is the Battalion move to Singapore. L./Cpl. Crawshaw

has already written to Long Hoy's ordering steak and chips (and do not forget the chutney). New barracks are being built for us, and are said to be the finest east of Suez.

Before going any further congratulations to L./Cpl. Watson on his recently-acquired "Dog's Leg," and a hearty welcome to Harry Harding on his return to the fold.

The Jubilee Parade was held on 6th May and was witnessed by a considerable number of the civilian population. Medals were presented to R.S.M. Newman, Sergt. Christie, Pte. Bray, and to our Commanding Officer and Quartermaster. We offer our congratulations.

The King's Birthday Parade we thoroughly enjoyed—sitting listening to the Guards over the wireless! (We have seen some of the Coldstream at Cairo.)

We now close, wishing the 2nd Battalion Drummers the best of luck and happy days under their new Commanding Officer.

SIGNALS.

There is a lot to write about this quarter but space is, unfortunately, limited. First and foremost in our jubilations is the news of our move to Singapore. Many are elated, except those whose one obsession is to travel in the opposite direction—home!

Our new class is in full swing and show great promise, and already they are looking forward to taking the places of those who depart at the end of the year. Let us hope that they will excel in all directions and become even better than our "old soldiers," who have borne their burden of camps and stands for the past few years assisted only by moans and groans.

L./Cpls. Burkitt and Clark have gone to England, having been selected for a Course at Catterick. At last "Nobby" has obtained his wish and we expect him and Bob to return full of vim and vigour, displaying their certificates. Good luck to them both.

Sports have been booming since the tedious period of training. Pass-Ball was on the up-grade, but we met with a set-back midway, leaving the Band to carry on the good work for the Wing.

We took our full share of athletic honours by representing the Battalion in Cairo with a fair sprinkling of Signallers—thanks to L./Cpls. Gadsden, Martin and Ptes. Woods, Green, Bristow, Johnson and Passfield. This certainly does prove that the section is well up to form. We are also excelling at cricket and shooting and hope to go a long way in the water-polo.

Cheers to Hiscock on obtaining his 1st Class Certificate of Education, and also for joining the "Employed" as P.R.I.'s Clerk. Who is going to do our gardening now, "Botany Bell"?

Our "Arry" has written away for a Pelmanism Course. We foresee the headlines: "Mr. Pelman meets his first failure."

Good luck to our fellow Signallers of the Home Battalion, and may they reach the 100 per cent. mark.

TRANSPORT.

It is regretted that notes from this section have been sadly lacking of late, for which we apologize and promise that it will not occur again. Looking back over the past six months we find that the section has upheld the good name it has during its stay in Egypt, especially in this station.

In January of this year we took first place in the Peg-Driving Competition at Geneifa. Our two drivers also gained first and second places respectively in the individual runs. Congratulations to Ptes. Cheal and Mears and L./Cpl. Ransom and Pte. Bott.

Very little of interest took place at Battalion and Brigade Training, so we must turn to the next phase.

The Annual D.A.D.V.S. Inspection took place here in April, and the report was as follows: "The animal management of the Middlesex Regiment Transport is excellent and all animals are in first-class condition."

Congratulations to Sergt. Christie on this report, and knowing that it is not his first report of this nature we feel sure that it will not be his last.

Owing to the fact that fifteen men of the Transport are due to leave for U.K. some time during the next Trooping Season we have found it necessary to

train some new drivers. They are at present in the Riding School and we expect great things from them. May we take this opportunity of wishing them a very happy sojourn in the Transport.

The Battalion polo team has at last got going and entered for the Tournament at Alexandria, where they gained much experience against really top-class teams. They were well and truly beaten but this is easily balanced by the experience gained. Incidentally we were the only Infantry team who entered, the rest being Cavalry and civilian teams.

In closing, may we hope that the Transport at home succeeded in getting the report they expected on the condition of their animals, and would they enlighten us as to the answer to their question.

"A" (S.) COMPANY.

Individual Training is now in full swing and the new gunners are undergoing strict training. We have certainly acquired some good material from the recent turnover and the spirit with which they tackle their new "problems" is really refreshing. The introduction of T.O.E.T. on the rifle is rather a new experience for the old gunners, but judging from the remarks heard in the Company, the Battalion Shooting Shield will undoubtedly find its way to "A" Company.

The past quarter has been a series of sporting events. To wind up last year's Albuhera Competition we had the Battalion Sports Meeting, and although we did not exactly cover ourselves with glory the men who took part put up an exceptionally fine show, and left nothing to be desired in the spirit with which they competed. We have been very fortunate in having some fine athletes turned over to us, and it is with confidence that we look forward to the next athletic meeting.

On Albuhera Day the Battalion held an Inter-Company Medley Race, and, much to the surprise of the critics, we won rather easily. The team consisted of Capt. Rackham, C.S.M. Russell, C./Sergt. Hazeldine, L./Sergt. Wadsworth, A./Cpl. McDowell and Pte. Spitty. All ran exceptionally well, but special mention should be made of Capt. Rackham and C./Sergt. Hazeldine, whose great efforts undoubtedly assured us of success.

We have started well in the Mons Shield Competition for the ensuing year. No. 4 Platoon, after three successive finals, have eventually realized their ambition in winning the Inter-Platoon Pass-Ball Cup. It was rather unfortunate that they had to meet No. 1 Platoon in the semi-final, because "H.Q." managed to tie with us for points allotted for the Pass-Ball Competition. However, it is a good start and yet another trophy to add to our anticipated collection.

A Company Inter-Platoon Swimming Competition was held at Lake Timsah in June. Considering that all entries were post entries it was surprising the interest that was taken. The meeting was a great success, in which we found considerable talent. The actual result of the competition was as follows: 1, No. 4 Platoon; 2, No. 1 Platoon; 3, No. 2 Platoon; 4, No. 3 Platoon.

A new type of novelty was introduced in the form of a yachting race. The Company yacht, under the careful supervision of Capt. Rackham, finished second in the Battalion. Yachting is now getting a craze, and one party, commonly known as B.P.H.N., are seriously contemplating challenging Vanderbilt for the America Cup, and judging from their tales of their abilities as yachtsmen they might easily acquire their ambition.

At cricket the Company team have been doing exceptionally well in the Inter-Company League. To date, they have played three games and won all. Undoubtedly the team has been strengthened considerably by the introduction of Sergt. Kennet, L./Sergt. Britton, L./Sergt. Williams, and Ptes. Chapman and Dean. It is the finest team that the Company has seen for several years, and we are expecting them to go a long way in the Small Units Knock-Out.

The Canal Brigade is renowned for its originality. This quarter every N.C.O. and man has been required to write an essay on a battle in which the Regiment took part. The C.O. chose "The Action at Nery," and two very interesting and helpful lectures were given by Major Stewart on the subject. The results of our efforts are still awaited.

To conclude, we would like to congratulate Capt. E. S. M. Ayscough on his promotion, C./Sergt. Hazeldine on

his appointment, and Sergt. Honeybun on his "Strength Increase."

"C" COMPANY.

With their backs to the wall the Company athletes set to some hard training, their efforts being finally rewarded by taking second place in the Battalion Athletic Meeting. This position, however, was in the balance for a few days but was definitely decided when we beat "A" (S.) Company at the Inter-Company Tug-of-War by two pulls to one. In this latter event we have won the cup two years in succession from "A," thanks to the stout efforts of Sergt. Mason and his team of stalwarts. Never mind, gunners, we wish you all the best next year.

The Company are pleased to mention that L./Sergt. Roseblade and L./Cpl. Markham were chosen to represent the Army in Egypt versus the Royal Air Force, Egypt. Roseblade was successful in beating his man, but Markham, being at a disadvantage in height, reach, and weight, lost to his opponent on points after a very spirited contest. Whilst on the subject of boxing, Regimental boxing colours have been awarded for 1934-35 to the following: L./Sergt. Roseblade, L./Cpl. Markham, L./Cpl. Price, L./Cpl. Ellis, and Ptes. Benham (since left us to fight his way in "civvie" life) and Hardaway.

In the Command Athletic Meeting we contributed our share in battalion representatives in the persons of Lieut. Powell, L./Sergt. Roseblade, L./Cpls. Ellis and Keefe, and Ptes. Dawes, Henry and Boggis, all of whom have been awarded athletic colours.

Our abilities at pass-ball and cricket are not very bright this year, but with our "young blood" we hope to be well to the fore next year. Yet, in spite of our lowly position, we have again assisted the Battalion in welding the willow on concrete, sand and green, as L./Sergt. Painter is a first-eleven player, and L./Sergt. Brown and Ptes. Hatfield and Nicholson have played in the second team.

Swimming has now taken our eye, so to get things moving the Company may be seen daily down by the Blue Lagoon, making strenuous efforts to vie with the

famous Johnny Weismuller. To find out our talent swimming trials took place on Wednesday, 5th June, the results being as under:—

Two Lengths Free Style.—1, Dodd; 2, Deeble; 3, Sibley.

Two Lengths Back Stroke.—1, Hill; 2, Vinton; 3, Colman.

Plunging.—1, L./Cpl. Sargent; 2, Vinton; 3, Smith (75).

Two Lengths Breast Stroke.—1, Colman; 2, Newman; 3, Cpl. Connett.

Four Lengths Free Style.—1, L./Cpl. Sargent; 2, Dodd; 3, Sickenger.

880 Yards Free Style.—1, L./Cpl. Sargent; 2, Hill; 3, Dodd and Nicholson, tie.

Inter-Platoon Relay.—1, No. 9; 2, No. 10; 3, No. 12.

Diving.—1, Cpl. Connett; 2, Simmonds; 3, Lever.

Keen interest was shown by all who took part, the Inter-Platoon Relay taking premier honours. The winners, No. 9, started off rather badly, but were pulled out of the rut by an extraordinary effort on the part of L./Cpl. Sargent, who seemed to speed through the water as though fleeing from the whale of Jonah fame. Credit is due to Sergt. Mason (organizer), Sergt. Kruck (assistant) and the officer judges for a successful day.

Now that the Garrison Water-Polo pitch is completed the men are putting in some valuable work under L./Cpl. Sargent and Cpl. Adam, and our chances to date seem rosy. Although I have written at some length about water sports I must not pass over a new pastime to us, introduced, we believe, by our old Company Commander, Major Savile, *i.e.*, Inter-Company Yacht Racing. At this healthy pastime we believe in starting at the bottom of the ladder, but under the able seamanship of 2/Lieut. Peal we live in hopes of reaching the top rung. (Visions of the America Cup.)

Sergt. Paterson, our angling expert, is to be congratulated on skilfully outmanœuvring the scaley pieces from the banks of the Suez. Well done, Pat, your patience is a virtue.

In the realm of military affairs we have just completed our A.W.T.C. and are now busy with the tactical side of training. What with Grenades, pick and shovel, gas and its apparent horrors of the cham-

ber, astronomy, and nights out, we surely are covering a multitude of trades. Not bad comparisons either, from navvying to astronomy. We do not think that the A.V.T.C. will matter when the time comes.

Three of our number are at present indulging in leave at home, to wit, Lieut. Herepath, L./Sergt. Roseblade and Pte. Whybrow. We hope they will have a most enjoyable time in "Blighty," and bring back all the news of the Jubilee Celebrations—hoping they have not celebrated too much themselves. Others of the Company are undergoing a fourteen days' rest cure, basking in the sun (mind those blistered backs), swimming, hiking, biking and a thousand and one other things to pass away the time. Others not content with their present surroundings drifted to Palestine. Were they after sampling some of Jaffa's fine—? They have since told us that the place has improved wonderfully during the past couple of years, that one would not know the place; it is so different. A number of others have strayed from the happy fold, namely, to Alexandria and Port Said. L./Sergt. Cladd and L./Cpl. Belcher have gone to the "Muscle Factory" at the former place, and L./Cpls. Smith and Robinson with Ptes. Jones (63) and Walker are performing duties at Navy House, Port Said.

In the meantime the Company are going great guns with the pen. Essays on Regimental History are the topic, and the Battle of Néry will not be forgotten in a hurry.

Educational qualifications of the Company have improved during the past quarter, and congratulations are extended to the following for certificates gained:

Special.—L./Cpl. Simpson.

First Class.—L./Cpl. Keefe, A./Cpl. Adams, and Ptes. Whybrow and Pollard.

Second Class.—Ptes. Sibley, Kennelly and Saunders.

Further congratulations are given to: L./Sergt. Painter on the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (oh, those undetected razzles, Jack!); L./Sergt. Brown on his entry into the Sergeants' Mess; L./Cpl. Smith (22) on receiving pay of appointment; the 21st April draft from U.K., hoping the sun will always shine on them and that their

stay will be a happy one; Capt. and Mrs. Overell on joining the Company, and Capt. Overell as Company Commander; C.Q.M.S. Thomas in the capacity of A./C.S.M., *vice* C.S.M. Goodall, who is A./R.Q.M.S.; and A./Sergt. Smith on his increase in family.

"C" Company are sorry to have lost Major Savile to "H.Q." Wing, but it must be remembered that the Major commanded us on land, sea, and in the air, which definitely constitutes a record in the Battalion. By losing Major Savile we have also lost our staunch supporter at Tug-of-War, Mrs. Savile. May their stay in "H.Q." Wing be as happy as it was with us.

"D" COMPANY.

We open this quarter's notes with extending a hearty welcome to Major Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., who was last with the Company in 1928, and also to Capt. J. R. B. Worton and 2/Lieut. P. A. R. Anson, and it is the sincere wish of all ranks that they will be with us for a long time. We also welcome the members of the last draft from the 2nd Battalion, and sincerely hope that they are having and will continue to have a good time, but we realize that they will take some time to settle down in their new surroundings. We have heard at last that we are going to Singapore into new barracks!

The whole Company is greatly honoured by having a recipient of the King's Silver Jubilee Medal in its ranks, and we all join in congratulating Pte. J. Bray on gaining this distinction. Pte. Bray has been our storeman for many years and has carried out his duties in an exemplary fashion. He is an example to all young soldiers, and when the time comes for him to leave us we hope we will be fortunate enough in procuring as good a man to relieve him.

The parade for the King's Jubilee went off without a hitch, and "D" Company found No. 4 Company went by very well.

At the time of writing these notes the whole Company is busy preparing for their Annual Musketry Course. At present we are Best Shooting Company and it is the wish of all ranks that we remain

at the top of the roll, and there is no reason why we should not.

During the past few months we have lost a number of our outstanding sportsmen. Some have left us for one reason or another, but we hope they will return more proficient than ever. The gaps they have left will be filled with men who are just as good.

We are informed on good authority that the swimming team has in no way suffered by the absence of Sergt. Thompson (on leave to U.K.), L./Sergt. Hopwood (at Hythe on a Small Arms Course), and Pte. Baker (transferred to 2nd Battalion). The vacancies left by Sergt. Hopwood and Baker are ably filled by Ptes. Buckle and Jennings. Ptes. Jones and Hartnett are showing excellent form at water-polo. L./Cpl. Tatt, and Ptes. Mayhew, Tocock, Le Dain and Norcutt are also giving a good impression and making everybody confident of winning the Swimming Shield, which we hope to hang in our Company Dining Hall.

Everybody in the Company is singing the praises of our cricket team. We are fortunate in having the services of Major Stewart as captain, and our batting strength has been increased by Capt. Worton. Only one match has been lost, and that to the "A" (S.) Company team. Pte. Jones has batted very well and we hope he will continue to show this form. Pte. Evans and Willis get full marks for their bowling, but our bowling is weak. The whole of the team has worked very well and fully deserve the praise that is due to them. We hope to beat "B" Company in our next match.

In the Inter-Platoon Pass-Ball Competition we were unlucky, three of our platoons being knocked out in their first matches. Only No. 15 Platoon managed to win and they beat No. 7 Platoon, 9-6. They eventually lost to No. 4 Platoon, 16-8, but given plenty of practice they would have been victorious. Mention must be made of our own League which is being run. Half of the matches have been played and at present No. 15 Platoon are champions, and look like remaining so.

Our hockey team has had some trial games and are showing great form. Our supporters have no need to worry, for

we have a good team which, under the able coaching of L./Cpl. Crowley, who is the mainstay of the team and deserves a great deal of praise for his energy in arranging games.

The tennis world of Kitchener Lines is looking up, and we have several good performers. We had a fixture with the Navy at the time of their last visit, but they had evidently heard of our prowess and cancelled the game.

Before our next notes appear our ranks will be again depleted, for there are many who are to leave us for civilian life. We wish them all every luck in obtaining employment, and their chances seem better than they were two years ago. The loss of fifty-seven from our Company alone means a great gap which we hope will be filled by a really good draft from the 2nd Battalion.

Although the cricket season is still in full swing we have had several games of football in the evenings, trying out the last draft and forming a team for next season. We were unfortunate to lose some of our talent to "A" (S.) Company. Our loss, their gain. We hope that Pte. Hedges performs as well in his new company as he did in "D." We shall be losing L./Cpl. Staley and Jolley, and also Pte. Kirby, in the near future. Ptes. Hedges and Kirby will want some replacing, but we are fortunate in having Ptes. Saw, Wilkinson and Painting from the Draft. The latter two have settled down rather quickly to our sandy pitches.

The results of the games we have played give us confidence for the coming season. The results to date, not counting games in the Company, are: *v.* "A" Company R.S.F., won 3-1; *v.* "D" Company R.S.F., draw 3-3; *v.* "M" Company R.S.F., won 7-1.

Before we close our notes we should like to give a vote of thanks to all of those who have worked so hard to bring our Company sports teams, especially cricket and swimming, up to the present standard.

CORPORALS' MESS.

The past quarter has been a real "Jubilee season" for the members of our Club, and I am sure everyone will agree that the President and his Committee have

put on "A.1" shows. One could see the cog-wheels working when they took over the burden, and all entertainments went off with the precision of a well-oiled machine. It is interesting to note that they have got themselves outside many pints, which perhaps accounts for the good work.

We had a very enjoyable evening when the members of the Corporals' Club of No. 6 Squadron, R.A.F., visited us in May. A games tournament was arranged and for all those who did not compete there was plenty of "wet and weeds." We walked away with the snooker and billiards, but had to admit defeat at darts. The evening finished with a sing-song which I think everyone enjoyed. There is a tactical disadvantage in being the visiting team, because the hosts ply one with beer until they think it safe to begin the games. When the R.A.F. invited us to their Club for a return tournament we fell into the trap, and with befuddled brains lost every game, but had a very enjoyable evening!

On 6th May the Navy arrived in the shape of three submarines, so we cleared our decks for action anticipating a good time. Two trips were arranged for visiting the subs., and members were soon searching their brains for those foggy nautical terms. It is related that before going on board one of our brother-N.C.O.s. asked if they had a billiard table. He was told that they had collapsible ones and "Myrtle" was quite disappointed because he could not find it. I do not think he realized that there was insufficient room even for a draught-board!

A good game of soccer was arranged with the *Regulus* on Sunday, 9th May, which resulted in a win for us by 4 goals to 2.

On the Tuesday evening we bade goodbye to our brothers in blue, who were off to China and Singapore, where we hope to meet next year.

The great event of the quarter was our combined Albuhera and Jubilee dance, the praise for which must go to "Ginty" and Cpl. Whichello, who, with the assistance of the Dance Committee, put in some hard work to make it a success. Everyone seemed to be there, and it needed only half an eye to see that they were enjoying themselves. Even the Brigadier was dancing and showing some

of our youngsters how the Palais Glide should be done. The bar was run by the N.A.A.F.I., and, listen to this, you Englishmen with "Dora"-infected minds, it was kept open until 2 a.m., when the dance finished. That is enough to make the Home Secretary turn green.

On 9th June an outing to Serapeum was arranged, and was a very great success. Our thanks must go to the President's wife, and also to Cpl. Jeffries' wife, who helped things to go with a swing. We all hope to see them at future outings.

In conclusion, we extend a hearty welcome to all new members of the Club.



57th AND 77th REGIMENTS IN CORFU.

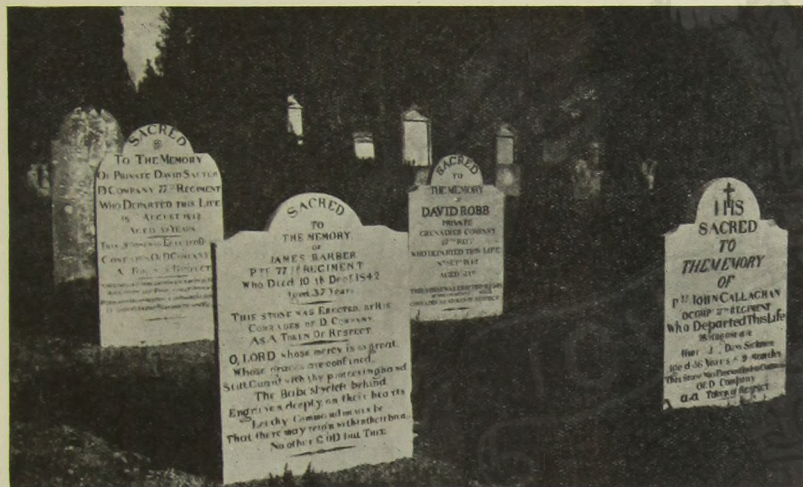
THE island of Corfu, now a Greek possession, is the largest of the group of Ionian Islands and is situated on the north-west coast of Greece.

This island was a British possession for a considerable number of years during the past century, during which period it was a foreign station for British troops.

I have just recently spent a short period of leave in Corfu and, knowing that both the 57th and 77th Regiments were stationed there during the British period of possession, I made a systematic search of the British cemeteries for any traces of graves belonging to either unit.

I discovered that there were originally two cemeteries, one a very old one on the coast and another about a mile inland. The old one on the coast was demolished some thirty years ago, and all the tombstones from it were removed to the one farther inland, placed round the walls for the purpose of preservation.

I searched some 300 or more tombstones, many of which were completely indecipherable, even after the energetic application of a piece of pumice-stone, but my efforts were ultimately rewarded by the discovery of four commemorating members of the 77th Regiment. These four, the details of which I give below, I had renovated, the lettering recut and painted, which I hope will preserve them for a considerable number of years, and the stones set up in a vacant corner of the cemetery. It will be noticed that in



the cases of two—Ptes. Callaghan and Robb—the “further inscription” on the bottom of the stone is not given, the bases of the stones being damaged and the lettering unreadable.

There are graves belonging to many regiments, and may possibly be more of interest to us, which are now unrecognizable. I found none of the 57th Regiment and can only presume that they were more fortunate during their stay in Corfu.

My best thanks are due to Mr. Pericles J. Papadachi, the British Vice-Consul in Corfu, who gave me most valuable assistance in finding and restoring the tombstones. Mr. Papadachi takes a great personal interest in the welfare of the cemetery and its gardens, which he maintains in most excellent order.

G. L. BROWN.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
PTE. DAVID SAETER (? SALTER)
“D” COMPANY, 77TH REGIMENT
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE 16 AUG., 1842
AGED 32 YEARS.

THIS STONE WAS ERECTED BY HIS COMRADES OF
“D” COMPANY AS A TOKEN OF THEIR RESPECT.

“A SOLDIER ALARMED BY THE SOUND OF THE DRUM
HE FLIES TO HIS POST AND IS STEADY.
BUT WHEN DEATH COMES TO THE BREST OF A—?—
(break in stone)
O WHERE IS THE SOLDIER THAT’S READY?”

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
PTE. JOHN CALLAGHAN
“D” COMPANY, 77TH REGIMENT
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE 28 AUGUST, 1842, AFTER
4 DAYS’ SICKNESS.
AGED 36 YEARS AND 9 MONTHS.

THIS STONE WAS ERECTED BY HIS COMRADES OF
“D” COMPANY AS A TOKEN OF THEIR RESPECT.

(No further inscription as tombstone was broken.)

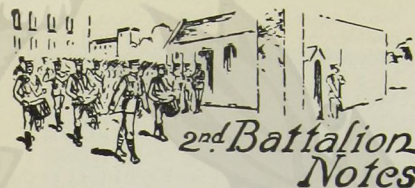
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DAVID ROBB
GRENADIER COMPANY, 77TH REGIMENT
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE 8 SEPT., 1842
AGED 31 YEARS.

THIS STONE WAS ERECTED BY HIS COMRADES OF THE
GRENADIER COMPANY AS A TOKEN OF RESPECT.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
JAMES BARBER
PRIVATE, 77TH REGIMENT
WHO DIED 10TH DECEMBER, 1842,
AGED 37 YEARS.

THIS STONE WAS ERECTED BY HIS COMRADES OF
“D” COMPANY AS A TOKEN OF RESPECT.

“O, LORD WHOSE MERCY IS SO GREAT,
WHOSE GRACES ARE CONFINED,
STILL GUARD WITH THY PROTECTING HAND
THE BABE’S YE LEFT BEHIND.
ENGRAVEN DEEPLY ON THEIR HEARTS,
LET THY COMMANDMENTS BE,
THAT THERE MAY REIGN WITHIN THEIR BRESTS,
NO OTHER GOD BUT THEE.”



BEFORE entering on a summary of the principal activities of the Battalion during the past quarter, we wish, while congratulating Col. Maurice Browne on his appointment to an instructorship at the Senior Officers’ School, to express our very deep regret and feeling of loss at his departure from the Battalion after completing only two and a half years of his four-year tenure of command.

It is difficult to express in words the gratitude of all ranks in the Battalion to him, and we know that he himself would deprecate our enlarging on this subject, but we would like to say this, that no battalion in the Army could ever have had a Commanding Officer who did more for it, never sparing himself in his efforts to bring it to a high pitch of efficiency, and who at the same time took such a great personal interest in the welfare of all those under his command; all aspects of the life of the Battalion interested him intensely, and no detail which contributed towards the well-being of his men was overlooked by him. We feel sure that Col. Browne must have realized from the spontaneous enthusiasm with which he was received, when they chaired him round barracks after the farewell dinner in the Officers’ Mess, the affection and loyalty which he inspired in all ranks under his command.

Although losing Col. Browne before the period of his command finished, we have been most fortunate in having had him with the Battalion so long. He joined the Battalion at Ahmednagar, India, in the early part of 1926 from the 1st Battalion, and except for short periods at the Senior Officers’ School at Belgaum and on courses, has been with the Battalion ever since. He commanded the old “C” Company and “H.Q.” Wing for considerable periods, and was Second-in-Command and P.R.I. in Madras, Khar-toum and Colchester, before being appointed to the command in September, 1932.

We wish Col. Browne the very best of luck and health in the future, and will look forward to his visits, which we hope will be very frequent.

We are particularly fortunate in having as his successor Lieut.-Col. W. W. Jefford from the 1st Battalion; we are especially pleased to have him as our new Commanding Officer, as he is no stranger to the Battalion, having been Adjutant from after the war until 1922 while the Battalion was stationed at Cairo and Singapore; afterwards he was in command of a company before proceeding to the Depot in 1923, and subsequently he was Officer Commanding the Depot from 1925 to 1928.

During the quarter under review, the chief interest of the majority of the Battalion has lain in the preparation for and performance in the old-time Grenadier drill item in the Aldershot Tattoo. This item, which demanded the most intensive rehearsal, was an outstanding success at each performance. We must not, however, go into further detail here, as a most interesting article from the able pen of the Item Commander appears elsewhere in these notes; sufficient will it be to quote here from *The Times* of 14th June:—

“It is hard to imagine the amount of work which must have been put into this perfect revival of antique drill by the men of the East Surrey and Middlesex Regiments who carry it out.”

The item was under the general direction of Major Bucknall, who was assisted by Lieut. Gordon and the R.S.M., and four from among the following six officers commanded the Grenadier companies: Capts. Pain and Heywood, Lieut. Else, and 2/Lieuts. Willoughby, Unwin and Beath.

For the purposes of the Tattoo, 12 officers and 400 other ranks were encamped at Bourley, outside Aldershot, from 23rd May to 25th June, forming a brigade with the 1st Bn. The Royal Scots, 2nd Bn. The East Surrey Regiment and 2nd Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders, who were in camp round us. The camp was well sited, but we experienced considerable vagaries of weather, the advance party arriving in almost Arctic cold and the rear party leaving in tropical heat. A tribute to the help which we had from

the 2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards appears later.

While the main body of the Battalion was at Aldershot the details, consisting chiefly of the two last squads from the Depot, stayed at Colchester carrying out Weapon Training and firing of Table "A."

Most of us will now have only a short time left at Colchester, as the Battalion leaves for camp and higher training near Andover on 18th August for a month, and is due for the move to Portsmouth on 19th November. Those who have known Colchester well will probably be very sorry to leave, as it has been an excellent station and the Battalion's time here has been very successful. We hope that we will like Portsmouth as well.

Company Training is at present being carried out, and "A," "B" and "D" Companies are about to start on three-day company marches for administrative and training purposes.

We welcome Vittoria Squad, which arrived from the Depot in May, and has been posted to "D" Company. We will be glad to see another squad this month.

In the world of sport there is not perhaps quite so much to record as usual, but a very successful Battalion Athletic Meeting has been held, and some interesting cricket matches have been played, both at Colchester and at Aldershot. Accounts appear elsewhere. Lieut. Stephenson has again represented Essex in several county matches. He is heartily to be congratulated on being awarded his county cap. 2/Lieut. Unwin also has played for Essex.

It seems a far cry in these hot days from rugger and soccer, but since the last notes were written we have played and won—for the third year in succession—in the Colchester Seven-a-Side Rugger Tournament, but were beaten in the Eastern Counties Seven-a-Side Competition, when our team was hardly at its best. "C" (S.) Company won the Company Seven-a-Side Tournament, and the Drums won the Six-a-Side Soccer.

Our soccer team did not finish the season very well, and we hope that better results will be obtained and fresh talent revealed at Portsmouth.

Finally we are very pleased that both the cups at the Regimental Tennis Tournament were won by the 2nd Battalion,

the Singles by 2/Lieut. Unwin, and the doubles by 2/Lieuts. Unwin and Beath. This is the first time that these trophies have been held by this Battalion.

THE ALDERSHOT TATTOO.

1. Tattoo.
2. Eighteenth-century Grenadiers of the Line perform Manual, Marching and Grenade Exercises: 2nd Bn. The East Surrey Regiment and 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
3. Massed Bands of the Aldershot and Eastern Commands.
4. Physical Training and Club Swinging by 2nd Bn. The Cameron Highlanders and 2nd Bn. The Wiltshire Regiment.
5. Musical Ride by 1st Cavalry Brigade.
6. A Short Glance at the Modern Encounter Battle: 1st Bn. The Royal Scots and Various Arms.
7. An Old Battle Picture: 1st Bn. The Welch Regiment, 2nd Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders, 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment and 2nd Bn. The East Surrey Regiment.
8. The Raising of a Highland Regiment: 2nd Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders.
9. The Grand Finale and Pageant of Kings.

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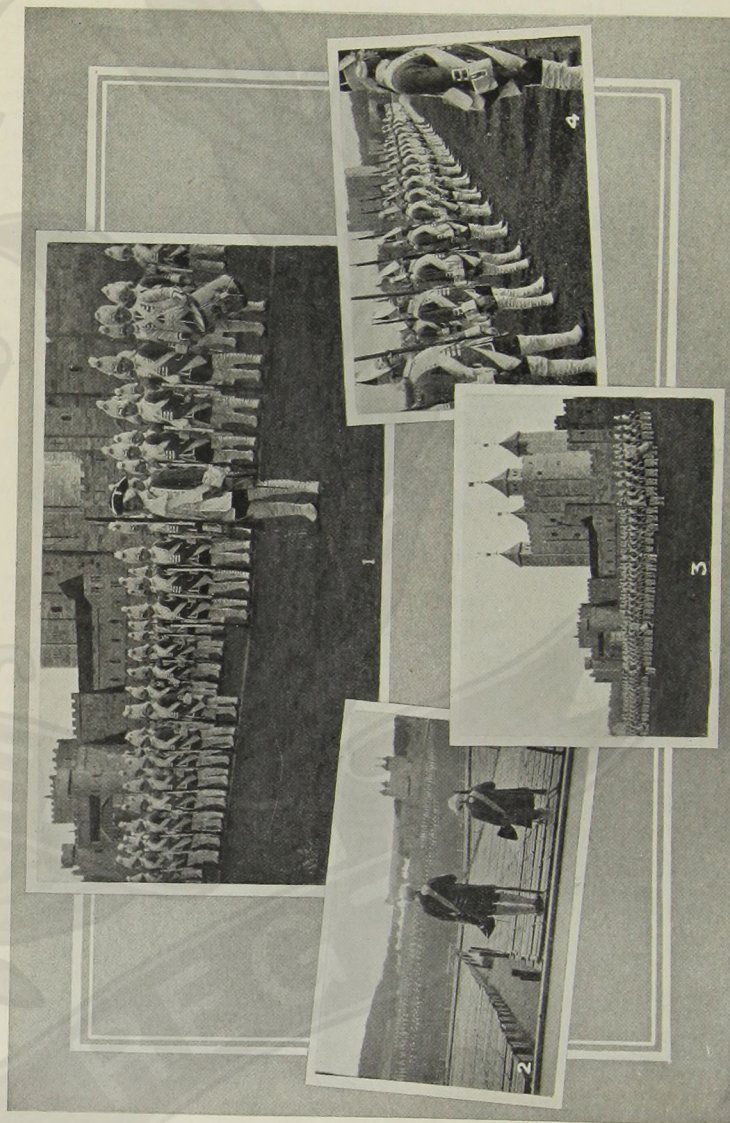
On the 23rd of May the major part of the Battalion proceeded to Bourley Camp, near Aldershot, to take part in the well-known Aldershot Tattoo.

The camp was a good one and dry, and the Battalion quickly settled down to the work of preparation and rehearsal.

The Jubilee year is an occasion not to be missed. The Tattoo staff were determined to surpass all previous standards, and this they succeeded in doing. For the first time assistance was called on from the Eastern Command, and the 1st Bn. The Royal Scots, 2nd Bn. The East Surrey Regiment, 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment and the 2nd Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders were fortunate enough to be selected to take part.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE TATTOO.

The underlying theme of the 1935 Tattoo was "The Crown" as the heart and life-spring of His Majesty's Army, and the loyalty of the Army to its Kings throughout the ages.



1.—No. 8 GRENADIER COMPANY. 2.—WATCHING A REHEARSAL OF THE P.T. ITEM. 3.—THE GRENADIERS ON PARADE BEFORE THE COLOURS MARCH ON. 4.—PART OF No. 7 GRENADIER COMPANY

[Photos: Gale & Polden, Ltd., Aldershot.]

Rehearsal - day 1st. 1935

The Tattoo opened conventionally with the massed drums and fifes playing the traditional music.

The item in which the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, with our old friends the 2nd Bn. The East Surrey Regiment, was particularly concerned followed, Grenadiers of the eighteenth-century period mustering behind the massed drums. A more detailed description of this item follows.

The exit of the Grenadiers was merged in the advance of the massed bands, whose music, marching and wheeling, excellently executed, comprised the third item.

This was followed by a clever and well-co-ordinated exhibition of club swinging and physical training by the Wiltshire Regiment and the Cameron Highlanders, whose physical fitness will now be a by-word in Aldershot.

Three rides from the Queen's Bays, the Carabiniers and the 4th Hussars were then played on by the mounted bands, and executed some good figures with excellent horsemanship, terminating in a charge. A short scene devoted to the "Waterloo Hunt" provided light relief.

The black-out which followed gave the opportunity to introduce the modern infantry advancing to the capture of a fortified village with all the various supporting and assisting arms. The village was captured and the clever panorama of present-day fighting passed on to a further objective.

In vivid contrast, the old battle formations of Waterloo days were then shown defending a village, a special arrangement of Eckersberg's "Waterloo" introducing the picture and supplying a running musical accompaniment. In this item the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment represented an infantry square with its Colours.

In the centre of the arena a glowing brazier then heralded the eighth item. The fiery crosses quickly carried fire to the torches of the assembling wild clansmen, who dashed forward to join their chief. To the skirl of pipes the torch-light evolutions gradually produced from the clansmen a splendid regiment of red-coated Highlanders, who marched out as the pipes finally died away.

The massed bands now covered the entry of all participants to their stations for the Grand Finale. The Grenadiers of the Line then moved forward to their

position with front on either side of the centrepiece, and in their fine old uniforms and tall mitre hats made a splendid picture.

As soon as all units were in position the entry of the Pageant of the Kings began through the main gate. This was a wonderful and quite accurate portrayal of the entourage, men-at-arms, knights and gentlemen who surrounded each of the kings and queens who have reigned for more than twenty-five years.

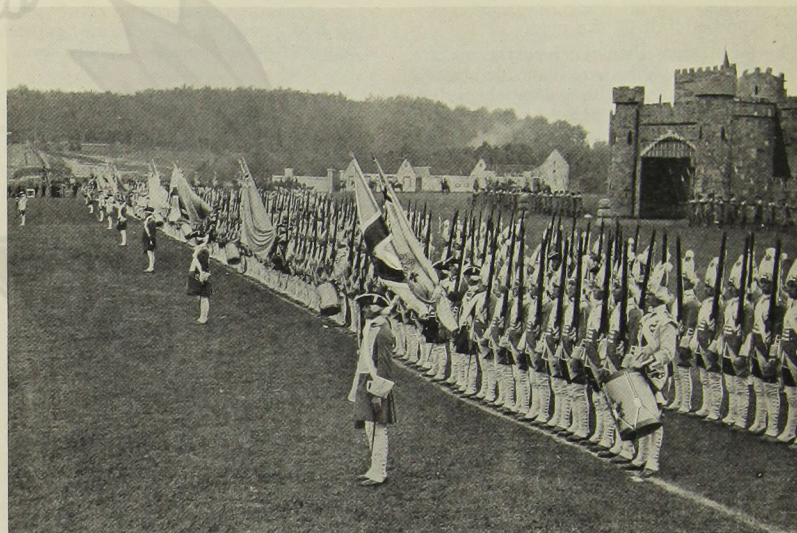
A hymn by the choir of the Welch Regiment and "Abide with me" preceded the National Anthem, while the heads of their Majesties appeared lighted against the background of the Tower of London, a wonderful representation of Windsor Castle appeared floodlighted in the distance, and the Crown of England, beautifully bejewelled, formed a fitting centre, surrounded by Beefeaters and a detachment of Grenadier and Coldstream Guards.

Now for a little more detail with regard to our own item.

THE GRENADIERS OF THE LINE.

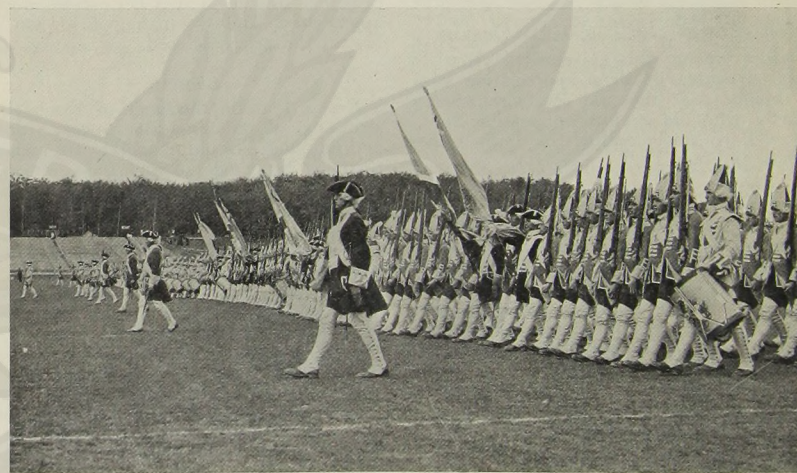
The East Surreys represented the grenadier companies of four regiments of foot: 9th, 12th, 31st and 44th. The Middlesex companies comprised those of the 3rd, 7th, 35th and 77th Foot. The uniforms with correct facings and equipment, and the large mitre hats, were most picturesque. The Colours of the various regiments in the centre of their companies completed a really fine picture. The hearts of many members of the infantry of the line—than which none has borne a heavier or prouder share of the fighting of the British Army—must have stirred. After a "muster," a magnificent advance to the Grenadiers' "Slow March" was followed by a present and salute. The Grenadiers then moved outwards to their drill grounds to the "Pike-man's March" played by the Drums of the Warwicks, East Surreys, South Staffords and Middlesex, all in their striking uniforms.

Arms drill with flintlocks, executed most steadily by the men, took place after the companies had opened out and dressed. Companies then closed and performed grenade exercises, each of the three ranks firing and throwing their live grenades in



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GRENADIER COMPANIES IN LINE PRIOR TO THE ADVANCE AND SALUTE.



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GRENADIER COMPANIES ADVANCING IN LINE.

turn. This difficult exercise could not have been bettered by the men.

The Grenadiers then received the order to wheel by companies and march to quarters. They achieved this extremely well, marching and dressing being excellent, to "The British Grenadiers" played by the massed bands in the background by microphone.

The item was controlled most effectively by Major Swinton and Capt. Drake-Brockman, of the East Surreys, in the old traditional words of command.

Nothing could have exceeded the steadiness of the arms and grenade drill and marching, and it is not too much to say that the two regiments thoroughly deserved the loud and prolonged applause which greeted their efforts.

TATTOO AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS.

In spite of very doubtful weather, the Tattoo was an outstanding success, the attendance being 70,000 greater than in any previous year.

We must now pay tribute to the wonderful direction and organization of Col. Douglas Withers, Major Newington and the Tattoo staff who did so much to help us.

KINDNESS OF 2ND BN. GRENADIER GUARDS.

Before closing this episode, the Regiment expresses its deep appreciation of the kindness of the 2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards, who did everything possible for the welfare and comfort of both our officers and men.

VALUE OF THE ALDERSHOT TATTOO.

While the Tattoo and all the effort which preceded it was a complete change from our normal work, it must not be regarded as so much time lost to war training. For us it was a valuable experience in organization, and it had a most steadying effect upon our drill and marching. For the general public it was great propaganda of the most far-reaching and patriotic kind, which must in these distorted times have achieved much good. For the military charities and medical organizations of the Aldershot and Eastern Commands it is a boon which will unquestionably allay much hardship and relieve much illness.

To this extent, therefore, we should be glad and proud to have been fortunate enough to assist in such a worthy success.

"A" COMPANY.

The majority of the past quarter has been spent in preparing for the Aldershot Tattoo. The Annual Weapon Training Course was fired early to enable us to practise firelock drill, and, although we have several men yet to fire, the results to date have been very satisfactory. So far the Company averages are 92.6 for rifle and 111.7 for L.A. We have forty-four marksmen in the latter weapon, and twenty-one for the rifle. Several of our Company are now practising for the various competitions in which the Battalion is entered.

ALDERSHOT CAMP.

Most of our men were merged with "B" Company to represent the Royal Fusiliers' Grenadier Company. The camp would doubtless have been more enjoyable had the weather been finer, and little was done apart from Tattoo rehearsals. We were, however, able to indulge in a little P.T. to prevent us from becoming stiff. The concerts and competitions provided by the N.A.A.F.I. were much appreciated, and we managed to win a few of the prizes offered.

SPORT.

No. 4 Platoon did well to reach the semi-final of the Six-a-Side Soccer Competition, but, as unfortunately the other platoons did not do so well, the Company had to be content with third place in the competition.

In the Battalion Sports we were not very strongly represented and were content to aim for and reach third place.

The team consisting of four Privates from "A" Company and two from "B" Company were successful in winning a six-a-side hockey competition held on Albuhera Day.

The Company Sports were held in May. The weather was kind to us, although the grass was rather damp. This latter affected some of the field events, notably the Hurdles and Javelin.

Attendance at the Tattoo has necessarily meant that cricket has suffered, and we have played no games of any consequence.

We also have had little opportunity of swimming practice, but hope to remedy this now that we are back at Colchester.

PROMOTIONS.

We offer our congratulations to C.S.M. Mewett on his appointment to the T.A., but we are sorry to lose his services.

Our congratulations also go to Sergt. Cooper on his promotion and to L./Sergt. Overy and L./Cpls. Martin and Lawrence on their appointments to their present ranks.

The results of "A" Company Sports were as follows:—

- 100 Yards.—1, L./Sergt. Overy; 2, Pte. Kent; 3, Pte. Rimmer.
- 220 Yards.—1, L./Sergt. Overy; 2, Sergt. Cooper; 3, Pte. Rimmer.
- 440 Yards.—1, L./Cpl. Smith; 2, L./Cpl. Hinch.
- Shot.—1, L./Sergt. Overy; 2, Pte. Fabray; 3, Sergt. Cooper.
- Throwing the Javelin.—1, L./Cpl. Blan; 2, Sergt. Cooper.
- Throwing the Hammer.—1, Pte. Fabray; 2, Pte. Kent; 3, Sergt. Cooper.
- Throwing the Discus.—1, L./Sergt. Overy; 2, Pte. Fabray.
- Long Jump.—2/Lieut. Ormiston.
- High Jump.—1, 2/Lieut. Ormiston; 2, L./Cpl. Pace.
- Hurdles.—1, 2/Lieut. Ormiston; 2, L./Cpl. Pace.
- Pole Vault.—1, L./Cpl. Smith; 2, L./Cpl. Blan; 3, Pte. Parsons.
- Open Relay.—"C" (S.) Company.
- Consolation Race.—Pte. Hicks.
- Tug-of-War.—Nos. 3 and 4 Platoons.

"B" COMPANY.

The Company proceeded with the remainder of the Battalion to Aldershot on 25th May and quickly settled down to the routine of camp life and, although the weather was not very kind for the first three weeks, it certainly made amends during the last part of the stay. During the off-duty periods the camp closely resembled a nudist colony, but some of the more reckless of the sun-worshippers rather regretted their sore shoulders when the Battalion marched out of camp, and quite a number of the Company are wearing new skins. But, apart from this, it is understood that everybody enjoyed the stay at Aldershot, and from information received there are several Aldershot maidens with heavy hearts and eyes on the local postman—but they have the consolation of knowing that Portsmouth is nearer to Aldershot than is Colchester.

The Battalion received excellent reports on the display they gave in the Tattoo, and much water will flow under Manwood Bridge before the memory of the Jubilee Tattoo fades from the minds of all who took part in it, and, although we had no Hollywood film agents fighting for our services, everyone concerned put his heart and soul into it and made it definitely the show of shows.

It has been said that there will never be another Tattoo like it from both a spectacular and a financial point of view, and in the opinion of people who have seen many Tattoos they all agree that it was the best.

The only regret was that H.M. The King was unable to come and see the display, and, although H.R.H. The Prince of Wales and numerous other members of the Royal Family saw the show, everyone concerned would have been highly honoured by the presence of His Majesty, but no doubt in years to come the Battalion will again give a like display and be graced by the presence of His Majesty The King.

The Company has not done much in the way of sport. As soon as we arrived back from Aldershot we started Company Training, and are still in the midst of it, but we did manage to complete the Company Swimming Sports on the morning of 5th June, and, although the entries were not as large as we expected, those who did perform put up a good show.

In conclusion, we wish all members of "B" Company in the 1st Battalion all that they wish themselves, and hope that they are looking forward to Singapore.

"C" (S.) COMPANY.

We are all very sorry indeed to lose our Commanding Officer, Col. Browne, and wish him every success in his new appointment, and would like to take this opportunity of welcoming Lieut.-Col. Jefferd and assuring him of our full loyalty and support.

With true British modesty we are fully sensible of our own worth, so we feel that we should felicitate ourselves on winning the shield for the Champion Company for the season 1934-35. A detailed account of our successes will be found later in these notes.

Dealing with personalities, we should like to congratulate L./Cpl. Stanton and Pte. Grogan on winning the boxing belts in their respective weights; also Sergt. Johnson and L./Cpl. Davidson on gaining another "D" each at Hythe and Shorncliffe respectively. Sergt. Johnson has left us for the Depot, and our hearty wishes go with him to his new home.

Capt. Jones has just completed a Gas Course and has returned very "gas-minded."

CONCENTRATION.

Our Annual Concentration at the Small Arms School, Netheravon, was marred by bad weather, but this did not impair our efficiency in any way. Of the thirty-three range-takers tested in the Brigade from our unit, twenty-nine qualified as first class, three as second class, and one failed, while two have yet to be tested.

The Brigade Inter-Section Fire Control Competition on the 30-yards range eventually finished as follows:—

Pts.

1. 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment,
No. 4 Section (Cpl. Chapman) 148
2. 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and
Hertfordshire Regiment ... 122
3. Somerset Light Infantry ... 120

We have thus added another clock to the one gained by Sergt. Johnson in 1933.

In the A.R.A. Match 27, our score of 495 puts us fourth in the five brigades that have fired up to the time of writing.

The Battalion Transport won the "Ride and Drive" with a total of 24 faults, but only managed to obtain third place in the Brigade Transport Competition.

COMPANY ATHLETIC MEETING.

Owing to the keenness shown by the Company in general and in order to allow competition among those who would not otherwise be representing their platoons, it was decided to experiment with a two-fold meeting, half Individual and half Inter-Platoon. That the experiment was successful was shown by the very large number who entered for the Individual Sports, held on Friday, 12th April, under very pleasant conditions. The track was in excellent order and the weather kind to us.

The results set out below were very much as were expected, but it was most gratifying to notice that several men who

had hitherto hidden their light under a bushel displayed great promise. The day will come when we shall lose those who have done us such yeoman service; with these potential athletes improving every season we need not fear for the future.

The best performances in the field events were held to count towards the Platoon Athletic Shield, which was won finally by No. 10 Platoon.

Results:—

100 Yards.—1, Cpl. Chapman; 2, L./Cpl. Broadbridge; 3, L./Cpl. Tattam.
220 Yards.—1, 2/Lieut. Unwin; 2, Cpl. Chapman; 3, L./Cpl. Bignall.
440 Yards.—1, 2/Lieut. Willoughby; 2, Sergt. Jenkins; 3, Pte. Allen.
880 Yards.—1, 2/Lieut. Willoughby; 2, L./Cpl. Day; 3, Pte. Berryman.
Three Miles.—1, Pte. Berryman; 2, L./Cpl. Day; 3, Pte. Pearson.
Hurdles.—1, 2/Lieut. Unwin; 2, Lieut. Else; 3, Pte. Aslin.
Throwing the Discus.—1, Cpl. Tye (97 ft. 0½ in.); 2, 2/Lieut. Unwin (95 ft. 3 in.); 3, Sergt. Jenkins (78 ft. 4 in.).
High Jump.—1, Lieut. Else (4 ft. 11 in.); 2, Pte. Weller (4 ft. 10½ in.); 3, Cpl. Chapman (4 ft. 10½ in.).
Long Jump.—1, Lieut. Else (18 ft. 1 in.); 2, Pte. Weller (16 ft. 9 in.); 3, Pte. Allen (16 ft. 7½ in.).
Pole Vault.—1, Pte. Grogan (8 ft. 2 in.); 2, Pte. White; 3, Pte. Conner (7 ft. 6 in.).
Throwing the Javelin.—1, Pte. Weller (125 ft. 8 in.); 2, Lieut. Else (112 ft. 5 in.); 3, Sergt. Jenkins (110 ft. 11 in.).
Throwing the Hammer.—1, Sergt. Jenkins (88 ft. 3 in.); 2, L./Cpl. Bignall (71 ft. 7½ in.); 3, L./Cpl. Bettell (68 ft. 7 in.).

RUGBY SEVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITION.

Great enthusiasm was shown by all ranks in this competition, which was played off on 9th April. Our eventual victory was almost a foregone conclusion, for we had the services of 2/Lieut. Unwin, the Army and International Trials three-quarter. Let it not be said that we walked away with the competition, though; in particular, we must congratulate "B" Company on a very hard, clean game in the final.

Our team included 2/Lieut. Unwin, Lieut. Else, Sergt. Jenkins, Cpl. Marshall and Ptes. Short and Pearson.

Games played off as follows:—

1st Round.—v. "G" Company, won 16—0.
2nd Round.—v. "A" Company, won 18—0.
Final.—v. "B" Company, won 11—0.

INTER-COMPANY SIX-A-SIDE SOCCER TOURNAMENT.

This was played off on Tuesday, 2nd April, and, thanks to the R.S.M. and others who assisted him, everyone spent a most enjoyable afternoon, despite strong opposition from as nice a barrage of sleet and wind as one could hope never to meet again.

The Company were represented by Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12 Platoons. Nos. 9 and 10 Platoons, being at full strength, were regarded as possible winners, but both of them ceased to take any further interest after the second round. No. 10 Platoon disposed of their brothers of No. 9 in the first round, while they in their turn were beaten by the Drums.

The feature of the tournament was the gallant display given by the Mortar Platoon, who, although having to pick a team of six from one officer and eight men, won their way through to the final, where they lost to the Drums, after extra time, by the only goal. We must congratulate Lieut. Else and his men on their excellent performance and on succeeding in obtaining for the Company second place in the competition.

We all enjoyed our camp at Bourley whilst taking part in the Aldershot Tattoo, in spite of the weather, but we are glad to be back again and be free to go to bed at a reasonable hour. "Grenadiers, take care," will always recall a most interesting and novel experience. Some of us in the front rank will be anxious to exchange places with certain individuals in the third rank when next we hear the command, "As for rear rank, fire and throw your grenades."

Finally, we send our heartiest wishes to the Support Company of the 1st Battalion.

"D" COMPANY.

We must have been early with our notes last time (strange!), as we said nothing about the Inter-Company Open Boxing at the end of March. In the first round on the 25th we just beat "B" Company by 7 fights to 6 (20—19), L./Cpl. Head becoming a casualty. The next day we met "A" Company in the semi-final and won by 8 fights to 5, but this time suffered three casualties—Ptes. Joyce, Sturdy and Houghton.

We had allowed for casualties in places, but not to this extent, and when we met "C" (S.) Company in the final we really had our backs to the wall. We died fighting, however, and fighting really hard, and we could not have wished for a better exhibition of the proper fighting spirit than that put up by L./Cpl. Pryor.

Our congratulations to the team, which was as follows:—

Feather-weight.—Ptes. Bond and Joyce.
Light-weight.—L./Cpls. Head and Davis, and Ptes. Coomer and Sturdy.
Welter-weight.—L./Cpls. Collison, Pryor and Johl, and Pte. Barnes.
Middle-weight.—Sergts. Livens and Russell, and Pte. Nagle.

Light Heavy-weight.—Pte. Houghton.

Now for athletics. We held our own Company Athletic Meeting on 16th April—weather poor in the morning, but improving later. L./Cpl. Hiscocks won the 100, 220 and 440 Yards, Pte. Nagle being second to him in the 220 and 440 and third in the 100. L./Cpl. Hiscocks also won the Long Jump with 18 ft. 6½ in., L./Cpl. Davis being second, but in the High Jump this order was reversed. In the field events Pte. Eyles was very prominent, winning the Javelin, Shot and Hammer, and being second in the Discus. The chief feature of the 880 Yards, One Mile and Three Miles was the keen rivalry between L./Cpl. Davis and Pte. Sturdy, both being very close together in each of these races right up to the end. Pte. Sturdy pulled off the 880 Yards and Three Miles, and L./Cpl. Davis took the Mile.

The Individual Championship was won by L./Cpl. Hiscocks with 16 points, closely followed by L./Cpl. Davis (14) and Pte. Eyles (11). Mrs. Wollocombe kindly presented the prizes.

In the Seven-a-Side Rugger we were defeated by "B" Company, but beat "G" and "Q" in the play-off for the last three places, and took fourth place. We felt we should have done better. The team changed slightly, but was chosen from the following: Capt. Heywood, 2/Lieuts. Porter and Gudgeon, Sergt. Russell, L./Cpl. Williams, and Ptes. Eyles, Bond and Nagle.

In the Battalion Inter-Company Athletic Sports we again captured the cup given by Lieut. Vaux for second place, though we had to fight hard for it. We got two first places—Putting the Weight, Pte. Eyles (35 ft. 3½ in.) and Sergt. Livens,

and the High Jump, L./Cpl. Davis (5 ft. 2 in.) and L./Cpl. Hiscocks—and we were second in the Long Jump, Pole Vault, Discus and Hurdles.

In addition to those not already mentioned in the athletic line, the following also competed:—

Capt. Heywood, 2/Lieuts. Gudgeon and Porter, Sergt. Beaveridge, L./Cpls. Clay and Hockley, and Ptes. Coppard, Kidby, Webber and Coomer.

The Company was very weak in numbers, and we have good reason to be satisfied with our place.

All this over, we turned our attention to the Tattoo, and as much will, presumably, appear about that in other columns, we propose to say nothing about it, except to thank those from other companies who came and made up No. 7 Grenadier Company of which we were justly proud—Mr. Barsotti, no blowing of trumpets, please!

Although we had a good deal of rain in Bourley, it was not until we returned to Colchester that we had competitive aquatic sports.

Sergt. Russell returned the best time for the Two Lengths Free Style, Pte. Mules the Breast-stroke, and Cpl. Bromley the Back-stroke. Pte. Mules also won the Diving. Pte. Baker, who has just joined us, won the Seven Lengths from Pte. Corner, and Sergt. Smith produced the best plunge.

We shall miss some of our last year's swimmers, especially 2/Lieut. Porter, who is still away on a course, but we have found new talent, and hope all will go swimmingly in the Inter-Company Meeting.

We welcome to the Company Sergts. Smith and Whitcombe, Cpl. Jaques and our squad from the Depot.

Finally we congratulate:—

2/Lieut. Allen on his "D" at Hythe. Sergt. Bennett on his promotion.

Pte. Eyles on beating the Battalion record for Putting the Shot.

Sergt. Smith on the birth of a daughter.

L./Cpl. Jennings on his 1st Class Certificate of Education, and many who have attained their 2nd Class.

L./Cpl. Haynes and Pte. Frelford on testing out the mud in the Roman River and saving others from their fate.

Ourselves on a successful performance at the Tattoo—(Mr. Barsotti, if you

please!) After this fanfare we really must "take care to cease these manual exercises."

"H.Q." WING.

The Wing has lost a goodly number of its stalwarts during the past quarter; they are all of the "old brigade," namely, L./Cpls. Hayes and Pinner, Band-Cpl. Hayes and Bdsn. Dark.

They will be missed very much indeed, and we all wish them the best of luck in civilian life.

The Tattoo has taken a great deal of our time since the last publication of our notes. We are all proud of the performance given by the members of the Wing. The praise received from the various Higher Commands is more than proof of a very fine show.

One wonders if our male-voice choir is as good as the one that sang in the arena. Our friend of the "ladder," would make quite a good leader; maybe they will give a show some day.

The Wing Sports were a huge success, the competition both in the track and field events being exceptionally keen. The Drums won the Athletic Shield by a narrow margin.

We have not entered the Colchester and District Cricket League this season. Up to date we have played only one game, and that a friendly with the village of Tendring.

We lost this game by 80 runs, but were entertained most hospitably by our rivals and had a most enjoyable day.

The Wing team will have to pull up their socks if we are going to win the Knock-out Competition.

BAND.

Now it came to pass that the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment did proceed to Aldershot, accompanied by the Band, to render unto the multitudes of their best. This they did most nobly (Grenadiers reported elsewhere), after many journeys to and from the Queen's Parade, Arena and other divers places. Many hours were spent in mastering the intricacies of sundry fox-trots, etc., and "The King's Champion" is guaranteed for all future route marches!

We are very pleased to record that our Item Commander heaped æons of praise on our bowed heads (our Bandmaster is not lavish that way), and we feel that it was worth all the labour and trouble. We are in doubt as to whether we should congratulate ourselves on the weather or not. Certainly we were blessed by the absence of rain at rehearsals and the actual performances, but there was definitely very little sunshine, till the last two days of our stay. Still, "rolls and beat" are distant memories, and 4th March in G is no longer whistled by the troops when shaving in the morning.

And now we move in the direction where Cupid is Director-General and "conkers" play as important a part as crotchets.

We arrived back from Aldershot on Sunday, 23rd June, but it was only a flying visit, as we left the next morning for Mill Hill, where we commenced playing at 4 p.m. This, of course, is our annual Cricket Week, and it provided a pleasant break. We would like to mention in passing that the weather was ideal. The Drums joined us on the Saturday, and we combined on the following day to march some 1,400 Old Comrades from the Horse Guards Parade to the Duke of York's Headquarters, pausing *en route* to place a wreath at the Cenotaph. Lots of old faces were seen, and it was indeed a pleasure (not very frequent these days) to renew acquaintanceship with our old Bandmaster, Mr. Clibbens, looking so fit. Also "Lack" Harwood carrying that contented mien that comes to all public servants eventually. (Who said so?) We were lucky enough to snatch three days' leave, which was thoroughly enjoyed and very welcome.

Here we are back at Colchester, and into the thick of it—"it" being Training. Battalion Training commences almost at once, and the Concentration at Winchester about the middle of August. However, there is a little period of rest between, during which one of our members (very well known) has decided to take a plunge into matrimony. Although maybe a trifle previous, we tender our most hearty congratulations to "Ugly" and his future spouse.

With regret we mention the loss of four of our stalwarts. Pinner has his foot on the ladder of fortune that may lead him

to be the possessor of his own coaches. "Jock" Hayes is at the A.V.T.C. studying the lay-out of gardening. Hathaway is trying his luck at duty, and Dark is going to civilian life. At the time of going to press, we do not know in which direction his efforts are pointed, but to all of them we wish the very best of good luck and success, with hopes that they will not forget the many they are leaving. And so it comes to pass that the end of these notes is in sight. (Yes, perhaps you're right!)

Where's that stretcher?—'Nuff sed!
ROLL AND BEAT.

DRUMS.

Having returned from the Tattoo at Aldershot and a stay of eight days at the Depot, we must now try to settle down for a week or two before proceeding to Winchester for training.

As the Regiment's part in the Tattoo has no doubt already been dealt with in other notes, we will not dwell too long on this topic.

An old Drum-Major of this Battalion (Drum-Major Heath) and also of the 1st Battalion visited us during our stay. We were all pleased to see him and to know that he is doing well.

The Drummers' part of the show was combined with the Drums of the Warwick-shires, East Surreys and South Staffs, but the Drum-Major was struck with the Warwicks' mascot and is thinking of adopting an antelope himself.

The Regiment was highly complimented on its part and we take it that it includes us.

We were no sooner back in Colchester than we were off once more, this time to the Depot. Our first item there was on the Old Comrades' parade at the Horse Guards and the Cenotaph, followed by a march to Chelsea.

Several of the Old Comrades mentioned were well known to us, including quite a number of ex-Sergeant-Majors of this Battalion, who all seem to have made the G.P.O. their one aim in life.

We completed a full week's duties at the Depot, including a couple of shows on the Saturday at the Depot "At Home," when the public were allowed to visit the Depot.

Acquaintances were again renewed, this time with ex-Dmrs. Coleman, Pocock and Neal, who were well to the fore; they all seemed anxious as to the welfare of Frank Crawshaw and were keen to know the contents of his last application form.

In the realm of sport I am afraid there has been very little happening, much to Dmr. Mew's regret, as the early morning parades are little to his liking.

We congratulate the Drum-Major on his educational attainments, he now being in possession of his First.

Since our last notes we have lost two more of our numbers, namely, L./Cpl. ("Honker") Dowsett to A.V.T.C., and Dmr. Phillips to the Depot on a tour of duty.

In conclusion we welcome Lieut.-Col. W. W. Jefferd as our new Commanding Officer, at the same time wishing Col. M. Browne all success at the Senior Officers' School.

SIGNALS.

They say everyone is an actor at heart; those of us who took part in the Tattoo seemed to enter into stardom right off. We hear that we were good—well, we were good—and there is a rush on current issues of *Film Fans' Weekly* and other contemporaries. Certain members of the Section are quite sure that Hollywood and Elstree are at their feet since they (the certain members) felt the thrill of the footlights.

The sun smiled on our three final efforts, with rather painful results to those who had an excess of leisure hours; "Toodles" in particular resembles a kipper more than ever before.

We are now going to be humorous: we went swimming.

Going back to the past, we had Classification some two months ago and some very surprising cards were returned. Several of our "steadies" failed to make the grade of a rather stiff test. Ptes. Rawlinson and Jennings tied for top place, and after various sendings the former got the decision and verdict. Anyhow, what can a fellow do when he has a handicap like our Harry has?

The Section also fired A.W.T.C. in the past, and the results were very gratifying. Thank you, "A," "B," "C" (S.) and "D" Companies. Nice work.

When not on the range and elsewhere, we gather round to probe the mysteries of common bars and so forth, what time our dry thoughts run to saloon bars and what not. We have plenty of practice at calling up.

Very soon we will be getting down to the real business of Battalion Training and Brigade Training, and then we shall see what's what, but if we carry on as we have done in the past we need fear no foe. It is up to the younger members of the Section, etc. etc. etc.

We wish those chaps abroad the very best of luck when they arrive at where they are going, and to those ex-waggers who have passed on we wish the same.

We congratulate Sergt. Smith and Pte. Hastie on gaining their 1st Class Certificates of Education. This makes three. What about a few more?

"Dots."

EMPLOYED.

It is some time past since we made our quarterly contribution to the Journal of events in the Employed Group. This is possibly due to not being fortunate enough yet to "comb" into the Group someone with a journalistic flair; but we hope, however, that the "god of our fortune" will some day deliver into our midst some such person, through the medium of an inter-company or wing transfer.

The past activities in the Group have been few, presumably due to the fact that, owing to the late arrival of summer, most of our "pards" were compelled to remain in their shells until the outbreak of the warmer weather. However, we feel that some mention of our activities connected with the recent Aldershot Tattoo should be related.

During this period we were somewhat separated, as many had to remain in barracks to carry on the essential administrative work while the remainder spent a very busy (although somewhat wet) time at Bourley Camp performing the work necessary in connection with the remainder of the Wing and the Battalion, who actually performed in the Tattoo.

Although we did not take part in the actual Tattoo, the importance of our work in camp impressed upon us the fact that we were not left out of "floodlights"

when the compliments upon the excellent performances were paid. Furthermore, as more or less spectators, we were fully able to appreciate, and were greatly inspired by, the grand show put up by our fellow-groups, the Band, Drums and Signals.

In the Battalion Athletic Sports we were unable to show much form owing to the paucity of young blood in the Group, but we hope that in the future we shall be able more strongly to represent the Wing against our opposing companies.

We are sorry to lose one of our old "landmarks" from the Group in the person of L./Cpl. Hayes, who has departed from us for civilian life after a long and somewhat "undetected" career, but we wish him the best of luck in his new venture.

"GROUPY."

BOYS.

The scene is the Garrison Athletic Ground, at the starting-point of the 100 yards. The six finalists in the Boys' event are "on their marks," eager for the "off." The starter, holding the gun above his head, clearly gives "On your marks, get set." Then in a flash the boys are off, but before they have gone twenty yards one can see it is a three-boy race—Burrell, Ceaton and Cullen, like greased lightning (improperly greased), those three speed for the tape, with Burrell slightly ahead. Ceaton plunges forward, but he has had too much dinner, and Burrell leaps to gain a great victory.

This is a short commentary on the Boys' event in the Battalion Sports, which took place about the middle of June. Boy Burrell also won the Boys' Long Jump, which, judging by the number of entries, is a very popular event.

We are proud to say that Boy Bolam has added a whole inch on to the 2 feet he jumped last year.

Our five-week spell at Bourley Camp proved to be very interesting. Several of our "under fifteens" were more than thrilled by the spectacular performances of some of the units in the Aldershot Tattoo, and the Boys' weekly postage was unusually heavy during camp.

Several of our number found time to get sunburnt, but, oh! how they regretted it!

The only cricket match that could be arranged became a wash-out, fortunately for our opponents; Boy Taylor actually hit two successive balls. Good going.

Although our cricket has been delayed this year, we propose to get going right away. The Garrison Boys' Cricket Cup is going to bear the name "Middlesex Regiment" at the close of the season.

We were unfortunate not to win the desired trophy last year, but we found some solace in being runners-up. By the time these notes are published we will already have taken one step towards it, barring accidents, of course. As a draw is impossible, we have strong reasons to believe that if we do not lose the next match we may win it, but, still, something might prevent that.

The Swimming Sports this year will be a very exciting event for the Boys: two of our last year's winners have gone abroad, so there is a great controversy as to who are our best swimmers. The results will tell, though, so we are anxiously awaiting the aquatics.

Having given you a vague idea of what has been happening in the Boys' area recently, we wish all readers the best of luck.

JUVENILE.

EDUCATION.

From being an innovation, these notes have become an established and, we hope, attractive feature of the Journal.

Education in the Battalion has always been of a high standard, and we can boast of having the highest percentage of certificated men in the Garrison. With but two men out of six hundred uncertificated, we do not feel unduly optimistic if we promise a 100 per cent. record in the near future.

Drafts from the Depot show quite a good standard of knowledge, and we hope to pass a considerable number of 2nd Class Certificate candidates before the Battalion moves to Portsmouth. At our last examination, held in May, twenty-one candidates out of a possible twenty-two gained 2nd Class Certificates and the rise in pay consequent thereon.

Cpl. Marshall has gone from us, leaving a pleasant memory behind him: we hope that his work in the "Q" branch will be as productive as his work in the

Battalion School. His place has been taken by L./Cpl. Davidson, while we also welcome L./Cpl. Barrett in the place of L./Cpl. Cummins, who has succumbed to the call of duty.

Although not actually within our province we should like to mention that the all-important First is occupying the minds and attention of a large number of the personnel of the Battalion. Good luck to them all; we should like, very humbly, but very firmly, to stress the fact that the finest time to commence studies for the higher certificates is immediately after gaining the 2nd Class Certificate.

Greetings to our pedagogues, demagogues, dominies and Gamaliels in the 1st Battalion. We should welcome an interchange of ideas and experiences from them if ever they should feel so inclined. We feel that the story of the unnamed candidate from the 2nd Battalion who said in his "Army and Empire" paper that "The Suez Canal is guarded by a large and well-trained navy" will have particular interest for them.

RUGBY.

We are glad to be able to report that since our last notes were written we have been able to win the Brock Cup, the Seven-a-Side Championship of North Essex, for the third successive year.

We were not, however, successful in retaining our Eastern Counties title, as we were beaten in the semi-final by the Old Bancroftians, who eventually won the final by a 30-point margin. We took a contingent of over 200 supporters from the Battalion and the Depot to Wanstead to witness the final rounds, and we are exceedingly sorry that we were unable to reward their keenness by winning the championship.

We drew a bye in the first round, won our second-round match by 37 points to nil, and were leading by 5 points to 3 in the semi-final. Then, however, with three minutes to go, a good run by one of the Old Bancroftians' three-quarters ended in a try to give them a one-point lead, and in our endeavour to score we presented them with another try right on time which they converted to give them a well-deserved victory by 11 points to 5. We feel that possibly our run-away victory in the preceding round had the effect of

making our team take things too easily in the semi-final, with the result that when we found ourselves behind at the end we were inclined to panic, and dropped passes prevented us from snatching a belated victory.

An account of the Brock Challenge Cup matches from a local paper is given, as it will give some good idea of the high opinion which is held of the Battalion rugby team in local circles—we only hope that we shall be able to impress Portsmouth next year to the same extent.

Extract from the "Colchester Gazette,"
24th April, 1935.

"MIDDLESEX REGIMENT EASILY
THE BEST OF THE SEVEN-A-SIDES.

"LAST YEAR'S WIN REPEATED.

"A FAST AND STIRRING SPECTACLE.

"As forecast in a previous issue of this Journal, the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regt. were once again easy winners, scoring 47 points in three games. Unwin and Stephenson—particularly the former—were mainly responsible for the success of their side, though the team as a whole played well. It would be safe to say that no team approached the standard of the Middlesex Regt. at any time, although special mention must be made of the Old Colcestrians for their fine victory over Colchester R.U.F.C. and for their spirited resistance in the final.

"The Brock Cup Competition at Lexden comprises the tournament in the North Essex division of the Eastern Counties' seven-a-side tournament, the finals of which will be played at Wanstead this Saturday. The two finalists, the Middlesex Regt. and the Old Colcestrians, will participate.

"FIRST ROUND.

"2nd Bn. Middlesex Regt. 15 pts.,
Chelmsford nil.

"Chelmsford, who are one of the strongest sides in the Eastern Counties, were rather surprisingly beaten by the Middlesex Regt. by three goals.

"The game began in sensational style, as in the first 20 seconds of the game a good passing movement between Beath and Stephenson culminated in the latter

slinging the ball out to Unwin, who ran strongly to score. Stephenson converted. Later Unwin received the ball again and scored, Stephenson converting.

"In the second half Kent scored for the Middlesex Regt. and Stephenson converted.

"Hinton and Arnold played quite well for Chelmsford, who, considering their reputation, were most disappointing.

"SEMI-FINAL.

"2nd Bn. Middlesex Regt. 16, Clacton nil.

"Clacton made one or two game efforts, but the combination of Unwin and Stephenson was too much for him.

"The game had only been in progress for a few minutes when Unwin broke through from his own '25' and grounded the ball between the posts for Stephenson to convert.

"Stephenson then cross-kicked and Unwin scored again, Stephenson failing with the kick. Before half-time Stephenson increased his side's score to 13, and Unwin converted.

"In the second half Kent scored for the Middlesex and the kick failed.

"FINAL.

"2nd Bn. the Middlesex Regt. 16 pts.,
Old Colcestrians 3 pts.

"The Old Colcestrians were made of sterner stuff than any of the opposition the Middlesex Regt. had encountered in the tournament and perhaps the score of 16-3 in the latter's favour hardly does the Old Boys justice. The marking and attacking of the Old Colcestrians was excellent, but, as in the previous games, the combination of Unwin and Stephenson again proved to be too much of a handful.

"It was not long before Stephenson had penetrated the Old Colcestrians' defence and Unwin converted. Unwin then gathered a bouncing ball to score a converted try.

"A great effort was then made by the Old Colcestrians, and Waller broke through only to be brought down by Stephenson in the nick of time. The Old Colcestrians still maintained their pressure and at length Southgate ran over for an unconverted try, making the half-time score 10-3.

"The Middlesex Regt. scored twice in the second half—unconverted tries through Rawlinson and Unwin.

"The teams were:—

"Middlesex Regt.: 2nd-Lieut. E. J. Unwin; Lieut. F. H. Else, Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson; Pte. Pearson; Pte. Rawlinson, Pte. Kent, 2nd-Lieut. C. M. Beath.

"Old Colcestrians: Whitehead (N.); Ward (R.), Ward (N.); Southgate; Bland, Waller, Brown."

CRICKET.

Seldom can a season have opened in more unpropitious and unseasonable weather. All the elements except sunshine seemed to prevail, and we must count ourselves lucky in being able to play the only four matches we had arranged before the Battalion was due to move to Aldershot for the Tattoo. Our final game, versus The Travellers, provided us with a novel, and we hope never-to-be-repeated, experience of playing in a small snowstorm. After ten minutes or so, the pitch showed a thin but unmistakably white layer of snow, but in spite of it the game continued, and we are alive to tell, but still to shiver at, the tale.

The season opened with a good win over Trinity Hall, and as this was followed up with a further win over the same opponents the following Saturday, we found ourselves amply revenged for our two defeats at their hands last year. We are sorry our two annual matches against this college have come to an end (though there is a hope and desire that they will come and visit us at Portsmouth next year), as the games have always been good and thoroughly enjoyable ones. Out of seven matches played, we find that we are successful by the odd match.

We owe a great deal to 2/Lieut. Unwin for both our victories, as his 60 in both games and his 6 wickets in the second match were the main factors in bringing about a final result. We must also congratulate Lieut. Else on a very stylish and well-played innings of 43 in the first game. He thoroughly deserved his 50, which we were all sorry he failed to get.

The game against the 16th Foot found us not at full strength, owing to the Support Company being at Netheravon. No more exciting or enjoyable match, however, could have been wished for or watched. The end—but we anticipate. At one time it looked as if we were going to be beaten. We had not reckoned with

2/Lieut. Beath, who, rising to great heights, and bowling with great spirit, changed the course of the game in a few overs. When their eighth wicket fell at 133 they still needed 30 runs to win, and we thought our anxious moments were behind us and we should win fairly handsomely. Watching from the pavilion the entry of Pte. Bridges with but one pad, we thought he did not look like one to stay very long, but he evidently considered that, though he might not stay in long, whilst he was in he might as well enjoy himself. His 23 occupied a very short time, his bat being swung in rather an agricultural but none the less effective manner. 2/Lieut. Beath found his analysis for one over reading three 4's and a 3. Bdsn. Riseley was called upon to dispose of him, which he did, and Pte. Bridges returned to a well-deserved ovation from the few—the lucky few—who were about to witness a most exciting finish. The position now was 162 for 9, last man in, last over in the hands of 2/Lieut. Beath, with their R.Q.M.S. 34 not out facing the bowling. At the first ball of the over their R.Q.M.S. took a lusty smite, only to see Major Wollocombe at mid-off bring off a miraculous one-handed catch high above his head, and so win us the game. What a game! Cricket, we are glad to say, is full of such finishes. We very much doubt, however, whether we shall again enjoy such a finish or such a game this year.

In our final match before we left for Aldershot the cold was miserable, and possibly we can draw that consolation from the equally miserable and wretched display of fielding we gave. True enough they were a strong side with four Essex county players, the Suffolk captain and wicket-keeper, and a Norfolk player, but the number of catches we dropped we would rather not attempt to enumerate. Our batting was bad, and only saved from sheer disgrace by a most courageous and meritorious innings by Lieut. Weston. For Boswell, the young Essex professional, and Waugh, the Suffolk captain, he showed an almost contemptuous spirit, but unfortunately Bdsn. Riseley, who was in last with him, was run out.

We have been lucky this season in finding such a promising opening pair of batsmen in 2/Lieuts. Ormiston and Weedon, who have just joined us from

Sandhurst. They should both make a considerable number of runs for the Regiment in their time.

The wicket looks good for a long time yet, we are glad to say, and with summer in plenty to come and several more matches to play, we shall but close for the interval.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. TRINITY HALL.

Played at Colchester on 7th May.

Scores:—

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

2/Lieut. J. W. G. Ormiston b Wilson	2
2/Lieut. M. P. Weedon c Palmer b Taylor	17
2/Lieut. E. J. Unwin b White	61
Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson c Wilson b Taylor	10
Lieut. F. H. Else c Palmer b Taylor	43
Lieut. G. P. L. Weston c Wilson b Taylor	19
Capt. E. L. Heywood b Wilson	16
2/Lieut. C. M. Beath c Howard b Wilson	1
Major G. C. Bucknall lbw b White	15
Dmr. Pullen not out	4
Major T. S. Wollocombe c Wilson b White	1
Extras	12
Total	201

TRINITY HALL.

F. W. Taylor b Unwin	5
J. W. Howard lbw b Stephenson	7
R. A. Egerton b Beath	34
W. D. Wilson c Unwin b Weston	23
E. White b Unwin	14
T. Palmer b Beath	4
K. Young run out	0
J. Dick b Stephenson	22
D. Ridout b Stephenson	9
N. Kirkby b Stephenson	0
B. E. Taylor not out	0
Extras	16

Total ... 134

Middlesex Regiment won by 67 runs.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. TRINITY HALL.

Played at Cambridge on 11th May.

Scores:—

TRINITY HALL.

F. W. Taylor c and b Stephenson	18
T. W. Howard lbw b Unwin	16
R. A. Egerton hit wkt. b Beath	52
W. D. Wilson c Weedon b Unwin	41
W. M. White b Unwin	0
H. H. Cooch-Behar b Unwin	7
C. P. Morley b Beath	1
J. W. Dick not out	20
C. D. Yarrow c Weedon b Unwin	0
R. F. Heron lbw b Unwin	0
B. L. Taylor b Stephenson	0
Extras	20

Total ... 175

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

2/Lieut. J. W. G. Ormiston lbw b Wright	15
2/Lieut. M. P. Weedon c Dick b Cooch-Behar	27
Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson st Yarrow b Taylor	64
2/Lieut. E. J. Unwin c and b Cooch-Behar	61
Lieut. F. H. Else c Morley b Cooch-Behar	3
2/Lieut. G. P. L. Weston not out	22
Capt. E. L. Heywood not out	9

Total (for 5 wickets) ... 201

Dmr. Pullen, 2/Lieut. C. M. Beath, Major T. S. Wollocombe and Sergt. Cooper did not bat. Middlesex Regiment won by 5 wickets.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. 2ND BN. 16TH FOOT.

Played at Colchester on 13th May.

Scores:—

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Sergt. Cooper b French	1
Dmr. Pullen st Evans b French	13
2/Lieut. J. W. G. Ormiston lbw b White	23
2/Lieut. M. P. Weedon c White b Jones	48
2/Lieut. C. M. Beath c French b Whitworth	45
Capt. E. T. Pain b Jones	3
Major T. S. Wollocombe b Jones	12
Sergt. Wilson b French	11
Sergt. Beaveridge not out	1
Bdsn. Riseley b Jones	1
Bdsn. Phipps b Jones	0
Extras	5

Total ... 163

16TH FOOT.

Pte. French b Pain	35
Cpl. Fincham c and b Beath	26
C.Q.M.S. Scarfe b Beath	1
Major Dawes b Beath	34
Lieut. Evans b Pain	3
R.Q.M.S. White c Wollocombe b Beath	34
Pte. Jones lbw b Beath	0
Pte. Legray c Ormiston b Beath	1
Pte. Bridges b Riseley	23
Lieut. Senior b Beath	0
Sergt. Whitworth not out	0
Extras	5

Total ... 162

Middlesex Regiment won by 1 run.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. THE TRAVELLERS.

Played at Colchester on 14th May.

Scores:—

THE TRAVELLERS.

D. Cock c Riseley b Stephenson	16
H. P. Waugh c Stephenson b Weston	86
A. E. Wright run out	5
F. St. G. Unwin c Wilson b Stephenson	44
B. H. Rought-Rought lbw b Weston	15
G. W. O. Smith c and b Stephenson	11
V. Britton c Stephenson b Weston	15
A. S. Kent not out	10
H. E. Dennis not out	13
Extras	14

Total (for 7 wickets dec.) ... 229

R. T. Robins and Boswell did not bat.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

2/Lieut. J. W. G. Ormiston lbw b Wright	11
2/Lieut. M. P. Weedon c Kent b Wright	20
Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson st Kent b Boswell	1
Lieut. F. H. Else c Robins b Boswell	1
Lieut. G. P. L. Weston not out	38
Capt. E. L. Heywood b Waugh	5
Major G. C. Bucknall c Robins b Boswell	1
2/Lieut. C. M. Beath b Waugh	3
Sergt. Wilson c Rought-Rought b Unwin	0
Capt. E. T. Pain, b Waugh	1
Bdsn. Riseley run out	3
Extras	3

Total ... 76

Middlesex lost by 153 runs.

Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson is warmly to be congratulated on obtaining his Essex county cap, and 2/Lieut. E. J. Unwin on being chosen to play for Essex against Northampton.

ATHLETICS.

The Inter-Company Athletic Meeting was held on Wednesday and Thursday, 8th and 9th May. The final result was as follows:—

	Points.
1. "C" (S.) Company	120
2. "D" Company	89
3. "A" Company	72
4. "Q" Company	62
5. "B" Company	57
6. "G" Company	40

We were fortunate to be free from rain on both days, but on the Thursday a strong wind rather upset both runners and spectators by blowing dust across the track.

The following are the results:—

Throwing the Javelin.—1, "Q"; 2, "B"; 3, "C"; 4, "A"; 5, "D"; 6, "G." Best throw, Lieut. Stephenson, 150 ft. 10 in.
Long Jump.—1, "C"; 2, "D"; 3, "G"; 4, "Q"; 5, "A"; 6, "B." Best jump, Lieut. Else, 10 ft. 13 in.
Putting the Weight.—1, "D"; 2, "C"; 3, "B"; 4, "Q"; 5, "A"; 6, "G." Best put, Pte. Eyles, 35 ft. 3 in.
Three Miles Team.—1, "C"; 2, "B"; 3, "G"; 4, "D"; 5, "A"; 6, "Q." First man home, Pte. Jacques, 16 min. 16 sec.
880 Yards Relay.—1, "C"; 2, "A"; 3, "D"; 4, "Q"; 5, "B"; 6, "G." Time, 1 min. 42 sec.
Pole Vault.—1, "C"; 2, "D"; 3, "B"; 4, "A"; 5, "Q"; 6, "G." Best vault, Pte. Grogan, 8 ft. 7 in.
440 Yards Relay.—1, "C"; 2, "Q"; 3, "D"; 4, "A"; 5, "G"; 6, "B." Time, 48 3/5 sec.
High Jump.—1, "D"; 2, "C"; 3, "G"; 4, "B"; 5, "A"; 6, "Q." Best jump, L./Cpl. Davis, 5 ft. 2 in.

Throwing the Hammer.—1, "Q"; 2, "A"; 3, "C"; 4, "D"; 5, "B"; 6, "G." Best throw, Pte. Fabray, 106 ft. 0½ in.

Two Miles Relay.—1, "C"; 2, "A"; 3, "G"; 4, "B"; 5, "D"; 6, "Q." Time, 9 min. 3 sec.

Throwing the Discus.—1, "C"; 2, "D"; 3, "B"; 4, "Q"; 5, "G"; 6, "A." Best throw, 2/Lieut. Unwin, 103 ft. 11 in.

One Mile Relay.—1, "C"; 2, "A"; 3, "Q"; 4, "D"; 5, "B"; 6, "G." Time, 3 min. 51 3-5 sec.

One Mile Team.—1, "C"; 2, "A"; 3, "B"; 4, "D"; 5, "G"; 6, "Q." First man home, Pte. Jacques.

480 Yards Hurdles.—1, "C"; 2, "D"; 3, "Q"; 4, "A"; 5, "B"; 6, "G."

Veterans' Race.—Major Proctor.

At the conclusion Mrs. Wollocombe kindly distributed the prizes.

Little time was available before the meeting for training owing to preparations for moving to Aldershot. But for this, performances would have been considerably higher.

The field events again appeared to be the Battalion's strong point. Pte. Eyles is to be congratulated on his putting the weight 35 ft. 3½ in., which he did twice running. The meeting, however, was chiefly notable for the improvement in track events, particularly in the middle distances, hitherto a great source of weakness.

Owing to the Aldershot Tattoo we were unable to enter a team for the Garrison Meeting, and it was with great regret that we were obliged to scratch for the Command Meeting. The latter was a great blow, but owing to rehearsals and consistently bad weather, training on any sort of programme was found impossible.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Once again quite a number of changes have taken place in our midst. Sergt. Glover has left us to take up a position as postman in the Enfield district. We should like to take this opportunity of wishing him the very best of luck in his new life. We have also lost from the fold, but only *pro tem.*, Sergt. Johnson and L./Sergt. Moir, who have been posted to the Regimental Depot for a tour of duty. We have received in their places Sergt. 72 Smith and L./Sergt. Whitcombe, to whom a hearty welcome is

extended. Another missing member is C.S.M. Mewitt, who has gone to the T.A. (8th Battalion). We wish him all the best in his new rôle, and hope he will have ample opportunity of visiting the Mess.

We should like to extend a welcome to R.Q.M.S. Crouch, who has been with us since his return from abroad.

We should also like to congratulate Sergt. and Mrs. Smith (72), to whom a daughter has been born, and Sergt. and Mrs. Bond on the birth of a son.

The following members passed for their 1st Class Certificates of Education at the last examination: Drum-Major Poulter, Sergts. 45 Smith and Deane and L./Sergt. Jenkins.

The King's Silver Jubilee Medal has been presented to R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M., to whom we offer our sincere congratulations.

We have unfortunately lost a very treasured piece of plate from our silver chest; this was the Essex County Rifle Association Challenge Shield of which we were the holders for the past two years. It was rather unfortunate that the Essex County Shoot should have taken place at a time when the Battalion were at Aldershot on Tattoo duties. We are, however, training hard for the Garrison Rifle Meeting, and hope to replace the shield with some other trophy from this meeting.

We have a fairly full programme mapped out for us for the remainder of the year, as, being now in the throes of Company Training, we are preparing for our move to camp at Andover in the middle of August, and on return from there we shall be busy preparing to move to Portsmouth, to which station we go during November, in relief of the York and Lancaster Regiment.

We have just returned from a spell of "acting" at Aldershot, where we took part in the Silver Jubilee Tattoo, more about which appears in another part of this Journal. During our stay at Aldershot we were very pleased to welcome several old Middlesex members: we had Mr. Windsor, who many will remember as the Sergeant Master Tailor of the 1st Battalion; Mr. Cook, who was Company Quartermaster-Sergeant of "H.Q." Wing

RECORDS OF OTHER REGIMENTS.

THE SEVENTH CITY OF LONDON REGIMENT (POST OFFICE RIFLES).

BATTLE HONOURS BORNE ON THE COLOURS:

"Egypt, 1882," "South Africa, 1899-1902," "Festubert, 1915," "Loos," "Flers - Courcellette," "Bullecourt," "Messines, 1917," "Passchendaele," "Cambrai, 1917," "Villers Bretonneux," "Amiens," and "Pursuit to Mons."

ALTHOUGH now shown in the Army List under the above title, this Battalion inherits the traditions of two quite separate and distinct units—the "Shiny Seventh" and the "Post Office Rifles." The senior of these claims descent from the old "St. Paul's and Temple Bar Military Association," which existed in the days of King George III and passed out of existence when the threat of an invasion by Bonaparte's troops ceased to be among the dangers overshadowing our country. In 1798 this Regiment (whose title was afterwards shortened to "The 3rd Loyal London Volunteers") received a set of Colours, the presentation taking place on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral. A description of these Colours states that "the King's Colour bears only the Crosses of St. George and St. Andrew, having been presented before the Union with Ireland. The Regimental Colour bears on the obverse side the representation of St. Paul's Cathedral and on the reverse side that of Temple Bar." At the present time "a representation of St. Paul's Cathedral" still adorns the Regimental Colour. These Colours are preserved in the Officers' Mess.

When the 3rd London Rifle Volunteers (predecessors of the "Shiny Seventh") were formed in 1860, one of the surviving members of the old 3rd Loyal London Volunteers came forward and enrolled in the new corps, thus furnishing a link between the Volunteers who swore allegiance to King George III and were prepared to defend London against the armies of Napoleon I and their successors whose Sovereign Lady was Queen Victoria, and who were taking up arms to defend the Metropolis against a threatened invasion by the troops of Napoleon III.

of the 1st Battalion; and Mr. Speakes, who was serving with the 2nd Battalion. We hope that they will pay us a visit in our Mess so that we can renew acquaintance in more comfortable surroundings.

The dart-board was very much to the fore as regards our amusement and entertainment, and many an "amateur" has learned the art of spiking a "double" without hitting the tent wall during our period under canvas.

As we have taken up rather more than our space, we must now "marchie marchie" until next quarter.

CORPORALS' CLUB.

"Sam, pick up thy musket. As you were; take up your firelocks."

Once again we change, this time from grenadiers to our original old selves. We have just arrived back from Aldershot after performing in the Tattoo, and, according to the reports which have been received by the Battalion Headquarters, we have justified ourselves and kept up the Regimental motto: "If a job's worth doing it's worth doing properly."

The Club at Aldershot consisted of a marquee attached to the N.A.A.F.I., and some of our members made fortunes out of that good old game of "House." During our stay at Aldershot the weather was not too kind to us, and on most performances we got wet, but that never damped our ardours.

Whilst we were away, our Pioneers took the opportunity of renovating the Mess and we all appreciate the fact, and now perhaps more members will use the Mess.

We congratulate Cpls. Maloney and Overy on their appointments; the best wishes of all our members go with them.

Last, but not least, we are all very sorry to lose our Commanding Officer, Col. M. Browne, and welcome in his stead an old 2nd Battalion officer, Lieut.-Col. W. W. Jefferd. We hope his stay with us will be a long and pleasant one.

The Regiment's first Commanding Officer was Colonel Sir William de Bathe, a very able man (as also was his successor, Col. Richards, who had been one of the pioneers urging the formation of Volunteer units long before such a step was sanctioned by the Government). Under these capable and hard-working officers the Regiment soon had twelve companies of an average strength of one hundred each, and was unofficially known as "The Working Men's Brigade" from the number of artisans in the ranks.

From the first the Regiment wore scarlet with buff facings. It is said that this time-honoured uniform was selected to mark the fact that the Volunteers were, as the armed forces of the City of London, successors to the old City Trained Bands, the buff facings being copied from those worn by The Buffs, which famous regiment was likewise traditionally associated with the Trained Bands of the City of London. In the past the 7th London have also claimed that, as descendants of the City Trained Bands, they should share with The Buffs the right to march through the City of London with drums beating and Colours flying.

The Regiment sent detachments to the front during the Boer War, thus qualifying for the battle honour "South Africa." In 1908 the new "London Regiment" was formed, and the old 3rd London Rifle Volunteers became the 7th (City of London) Bn. The London Regiment. Being the only brass-buttoned and brightly badged unit of its brigade, the Battalion was popularly known as the "Shiny Seventh." The other battalions—6th (City of London Rifles); 8th (Post Office Rifles); and 9th (Queen Victoria's Rifles)—all wore black buttons.

The 1st/7th Battalion left Watford for France on St. Patrick's Day, 1915, and within a week of their arrival in France had been complimented on their smart drill and turn-out by both Sir John French and Sir Douglas Haig. As part of the 47th London Division, this Battalion took part in some of the hardest fighting of the Great War. At Festubert the 1st/7th captured a German trench-flag, an improvised standard of black, white and red strips, mounted on a rough pole. Of eighteen officers of the 1st/7th London who took part in the attack on the Double Crassier at Loos, ten were killed and the rest wounded. A report mentions that

"Captain Casson was killed and his gallant company cut to pieces, but he had, by a very bold piece of soldiering, held the German counter-attack until reinforcements arrived."

The 2nd/7th Battalion served in France in 1917-18 with the 58th London Division. Early in 1918 the 1st/7th and 2nd/7th amalgamated. The 3rd/7th was retained at home as a draft-finding battalion.

Of the Post Office Rifles it has been written that "the battalion is unique alike in its origin, its constitution, and its record." Most of our Territorial units claim descent from volunteer units raised to resist a French invasion; but the corps we are now considering had its origin among the fifteen hundred Post Office employees who enrolled as special constables during the Fenian outrages of 1867. These men took such a liking to the drill, discipline and comradeship of their period of special constabulary duty that when their services in that direction were no longer required, they decided to "carry on" as a homogeneous body of volunteers. Major Du Plat Taylor, Private Secretary to the Postmaster-General, and already a very efficient and well-known Volunteer officer, was appointed to command the new unit, which was at first known as the 49th Middlesex, being renumbered as the 24th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers in 1880. Two years later "The Army Post Office Corps" of two officers and 100 other ranks, was formed as an integral part of the corps, the members being specially enlisted as Army Reservists, called up, and sent to Egypt in 1882, in charge of the postal arrangements during the campaign against Arabi Pasha. These London postal workers were highly praised by Lord Wolseley for "the admirable way in which they had carried out their duties." A detachment of the Army Post Office Corps also accompanied the Nile expedition of 1884-85 in the unsuccessful effort to save General Gordon.

The South African War made much heavier demands on the Post Office Rifles. In all, sixteen officers and considerably over one thousand men of the Regiment served in the Boer War—when the 24th Middlesex not only took charge of the Army's mails, but also provided its quota of fighting men for the C.I.V. and other units. Two officers received the C.M.G., and two N.C.Os. the Distinguished Con-

duct Medal; while several others were mentioned in despatches. Over fifty members of the corps lost their lives in the Boer War. The Post Office Rifles are the only non-Regular unit of the *Home* forces with the battle honour for "South Africa, 1899-1902" (*i.e.*, the whole campaign), and, of course, their Egyptian battle honour is unique among the Volunteer or Territorial Forces.

One detachment of the Post Office Rifles had the unfortunate experience of being captured by the well-known Boer leader De Wet. The story is graphically told in Conan Doyle's history:—

"Two miles south of Rhenoster Kopje lies Roodeval Station, in which, on that June morning, there stood a train containing the mails for the army, a supply of greatcoats, and a truck full of enormous shells. A number of details of various sorts, a hundred or more, had alighted from the train—Post Office Volunteers, Pioneer Railway Corps, a few Shropshires, and other waifs and strays. To them in the early morning came the gentleman with the tinted glasses, his hands still red with the blood of the Derbys. 'I have fourteen hundred men and four guns! Surrender!' said the messenger. But it is not in nature for a London postman to give up his postbag without a struggle. 'Never!' cried the valiant postmen. But shell after shell battered the corrugated iron buildings about their ears, and it was not possible for them to answer the guns which were smashing the life out of them. There was no help for it but to surrender. De Wet added samples of the British volunteer and of the British regular to his bag of militia. The station and train were burnt down, the greatcoats looted, the big shells exploded and the mails burned. The latter was the one unsportsmanlike action which can up to that date be laid to De Wet's charge. Forty thousand men to the north of him could forgo their coats and their food, but they yearned greatly for those home letters, charred fragments of which are still blowing about the veldt."

During the Great War of 1914-18 the Army's postal arrangements were mainly in the hands of the R.E., thus leaving the Post Office Rifles free for service as a fighting unit. Three battalions were raised, two of which served in France and Belgium, the 3rd being retained at home

as a reserve battalion. It was at Festubert during the heavy fighting of 25th-26th May, 1915, that the Post Office Rifles first had a chance to distinguish themselves. On that occasion the late L./Sergt. W. G. Heather (a clerk at the G.P.O.) won the D.C.M. After all the stretcher-bearers of the advanced companies had been killed or wounded, he volunteered to assist, and remained working under heavy fire until every wounded man had been dressed. Two other D.C.Ms. were won on the same day: by C.S.M. R. J. Peat (a parcel postman at the South-London District Office) and Acting Sergt. F. C. Morel (also a postman in civil life). These two had no previous experience of bomb-throwing, but when all the bombers had been killed, C.S.M. Peat and Sergt. Morel collected bombs and acted as grenadiers in a manner which contributed largely to the success of the operations.

The 7th and 8th Bns. The London Regiment were amalgamated on 31st December, 1921, the number of the "Shiny Seventh" and the title of "The Post Office Rifles" being retained in the nomenclature of the united corps. The Post Office Rifles had formerly worn a uniform of dark green, with a badge of silver cross and laurel wreath, inscribed with battle honours, modelled on that of The Rifle Brigade, and black buttons. Despite the retention of the word "Rifles" in its title, the amalgamated regiments' uniform is described in the Army List as "Scarlet; facings buff," as worn of old by the "Shiny Seventh." So we have the unique example of a rifle regiment dressed like The Buffs, with brass buttons instead of the usual rifleman's black bone buttons; moreover, the Sergeants wear red sashes, which are worn by no other rifle regiment. The cap-badge of this curious hybrid corps is a Fusilier grenade, with the figure "7" on the ball (as formerly worn by the "Shiny Seventh"), while the collar-badges (another unusual feature for rifle-men) are miniatures of the old cap-badge formerly worn by the Post Office Rifles. Two companies of the present corps are composed of postal employees, the remainder of the Battalion being open to general recruiting. The 7th London Regiment forms part of the Corps of The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own). R. MAURICE HILL.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1935.

Amount of grants and loans made: £144 15s. 6d.

Grants specially sanctioned by the Committee: £3 18s.

Number of cases dealt with: 170.

Number of cases assisted: 87.

Number of men registered for employment: 46.

Number of men found permanent employment: 25.

Number of men found temporary employment: 14.

Number of men who took up employment: 39.

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

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, on 1st May, 1935.

Present:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair); Brig.-General R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G., Col. M. Browne, M.C., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Majors N. H. B. Lyon, M.C. (Hon. Secretary) and W. E. Pringle, M.C. (7th Battalion), Capt. H. E. Foster and S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C. (1st Battalion), Lieut. W. C. Newton, R.S.M. C. Davis, R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M., C.Q.M.S. C. King, Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., Mr. F. E. Holmes, Major E. H. Amor (Secretary, in attendance) and Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence (in attendance).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Major R. A. Slee and Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C.

The undermentioned officers were elected or re-elected for the current year:

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

Vice-Chairman.—Major N. H. B. Lyon, M.C.

Hon. Secretary.—Major N. H. B. Lyon, M.C.

Hon. Treasurer.—Major R. A. Slee.

Standing Sub-Committee.—Chairman: Major N. H. B. Lyon, M.C.; members: R.S.M. C. Davis and R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley.

Entertainment Sub-Committee.—Chairman: Mr. F. E. Holmes; members: R.S.M. C. Davis and C.Q.M.S. C. King, with power to co-opt.

The Hon. Auditor's certificate was received for the 1934 accounts, which were finally passed.

The Hon. Secretary reported the arrangements made in connection with the Cenotaph parade, and the Chairman explained the arrangements being made by the County for tea at the Duke of York's Headquarters for those attending.

Details in connection with this year's Old Comrades' Dinner were discussed, and the price of the ticket was fixed at three shillings.

The estimate of Messrs. C. Miskin & Sons, Ltd., for carrying out various repairs and improvements to the Cottage Homes was approved.

It was proposed by Brig.-General Ross, seconded by Col. Browne, that steps be taken to erect an additional single cottage or two cottages under one roof, and this was carried.

The draft of the Annual Report for 1934 was considered and passed.

THE OLD COMRADES' SUMMER GATHERING.

This popular function was held in brilliant sunshine on the occasion of the Depot Sports. A large number of Old Comrades were present, and many were accompanied by their wives. Teas were provided for about 250 persons.

EXTRACTS FROM THE "LONDON GAZETTE."

MIDDLESEX REGT.—Lt. A. M. Man is secd., whilst holding the appt. of Instr. Sch. of Sigs. (April 6th).

ROYAL ARMY PAY CORPS.

Lt. H. P. Lambert, from h.p. list (late Midd'x. R.), to be Lt. and Paymr. (May 12, 1933) and to be temp. Capt. (May 12th, 1934). Lt. (temp. Capt.) and Paymr. H. P. Lambert to be Capt. and Paymr. (May 12th) with seny. (May 12th, 1933).

ESTABLISHMENTS, SEN. OFFRS. SCH.—Lt.-Col. & Bt. Col. M. Browne, M.C., Midd'x. Regt. to be Instr. (Cl. "Y") and is placed on the h.p. list (empld.) (1st June, 1935).

MIDD'X. REGT.—Maj. W. W. Jefford to be Lt.-Col. (1st June); Capt. H. Phillips, M.C., to be Maj. (1st June).

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

90TH (C. OF LOND.) FD. BDE.—Lt. C. A. Gunston, from 9th Bn. Midd'x. Regt., to be 2nd-Lt. with seny. (28th Jan., 1934).

7TH BN. MIDDLESEX R.—G. C. B. Sass (late Cadet Sergeant, Beaumont Coll. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lt. (15th June).

7TH BN. MIDD'X. R.—Lt. R. J. Catt resigns his commission (6th July).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

9TH BN. MIDD'X. R.—Lt. G. W. M. Exeter, from Active List, to be Lt. (18th May).

DEPOT NOTES.

MAJOR N. H. B. LYON, M.C., Lieut.-Col. J. English, C.S.M. G. Anderson and Pte. J. Butt are to be congratulated on being awarded the King's Silver Jubilee Medal, and C.S.M. G. Anderson, and Sergts. W. Northcott, M.M., and C. Painter on being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C., has been posted to the Depot from the overseas Battalion and has taken over the duties of Administrative Captain, and 2/Lieut. C. M. Man, S.R.O.O., has been attached for a month's duty during the past quarter.

The regular routine of the recruits' training has been augmented indirectly on three occasions. Large parties were taken to witness the rehearsal of the Trooping of the Colours, the dress rehearsal of the Royal Tournament, and the rehearsal of the Royal Air Force Display. These outings are all to the advantage of the recruits, for, apart from the break in the normal training, these spectacles show them the more glamorous side of the Service, and set them an example of the standard of efficiency which they must strive to attain.

The Band and Drums from the home Battalion were attached here for a fortnight and again their performances of "Reveille," "Retreat," "Tattoo" and ordinary musical programmes brought a dash of colour to the barracks and gave the younger members of the Regiment an insight into the way that old customs and traditions of the Army are still kept alive in the soldier of to-day.

The Annual Depot Sports and the Old Comrades' Gathering took place on the Saturday preceding the Depot Cricket Week, but as a full account will be found of these three events elsewhere in this issue, a reference only to them will suffice; this applies also to the Cenotaph service and parade of the Middlesex Regiment.

On 6th July the Depot was open to the general public for the Army "At Home." The public saw the soldier undergoing his normal training and were permitted to inspect his quarters, dining-halls and recreation rooms; in fact, to inspect, criticize and appreciate the life of the recruit to-day. Some three hundred visitors arrived and were entertained to tea at the close of proceedings, and from all sides were heard expressions of satisfaction and approval of the organization and curriculum of the unit.

In the near future we have two impending departures, Sergt. Griffin, who is leaving after nineteen years' service to take up a position in civilian life, and W.O.I. Benwell, A.E.C., who, after a tour of duty here for four and a half years, is leaving for service abroad. We shall miss them both.

The following were the winners of recruits' competitions during the quarter:

COMMANDING OFFICER'S PHYSICAL TRAINING MEDAL.

Badajos Squad.—Silver, Pte. Silver; bronze, Pte. Spencer.

Vittoria Squad.—Silver, Pte. Mules; bronze, Pte. Keogh.

Ladysmith Squad.—Silver, Pte. Lowry; bronze, Pte. Lumley.

SQUAD BADGE WINNERS.

Vittoria Squad.—16th Week test, Pte. Stead (Pte. Mules).

Ladysmith Squad.—8th Week test, Pte. Noble (Pte. Lowry); 12th week test, Pte. McEachran (Pte. Webster); 16th week test, Pte. McEachran (Pte. Cutter).

Seringapatam Squad.—4th Week test, Pte. Dare (Pte. Benson); 8th week test, Ptes. Dare and Graham (Pte. O'Neil); 12th week test, Pte. Dare (Pte. Carnall).

Mons Squad.—4th Week test, Pte. Pearce (Pte. Hayes).

Albuhera Squad.—4th Week test, Pte. Gush (Pte. Tanner).

SHOOTING PRIZES.

TABLE "A," PART III (h.p.s. 105).
Ladysmith Squad.—Pte. Hubbard (96).
Seringapatam Squad.—Pte. Carnall (89).

EMPIRE TEST (h.p.s. 80).

Ladysmith Squad.—Pte. Robertson (79).
Seringapatam Squad.—Pte. Irwin (79).

EDUCATION.

The following were awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education during the quarter:—

Vittoria Squad.—Ptes. Atkins, Parker, Samuels, Smith and Stead.

Ladysmith Squad.—Ptes. Foster, Hubbard, Gallagher, Nevill, Robertson, Sheehan, Webster and Lowry.

Seringapatam Squad.—Ptes. O'Neill, Benson, Carnall, Dare and Graham.

SPORTS, 1935.

For the benefit of record holders now serving with the 1st and 2nd Battalions we had better confess straight away that no records were broken.

Several of the field-event records, are, however, in imminent danger of "going west" in the near future, and whereas last year everything was in favour of training, this year we have had such miserable weather that only the really keen have braved it, and even they have been greatly handicapped.

To have such weather as we have suffered from is bad luck in any case, but, handicapping as it does the training of youngsters, whose first chance it is to make a start on athletics, we fear it may be reflected in future and lead to possible athletes being overlooked or not discovered. It is most unfortunate, as we had hoped to have better results than ever this year and have taken considerable trouble to run classes to show recruits the various field events, whilst instructors have been available every day to coach those interested.

Needless to say, track events have suffered most severely, but field events have also not had as much chance as we should have liked, and we have also had various disappointments apart from the weather.

Our "Potted Sports" had rather led us to hope for some outstanding perfor-

mances, but several probable experts had left by the time of the Sports.

As last year, the events were divided into Depot Staff, Recruits, Open and Inter-Squad.

The first-named produced better competition this year, and we hope that Cpl. Knights has shown the young ones some of the art of sprinting. Certainly he is running with great power and seems to have recovered from the apparent muscle-boundness he had on return from the P.T. Course and is, I should say, running better than ever.

The Recruits' events were well contested, but showed definitely in style the effect of the wet weather.

The Open 220 Yards event went to Cpl. Knights, and this year recruits were unable to challenge the older men at all.

The field events once more were open and, needless to say, the first places went to the Depot Staff.

The Long Jump, at which recruits were particularly bad, was entirely dominated by the N.C.Os., but the High Jump, although won by Sergt.-Instr. Day, saw three recruits tie with Cpl. Poulter for second place. The take-off was getting worn, which was a handicap to the recruits wearing rubber shoes, and that three of them should have reached 5 ft. was distinctly creditable. The jump-off will take place on 6th July, and owing to a sporting gesture of Sergt.-Instr. Day and Cpl. Poulter, the three recruits—Lowry, Kiernan and Sheehan—will jump-off for first, second and third prizes.

On the same day, Recruits Graham and McEachran will decide a tie for second and third places in the Pole Vault.

It is unfortunate that we must say that lack of training and/or guts still leads to a dearth of pole vaulters, and we notice once more that crowds of recruits who in physique are totally unsuitable for strong-men events prefer to risk the lives of all and sundry playing with hammers, etc., than risk a tumble and fall for themselves at an event at which they might quite reasonably hope to do well.

Owing to the rain, the track was slow and times were of little or no interest and no guide to Sports Officers of either Battalion.

We have mentioned three possible high jumpers and two pole vaulters. Apart from these, we suggest that Pte. Friend

may prove a javelin thrower of real use with practice, as may McGrady, whilst Noble at long-distance running, cross-country and javelin shows distinct promise.

Slater, if he overcomes his flat-footed action, has distinct possibilities at middle distances.

Pte. Chambers proved to have the steadiest hand amongst the Depot Staff Privates, whilst L./Cpl. Lavalette has either an hypnotic eye or a voice penetrating enough to warrant instant promotion to warrant rank; anyhow, his recruit reached him in remarkable time.

L./Sergt. Moir proved himself slightly better than Sergts. Northcott and Johnson at spotting the winner, whilst Pte. Ives defeated all comers in the Sack Race.

Cpl. Grant improved his Shot-putting distance with a putt of 33 ft. 2½ in., but the Discus and Hammer produced nothing outstanding. On the other hand, Cpl. Knights' 20-ft. jump in the Long Jump was good.

A new event was tried in the form of a cross-country run in which teams of twenty ran a relay. The result was a very interesting race, in which the pace of Cpl. Knights' running for the Depot Staff was the deciding factor.

The Paiba Cup was awarded to Pte. Sheehan.

As usual, it was a very hard thing to decide; there were many worthy candidates, but to judge from the warmth of the applause we conjecture that the Committee were not far out in their decision. Apart from the High Jump, Sheehan shows a distinct aptitude for several events, and we sincerely hope that in the near future, with perseverance, he will make his mark in higher circles at one or more.

The Inter-Squad Shield went to Ladysmith, who truly showed that the senior squad could win in spite of leave having just intervened. Mons did well to get second, and El Bodon put up a sporting effort.

The results, in detail, were as follow:—

Open High Jump.—S.I. Day (5 ft. ¼ in.). Jump off: 1, Sheehan; 2, Lowrey; 3, Kiernan.
Open Long Jump.—1, Cpl. Knights; 2, S.I. Day; 3, Cpl. Wray. (Distance, 20 ft.).
Putting Weight.—1, Cpl. Grant; 2, Cpl. Poulter; 3, Pte. Brown (A.). (Distance, 33 ft. 2½ in.).

THE DIE-HARDS

Throwing Hammer.—1, Cpl. Grant; 2, Cpl. Poulter; 3, Pte. Carnall (S.). (Distance, 77 ft. 3 in.).

Throwing Discus.—1, Cpl. Poulter; 2, Pte. Leahy; 3, D./S. Cpl. Harman. (Distance, 83 ft. 2½ in.).

Throwing Javelin.—1, Pte. Friend (A.); 2, Pte. McGrady (M.); 3, Pte. Barnes (S.). (Distance, 111 ft. 10 in.).

Pole Vault.—1, Cpl. Poulter.

Recruits' 100 Yards.—1, Pte. Cutter (L.); 2, Pte. Joseph (M.); 2, Pte. McGrady (M.). (Time, 12 secs.)

Recruits' 440 Yards.—1, Pte. Cutler (L.); 2, Pte. Apps (L.); 3, Pte. Moralee (A.). (Time, 61 3-5 secs.)

Recruits' 880 Yards.—1, Pte. Slater (L.); 2, Pte. Piggott (A.); 3, Pte. Manning (L.).

Recruits' Mile.—1, Pte. Noble (L.); 2, Pte. Barnes (S.); 3, Pte. Merton (M.).

Depot Staff 100 Yards.—1, Cpl. Knights; 2, S.I. Day; 3, L./Sergt. Dujardin. (Time, 10 1-5 secs.)

Open 220 Yards.—1, Cpl. Knights; 2, L./Sergt. Dujardin; 3, Pte. Cutler (L.). (Time 24 4-5 secs.)

Depot Staff 880 Yards.—1, Pte. Leahy; 2, Cpl. Wray; 3, Sergt. Johnson.

Depot Staff Event.—1, Pte. Chambers; 2, Pte. Franklin; 3, Pte. Inman.

Corporals' Event.—1, L./Cpl. Lavalette; 2, Cpl. Grant; 3, Cpl. Knights.

Sergeants' Event.—1, L./Sergt. Moir; 2, Sergt. Northcott; 3, Sergt. Johnson.

Sack Race.—1, Pte. Ives (M.); 2, Pte. Hubbard (L.); 3, Pte. Murray (E.).

Band Race.—1, Bdsman. Revill; 2, Bdsn. Dye; 3, Sergt. Johnson.

Boys' Race.—1, Lionel Feighen; 2, Donald Pratley; 3, Clifford Kerswill.

Girls' Race.—1, Jean Anderson; 2, Eileen King; 3, Margaret Roullier.

Ladies' Race.—1, Mrs. Gribble; 2, Mrs. Sullivan; 3, Miss Hinton.

All-In Inter-Squad Cross-Country.—Depot Staff.

Depot Relay.—1, Sergeants; 2, Corporals; 3, Depot Staff.

INTER-SQUAD SHIELD.

Event.	Ladysmith.	Mons.	Seringapatam.	Albuhara.	El Bodon.
High Jump	...	5	3	2	4
Long Jump	...	3	5	1	4
Pole Vault	...	5	2½	4	2½
Discus Throwing	...	5	3	2	4
Hammer Throwing	...	2	3	5	4
Putting the Weight	...	5	3	1	4
Javelin Throwing	...	3	4	2	5
One-Mile Team	...	10	6	8	4
4 × 100 Yards	...	10	8	6	4
4 × 440 Yards	...	10	8	6	4
4 × 880 Yards	...	8	2	10	6

Placings.

	Points.
1st—Ladysmith	...
2nd—Mons	...
3rd—Seringapatam	...
4th—Albuhara	...
5th—El Bodon	...

Winner of Paiba Cup: Pte. Sheehan (L.).

CRICKET.

Our cricket has been washed out. We have managed to play only three games, and the results of those were as follows:

Depot *v.* The War Office. Scores: Depot, 92 (Lieut. Stephenson, 24); War Office, 95 for 6 (Lieut. Stephenson, 4 for 37).

Depot *v.* Pay and Record Office. Scores: Depot, 119 (Lieut. Weston, 35; Sergt. Kemp, 34; Sergt. Northcott, 22); Pay and Record Office, 115 (Capt. Swyer, 57 not out).

Depot *v.* Depot The East Surrey Regiment. Scores: Depot, 40; Depot The East Surrey Regiment, 164.

We hope to have more to say in the next issue if the weather is kind.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Lo, in the spring of the year the Dubbalyewos and the Enseeos at Mil Hil did commune among themselves and say: "This is the time of the Silver Joob."

And they did send an envoy to the War House saying unto Ashley-St.-Andrews: "Send down young men to play us cricket as before and this time will we smite ye hip and thigh." And they came, but alas the sandal was on the other foot and we were forced to yield. Then Win the Bald did say unto himself: "These young men of ours, they cannot wield the willow. I will gather unto myself a troop of stalwart odsandends called the 'Badgers' and we will lickemollo. So it came to pass on the sixteenth day of the fifth month we did engage them, but the fates were against us.

And on the sixth day of the fifth month the Mezprez did deck the Mez House with garlands and banners, and with many of our friends we held our monthly feast and after the feast there was held a soshul and it was good and fitting.

And on the first Wed in the sixth month did we arise early and betake ourselves by chariot to the Downs of Ep, there to watch the running horses and to risk a trifling hazard. The favoured one won the Biggunn, so our hearts were light and our purses heavy with the shekels we had taken from the makers of the books. But one being a man of Welshland did run himself like a horse and did not pay so we did filch his tablet of recording which

now stands side by side with its fellow-tablet which we gained in bygone days.

And then came Sportzdai and the Old-koms did gather in their legions and did talk of Nugga, the Great War and white cliffs at Majuba, and did talk and drink and drink and talk and did fall out or over. And in the running did Esseyedai jump high and long and run fast and Jon Sun did run exceeding fast and well, as did Pain Ter and the head only of Dulip the Spider could be seen flashing hither and thither where his hidden legs and body carried it. And in the Relai Race we did run fast and true and snatch the victory from the Korpries and the Deppostaf.

And on another evening some did go to the Tat Too and did watch the Sekundbat and their marchings and counter-marchings and did visit the Mez House of the Mounted Spearman and did have a riteroyal time and there are tales of a motor chariot in the dark running down a rabbit and in the morning the owner of the chariot finding feathers of the rabbit on the wheel, and other tales of the wardens of the peace of the road sounding their gongs and cymbals, but these may be tales only of the Hole of Glory.

And there have come unto our fold Jon Sun, Kemmp and Moir and to them we did hearty welcome and Dodger and Smuj and Whit have left us for the Sekundbat and later the shores of Pom Pee.

And to the Aressem and to Smuj and to Tomking let us offer our congratulations, for unto each of them has an increase of family been given.

And to Grif who is shaking off the dust of Mil Hil from his sandals and journeying to Sun and Sivvi Street we say "best of luck" and we do promise him we will strive manfully to keep the Regiment going when he has left us.

CORPORALS' CLUB.

I must first apologize for the absence of the Corporals' Club notes in the last issue of the Journal.

Saturday, 22nd June, was Sports Day, and the prestige of the Mess was vigorously upheld by such stalwarts as Cpls. Wray, Poulter, Knights, Grant and Harman, while L./Cpl. Lavalette showed a clean pair of heels in the Corporals' Race.

The number of Corporals at the tea was sadly depleted, although the quality and

quantity even extracted a murmur of approval from Cpl. Grant, while L./Cpl. Blackman was disgusted at having no grounds for complaint.

You have probably heard rumours concerning the new craze in the Club, to wit, crib. For a month or so after its innovation the billiards table, dart-board and radio were hopelessly depopularized. Crib was played on the breakfast table, during break, and it was a common sight to see the orderlies five minutes before staff parade sitting on the guard-room veranda playing crib. Owing to the popularity of this game, it was decided to purchase others, so two sets of billiards bowls were acquired, but were of no avail; a local "ad" now reads: "For exchange, two sets of billiards bowls for two crib-boards."

Now for the lesser details. Saturday, 6th July, is "At Home" Day, and everybody is determined to convince the public how happy is the soldier's lot. Somebody even had the ingenuity to borrow pictures to adorn the walls, and 'tis rumoured that the Club radio is going to be overhauled for the occasion. What hopes?

Friday, 28th June, was the day of the Air Display rehearsal, and a number from the Depot were invited to go. Again the Club was well represented. If it had not been for the timely intervention of "Pancho" Ball we would have lost "Chicko" Parry again; this time he was circling a D.H. Comet in search of the starting handle.

The number of members eating in the dining-hall is slowly diminishing; one by one they are getting married, and now that we have an open-air cookhouse they will probably all be married by the autumn.

Messrs. Lovell and Lavalette have each bought a bicycle, and now they merely use barracks as a haven during inclement weather.

We must take this opportunity to congratulate Cpl. Poulter on his all-round figure at Maths., also Cpl. Wray and L./Cpl. Blackman on obtaining their Firsts.

Cpl. Gribble spent an enjoyable week or so in hospital, but the insurance man discovered his address and he was forced to decamp again.

Cpl. Day is determined to capture all gardening honours this year; he certainly deserves to, having borrowed plants from every garden within a two-mile radius.

L./Cpls. Green and Smith are attending some much-needed billiards classes; in time they hope to attain the standard of L./Cpls. Hinton and Lawrence.

The social status of the Mess has been greatly enhanced by the posting of the Great Harry, to say nothing of L./Cpls. Harris and Kenny. Our best wishes accompany Cpl. Jaques to the Battalion. Here's to L./Cpls. Ball, Ellwood and Blackman, who are sweating on their next tape.

We take this opportunity to bid "Dogs and Mash" (L./Cpl. Cordell) good-bye, as he will be "time-ex." before our next number is published.

It is rumoured that he intends to open a bacon-and-beans stall out in the Wild and Woolly West. Our best wishes go with him.



7th BATTALION NOTES.

OWING to pressure of work this quarter it has been difficult to find time in which to write our notes. This is also apparent from some of the Company notes, and our Company Secretaries have our sympathy at this time of the year, when all our energies are devoted to preparing for camp. By the time these notes appear in print we shall be well on the way to completing yet another camp. This year we are going to Aldershot, and, having already had a good look at the camp site and its vicinity, there seems to be no reason why we all should not have a really good time. We hope to have a large number attending camp this year, and we feel, from what we have already seen, that they will benefit enormously from the change.

Looking back over the past quarter, the first—and indeed the most important—event to which we have to refer was the Annual Prize Distribution, which took place on 6th April. Our Divisional Commander (Major-General J. R. M. Minshull-Ford, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.) very kindly came to present the prizes. A very large attendance witnessed the distribution, which went off without a hitch. An all

ranks' dance followed the distribution, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was particularly gratifying to note that this year there were more of our serving members present in uniform, and we only hope that in future an even larger number will take the trouble to give their uniforms a well-needed airing on this special occasion.

Once again "D" Company succeeded in winning the Clay Memorial Shield, and we offer our hearty congratulations to them on their success, which, we must agree, was well deserved.

On 6th May, on the occasion of His Majesty's Silver Jubilee, the Battalion took part in a ceremonial parade and route march in the vicinity of Hornsey. As expected, a large number attended, and the turn-out on this occasion was quite the best we have seen for some time. The local populace turned out in force along the line of march to watch the Battalion go by, and on the return journey the Mayor of Hornsey took the salute from a position on the steps outside the Parish Church.

Whilst dealing with the Silver Jubilee celebrations we should like to take this opportunity of congratulating those officers and other ranks who were fortunate enough to be presented with the King's Silver Jubilee Medal. In each instance the honour bestowed was highly deserved. Our one regret is that more of our deserving members were not fortunate enough to receive one of these handsome medals.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Rainham—fortunately in beautiful weather—on 2nd June. The detailed results will be found elsewhere in these notes. Whilst congratulating "D" Company on their success in securing the Lee Memorial Shield from "A" Company, we feel we must condole with "C" Company, who put up a remarkable fight for the trophy this year. Shooting in this Company has improved rapidly, and they had extremely bad luck in not winning a single trophy. We are sure that, by still persevering, their efforts will be rewarded in the near future.

We cannot conclude our notes without referring to the loss which the Battalion has suffered by the discharge, on reaching the age limit, of two of our older members—C.Q.M.S. Eeles and Pioneer-Sergt.

Carter. It will be hard to fill their places. They have served the Battalion for more years than we care to remember in their respective capacities, and they have always given of their best. But we do not feel that we have entirely lost them: they will frequently visit us, and keep in intimate touch with the Battalion.

Another loss which the Battalion has suffered is that of our P.S.I. at Highgate, C.S.M. F. Stevenson, who has taken his discharge after twenty-two years' service. Stevenson has put in some sterling work at Highgate, particularly in the care of his Drill Hall, the cleanliness of which has been commented upon by every inspecting officer who has visited the Battalion during the past few years. Stevenson has been fortunate enough in securing a very good job as school caretaker under the L.C.C., and we wish him and Mrs. Stevenson every success in their new sphere. In his place we welcome C.S.M. Mewett, from the 2nd Battalion, and hope he will spend a happy and enjoyable time during the three years that he remains with us.

BATTALION RIFLE MEETING.

The following are the results of competitions held at the Battalion Rifle Meeting on Sunday, 2nd June:—

(a) *Arnold White Cup (Inter-Company Rifle Match)*.—1, "H.Q." Wing, 414 points; 2, "C" Coy., 402 points; 3, "A" Coy., 370 points; 4, "B" (S.) Coy., 369 points; 5, "D" Coy., 347 points.

(b) *Hornsey Vase (Inter-Company Lewis Gun Match)*.—1, "A" Coy., 114 points; 2, "D" Coy., 110 points; 3, "B" (S.) Coy., 90 points; 4, "C" Coy., 88 points; 5, "H.Q." Wing, 78 points.

(c) *Volunteer Cup (Inter-Company Young Soldiers' Match)*.—1, "D" Coy., 289 points; 2, "C" Coy., 236 points; 3, "A" Coy., 204 points; 4, "B" (S.) Coy., 108 points.

(d) *Lee Memorial Shield (Highest aggregate in (a), (b) and (c) above)*.—1, "D" Coy., 746 points; 2, "C" Coy., 726 points; 3, "A" Coy., 688 points; 4, "B" (S.) Coy., 567 points; 5, "H.Q." Wing, 492 points.

(e) *Inter-Company Falling Plate Competition*.—Winners, "A" Company.

(f) *Inter-Sub-Section Machine-Gun Competition*.—Winners, No. 2 Sub-Section, 67 points.

(g) *Officers' Cup*.—1, Capt. S. A. W. Brown, 66 points; 2, Capt. R. Bartram, 58 points; 3, 2/Lieut. K. T. Baycock, 43 points.

(h) *W.O.s. and Sergeants' Cup*.—1, Sergt. H. Edwards, "B" (S.) Coy., 58 points; 2, C.S.M. E. Thomas, "B" (S.) Coy., 56 points; 3, C.S.M. G. Howard, "C" Coy., and Sergt. C. Lenney, "D" Coy., tied with 52 points.

(i) *Marksman's Cup*.—1, Pte. W. Hyde, "H.Q." Wing, 73 points; 2, Cpl. A. Cracknell, "B" (S.)

Coy., 70 points; 3, Pte. H. Stevens, "H.Q." Wing, 60 points.

(j) *Lewis Gunners' Cup*.—1, Pte. H. Russell, "D" Coy., 38 points; 2, Sergt. W. Povey, "B" (S.) Coy., 36 points; 3, C.S.M. D. Bryan, "H.Q." Wing, 30 points.

(k) *Enfield Cup (Young Soldiers)*.—1, Pte. L. Lucas, "D" Coy., 45 points; 2, Pte. H. Morgan, "C" Coy., 43 points; 3, Pte. L. Boughton, "D" Coy., 43 points.

* Decided on the Snapshooting Practice.

"H.Q." COMPANY.

By the time these notes are in print we will all be in the throes of hedging and ditching amongst the gorse bushes of the Hampshire plains. We have been told by the Higher Command that Aldershot is just the place for our annual fun and games. We have been led to believe that the scent of the adjacent pine trees is going to do us the world of good, but we also trust that the aroma of the local fried-fish shops and ale-houses will also assist in the well-being of our bodily health.

Let us now make a résumé of the past few months. First and foremost we have to record in these notes the death of Bandmaster Laing, and we offer our condolences to Mrs. Laing in her sad bereavement.

We welcome Mr. Clibbens, our new Bandmaster, late of the 2nd Battalion, and trust that he will have a long and happy stay with the Regiment.

The Signal and Transport Sections spent a happy and profitable Easter with the 2nd Battalion at Colchester, and the former gained full marks in getting nine men through their Classification test.

From the Company point of view the Battalion Rifle Meeting was a great success. "H.Q." excelled themselves by winning the Arnold White Cup for the Inter-Company Rifle Match, and Pte. W. Hyde won the Marksman's Cup.

In closing these notes we offer our congratulations to Sergt. Carter on being presented with the King's Silver Jubilee Medal, Sergt. Ell on his promotion to Signal Sergeant, and Sergt. Margrove to the rank of Sergeant Master Cook.

"A" COMPANY.

In the sub-tropical climate of the past week or so it is difficult to remember what has been going on during the past quarter, let alone write about it. Two events

loom large in the mind, however, and they are the Battalion Rifle Meeting and the change in the Permanent Staff.

Of the former the least said the better. Having spent twelve months walking about with that "we are the best shooting company and you others are no something good" sort of look, we have been forced to take a back place. In fact, so far back that, apparently, some of us could not see the targets. Our Lewis-gun team did manage to win the L.G. Cup with an appallingly bad score, and a scratch team won the Falling Plate Competition, but as for the rest—enough said! It only remains for us to congratulate the companies and individuals who won that day, and especially "D" Company on regaining the Lee Memorial Shield.

Of the other event—the change in P.S.—we can only say what a great loss the Company have sustained in that C.S.M. Stevenson had decided to don the bowler hat. He has worked tremendously hard all the time he has been here, and what little success the Company has achieved in the past year or two is due, in no small measure, to him. We wish him the best of luck in his new job, and hope he and Mrs. "Steve" have many happy years in front of them. In his place we welcome C.S.M. Mewett, of the 2nd Battalion. He has settled in, and, though still surprised and not a little hurt that he can be addressed by mere private soldiers as "mate," "chum" and "old cock," he will no doubt have ways and means of getting his own back.

Other items of interest were the Company outing to the Tattoo, and this was an unqualified success. Forty-eight members and friends (male) went down to Aldershot, where they were met by the Company Commander, and all were able to get a very good view of the proceedings. 2/Lieut. Jefferson is to be congratulated on the success of his arrangements for this party.

The hungry public now wants to know why Capt. Bartram was at Aldershot. He has been on a Hygiene and Sanitary Duties Course, and has come back with what might be called a sanitary mind and a certain touchiness about the cleanliness of food.

We must conclude with congratulations to L./Cpl. Cordon on his appointment, and the hope that all ranks will make a

final endeavour to do a fortnight's camp at Mytchett and have a good time.

"B" (S.) COMPANY.

"B" Company news to date is like the curate's egg—good in parts. The Company has sustained a serious loss in the retirement, through age, of its popular and extremely efficient C.Q.M.S.

Eeles has served thirty years or more with the T.A., with an efficiency and cheerfulness that are rarely seen, and his very sound advice on many subjects was always taken and appreciated by all members of the Company, from newly joined recruits to Company Commanders.

On Tuesday evening, the 25th June, C.Q.M.S. Eeles was presented with a handsome salver, suitably engraved, as a token of appreciation from his friends of "B" Company, after a very appropriate speech by our Company Commander.

We are pleased to announce, however, that Eeles will still attend at the Drill Hall until the end of the year, and, we hope, long after that.

The vacant post of C.Q.M.S. will be taken over by Sergt. Platten, who, we are sure, will follow the very high standard set by his predecessor.

We should like to congratulate Sergt. Platten on his recent marriage. We have had the pleasure of meeting his wife, and on behalf of the Company wish them both a long and happy married life.

Now back to business! The Perring Trophy is near, and we hope to obtain a much better position than last year. Teams have been practising at Rainham, and good scores have been obtained. Let us see that we do the same on the fatal day!

The miniature rifle range has recently become a super-cinema, showing the latest attractions in War Office instruction films. There is no doubt about it that these films are excellent. Those on mechanism, showing the gun, hideously mutilated but still working, and showing the movements of the important parts at the same time, are worth many pages of the handbook.

For those members who have not been on parade recently we should like to mention that the camp site is a very pleasant one—at least, it was when we last saw it—and there are good chances of getting

some bathing in the pool nearby. Farnborough is quite a decent little place, and not quite so military as Aldershot, so if you have not put your name down for a fortnight, call at the Orderly Room and do so!

Finally, in answer to our correspondent "Puzzled, Sergeants' Mess," we would reply, without prejudice, that there was only *one* newly married couple on board the Tattoo bus.

"C" COMPANY.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting caused a certain amount of excitement this year. Although we won nothing, we have reason to be pleased with the all-round improvement in weapon training.

We were second to "H.Q." Wing in the Arnold White Competition, losing by the narrow margin of 10 points. The Young Soldiers, trained almost exclusively on Wall's ice-cream, were second to "D" Company—quite a good performance considering that the team was mainly composed of newly joined recruits. At this juncture we had a lead of 2 points over "D" Company for the Lee Memorial Shield, but our Lewis gunners, not being so keen about ice-cream, were beaten by "D" Company, so that we lost the shield by 20 points. To round off the day's work we took second place to "A" Company in the Falling Plate Competition.

Individual successes during the day were registered by Pte. Morgan, whose score of 43 was second-highest in the Young Soldiers; C.S.M. Howard, who took third place in the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Competition with 52; and Capt. Brown, who won the Officers' Cup with 66. We must also congratulate Pte. Hodgkins on his 41 in the Young Soldiers' team.

Whilst on this subject we must not overlook the work of the harvesting squad, which disposed of that part of the local vegetation untouched by the sheep, which apparently do their whole day's work actually on the firing-point. Just one more comment on the day's activities: as the Minister of Transport's Highway Code gives no definite signal for "Immelmann turns" on arterial roads, may we suggest to the Signalling Officer that he should in future put out both hands at once?

Permission having been given for teams to practise in mufti, the ranges now present quite a crowded aspect on Sundays. This has given the Transport Sergeant, apparently a disciple of Sir Walter Gilbey, a chance of commenting rather forcibly on officers' hats.

Several N.C.O.s. are now on a Section Leaders' Course, and as far as can be gathered are of the opinion that the Adjutant's cinema programmes could be livened up with an occasional "Mickey Mouse." There is no confirmation of the rumour (started, we think, by "A" Company) that we are to be called on to take the lead in a new film entitled "How Not To Do It."

We are sorry to lose Cpl. Hall on his discharge, and L./Cpl. Nation on joining the R.A.F. Pte. Dymond has also left us. As both the latter won their respective weights in the Boxing Championships this year, our team at the moment is rather depleted.

Our congratulations are due to C.S.M. Howard on his marriage, which took place at Easter. C.S.M. and Mrs. Howard have our very best wishes for the future.

"D" COMPANY.

Our notes this quarter must of necessity be brief, bright and brotherly. The Company scribe, overwhelmed with pre-camp work, and following his usual custom, has left the question of Journal notes until the very last moment. However, here goes.

All our thoughts (at the moment of writing) are centred on musketry, and we hope well in the bull. That beautiful stretch of English countryside known as Rainham Ranges has often seen our manly forms of late, and has resounded to the dull thud of bullet hitting bank. Our High Sheriff's team, in spite of support from a temporarily one-legged Company Commander, accomplished its usual feat of coming last at the Battalion Rifle Meeting. However, thanks to our recruits, who were first, and to our L.A. team, who were second, in their respective competitions, we managed to obtain the highest aggregate score of the day. Congratulations to Pte. Russell on obtaining top score in the Lewis gun, and to Pte. L. Lucas, L./Cpl. Boughton and Pte.

Stone on being first, third and fourth respectively in the Young Soldiers.

The Brigade Rifle Meeting is looming on the horizon, and, given good (1) luck, (2) weather, (3) scores, (4) beer and (5) markers, we shall acquit ourselves satisfactorily. Sergt. Lenny insists that he is a dark horse for this event, but we shall wait and see before passing our usual comment. He did get a good score *once* this season!

Our Aldershot Tattoo trip was a howling success. It poured with rain outside, and with beer inside the coach on the way down, but it turned out a fine night and everyone enjoyed the show. We take a poor view of the publican who at the un-Christian hour of 1 a.m. refused to serve us with "goodly lashings" of rum. It was also rather curious that two or three old hands did not see the show, but why they should go all the way to Aldershot to do what can be done just as well in the canteen passes all comprehension!

Certain members of the Company found their way to the Royal Tournament. This was certainly a good alibi, but what they were doing in Piccadilly Circus in the early hours is quite another story.

Jubilee Day will have been mentioned elsewhere. May we add that the Battalion parade was certainly a good show in spite of the heat, and the glorious weather was certainly a fine omen.

Another bit of good was Easter Musketry Camp. This year we were in huts at Purfleet, a bleak and uninspiring spot. The staff, however, rose to great heights, the food being excellent, likewise the accommodation. Our thanks are also due to O.C. "A" Company and several of our own troops, who liberally daubed themselves and the grass with whitewash in the noble cause of constructing a football pitch. A six-a-side competition was run, in which we entered three teams. We need not mention the result!

Disappointments.—(1) The Divisional Cross-Country Race. Capt. Scott Lowe, Sergt. Bundy and Pte. Trafford were the Company representatives in the Battalion VI. Unfortunately one member of the team (not aforementioned) forgot himself so far as not to finish the course, with the result that instead of being easy runners-up we were last. Sergt. Bundy and Pte. Trafford both ran extraordinarily well.

Watch them at camp. (2) Warm beer in very warm weather.

We take off our hats to (a) Mr. G. C. B. Sass on his appointment and posting to this Company. What a dartist! (b) Ptes. Webb and Boughton on appointment to Lance-Corporal.

Things we are about to see.—(1) A cinema show at the Drill Hall—"Concealment from the Air." (2) The waist-line of our P.S.I. shrinking visibly after hot days in camp. (3) The Company enjoying a jolly fine fortnight under canvas at Mytchett.



8th BATTALION NOTES.

WITH Annual Training close at hand, all Companies are busy with the usual preliminaries, and by the time we arrive at Mytchett we shall be ready to launch not only an attack, but even a battleship. In the meantime most of our week-ends are booked for reconnaissance of training areas, preparation of schemes, musketry at Bisley, and other activities.

The past quarter has been a busy one, and it is our pleasure once again to give a brief account of events, which, we hope, will be of interest to our readers.

The Divisional Cross-Country Run took place again in the picturesque Knowle Park, Sevenoaks, and our team was placed third, but supplied the first man home. Well run, Loveridge!

On 3rd April we had a Boxing Contest with the 7th (Q.O.) Hussars, who, however, proved too strong and experienced for us, and gave us a shock by winning the first five fights with knock-outs, but after the interval we secured winners in Pte. Sharp (Light-weight) and Ptes. Baker and Bond (Feather-weight). In the Welter-weights, Pte. King won his fight on points, and Coshall was a good loser. It was a very enjoyable evening, and the excellent music rendered by the Hussars' Band was much appreciated.

Several officers have recently attended Courses of Instruction: Lieut. C. K. Sadler in "machine gun," 2/Lieut. C. W. Summers in "tactics," and 2/Lieut. A. J. McFarlane in "drill."

Lieuts. Cloutte and Turner have left us on transfer to the Reserve.

On Monday, 6th May, we took part in the Royal Jubilee celebrations organized by Ealing, Acton and Chiswick. The stage was an arena in Gunnersbury Park, and before an audience of many thousands the Battalion, with Colours, Band and Drums, carried out ceremonial drill, and after inspection by our Honorary Colonel, Col. W. Garner, C.M.G., who was resplendent in the scarlet uniform of Deputy Lieutenant of the County, the Commanding Officer called for three cheers for His Majesty The King. The parade terminated with the march past, and we returned to Ealing Drill Hall for dismissal and refreshments.

The Annual Old Comrades' Reunion Dinner for past and present members of the Battalion was held at Headquarters on 11th May. About 150 all ranks sat down to an excellent dinner, during which the Band played popular airs. Capt. G. R. Byham, M.C., made an excellent Chairman, well supported by many past officers, including Majors Norwood and Hirst, Capt. Levy, Tremlett, Perkins, Lewin, Vaux and Reynolds. The Commanding Officer, Second-in-Command, and several other officers of the Battalion were also present.

Albuhera Day celebrations were observed on the 16th May by an Officers' Guest Night Dinner and All-ranks' Dance. A programme of music was provided by the Band during dinner, after which all and sundry tripped the light fantastic until 12.30 a.m.

We offer our congratulations to the Commanding Officer and Lieut. and Qmr. Cox upon receiving the King's Jubilee Medal. Pte. Winter also received medals.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Lieut. Miskin on his recent marriage.

"H.Q." WING.

Opening these notes recalls the loss to the Wing, owing to age limit, of an N.C.O. who has been serving with the Regiment for thirty-two years, namely, C.Q.M.S. Henson. He was untiring in his help to make the social side of the Wing a success. The position he has been forced to vacate is still to be filled, making his retirement more pronounced. Nevertheless, we hope to see a great deal of him, as his voluntary social service is

invaluable. The Signal Section is progressing steadily, and bids fair to regain the Kittoe Cup, which they lost last year. They have started with four classified signallers, Ptes. Hamlin, Clancey and Brooker, and C.S.M. Seymour, and camp will enable this number to be greatly increased.

Since the reorganization of the Transport Section things are looking a great deal brighter, and it seems that they have overcome that condensation trouble of a year ago.

Musketry has been our chief thought this quarter, the Drill Hall resounding with the manipulation of the bolt, and the action of the drummers who form the Anti-Aircraft Section. Keen interest amid faces beaming and otherwise surround the publication of the results of the trips to Bisley, causing many comments, such as "Ask the marker to help you," etc. These results have enabled us to select new blood in our teams for the forthcoming Battalion Rifle Meeting, and it is hoped that their selection will prove justified, and bring to the Battalion a trophy or two from the Brigade Meeting.

"A" COMPANY.

This quarter has, as usual, been very much of the routine business, eyes "rightin'" and "leftin'" for the ceremonial parade in Gunnersbury Park on Jubilee Day, and we are proud to say that we mustered three officers and thirty-eight other ranks, which, considering that several of our stalwarts had to work on that day, is not too bad.

Camp is now creeping upon us once more, and we feel sure that everybody who attends will have a really good time, and will have a chance of becoming a hundred per cent. efficient. Some men we find absolutely become ashen upon our mentioning that camp is to be at Aldershot, but we would remind them that before a Territorial can really consider himself a "tin soldier" he must have attended camp at Aldershot, and to attend a camp away from the amenities of the sea shows that spirit of sacrifice that is essential to the success of the T.A. So come, my lads, and turn too and be ready to turn up and be as keen as "mustard" the whole time.

We are, of course, in the midst of

"Bisleying," and, considering the bad manners of the weather clerk, we have been really fortunate in having the weather we have had.

Before closing, the Company would like to congratulate Lieut. Miskin on his marriage to Miss G. Anger on 7th June, and we trust that they will find an easy path from now on.

"B" (S.) COMPANY.

At the time of going to press we are in the throes of strenuous practice for the Brigade Rifle Meeting at Purfleet on the 7th July, when we hope to regain the Perrin Trophy, which we lost so hardly last year. If we can but hold the present standard of efficiency success should come our way once again.

The period of Annual Training under canvas is now well on the way, and all authority is beginning to look very worried, which looks as if we shall have a good time at Mytchett Park, in spite of the pessimists and the absence of the sad sea waves.

During the past quarter Capt. Maddex, M.B.E., has been attending the Machine-gun Concentration at Netheravon with the 2nd Battalion, where, we understand, he was very well looked after, and came back looking bronzed and fit, and, we hope, bursting with additional knowledge.

Whilst on the subject of knowledge, we understand that Lieut. Sadler is about to proceed on an Intelligence Course. With all this thirst for learning in the Company we should surely become even more efficient than we are already.

Heartiest congratulations to Lieut. Miskin on his marriage. We take this opportunity of extending to both himself and Mrs. Miskin our sincerest wishes for all future happiness.

Though we ourselves did not shine as brightly as we might have done at the Battalion Rifle Meeting we hasten to offer our very heartiest congratulations to "C" Company on "pulling off" a "double," and to "A" Company, who showed us how high a standard of shooting the "young soldiers" have reached.

The Editor was heard to mutter the other day that he would be very glad when next quarter came, as there would be plenty to write about after camp. Well, we hope he is right.

"D" COMPANY.

Time goes quickly as we all know, but it does seem a very short time since we last sat down to write these notes. This prelude is merely an excuse if the notes are not very interesting. We have really very little to report on.

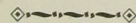
The Battalion Rifle Meeting takes place soon, when, we hope, to retain the honours we last wrested from "H.Q." Wing. While on the subject of training, the Section Leading Course is now in full swing, and has obtained a very good attendance of junior N.C.Os. We trust that the examination in July will prove that they have benefited, and that we will see many more new "stripes" as a consequence.

Turning to sports, we recently played the Middlesex County Council at darts, billiards and shooting. We won this event by 328 points to 168 in the shooting, eight games to four in the darts, and drew with five games all in the billiards. A very good day, and we hope for many more. Pokeydie now seems to be attempting to find its way back, and it seems to be likely to attract several members of the Company who have not yet struck this very time-honoured game.

Congratulations to our Commanding Officer, Lieut. S. A. Cox, C.S.M. Brown-ing, Ptes. Winter and Clarke on receiving the Silver Jubilee Medal; also to L./Cpls. Clements and Whyand on their appointments.

We have also to congratulate Lieut. Miskin on his marriage to Miss G. Anger on 7th June.

We are now looking forward to Mytchett Camp, but, at the same time, we are thinking very hard about the sea-side camps we have had lately, and perhaps wondering just a little about 1935.



9th BATTALION NOTES.

"A" COMPANY.

UNDOUBTEDLY the high spot of the past quarter was the Jubilee Day parade and *feu de joie*. The Company was well represented by 2/Lieut. Canning and C.Q.M.S. Impey in the Colour party, and Sergt. Cooper with twenty-five other ranks in the firing party.

A large crowd witnessed one of the very few Jubilee celebrations in Willesden and enjoyed the all ranks' dance that followed.

We had quite a good number firing at the Battalion Rifle Meeting. In the Young Soldiers' Competition we still produced the champion, Pte. D. Ward succeeding last year's winner, Pte. (now L./Cpl.) Millie. Writing from reference books, etc., we believe that Pte. Ward is following in the footsteps of his brother, L./Sergt. Ward, who won the competition several years ago. Another young soldier, Pte. Lawrence, had top score in two practices, but failed to find the target in the third. Better luck at Purfleet, Lawrence!

In the High Sheriff's Competition we evidently require some more practice, while the Lewis-gun team—well, the less said the better.

Owing to the Whitsun holiday several of our N.C.Os. spent an enjoyable though strenuous week-end at the Depot, and thanks are herewith recorded for the trouble the Depot staff took to make us comfortable. Who said the mattresses were not turned?

We understand that our C.Q.M.S. displayed great skill and sagacity as a section leader, only losing his way once and capturing many prisoners. He also broke the speed record for movement on night operations.

By the time these notes appear in print we shall be in the midst of Annual Training, or, as it is usually termed, Camp, and we hope to have a bumper attendance.

There still seems to be a slight apprehension about the name "Aldershot," but we can assure everybody that it is something quite different from what he is thinking.

True, we are not near the sea, but the Basingstoke Canal is just as wet and not nearly so deep.

Yet again we have to say farewell to old and tried comrades, chief among them being our late Company Commander, Lieut. Gunston, who has left the "foot-sloggers" for the "gunners."

Our loss is their gain, and we wish him every success in his new branch, and trust he will not forget "A" Company, who will always try to "do their stuff."

In his stead we welcome Capt. Heffer, and can assure him of our loyal support.

Other departures include Sergt. Butcher and L./Cpls. Austin, Stenson and Robinson. As Sergt. Butcher has re-enlisted once before after leaving, perhaps it is only *au revoir* again.

Departures mean promotions, and L./Cpl. Williams is now full Corporal, with Ptes. Talbot and Millie on the first step of the ladder as "Lance-Jacks."

Finally, we are pleased to record a steady flow of recruits coming in, and we believe we have some very promising material among them.

Here's luck to all "A's."

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"B" (S.) COMPANY.

Since the last issue of this Journal we have devoted most of our time to training and I am afraid that the social side of our activities has been very quiet, except for the trip to the Aldershot Tattoo, which thirty-two members of the Company attended, and all thoroughly enjoyed the outing. We would like to thank the P.R.I. and our Company Commander for this cheap evening's entertainment. I am sure that most members of the Company who attended had a very good lesson in what steadiness on parade looks like to an onlooker. We can only hope that the lesson sinks home.

Our big event in training was the four days we spent with the 2nd Battalion at Colchester during Easter. We managed to muster thirty-five members of the Company, and so form a complete platoon, which carried out their work with great zeal and energy. We were also shown several films on M.G. training, and with the aid of a very raw commentator I think quite valuable points were learnt. I am sure that if our Drill Hall were equipped with this apparatus it would greatly add to our knowledge and make our work more interesting. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the 2nd Battalion for the assistance and hospitality which were accorded us.

In the next issue we hope to report very favourably on the standard of our range-takers, as these N.C.Os. and men have given up quite a lot of Sundays in order to increase their efficiency. This year they are being tested at Mill Hill before camp, so let us hope that they will show that the time devoted to their training has not been in vain.

We are now looking forward to camp and the writer is quite sure that once we get settled down the Company will realize that seaside camps are not the only places where one can enjoy a fortnight's soldiering.

"C" COMPANY.

Since the last number of the Journal the result of the Sherwood Shield has been made known and we must congratulate "D" Company on winning the competition. "C" Company were third, with "A" Company second.

We are sorry to report the loss of Pte. G. Tanner, who died in March. He had been a member of "C" Company for over three years, and was a very keen and efficient soldier.

A meeting of the Small Bore Rifle Club was held in March, and owing to the interest being shown by members of the Company it was decided to run two teams next year, of Old Comrades and serving members.

In connection with the Jubilee parade which was held at Battalion Headquarters on 6th May, the Company provided a party of thirty-two other ranks to take part in this parade, during which C.S.M. Todman was presented with the Territorial Efficiency Medal by the Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, Col. J. L. Blumfeld, T.D.

We held a very successful social and dance during May, and, although we had a large crowd there, we would like to see more members of the Company attending these socials.

We accepted a challenge from "D" Company to a shooting match and dart tournament on 10th May, and, supported by our Old Comrades, we beat them at both games, Pte. Newey, of "C" Company, making an excellent score with the rifle (98) in his first shoot as a member of a team. As a grand finale to this match, "C" Company were again challenged to a dart match between Company Commanders and the P.S.Is., where once more "skill" told its tale, "C" Company again being winners. All who attended this function thank "D" Company for their fine evening's entertainment.

On 12th May the Company attended the Harrow Jubilee service held at Grove Field and we had a first-rate attendance,

forty-five all ranks. We must say that the fine way the Company marched along to this parade was remarked upon by several members of the public. On this parade we were joined by the Old Comrades of "C" Company. They were inclined to think the rate of marching had altered greatly since they left the Regiment. On return to the Drill Hall, tea was provided and the Company Commander thanked all the ladies who had worked so hard to get this ready.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting has just been held as these notes go to print, Sergt. Spivey making the highest score in the High Sheriff's Competition, L./Sergt. Campkin the highest score in the Lewis Gun Competition, and Pte. L. Newey the highest score of a Private with less than three years' service. So, looking ahead, we are hoping that in the Brigade Shoot "C" Company will be well to the top in these competitions.

Before we close these notes, during this quarter Lieut. G. W. M. Exeter has left the Company on going to the Reserve of Officers. He was in charge of No. 10 Platoon at Roxeth for a long period, and worked hard for the Platoon and the Company. His place will be hard to fill, and all wish him the best of luck for the future.

"HIGH PORT."

"D" COMPANY.

There always seems plenty to write about for this quarter, and this year is no exception. In the first place we are glad to be able to record that we won the Sherwood Shield (Winter Weapon Training Competition) for the second year in succession, thus proving that the boast made by our Company Commander at the Annual Dinner was not an idle one.

We had our own Jubilee celebrations—only a few members of the Company attending the Jubilee celebrations at Headquarters on 6th May. Our own celebrations took the form of a parade on 12th May, a march to Hendon Park, Hendon, where we, amongst numberless others, took part in a drum-head service. We were proud to see our Band playing for the service, and we enjoyed having our Drums to march to and from the park. The Hendon Branch of the Old Contemptibles fell in behind us on the way to the park, and we were very glad to be able

to join up with them after the service and lead them to the Hendon War Memorial, where they laid a wreath.

The celebrations ended with a tea party at our Drill Hall, where the mothers, wives, sisters and friends of the members of the Company all seemed to enjoy themselves. One hundred and twenty people sat down to tea; and, judging from results, did good justice to it. At any rate, one young soldier, who shall be nameless, was heard to state after tea that he had had his money's worth, having had three helpings of jelly!

Whilst on the subject of the Jubilee we should like to record with pride the fact that C.S.M. Devereaux has been awarded a Jubilee Medal. Well done, Devereaux—you deserved it!

We had a most enjoyable visit from "C" Company during the course of the past quarter, when matches at shooting, billiards and darts were hardly fought. We have not yet overcome our youthful inexperience sufficiently to enable us to beat "C" Company at these various games; we are, however, hoping for the best.

The next event that should be recorded is the Whitsun Training for N.C.Os., when the big event was night operations. This Company certainly did its share in making the night operations not only instructive but interesting. We provided three times as many N.C.Os. as any other company and we supplied not only vicious enemy but also a lady enemy, who, try as she would, was unable to entice the patrol from the straight and narrow path. We should like to record here the remark made by the Company Commander to the enemy soldier and his lady friend upon the enemy soldier asking what he should do when he saw the patrol arriving, but we know full well that the Editor would not print it!

The last event to be recorded is the Battalion Rifle Meeting—the results of which were, so far as we were concerned, disappointing, but we are hoping that we shall do better in the Brigade Rifle Meeting. Prize-winners of the Company were Cpl. Burbidge, equal second in the competition based on the High Sheriff's Competition; Pte. Kershaw was second in the competition based on the Young Soldiers' Competition, and Pte. Burbidge third in the Lewis Gun Competition.

We are looking forward now to Annual Training at Aldershot. Rumour has it that the camp site is excellent and that the training areas provide first-class cover. In fact, the Commanding Officer has already threatened that if he is unable to find any company during his tour of inspection any morning that company will be made to parade in the afternoon!

"H.Q." WING.

Several changes have taken place since the last time of writing. Capt. Heffer has taken over "A" Company, and 2/Lieut. Parlane has taken over the Signallers.

At the Brigade Rifle Meeting the Company team did rather well, but not quite good enough to gain an award; still, we hope to do better next time.

The Signallers still maintain a high standard of proficiency, but are badly under strength.

The Drums, under the guidance of Drum-Major Allwood, have improved considerably, and are still making great strides.

At the time of writing all are busy preparing for a strenuous fifteen days' training at Aldershot. It is rumoured that Mytchett Lake and district are being made to look as much as possible like a South Coast seaside resort.

Wiping the sweat from our brow at the mention of the training areas available, we prefer to finish this and reserve our strength.

ARMY VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE.

SELECTING A TRADE FOR CIVIL LIFE.

TO the man who has spent a period of service in the Army the problem of what to do on return to civil life is a difficult one.

Those lucky individuals who win sweepstakes, or marry rich widows, are few and far between. The big majority have to work for a living. If, therefore, you are one of the majority it is essential that some thought should be given to the selec-

tion of your occupation, because, although your pal may want to be a plumber or a carpenter, it does not follow that you should decide to do the same. He may be fitted for those trades—you may not be.

First, you must decide if you are going to settle in one particular district, or if you are prepared to move to any part of the country to secure a job.

If circumstances compel you to settle in a certain town or district you must discover what trades offer the best prospects in that district.

A man selling roast chestnuts would stand little chance in Hades, but an ice-cream vendor would make his fortune.

When on leave, discuss with your relations and pals the possibilities of the various trades and those which offer the best chance of employment in that locality.

The building trades, such as bricklaying, plastering, carpentry, painting and plumbing, are common to all districts, and, although more work is available in some parts of the country than in others, the building trades can be considered as offering reasonable chances of employment anywhere. Other trades, such as sheet-metal working, welding, cabinet making and upholstering, offer good employment, but are mostly confined to certain districts.

Do not make a hasty, thoughtless choice, and do not select a trade without bothering to discover what employment that particular trade offers to you. It would be of little use for an Eskimo to try to sell refrigerators, and yet many a man starts off on a job offering very little better prospects.

Years ago a long apprenticeship to a trade was necessary to reach the high standard of skill required to earn a living at that trade, but in the present day, with the great improvements in tools and when so much of the skilled work is done by machines, the standard of hand skill required is not so great.

The difference between a good and bad workman is due generally, not to lack of knowledge, but to lack of interest. Select a trade that you are interested in, apply for a vocational course, and take an interest in it, and you will find you will soon have ability above the normal. The employer wants the man with that ability, and he is prepared to pay him good wages. He does not want a dud at any price.

CORRESPONDENCE.

COLLATONS,
BOW,
DEVON.
28th June, 1935.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

Now that the Regimental Histories of the 57th and 77th Regiments, written by the late General Warre and Capt. Woollright, are practically unprocurable, it makes it very difficult for officers of the present day to obtain any information of the doings of their Regiment in days gone by. I believe formerly every subaltern on joining the 57th Regiment was served out with a copy of Warre's History of the Regiment and for which he was charged two guineas in his first Mess bill, just showing in those days how important it was thought for every officer to have a knowledge of the history of his regiment.

Being in possession of two of the records, I venture to hope that some extracts from them may be of interest to your readers, especially on the subject of "The Colonels and Colours" of both Regiments from the dates of their being first raised up to the present time.

As far as the 57th Regiment is concerned, the work was quite easy, as a list of both was given in the Appendix of Woollright's History, but it was more difficult with the 77th Regiment, as no such list was obtainable, and it had to be picked out of old Army Lists and Regimental Digests, etc., who the various Colonels were, and when and where the various Colours were presented, and where they now lie.

Taking the 57th Regiment first, it was raised at Manchester on 27th December, 1755, by Lieut.-Col. John Arabin, 2nd Horse, who was appointed its first Colonel. On his death in 1757 he was succeeded by Lieut.-General Sir David Cunynghame, Bart., who was followed by Major-General Sir John Irwin in 1767 and by General John Campbell of Strachur in 1780, who had previously served as Lieutenant-Colonel in command of the 57th Regiment. On his death in 1806 he was succeeded by Lieut.-General John Lord Hutchinson, he being the fifth Colonel in fifty years.

In 1803 a second Battalion was formed at Ashford and on 25th November both Battalions were inspected by Major-General Forbes.

In 1811 General Sir Hew Dalrymple, Bart., was appointed as the sixth Colonel and held the appointment until his death in 1830. He was succeeded by Lieut.-General Sir William Inglis (P.), who had joined the 57th Regiment as an Ensign in 1779 and worked up through all ranks and became Lieutenant-Colonel commanding the 57th Regiment from 1805 to 1809. He was in command of the Regiment at the Battle of Albuhera, where he had his horse shot under him, and later was severely wounded himself by a grapeshot. From the words with which he addressed his men the soubriquet of "Die-Hards" has ever since been attached to the 57th Regiment.

On General Inglis' death in 1835 he was followed by Lieut.-General Sir Frederick Adam (P. and W.) as Colonel of the Regiment, which he held till 1843, when he was transferred to his old regiment, the 21st R.N.B. Fusiliers.

He was succeeded by Field-Marshal Viscount Hardinge, G.C.B. (P. and W.), who had previously served as a Captain in the 57th Regiment, and was appointed Colonel in 1843. On his death from paralysis he was followed by Lieut.-General Sir James Frederick Love (P. and W.). At the Battle of Waterloo he received four severe wounds. In 1865, on being transferred as Colonel to the 43rd L.I., he was followed by General Charles Richard Fox, on whose death in 1873 Lieut.-General Freeman Murray succeeded him. He had previously served with the 57th Regiment as Ensign, Lieutenant and Captain, when he was appointed to the 60th Rifles and in 1875 he was transferred to that corps as its Colonel.

In 1875 General Sir Edward Alan Holdich was appointed Colonel of the 57th Regiment, and in 1886, on the death of General Henry Hope Graham, Colonel of the 77th Regiment, he became the first Colonel of the Middlesex Regiment—making thirteen Colonels in 120 years, from 1755 to 1875.

(P. denotes Peninsular Medal; W., Waterloo Medal.)

Colours of the 57th Regiment. Including those borne by the 2nd Battalion, there have been altogether eleven sets of

Colours, which were received, as far as can be ascertained, at the undermentioned dates, viz., 1756, 1770, 1792. The whereabouts of these three sets is unknown, and as they were possibly only painted, they would, if found, be unrecognizable. Their dimensions were 6 ft. by 6 ft. and 6 ft. deep on the pike, which was 9 ft. 10 in. long. As to the two sets issued to the 1st and 2nd Battalions in 1803, those of the 1st Battalion are in the possession of Sir William Inglis' family, and those of the 2nd Battalion in the possession of Capt. Fanshawe's (R.N.) family, he being a descendant of Sir Hew Dalrymple, who was Colonel of the Regiment in 1815, when the 2nd Battalion was disbanded.

No doubt readers of the May number of THE DIE-HARDS have seen that the old 1804-16 Colours of the 2nd Battalion 57th Regiment were presented by Admiral of the Fleet Sir Arthur Fanshawe, R.N., to the 1st Battalion, and have been placed in the Regimental Museum.

The former set of the 1st Battalion was carried in the early part of the Peninsular War, including the Battle of Albuhera, when the King's Colour had the staff broken and seventeen shots through it, and the Regimental Colour received twenty-one.

In 1813 the old Colours were laid aside and sent to Sir William Inglis on the receipt of new Colours, on which the word "Albuhera" was borne, and shortly after "Peninsula" was added.

In 1818 a new stand of Colours was obtained, and the old set was sent to Sir Hew Dalrymple, the Colonel of the Regiment. These Colours were in use for some twenty-six years and were laid aside when the Regiment was at Cannanore, Madras, but what became of them is unknown.

In 1838 new Colours were given to the Regiment and in 1853 a new set was received from its Colonel, Lord Hardinge, the General Commander-in-Chief, and the 1838 Colours were sent to him.

The 1853 Colours were borne by the Regiment through the Crimea and operations in Central India and New Zealand, when the new honours of "Inkerman," "Sebastopol" and "New Zealand" were added.

When new Colours were presented in 1867 the 1853 Colours were placed in St.

Paul's Cathedral over the monument to those fallen in the Crimea and New Zealand.

The 1867 Colours were carried in Zululand in 1879, being the last time Colours were carried on active service.

In 1931 new Colours were presented to the Regiment at Colchester by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of The Middlesex Regiment, and the old Colours were deposited in the Middlesex Guildhall.

G. W. W. S.

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Extract from a letter dated 22nd May, 1935, from MR. J. C. COUGHLAN, of Victoria, Australia.

Enclosed with the *Star* you will find a reproduction (in colour) of a picture, now hanging in the Art Gallery at Perth, West Australia. This should be of very special interest to the "Die-Hards," more so the 1st Battalion, as it depicts the historic incident mentioned in Vol. II, No. 10, page 561, of the Journal, an account of which was forwarded to you by the late Sir Nicholas Lockyer, whose father, Ensign Edmund Lockyer, was the officer in charge of the detachment of the 57th sent over from New South Wales to plant the Union Jack on West Australian soil, and so forestall the French, who, it was rumoured, were particularly anxious to form a settlement on this continent.

[The coloured picture referred to above cannot be reproduced without the permission of *The Star*. It has therefore been placed in the Regimental Museum.—Ed.]

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8, CRAIG STREET,
ROSYTH, FIFE,
SCOTLAND.

16th June, 1935.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

Having served with both the 2nd and 1st Battalions of the Middlesex Regiment I was very interested to read the enclosed cutting, which, the paper says, was written from Sebastopol on 28th September, 1854, the writer evidently having served with the Regiment there.

I served with the 2nd Battalion at Portsmouth, Guernsey and Alderney under Col. Saville, D.S.O. My Company officer was the late Capt. Sandys, a very fine

officer and gentleman. I also served with the 1st Battalion under Col. Oliver, at Lebon, Allahabad, and Benares, and under Col. Ward at Dinapore and Dum-Dum, our last station being Aden, which we left for Woolwich, arriving in January, 1914. I then purchased my discharge, but at the outbreak of the Great War I re-enlisted in the 13th Hussars (having been through a course of M.I.). I served through the war in France, Gallipoli and Mesopotamia, where I had the great pleasure of meeting an old company officer of the 1st Battalion: I refer to Capt. Jardine, who at the time of my meeting him was a Colonel in the Indian Army.

Wishing all Battalions the best in sport, etc.,

Yours, etc.,
JOHN MCGRATH,
Late R.S.M., 13th Hussars.
(Regtl. No. 11327, Middx. Regt.)

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The following extract is reproduced by the courtesy of the Editor of "The Dunfermline Press."

"An old house which is being demolished at Kincardine-on-Forth in connection with the road bridge construction there has yielded up an interesting relic of the Crimean War. When some old books were being removed there was found between the pages of one of them a letter written by a Dunfermline man, Mr. John Blelloch, from a 'camp near Sebastopol' on 28th September, 1854. The letter, which was addressed to a cousin then residing in Kincardine, gives a graphic and well-written account of an engagement with the Russian forces:—

"We mounted a rising ground," part of the letter runs, "and a most stirring sight presented itself to our view. There were upwards of a hundred cannon blazing right in front of us, planted in a most formidable position. . . . We soon saw that their cannon were far heavier than ours and that the Infantry [in which the writer served] would have to storm the heights. Our General rode along our front, calling out, 'Come on, my lads, I will lead you up yonder heights.' We, with a cheer that re-echoed through the

hills, dashed through the river, where the shot was plumping as thick as ever you saw raindrops fall, and up the opposite bank, scrambled through a vineyard. The 77th Regiment never halted until we gained the top."

"The Russians were completely routed, leaving almost all their guns and stores behind them."

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4, HUMBER STREET,
WELLINGTON,
NEW ZEALAND.
15th May, 1935.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

I forward you herewith a paragraph from the *Dominion*, which will interest readers of your Journal. I hope to induce the *Dominion* to pass the medal over to your Museum if it is not claimed.

You are possibly aware that I am the eldest of the old school, and I was told the other day that I am the last of the Crimean and Mutiny men, but I have not been officially informed. I am the oldest member of the Early Settlers' Association and the only one left of the Maori War veterans in this district. I seem to have become an expert in being the last one.

To-morrow will be your great day, and I will not forget to drink your health most heartily.

My first seven birthdays in the Army were spent as follows:—

17th in Ireland.
18th in the Crimea.
19th in Malta.
20th, 21st and 22nd in Aden.
23rd in New Zealand.

The New Zealand Shipping Company kindly worked out the distances, which are 15,850 miles.

You can see for yourself that I have reason to boast of my writing. I thought you would rather have my effort than that of another's.

My best wishes to the dear old "Die-Hards."

Yours sincerely,

E. BEZAR,
Late Colour-Sergeant, 57th Die-Hards.

OBITUARY.

COL. CHARLES SIDNEY COLLISON,
D.S.O.

COL. COLLISON, whose sudden death, on 8th June, while playing golf on the Salisbury and South Wilts Golf Links, was a great shock to his numerous friends. He was first commissioned into the Middlesex Regiment from the 4th (Militia) Battalion Manchester Regiment in 1892. He subsequently joined the 2nd Battalion in South Africa in 1900, and was present during the operations in Natal, March to June; in the Transvaal (West of Pretoria) in July, and in the Orange River Colony in June, receiving the Queen's Medal, with four clasps. After serving with the newly-raised 4th Battalion, he went to the West India Regiment, where he became Adjutant. He was transferred to the West Riding Regiment in 1906, and retired in 1911, being promoted Major in the 5th (S.R.) Bn. Middlesex Regiment. The following year he succeeded Col. Whitehead as C.O. of the 5th Battalion, and on the outbreak of war in 1914 took that Battalion to its war station at Chatham. In 1915 he was transferred to the 11th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regiment, which he accompanied to France and commanded it during the Battles of the Somme and the Ancre in 1916.

Col. Collison married Miss Geraldine Grove White, only daughter of Col. J. Grove White. There is one son now at Charterhouse, his father's old school.

The funeral took place at St. Lawrence Church, Stratford Toney, on 11th June, and was of a private character.

Among those present were Lieut.-Col. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., and Capt. E. M. Hodding. The many beautiful floral tributes included a wreath from the officers and other ranks of the Middlesex Regiment.

Our most sincere sympathy is tendered to Mrs. Collison and other relatives.

The following appreciation, which appeared in *The Times* of 15th June, is reproduced by the courtesy of the Editor:—

BT. COL. C. S. COLLISON, D.S.O.

A SUBALTERN'S MEMORIES.

Mr. A. A. Milne writes:—

All who served under Col. Collison in

the 11th Battalion of The Royal Warwickshire Regiment will have heard with deep regret of his death, and those of them who had the honour of his friendship will feel that some small tribute should now be paid to his memory, even if it be by the least of his subalterns. But it was a privileged subaltern who, by the accident of being a signalling officer, was attached to the H.Q. Mess, and thus admitted to the intimacy of his company. To a young, anti-military, "literary man," hating the Army, and prepared to resent all Regulars, he was a revelation. Handsome, debonair, the ideal monocled colonel of fiction, with all a soldier's love of soldiering and traditional faith in the value of military service, he added to this conventional equipment a fastidiousness, a feeling for beauty, and a humorous, detached irony which made him the most invigorating company imaginable. He called you by a nickname, but he was your Colonel; his humour asked for humour in return, but his military façade kept you from taking liberties; he was intimate and aloof, human and astringent; in his manner always on parade, in his mind always alert for companionship.

How such a man became a colonel, or a colonel remained such a man, was a mystery. However many lives in his loved battalion the "tin hat" had saved he never would accustom himself to its lack of aesthetic appeal. He was all for smartness; but a subaltern who had thought to please him by having his hair cut particularly short during the Battle of the Somme was advised "not to go about looking like a convict when peace might burst upon you at any moment." When he lamented the men's habit of answering, as it seemed, every question with the words "I couldn't say, Sir," he was not regretting their ignorance but being harrowed by the unchanging texture of its expression. He was a good soldier, and if he wanted to do something obviously necessary, which a good soldier could not do without higher authority, he did it; and then, like a good soldier, applied for leave to do it. When he was commanding his battalion at Chatham in the first rumour-fed days of the War, and was ordered to repel invasion by establishing a series of sentry-posts "facing," as he put it, "the hostile town of Maidstone," it was his not to reason why. He established them. "But, of course, I withdrew

them directly the General had gone"—and of course he would.

Thinking of him again; of those far-off days from which these memories have drifted back to me, I turned to some of the letters which I had then written, wondering how much of my feeling for him I had put on paper. I seem to have fallen for him, as they say, at once. On my first day up the line: "I had about an hour's talk with the C.O. last night; he is a delightful person." Ten days later, after we had come out of action: "The C.O. is heavenly; I love him; frightfully funny in a particular way of his own. He was in grand form to-night; in fact, we all were; at least, he made us think we were." And so on, panegyrically, until his health sent him back to England, and to the wife of whom he had said to me once: "I write to her every day, because I have dinner every day. If there's time to have dinner, there's time to write to your wife." My last reference to him is this: "The C.O., as you know, left for England on Monday, and to-day (Sunday) I had a box of 50 Coronas from him; with apologies that he couldn't afford too owing to the extortions of the Mess President (myself). Pretty quick work, and isn't he a dear?"

A dear! Shall this be his epitaph? It seems the most unlikely one for a good soldier, the most unsuitable one for this particular ironic soldier; but at least it tells of the real affection which he inspired in one grateful subaltern. Moreover, it would amuse him. So let it stand.

ALBERT SPENCER BALDWIN.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred on 8th May, of the above-named Old Comrade. He was one of three brothers who served in the Middlesex Regiment. One of these died in 1914, the other (George) died suddenly in April last, and an obituary notice appeared in our May issue.

Albert Baldwin enlisted in October, 1892, and served with the 1st Battalion at home and in India for ten years; also in the 2nd Battalion for two years, leaving that Battalion in Portsmouth in 1904. He rejoined the Colours in 1914, and served until February, 1919, was wounded,

receiving the three medals. He was employed at the R.A.F. Depot at Ruislip for fourteen years. The funeral took place at Hillingdon Cemetery on 11th May, bearers being furnished by the British Legion and two trumpeters by the R.A.F. An N.C.O. attended from the Depot, with wreath from the Regimental Association. We tender our sincere sympathy to his widow.

HENRY RIXON.

We regret to announce this Old Comrade's death, which occurred on 28th June at Shepherds Bush. Rixon served with the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Battalions during the war, and left the Army as Company Sergeant Major. The funeral took place at Hammersmith Cemetery on 3rd July, when a sergeant of the Depot represented the Regimental Association. A wreath was sent. We tender our sympathy to the widow.

GEORGE HOWELL.

We regret to announce the death of the above-named In-Pensioner of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on 19th July, aged 77 years. He enlisted in the 50th Brigade on 16th May, 1876, and was posted to the 57th Foot, with which he served in Ceylon, also in the South African Campaign, 1879, being awarded the Medal and Clasp. He was posted to the 77th Foot in December, 1879. He was transferred to the Army Reserve in 1882 and was recalled to the Colours four months later. After being re-transferred to the Army Reserve in March, 1883, he rejoined the Colours of the Royal Sussex Regiment, with which he served from October, 1884, until January, 1888, during which period he saw service in Egypt and the Sudan, being awarded the Egyptian Medal and Bronze Star. Howell re-engaged for the Middlesex Regiment in February, 1888, but was discharged a year later at his own request. The interment took place at the Cemetery of the London Necropolis Company, at Brookwood, on 23rd July. A Sergeant from the Depot attended at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, with a wreath from the Regimental Association.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN).

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<i>1st Colonels (2).</i> Brown, G. L., D.S.O. (1) Jeffery, W. W. (2)	<i>Lieutenants—contd.</i> Newton, W. C. (1), d. 30/8/26 Jacob, M. A. (2) 30/8/26 Gilbert, N. G., c.o. 4/2/29 Baldwin, C. M., c.o. 4/2/29 Else, F. H. (2) 30/8/29 Herapath, L. H. J. de la M. (1) 1/9/30 Stephenson, J. W. A. (2) 3/9/30 <i>Majors (8).</i> Sloane-Stanley, L. F. (1) 30/7/26 Tidbury, O. H., M.C., p.s.c. (1) s. 5/5/27 Widdicombe, T. S., M.C. (2) 10/12/28 3/6/18 Lyon, N. H. B., M.C. (2), d. 26/1/32 Newham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. s. 28/9/32 3/6/19 Thorp, J. R. (1) (2) 28/9/32 Savile, H. B. W., M.C. (1) 17/12/32 Phillips, H., M.C. (1) 1/6/35 <i>Captains (14).</i> Bucknall, G. C., M.C., p.s.c. (2) 26/8/16 Stewart, H. W. M., O.B.E., M.C. (s.c.) (1) 20/8/16 Horrocks, B. G., M.C., p.s.c. (1) s. 11/1/17 Haydon, C. W., M.C., c.o. 25/4/17 del Court, S. F. W. M., M.C. (1) (1) (1) d. 28/9/20 Procter, N. P., M.C. (2) 1/4/21 Rackham, B. B., M.C. (1) 1/1/34 Weller, A. V. (1) 9/5/27 Pain, E. T. (2) 9/5/27 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., l. 1/2/34 Clayden, H. W., l. 14/4/34 Clark, S. J. (2) Adj. 14/4/34 Walden, F. L. 14/4/34 Heywood, E. L. (2) 12/2/35 Ayscough, E. S. M. (1) 4/4/35 Reid, J. G. E., l. 4/4/35 Musselwhite, C. C., a.m. 4/4/35 Cubitt, D. Y. (1) 4/4/35 Tuckey, P. E. C. (2) 4/4/35 Worton, J. B. (1) d. 4/4/35 <i>Subalterns (34).</i> <i>Lieutenants.</i> Gordon, I. D. S. (2) 14/7/23 Crawford, M., o. (1) (Garr. Adj. & Qr.-Mr.) 23/12/23	<i>Lieutenants—contd.</i> Powell, P. D. H. (1) 2/2/31 Mackenzie, H. F. o., o.d. 30/8/31 Chatterly, W. H. P., a.m. 31/8/31 Batten, R. H. (2) 31/8/32 Green, A. E. (d. Adj.) 11/2/35 31/1/32 Ferguson, W. M. (2) d. 31/1/32 Sword, R. W. D. (1) 29/8/32 Man, A. M. (Sch. of Surg.) 30/1/33 Marsh, H. (1) 30/1/33 Hall, J. P. L. (1) 28/8/33 Weston, G. P. L. (2) 29/1/34 Gwyn, R. A. (1) 29/1/34 Bellers, R. C. H. (1) 29/1/34 Beadnell, L. C. (2) 27/8/34 <i>2nd Lieutenants.</i> Whiting, F. B. (1) 1/9/32 Peal, A. W. F. (1) 1/9/32 Willoughby, J. E. F. (2) 2/2/33 Porter, G. O. (2) 2/2/33 Unwin, E. J. (2) 2/2/33 Fishbourne, P. A. (2) 2/2/33 Chatterly, T. W. (1) 31/8/33 Beath, C. M. (2) 1/2/34 Anson, P. A. R. (1) 1/2/34 Allen, W. P. M. (2) 30/8/34 Ormonist, J. W. G. (2) 31/1/35 Gudgeon, H. N. C. (2) 31/1/35 Hewitt, A. G. (2) 31/1/35 Weedon, M. P. (2) 31/1/35 <i>Adjutants (2).</i> Clark, S. J., Capt. (2) 3/8/32 Hedgecoe, S. F., Capt. (1) 24/7/34 <i>Quarter-Masters (3).</i> English, J., d. 28/8/14 It.-col. 3/8/32 Clark, A. W., lt. (1) 29/4/29 Guscott, R. T., lt. (2) 22/1/30 <i>5th Battalion (Militia).</i> <i>6th Battalion (Militia).</i> <i>Captain.</i> Pechell, H. C. 1/1/17	<i>"The Elms," Priory Road, Hornsey, N.8.</i> <i>Hon. Colonel.</i> King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D. (Col. rel. Terr. Army) A.D.C., l.a. 13/8/25 <i>Lt.-Colonel.</i> Murray, H. A., T.D. l.a. 22/6/32 <i>Majors.</i> Bower, G. A. H., M.C., T.D. 1/4/30 Pringle, W. E., M.C., l.a. 22/6/32 <i>Captains.</i> Brown, S. A. W. 27/3/30 Bartram, R. 1/12/32 Johnson, A. K. 1/2/33 Lowe, G. C. D. S. 20/7/33 <i>Lieutenants.</i> Glikstein, C. P. 12/2/32 Addis, I. B. 13/6/33 Westcott, J. G. 3/12/33 <i>2nd Lieutenants.</i> Jefferson, A. D. 28/1/33 Webster, R. T. 7/6/33 Baycock, K. T. 30/6/34 <i>Adjutant.</i> Walden, F., Capt. Middx. R. 1/9/32 <i>Quarter-Master.</i> Denton, C. F., lt. 17/4/31 [Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.] <i>Cadet Unit affiliated.</i> 1st C. Bn. Middlesex Regt. <i>8th Battalion (Territorial).</i> Drill Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow. <i>Hon. Colonel.</i> Garner, W. C.M.G., T.D. (Lt.-Col. late T.F. Res.) l.a. 5/4/21 <i>Lt.-Colonel.</i> Lamont, J. N., M.C., T.D., l.a. 17/8/33 <i>Majors.</i> Fox, G. L., l.a. 1/4/30 Sherwood, H., T.D. 17/8/33 <i>Captains.</i> Hardcastle, H. K. 13/7/27 Hogg, F. G. 17/8/29 Wright, L. C. 2/8/33 Heffer, H. 17/8/33	<i>Lt.-Colonel.</i> Parneter, W. H., l.a. 11/6/30 lt. col. 11/6/34 <i>Majors.</i> Ellis, H. C., O.B.E. 9/2/32 Wagstaff, W. W., p.s.c. (1) (Maj. rel. pay) (Res. of Off.) l.a. 5/1/35 <i>Captains.</i> Nadex, S., M.B.E. 8/12/29 Hartley, C. 10/1/31 Mayer, R. W. 28/10/33 Marks, T. L. 8/7/34 <i>Lieutenants.</i> Miskin, E. F. H. 21/5/33 Sadler, E. C. K. 4/6/33 King, M. C. D. 10/12/33 Blair, N. M. 7/11/34 <i>2nd Lieutenants.</i> Summers, C. W. 3/6/33 McFarlane, A. J. 28/6/33 Walford, S. H. L. 25/7/33 Day, E. A. 15/11/33 Ayre, G. B. 7/2/34 Hamilton, J. A. 5/5/34 <i>Adjutant.</i> Reid, J. G. E., Lt. Middx. R. (temp. Capt., T.A.) 1/12/33 1/12/33 <i>Quarter-Master.</i> Cox, S. A., lt. 28/4/31 [Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.] <i>Cadet Unit affiliated.</i> 2nd C. Bn. Middlesex Regt. <i>9th Battalion (Territorial).</i> Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W.10. <i>11on. Colonel.</i> Blumfeld, J. L., T.D. (Col. late T.F. Res.) l.a. 10/1/22 <i>Lt.-Colonel.</i> Lamont, J. N., M.C., T.D., l.a. 17/8/33 <i>Majors.</i> Fox, G. L., l.a. 1/4/30 Sherwood, H., T.D. 17/8/33 <i>Captains.</i> Hardcastle, H. K. 13/7/27 Hogg, F. G. 17/8/29 Wright, L. C. 2/8/33 Heffer, H. 17/8/33	<i>Lieutenants.</i> Douglas, T. P. 2/16/27 Stichell, L. L. 24/7/29 Bedwell, L. J. 18/1/31 Pearson, M. F. 2/3/35 <i>2nd Lieutenants.</i> Abbott, M. J. 4/3/33 Parlane, W. F. 13/7/33 Canning, J. G. H. 9/5/34 Hill, D. F. 19/4/35 <i>Adjutant.</i> Clayden, H. W., Capt. Middx. R. 21/12/34 <i>Quarter-Master.</i> Johnson, T. C. M., Maj. (Capt. rel. pay) (Res. of Off.) 4/5/35 [Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.] <i>Cadet Unit affiliated.</i> 3rd C. Bn. Middlesex Regt. <i>Supplementary Reserve.</i> Category B. <i>Subalterns (9)</i> <i>Lieutenants.</i> Morley, J. F. 24/10/31 Wilcox, G. L. M. R. 5/12/31 5/12/31 Cowley, L. D. 5/12/31 Willoughby, R. W. H., c.o. 13/6/34 Clifton, P. A. 22/8/34 Biggs, K. R. McK. 28/10/34 <i>2nd Lieutenants.</i> King, J. H. W. (attd. O.T.C.) 30/12/33 Borgars, D. J. 17/1/34 Man, C. M. M. 8/12/34 <i>Territorial Battalions affiliated to the Regiment.</i> <i>7th City of London Regt. (Post Office Rifles).</i> 24, Sun Street, Finsbury Square, E.C.2. <i>Adjutant.</i> Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O., Capt., Middx. R. 14/4/34 <i>19th London Regt. (St. Pancras).</i> 76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1. <i>Adjutant.</i> Everett, E. N., Lt. Wills R. (temp. Capt. T.A.) 7/2/35

SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.Os. AUGUST, 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	Cpl. A. Stone ...	28/1/32
*R.Q.M.S. E. Crouch ...	28/4/29	*L./Sgt. G. Bayford ... (Unpaid)	11/12/34
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) A. Finch ...	13/6/28	Cpl. ...	21/1/33
*C.S.M. C. Goodall ...	28/4/29	L./Sgt. T. Castle ... (Unpaid)	18/12/34
*C.S.M. A. Russell ...	1/4/31	Cpl. ...	23/6/32
*C.S.M. E. Burt ...	13/8/31	L./Sgt. E. Wadsworth ... (Unpaid)	18/12/34
*C.S.M. B. Brockman ...	10/12/31	Cpl. ...	15/11/32
*C.S.M. E. Fleming ...	10/12/31	L./Sgt. C. Clark ... (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) ...	18/10/23	Cpl. J. O'Neill ...	13/8/31
*Sgt. V. Osterholm (Pioneer Sergeant) ...	30/10/27	Cpl. A. Stone ...	2/9/31
*Sgt. R. Challis (Signal Sergeant) ...	29/5/28	Cpl. S. Phelan ...	15/9/31
Sgt. T. Tiller ...	1/1/20	Cpl. F. Connell ...	30/9/31
*Sgt. C. Champion ...	23/2/20	Cpl. C. Pantling ...	19/1/32
*Sgt. A. Stenning (Band Sergeant) ...	15/1/30	Cpl. J. Donegar ...	4/2/32
Sgt. J. West ...	10/1/31	Cpl. R. Blackman ...	26/7/32
*Sgt. G. Blake ...	13/8/31	Cpl. E. Whichello ...	22/2/33
*Sgt. L. Honeybun ...	18/9/31	Cpl. A. Smith ...	10/3/33
**Sgt. L. Priddy ...	30/9/31	Cpl. G. Endersby ...	2/6/33
*Sgt. S. Thompson ...	10/12/31	Cpl. G. Jeffree ...	19/10/33
Sgt. R. Bayles (S.I.M.) ...	10/12/31	Cpl. L. Roseblade ...	11/12/33
*Sgt. L. West ...	22/1/32	Cpl. F. Britton ...	23/12/33
*Drum-Major D. Drew ...	4/2/32	Cpl. G. Wordley ...	8/5/34
Sgt. F. Donovan ...	18/2/32	Cpl. A. Brown ...	8/5/34
*Sgt. E. Paterson ...	24/8/32	Cpl. F. Gardiner ...	28/5/34
Sgt. A. Mason ...	22/6/33	*Cpl. C. Jacob ...	10/6/34
*Sgt. (O.R.C.) P. Hale ...	19/10/33	Cpl. H. Game ...	10/6/34
Sgt. J. Little ...	19/10/33	Cpl. V. Thomas ...	20/11/34
Sgt. F. Chasney ...	5/12/34	Cpl. C. Bayly ...	5/12/34
Sgt. P. Edwards ...	4/3/35	Cpl. A. Moore ...	15/2/35
L./Sgt. R. Glover ...	11/2/27	Cpl. W. Watts ...	4/3/35
L./Sgt. L. Williams ...	3/10/32	L./Cpl. E. Rochester ...	26/8/27
Cpl. A. Lawrence ...	26/9/28	L./Cpl. A. Allison ...	14/9/28
*L./Sgt. R. Chaplin ...	19/1/32	L./Cpl. W. Belcher ...	30/6/30
L./Sgt. J. Chillery ...	22/3/33	*L./Cpl. P. Ward ...	20/10/30
L./Sgt. J. Smith ...	24/7/33	L./Cpl. L. Jernan ...	11/12/30
Cpl. C. Ives ...	16/8/30	L./Cpl. M. Duddy ...	22/3/31
Cpl. H. Padgett ...	1/1/31	L./Cpl. F. Thorn ...	11/6/31
*L./Sgt. W. Snell ...	19/10/33	L./Cpl. W. Gadsden ...	29/8/31
*Cpl. C. May ...	16/1/31	*L./Cpl. L. McDowell ...	2/1/32
L./Sgt. S. Bullock ...	10/4/34	L./Cpl. J. Howie ...	2/1/32
L./Sgt. L. Sheffield ...	5/12/34	L./Cpl. W. Sampford ...	4/2/32
L./Sgt. C. Bolton ...	15/2/35	L./Cpl. E. Staley ...	26/7/32
L./Sgt. J. Thirkettle ...	4/3/35	L./Cpl. F. Mills ...	30/9/32
		L./Cpl. J. Robinson ...	1/11/32
		L./Cpl. S. Adams ...	2/11/32
		L./Cpl. H. Burrows ...	5/1/33
		L./Cpl. C. Payne ...	10/6/33
		L./Cpl. H. Nayler ...	22/6/33
		L./Cpl. C. Hawkesworth ...	3/8/33
		L./Cpl. H. Ormes ...	17/8/33
		*L./Cpl. W. O'Connor ...	28/11/33
		L./Cpl. H. Hughes ...	25/12/33
		L./Cpl. F. Markham ...	17/3/34
		L./Cpl. C. Keefe ...	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. Whipps ...	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. Grattan ...	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.

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Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
*R.S.M. C. Davis ...	Depot	13/4/29	*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. Tisdale ...	7th London	22/1/22
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) B. Baldwin ...	Depot	2/7/30	*Sgt. R. Colbourne ...	Depot	6/10/23
*C.S.M. G. Goodall ...	9th	4/6/25	Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	2nd	28/1/25
*C.S.M. J. Hart ...	2nd	20/1/26	*Sgt. S. Mason ...	19th London	2/2/26
*C.S.M. C. Cook, D.C.M. ...	8th	16/8/26	Sgt. S. Bishop ...	7th	24/11/27
*C.S.M. F. Peck ...	2nd	18/2/29	Sgt. H. Sneath ...	2nd	15/12/27
*C.S.M. A. Anderson ...	Depot	20/10/30	Sgt. A. Webb ...	2nd	15/5/28
*C.S.M. H. Hewett ...	8th	19/4/32	*Drum-Major H. Poulter ...	2nd	13/10/28
*C.S.M. L. Simmonds ...	9th	3/8/32	*Sgt. H. Short, M.M. ...	2nd	21/2/29
*C.S.M. L. Clarke ...	19th London	15/11/32	Sgt. A. Boen ...	9th	13/4/29
*C.S.M. R. Mewett ...	7th	23/3/33	*Sgt. C. Donaldson ...	2nd	24/5/29
*C.S.M. A. Wright ...	2nd	24/2/34	Sgt. R. King ...	Supnmy., Fire Bde., Bordon	5/7/29
*C.S.M. A. Jones ...	2nd	19/5/34			
Col./Sgt. C. King ...	Depot	26/5/25	*Sgt. G. Sherriff ...	2nd	9/12/29
	(Sgt. 2/8/19)		Sgt. F. Nash ...	8th	11/12/29
Col./Sgt. L. Hills ...	2nd	2/11/26	*Sgt. H. Russell ...	2nd	16/2/30
	(Sgt. 5/4/19)		Sgt. W. Northcott ...	Depot	25/2/30
Col./Sgt. W. West ...	2nd	22/2/28	*Sgt. W. Tibble ...	2nd	17/10/30
	(Sgt. 12/3/19)		Sgt. C. Soper ...	Depot	17/12/30
*Col./Sgt. F. Stacey ...	2nd	3/8/32	*Sgt. W. Green ...	2nd	27/12/30
	(Sgt. 2/2/28)		Sgt. J. Quick ...	2nd	23/4/31

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*Sgt. W. Kemp ...	Depot	19/1/32
*Sgt. R. Parsler ...	2nd	1/4/32
Sgt. J. Harper ...	2nd	19/4/32
*Sgt. (O.R.S.) F. Deane ...	2nd	10/6/32
*Sgt. C. Trestain ...	2nd	23/6/32
*Sgt. S. Smith ...	2nd	30/7/32
*Sgt. R. Smith ...	2nd	2/9/32
Sgt. J. Scott ...	2nd	3/9/32
*Sgt. L. Johnson ...	Depot	15/11/32
Sgt. W. Bean ...	2nd	23/3/33
Sgt. F. Housden ...	Depot	3/5/33
Sgt. R. Wilson ...	2nd	8/7/33
*Sgt. H. Ison ...	2nd	17/6/34
*Sgt. (S.M.C.) J. Bond ...	2nd	17/6/34
Sgt. E. Jennings ...	2nd	1/3/35
*Sgt. V. Cooper ...	2nd	15/5/35
Cpl. A. Brett ...	2nd	28/1/30
Cpl. G. Newstead ...	2nd	20/4/30
Cpl. A. Hows ...	Depot	25/10/30
Cpl. A. Whitcombe ...	2nd	31/10/30
Cpl. B. Bedward ...	2nd	19/11/30
Cpl. F. Livens ...	2nd	20/1/31
*Cpl. R. Jenkins ...	2nd	17/2/31
Cpl. E. Moir ...	Depot	20/2/31
Cpl. H. Ramsden ...	Depot	1/4/31
Cpl. S. Moore ...	2nd	28/12/31
Cpl. F. Gribble ...	Depot	19/1/32
*Cpl. H. Frewin ...	2nd	18/2/32
*Cpl. H. Dujardin ...	Depot	27/3/32
Cpl. E. Bennett ...	2nd	1/4/32
*Cpl. P. Maloney ...	2nd	1/6/32
Cpl. (O.R.C.) J. Wright ...	2nd	13/6/32
Cpl. H. Walker ...	2nd	13/6/32
*Cpl. R. Overy ...	2nd	14/6/32
Cpl. R. Smallridge ...	2nd	14/6/32
Cpl. F. Hawkins ...	2nd	28/6/32
Cpl. W. Day ...	Depot	5/8/32
Cpl. C. Gatehouse ...	2nd	6/8/32
*Cpl. H. Parnell ...	Depot	17/8/32
Cpl. W. Makewell ...	2nd	17/8/32
Cpl. J. Riches ...	2nd	19/8/32
Cpl. W. Poulter ...	Depot	3/9/32
Cpl. H. Buckland ...	2nd	13/10/32
Cpl. H. Elcome ...	2nd	10/11/32
*Cpl. H. Marshall ...	2nd	14/1/33
Cpl. F. Knights ...	Depot	1/2/33
Cpl. J. Burgess ...	2nd	3/2/33
Cpl. F. Knight ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. W. Evans ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. W. McEnery ...	2nd	15/3/33
Cpl. J. Bromley ...	2nd	15/3/33

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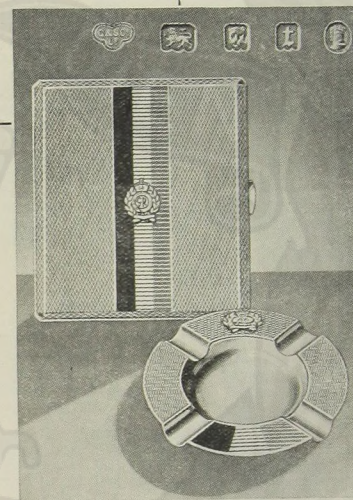
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*Cpl. A. Wray ...	Depot	23/3/33
Cpl. E. Soden ...	2nd	3/5/33
Cpl. A. Gigg ...	2nd	2/6/33
*Cpl. D. Chapman ...	2nd	15/8/33
Cpl. E. Fuller ...	2nd	8/9/33
Cpl. R. Harman ...	Depot	25/10/33
Cpl. B. Armstrong ...	2nd	23/1/34
*Cpl. B. Grant ...	2nd	1/4/34
Cpl. C. Carpenter ...	2nd	5/5/34
Cpl. T. Sargent ...	2nd	10/5/34
Cpl. J. Stickley ...	2nd	10/6/34
Cpl. W. Smith ...	2nd	17/6/34
Cpl. W. Powell ...	2nd	2/10/34
Cpl. A. Drake ...	2nd	3/2/35
Cpl. J. Hayes ...	2nd	3/2/35
*Cpl. S. Copelin ...	2nd	1/3/35
Cpl. R. Stretton ...	2nd	16/3/35
Cpl. F. Jaques ...	2nd	23/3/35
Cpl. H. Tye ...	2nd	4/5/35
Cpl. H. Hull ...	2nd	14/5/35
Cpl. S. Day ...	2nd	16/5/35
L/Cpl. J. O'Neill ...	2nd	5/8/32
L/Cpl. W. Patterson ...	2nd	13/10/32
L/Cpl. R. Weaver ...	2nd	23/11/32
L/Cpl. A. Eldrett ...	2nd	23/11/32
L/Cpl. C. Armitage ...	2nd	3/1/33
L/Cpl. T. Cordell ...	Depot	23/2/33
L/Cpl. F. Payne ...	2nd	15/3/33
L/Cpl. B. Bruniges ...	2nd	15/3/33
L/Cpl. W. Broadbridge ...	2nd	15/3/33
L/Cpl. C. Dowsett ...	2nd	15/3/33
L/Cpl. H. Eastland ...	2nd	23/3/33
L/Cpl. H. Hiscocks ...	2nd	9/4/33
*L/Cpl. B. Baldwin ...	2nd	4/5/33
L/Cpl. A. Ball ...	Depot	7/5/33
L/Cpl. A. Ellwood ...	Depot	22/6/33
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