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

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A CORRESPONDENT asks if we have any copies of the "Die Hards' Doings" published by the 1st Battalion before the war. We have none here. If any of our readers have copies either to spare, or as loans, we would be very grateful.

Who is the successor of the late Sergt.-Major Bezar as the the oldest soldier of the Regiment? Attention is invited to a letter from ex-Cpl. Chillery, published elsewhere in this number.

Attention is invited to a letter from Messrs. Partridge and Forster. It is hoped that others will follow the excellent example of the late Col. Oliver.

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Once again publication is delayed, as some important contributors are behind-hand with their copy.

BIRTHDAY OF HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VIII.

THE following telegram was sent to the Private Secretary, Colonel-in-Chief, The Middlesex Regiment:—

"Private Secretary,
"St. James's Palace.

"Please convey to His Majesty greetings from the Colonel and all ranks of The Middlesex Regiment on the occasion of his birthday."

The following telegram was received in reply:—

"Commanding,
"Middlesex Regiment,
"Mill Hill, N.W.7.

"I am much pleased to receive your loyal message addressed to me as your Colonel-in-Chief on my birthday and I sincerely thank all ranks.—Edward R.I., Colonel-in Chief."

REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

Sword, property of Paymaster Mark Matthews, 57th Regiment.

Sword, property of Lieut.-Col. C. Matthews, 57th Regiment.

Zulu War trophies—assegais, anklets, shield and knoberry—picked up on the battlefields of Etshowe and Ulundi by the late Col. Matthews, 57th Regiment. 57th badges.

The above four items were presented by his daughter, Miss Helen Matthews.

Booklet, entitled "Some Reminiscences of the Die-Hards," by Sergt.-Major F. Bezar: presented by the Regimental Association.

Water-colour of a Polish Lancer, 1811: painted and presented by Lieut.-Col. B. Granville Baker.

77th Regiment's Athletic Sports Programme, 1872: presented by Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C.

Fragments of 1st Battalion Colours, 1867-1908; helmet badge worn by Lieut. M. Browne, 1905-14; 57th breastplate.

All the above framed and presented by Col. M. Browne, M.C.

Regimental badges and titles picked up on the battlefield of Gaza: presented by Lieut. H. Marsh.

Atholl (Murray) Tartan ribbons off the bagpipes used by the 2nd Battalion during the war: presented by Sergt.-Piper T. Gibson (late 2nd Battalion).

A detailed record of the Colours presented to the various battalions of The Middlesex Regiment is being compiled. Anyone possessing information about various Colours is requested to forward details to the Editor. Dates of presentations, exact description and size of each Colour, its condition, present location, and ownership is desired. The Record includes Colours of the 57th and 77th Regiments, and the Colours borne by the Militia, Territorial, Volunteer and Service Battalions raised in the late war.

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

TENNIS.

THE Tennis Tournament, which attracted a larger entry than usual, was held on Saturday, 27th, and Sunday, 28th June.

The courts, on which a good deal of work had been done this year, were in excellent condition, and reflected great credit on Pte. Harvey, who has devoted so many hours to them.

It may be necessary in future to seed players, as it is rather regrettable

when two outstanding players meet in the first round.

Major Newnham, who was suffering from poisoning in his left arm, wisely decided to scratch in the Singles, which was won by Lieut. Drover after a very good final with some excellent rallies against Lieut. Perks.

The Inter-Battalion Doubles went to the 2nd Battalion after a good match against the 9th Battalion.

The Mill Hill Plate was won by Capt. Clayden, who deserved to do so as he had a most energetic meeting, and was never absent from the courts.

The weather was kind throughout the tournament, and a good many spectators came on the final day, including Col. and Mrs. Pargiter, whom we were very glad to see. Tea was served on the lawn, and everyone voted the tournament a success.

GOLF.

AUTUMN MEETING.

The Autumn Meeting will take place at Liphook Golf Course, Hants, on 3rd and 4th October.

Programme.—Saturday morning: Reconnaissance of course in file of fours. Afternoon: Cooper Cup (conditions below). Evening: Supper in Mess. Sunday morning: Fourball v. Bogey. Afternoon: Settle arguments.

Green Fees.—5s. a day.

Meals.—Lunch, 3s.; tea, 1s. 3d.

Caddies.—5s. a day.

Accommodation.—Details will be sent to all competitors as soon as the numbers to be accommodated are known. It is hoped to arrange for all who want to, to stay in the Mess of the 2nd Battalion at Portsmouth.

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Cooper Cup.—Foursomes v. Bogey (new scoring). Each pair to represent some battalion existing or disbanded.

If any one without a partner will send their name to the Hon. Secretary, The Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7, stating Battalion or Battalions, or Supplementary Reserve he has served with, every endeavour will be made to pair him off.

Only officers actually serving at the Depot now may play as Depot representatives.

All entries should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, The Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club, by 15th September, 1936.

DOUBLES.

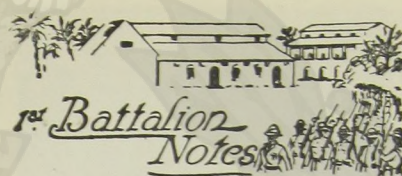
First Round.	Second Round.	Semi-Final.	Final.
Drover & Page Hill & Davis	{ Drover & Page (w.o.) Miskin & Reid	{ Drover & Page (6-3, 6-0)	{ Newnham & Symes (8-6, 6-2)
	Newnham & Symes del Court & Marsh	{ Newnham & Symes (6-0, 6-0)	
	Lamont & Perks Clark & Green	{ Lamont & Perks (6-1, 6-0)	
	Clayden & Hardcastle Fox & Sherwood	{ Clayden & Hardcastle (10-8, 6-4)	
		{ Clayden & Hardcastle (6-8, 6-2, 6-2)	{ Newnham & Symes

SINGLES.

First Round.	Second Round.	Third Round.	Semi-Final.	Final.	
Green del Court	} Green	} Newnham (6-1, 6-2)	} Newnham (6-1, 6-2)	} Drover (w.o.)	
Newnham (w.o.)					
	Lamount Miskin	} Miskin (6-0, 6-1)	} Drover (6-4, 6-3)		
	Drover Symes	} Drover (4-6, 6-3, 6-1)			
	Fox Page	} Page (6-2, 6-2)			
	Perks Clark	} Perks (6-0, 6-0)	} Perks (6-1, 6-0)	} Drover.	
	Beath Clayden	} Beath (7-5, 6-1)			
	Hardcastle Marsh	} Hardcastle (6-1, 6-1)			} Perks (6-4, 6-4)
	Davis Sherwood	} Davis (6-3, 6-0)				} Hardcastle (6-4, 6-0)

MILL HILL PLATE.

First Round.	Semi-Final.	Final.
Marsh Clark	{ Clark	{ Lamont
Lamont Symes		
Fox del Court	{ Fox	{ Clayden
Clayden Sherwood	{ Clayden	



IT is with the deepest regret that we announce the deaths of 6201897 Pte. F. G. Hubbard, "A" (S.) Company, and of 6202122 Pte. A. Birch, of "C" Company, as a result of a bathing accident on 6th April 1936; and also the death of 6199221 Pte. A. M. Coles, of "B" Company, which occurred on 4th May, 1936.

We offer our sincerest sympathies to their relations and friends.

We are more than honoured to feel that His Majesty King Edward VIII, who as Prince of Wales became our Colonel-in-Chief in 1921, has consented to remain as such—an honour this Regiment has never possessed in the whole of its long history.

Owing to the rush just prior to our departure from Egypt, we omitted to include in the last issue our great regret at being parted from our old friends, the 21st Royal Scots Fusiliers, who, except for one year, lay alongside us throughout our period in the Near East. The 1st Bn. The Royal Scots Fusiliers and our own 1st Battalion proceeded to Palestine in the same trooping season, and from the first there sprang up a very real and genuine bond of affection, both military and socially, between the two units. This friendship was extended throughout all ranks, and both regiments benefited greatly by this close liaison.

Should we achieve success in the Far East, particularly in football and polo, The Royal Scots Fusiliers will deserve our deepest thanks.

At the direction of the Commanding Officer, the following letter was sent:—

"I write not only to thank your Commanding Officer and officers for the very kindly thought and action in giving us refreshments at the train, which were so much appreciated, but also to express on behalf of the Commanding Officer and all the officers who have served with this Battalion during its stay in the Near East,

their most sincere gratitude and keen appreciation of all the kindnesses, the overwhelming hospitality and the many good times we have received from you on every possible occasion, both as a battalion and individually.

"We have enjoyed our stay in the Near East, and the very real friendliness between the two regiments has been a very large factor in producing that enjoyment.

"We shall never forget it, and sincerely hope that whenever and wherever, all, or any, of you find yourselves anywhere near the 57th Foot you will not hesitate to visit us and make every use of our Mess. You may be assured of a very warm welcome.

"The Commanding Officer and officers wish you all the very best of good fortune in the future."

Our last contribution was posted at Colombo, where arrangements were made for the Battalion to disembark by companies to carry out a short route march by night. To some of us this was very reminiscent of 1927, which was the last time the 1st Battalion touched at Ceylon, *en route* for China. Some of us were able to visit Mount Lavinia, where as long ago as 1879 a detachment of the 57th Regiment was close to this very spot.

We were extremely fortunate in receiving a visit from our old Indian Contractor (Khan Sahib H. F. Shabodeen), who informed us that all was ready in Singapore, and that he was the proud possessor of yet another son. We were able to thank him in person for the extremely handsome gift of two tiger and sixteen leopard skins which he presented to the Corps of Drums shortly before we left Moascar.

After four days of most pleasant sailing, the *California*, narrowly missing a collision with a Chinese junk, berthed one hour late at Keppel Harbour at 7 p.m. The hour wasted in our endeavour to get it was not, however, without interest, as the two old members who had been stationed in Singapore with the 2nd Battalion were able to point out to us the well-known landmarks. In many ways we were sorry when our journey came to an end, and, looking back, it can be said that we had a most enjoyable voyage, thanks very largely to the superhuman efforts of the members of our Entertain-

ments Committee and the ship's staff. Grateful thanks were extended to Major Phillips and Lieut. Peal for all the trouble they took in keeping us amused.

A large crowd was on the quay-side to meet us, including the General Officer Commanding the Malaya Command.

Unloading was carried out all through the night, and we were finally played away next morning (1st April) by the ship's pipe band, when Companies marched independently to our new barracks (Gillman Barracks), named so appropriately after the late Major-General Sir Webb Gillman.

There can be no doubt that, from a distance, our barracks are a most imposing sight, each block occupying the extreme summit of the very undulating ground in the south-west corner of the island. They are certainly comfortable and airy, but, in the opinion of most of us, much too scattered.

Unfortunately we learnt only too early that our playing grounds were not ready, and no swimming-bath had been provided in spite of our urgent requests prior to leaving Egypt.

As regards the Officers' Mess we have nothing to complain about. The ante-room and mess-room are spacious and very well furnished. In front we have a large garden, which, under the able attention of the Kabun, will soon be one of the sights of Gillman.

We are certainly fortunate in our mess contractor and Chinese staff.

Further comment on this new home, however, seems superfluous, as we hear we are to be relieved by The Gordon Highlanders next trooping season, when we shall be moved to yet another newly-constructed barracks at Changi—on the opposite side of the island.

Our first impressions of Singapore were naturally favourable in view of the contrast of the jungle and everlasting green to our last station in the desert. No one can say the climate is pleasant but, taking it by and large, the island has many attractions and we are beginning to find our feet and getting to know the civilians. Although we were told that never a day passed without rain, we would appear fortunate, for, strange as it may seem, less rain has fallen than ever before at this time of the year! At the time of

writing, long-standing residents describe the recent temperature as the most trying within their experience. So once again the 1st Battalion has been specially selected to experience what no other unit has!

The great difficulty is to keep everyone employed. Prodigious efforts have been made to scour the country for grounds and fixtures, and we have been overwhelmed by the kindness of everyone in satisfying our needs.

As regards our military life in Singapore, the Commanding Officer arranged for all officers and a goodly proportion of W.Os. and N.C.Os. to fly over the island. These flights were carried out by Nos. 36 and 100 Squadrons, R.A.F. They were greatly enjoyed by the majority, and gave us a good opportunity of studying the ground, defences, and the new barracks from the air. This experience was shortly followed by numerous reconnaissances, conducted by the Training Officer, Capt. B. B. Rackham.

It may interest our readers to know how officers are at present allocated throughout the Battalion.

Commanding Officer.—Lieut.-Col. O. H. Tidbury, M.C.

Second-in-Command.—Major H. Phillips, M.C.

P.M.C.—Major H. W. M. Stewart. O.B.E., M.C.

Training Officer.—Capt. B. B. Rackham, M.C.

Administrative Officer.—Capt. J. E. Dobbs, M.C.

Assistant Administrative Officer.—Capt. W. C. Newton.

Adjutant.—Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe.

Quartermaster.—Lieut. A. W. Clark.

Officer Commanding "H.Q." Wing.—Capt. M. Crawford.

Signal Officer.—Lieut. A. W. F. Peal.

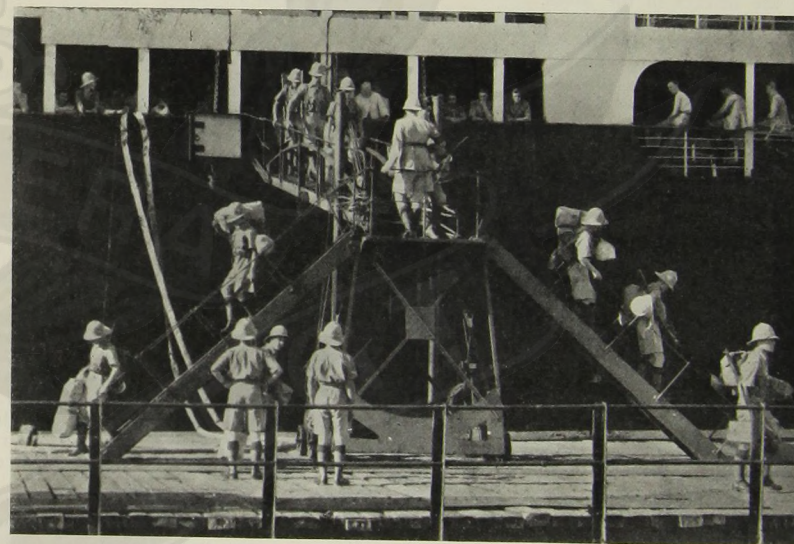
Intelligence and Transport Officer.—Lieut. T. W. Chattey.

Officer Commanding "A" (S.) Company.—Capt. E. S. M. Ayscough; and Lieut. J. P. Hall, Lieut. R. A. Gwyn, Lieut. L. C. Beadnell and Lieut. F. B. Beadnell.

Officer Commanding "B" Company.—Capt. A. N. Overell; and Lieut. P. D. ff. Powell and 2/Lieut. M. P. Weedon.



1st BATTALION DISEMBARKING AT SINGAPORE.



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Officer Commanding "C" Company.—Capt. A. V. Weller; and 2/Lieut. A. G. Hewitt and 2/Lieut. H. N. C. Gudgeon.

Officer Commanding "D" Company.—Capt. J. R. B. Worton; and Lieut. Fishbourne, 2/Lieut. P. A. R. Anson and 2/Lieut. W. P. M. Allen.

Shortly after our arrival His Excellency The Governor, Sir Thomas Shenton Thomas, K.C.M.G., selected Lieut. R. A. Gwyn to act as his Hon. Military Aide-de-Camp. Major Stewart will shortly be proceeding to Bangkok to perform the duties of Military Attaché, and Lieut. R. C. H. Bellers is acting Staff Captain on the "A" and "Q" Branch of the Malaya Command.

Our congratulations to Capt. M. Crawford and Capt. W. C. Newton on their promotions.

We are fortunate in the arrival of H.M.S. *Cornwall* in being able to fix up a trip to sea and witnessing an attack on a cruiser by two squadrons of torpedo bombers, which interested us very much.

On 17th April we were formally inspected by the G.O.C., Major-General W. G. S. Dobbie, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Staff, after which they breakfasted with the officers in the Mess.

As His Excellency The Governor was shortly proceeding on leave to England he most kindly arranged a small informal cocktail (Pahit) party for us at Government House, where we were able to meet a great many of the community.

Albuhera Day was duly celebrated as in previous years. The mock sports unfortunately had to be cancelled owing to a downpour of torrential rain, but we were all able to enjoy the fun fair in the evening.

After our usual dinner in the Mess, and during our visit to the Sergeants' Mess, Capt. Pharoah (late 4th Battalion) handed the Commanding Officer the actual telegram received from the Prince of Wales, which was the last sent by him as Colonel-in-Chief, before his accession to the Throne, to the members of the Malaya Branch of The Middlesex Regimental Association on the occasion of their annual dinner. It read as follows:—

"Buckingham Palace,
"London.

"Prince of Wales sends his sincerest thanks to Members of the Mx. Regt.

Assoc., Malaya Branch, for their good wishes which H.R.H. as Col-in-Chief much appreciated.—Equerry."

With a view to returning the great hospitality extended to the officers on arrival at Singapore, the Mess gave a sherry party on 15th May, which went off very successfully, largely owing to the efforts of our efficient Mess Committee and Staff, and was described as one of the best that any unit has ever given here.

Our polo enthusiasts were very disappointed on arriving here at finding no chargers, stables, and a dearth of polo ponies. Lieut. Hall was the sole possessor of a polo pony, which he brought with him.

By dint of much searching, and the fact that the Summer Race Meeting took place at Bukit Timah in May, enabled Lieuts. Powell, Fishbourne and Chattey to add to our stable. We are now awaiting the arrival of the long-promised nine chargers from Australia, and hope to be able to turn out a team later in the year.

DRUMS.

Since our last notes much of interest has happened, the most important being the move of the Battalion to Singapore.

On 16th March we said good-bye to Moascar, with very few regrets. We arrived at Port Suez at 4 p.m., and embarked by lighter on to the s.s. *California*. On board was L./Cpl. Crawshaw who, after three months' leave, was rejoining, together with his wife. To them we offer our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the future.

The journey was wonderful, especially as we have all sampled the conditions on a troopship. We had cabins, good food in plenty, and every convenience we could wish for.

Singapore was reached at 5 p.m. on 31st March, but disembarkation did not start until the next morning. After two years of desert, "Singo" is a sight for sore eyes—real green grass, trees, and, above all, a modern barracks. The climate is very damp, and rain is almost a daily occurrence. However, we are very satisfied and consider it to be a very good station. A week-end in town makes up for any disadvantages with up-to-date pictures good cafés, and a very good Union Jack Club.



1st BATTALION DISEMBARKING AT SINGAPORE.



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A few days after our arrival here everyone settled down to the normal routine; the baggage was cleared in a very short time, and work began in earnest.

We are beating "Retreat" once a month with the Band on the Padang (this will no doubt be very popular with the civilian population), so plenty of practice is the order of the day. Shabodeen presented the Battalion with sixteen leopard and tiger skins in commemoration of Their Majesties' Jubilee. The appearance of the Drums on parade can be imagined.

Football is almost a religion here. So far the Battalion has done very well, but the damp grass pitches were very strange at first after the sand pitches of Moascar. Quite a lot of the Chinese and Malays remember the 2nd Battalion team, and are asking what has become of "Jimmy" Dack, "Tommy" Capel, and "Pedlar" Palmer.

Congratulations to L./Cpls. Ravenscroft and Holdford on their first step up the ladder; also to Bdsn. Cousins on his new title—Feather-weight Champion of Singapore.

Before closing down, best wishes to the 2nd Battalion Band and Drums and to all those who have left for the trials of civilian life.

"BE NATURAL."

SIGNAL SECTION.

"On either side of the barracks lie Brewery chimneys soaring high."

But, "More of that later" as the soldier said in the Union Jack Club when he drained his glass of Tiger beer.

Eventually we left Egypt, and, I fancy, with rather mixed feelings. We had good times there and bad ones, but there was no question about our wonderful send-off from Moascar Siding.

The boat trip was very pleasant compared with the usual troopship type of travel. The Signals, with the rest of the "Wing," enjoyed the luxury of cabins throughout the journey.

Since our arrival, Signal Training has gone steadily forward. The new class, with their brand new Catterick instructor, are showing quite exceptional promise. Our progress is made in the face of

great natural difficulties, not the least of these being a sweat-stained shirt practically every morning. Then there are new prefixes to be absorbed into sun-weary brains. The Stores now boast the ownership of some dozen bicycles for our use (on training, of course), and quite often L./Cpl. Birkett can be seen on the square putting his "Circus" through their paces.

The Section runs two football teams, and the first team owns up to only one defeat to date. This was at the hands of the Signal Section of The Inniskillings, who entertained us right well. We are now quite well off for football pitches, but a few weeks ago we had only one.

This quarter we welcome Mr. Peal, who takes over the Section from Mr. Bellers. He has been with us for three years, which time has been very pleasant for us owing to his steady encouragement and unfailing interest. We wish him the best of luck in his new appointment.

Singapore has proved to be one of the best stations the Battalion has seen in its present tour. We heartily recommend it to any signallers who may be gazing at the Portsmouth horizon and wondering what is best (chance it or not?). Well, just hark back to the beginning of these notes. Think it over, boys—think it over!

TRANSPORT SECTION.

Although it has taken us some time to forward notes for the Journal, we hope to improve in the future.

We left Moascar early one morning with the weeping and wailing of our cream-drivers, who were leaving their funeral blacks, wedding greys and chestnut friends behind.

Ross and Brett kissed the anvil, and the "Duke" kicked the limbers; and thus we left our land of golden opportunities to sail for this promised island of Singapore.

We embarked at Port Suez on the s.s. *California*, and here our troubles began. All during the voyage the troops turned out to see the Trano do its P.T., and watching this seemed very funny! However, the sleeping accommodation was first-class since we were "bunking" with

the gentlemen of the Band, and others who could not resent it.

On arrival at Singapore we were welcomed by rain and unloading fatigues. We then wended our way to the new barracks, and began to wonder if this was the land of Bitacy Hills.

Our cream drivers were disappointed when there were no horses or mules to welcome them. Some of them are still searching for them, never giving up hope.

We also lost some of our best drivers, who were returned to duty to mount guards instead of horses. We wish them luck in their new sphere, while their successors look forward to firing their courses and doing a little bit of T.O.E.T., and the N.C.Os. to their guards and B.O.Cs. We welcome Mr. Chattey into our midst, and hope his stay will be a long one.

"CREAM O."

BAND.

Well, here we are again, but this time in Singapore. Now that the inevitable couple of weeks "feeling our way" has finished I will endeavour to describe, briefly, something of what has been happening since we left "Sunny Egypt." The fourteen-day sea journey on the s.s. *California* was perfect; no one could have experienced a calmer voyage. We were constantly in demand, playing to the troops, families, and officers; and we also played the ship in and out of Aden and Colombo.

We were sorry to see Sergt. and Mrs. Edwards "put off" at Colombo owing to illness, but we welcome them back again and hope that Mrs. Edwards will make a complete recovery.

Since we have been in Singapore, both the Dance and Military Bands have been settling down to their new jobs.

We must congratulate "Clargo" on his performances as Battalion soccer "goalie." The local Press is full of praise for him.

At the moment, Bdsn. Cousins is "going great guns" in the Singapore Amateur Boxing Association's Open Tournament. We hope to be able to tell you how he won in our next notes.

"TACET."

"A" (S.) COMPANY.

We commenced our tour of the new country with a practically new company. A large turn-over took place on the boat during the voyage from Egypt, and, as usual, we lost quite a number of our old friends. However, we seem to have acquired some good material from the draft, and these are at present undergoing their elementary training on the gun. As the new barracks are not fully completed, ground space for gun work is limited. We have, however, some excellent hills here, and these, undoubtedly, in time to come, will be used to the fullest extent for machine-gun "actions."

Everybody appears to have settled down now, and all seem to be contented in their palatial surroundings.

Sport has been limited chiefly to Battalion games. The sports grounds have now been taken into use, and we have managed to play a few friendly games of soccer. All the original soccer team are training for the Battalion teams, and as these are not available to play for the Company we have had to field an entirely new team. These, however, are giving an exceptionally good account of themselves.

We are anticipating running an Inter-Platoon League in the Company for all sports. This should prove to be rather interesting, and enable the platoons to select their best for the Battalion Knock-out later.

Congratulations to Ptes. Dean and Baylis on being selected to play for the Command Services football team. Both played exceptionally well against the Chinese Olympic team, and fully justified their inclusion in the team.

Congratulations are also due to the following on their appointments:—L./Sergt. Thomas and L./Cpls. Finnis, Mizon, Rogers, Haynes, Ellis, Gosling, Knight, Perry and Ellams.

We are glad to welcome Lieuts. R. A. Gwyn and F. B. Whiting to the Company, and hope that they will enjoy their stay with us.

Our arrival in Singapore was marred by the unfortunate death of one of our new gunners, Pte. Hubbard. Few of us had a chance to make his acquaintance, but we feel sure that he was an old friend.

We offer our condolences to his relations in their sad bereavement.

"ACK EMMA GEE."

"B" COMPANY.

These notes come a few more thousand miles south-east from our green England. We were treated to a wonderful voyage out on the good ship *California*. I have seen the water rougher on Lake Timsah than it was on our journey out. No one on the boat was sea-sick, not even friend Ottley, and that is saying something! What can be a better occupation than leaning over the rails and watching a couple of thousand miles of water pass by—just like one of W. W. Jacobs's characters.

If our friends at home read the papers they will not need a description of Singapore. One budding journalist has described it as "the soldiers' paradise." Of course, that is for people who like to believe everything they read in the Press. If you follow my advice you will "take it with a pinch of salt." "All that glitters is not gold." Singapore does not glitter, and still it is not gold. I think that most of the Company will be glad when they are sailing into the setting sun away from this tropical paradise.

We certainly have one thing to be thankful for, and that is being in nice, clean, new barracks on the top of a hill overlooking the sea. The advantage of this is somewhat off-set by the hills one has to walk up and down to get from place to place. Our C.S.M. has lost gallons of perspiration since he has been walking from the Company Office up to our block. Now we are all thinning ourselves down to greyhounds on Company Training, learning the difference between jungle and desert warfare. The big difference we find is, that in Egypt we could lay down in a section post in comfort, but here ants and "creepy crawlers" climb all over one, and everything is perpetually wet.

I must here mention some new pastimes which have sprung up in the Company. Deck tennis is becoming a great favourite. I believe that some of the players are training for a world cruise they hope to take with their savings when they finish. Another game which passes

hours of time is mah-jongg; some even try playing without English markings on the pieces.

C. J.

"C" COMPANY.

The notes for this quarter refer to our doings in two countries; not a coincidence by any means, but a complete change; reference, training, sport, climate, and other conditions.

TRAINING.

The most important stage of our training was reached when the Company, as part of the Brigade, found itself guarding the Suez Canal for seven days and nights. Each company acted independently, and "C" Company took its fair share of patrols, stands-to, etc. It seemed remarkable how everyone was just as alert on the last day as on the first. Besides the actual training the monotony was partly broken by the passing of Italian troopers both to and from Abyssinia. They brought in the thought of real war, so we looked upon our little hardships with light hearts.

PROCLAMATION PARADE.

The chief parade to date this quarter was the Proclamation Parade held by Canal Brigade at Moascar, proclaiming our Colonel-in-Chief, The Prince of Wales, to be H.M. King Edward VIII. On that day we ceased to have a Colonel-in-Chief, and everyone wondered who would be his successor. We are pleased to state that His Majesty has retained the Colonelcy of the Regiment, as recently published. We are greatly proud of this honour.

DEPARTURE FROM EGYPT.

The 17th of March saw "C" Company, about one hundred strong, bid farewell to the sands of Egypt, on which we had slept, trod, ate, etc., during our three years' stay. Prior to leaving, the G.O.C. Troops in Egypt and Brigadier Sir Frederick Pile, Bt., personally bade us good-bye. We boarded the s.s. *California* during the evening of 17th March, and set sail the same night. The journey, most probably related elsewhere in the Journal, we will leave well alone.

ARRIVAL IN SINGAPORE.

When the boat arrived in port we were very pleased to meet two old members of the Regiment in the persons of Capt. Pharoah and Sergt. Goldsmith.

We stayed the night on board and marched independently to our new (Gillman) barracks. Our barrack rooms are very spacious and we get most wonderful scenery of the locality from the Company Block.

Generally, the Company really like Singapore—from all points of view except one, namely, lack of sports fields. This we are pleased to say has now been practically overcome, as the Battalion ground has now been opened up. Prior to this we had to travel to Tanglin, Blankang Mati, or other outside places to play different games. However, this inconvenience was overcome by the hard work of the Sports Officer and Company representatives. Some really good games of football have taken place and cricket has found new legs.

FOOTBALL.

Football is the most important sport at present in all spheres of life in this settlement, and the Company have done rather well up till now. The Company 1st team have played six matches, winning five of these by a very wide margin and losing one by the odd goal in five.

In the last draft we have some real talent which only needs bringing out, the most outstanding player being Pte. McEachran, who plays very well at inside-right. The team are just settling down to the conditions of turfed pitches and the weather, after their four years of play on sand. However, we congratulate the team on the good display they have given and hope they will continue the good work against the civilian teams they may meet in the future.

CRICKET.

Our cricket season has opened somewhat inauspiciously with a series of defeats, sustained at the hands of "A" and "B" Companies and a Battery of R.A. However, to relieve ourselves of any sense of shame we must point out that only once have we had our full team together and then only at the very beginning of the season. 2/Lieut. Gudgeon.

Pte. 03 James, and Pte. Coombes have played regularly for the Battalion team, while Pte. Cutler was chosen to play for the 2nd XI in a match which was subsequently cancelled.

We hope the next week or two will see a useful side built up; the main thing necessary is practice, in which we are greatly handicapped owing to the shortage of grounds and the complete absence of nets—but that there is plenty of fairly good material and keen competition for the last few places seems probable.

In conclusion, we wish to welcome 2/Lieut. Gudgeon and the draft, and hope that in the near future, with valuable assistance from them, we will see the Company leading in all realms of sport and military matters.

"D" COMPANY.

The scene has changed since our last notes, from Egypt to Singapore. The voyage across was "Tamaam," and what with cabins and stewards it made a pleasure cruise, except for those unfortunate few who rolled hammocks—somebody has to take the can back. Everybody availed themselves of the opportunity when the *California* called in at Aden and Colombo to see the local sights and stretch their shanks.

When marching into barracks the Company received a shock at what confronted it—hills inside the barrack area that threw into insignificance any of those round Colchester and the Depot, and the Company bungalow on the highest one. Still, there are advantages to such a position—Mah-jongg and other vicious pastimes may be indulged in in safety.

Though recreation grounds were scarce at first, and sports fixtures difficult to arrange and play off, conditions lately are improving for the better. During the past month we have managed a football fixture nearly every day, with hockey and cricket as well. Due to shark-infested waters, swimming in the sea cannot be thought of, and as the local bagar (swimming-bath) is very small, Company swimming and water-polo are in the background. The sports fixtures are generally with civilian teams, and offer a variety of play and games of great interest. Our opponents on the whole are

good sportsmen and avoid giving vent to their feelings with brickbats, as did their amiable Egyptian brothers. Individual ability is on the increase though the teams have not settled down, as the present policy is to give everybody a game—not once but as often as possible. The fruits of this will be gathered no doubt when the league and knock-outs begin.

The R.A. at Blankang Mati had a small affair with us in the boxing line—in the way of a feeler, as we are newcomers. The Company lived up to its reputation and gave the Gunners their wish, much to the latter's chagrin. We won.

We have just finished Company Training and it proved a very pleasant period, far more than the one in front of us is likely to prove, *i.e.*, load, aim and fire. Training embraced the usual exercises, and though wet shirts was the order of the day it was comparatively easy to training in Egypt.

We congratulate Cpls. Wadsworth and Game on their promotion to lance-sergeant rank, and welcome to our Company C.Q.M.S. Challis, who is at present our C.S.M., and Sergts. Donovan and West.

CRICKET.

We arrived here full of high hopes for the season, having heard on all sides that "we should get lots of cricket in Singapore." Our hopes received a rude shock when we saw our ground and learned that it would not be ready for play for two or three months. Three months was an optimistic estimate, and the wicket even then will be decidedly of the "sporting" variety.

In consequence of having no ground of our own available, we have to share a ground with two other units at Tanglin, three miles away, and, of course, do not get it as often as we would like. The Gunners on Blankang Mati have very kindly given us the use of their ground once a week, but this means a half-hour journey by car and boat. Our only net, at Tanglin once a week, is more of a danger than a help. Consequently, it is impossible to get anything like the amount of net practice or Company games required, although the Battalion team

has an adequate number of fixtures. The lack of Company fixtures, and the fact that it has not been found possible to run the Company League and Platoon Knockout, has had the inevitable effect of loss of interest and keenness in cricket.

The Battalion team has so far played nine matches, winning five and losing four. Our most exciting games have been the two against H.M.S. *Cornwall* during her short stay here. The first match resulted in a defeat by one wicket after we had been shot out for 49, whilst in the second we were successful by one wicket, mainly owing to a good innings by Pte. James.

The side, in addition to lack of practice, has been handicapped by injuries, Pte. Chapman and Bdsn. Lloyd, both bowlers, having strained themselves, and Lieut. Beadnell having suffered from a torn muscle.

The batting has again been rather unreliable, but almost everybody has now scored runs and, with added confidence, should do better. Pte. James, in his last three innings, has scored consistently, and Pte. Jones, after a series of failures, got a very nice century against the R.E., and we can now look forward to more consistent batting right through the side.

The bowling is steadily improving, especially that of Ptes. Hatfield and Coombes, both of whom have come on a lot. If Pte. Chapman can regain his form he will make a lot of difference to the attack, and Pte. Wilson is always liable to get a wicket with some extraordinary ball.

The fielding is definitely not as good as last year, one or two members of the side being quite lethargic. Wilson is in a class by himself in any position, his catching and throwing being quite outstanding.

Our best performance was that recently played in the first match of the Garrison League, *v.* R.E. We won by 126 runs, scoring 249 for 7 (declared)—Jones 100, James 50, and Lieut. Whiting 34 not out. The R.E. were out for 123.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Fortified by large and frequent drafts of "Tiger" we embark on the notes for the quarter. As you will have already deduced from other pages in this Journal,

we have left Egypt far behind and we are now settled in at Singapore.

The journey on the *s.s. California* was the most comfortable one we have had up to the present. We have no wish to repeat what is sure to be on other pages, but we must say that until we went on board we were under the impression that catering for thirsty mortals was one of Scotland's great assets. It is with much regret that we now acknowledge the fact that this noble art is fast dying out.

Singapore has impressed us somewhat favourably and we sincerely hope that the said impressions will be lasting. A very brief comparison between Egypt and Singapore may be given as follows:—

Egypt: Sand—Dust—McEwans.
Singapore: Grass—Rain—Tiger.

We decline to enter into a proper description of the place, as that also may be found elsewhere, and very much better than we could do it.

On the anniversary of Albuhera we held the following functions. At noon we visited the Officers' Mess at the invitation of the Commanding Officer and the officers. Here many drinks were drunk and many topics discussed. In the evening we held our anniversary dinner, at which we had the honour of entertaining three important Guests: Capt. Pharoah, Ex-Sergt. Goldsmith and Band-Sergt. Chapman, R.A.F. (late 4th Battalion). The toasts, "The Regiment" and "Old Comrades," were given respectively by R.Q.M.S. Goodall and Q.M.S. Finch. Several speeches were given. Capt. Pharoah, in reply to the toast "Old Comrades," gave us a very interesting outline of the history of the Regimental Association in Malaya. After the dinner the officers arrived, in accordance with the usual custom for this great day, and everyone charged their glasses and settled down for a comfortable chat. The usual speeches and toasts were given and a really enjoyable evening came to an end with the departure of the officers.

The Albuhera Ball is to take place this year on the 24th of June in the Victoria Memorial Hall, the delay being due partly to the Customs Authorities and partly to the difficulty of finding a suitable hall. We regret that the account of the ball will have to stand over until next quarter owing to this delay.

A whist drive and dance is held in the Mess every second Wednesday under the able direction of C.S.M. Brockman. This function is reputed to be the most popular event in the Command. It certainly is a very well attended and enjoyable evening. In addition to the usual "solo school," we have now a mah-jongg school, which may be heard whispering "pung" and "chow" day and night.

It is understood that a number of members are trying out "Bunny's" pineapple cure for prickly heat, but the task of pricking each prickly spot with a pineapple prick is proving their nerves to be fickle. We also have the honour to report that there are no signs yet of the great "White Aunts."

We congratulate Sergt. Chillery on his 1st (class certificate) and Sergt. Paterson on his 3rd (addition to the family), also all our new members on their appointments. We welcome our honorary members and attached members to the Mess, and hope that they will all have a very happy time with us.

In closing, we would like to take this opportunity of thanking Sergts. Williams and Hopwood for their good work in the Battalion football and water-polo teams respectively.

Finally, we would like to know if our friend of the dots and dashes is still hoping to be R.S.M. of the 3rd Battalion when it is re-formed; also, how many empty cigarette tins we would require to save to obtain an Ardath watch?

SWIMMING.

We came to Singapore at the beginning of this year with the advantage of having nearly all last year's team still with us. This was particularly noticeable because our old team had in Egypt such facilities for swimming as we shall probably never get again.

In any event, we should have been at a loss to find new talent in the Battalion, because the Command Aquatic Sports were to be in the middle of June, and we only arrived here at the beginning of April; so that even if we had had time to arrange trials we should never have been able to train those we discovered.

As it happened, our Egyptian experience turned out invaluable. We had, as

we have said, very little time to train, and the swimming-baths were neither numerous, conveniently placed, or very readily available. All things considered, we may congratulate ourselves on doing so well as we did.

The Command Sports were held on 12th June. In the first event, the one length, we were second to the R.A.F. The plunging was won by the R.E., and we were second. L./Cpl. Butt distinguished himself with a very good plunge. The R.A.F. won the two-lengths' race, and again we were second. It now became evident that the competition for first place would be between the R.A.F. and us. Lieut. Bellers and L./Cpl. Holdford won us the spring-board diving, but our high diving was greeted with less en-



[Photo: "Straits Times," Singapore.]

The Middlesex Water-Polo Team at Singapore Swimming Club.

thusiasm, and again the R.A.F. got ahead. At one time it looked as if we should win the "medley" race, but in the end it was won by the R.A.F., who were first on the total of points with 31½, and we were second with 27.

Our water-polo was more successful. We never found such numerous opponents as we did in Egypt, but among others the R.E., the R.A., the Y.M.C.A. and the Singapore Swimming Club have all given us some very good games. Here again the opportunities for play are limited. It is exceedingly tantalising to have the sea all about us, and not to be able to use it.

In the Command Knock-out Competition we defeated the R.E. by five goals to nil in the first round, the R.A. by five goals to two (after extra time had been

played) in the semi-final, and, after a very close-run game, won the final against the R.A.F. by three goals to two. The R.A.F. gave us a very hard game, and are certainly a stronger swimming side than we are, and we were lucky to beat them.

The following have been given their colours for the season:—

Swimming.—Lieut. Bellers, Sergt. Hopwood, L./Cpls. Hymas, Butt and Holdford, and Ptes. Stemp, Ryder, Lloyd, Tarrant, Haigh and Mayhew.

Water-Polo.—Sergt. Hopwood, L./Cpl. Hymas, and Ptes. Berry, Tarrant, Lloyd, Stemp and Mayhew.

EDUCATION.

As we threatened in our last notes, we have now started the "New Renaissance," and the little knowledge we have is being slowly but surely spread throughout the Battalion.

The staff has been augmented by two famous military educationists in the persons of Sergt. West and Sergt. I. E. Hatton, A.E.C. The latter has entered into the spirit of the drive in no small manner. He has already enrolled some fifty prospective "Special" and 1st Class candidates.

The children are at present using our class-rooms, and we have been relegated to such places as the Guard-room veranda and the sports pavilion. This rather cramps our style, but we are hoping it will not injure our results. When we think of the conditions under which the pioneers of Educational Training had to work we are glad to think that we, at least, are out of the wet.

The end of the Trooping Season saw us with a deficit of about 12 per cent. on our last budget as far as 2nds are concerned, and an increase of 100 per cent. in uncertificated. We are pleased to be able to say that the uncertificated problem has been dealt with.

There is nothing else of importance to record, so with our best wishes to our brother brain expanders in the 2nd Battalion and The Depot, we gracefully recline into peaceful slumber for another quarter.

T. SQUARE.

THE WANDERING MID.

(SPASM II.)

Then it came to pass that while the Tribe of the Mids were still recovering from the shock given unto them by the threat of future mechanization, the Big Chiefs who sit in the chairs-arm-common did say unto them. "Come, ye wanderers, put thy homes into the boxes which ye have stored in your caves and hie ye to another country. This land hath seen enough of thy ways and have no more roads for thee to press. Get thee hence to a new land where there may be work for thy idle feet and where thou may'st live until thy petrol-wagons are fitted unto thee."

Therefore it did so happen that on the 16th day of March in the year M.X. 181 the stalwart men of Mid did pile themselves into a ship and did depart from the land of Egypt. Here for a term of sixteen "Lights" and sixteen "Darks" did they feast and make merry, and the Father of the tribe and his advisors did use this period of feasting to plan and scheme how best the tribe might work in the new country.

With the coming of the "Light" on the 1st day of April in the same year, that day which is the day of all fools, the tribe did unpile themselves from the ship into the new land. Here, on returning to their natural state, did they set up a new record by pressing with their flat feet a road from the sea to the hills.

Yea verily it transpired that the Big Chief of the fighting men in this land was expecting the influx of the tribe and was prepared to welcome them. He had caused new homes to be erected for them on the hilltops so that they can see far into the land in which they are to dwell. He also told other tribes to visit them in their new houses and to play with them and make them happy.

Thus have the wandering Mids found a new home in which to live and a new land in which to dig their "Section Posts" and "Platoon Areas."

The new land is named "Singapore" and is a land of much grass and many trees, but woe unto us it is also the land of much heat and very much rain; in fact, the name should be "Rainandpore."

The Anthem here should be:—

It's always going to rain some more,
some more,
It's always going to rain some more.
So those who live in Singapore
Know it's always going to rain some more.

But Hail, Rain, Sun or Snow the tribe of
the wandering Mid can be trusted to leave
its mark on the face of the Earth.

W. SNEEL.

"GOOD-BYE TO ALL THAT."

Oh, Pyramids of Egypt, the sign of
things that's past;
The Sphinx, that ancient sign of things
that last;
The Tombs, the sun, the dust that we all
damn and blast.
We certainly are glad to say—good-bye
at last.

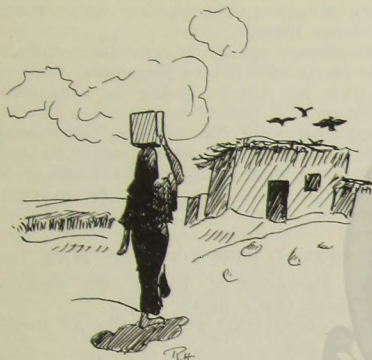
Oh, desert sand, so fiercely hot to our
poor feet;
We used you for a bed and did eat you
in our meat;
We swore, we groused, we raved at you
for that.
We definitely shout and wave—good-bye
to that.

The ever loving flies, the sand blown in
your eyes;
The Khamseen's fiery blast that caused
the sand to rise.
The thirst that made McEwan's pay an
extra super-tax.
We positively yell and shriek—good-bye
to that.

To this



and to that



Yes, we certainly mean—good-bye to all that.

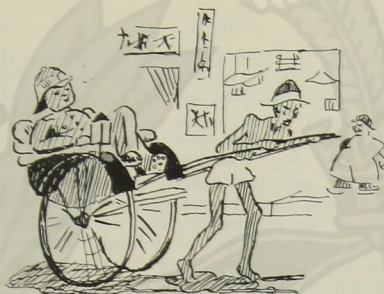
“AND WHAT NOW!”

In place of the sand we have tall jungle grass
Which really makes movement on foot quite a farce.
The wind and the rain takes the place of Khamseen
And is easily the worst that we've ever seen.

The flies give up place to the queerest of things;
Yes, queer is no name to the things that have wings;
They live in the grass or mud huts on a wall
And the sting in their tails raise a lump like a ball.

When out of the rain you will feel just as wet,
For the stream down your back, if not rain, is cold sweat,
And your clothes stick to you like a Jew to his hat.
Someday we will say—good-bye to all that.

To this



and to that



Yes, someday we will say—GOOD-BYE TO ALL THAT.

AUSTRALIAN NOTES.

NOT so very long ago an officer of the 57th/60th Battalion, Australian Militia Forces, very much in the dark as to which of his sins had found him out, was paraded before his C.O., and the following is the actual, not a summary, of the conversation which took place:—

C.O.: “Oh, yes, come in. You know we are affiliated with a British regiment?”

OFFICER: “Yes, sir, Middlesex.”

C.O.: “You have seen their Journal?”

OFFICER: “Yes, sir, THE DIE-HARDS.”

C.O.: “Right, I have a letter inviting us to contribute regularly some items of news regarding the 57th Battalion. Please see to it. Get in touch with me if I can help.”

OFFICER: “Yes, sir.”

With this an exit was made, thankful that one of the aforementioned sins had not come home to roost and resembling somewhat the proverbial American “Yes man.” But, after a little thought that self-same officer began to wish that it was only a sin that had to be dealt with because the job appeared to be extremely difficult. How could any subject be made interesting enough for the readers of a Journal published so many thousands of miles away?

Of course, The Middlesex, or should I say “The Die-Hards,” know there is a place called Australia and that they are the parent regiment of the 57th Battalion of the Australian Military Forces. But what else?

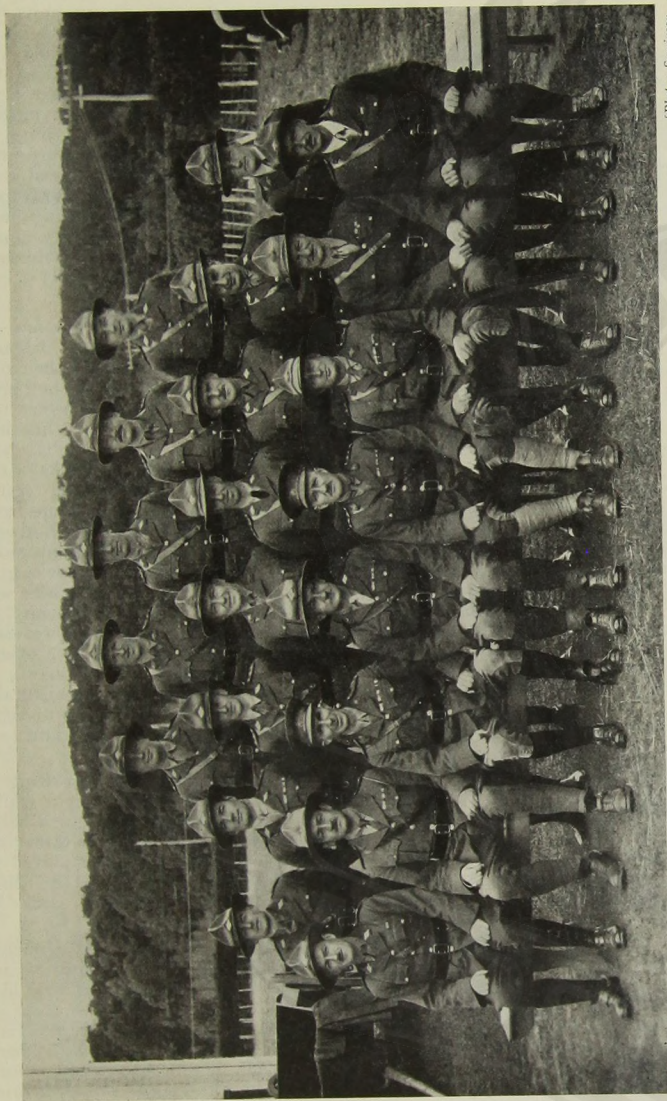
The affiliation several years ago of the 57th Battalion (Australia)—The Merri Regiment—and The Middlesex Regiment was a source of pride to us for we knew of the wonderful traditions of this British Regiment. From then on we have followed with great interest the chronicled doings of the Regiment. We admit to twinges of jealousy at the thought of the social interests and competitive spirit of companies and battalions, etc., which pervade the atmosphere of the Journal, THE DIE-HARDS, for our own opportunities in this direction are somewhat limited.

With the usual soldier's privilege of bemoaning his lot, we deplore the fact that the numerical strength of our units here—all of which are purely volunteer—and the number of units are naturally very much less than in England, and this trouble is further emphasized when you remember that this inferior strength is spread over a country thirty times as large. Quite obviously, the opportunities for combined competitive or social work do not often arise. Practically the only time the battalions come in contact with other arms is at the annual six-day camps, and so much has to be crammed into these six days that it is almost entirely a case of all work and no play.

Other than at camp, there are few opportunities of seeing even Brigades assembled. Most battalions run their own competitions and social affairs, but practically the only sport in which every battalion is represented is rifle shooting. Battalions have their own clubs, both miniature and long range, and have one or two teams shooting in the regular monthly matches for shields, cups, etc. These monthly shoots comprise not only ordinary rifle shooting (application, snap, rapid, etc.), but team shoots—Lewis gun, Vickers, and combined teams of rifle and Lewis gunners. The times put up by many of these teams are remarkable when it is considered that the official training of the men actually consists of six days' camp and six days' home training (mainly comprised of a series of night parades each of one and a half hours—6 hours to the day).

Hockey and basket-ball are growing in popularity amongst army units, whilst one or two battalions in Victoria field Rugby teams. This latter is rather an achievement, for Rugby is not played to any extent in Victoria, that State being the home of the Australian code of football.

The traditions of British Regiments have been handed down the centuries and their histories can be traced and read like an exciting novel. Nevertheless, even as young a country as Australia is evolving a “story” gradually and it will afford us very much pleasure to place before readers of THE DIE-HARDS shortly a brief history of the 57th Battalion Australian Military Forces—The Merri Regiment.



[Photo: Swainson.]

OFFICERS, 1st BATTALION TARANAKI REGIMENT, 1st JUNE, 1935.

Front Row (Left to Right):—Capt. P. W. Wright, Major G. H. Thomson, N.Z.M.C., Major A. E. Conway, N.Z.S.C., Lieut.-Col. G. F. Bertrand, Capt. F. L. Hunt, N.Z.S.C., Major F. S. Varnham, M.C., E.D., Major A. W. White, Lieut. G. J. Morrill, Lieut. J. C. Leach, Capt. A. W. L. Lawn, Lieut. S. G. Crossman, Lieut. W. W. Haddow, D.C.M., Lieut. E. C. Merton, Capt. R. C. Reed, Capt. H. J. Keys, Lieut. N. J. T. Webster, Lieut. A. G. Bavin, Capt. A. E. Gillyer, Capt. W. E. Scott, M.M., Hon. Capt. F. W. G. McLeod, Absent.—Ven. Archdeacon G. H. Gavin, C.F., Capt. C. F. Norton.

EXTRACTS FROM THE "LONDON GAZETTE."

REGULAR ARMY. COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The follg. appts. are made:—Capt. (local Maj.) F. G. Parker, Midd'x R., is graded Cl. BB (temp.) while empld. as Asst. Provost Marshal, the British Troops in Egypt (April 1).

Midd'x R.—Capt. W. H. V. Jones is secd. for serv. on the Staff (April 2); Lt. W. C. Newton to be Capt. (April 2).

Midd'x R.—Lt. G. P. L. Weston is secd. for serv. with the R.A.F. (May 18).

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Movement Staff.—Capt. W. H. V. Jones, Midd'x R., to be Staff Capt. (Movements) (April 2).

MEMORANDA.

Lt. W. H. P. Chattey, Midd'x R., is granted the local rank of Capt. whilst empld. with the Aden Protectorate Levies (April 1).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

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

REGIMENTAL LIST.

Midd'x R.—Lt. J. G. Horne (April 26).

Midd'x R.—Lt. T. F. Collingwood, M.M. (July 3); Lt. W. H. Rigbey (July 4).

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

7th Bn. Midd'x R.—Capt. S. Mirams, M.C., Res. of Off., to be Maj. (April 18).

8th Bn. Midd'x R.—Pte. D. C. Lawrence, from Inns of Court R., to be Sec. Lt., with seny. Nov. 20, 1934 (May 20).

8th Bn. Midd'x R.—C. E. S. Whitmore (late Cadet, Royal Gram. Sch. (Newcastle-on-Tyne) Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be Sec. Lt. (May 23).

7th Bn. Midd'x R.—C. S. Hatfield (late Cadet Corp., Lancing Coll. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be Sec. Lt. (May 30).

8th Bn. Midd'x R.—Lt.-Col. and Bt. Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., T.D., from T.A. Res. of Off. (Gen. List, Inf.), to be Lt.-Col. and Bt. Col. with seny. as in the T.A. (June 11).

7th Bn. Midd'x R.—Sec. Lt. R. T. Webster to be Lt. (June 7).

8th Bn. Midd'x R.—Lt.-Col. and Bt. Col. W. H. Parmeter, T.D., to be supern. on vacating comd. (June 11); Sec. Lt. C. W. Summers to be Lt. (June 3).

7th Bn. Midd'x R.—Lt.-Col. H. A. D. Murray, T.D., to be Bt. Col. (June 22); Lt.-Col. and Bt. Lt.-Col. H. A. D. Murray, T.D., to be supern. on vacating comd. (June 22); Maj. W. E. Pringle, M.C., to be Lt.-Col. (June 22); Pte. J. H. Oldham, from Inns of Court R. (late Offr. Cadet, Cambridge Univ. Contgt., Sen. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd Lt. (July 1).

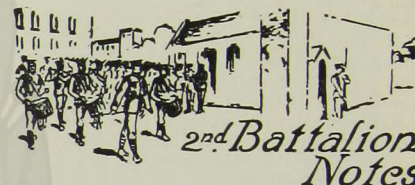
8th Bn. Midd'x R.—2nd Lt. A. J. McFarlane to be Lt. (June 28).

8th Bn. Midd'x R.—R. A. Kaye (late Cadet Lce.-Corpl., Westminster Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be Sec. Lt. (June 8).

8th Bn. Midd'x R.—J. L. Merchant (late Cadet, St. Paul's Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be Sec. Lt. (July 8).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

9th Bn. Midd'x R.—Lt. M. J. Abbott, from Active List, to be Lt. (April 18).



THE notes for this quarter are being pieced together amidst scenes of great industry.

This morning the Battalion lined the streets on the occasion of the visit to Portsmouth of H.M. The King; to-morrow is the day of the Army "At Home," for which everything is being given its finishing touch; the Advance Party left for camp yesterday; the—well to start at the beginning.

In the last notes it was said with truth that the Battalion had made an excellent start with regard to sports. This record has been maintained. The Battalion Athletic Team won the Wessex Area Sports by a very clear margin of points; they have just won the Portsmouth and District Athletic League, which is open to all Service and civilian clubs in the district; and brought back a challenge cup from Chichester, in addition to numerous individual trophies. The team is very shortly leaving for Tidworth to take part in the Command Meeting on 7th and 8th July.

We were very glad to see those members of the 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions who came down during Easter, and hope to see them again before long.

The Support Company was in camp at Warminster from 2nd to 12th June, and though the camp was satisfactory from the training point of view, the weather was very unfortunate.

On 23rd June the Battalion took part

in the King's Birthday Parade, which was held on Southsea Common. All four Services were represented and the salute was taken by Admiral Sir John Kelly, C.-in-C. at Portsmouth.

As already mentioned, we are just about to be precipitated into the throes of an Army "At Home." What this constitutes in a large city like this we have yet to learn. Of this we may be certain, that there is not one of us who will not have a very full day. The "At Home" is being given in conjunction with the Royal Artillery, and amongst other attractions "C" (S.) Company will give a demonstration of Machine Gunnery, the Corps of Drums will beat "Retreat," and there will be a Young Soldiers' Physical Training Display.

This year the Battalion will go into camp at Lyndhurst for Company, Battalion and Higher Training. The march out constitutes part of a recruiting campaign, and the Battalion will halt in Southampton, where they will be given a civic reception.

On 25th June all available men with Capt. Wray and 2/Lieut. Bilborough went to Southampton to take part in a troopship scene for a Gaumont British film. We congratulate them on their accession to stardom.

We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming Major Newnham, who has joined the Battalion, and of wishing Lieut. Weston, who has been seconded to the R.A.F., the best of luck.

Before passing on to Company notes it is worth recording that for the first time for many years some of the Battalion have gone to Bisley to take part in the Services Meeting; five are shooting in the Roupell and Roberts cups.

It is with the most profound sorrow that we have heard of the death of Col. Savile, the oldest member of the 77th Foot. It was a very short time ago that he dined with us as the guest of the Regiment, and presented the Officers' Mess with a picture of the Regiment marching up to Dover Castle.

VISIT OF HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VIII.

On Tuesday, 30th June, 1936, His Majesty came to Portsmouth to inspect the Royal Navy. It was the Navy's day

and it was no surprise to us to learn that the King regretted that his programme would not allow him to visit us; indeed, we felt honoured that in addition to his message he ordered the Commanding Officer to meet him at Eastney to repeat verbally his regret.

It was a poor day, and rain upset some of the programme and necessitated the King driving in a closed car.

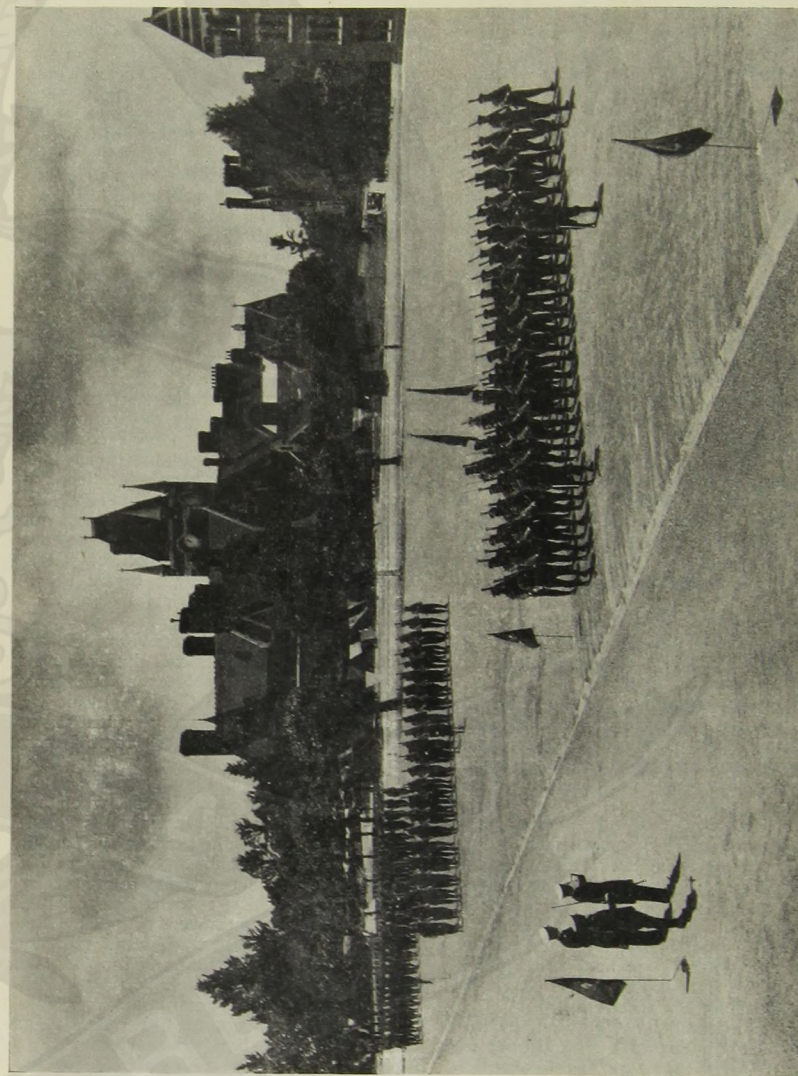
Our rôle was street lining, and when we marched back (luckily without a wetting) we all imagined that any glimpse we might have had of the Colonel-in-Chief, as the car went by, was all we could see of him on this occasion, and with that dismissed the matter and got on with hanging bunting, painting barrack rooms, bumping floors and all the rest of the preparations for the "Army at Home" next day.

At about 9 p.m. that night Lord Louis Mountbatten rang up the Commanding Officer and informed him that His Majesty felt he could not leave Portsmouth without visiting the Battalion, and that he would see them at 12 noon the next day.

In the Officers' Mess the news was received with the utmost suspicion, and a good deal of discussion took place as to how to test its truth. The result of the test left little doubt, although we know of some people who were unbelieving the next morning. Had they heard the Drums practising "God Save the King" at 6.15 a.m. their doubts would have quickly been dispelled.

There were quite a number of people who could not be warned until the next morning, and who arrived in barracks prepared for a busy morning getting ready for the "At Home" and on the Range at Browdown. These had to move a great deal faster than they had anticipated. Fortunately, the Birthday Parade was still fresh in everyone's memories, and it took only a few minutes to organize the parade, after which everyone returned to their jobs and the business of getting the shows ready for the afternoon with one hand whilst the other got ready for parade.

Fortunately, two guards had been detailed for a demonstration in the afternoon, and one of these was mounted and had the honour of receiving His Majesty with a Royal Salute.



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2nd BATTALION MARCHING PAST THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF.

At 12.30 p.m. our neighbours, the Gunners, fired a salute. They too had a rush, as the order did not reach them until a few minutes to 12.30, and it was some achievement for them to run to the battery and accomplish their work at the appointed hour. It was well that the visit had been put back half an hour.

At 12.45 p.m. cheering outside the Barracks announced the arrival of His Majesty, and in through the gates came one car, halted opposite the guard, and the King and Lord Louis Mountbatten alighted.

After the guard had saluted, Major Newnham, who, in the absence of Major Wollocombe at Col. Savile's funeral was Acting Second-in-Command, conducted the King to the saluting point. On one side were all the married families, and on the other the officers' families and some gunner officers.

The Battalion gave a Royal Salute, after which His Majesty inspected the Battalion; and when we say "inspected," it is no figure of speech but an actual fact, as his eyes never left the ranks, and it was a high compliment that he should have inquired whether the Battalion always turned out so well. After the inspection the Battalion marched past in column.

When the last Company had gone past, the Commanding Officer took the King to the Officers' Mess, where he met the officers present that day.

At 1.30 the Royal car left the Officers' Mess, and as it passed the Guardroom the Battalion gave their Colonel-in-Chief a rousing send-off. A memorable occasion thus ended, and for those who were fortunate to be present the following points will always stand out, namely, that it was a surprise visit and a special visit, the idea coming from His Majesty alone; no staff were to be present by the King's express wishes, and he arrived unattended and accompanied by Lord Louis Mountbatten only; and, lastly, with the exception of the Guards, we have the honour of being the first Battalion His Majesty has visited since his accession.

In the afternoon the King sent the following telephone message from the Royal Yacht: "Very glad to have seen the Battalion to-day. I congratulate them on their smart appearance"—Edward R.I.

"A" COMPANY.

In our last notes we spoke about our distressing shortage in numbers, but, weak as we still are, we are on the mend, as a squad of nineteen have recently joined us from the Depot. We welcome them to the Company, and hope that many of them may soon be representing us in some form of sport or another.

Three of them, Ptes. Helliadis, Scott and King have already been chosen to play for the Company at cricket. But we must take things in the proper order.

We went up to Fort Gomer in March, and after firing our A.W.T.C.—not too brilliantly we fear—we hurled ourselves into a short week of Section and Platoon Training with our one Platoon, which included some of "B" Company. We hope too many people were not gassed on Browdown Common when we put up quite a fair concentration of gas one night. Our second week of Section and Platoon Training was to have come off from 24th June to 1st July, but for various reasons this has now been cancelled and we shall have to make this up at Lyndhurst. There we are hoping to turn out two live platoons and two skeleton platoons, including again half of "B" Company, who at present divide themselves between "D" Company and ourselves.

When we returned from Fort Gomer we found employments and duties, which have taken all available men, including our latest-joined from the Depot, and we are finding it quite hard to turn out a P.T. Squad for the "At Home" day on 1st July.

We have played one match in the Inter-Company Cricket Knock-out, when we surprised ourselves. Meeting "C" (S.) Company we were expecting (we admit it) a good hiding, but, having dismissed them for 135, we proceeded to pass their score for the loss of only one wicket. The bowling honours were shared by Pte. 97 Taylor (3 for 12), 2/Lieut. Pullman (2 for 25), Cpl. Blackman (3 for 56), and Pte. Piggott (1 for 30), whilst Capt. E. L. Heywood, Cpl. Blackman and Cpl. Stickley made 77, 50 not out, and 16 respectively with the bat. The team was as follows: Capt. E. L. Heywood, 2/Lieut. Pullman, Cpls. Stickley and Blackman, and Ptes. Kidby, 97 Taylor, Lewellyn, Piggott, Helliadis, Scott and King.

Our best wishes go to those who have either recently joined or left the Company:—

Capt. E. L. Heywood, who has taken over command. 2/Lieut. Sass, who is doing an attachment from the 7th Battalion. C.S.M. Simmonds, who has returned from the 9th Battalion; during his time with them he joined the ranks of the married and is now a proud father. Sergt. Livens from the Depot. Lieut. Porter, who was commanding us, but who is now leaving "D" Company for "C" (S.). 2/Lieut. Ormiston, who has gone on a Signal Course; fortunately he is not lost to the Battalion, but we shall miss him sadly in every branch of sport. C.S.M. Donaldson, who has taken C.S.M. Simmonds's place in the 9th Battalion. Sergt. Newstead, who has gone on a Vocational Training Course after 23 years in the Regiment; we hope to see him for many years to come at the gatherings of Old Comrades. Lastly, to Pte. Kallarn, who has left us for a tour of duty at the Depot.

Finally, our congratulations to:—

Sergt. Livens on promotion. L./Sergt. Brett and L./Cpl. 96 Taylor on their appointments. L./Cpl. Lomax on representing the Battalion at water-polo. Capt. E. L. Heywood and Pte. 94 Taylor on being selected to fire for the Battalion in the Portsmouth Rifle Meeting. Sergt. Livens and L./Cpl. Hinch on being chosen to represent the Battalion in the Southern Command Sports; we hope the latter is feeling better after sick leave, following a long period in hospital. Cpl. and Mrs. Blackman on the birth of a daughter. All the athletes who won the Wessex Area Sports for the Battalion. All those who have done anything else deserving our congratulations, and whom we have not mentioned here.

"B" COMPANY.

During this quarter "B" Company, as a company, has not existed on paper, as, owing to paucity of numbers, the Company has been divided between "A" and "D" Companies for training. It will be seen, therefore, that we have very little to report upon.

Sport during this period has been at a standstill, but in spite of this some of our

members have been selected to represent the Battalion, those in particular being L./Cpls. West and Trotobas, and Pte. Jacques, at athletics. Their efforts in the Wessex Area, and at other sports meetings will, no doubt, be reported upon elsewhere. We congratulate them and wish them good fortune at the Command Meeting at Tidworth, and in the Army Meeting at Aldershot.

Several members are about to proceed on a course at the S.A.S. (Netheravon Wing) to learn the intricacies of the Vicker's gun. We are hoping that they will bring back with them a fair proportion of "Ds."

Second-Lieutenant A. Clayton has just returned from a Young Officers' Course at the S.A.S. (Hythe Wing), which he completed very successfully.

We are now preparing for the annual camp, which this year is to be at Lyndhurst, in the New Forest. Here we shall break new ground, and hope that the training will prove interesting.

We congratulate Sergt. Kennett on the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and would like to point out to the younger generation that this medal is the reward for eighteen years of unremitting good conduct.

"C" (S.) COMPANY.

Since the last issue of the Regimental Journal we have led a somewhat nomadic existence, akin to that of the wandering tribes of Israel. From Portsmouth we moved to Fort Gomer, from Gomer to Portsmouth, thence to Warminster for Concentration, and now we are back at Victoria Barracks once again. Our stay there will be short, for we are "booked" for the New Forest on 8th July.

FORT GOMER—MAY, 1936.

Our first move took us from the heart of the town to the extreme opposite, of truly rural surroundings. The change could not be said to be for the better, as we were housed in some very dingy-looking hutments, and, quite naturally, most of our interests outside of work were over this side of the ferry. However, both the Annual Machine-gun Course and Rifle Course were fired off with very satisfactory results, and the

Company, most of whom are new to the game, started the strenuous part of the year with Section and Platoon Training.

During this period we were sorry to say good-bye to C.S.M. Peck, who has left us for the Territorial Army. In his place we have to congratulate C.S.M. Parsler on his promotion to warrant rank.

The Battalion Athletic Sports were also held during this month and, though they were individual, due to the low strength of the Rifle Companies, our athletes shone as usual.

Eventually we said good-bye to the mainland, and came back to "Pompey" for an all-too-brief spell before entraining for Warminster.

WARMINSTER—2ND-12TH JUNE.

Concentration Camp was marred, as last year, by the weather, for we only had two really fine and sunny days. On the other side of the "medal" we think it worthy of note that palliasses and pillows were issued to us, making life much more comfortable than is usual under canvas.

The normal training was carried out, and those of the Company who had not visited Warminster before made the acquaintance of that delightful hill on the road to the ranges. Who mentioned Imber Clump?

During our stay in camp we played the Support Company of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, whom we defeated by 2 goals to 1. Incidentally, whilst on the topic of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, we were rather intrigued by their mechanized transport, for we hope to be organized on those lines some time in 1937. We are rather afraid, though, that most of the Company broke the Tenth Commandment in that respect.

After scoring 499 points in the Machine-gun Cup, at Browdown, eclipsing our previous scores in that competition, the A.R.A. Team went on to further heights by obtaining a score of 544 points in the Direct Fire, Indirect Fire and Night Firing. This also was the best score recorded since the Company entered the competition. Contrary to the usual order of things, our scores in Indirect Fire and Night Firing exceeded our Direct Fire results by 300 points. Had the luck broken just a little

more our way, there is no doubt that we should have had something like a record score for the competition. Great credit is reflected on the team as a whole, but especially on the Platoon Commander, Lieut. Willoughby, on the accuracy of whose calculations depended the success of the two indirect practices. Mention, too, must be made of the Range-takers, Ptes. Hall and Palmer.

Concentration over, Portsmouth again (now firmly established as "our spiritual home"), a long week-end—and life since then has been a succession of rehearsals for the King's Birthday Parade on 23rd June, interspersed with a certain amount of preparation for 1st July, when the Regiment is "At Home" to the great British public. If our civilian friends appreciate the efforts made on their behalf, then we shall not have worked in vain.

We extend our greetings to the Support Company of the 1st Battalion. In our next notes we hope to be able to relate the story of our travels in the New Forest, a feature full to the brim with adventure, folk lore, the call of the country-side, and heart-throb. Until then, *au revoir*.

Our Company scribe appears to have forgotten a few things, and we feel that these omissions had better be made up before these notes leave the Company Office.

Whilst at Fort Gomer the Company Sports were held, by kind permission of the 4th Medium Brigade, on their ground at Fort Brockhurst. Opportunities for training at Fort Gomer were few and, therefore, interest in the results suffered. The results were:—

100 Yards.—1, Lieut. Unwin; 2, Pte. Lowton; 3, Cpl. Broadbridge. Time, 10.2.5 sec.

220 Yards.—1, Pte. Lowton; 2, Pte. Baker; 3, Pte. Findley. Time, 25 sec.

440 Yards.—1, Lieut. Willoughby; 2, L./Cpl. Stebbing; 3, Pte. Bailey. Time, 53 sec.

880 Yards.—1, Lieut. Willoughby; 2, L./Cpl. Weller; 3, L./Cpl. Nichols. Time, 2 min. 15 sec.

One Mile.—1, Cpl. Day; 2, Pte. Baggs; 3, Pte. Pearson. Time, 4 min. 45 sec.

Hurdles.—1, Lieut. Unwin; 2, L./Cpl. Delaney; 3, Pte. Aslin. Time, 17.1.5 sec.

Long Jump.—1, L./Cpl. Weller (10 ft. 0 in.); 2, Pte. Lowton (10 ft. 3½ in.); 3, L./Cpl. Delaney (18 ft. 2½ in.).

High Jump.—1, L./Cpl. Delaney (5 ft. 4 in.); equal 2, Cpl. Bruniges and L./Cpl. Stanton (4 ft. 10 in.).

Pole Vault.—1, Pte. Grogan; 2, Pte. Connor; 3, Pte. White. (Decided on Battalion Sports.)

Discus.—1, Lieut. Unwin (101 ft. 6 in.); 2, L./Cpl. Tye (92 ft.); 3, Sergt. Jenkins (79 ft. 8 in.).

Javelin.—1, L./Cpl. Weller (131 ft.); 2, Sergt. Jenkins (103 ft.); 3, Cpl. Tye (101 ft.).

Hammer.—1, Sergt. Jenkins (76 ft.); 2, L./Cpl. Bignall (75 ft.); 3, L./Cpl. Weller (63 ft.).

Weight.—1, L./Cpl. Weller (32 ft. 5½ in.); 2, Cpl. Tye (31 ft. 1 in.); 3, L./Cpl. Stanton (30 ft. 9 in.).

A set of Company Standards have been laid down, and a medal is to be given to anyone reaching these standards.

Quite a number of the Company have obtained Battalion Standards, whilst a large number of the Company have represented the Battalion in the Area Sports, and are about to go to Tidworth for the Command Sports. We hope that they will help to gain the team a trip to Aldershot for the Army Trials, and that those selected for the Army Individual will have success, too.

Although the rifle is a side-line, several of the Company represented the Battalion in various events in the Portsmouth Rifle Meeting, and, we hear, fired well. Pte. Baggs has been selected to go to Bisley. We congratulate him, and hope that we shall have plenty of bullseyes to record in the next notes.

There has been precious little chance of swimming for the Company as a whole, nor has the weather made it very desirable until the past few days. Pte. Barnes has been playing water-polo for the Battalion regularly, and Pte. Short also gains a place at times. Perhaps it will be possible to hold the Company Swimming Sports in the New Forest, but it remains to be seen what facilities, if any, exist there.

The Inter-Platoon Football, played at Imber, resulted in a win for No. 11 Platoon. We regret that Ptes. Adkins and Fenn have been seriously ill in hospital, but we are glad to say that they are now recovering; in fact, Fenn is now on leave. L./Cpl. Bellchamber and Ptes. Fowl and Monk have also been away for long periods in hospital, but have now recovered.

However, we do not seem to be able to keep clear of casualties, and regret to say that both Sergts. Jenkins and Makewell have now retired to hospital, leaving Sergt. Gatehouse as our sole remaining

sergeant, so he has been dispatched to Tipnor with his Platoon for safe custody. Further casualties have occurred in various ways. Pte. Durham met with an accident on his motor-cycle recently and, we regret to hear, sustained compound fractures. His passenger, Pte. 68 Clark, got off more lightly. Lieut. Unwin has gone to the Argentine for three months—why not collective training for the whole Company there? Lieut. Willoughby has forsaken us for the Intelligence Section, and Cpl. Bruniges is off with the Netheravon Class in search of "Ds" in machine gunnery. Congratulations to Cpl. Day, L./Cpl. Nichols and Pte. Aslin on obtaining their 1st Class Certificates of Education.

CRICKET.

Read "A" Company's notes and you will hear the truth, the whole truth, and probably more than the truth about our cricket season.

The daily question: "What is the Mortar Situation?"

Heard near Warminster: "I wouldn't mind walking out with one of those soldiers, but I wouldn't be seen with one of those men in kilts."

"D" COMPANY.

We have to welcome a new draft to our Company. It has come to replace, in some measure, the large drafts we had to furnish for the 1st Battalion during the last Trooping Season. This draft now constitutes our main strength.

The Training Season is now in full swing, and during the past month we have been at Fort Gomer. Platoon and Section Training has been a novelty to the greater part of our numbers. The preliminary preparation before firing the Annual Course was most satisfactory, and promised much for our shooting. The firing proved to be most pleasing. A large percentage of the Company obtained 1st Class qualification. It is with great hopes that we look forward to retaining the honour of being the Best Shooting Company.

Training was strenuous and was, of course, accompanied by the warmest weather we experienced at Fort Gomer. A great deal was learnt about gas, and

we had several amusing incidents. Many lessons may be learnt from cruel experience. We learnt how easily accidents may happen—when two of our Company unwillingly submitted to a cold ducking when crossing a river by a bridge which we had erected at night. This and other light incidents added to our pleasant memories of the stay at Fort Gomer.

The end of June now sees us back at Southsea, enjoying the sea air and sun, but we are doing a great deal of work, for events are rushing at us and we find it difficult to keep apace. The talk, and work, concerns His Majesty, the King's Birthday Parade, and Annual Camp, but the five days' break which takes place after the King's Birthday Parade on the 23rd is some consolation.

All our Company officers are now with us again, having returned from Courses. We are glad to welcome them back, but at the same time we say good-bye, with regret, to C.S.M. Farrow, who is returning to duty in Malaya. The short time he has been in the Company has been very pleasant for us all. His place is being ably filled by C.Q.M.S. Stacey, who has come to us from H.Q. Wing. His first efforts are associated with preparing the barrack rooms for the Army "At Home," when the public are invited to see the Army from the "inside," and, naturally, we are endeavouring to turn out the best effort.

We have had an enjoyable season in sports, although our stay at Fort Gomer, where a lot of organized sport was not possible, has handicapped us. However, we have had a very enjoyable cricket match with "H.Q." Wing. We batted first under ideal weather conditions, and the following is a summary of the result:

"D" COMPANY.	
L./Cpl. O'Neill b Rimmer	10
C.Q.M.S. Tibble b Rimmer	4
2/Lieut. Langley c — b Rimmer	4
Sergt. Beaveridge b Thomson	0
L./Cpl. Robbins b Lloyd	6
C.S.M. Farrow b Thomson	1
Capt. Wray c — b Thomson	5
Cpl. Evans not out	0
Pte. Mullet c — b Thomson	1
L./Cpl. Clark c — b Thomson	0
Pte. Cooksley b Thomson	0
Extras	4
Total	35

"H.Q." Wing had the advantage of

several members of the Battalion Team in their side, and batted as follows:—

"H.Q." WING.	
Major Wollocombe lbw b Beaveridge	14
Pte. Neal lbw b Langley	1
L./Cpl. Rimmer b Beaveridge	13
Dmr. Pullen c — b Beaveridge	2
C.S.M. Goodhall run out	4
L./Cpl. Thomson b O'Neill	13
Dmr. Burt b Robbins	0
Sergt. Whitcombe b Robbins	0
Dmr. Lloyd c and b O'Neill	9
Pte. Robinson b Robbins	9
Dmr. Lewin not out	6
Extras	13
Total	84

A defeat but, none the less, an enjoyable game.

Apart from cricket we have contributed considerably to the Battalion Athletic Team and Sports. We congratulate L./Cpl. Mules on obtaining first place in the High Jump and second place in the Hurdles; also L./Cpl. Davis for obtaining second place in the High Jump. Both these N.C.Os. will be in the Battalion Team at the Command Championships at Tidworth next month.

We should like to take this opportunity to congratulate Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson, who is at present at the Depot, on being chosen in the Test Trial, North v. South, at Lord's during June. We hope he will be given an opportunity to play in the Test later in the year.

BAND.

It never rains but it pours! Surely a true saying; and as the request for these notes came in during a time of trial and tribulation we must offer our apologies for a humble and hasty effort.

News of old members of the Band is always very welcome, and it is with considerable gratification that we hear of Cpl. J. Hayes—ex-solo "Gobbo"—securing the position of bandsman in the Australian Navy. Here's wishing him "more power to his elbow" and may the "horn-pipe" never grow old.

And it came to pass that the time was ripe for us to gird about us our muskets and hie (or should it be "hike") to the Fort at Gomer, where we did do large amounts of "musko" and butt marking. Great skill was shown by all and sundry, and many were the "cross-guns" in evidence after the shooting. One must men-

tion the "bloke" who tried for 99 and only just managed 103. On our return to civilization (ahem) we were once more ordered "abroad," this time to guard the firelocks and ball at Tipnor. Many are the nightmares attributed to the "Terror of Tipnor." Several records for the sprint on the "home run" were established (shades of Harold!).

Several of our worthies have gone all Wallace Beery, and fearsome looking pipes are much in evidence. No. 1 of the Terrible Trio is an outstanding Spartan. Burrell (now having reached that dignified state called "man's-service") is reputed to have thrown away his "hoop" and loaded with St. Julien. (The aroma is as good as a whiff of ozone.)

Much activity is in evidence at the moment and we are all looking forward to the annual trip to the Depot for the Cricket Week. After the Depot comes a Recruiting March to the Training Area, lasting three days. But no doubt you will hear more of that anon, from more reliable sources than ours. Soon after that we proceed to Tidworth for the Tattoo, but we hear it is not quite so strenuous as at Aldershot last year. However, we will tell you all about that in our next issue of notes.

L./Cpl. Riseley (have mercy on his soul—and everything else) is the latest candidate for Severalls (or nearer than that if needs be—the end is the same), having taken command of the "big cage," or Boys' Room, to put it mildly. His predecessor is just returning to sanity and is asking for details.

Mention must be made of the "dry-knacking" (music-copying) that is now in full swing for the Tattoo. This seems a regular "course," though the cake (do not call at J. Lyons & Co. for it) goes to the Bandsman who thought somebody's copying was a road map (though that would appear to be stretching a point too far).

Well, here's where we stretch our legs and mop the brow preparatory to closing down, as one of the "brain" department has an appointment with a set of dentures, and when he leaves the department is brainless. Here's wishing our colleagues of the 1st Battalion all the very best.

SMORZANDO.

DRUMS.

Our Weapon Training Course is now but a memory and we have returned from Fort Gomer to King's Birthday parades, rehearsals, and Tattoo programmes. Out of 18 firers, 6 returned Rifle Marksman and 6 L.G. Marksman; of the remaining six, three were first-year Table B.

We did hope to record here our own smashing victories over the Band at cricket, but "Sunny" June has not been at all the weather for cricket. Aquatic sports would have been more appropriate, but we shall probably get all the nice weather later, when we are on training. Most of us can remember how we would frolic in the mud at Andover last year. Good old Manceuvres!

Practice for the King's Birthday Parade takes up most of our time at present. We "floated" by in "close column" like real sailors on the last rehearsal.

In between times we manage to do a little "A.A." and Intelligence, not to mention the practice for the Tidworth Tattoo in which we are taking part, together with the Band.

We welcome Boy Wakefield to our happy family. He is a local boy, and already he has taught us many things about Pompey that we did not know before.

Boy Barham has left on discharge, on medical grounds. We wish him all the best of luck in civil life.

Training is getting near, and by the time these notes appear in print we shall be enjoying the wild open spaces near the New Forest.

Before closing down we should all like to say how sorry we are to hear that we are losing Drum-Major Poulter early next month. He has been with us quite a few years, and his organizing abilities and socials will be greatly missed by all of us that took part in them. He and Mrs. Poulter have been good friends to many of us. We wish him the best of luck and success in his new sphere.

SIGNALS.

Someone in a more or less sober moment once said "Good goods are tied in small bundles." History repeated that on our Classification. We are few, but

good. A section average on readings of 99.85 per cent, and second in three brigades.

Pte. Adams (he of the *faux pas*) emerged victorious with the Silver Flags. We think he should be lucky at the "dogs."

Lieut. Weston left us last month to take up his R.A.F. appointment. We wish him the best of luck in *this* world, and extend our heartiest welcome to 2/Lieut. Ormiston, our new Signal Officer.

L./Cpl. Rose had rather an unfortunate return from his Course. Whilst taking part in the Wing Sports he broke his ankle and has been in hospital ever since. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

We should like our readers' ideas about a certain Signaller who frequents the "Carlton" at Cosham and sees the show free of charge. Also as to what happened at "Hayling Island."

The "Tazz" party has been vastly strengthened of late. The opposition benches are all extremely empty; some of the "Tazz's" are a bit empty too, but a good shampoo and fertilizer has been recommended, so 1939 should show a bumper harvest.

We cannot end our notes without reference to the splendid performances at cricket of our former Signal Officer, Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson. His good work for Essex, M.C.C. and the South will, we hope, earn for him a trip to Australia in the near future.

To those who left us for overseas we extend our best wishes, and also to our opposite numbers in Singapore. Do they know that "Posh" is going strong in Pompey, and that ohms law is just another way of saying "Der On His Majesty's Service"? Sarge.

DOTS.

EMPLOYED.

Whilst in the middle of rehearsals for the King's Birthday Parade we are making another belated and spasmodic attempt in trying to learn the art of journalism, and hope that readers are not harsh in their criticism.

Since the last Journal the Battalion Sports have been held, and members of the "Group" acquitted themselves well. Owing to the shortness of men an indi-

vidual tournament was held. The following events came our way:—

Putting the Shot.—2nd, L./Cpl. Eyles (33 ft. 4½ in.).

Throwing the Hammer.—1st, Pte. Fabray (105 ft.); 2nd, Pte. Law (85 ft. 11 in.).

440 Yards.—2nd, Pte. Crossthwaite.

880 Yards.—3rd, Pte. Crossthwaite.

The Battalion Standard Medal was awarded to Pte. Fabray. Congratulations are due to all who took part. An amusing incident occurred when, at the presentation of prizes, "C" (S.) Company was presented with the Boxing Cup which had been won by us. The cheering suddenly ceased when a member of the Group claimed the right of the cup. If necessary, we will fight you again for it, "C"!

We are now anxiously waiting for the Battalion Open Tournament to be held.

By the time these notes are in print we shall have lost L./Cpl. Mathew to civilian life. We hear he is after a job with Lyons. Best of luck is extended to him from all members of the Group.

The Annual Musketry Course has almost finished, and new badges are very prominent.

Before closing we wish to congratulate L./Sergt. Riches and Cpl. (M.I.) Lawrence on their promotion, and L./Cpl. Wigg on attaining his pay. By the way, we hear that "29" is contemplating marriage. Is it "Taff"?

BOYS.

Now that summer is supposed to be here we are all looking forward to a good cricket season, and hope to do as well in the summer sports as we did in the boxing and football. Our boxing achievements have already been made known, but we have not yet informed readers that we finished fourth in our football league. This is quite creditable, but we hope to get to the top next season.

We have already played several cricket matches and enjoyed some really good games. We were defeated by the R.A.O.C., who have 100 Boys, and by The Queen's Regiment. The match was particularly interesting, for when our last batsman went in we required 23 runs. We lost by 23 runs. We had our revenge against the Rifle Brigade though, for we passed their total of 89 with only two wickets down.

We congratulate Boy Redding on his place in the Battalion half-mile team.

There have been several changes in the Boys' area recently. Another change with our N.C.Os. resulted in L./Cpl. Phipps and L./Cpl. Riseley being put in charge of the Drummer boys and Band boys respectively. We welcome these two N.C.Os. to our "Den," and hope we get on well together—with very few fatigues. Six new boys also joined us recently, but one soon left us and we did not get a chance to brand him. We are rather disappointed in the fact that we never seem to get any new boys who are good at sports. We usually average one new boy out of six who is of any value to our teams. Still, we get opportunities of developing them into sportsmen in time. We congratulate Boys Thatcher and Burrell on attaining the age of 18 years, and wish them the best of luck on "man service." We have one more congratulatory remark; that is for Drum-Major Boulter, who is Acting C.Q.M.S. We are sorry to lose him from the Drums but wish him the best of luck (and a quick promotion).

By the time these notes are in print we will probably be at camp, where we hope to have a good time. There is little more to write about now, so the Boys wish all readers the best of luck and *au revoir*.

JUVENILE.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Each quarter's issue of the Regimental Journal brings its usual batch of "casualties" in so far as the Mess is concerned, and the following is the current issue's list:—

As forecast in our last notes, C.S.M. Simmonds has returned to the fold—this time with a wife and "family." He is still the same old "Simmo" and with customary powers of expression. We are glad to see him back and extend both to him and Mrs. Simmonds a very hearty welcome.

Sergt. Newstead has left us to proceed on vocational training. We wish him every success and hope he finds a satisfactory billet in civilian life on completion of his Course.

Sergt. Livens has rejoined us from the Depot and taken his place in the Mess. A hearty welcome to him.

We have lost a very good member in C.S.M. Peck and also in Mrs. Peck. They proceeded to the 8th Battalion T.A. on 4th May. "Brutus" has been a member of the Mess for very many years, and his handsome profile is sadly missed. We hope both he and his family have settled down comfortably in the 8th Battalion, and wish them every success and happiness.

We cannot let these notes go by without a reference to C.S.M. Hewett, who has gone away to discharge from the T.A. Although he has not been with us for two or three years, he was, before he joined the T.A., a member of the Mess from as far back as 1921 or 1922. There are several of us who have very affectionate memories of "Charles," and if he has occasion to read these notes, he will know that he has our very best wishes and we shall always be glad to see him if opportunity arises. We wish him every happiness and success in the cold outside world.

Our heartiest congratulations to C.S.M. Parsler on his promotion to Warrant rank. He has taken C.S.M. Peck's place in the Support Company.

We have two important "increases" to record, viz., a daughter to Bandmaster and Mrs. Dennis on 24th April, and a daughter to L./Sergt. and Mrs. Brett. Our congratulations to both families. By the by, we must welcome the latter to the Mess on his promotion from Corporal.

Two more of our members have joined the ranks of the certified "old 'uns." Sergt. Jennings, the Band Sergeant, and Sergt. Kennett, both of whom were presented with Long Service Medals on Sunday, 21st June. Congratulations to them both. The Mess does not appear to have shone to any great extent in the Battalion Sports, which were held on 15th and 16th May. In fact, only two members appear to have taken any active interest: Clr./Sergt. Deane, our O.R.S., and Sergt. Jenkins, both of whom figured in the prize list. However, perhaps the constant reports of Long Service Medals in our notes, and the fact that there was no place in the programme of the sports for a veterans' race, accounts for the absence of Mess members in the list of entries.

We have had one social event of any

importance since the last notes. With half the members away at M.G. Concentration and Fort Gomer it is very difficult to raise enough to make any social event, but the Albuhera Dance was an exception—and a very notable one. We abandoned the idea of having a ball, for various reasons, and confined ourselves to having a purely Regimental Dance in the Mess. Invitations were strictly limited to the officers and their ladies, members of the Mess and their wives, and lady friends of single members, and the affair was a very great success. We cannot remember a really more enjoyable evening, and we should like to offer our very heartiest congratulations and thanks to C.Q.M.S. Franklin and his committee who were responsible for the "show," and who made it such a success. We shall really have to recommend them to a local firm of caterers (or get them to feed the Carreras girls when they are next down our way), because the refreshments they produced were admirable.

We are very busy at present with the King's Birthday Parade and preparations for camp, and our next notes will be submitted from Lyndhurst, where the Mess will be established for over two months.

ATHLETICS, 1936.

A short time ago there was, in the Officers' Mess, a programme of the Battalion Sports way back in the dim ages. It made interesting reading these days and has rightly gone to the Regimental Museum.

The most striking points were: (1) All prizes were money (shades of A.A.A. and Army A.A.); (2) the events consisted chiefly of what we should now term bumble puppy turns, though there were one or two more serious events: 100 yards, one mile and throwing the cricket ball. The prize money varied, presumably according to the importance attached to the event, and we find the one mile and the sergeants' race to be quite the most lucrative. With all due deference to the members of the Sergeants' Mess, it is hard to conceive to-day a race purely restricted to sergeants taking precedence over the Battalion 100 yards' event.

However, this is not a discourse on ancient history, but it does show how

very different the outlook is now on athletics, as year by year their value and interest is appreciated more.

As Brigadier Raikes said in presenting the Area Cup to the Battalion: "Athletics are probably the finest sport in the Army, as more people can take part in this than in any other game." He went on to congratulate the Battalion on having such a well-balanced team; and that too is a very important point now. The days when a few stars were all that was needed to achieve success are over, and team building is an art; the utmost must be made of the material available to try to prevent a complete failure in any event, and in this way many men not in the first flight get an opportunity by perseverance of gaining a place in the Battalion team.

At the time of the Battalion Sports, 15th and 16th May, I found some very despondent notes I made, damning the meeting as a failure due to lack of talent and lack of interest. I still feel that the Battalion Sports were totally disheartening to any Officer i/c Athletics, and one can only hope that those who voted the whole object and usefulness of the meeting away will have learnt their lesson.

Fortunately, at the same time that any prospect of raising a team was nearly ruined, the Officer i/c brought out a set of Battalion Standards, and competition for these standard medals and the company ones which one company produced, and I believe others have since started, saved the situation.

In addition, no chance has been missed of outside competition; this does so much to bring on individuals. There have been several open relays, a match versus the R.N. & R.M., the Portsmouth Athletic League, and an open relay at Chichester. These meetings have added satisfactorily to the private collection of trophies of those competing and definitely added to the prestige of the Battalion team, and, if one must criticize, it is to say that the first strings have been gaining valuable training, whereas the more vital people, the high numbers, might be given a greater look in and gain valuable experience.

Very early in the season a match was held with the R.N. & R.M., and the Battalion team did well to end an enjoyable afternoon only one point down.

This match was valuable to the Officer i/c Athletics, as it showed him where the weaknesses lay, and what sort of form he could expect from the material available.

By the time of the Battalion Sports there should have been fresh material available, from which he could reinforce his team of 2nd May, but, as already pointed out, there was no assistance to be got out of these Sports, as practically only the obvious winners and one or two others competed.

The sprints were fairly promising, though one realized that the loss of Lieut. Unwin later in the season would be hard to make up. The Pole Vault, though competitors were few, was satisfactory, and "C" (S.) Company trio—Grogan, Conner and White—all should progress. The first two obtained Battalion Standard Medals.

Lieut. Willoughby showed further advance in the 440 Yards, and L./Cpl. Weller and Cpl. Day ran well in the 880 Yards and Mile respectively. The Long Jump and High Jump were poor, as was the Weight, but Pte. Fabray did well in the Hammer, while the Discus was satisfactory, as was the Javelin.

The results are given in detail later in these notes.

The Area Meeting took place on 19th and 20th May, and the Battalion team are to be congratulated on doing surprisingly well. Dealing with the events in order of the programme, we started with a win in the Pole Vault. Neither Grogan nor Conner was quite up to his best form, the latter particularly being rather oppressed by the occasion, and getting too fidgety to produce his best in any event where timing and rhythm are essential. However, they won, which was the chief thing.

In the Long Jump we were lucky to get second place, as Lowton was totally out of form, and Weller had done too much to jump his best.

The Hammer resulted in a win, Pte. Fabray having the best throw of 106 ft. 4½ in.

In the Three Miles we were second to the Green Howards, which was satisfactory but showed that we have much to do yet before we do well in this event. Cpl. Day ran well and must be one of the most improved runners in the Battalion. The 880 Yards Relay was a further success, Lieut. Unwin having little diffi-

culty in finishing a good first. Cpl. Thompson ran well and is steadily improving as a runner, but unfortunately this is the last year that he will be available.

The High Jump produced a second place, which was satisfactory, but we should like to see L./Cpls. Delaney and Davis put on another couple of inches.

The standard of weight-putting was low, but L./Cpl. Stanton and Pte. Eyles crept up each put, and Eyles was credited with the best individual put, with Stanton not far behind, and the aggregate was high enough to win the event for us.

The Two Mile Relay was an interesting race. Boy Redding started; he shows promise, with greater strength and improved style, of being useful. Pte. Cross-thwaite ran second and made up some lost ground, and L./Cpl. Weller then ran a very useful Half-Mile, and Lieut. Willoughby had no difficulty in leaving the Green Howards' last man well behind.

The 440 Yards was won fairly easily, and the Discus added another victory to our credit. Cpl. Tye threw 105 ft., beating Lieut. Unwin on this occasion, which was encouraging.

We next come to one distinctly low spot, the Hurdles, and we are lucky to have people who can get over at all. It is difficult to see how this team can be strengthened, either.

The Mile was a setback, and we dropped to third place, but the first corner was a bad scramble, and Cpl. Day took a nasty toss, which made a great difference. The Javelin was a further success, and on this occasion L./Cpl. Weller beat L./Cpl. West by throwing 146 ft. 3½ in. The One Mile Relay finally wound up our list of successes; Lieut. Willoughby finished unpressed.

The final score was 110 points, the Green Howards being second with 92 points.

All this time, Lieut. Batten has been sleigh-plodding at Fort Gomer, but now he too is training, and an S.O.S. has been sent to the Depot for Cpls. Knights and Poulter to get into training.

Lieut. Batten and Cpl. Knights should make up for the loss of Lieut. Unwin, but it is most unfortunate that we cannot have the whole lot here.

L./Cpls. Peasley and Hinch are two familiar figures whom the hospital have

claimed for some time, but we are pleased to see them both back and out again on the track, and sincerely hope that they can get fit enough to help in the Command Sports. If each one can do one event even, it will be a great help.

Shortly after the Area Sports we took part in the first meeting of the Portsmouth and District Athletic League. Five events—440 Yards, 880 Yards, Two Mile Relay, One Mile Team, and High Jump—were decided. We won the first three, and were second in the last two. The track was bumpy and made running at any speed uncomfortable, but competition was fairly close, particularly in the Two Mile Relay, in which Lieut. Willoughby had an interesting contest with the Portsmouth A.C. expert, but got the better of him.

The time for the Mile was good, and Cpl. Day and Pte. Jacques had nothing to regret in coming in second and third respectively, whilst Pearson, though he did not count, ran a much-improved mile.

The High Jump was a bad one and was really dangerous, and it was not surprising that L./Cpl. Delaney, after one or two bad shakings, lost his nerve and form, and L./Cpl. Davis did well to jump as high as he did.

There have been a number of open invitation medley relay races in which the Battalion has entered teams. Our chief opponents have been the Royal Naval Barracks, who have a half-miler well above the average. However, the following is a brief summary of the results:—

R.A.F., Lee-on-Solent.—1, Middlesex Regiment; 2, H.M.S. *Vernon*.

Chichester Challenge Cup.—1, Middlesex Regiment; 2, Southampton A.C.

R.A.O.C. Sports.—1, Middlesex Regiment; 2, Southampton A.C.

H.M.S. "Excellent" Sports.—1, R.N. Barracks; 2, Middlesex Regiment.

At present, training for the Command Meeting is in full swing. It would be optimistic to think that with a depleted team we are likely to carry all before us, but performances at running and field events are improving, and there is no reason why we should not put up a good show.

The second and final meeting of the Portsmouth and District Athletic League has just been completed, and the final result was:—

1, Middlesex Regiment; 2, H.M.S. *Excellent*; 3, R.N. Barracks.

The events contested at this last meeting were as follows: 480 Yards Hurdles, One Mile Relay, Three Mile Team Race, Long Jump, Shot, and Medley Relay Race. We were second in every event except the last, when we were third. We were 5½ points ahead of the next team after the first meeting, and our even performance in the second increased our lead to over 10 points. Cpl. Day and Pte. Day put up a very good performance in the Three Mile Team Race.

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Before bringing these notes to a close, a special tribute must be paid to L./Cpl. Jarvis, who is a very skilful masseur. Only those who have had to run two very strenuous races in the same afternoon can really appreciate the benefit that he has brought to us. His presence will be absolutely essential at Tidworth.

As has been mentioned earlier in these notes, the system of awarding Standard Medals has been adopted in the Battalion. That they constitute no mean performance is shown by a comparison with the Army Standards, and that they have proved a success is shown by the fact that, to date, thirteen medals have been awarded.

The following is a list of Army and Battalion Standards, in that order:—

100 Yards.—A.S., none; B.S., 10.3.5 sec.
220 Yards.—A.S., 23 sec.; B.S., 23.3.5 sec.
440 Yards.—A.S., 52 sec.; B.S., 53.1 sec.
880 Yards.—A.S., 2 min. 1 sec.; B.S., 2 min. 4 sec.

One Mile.—A.S., 4 min. 30 sec.; B.S., 4 min. 40 sec.

Three Miles.—A.S., 15 min.; B.S., 16 min.
120 Yards Hurdles.—A.S., 16.2.5 sec.; B.S., 16.4.5 sec.

High Jump.—A.S., 5 ft. 8 in.; B.S., 5 ft. 4 in.
Long Jump.—A.S., 21 ft.; B.S., 19 ft. 6 in.

Shot Put.—A.S., 38 ft.; B.S., 35 ft.
Javelin.—A.S., 150 ft.; B.S., 140 ft.

Pole Vault.—A.S., 10 ft. 6 in.; B.S., 9 ft. 6 in.
Hammer.—A.S., 115 ft.; B.S., 105 ft.

Discus.—A.S., 110 ft.; B.S., 100 ft.

2ND BATTALION INDIVIDUAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS SPORTS MEETING, 1936.

The Annual Athletic Sports Meeting was held on 15th and 16th May on the Royal Naval Sports Ground at Pitt Street, Portsmouth, by kind permission of the Commodore, R.N. Barracks.

The weather was very kind, and on the second day of the meeting the Band of the 1st Bn. The Rifle Brigade entertained us by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. O. C. Downes, D.S.O., M.C., and the officers of 1st Bn. The Rifle Brigade. Arrangements for tea were made by the N.A.A.F.I.

The medals, etc., were presented by Mrs. T. S. Wollocombe at the conclusion of the Sports.

The following were the results of the final events:—

High Jump.—1, L./Cpl. Mules, "D"; equal 2, L./Cpl. Delaney, "C" (S.), and Davis, "D." Height, 5 ft. 1 in.

Putting the Weight.—1, L./Cpl. Stanton, "C" (S.); 2, L./Cpl. Eyles, "H.Q."; 3, Cpl. Tye, "C" (S.). Distance, 33 ft. 10 in.

Boys' Long Jump.—1, Boy Burrell, "H.Q."; 2, Boy Brown, "H.Q."; 3, Boy Streat, "H.Q." Distance, 16 ft.

Three Miles.—1, L./Cpl. Jacques, "B"; 2, Cpl. Day, "C" (S.); 3, L./Cpl. Jones, "H.Q." Time, 16 min. 46.3.5 sec.

Throwing the Hammer.—1, Pte. Fabray, "H.Q."; 2, Pte. Law, "H.Q."; 3, Sergt. Jenkins, "C" (S.). Distance, 105 ft.

Pole Vault.—1, Pte. Grogan, "C" (S.); 2, Pte. Conner, "C" (S.); 3, Pte. 47 White, "C" (S.). Height, 10 ft.

Boys' 100 Yards.—1, Boy Burrell, "H.Q."; 2, Boy Reading, "H.Q."; 3, Boy Brown, "H.Q." Time, 11.3.5 sec.

220 Yards.—1, Lieut. E. J. Unwin, "C" (S.); 2, L./Cpl. Thompson, "H.Q."; 3, L./Cpl. Clay, "D." Time, 24.4.5 sec.

Throwing the Javelin.—1, L./Cpl. West, "B"; 2, L./Cpl. Weller, "C" (S.); 3, Pte. Law, "H.Q." Distance, 142 ft.

880 Yards.—1, L./Cpl. Weller, "C" (S.); 2, Pte. Crossthwaite, "H.Q."; 3, Cpl. Day, "C" (S.). Time, 2 min. 9.1.5 sec.

Long Jump.—1, Pte. Lowton, "C" (S.); 2, Cpl. Sergt. Deane, "H.Q."; 3, L./Cpl. Weller, "C" (S.). Distance, 18 ft. 1 in.

Boys' High Jump.—1, Boy Burrell, "H.Q."; 2, Boy Streat, "H.Q."; 3, Boy Ceaton, "H.Q." Height, 4 ft. 10 in.; Boy Burrell won on toss.

Throwing the Discus.—1, Cpl. Tye, "C" (S.); 2, Lieut. E. J. Unwin, "C" (S.); 3, L./Cpl. Trotobas, "B." Distance, 105 ft. 7½ in.

100 Yards.—1, Lieut. E. J. Unwin, "C" (S.); 2, L./Cpl. Thompson, "H.Q."; 3, Pte. Lowton, "C" (S.). Time, 10.4.5 sec.

Boys' 880 Yards.—1, Boy Reading, "H.Q."; 2, Boy Ceaton, "H.Q."; 3, Boy Burrell, "H.Q." Time, 2 min. 18 sec.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, L./Cpl. Delaney, "C" (S.); 2, L./Cpl. Mules, "D"; 3, Pte. Parker, "H.Q." Time, 19.4.5 sec.

One Mile.—1, Pte. Jacques, "H.Q."; 2, Cpl. Day, "C" (S.); 3, Pte. Pearson, "C" (S.). Time, 4 min. 49 sec.

440 Yards.—1, Lieut. J. E. F. Willoughby, "C" (S.); 2, Lieut. E. J. Unwin, "C" (S.); 3, Pte. Crossthwaite, "H.Q." Time, 52.4.5 sec.

The following were the winners of Battalion Standard Medals:—

Hammer.—Pte. Fabray, "H.Q." (105 ft.).
High Jump.—L./Cpl. Delaney, "C" (S.) (5 ft. 4 in.).

Long Jump.—L./Cpl. Weller, "C" (S.) (19 ft. 9 in.).

Javelin.—L./Cpl. West, "B" (142 ft.).
Pole Vault.—Pte. Grogan, "C" (S.) (10 ft.); Pte. Conner, "C" (S.) (9 ft. 9 in.).

Discus.—Cpl. Tye, "C" (S.) (105 ft. 7½ in.).
100 Yards.—Lieut. Unwin, "C" (S.) (10.2.5 sec.).

440 Yards.—Lieut. Willoughby, "C" (S.) (52.4.5 sec.).

As this is the first season of the introduction of the Battalion Standard Medals, the number of individuals who won a medal is very gratifying.

The following Company Championship Shields, etc., were also presented at the conclusion of the Sports Meeting:—

Company Football Shield.—"A" Company.
Company Cross-Country Shield.—"C" (S.) Company.

Company Boxing Cup.—"C" (S.) Company.

For the first time for some years we have some members of the Battalion in the Army Individual Championships, which take place at Aldershot from 14th to 17th July. They are:—

Pte. Grogan (Pole Vault), L./Cpl. West (Javelin), Cpl. Tye (Discus), Lieut. Batten (220 Yards and 440 Yards), Lieut. Willoughby (440 Yards and 880 Yards), L./Cpl. Weller (Long Jump), Cpl. Day (One Mile) and Pte. Lowton (100 Yards). In addition, in the event of our not qualifying to compete as a complete team at the Army Meeting, we have entered for the Medley Relay Race, which is a non-championship event.

We hope that some of the aforementioned will at least obtain Standard Medals, if not better.

CRICKET.

At the beginning of the season, Lieut. Unwin, playing in a U.S. Club trial, put up an excellent 165.

Other pens than mine will record Lieut. Stephenson's activities which we all follow keenly, and the result of the matches played during the Regimental Cricket Week, so we will confine ourselves to Portsmouth, where we have had to put up with the loss of Lieut. Weston to the Royal Air Force; Lieuts. Symes and Ormiston and Sergt. Cooper have also been away on courses.

Our first match was against the Rifle Brigade, and was played on 5th May on

the U.S. officers' ground. Batting first, the Rifle Brigade put up 146 (2/Lieut. Davies-Scourfield, 30; Moss, 38; Lieut. Atkinson, 28 not out). Lieuts. Weston, Beath and Unwin took 3 wickets each for 19, 25 and 45 respectively. Lieut. Ormiston went in first to stay for an excellent 72. Major Newnham (28) and Dmr. Pullen (22 not out) were the next-highest scorers, and we totalled 151 for 6 wickets.

Against St. Paul's Athletic, Cpl. Tye (52), Lieut. Langley (51), Cpl. Broadbridge (48) and Lieut. Beath (27) gave us 252, and a win by 8 wickets. Lieut. Weston took 7 wickets for 2 runs—a really remarkable feat. He took 1 wicket for 1 run in his first over, 3 for 0 in his second, followed by two maiden overs, and 3 more wickets for 1 run with his last eight balls.

Many of us have happy recollections of our matches at Hurstbourne Priors during camp last year, and we were very glad to see them down here on 9th May. We were also glad to have Capt. Whinney over for this as well as for one or two other matches. Batting first, we declared at 267 for 5. Lieut. Unwin (112), Lieut. Weston (75), Major Newnham (32), Lieut. Beath (20), Sergt. Kennett (6 for 28), and Lieuts. Unwin and Beath (each taking 2 wickets) gave us a comfortable victory by 177 runs.

Battalion v. R.A.F., Gosport. Scores: R.A.F., 24 (Lieut. Weston, 5 for 11; Lieut. Unwin, 5 for 12); Middlesex Regiment, 103 (Major Newnham, 27). Won by 9 wickets.

Battalion v. Royal Yacht. Scores: Royal Yacht, 142; Middlesex Regiment, 99.

Playing the Hampshire Hogs on 23rd May, our opponents declared at 267 for 1 (Sub-Lieut. Vavasour, 159 not out; T. F. Kindle, 82). This match was remarkable for the bowling of Lieut. Briggs, R.N., who took all our 10 wickets for 22 runs. Had it not been for the fact that Lieut. Beath knocked him for a 6 as well as a 4, he would have returned a still more remarkable average. We lost by 228 runs. Putting us in again, they did not give Briggs the ball, and we made 90 for no wicket when stumps were drawn (Dmr. Pullen, 42; Capt. Heywood, 39).

Battalion v. R.A.O.C. Scores: R.A.O.C., 115 for 9 dec.; Middlesex Regiment, 120 for 3 (Lieut. Unwin, 36; Major

Newnham, 34 not out; Capt. Heywood, 24; Dmr. Pullen, 21).

Battalion v. Portsmouth Grammar School. Scores: Middlesex Regiment, 165 for 6 dec. (Capt. Heywood, 45; Major Newnham, 31; Lieut. Beath, 27); Portsmouth Grammar School, 57 for 8. Game drawn.

Battalion v. R.A.F., Lee-on-Solent. Scores: Middlesex Regiment, 183 for 6 (Lieut. Unwin, 88; Pte. Allen, 50; L./Cpl. Delaney, 31); R.A.F., 183 for 7. Game drawn.

Battalion v. Royal Marines. Scores: Middlesex Regiment, 179 (Lieut. Beath, 55; L./Cpl. Delaney, 48; Capt. Heywood, 33); Royal Marines, 187 for 5 (2/Lieut. Terry could not be dislodged, and scored 107 not out).

Battalion v. Rifle Brigade. Scores: Rifle Brigade, 166 (Pte. Allen, 6 for 45); Middlesex Regiment, 158 for 9 (Pte. Allen, 60; L./Cpl. Rawlinson, 28).

Battalion v. R.A.O.C. Scores: Middlesex Regiment, 72 (Lieut. Langley, 32); R.A.O.C., 106 (Lieut. Langley, 3 for 11; Bdsn. Risley, 2 for 18).

Our match against the Queen's was most exciting. We had scored 36 before Pullen was dismissed for 20, but we could only add 22 runs for the next four wickets, and were 103 for 9 when Major Wollocombe (32) and Pte. Robinson (26 not out) made a grand last-wicket stand and brought the total to 151. We had two of their wickets down for 7, and 3 for 39, but they were only 2 short of a hundred when the next wicket fell; 8 for 142, 9 for 150, and their most successful bowler to come in, about whose batting ability they were rather apprehensive, but a 4 past third man settled the matter. A most enjoyable match, though the weather might have been kinder. Sergt. Kennett, with 5 for 40, and Lieut. Unwin with 4 for 40, took the wickets.

The cricket season is virtually at an end now, we fear, as, long before these notes appear in print, we shall be buried in bivouacs in the New Forest.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

THE HAMPSHIRE SEVEN-A-SIDE CHAMPIONSHIP.

First Round.—Bye.

Second Round.—Middlesex Regiment, 8; R.A.F., Old Sarum, 0.

Third Round.—Middlesex Regiment, 13; Eastleigh, 0.

Semi-final.—Middlesex Regiment, 6; Bournemouth, 3.

Final.—Middlesex Regiment, 0; 5th Bn. Royal Tank Corps, 3 (after extra time).

In April, the Battalion entered for the Hampshire Sevens, which were held at Bournemouth. Owing to the closing of all football grounds at the end of March, to enable them to be converted into cricket grounds, it was not possible to obtain any practice games.

In the first round we were fortunate enough to draw a bye, and met the R.A.F. Cup finalists, Old Sarum, in the second round. We qualified for the semi-final by beating Eastleigh, Pte. Kent and Lieut. Unwin giving us a 13-point lead at half-time.

In the semi-final we met the favourites, Bournemouth, whom we beat after extra time.

After fifteen minutes' rest, the final was played against the 5th Bn. Royal Tank Corps. The Tanks' forwards proved to be a very strong trio, and secured the ball from the majority of scrums. No-side arrived without either line having been crossed. Extra time was once more played, and the Tanks managed to score from a five-yard scrum.

Throughout the competition Pte. Kent stood out as one of the best forwards on view, while Mules, at back, surpassed all expectations, both in attack and defence.

The thanks of the team and spectators are due to Capt. and Mrs. Whinney for so kindly entertaining them after the matches.

The team was:—

L./Cpl. Mules (back), L./Cpl. Rawlinson and Lieut. Unwin (three-quarters); Pte. Pearson (half), 2/Lieut. Beath, Pte. Kent and L./Cpl. Trotoba (forwards).

12th BATTALION OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual Cherish Day Concert was held on 1st May at the "Old Bell," Holborn, and at the meeting which preceded it many suggested improvements were discussed, and we hope to see an

increase in membership and enthusiasm in the future.

Although we were very sorry that our President, Col. Glover, D.S.O., who took the Battalion over to France, was unable to be with us, the boys were happy to have with them so many of our old officers, and among the visitors we were pleased to welcome Comdr. Spencer Gray, D.S.O., R.N., whose exploits in the air during the war will live in history, and Capt. Gabriel, who rendered many of our favourite songs in splendid style.

The concert was intended to be a "war time" effort, and we hoped to recapture for a few hours the happy comradeship of the past, and without a doubt the evening was a great success, as you had only to close your eyes and you were back in the old Divisional concert hall with the same old songs and the same old voices, which means that we had a good evening in good company.

An excellent and varied programme was given by Bruce Travers and several other artists, with Capt. Garstin, M.C., as an "extra," and our concerted efforts with the community songs was a revelation in volume, if somewhat lacking in harmony. However, we had an enjoyable evening, and hope for many more.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

PATRON:

H.M. The King, Colonel-in-Chief of The Middlesex Regiment.

VICE-PATRON:

Col. The Right Hon. The Lord Rochdale, Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex.

PRESIDENT:

Brig.-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Ex-officio Members.

Col. G. L. Brown, D.S.O., late Commanding 1st Battalion.

Col. M. Browne, M.C., late Commanding 2nd Battalion.

Lieut.-Col. O. H. Tidbury, M.C., Commanding 1st Battalion.

Lieut.-Col. W. W. Jeffery, Commanding 2nd Battalion.

Major N. H. B. Lyon, M.C. (Vice-Chairman), Commanding Depot.

Lieut.-Col. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., 5th Battalion.
Major P. H. Graves, D.S.O., 6th Battalion.
Lieut.-Col. H. A. Murray, T.D., Commanding 7th Battalion.
Col. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., Commanding 8th Battalion.
Lieut.-Col. J. N. Lamont, M.C., T.D., Commanding 9th Battalion.

Elected Members.

(Date of election in parentheses.)

Brig.-General V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O. (Chairman) (1/4/36).
Brig.-General R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G. (29/1/30).
Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel (1/4/34).
Major R. A. Slee (Hon. Treasurer) (1/4/33).
Capt. H. E. Foster (28/1/31).
Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C. (1/4/34).
R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M. (1/4/34).
C.S.M. G. Anderson (1/4/36).
C.Q.M.S. L. Hills (1/9/35).
Mr. G. N. Capel (1/4/36).
Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M. (27/1/32).
Mr. E. Morris (1/4/33).

Co-opted Members.

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (29/4/36).

SECRETARY:

Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7. (Tel., Finchley 1553.)

CLERK:

Mr. G. W. Kerswill.

BRANCHES AND HON. SECRETARIES:

7th Battalion.—Mr. S. V. Edge, D.C.M., 2, Croft Close, Marsh Lane, Mill Hill, N.W.7.
8th Battalion.—The Adjutant.
9th Battalion.—Mr. F. Fenimore, 21, Palmeston Road, Wealdstone, Middlesex.
1st/10th Battalion.—Mr. A. E. Bowker, 3, Bedford Park Mansions, W.4.
2nd/10th Battalion.—Mr. A. H. Cumming, 14, Downside Crescent, Ealing, W.13.
11th Battalion.—Major G. B. Anderson, M.C., Terminus Chambers, 6, Holborn Viaduct, E.C.1.
12th Battalion.—Mr. T. Masters, 3, Leaside Crescent, Golder's Green, N.W.11.
13th Battalion.—Mr. G. W. Pegram, 206, Bollo Bridge Road, Acton, W.3. (Tel., Acorn 2367.)
16th Battalion.—Capt. E. Featherstone, Mercers Hall, Ironmonger Lane, E.C.2.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1935.

Amount of grants and loans made: £599 12s.

Grants and loans specially sanctioned by the Committee: £31 9s.

Number of cases assisted: 415.

Number of men found employment: 170.

Number of parcels sent out by the Ladies' Guild: 62.

(N.B.—In future, this information will be published quarterly.)

LADIES' GUILD.

As the result of a special appeal, the sum of £46 14s. 6d. and fifty-four parcels of clothing for 143 individuals, male and female, were received. It is thought that this constitutes a record and should therefore be regarded with great satisfaction. The value of such an addition to the resources of the Association cannot be too greatly emphasized. The home of many an Old Comrade has been brightened during the winter months by the receipt of a parcel of clothing. It is not generally realized what a debt of gratitude is owed to Mrs. Lyon and other ladies at the Depot who run this important branch of the Association, and all are urged to see to it that the ready support of last year is not allowed to decline.

The following correspondence has a special appeal of its own:—

“ 18/6/36.

“ DEAR SIR,

“ I am writing to thank you for the parcel which I received to-day per Carter Paterson.

“ The new shoes and suit were a perfect fit; couldn't be better if they had been made to measure for me.

“ If those serving with the Regiment could only visualize the wonderful work of the Regimental Association, I am sure they would never hesitate to pay their subscriptions.

“ When I was serving and in perfect health, I often lectured young soldiers on the Regimental Association, never dreaming that one day I would be stricken down with tuberculosis and incapable of following my employment. Needless to state how thankful I now am that there is such an organization as the Regimental Association. Thanking you again for past and present assistance, and wishing the Regiment every success.

“ I am, sir,

“ Yours obediently,

“ THE SECRETARY,

“ REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION,

“ MILL HILL.”

The Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the valuable assistance given by the Hon. Solicitors,

Messrs. Devonshire, Wreford Brown & Co., and the Hon. Architects, Messrs. Cranfield & Mackenzie, and the various branches of the Charity Organization

Society, Invalid Children's Aid Association, Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, and the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families' Association.

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1935.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Association Fund:—			Investments at value on 31st December, 1935:—		
Balance from last Account...	11,123	7 2	£848 Canadian Pacific Rly. Co. Perp. 4% Consd. Deb. Stock at 87	737	0 0
Deduct Decreased Value of Investments ...	271	7 2	£800 London Transport 4½% “ T.F.A.” Stock at 108½ ...	868	0 0
		10,852 0 0	£800 New South Wales 3½% Stock, 1930-50 at 99 ...	792	0 0
Balances:—			£652 2s. 4d. Australian Govt. 5% Reg. Stock, 1945-76, at 110 ...	717	0 0
Income and Expenditure Account ...	333	5 4	£700 Kenya Govt. 5% Inscribed Stock, 1948-58, at 116 ...	812	0 0
Petty Cash Debit at Bank ...	24	9 8	£600 South Australian Govt. 5% Reg. Stock, 1945-75, at 109 ...	654	0 0
		357 10 0	£1,049 1s. 3½% Conversion Loan at 107½ ...	1,125	0 0
			£1,250 4% Funding Loan, 1960-90, at 110½ ...	1,456	0 0
			£216 15s. India 3½% Stock at 96 ...	208	0 0
			£108 16s. 4d. New South Wales 3½% Stock, 1930-50, at 99 ...	107	0 0
			£103 17s. 5d. Queensland 3½% Inscribed Stock, 1940-60, at 100 ...	103	0 0
			£97 15s. 3d. Queensland 5% Inscribed Stock, 1940-60, at 107 ...	104	0 0
			£100 9s. 6d. Seirra Leone Govt. 4% Inscribed Stock, 1938-63, at 101 ...	101	0 0
			£100 7s. Victoria 4% Consd. Inscribed Stock, 1940-60, at 102 ...	102	0 0
			£1,346 17s. 6d. New South Wales 5% Inscribed Stock, 1935-55, at 101 ...	1,360	0 0
			£715 Southern Rly. 4% Debenture Stock at 111 ...	793	0 0
			£738 0s. 1d. Conversion Stock, 1940-44, at 110½ ...	813	0 0
				10,852	0 0
			Balance of Entertainment Fund ...	17	0 11
			Balance of History Account ...	62	5 3
			Balance of Chelsea Pensioners' Pocket Money Account ...	8	17 6
			Balance of Memorial Account ...	4	2 6
			Balance at Bank ...	264	4 5
			Balance of Cash in hand ...	17	0
			Balance of Cash in hand (Petty Cash) ...	7	5
				£11,209	15 0

We have examined the above statements with the Counterfoil Receipt Books, Vouchers, Pass Book and Books of the Regimental Association, and certify them to be in accordance therewith. We have verified the balance at the Bank by personal application to the Bankers.

G. DIXEY & CO.,
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9A, SACKVILLE STREET,
LONDON, W.1.
24th February, 1936.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1935.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Grants and Loans to Cases			By Balance from last Account	230	17 4
„ Working Expenses :—			„ Subscriptions and Donations	747	5 0
„ Auditors' Fees	6	6 0	„ Interest on Investments	437	11 10
„ Bank Charges	4	8 4	„ Refund of Loans	68	18 4
„ National Health Insurance	3	1 9	„ Sale of Badges	4	1 6
„ Office Expenses	9	16 6			
„ Postage	24	11 9			
„ Printing	12	19 1			
„ Salaries and Allowances	268	0 0			
„ Stationery	6	1 11			
„ Telephone	9	0			
		335 14 4			
„ Donations to Charities		26 5 0			
„ Donation to N.A.E.E.R.S.S. & A.		100 0 0			
„ Cenotaph Parade		36 19 7			
„ Balance Entertainment Fund written off		26 0 9			
„ Purchase of Badges		5 8 0			
„ Balance to Balance Sheet		333 5 4			
		<u>£1,494 14 0</u>			<u>£1,494 14 0</u>

MEMORIAL ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1935.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Wreaths for the Regimental War Memorial	8	6 0	By Balance from 1934 Account	1	3 2
„ Wreaths for Funeral of Old Comrades	12	1 6	„ Wreaths for Regimental War Memorial	9	4 3
„ Fares of N.C.Os. attending Funerals	1	12 5	„ Refund Officers' Club	10	10 0
„ Depot Gardener for Care of Memorial	3	0 0	„ Balance to Balance Sheet	4	2 6
		<u>£24 19 11</u>			<u>£24 19 11</u>

CHELSEA PENSIONERS' POCKET MONEY ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1935.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Pensioners	13	17 6	By Balance from 1934 Account	2	10 0
			„ Donation, 1st Battalion	2	10 0
			„ Balance to Balance Sheet	8	17 6
		<u>£13 17 6</u>			<u>£13 17 6</u>

HISTORY ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1935.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1934	64	3 9	By Sales per Harrison & Son, Ltd.	1	18 6
			„ Balance	62	5 3
		<u>£64 3 9</u>			<u>£64 3 9</u>

(Note.—There is a stock of volumes bound and unbound, valued at cost at £265 5s. 6d.).

ENTERTAINMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1935.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1934	26	0 9	By Donations from—		
„ Expenses of Summer Gathering	18	2 6	1st Battalion	10	0 0
„ Printing	1	7 6	2nd Battalion	6	0 0
„ Annual Dinner	81	11 10	Depot	5	0 0
			8th Battalion	1	1 0
			9th Battalion	2	2 0
			„ Sale of Dinner Tickets and Wine Bills	59	17 11
			„ Balance, 1934, written off	26	0 9
			„ Balance	17	0 11
		<u>£127 2 7</u>			<u>£127 2 7</u>

REGIMENTAL COTTAGE HOMES.

ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1935.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Land Agent, Eastern Command, for Rent	12	0 0	By Grant from Eastern Command in aid of Rent	11	0 0
„ Coal, Christmas, 1934-35	5	3 9	„ Interest on Investments	76	18 0
„ Water Rate	1	7 6			
„ Fire Insurance		18 0			
„ Balance to Balance Sheet	68	8 9			
		<u>£87 18 0</u>			<u>£87 18 0</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1935.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last Account	2,208	4 11	Investments at value, 31st December, 1935 :—		
Add Balance this Account	68	8 9	£250 Conversion 3½% Loan at 107½	268	0 0
			£100 East Indian Rly. 3½% Deb. Stock at 92	92	0 0
		2,276 13 8	£600 Kenya Govt. 5% Inscribed Stock, 1948-58 at 116	696	0 0
Deduct Decreased Value of Investments	41	0 10	£97 15s. 3d. Queensland 5% Inscribed Stock, 1948-58, at 107½	104	0 0
		<u>£2,235 12 10</u>	£460 10s. 6d. 3½% War Stock at 105½	485	0 0
			£108 10s. 8d. India 3½% Stock at 96	104	0 0
			£97 10s. 8d. Palestine 5% Guaranteed Stock, 1942-67, at 117	113	0 0
			£100 Australia 3½% Stock, 1948-53, at 102	102	0 0
			£103 12s. 4d. London County Consolidated Stock at 94	97	0 0
				2,061	0 0
			Balance of Cash at Bank, Current Account	174	12 10
					<u>£2,235 12 10</u>

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24th February, 1936.

REGIMENTAL JOURNAL AND CALENDAR.

ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1935.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Stock at 1st January, 1935	43	11 8	By Advertisements	162	11 0
„ Production of Journals and Diaries	374	5 11	„ Sales of Journals and Diaries	314	13 1
„ Subscription to Society for Army Historical Research	1	1 0	„ Sales of Regimental Standing Orders	4	0 0
„ Postage	4	0 0	„ Stock at date	43	7 8
„ Donation to Regimental Association	140	0 0	„ Balance to Balance Sheet	42	7 0
„ Bank Charges	4	2			
	<u>£563</u>	<u>2 9</u>		<u>£563</u>	<u>2 9</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1935.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Subscriptions paid in advance	19	10 9	Balance at Bank	296	19 6
Due to Army Sports Control Board	11	17 7	Due from 1st Battalion	29	1 3
Due to Gale & Polden	83	2 3	Due from 7th Battalion	8	8 0
Balance brought forward	£333	9 4	Due from Advertisers	27	16 6
Less this Account	42	7 0	Stock of Regimental Standing Orders	43	7 8
	<u>291</u>	<u>2 4</u>			
	<u>£405</u>	<u>12 11</u>		<u>£405</u>	<u>12 11</u>

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PROCEEDINGS OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT THE LIBRARY, CENTRAL LONDON RECRUITING ZONE, WHITEHALL, ON 29TH APRIL, 1936.

I.—PRESENT.

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair).
Brig.-General V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.
Col. M. Browne, M.C.
Lieut.-Cols. W. W. Jefferd, W. H. Samuel and C. P. Rooke, D.S.O.
Majors N. H. B. Lyon, M.C., and R. A. Slee.
Capts. H. E. Foster, F. A. L. Lawrence (Secretary), J. C. E. Reid and C. T. Whinney, M.C.
Lieut. H. Marsh.
R.S.M. W. Ward, C.S.M. G. Anderson and C.Q.M.S. Hills.
Messrs. G. N. Capel and R. E. Evans, D.C.M.

2.—APOLOGIES.

Apologies for non-attendance were read from Brig.-General R. J. Ross and Col. G. L. Brown.

3.—MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

4.—ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The proposal of Col. Browne that Brig.-General Pearson and Major Lyon should be appointed respectively Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee for the year ending 31st March, 1937, was carried unanimously.

Col. Passingham, at the request of General Pearson, and with the concurrence of the members, retained the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

5.—VOTE OF THANKS.

Lieut.-Col. Samuel then proposed a vote of thanks to Col. Passingham on his

retirement under Rule V, 1 (b), for his long and valuable services to the Regimental Association. He pointed out that Col. Passingham's twelve years as Chairman of the Executive Committee were unique, and he further moved that Col. Passingham be co-opted as a member under Rule V, 1 (c). This was seconded by Lieut.-Col. Rooke and was carried with acclamation. In this connection, a letter from General Ross, expressing regret at his inability to be present, was read. General Ross paid a warm tribute to the services of Col. Passingham, and expressed a wish that his name should be associated with any expression of appreciation which might be offered.

6.—HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary's Report for the past quarter was considered, and it was decided that a sum of £150 be allocated for the relief of necessitous cases during the quarter ending 30th June, 1936.

7.—ACCOUNTS.

The accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935, together with the Auditors' certificate, were then discussed.

The following is a summary:—

Sub-Account-General.—It was pointed out that all the sub-accounts were in debt and always would be.

Chelsea Pensioners.—It was accepted that in future the maintenance of the allowance of 5s. a month for each In-pensioner—hitherto shared by the Regular Battalions and the Association—should be charged solely to the Association.

History.—The practice of showing unsold volumes as an asset was unsound. On the motion of R.S.M. Ward, supported by Capt. Whinney, all existing copies to be offered for sale at 2s. 6d., and this to be advertised in the *Regimental Journal and News of the World*.

Journal.—T.A. Battalions to be asked to co-operate in the sale of the large stock of Regimental Standing Orders.

In anticipation of these observations, the new system of keeping Army accounts had been instituted for the current year, by which all such debtor balances would be automatically absorbed into the main fund at the end of the financial period, and shown in one account book. On the motion of Major Lyon, seconded by Major Slee, the adoption of this new

system was confirmed, and the absorption of the Regimental Journal Account as an additional sub-account was approved.

The removal of the petty cash account from Barclays Bank, Finchley, to Lloyds Bank, Mill Hill, as a measure of convenience, was approved.

Annual Report.—It was decided that the publication of an Annual Report was unnecessary (that for 1934 cost £13, plus postage), as all the activities of the Association were recorded in the Regimental Journal. The Secretary was instructed to publish the accounts for 1935 in the next issue of the Regimental Journal.

8.—COTTAGE HOMES.

1. The situation with regard to the erection of the two additional cottages, as explained in a letter from the Association's Hon. Solicitors, was reviewed. By the terms of the original Deed of Trust, whereby the funds of both the Cottage Homes and the Association were vested in the Charity Commissioners, the realization of any of the original capital of the former was prohibited. It was intimated, however, that a sum of £300, representing accrued interest of Cottage Home funds, could be realized. This left a balance of £1,100 to complete full payment for the buildings, including professional fees. It was therefore resolved that the Chairman be authorized to apply to the Charity Commissioners for permission to realize the £300 of Cottage Home funds and such portion of £800 London Transport 4½ per cent. Stock and 200 of 4 per cent. Funding Loan, 1960-90 (these being the stocks, the sales of which the Association's bankers recommended as being most advantageous) as would be sufficient to produce together the sum of £1,400.

2. The question of tenants was next considered, and on the motion of Major Lyon, it was decided that a Sub-Committee, consisting of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the O.C. Depot and the Secretary, be authorized to nominate applicants to vacancies and to deal with any other business connected therewith, not involving a question of policy.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman called upon everyone to stand in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Col. L. G. Oliver, C.M.G.

REPORT OF STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1936.

Amount of grants and loans made: £255 1s. 4d.

Grants specially sanctioned by the Committee: £8 1s.

Number of cases assisted: 166.

Number of cases registered for employment: 35.

Number of men found permanent employment: 117.

Number of men found temporary employment: 76.

Parcels sent out by the Ladies' Guild: 29.

BRANCHES.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

2nd/10th Battalion Armistice Parade, Chiswick Parish Church, Sunday, 8th November, at 6.30 p.m.

12th Battalion: Thiepval Day. Parade at Cenotaph at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 20th September.

13th Battalion: Smoking concert, 7th November.

THE MODERN PLUMBER.

I'm the plumber, I'm the plumber,
A handy man in winter or summer;
I can wipe a joint with ease,
But as masseur for knobby knees—
Well, it isn't in my line—
I'm the plumber.

As can be seen by the above, "the plumber" at various times has provided excellent material for the exploiting humorist. He is often defined as a "lead worker," but many comedians and humorous magazines would have us believe that he is a "lead swinger."

But, although the name implies a worker in lead and not a swinger of it, actual lead work forms but a small section of the work which the modern plumber has to be capable of doing.

When a house or building is in course of construction, his work involves the covering of the roof either wholly or partly with lead, zinc or copper.

Evidence of such work may be seen on buildings, from the smallest cottages to the largest mansions, churches, cathedrals, etc.

Inside a building the plumber's work involves the fixing and installing of the

EMPLOYMENT.

The REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION pay the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION for

EMPLOYMENT OF EX-REGULAR SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN £100 A YEAR

to act as their Agents for finding
Employment for ex-N.C.Os. and
Men of the Regiment.

If you are unemployed, therefore, you should register, at once, with the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION at one of its Branches and follow carefully the instructions they give you.

London Branches:—

62, Victoria Street, S.W.1.

Gipsy Corner, Victoria Road,
Acton, W.3.

143, Bow Road, E.3.

52a, Deptford Bridge, S.E.8.

48-56, Station Road, Wood Green,
N.22.

various sanitary appliances in the form of baths, w.c.'s., lavatory basins, sinks and equipment for the promotion of health and comfort to occupiers.

To many of the public the plumber spends his time on finding leaking pipes in un-get-at-able positions, and educating his mate on the absurdness of bringing the right tools. His chief work, however, consists of installing those pipes which convey a suitable and efficient supply of water to buildings of all descriptions, and then conveying it safely, when fouled by bathing, washing clothes, vegetables, etc., by another system of pipes outside the building.

In many cases the plumber installs gas supply for lighting and cooking, also the hot-water system for supplying hot water to the baths, basins and sinks he has already fixed.

Unlike some trades, employment is very consistent all the year round, for it must be remembered that there is hardly any industry but which plumbing work is in some form connected, and, whereas the frost frequently stops the work of some trades, it generally increases that of the plumber.

Handskill plays a very prominent part in his work, together with a large amount of common sense and initiative.

The work is very congenial and affords great variation. Nothing is stereotyped, and machinery has not been introduced into his trade to make much appreciable difference.

The Army Vocational Training Centre has one of the finest plumbing shops in the country, properly equipped to fit men for this trade, but we only want men with a keenness to get on.

"16th May, 1936.

"THE COMMANDANT,
"A.V.T. CENTRE, ALDERSHOT.

"SIR,

"I have employment with Trussed Concrete Steel Co., Westminster, S.W.1, in charge of the photo printing room.

"Excellent position, with good prospects for bettering myself.

"The work is very interesting and the hours most convenient. The pay is good (£3), and quite often it rises to £3 10s.

On the whole, it is a position well worth having.

"(Sgd.) W. G———,
"Ex-Cpl., 1st Middlesex Regiment.
"Trade: electrician. Left A.V.T. Centre, 22/5/36."

NOTES ON EMPLOYMENT.

(SEE "JOB-LOSING" IN FEBRUARY, 1936, ISSUE.)

Extract from letter of applicant, dated 20th April, 1936:—

"I am now without a pension, dole, or medical benefit or any source of income, and I do not know which way to turn. I do not know whether you could put me in touch with someone who might help me in the way of finding employment."

Extract from reply dated 4th May, 1936:—

"You are urged to register at once with the National Association of Ex-Regular Soldiers: the nearest address for you is either Deptford Bridge or Victoria street."

Extract from report by Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, dated 21st May, 1936, on the above case:—

"We found that X's need was employment, and referred him to the National Association, and to-day a letter has come from him to say that he has started work at the R.A.F. Stores at X."

The foregoing correspondence is of a type which is continually being carried on here. It seems incredible that men, anxious for work, should be so slow in their own interest.

Experience repeatedly shows that there are jobs to be had, but there is no Orderly Sergeant in civilian life to do wet nurse.

DEPOT NOTES.

THE very few summer months (which have been relieved by tropical thunderstorms and torrential rains) gave us the opportunity to revel in the world of sport. We emerged victorious in all but the last of our Cricket Week fixtures, Hampstead being successful in avenging the defeat sustained earlier in the season. This week

of entertainment attracted quite a crowd to the cricket ground, where Sergt. Johnson and his squad had put in excellent work.

With cricket in the air, it may be noted that Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson, our very own "live wire," has electrified the Depot by his valuable assistance to Essex and excellent performances in the Test Trial. Needless to say, we are endeavouring to assist him to get into the Australian Tests. We now find him selected to play in the Gentlemen *v.* Players match at Lord's. Congratulations!

On Albuhera Day, our "live wire" provided us with further excitement in the form of a Tabloid Sports Meeting. So great were the enthusiasm and keenness of all that only a narrow margin separated the teams in the final placings, Albuhera Squad (Sergt. Blake) putting a fitting finish to the day's work by running out top. Pte. Coleman must be heartily congratulated on his very fine performances, and we hope to hear further of him in this sphere.

On 20th June we held our Old Comrades' and Sports Day, which is reported elsewhere.

In the shooting world we have been "at home on the range" to Berkhamsted and Aldenham Schools, and succeeded, without the assistance of the A.E.C., in showing them how to shoot!

The Commander-in-Chief, Eastern Command, General Sir W. Edmund Ironside, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., paid a visit to the Depot on 5th June, and all he saw appeared to meet with his satisfaction and approval.

2/Lieut. M. I. Harrison, S.R.O., was with us for preliminary training from 20th April to 21st June. We hope that his stay was a pleasant one.

The following telegram was sent to His Majesty The King, Colonel-in-Chief of the Middlesex Regiment, on the occasion of his birthday:—

"PRIVATE SECRETARY, COLONEL-IN-CHIEF, THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT,—Please convey to His Majesty greetings from the Colonel and all ranks of the Middlesex Regiment on the occasion of his birthday."

To which His Majesty graciously replied:—

"I am very much pleased to receive

your loyal message addressed to me as your Colonel-in-Chief on my birthday.—EDWARD R.I., Colonel-in-Chief."

ARRIVALS.

We welcome to our midst Cpls. Bruniges and Buckland, and Ptes. Frecker and Kallarn.

DEPARTURES.

Sergt. Livens and L./Cpl. Parry have left us for the Battalion, and Cpl. Gribble has taken up a post in civilian life. We extend to them our good wishes.

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

SQUAD BADGE WINNERS.

New Zealand Squad.—16th Week: Pte. Baker; runner-up, Pte. Clevedon.

Alma Squad.—16th Week: Pte. Teasdale; runner-up, Pte. Kelly.

Ladysmith Squad.—12th Week: Pte. Willats; runner-up, Pte. Duggan. 16th Week: Pte. Howie; runner-up, Pte. Milroy.

Mysore Squad.—8th Week: Pte. 56 Clarke; runner-up, Pte. White. 12th Week: Pte. Gregory; runner-up, Pte. 56 Clarke. 16th Week: Pte. Field; runner-up, Pte. Bryant.

Albuhera Squad.—4th Week: Pte. Chatton; runner-up, Pte. Lombary. 8th Week: Pte. Coleman; runner-up, Pte. Cannon. 12th Week: Pte. Ashbolt; runner-up, Pte. Middleton.

Inkerman Squad.—4th Week: Pte. O'Shea; runner-up, Pte. Shoebridge. 8th Week: Pte. 43 Lewis; runner-up, Pte. O'Shea.

Ypres Squad.—4th Week: Pte. 43 Lewis; runner-up, Pte. Farrington. 8th Week: Pte. Prager; runner-up, Pte. Farrington.

PHYSICAL TRAINING BADGES.

Ladysmith Squad.—12th Week: Pte. Howie; 16th Week: Pte. Howie.

Mysore Squad.—8th Week: Pte. Bryant. 12th Week: Pte. Gregory. 16th Week: Pte. Thomas.

Albuhera Squad.—4th Week: Pte. Coleman. 8th Week: Pte. Coleman. 12th Week: Pte. Ashbolt.

Inkerman Squad.—4th Week: Pte. Chatton. 8th Week: Pte. 43 Lewis.

Ypres Squad.—4th Week: Pte. Flynn. 8th Week: Pte. Tucker.

SHOOTING.

Mysore Squad.—Empire Test: Pte. Thomas. Table "A": Pte. Gregory.

Albuhera Squad.—Table "A": Pte. Ashbolt. *Inkerman Squad.*—Empire Test: Pte. Johns.

CRICKET.

Up to the present, cricket at the Depot has not come up to expectations. Of the nine matches, two have been cancelled owing to rain, five have been lost, one drawn, the remaining one being our only victory.

Lack of talent amongst the recruits is very apparent, and the majority of the Depot team consist of Depot staff. Our main weakness lies in our batting, and, though we have numerous bowlers, the brunt of the attack normally falls on Sergt. Northcott and Lieut. Green. The former has been most successful, and has bowled extremely well on occasions.

The following have played regularly for the Depot:—

Lieuts. A. E. Green and H. Marsh, Sergts. Northcott, Kemp and Colbourne, Cpl. Bromley, L./Cpl. Daly, and Ptes. Bridge, Johns, Spall and Cooper, and Sergt. Painter (on leave from the 1st Battalion).

The following is a brief résumé of the seven matches played up to the present time:—

Guards Depot, 207 for 7 (Pte. Cooper, 3 for 62; L./Cpl. Daly, 2 for 62); Depot, 166 (Pte. Bridge, 67 not out; Capt. Clowes, 23).

Depot Royal Fusiliers, 131 for 4 dec. (Sergt. Kemp, 2 for 50); Depot, 105 (L./Cpl. Daly, 38; Sergt. Northcott, 23).

Col. MacGregor-Grier's XI, 59 (Sergt. Northcott, 5 for 23; Lieut. Green, 4 for 28); Depot, 129 (Lieut. Green, 41 not out; Pte. Johns, 23).

R.A.F., Stanmore, 155 for 6 dec. (Sergt. Northcott, 2 for 35); Depot, 58 (Sergt. Kemp, 18; Sergt. Northcott, 18).

Colney Hatch: 1st innings, 166 (Sergt. Northcott, 3 for 45; Lieut. Green, 3 for 46; Pte. Spall, 4 for 16); 2nd innings, 120 (Sergt. Northcott, 6 for 46); Depot: 1st innings, 99 (Sergt. Northcott, 16; L./Cpl. Daly, 16); 2nd innings, 74 (Lieut. Green, 25).

Mill Hill Park, 212 (Sergt. Northcott, 6 for 70); Depot, 148 for 9 (Lieut. Pearson, 53; Pte. Bridge, 50).

Depot Royal Fusiliers, 131 for 5 (Pte. Bridge, 2 for 5); Depot, 127 (L./Cpl. Daly, 58; Cpl. Bromley, 19 not out).

ATHLETICS.

On 29th April the first of a series of Tabloid Sports was held. Certain standards were set, and seven teams of twelve competed, the system being one point for each standard obtained in each event. This was followed on Albuhera Day by the second Tabloid Sports, with two standards—one low and one high. Points were awarded as follows—two for high standard, one for low standard, and each man failing at low standard forfeiting one point. Both competitions proved most interesting and successful; the final result in each case rested on the last event, which was a team relay, each man sprinting 100 yards.

The enthusiasm shown by all ensures the success of future tournaments of this description.

On 18th, 19th and 20th June, the Annual Sports were held. It was one of the most successful meetings ever held here, and many recruits' records were broken. With such material to work on, the Battalion athletic team should prove very strong in the future.

Results:—

FIRST TABLOID SPORTS, 29th APRIL.

	Alma.	Mysore.	Albuhera	Albuhera	Inkerman	Inkerman	Ypres.	
	1.		2.		1.		2.	
	Pts.	Place	Pts.	Place	Pts.	Place	Pts.	Place
100 Yards ...	9	3	9	3	9	3	7	9
Long Jump ...	12	2	12	2	8	7	11	4½
High Jump ...	6	1½	4	4½	1	7	4	4½
Putting the Shot ...	11	1	7	5½	9	2½	7	5½
Heaving the Shot ...	11	2	9	5	10	3½	6	7
Throwing the Discus ...	11	1	8	4	6	9	3	7
Throwing the Javelin ...	10	2	9	4½	8	7	11	1
Relay ...	4	—	6	—	1	2	3	—

Result: Alma, total places, 16½, 1st; Ypres, total places, 23, 2nd.

SECOND TABLOID SPORTS, 16th MAY.

	Ladysmith.	Mysore.	Albuhera.	Inkerman.	Ypres.	Nivelle.
	Pts.	Place	Pts.	Place	Pts.	Place
100 Yards ...	9	2½	6	4	13	1
Long Jump ...	—13	5½	—7	4	—3	2
High Jump ...	0	6	8	3	13	2
Throwing the Javelin ...	4	5	9	3	15	1
Throwing the Discus ...	—5	4	—6	5	—4	3
Putting the Shot ...	12	5	6	6	18	2
Relay ...	5	—	3	—	1	—
Total Places ...	33	28	12	24	12½	3

Result:—Albuhera Squad, total places, 12, 1st; Ypres Squad, total places, 12½, 2nd.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING.

Held on 18th, 19th and 20th June.

Results:—

INTER-SQUAD ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP SHIELD.

Winners: Albuhera Squad ... 66 points
 Runners-up: Mysore Squad ... 49 points

INTER-SQUAD TEAM RESULTS.

High Jump.—1, Albuhera; 2, Mysore, equal 3, Ypres and Inkerman; 5, Nivelle.
Long Jump.—1, Albuhera; 2, Mysore; 3, Inkerman; 4, Nivelle; 5, Ypres.
Pole Vault.—1, Mysore; 2, Albuhera; 3, Nivelle; equal 4, Inkerman and Ypres.
Shot Put.—1, Albuhera; 2, Nivelle; 3, Inkerman; 4, Mysore; 5, Ypres.
Discus.—1, Albuhera; 2, Ypres; 3, Mysore; 4, Nivelle; 5, Inkerman.
Javelin.—1, Inkerman; 2, Albuhera; 3, Mysore; 4, Ypres; 5, Nivelle.
4 x 110 Yards Relay.—1, Albuhera; 2, Ypres; 3, Inkerman; 4, Mysore; 5, Nivelle.
4 x 440 Yards Relay.—1, Albuhera; 2, Nivelle; 3, Mysore; 4, Ypres; 5, Inkerman.
4 x 880 Yards Relay.—1, Mysore; 2, Albuhera; 3, Inkerman; 4, Nivelle; 5, Ypres.
One Mile Team.—1, Albuhera; 2, Mysore; 3, Nivelle; 4, Inkerman; 5, Ypres.

Final order of merit, and points:—

1. Albuhera Squad	...	...	66
2. Mysore Squad	...	...	49
3. Inkerman Squad	...	...	34
4. Nivelle Squad	...	...	33
5. Ypres Squad	...	...	28

Results of other events:—

Inter-Squad All-in Cross-Country Relay.—Ypres Squad.

Inter-Mess Relay Championship Shield.—1, Depot Staff Privates; 2, Corporals; 3, Sergeants.
Sack Race.—1, Pte. Paul (Albuhera); 2, Pte. Watkins (Albuhera); 3, Pte. Tucker (Ypres).
Corporals' Event.—1, Cpl. Fuller; 2, Cpl. Poulter; 3, Cpl. Wray.

Sergeants' Event.—1, Sergt. Johnson; 2, Sergt. Walters; 3, Sergt. Blake.

Ladies' Event.—1, Mrs. Bird; 2, Mrs. Sullivan; 3, Miss Marriott.

Band Event.—1, Bdsn. Cummings; 2, Bdsn. Dye; 3, Bdsn. Connor. (All 7th Battalion.)

Boys' Race.—1, F. Hathaway; 2, J. Whitbourne; 3, D. Pratley.

Girls' Race.—1, P. Hathaway; 2, J. Anderson; 3, J. Blake.

Depot Staff Privates' Event.—Dmrs. Cox and Wheeler (three-legged).

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS.

Recruits' 100 Yards.—1, Pte. Matthews (Albuhera); 2, Pte. Bryant (Mysore); 3, Pte. Malka (Inkerman). Time, 10 1-5 sec. (recruits' record).

Depot Staff 100 Yards.—1, Cpl. Wray; 2, Sergt. Kemp; 3, Cpl. Bruniges. Time, 11 1-5 sec.

High Jump (Open).—1, Cpl. Bruniges; 2, Pte. Clarke (D.S.); 3, Pte. Allen (Inkerman). Height, 4 ft. 9 1/2 in.

Recruits' 440 Yards.—1, Pte. Baggett (Albuhera); 2, Pte. Coleman (Albuhera); 3, Pte. Cooper (Albuhera). Time, 58 2-5 sec. (recruits' record).

Recruits' 880 Yards.—1, Pte. Coleman (Albuhera); 2, Pte. Gosling; 3, Pte. Malka. Time, 2 min. 26 1-5 sec.

Recruits' One Mile.—1, Pte. Coleman (Albuhera); 2, Pte. Gosling (Inkerman); 3, Pte. Harvey (Nivelle). Time, 5 min. 25 sec.

Pole Vault (Open).—1, Cpl. Poulter (D.S.), 8 ft. 9 in.; 2, Pte. Thomas (Mysore), 8 ft. 6 in. (recruits' record); 3, Pte. Middleton (Albuhera), 8 ft.

Long Jump (Open).—1, Cpl. Poulter (D.S.), 18 ft. 4 1/2 in.; 2, Pte. Chatton (Albuhera), 17 ft. 3 1/2 in.; 3, Pte. Thomas (Mysore), 17 ft. 3 1/2 in.

Shot Put (Open).—1, Cpl. Poulter (D.S.), 29 ft. 8 1/2 in.; 2, L./Sergt. Day (D.S.), 29 ft. 5 1/2 in.; 3, Pte. Coleman (Albuhera), 27 ft. 4 in.

Discus (Open).—1, Pte. Coleman (Albuhera), 80 ft. 5 in.; 2, Cpl. Poulter (D.S.), 76 ft. 5 1/2 in.; 3, Cpl. Powell (D.S.), 70 ft. 8 1/2 in.

Javelin (Open).—1, Pte. Hicks (Inkerman), 112 ft. 6 in.; 2, Dmr. Cox (D.S.), 112 ft. 4 1/2 in.; 3, L./Sergt. Day (D.S.), 110 ft. 4 in.

Depot Staff 880 Yards.—1, Pte. Clarke; 2, Pte. Gibbons; 3, Pte. Garwood. Time, 2 min. 32 sec.

Paiba Cup (awarded to the recruit who, in the Committee's opinion, has done most to assist athletics in his squad, although himself not winning a prize).—Pte. Malka (Inkerman).

RIFLE MATCHES.

A 30 yards' range rifle match took place on 14th May between Ladysmith Squad and Berkhamsted School O.T.C. The result was a win for Berkhamsted by 49 points.

Scores:—

BERKHAMSTED SCHOOL.

Capt. Price	...	...	75
Under-Officer Arnell	...	...	58
C.S.M. McCullough	...	...	53
L./Cpl. Watson	60
Cadet Moss	60
Cadet Tanner	75
Cadet Overman	68
Cadet Kinlock	66

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LADYSMITH SQUAD.

Capt. Clark	70
Pte. Milroy	63
Pte. Foakes	73
Pte. King	65
Pte. Heliadis	55
Pte. Colbeck	60
Pte. Cleary	59
Pte. Duggan	33

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On 30th June a Depot team fired against Aldenham School, and won by 30 points.

Scores:—

ALDENHAM SCHOOL.

Cadet Scott	...	...	35
Cadet Ewun	...	...	21
Cadet McCormick	...	...	35
Cadet Mead	...	...	32
Cadet Chandler	...	...	37

Cadet Wallace	...	...	31
Cadet Mason	...	...	36
Cadet Agate	37
Cadet Fell	31
Cadet Thompson	36
Cadet Wyley	36
Cadet Young	38

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Sergt. Colbourne	37
Sergt. Northcott	38
Sergt. Kemp	39
Sergt. Soper	37
Sergt. Parnell	39
Cpl. Poulter	...	...	33
L./Cpl. Daly	...	...	37
Pte. Clark	36
Pte. Roullier	34
Pte. Stevens	37
L./Cpl. Cain	39
Sergt. Walters (A.E.C.)	29

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SERGEANTS' MESS.

A very busy quarter came to a successful ending with the Old Comrades' Gathering and Annual Sports Day on Saturday, 20th June. This was followed by a most enjoyable social in the Sergeants' Mess.

On Albuhera Day a dance was held in the Gymnasium and proved a jolly affair. The gym. was well decorated with Regimental Colours and bunting that had been kindly loaned to us by the 7th Battalion.

O.R.Q.M.S. Baldwin won his annual events in great style as usual. In the final of the Billiards Tournament he defeated Sergt. Kemp, and in the Snooker final Sergt. Walters of the A.E.C. was his victim.

Sports Day found most members employed in some capacity or "other." Despite our fears, the day was one of brilliant sunshine and was enjoyed by all. The results will be found in the Athletic Notes, but mention must be made here of the great effort made by Sergt. Johnson in the Inter-Mess Relay; his 880 yards was a great run. We congratulate the Depot Staff Privates on winning the event, and shield, and hope to have it back next year. The Sergeants' team was: L./Sergt. Parnell (220 yards), L./Sergt. Day (440 yards), Sergt. Johnson (880 yards) and Sergt. Blake (220 yards).

The R.E. have almost finished redecorating the Mess, and it looks really smart and modern. The tiled kitchen is a much needed and welcome innovation.

"Duleep" is now a civilian, but still a frequent visitor; he looks plump and con-

tented since living on the "cream" of the land. Sergt. Painter (Charlie) has also entered successfully into civilian life and is assisting the Government's Air Force expansion plan at the Aircraft Works, Hayes, Middlesex. We wish them both every success.

Sergt. Livens has left us for the 2nd Battalion, and we congratulate him on his promotion.

Congratulations to Sergt. Walters, A.E.C., and Mrs. Walters on their marriage. We hope he intends to compete for the title of "Best Married Man in the Depot." Also our congratulations are extended to Sergt. and Mrs. Kemp on the birth of a daughter.

We welcome as temporary visitors Bandmaster Dennis, C.Q.M.S. West, and Sergeants Kennett and Jennings during Cricket Week; also Sergt. Painter (Jack), who is a frequent visitor to the Depot during his six months' leave from the 1st Battalion. We hope their stay will be a pleasant one.

CORPORALS' CLUB.

So little has been seen of the members of this Club now that summer is here that these notes are very brief.

We welcome the following Corporals: Buckland, Bruniges and Fuller, and L./Cpls. Cain, Daly and Fawcett; and we hope that they take advantage of the free tuition which is given in gardening. Our best wishes go with Cpl. Gribble, who has left us for civilian life, and Cpls. Knights and Wray, and L./Cpls. Lovell and Parry, who are leaving us for the Battalion. (Watch your radio, 2nd Battalion.) It is predicted that the Corporals of the 2nd Battalion will soon be air-minded!

Congratulations to Cpl. Knights on his marriage, and to L./Cpl. Harris on the birth of a daughter.

Cpl. Powell is proclaimed the "Spoof King," and we are getting used to seeing Cpl. Poulter wandering about in a trance and murmuring "Go on."

Lastly, we thank the members of the Sergeants' Mess, who invited us to a dance on Albuhera Night. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

PS.—L./Cpls. Lovell and Walker are limping about the Depot, and it is said to be the effects of cycling to Colchester on a tandem.

23rd BATTALION NOTES.

THE Annual Dinner of the Officers of the 23rd Battalion took place on Friday, 1st May, in the Officers' Mess of the Inns of Court Regiment, by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. W. H. Newson, M.C., T.D.

Twenty officers sat down to dinner—a very satisfactory number, considering the time that has elapsed since the end of the war.

The chair was taken by Col. B. Abel Smith, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., and the other officers present were: Major Johnson, M.C., Capt. Clarke, Clark, Farncombe (R.A.M.C.), Hammond, M.C., Livingstone, Sander, M.C., and Tovey, M.C., and Lieuts. Bradshaw, Bungard, Cowdray, M.C., Inwood, Kelliher, Salter, Semple, Stokes, Thiollier, Thomas and Wilmot.

After dinner, Col. Smith made his accustomed speech, which, in view of the present complicated state of affairs at home and abroad, was listened to with great interest.

This was followed by the usual practice of each officer telling us of the absent members of the Battalion whom he may have met since the previous Dinner.

Capt. Tovey had first-hand information for us of the situation in Abyssinia, as he had just returned from that country, where he had been representing the *Daily Express*.

Major Johnson and Capt. Sander, who has taken over the management of the Dinner from him, reported progress.

We were very pleased to hear of the success of the First Annual All Ranks' Dinner, which was held last October. One hundred and ten attended, and when the second Dinner takes place next October we hope that an even greater number will be present.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

BY the time these notes appear in print we shall again have almost completed another camp. This year we go to Falmer, which we visited as recently as 1934, and there is no doubt that the large number of members of the Battalion who

were serving then are looking forward to another visit to this very pleasant spot on the South Downs.

As usual, at this time of the year, everyone is busy preparing for what is the most important part of our Annual Training: therefore we must be excused if our notes on this occasion are rather shorter than usual.

On looking back over the past quarter, the first event of importance was the T.A. Cross-Country Championships. These were held this year for the first time, and, after our success in the Divisional Championships, we felt we had a good chance of doing well in the bigger event. Our hopes were not unfounded, for our team, whilst not winning the T.A. Championship, came fifth, beating all units in the Midlands and the South. Theirs was, indeed, a very fine effort, and with a little more experience they should do really well next year. Good luck to them.

We again held a Weapon Training Camp at Purfleet during the Easter period, which, in point of numbers, broke previous records. We feel sure that all who sacrificed their holiday on this occasion thoroughly enjoyed their stay in camp, and we hope that next year an even greater number will take advantage of this excellent opportunity of firing their Annual Weapon Training Courses.

We again visited Purfleet at the end of May, when we held our Battalion Rifle Meeting. Once more we should like to say how very pleased we were that so many came down overnight, so that we could make an early start the following day. The experiment of spending a night in camp, before the meeting, proved a great success, and we hope it will be repeated next year. The detailed results will be found elsewhere in these notes.

Whilst congratulating "D" Company on their success in retaining the Lee Memorial Shield, we feel that a special word of praise will not be begrudged to the "H.Q." Wing team which won the Hornsey Vase for the Lewis Gun Match. This was quite an outstanding feature of the meeting, and their success was well earned.

The Brigade Rifle Meeting was held at Purfleet on 21st June, and, although our shooting did not come up to expectations, we can console ourselves with the fact that we were able to retain the Middlesex

Justices' Shield for L.G. Shooting, which was won for the Battalion by "A" Company. In the other competitions we may say that we were "so near and yet so far." It is a great pity that our teams should have chosen this particular day to be off colour, and we can only hope that next year they will make amends. This particularly applies to the Battalion team, which made the poorest score it has recorded this year.

the Battalion, and has handed over the reins of office to Major Pringle. Col. Murray joined the ranks of the Battalion over twenty-four years ago, and he has had the unique experience of eventually becoming its Commanding Officer. During the whole of his service, those under whom he served, and latterly those who were privileged to serve under him, have realized the enormous amount of hard work he has put in for the welfare



7th BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.).
Winners 44th (H.C.) Divisional Cross-Country Running Championship, 1936.
Back Row.—L./Cpl. G. Green. Pte. C. Cox. Pte. S. Morris. L./Cpl. T. Wright. Pte. F. Thompson.
Front Row.—Pte. A. Trafford. Capt. G. C. D. Scott Lowe. Capt. F. Walden. Sergt. G. Bundy. Pte. A. Dye.

In concluding our notes on shooting, we should like to congratulate "D" Company heartily on once more winning the King Cup.

We also congratulate "B" (S.) Company on winning the Inter-Company Badminton Competition, which was held at Enfield on 19th April.

As we write these notes, an important change has taken place: Col. Murray has just completed his tenure in command of

of the Battalion. This has been especially exemplified during his period in command, for we feel sure that no one could have devoted himself more whole-heartedly to his work, and, whilst we know what Col. Murray's feelings must be on severing his connection with the unit he loved so well, after such a long period of service, yet it must be some consolation to him to know that he leaves behind him a Battalion where an excellent spirit prevails

amongst all ranks. He may rest assured that all those who were privileged to serve under him will ever remember him for his devotion to duty, calmness and genial disposition on all occasions.

To his successor, Major Pringle, we extend our heartiest congratulations on his promotion, and assure him of our loyal and whole-hearted support to enable him to uphold and maintain the high standard which the Battalion has set itself in the past. Major Pringle will remember the day he took over command of this Battalion, for it almost coincided with another happy event—the birth of his second son, on which we congratulate both him and Mrs. Pringle.

BATTALION RIFLE MEETING.

The following are the results of the competitions held at the Battalion Rifle Meeting on Sunday, 31st May:—

Arnold White Cup (Inter-Company Rifle Match).—1, "D" Company, 362 points; 2, "H.Q." Wing, 350; 3, "B" (S.) Company, 321; 4, "A" Company, 284; 5, "C" Company, 283.

Hornsey Vase (Inter-Company L.G. Match).—1, "H.Q." Wing, 142 points; 2, "C" Company, 126; 3, "B" (S.) Company, 115; 4, "D" Company, 112; 5, "A" Company, 88.

Volunteer Cup (Inter-Company Young Soldiers' Match).—1, "D" Company, 306 points; 2, "B" (S.) Company, 249; 3, "A" Company, 216; 4, "H.Q." Wing, 182; 5, "C" Company, 154.

Lee Memorial Shield (Highest aggregate in the Arnold White Cup, Hornsey Vase and the Volunteer Cup).—1, "D" Company, 780 points; 2, "B" (S.) Company, 685; 3, "H.Q." Wing, 674; 4, "A" Company, 588; 5, "C" Company, 563.

Inter-Company Falling Plate.—"A" Company, 87 points.

Officers' Cup.—1, Capt. G. C. D. Scott Lowe, 62 points; 2, Capt. S. A. W. Brown, 52; 3, Capt. R. Bartram, 28.

W.O.s' and Sergeants' Cup.—1, C.S.M. E. Thomas, "B" (S.) Company, 62 points; 2, C.S.M. W. Knight, "A" Company, 52; 3, L./Sergt. A. Clark, "H.Q." Wing, 50.

Marksman's Cup.—1, L./Cpl. H. Tassell, "D" Company, 55 points; 2, L./Cpl. W. Hyde, "H.Q." Wing, 54; 3, Cpl. W. Huggins, "D" Company, 53.

Lewis Gunners' Cup.—1, Pte. W. Nemes, "A" Company, 39 points; 2, Cpl. R. Baker, "A" Company, 37; 3, L./Cpl. C. Powell, "B" (S.) Company, 36.

Enfield Cup (Young Soldiers).—1, Pte. G. Sonley, "A" Company, 50 points; 2, Pte. G. Gray, "B" (S.) Company, 49; 3, L./Cpl. L. Lucas, "D" Company, 47.

Individual Deliberate.—1, C.S.M. E. Thomas, "B" (S.) Company, 33 points; 2, Sergt. C. Lenney, "D" Company, 28; 3, L./Sergt. A. Clark, "H.Q." Wing, 27.

Individual Rapid.—1, Sergt. A. Dickinson, "H.Q." Wing, 19 points; 2, C.Q.M.S. J. Badham, "C" Company, 18; 3, C.S.M. E. Thomas, "B" (S.) Company, 18.

Match—Battalion v. Permanent Staff.—1, Permanent Staff, 197 points; 2nd Battalion, 116.

SHOOTING.

KING CUP.

The Inter-Company Team Competition for the King Cup was held at Hornsey on 5th April, and resulted in a victory for "D" Company. The teams' aggregate scores were as follows:—

1. "D" Company	...	...	371
2. "B" (S.) Company	...	...	339
3. "H.Q." Wing	...	...	319
4. "A" Company	...	...	271
5. "C" Company	...	...	265

Highest Individual Aggregate.—Sergt. C. Lenney, "D" Company, 57.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

Held under Lord-Lieutenant's Challenge Shield conditions.

26th April.—7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment v. 47th Divisional Signals (teams of ten). Won, 610 to 339.

3rd May.—7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment v. U.C.S. O.T.C. (teams of eight). Won 431 to 424.

7th June.—7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment v. 1st Hertfordshire Regiment (teams of sixteen). Lost 861—913.

BADMINTON.

An Inter-Company Badminton Competition was held at Enfield on 19th April, and resulted in a victory for "B" (S.) Company. The details are as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
"B" (S.) Coy.	4	4	0	10	2	8
"D" Coy.	4	3	1	9	3	6
"A" Coy.	4	2	2	7	5	4
"H.Q." Wing	4	1	3	4	8	2
"C" Coy.	4	0	4	0	12	0

"A" COMPANY.

Feeling that we have let the vast public of this Journal down badly by not issuing any notes in the last publication, we are reluctantly compelled to come once more into the open and tell the world of our doings.

Of our activities during the past three months it is difficult to write. They are many and varied, but, in the main, unutterably dull to others, however interesting they may be to us. Who cares

whether we won the Scroungers' Cup for Tilting the Tankard, or whether Pte. Fetherbrayne is to be congratulated on giving birth to quintuplets? But what else can we do except deplore the fact that other scribes apparently spend their parade hours hunting up Latin tags to put in their notes, which is a very easy thing to do, since no one has the knowledge to translate them, or the wit to bowdlerise them. Never mind—*chacun a son gout*.

The main features of this quarter have been rifle meetings, changes in personnel and looking forward to camp. Of the Battalion Rifle Meeting little can be said for us. We cannot congratulate ourselves on anything startling, but as a sop to our ambitions in that direction we managed to win the Falling Plate Competition, and Pte. Sonley the cup for the best shot amongst the Young Soldiers. He and his mate Govey have both shown improved form this year and, as a result, were promoted to the Company High Sheriff's team at the Brigade Rifle Meeting, where they both did well. At the latter meeting we did much better. The Lewis Gun team, to their own intense surprise, and the benefit of the brewers, emerged winners in the jousting of that picturesque but obsolete weapon. The High Sheriff's team made the highest score in the Battalion (which, of course, they could not do at the Battalion Meeting), and Capt. Bartram and Sergt. Rockall took a medal apiece for their individual scores. Then again, Pte. Govey got a "bit o' siller" for making the highest score in one practice in the Young Soldiers. The most outstanding event of the day, however, was that a certain C.Q.M.S. bought a round of drinks on his score in the first practice, which he certainly would not have done if he could have foreseen his score for the second.

Reverting to the Battalion Meeting, we were sorry to hear that the Adjutant was so disappointed in himself that, with what we consider great fortitude, he committed hari-kari and reduced himself below the rank of private. We were, that day, very pleased to see the ladies of the Battalion there, and hope that in the future more of them will grace these proceedings with their charming presence. There is a lot more we should like to tell of this day, such as Pool Bull Shooting and the un-

happy C.S.M.—or our short story entitled "Showing the Butts to Papa."

We managed to get together fifty nasty bits of work, collectively called "A" Company Tattoo Outing. An excellent evening was had by all. The weather was fine during the performance, and at a cafe on the Great West Road later the performance was fine during the weather. We much regret that the party had no money left to buy anything to eat, and we can only suppose they must have gone hungry. As a suggestion for the L.P.T.B.—what about more space on a bus for barrels? You must study your public. We can thank them most sincerely for providing a staff on our bus which could not be beaten. They were the most obliging couple we have met, and had some of the party lived just short of Cape Wrath we feel certain nothing would have stopped them taking the old tub up there, and probably stopped on the way back for a day or two's fishing if anyone had wanted it.

Our Company strength is being well maintained, and we can now expect our numbers to rise as Annual Training approaches. We are very glad to welcome C.Q.M.S. Allin to the Company, tempered with the thought that we have lost Ellis, to whom many congratulations on his promotion. We look forward to the duel in camp between him and "Tom" Rockall. The probability that three Companies will go on parade in the nude would be diverting if it was not next to being a *fait accompli*.

Cpl. Cordon is to be congratulated on the report on his recent Course. The C.S.M. and L./Cpl. Regester are hoping for similar reports on theirs, which have just concluded.

Let us finish with the pious hope, often unfulfilled, that we have the best of weather in camp, with a record attendance.

"B" (S.) COMPANY.

There is nothing more likely to make a craftsman of literature tear his hair, dance on his hat, and mouth diabolical curses than to make him write to a time limit. True, we have no claim to literary fame, for no eighteenth-century hack-writer ever plied a less graceful pen than we, but we are also mouthing our curses

—not diabolical ones, perhaps—because there is a fair and virtuous typist sitting two feet away (alas! a desk parts us), but nevertheless they are curses torn from the heart. As usual, we have left our notes until the last possible moment, and so we are forced to present them to a hungry public with our customary reservation, "E. & O.E."

To turn to the business of soldiering. We have first to wish the best of luck to Lieut.-Col. Murray. His old Company will miss him very much. Then we must deliver ourselves of a batch of congratulations. Firstly, to the new Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. Pringle, whose promotion very nearly coincided with the birth of a subaltern of the 1955 batch. Secondly, Capt. Johnson obligingly announced his engagement at the Company dance. A pleasant time, as the parish magazines would have it, was then had by all. We wish every happiness to both him and his fiancée. Then Mr. Webster has another pip, and all those privileges, glories, emoluments and expenses going with it. Unfortunately he has had to become Transport Officer and, although we hope this is a very temporary occupation, even the sight of his breeches cannot compensate us for his loss.

In our last notes we mentioned that we were going to throw a dance. We threw one on 28th March; and threw it, incidentally, with such excellent effect that the "St. John's Wood Hunt" was very poorly patronized the next morning. Our best thanks are due to C.S.M. Ramsey who, with a willing party of helpers, decorated the hall.

The Company has been doing some shooting. True, we do not seem to get that elusive first place, but we are a fairly consistent second, and we are always sure of the Battalion M.G. Cup at least. Unfortunately the Perring Trophy eludes us, but we hope for the best next year.

We covered ourselves with glory, however, in the Battalion Badminton Tournament. We won (or, rather, the team won, for the scribe was not playing) all our matches, and duly collected the "first." Congratulations to all concerned.

Finally, Pte. Amura and Boy Garrard; they will be greatly missed.

"D" COMPANY.

"Good old Sussex by the sea" is the theme song of camp, and we hope that all members of the Company are enjoying their stay under canvas. One thing we would complain about is the fact that the 133rd Brigade, who were encamped at Falmer in June, did not make any attempt to flatten out the hills on the camp site. We believe, however, that they rechristened Mary Farm!

Turning to the athletic side of our activities, two interesting events have taken place since last we soiled these pages. As will be seen elsewhere, the Battalion did handsomely in the T.A. Cross-Country. This Company had the honour of producing half the team, and we believe that if our runners had not had to take part in the 44th (H.C.) Divisional race the previous Sunday, which, incidentally, we won, the result might have been more satisfactory. Watch us next year!

The other event was the Badminton Championships held at Enfield on 19th April. The misinformed may laugh at our classing this sport as "Athletics," but our retort is, "Try it." At any rate, we finished in second place, the home Company deservedly coming out top.

Two parties which have become hardy annuals for a number of members are the Royal Tournament and the Aldershot Tattoo. Both were very good shows, although rather wet. It also rained when we were at the Tattoo, and quite a lot of us assumed overcoats made of evening papers. Some of our friends, the Police, honoured us with their presence on the trip to Aldershot, including, of course, "1030." The consumption of "wallop" was considerably augmented thereby.

The only other thing we have to talk about is musketry. In the miniature range we have again won the King Cup, our team propelling their projectiles with considerably more accuracy than other companies.

At the Brigade Rifle Meeting we covered ourselves with glory, and at the Brigade Meeting with ignominy. Why are we so inconsistent on the open range when we can hold our own with the best indoors? At the Battalion Meeting our High Sheriff's team surpassed themselves

by winning for the first time for countless ages. Other successes were the Young Soldiers' Competition (a hardy annual) and the Lee Memorial Shield (highest aggregate score). We believe that Cpl. Lucas's team of Young Soldiers achieved a record score for the Battalion Meeting—the 300 mark being well exceeded. Congratulations to them! Incidentally, we do like the scheme of staying in camp the night before the Rifle Meeting, and it was noticeable that the members who kept the revelry up to a late hour were the most successful on the following day. We will draw a veil



"D" COMPANY.
Winners Young Soldiers' Competition,
Battalion Rifle Meeting.

over our efforts at the Brigade Meeting. For once in a way we had an off day, and we came away with no trophy of war for the first time for quite a number of years.

Congratulations to Col. Pringle on his promotion and appointment to command the Battalion in place of Col. Murray, who has retired. Many will remember him as O.C. "D" Company some years ago, and we feel sure that he will achieve the same success whilst in command of the Battalion as he did when at Tottenham. We may assure him of our wholehearted co-operation and loyalty.

RECORDS OF OTHER REGIMENTS.

19TH LONDON REGIMENT (ST. PANCRAS).

BATTLE HONOURS.

Borne on the Regimental Colour: "South Africa, 1900-02." *Borne on the King's Colour:* "Festubert, 1915," "Loos," "Messines, 1917," "Cambrai, 1917," "Albert, 1918," "France and Flanders, 1915-18," "Nebi Samwil," "Jerusalem," "Jordan," and "Palestine, 1917-18."

AT the time of the Napoleonic Wars we find records of "The St. Pancras Armed Association" in the list of Metropolitan Volunteer units. This unit appears to have been formed in April, 1798, under the command of Major James Miller, its strength being three companies, totalling 340 men. Colours were presented by Miss Dixon (as proxy for Lady Camden) on Lord's Cricket Ground. The uniform consisted of a dark blue surcoat, scarlet facings and epaulettes, white waistcoat and dark blue breeches. The close-fitting helmet was crested with black bearskin, and further ornamented with a white feather tipped with red. The helmet and crossbelt plates bore the badge of the Royal Cypher, G.R., within a Crowned Garter, and the inscription "St. Pancras Volunteers." With the signing of peace these Volunteer corps and Armed Associations faded away.

In 1859 when, in the words of Lord Beaconsfield, "our pacific relations with France were not a question of days or weeks, but of hours," the Government authorized the formation of Volunteer units. All over the country men flocked to join. The French army was then the strongest in the world, while ours was not only numerically small but the bulk of the Regular troops were across the seas, in India or the colonies. Hence the need for Volunteers to share the burden of home defence. "Punch" hailed their advent with many patriotic verses, one of which (rather too optimistically) ran:—

"So let aggression's forced array
Fill those who may with fears;
We'll answer their conscriptions with
Our million Volunteers."

The Volunteer Force never attained to the figure of a million, as mentioned by the poet, but within a few months nearly 120,000 loyal men had enrolled for military training, in their spare time and at their own expense. The latter was by no means a negligible item, as at first the Government only issued rifles for training purposes in the proportion of one rifle to every four men. The cost of uniform, equipment, drill-halls, and all other needful accessories had to be met by the Volunteer himself, or out of regimental funds raised by subscriptions, bazaars, etc. Not until the new force had definitely "found its feet" and proved itself useful did the Government start spending money on it.

Among the newly-raised Volunteer corps was one known as the 29th Middlesex, a title afterwards changed to the 17th North Middlesex Rifle Volunteers. In 1881 the 17th North Middlesex, along with other Volunteer battalions raised in the county, became affiliated with the Depot of The Middlesex Regiment (57th and 77th Foot), an affiliation which has now become permanent.

In 1891 the battalion formed part of a force of over 23,000 men (6,000 Regulars, 600 Militiamen of the 4th (now 6th) Middlesex Regiment, and about 17,000 Volunteers, mostly from London and Middlesex units), which was commanded by H.R.H. The Duke of Cambridge, and was reviewed on Wimbledon Common by the Kaiser. A few days later the following special Army Order was issued:

"The Commander-in-Chief has been requested by His Imperial and Royal Majesty the German Emperor and King of Prussia—with the Queen's permission—to express to the troops who took part in the review at Wimbledon on the 11th July, His Majesty's appreciation of their general appearance and soldier-like bearing. His Majesty was much struck by the efficiency of the Battalion of Militia, and of the Volunteers.

"By Command,

"REDVERS BULLER, A.G.

"War Office, 15th July, 1891."

One wonders if any of the men who marched past that day could foresee the time, twenty-five years ahead, when they would fight against the troops of the Emperor whom they had just saluted.

The regiment's first chance of active service came in 1900, when Volunteers were required for the Boer War. The 17th North Middlesex provided detachments for the City Imperial Volunteers, and also for the Volunteer Service Companies of The Middlesex Regiment. The First Volunteer Service Company for the Middlesex Regiment was raised in January, 1900, under the command of Capt. C. S. Roche, 17th North Middlesex R.V., who was mentioned in dispatches. The company, which was attached to the 2nd Bn. Middlesex Regiment, saw a good deal of fighting. The Second Volunteer Service Company was raised in January, 1901, to which the 17th North Middlesex contributed part of the personnel; one section of this company served with the 14th Mounted Infantry on the veldt. A Third Volunteer Service Company was raised in January, 1902, under the command of Lieut. H. V. Kershaw, 17th North Middlesex R.V., and witnessed the surrender of General Louis Botha, the Boer leader who was to command British troops in the Great War.

In 1908, when the Territorial Force succeeded the old Volunteers, the 17th North Middlesex Rifle Volunteers became the 19th (County of London) Bn., The London Regiment (St. Pancras). The 19th London had three battalions during the Great War of 1914-18. The 1st/19th left St. Albans for France in March, 1915, and earned particular distinction at the Battle of Loos, capturing a German field-gun, but losing 11 officers and 320 other ranks killed and wounded. A contemporary account, written by an officer of the 1st/19th, says: "We got to the German first line and cleaned it up. When we reached the wire we lost our Colonel, Lieut.-Col. Collison-Morley, late of The Buffs, who had already been wounded, and other officers by machine-gun fire. Then the advance went on and the second line was reached. Here the Bombing Officer, Lieut. F. L. Pusch (who was awarded the D.S.O. for his gallant work) bombed and bayoneted a great many Germans. Lieut. Pusch led a party of bombers and, going alone into a house, captured seven Germans, one of whom wounded him badly in the face. Then on again we went until we got to Loos and reached the position which G.H.Q.

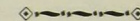
had stated to be our objective. We reached the position five minutes before the scheduled time. Then the battalion sat down to consolidate its position, and the others on their arrival did the same. The whole brigade reached the position up to time. For a time the left flank of the 19th had a very hot time, as they had to fill a gap unoccupied by British troops. Once in position the battalion experienced a medley of fighting, digging in, and holding on against odds, as the Germans recovered from their surprise and brought up reinforcements. From then onwards until the fourth day of the battle the battalion was scrapping hard. They lost no ground and held on until the brigade was withdrawn on the night of 28th September, when they returned to billets for a rest."

The 2nd/19th was raised in August, 1914, the Railway Clearing House Staff furnishing the men for a whole company, while a smaller contingent of recruits came from the staff of the Zoological Gardens! This battalion left for France in June, 1916; five months later the battalion was removed to Salonica. In June, 1917, the battalion moved again—this time to join the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, destined to conquer Palestine. The capital of the Holy Land was surrendered to two N.C.Os. of the 2nd/19th London, Serpts. Hurcomb and Sedgewick, who, while out reconnoitring, encountered a party of civilians with a white flag. The leader of this party was the Mayor of Jerusalem, who had come out to surrender the keys of the city. The two sergeants took charge of the party and led them to their brigade commander, who had the honour to be the first British soldier to enter Jerusalem. The 2nd/19th London furnished a Guard of Honour for the ceremonial entry of the Commander-in-Chief (Lord Allenby) into the Holy City. The battalion took part in the raids beyond the Jordan and other subsequent operations, and after the Armistice was retained for Garrison duty in the East until February, 1920. The 3rd/19th London Regiment was kept at home as a draft-finding unit.

The uniform of the 19th London Regiment is scarlet, with green facings. The Colours bear "The Figure of Saint Pancras," as well as the Battle Honour,

"South Africa, 1900-02," and ten of the twenty-seven Battle Honours earned during the Great War. The regiment is the only one in the British Army having the name of a saint incorporated in its title. Though most people associate St. Pancras with a railway station, it is really a church dedicated to that saint, the Church of St. Pancras-in-the-Fields, which gave its name to the Metropolitan Borough from which the 19th London Regiment is recruited, and from which it derives the latter part of its name. Saint Pancras is said to have been the son of a nobleman, who was in Rome at the time when the Emperor Diocletian was persecuting the Christians. Given the choice between death and the renunciation of his faith, young Pancras (he was only fourteen years of age) was beheaded, having refused to deny the truth of the Christian religion.

R. MAURICE HILL.



8th BATTALION NOTES.

WE commence our notes with the announcement regarding the change in command of the Battalion, and it is with much regret that we have to report that our Commanding Officer, Bt. Col. W. H. Parmeter, T.D., is leaving us, his term of office having expired. After over fifteen years' service in the Battalion, he will be greatly missed by all who served under him. He is being succeeded by Bt. Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., T.D., who needs no introduction, having had a long and distinguished career in the Regiment and service in this Battalion, as Commander, just after the war. We accord him a hearty welcome.

Talking of Old Comrades, our Reunion Dinner was held at Headquarters on 9th May last, when 155 all ranks sat down to an excellent dinner served to the strains of popular music and old favourites by the Band. Capt. Levy, M.C., was in the chair, supported by the following officers:—Major South, O.B.E., Capt. Byham, Perkins, Reynolds, Palmer and Vaux, and Messrs. Bird, Larkin and Holmes. Bt. Col. Parmeter, T.D., Major Ellis, O.B.E., Capt. and Adj.

Reid, Capt. Marks, Lieut. and Qrmr. Cox, Lieut. Reddy and 2/Lieut. Lawrence represented the serving officers.

Albuhera Night was observed in the usual way by an Officers' Mess Guest Night, followed by an All Ranks' Dance. The Band was in attendance. These stalwart musicians performed shortly afterwards at the opening of the new Ruislip Lido, by Earl Howe, and our special correspondent informs us that when the bathing belles came on parade to make the first plunge, or toe-dip, "The Music Went Round and Round!"

Our Annual Rifle Meeting was held at Bisley on 7th June. There was a good attendance, and the High Sheriff's Competition resulted in a win for "H.Q." Wing over "C" Company by ten points—a very good shoot! "D" Company was third. The Young Soldiers' Competition was won by "A" Company and the Lewis Gun by "D" Company. Col. Botts Cup for the highest score by officers was again won by Lieut. Cox with a score of 62, Major Ellis being second with 59, and 2/Lieut. Lawrence third with 47. In the next issue we hope to announce our successes in the Brigade Shoot.

We are all looking forward to camp at Falmer, and the day when we shall be marching in very familiar ground will soon be here. We expect to have a record attendance as our numbers are going up, and our next contribution to the Journal will tell you something of our activities on Annual Training.

"H.Q." WING.

While we are very sorry to lose Col. Parmeter, it is with great pleasure that we welcome back Col. Baker to the command of the Battalion. We must also congratulate Col. Baker on being awarded the C.B.E. in the Birthday Honours.

The final parade and inspection by Col. Parmeter was attended by three officers and 92 other ranks.

We welcome 2/Lieut. Hamilton to "H.Q." Wing as Transport Officer; also R.Q.M.S. Lovett and C.S.M. Handman.

Congratulations to Sergt. Hall on his promotion, and L./Cpls. Brooker, A. Hazell, Hunt and Gibson on their appointments.

All the Signallers who went to Mill Hill qualified in their Annual Classification.

The Transport has had much useful tuition, in riding, at Hounslow Cavalry Barracks on Sunday mornings.

The High Sheriff's Trophy came to us again this year. We offer our heartiest congratulations to Major Ellis, Lieut. Cox, C.S.M. Handman, Cpl. Castree and Ptes. Argent, Billimore, Bennett and Spiller on winning it for us.

Recruiting is going very well indeed. Perhaps the increased bounty is an attraction. The strength of the Company is 182 at the moment, and we are looking forward to having 140 in camp.

"A" COMPANY.

We much regret that we have lost our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel and Brevet-Colonel W. H. Parmeter, T.D., and we sincerely trust that he will come and see us again in the near future.

In his place we have been fortunate in having one of our old Commanding Officers taking over command again, in the person of Lieut.-Col. and Bt. Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., T.D., and we extend to him our warmest welcome.

We are maintaining our strength as regards numbers. In spite of the fact that we have had several discharges, we have managed to obtain as many recruits. We feel that the standard of the men is much improved, and that, with the aid of our "gallant Guardee," P.S.L., W.O., and N.C.Os., the Company's general efficiency and *esprit de corps* has a rosy future.

The late Commanding Officer's Farewell Parade was a great success. We paraded two officers and 52 other ranks out of a total of three officers and 74 other ranks. The ordinary Company parades are still enjoying an average of about 35 other ranks per parade.

We congratulate Sergt. T. Mortimer, L./Sergt. C. Mortimer, and Cpls. Costello and Raynsford on their promotion to their respective ranks.

Bisley has come and gone, and our Company Commander nearly followed suit when a shot ricocheted back into the butts, but the Guards came to the rescue

by furnishing a man to take the shot in the leg.

Our Young Soldiers' Team has again distinguished itself, and we would like to congratulate them on winning the Battalion Competition for the second year in succession. We have great hopes for the honours at the Brigade Rifle Meeting, at Purfleet, on Sunday, 21st June.

Now that that is all over, "a young soldier's fancy lightly turns to the thought of camp at Brighton beach, winkles, whelks," etc. After Aldershot, it is very pleasant to think that once again we turn into mountain goats and scale hills with the most acute angles—concave, convex, and inverted.

The Company Commander, it is rumoured, has written a challenge on Army Form A.O.F.B., or the back of a light ale label (we are not quite sure which), to Lindrum, Inman and Co., because he has entered the elite by making a mistake—I mean a break—of 12. It is probably due to the fact that we have had the billiards table renovated, which is now working overtime.

Recess, parades, lectures, cursings and pay nights are all taking place as they should, so I will close these notes now and save further waste of space.

"B" (S.) COMPANY.

"Men may come and men may go, but the Battalion goes on for ever," said the poet. Or words to that effect. That is the theme that runs through these notes.

All ranks regret that our C.O., Brevet-Colonel W. H. Parmeter, T.D., is leaving us. He has commanded the Battalion in good times and bad—times when all companies were up to strength and keen as mustard—times when recruits were few and far between and numbers rather low. We rejoice that he has seen the Battalion once more gain strength, with recruiting conditions better than ever. Col. Parmeter made his farewell inspection of "B" Company on 3rd June, and congratulated us on the turnout; and on 10th June the officers and sergeants met at Hounslow to bid him farewell. Everything went with a swing, except C.S.M. Trestain's car, which had to be pushed.

Our Company Commander, Major Maddex, is making good progress and we are all looking forward to seeing him at Ealing in the near future. From all accounts he is anxious himself to get into harness again. Lieut. T. H. Reddy has done sterling work in connection with the Company, and everybody appreciates the way in which he has entered into the life of "B," not only in the training but in the recreative side as well.

We extend a hearty welcome to 2/Lieuts. D. C. Lawrence and C. E. S. Whitmore, and hope they will have a long and happy stay with us. Mr. Lawrence is particularly interested in the Company rifle teams and hopes to start a rifle club at the Drill Hall, with a meeting once a week.

Another loss: Sergts. Hodges and Woodman, our two senior N.C.Os., are terminating their engagements, and we are sorry to see them go.

Naturally, the most important event outside camp is the firing for the Perring Trophy at Purfleet. This comes off in a few days, and by the time these notes appear we hope to have vanquished all other competitors and won the first part of the competition. Popular opinion has it that once we have won the firing the trophy is in our pocket, as we have no qualms as to the outcome of the tactical test at camp.

Annual Training is nearly on us again and all ranks are looking forward to a really enjoyable time this year.

"C" COMPANY.

No news is good news, and that is all we have to offer you. Except for a hectic inter-changing of Permanent Staff Instructors, ours has been an uneventful life these past few months. C.S.M. Hewett left us after a brief stay and we wish him the best of luck in civil life. We now have C.S.M. Peck, whom we are glad to say looks like a fixture.

Sergt. "Bill" Hawkins has finally had to leave us on reaching the age limit. As far as living memory goes back, he has invariably won the Veterans' Race at camp, and so we feel that his retirement must really coincide with his centenary.

It was with deep regret we heard of the death of Major Norwood, who served for over forty years in The Middlesex Regiment, and who was President of the Staines Branch of the Regimental Old Comrades' Association. He always showed the greatest interest in the activities of the serving members of "C" Company.

Nothing more remains than to congratulate Sergts. Barrett and Wright, and L./Sergt. Pearce, on their recent promotion. We feel sure that with this addition to its members the Sergeants' Mess will, in future, show a handsome profit.

We now look forward to camp with mixed feelings, for we shall have the usual routine, enlivened by the presence of numerous Sergeants. Let us hope that their first aim in life will be to ensure our comfort in the early mornings with the traditional cup of tea.

"D" COMPANY.

We begin these notes with regret for the retirement of Col. Parmeter; at the same time we extend a hearty welcome to his successor, Col. Baker. We welcome Mr. Whitmore, who has been appointed to the Battalion; and, in the midst of all, congratulations are more than due to Capt. and Mrs. Miskin on the arrival of a son and heir on 19th June, 1936.

At the Battalion Rifle Meeting at Bisleigh we carried off the Lewis Gun Competition and attained second place in the Young Soldiers' Competition. In the High Sheriff's we gained third place.

With regard to the subsequent Brigade Meeting at Purfleet, on 21st June, an unfortunate misunderstanding robbed us of any satisfaction we may have obtained. Nevertheless, we are determined that a different story will be told next year.

A consolation for us, at least, is the fact that we are the strongest Duty Company. We hope in our next issue to record our proficiency in other directions, that is to say, darts, billiards, table tennis and other noble pastimes. A tournament embodying the above is to be played at Ealing on 26th June, 1936, and woe betide our adversaries.

In conclusion, note may be made of

W.O. Richardson, who has taken over C.Q.M.S. of the Company.

Camp is near at hand and we are trusting to have a good muster.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PRIVY PURSE OFFICE,
BUCKINGHAM PALACE, S.W.
3rd July, 1936.

DEAR SIR,

I am commanded by the King to inform you that His Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant his Patronage to the Middlesex Regimental Association.

Yours truly,

WIGRAM,
Keeper of the Privy Purse.

The President,
Middlesex Regimental Association,
The Barracks,
Mill Hill, N.W.7.

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AT THE GRAND HOTEL,
FORT WILLIAM,
INVERNESS-SHIRE.
10th July, 1936.

MY LORD,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 3rd July, informing me that the King has been graciously pleased to grant his Patronage to the Middlesex Regimental Association. On behalf of all members of the Association I beg you will convey to His Majesty our humble and dutiful thanks for the great honour he has done us.

Yours truly,

RONALD HEATH,
President,
Middlesex Regimental Association.

To the Keeper of the
Privy Purse.

CHAPEL STREET,
KING'S LYNN.
8th April, 1936.

DEAR SIR,

COL. L. G. OLIVER, DECEASED.

We have to inform you that, under the Will of Col. Lionel Grant Oliver, C.M.G., of "Summerhill," Heacham, in this

County, who died on the 27th March, your Association receives a legacy of £50, free of duty.

Payment will be made as soon as possible after the Will has been proved.

Yours faithfully,

PARTRIDGE & FORSTER.

The Secretary,
The Middlesex Regimental
Association,
Mill Hill,
Middlesex.

"SUNNY SIDE,"

CHESTNUT GROVE,
CROOKHAM,
HANTS.

DEAR SIR,

Is this a record for The Middlesex Regiment?

My granddad, Thomas Chillery, enlisted at Peterborough on 23rd December, 1870 (Army No. 391), and discharged in May, 1891, on pension. He is now 86 and "still going strong." I would like this published in the Middlesex Journal to see if there are any other Middlesex soldiers older than him.

H. CHILLERY, *Ex-Cpl.*,
1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

PS.—You may publish my name if you wish.

HEADQUARTERS, F.M.S.V.F.
KUALA LUMPUR,
FEDERATED MALAY STATES.
14th April, 1936.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I recently came across the enclosed in one of the back numbers of our local magazine. In view of the Regiment's recent "conversion," I feel that such an epic of "machine gunnery" will be of deep interest to all ranks!

If you care to use it would you kindly acknowledge the source, i.e., *The Volunteer*, the Journal of the Federated States Volunteer Force.

Yours sincerely,

H. B. W. SAVILE.

HOW "FUZEE" WON THE MUZZLE CUP.

The Course at Cannelure was packed as tightly as could be,

The Director Stands were filled completely up,

Observers had to perch themselves in every "Y" shaped Tree,

On the day that "Fuzee" won the Muzzle Cup.

Full Fifteen Hundred Furlongs was the course by Barr and Stroud,

The jumps were over fifty and oblique, A six-inch clearance, minimum, was all that was allowed,

At the water, right of arc, and call it Creek.

The weather was delightful, with a wind of two taps right,

The Barometer at Thirty and no rain, The Judges' Box was twenty above the line of sight,

And the Straight was in the Horizontal plane.

Now "Fuzee" was the favourite and he carried the top weight,

And when he got extended he had pace; If Stud, the jockey, held the recess, cut into the plate,

He had every chance of pulling off the race.

He was up against some good 'uns, second favourite was Advance,

By Bounds, whose dam had won the Inside Plate;

There was old Condenser, tubed, but fancied for a chance,

If only they could get him from the gate.

Range by Barr and Stroud out of Adjustment was a mare,*

Whose form had proved consistent on the chart,

There was Fire Control by Jonah and a dozen others there,

To be put into the picture at the start.

Lord Lock-Spring was the owner and he had his twelve pounds on,

Financially he felt a bit depressed, His money all invested in Residuals had gone,

But he had to keep twelve pounds to pass the Test.

* Or, probably, a night-mare.

"My Lord," said Gib the trainer, "We've as good as lost the cup,
 "This barometer allowance is the devil,
 "The 'Daily Meteor' says that we are twenty thousand up,
 "And 'Fuzee' did his gallops at sea-level."

Too late to make corrections, it was Zero minus 8,
 They were saddled in the paddock, call it field,
 And "Fuzee" had to carry half a pound of extra weight,
 Three clicks upon the vice-pin—till he squealed.

They are off without a stoppage, they have traversed half the course,
 At the distance the excitement grows intense,
 With "Fuzee" half a graticule behind the leading horse,
 His lifts are growing bolder at each fence.

Then Stud gets out his raw-hide, gives a few judicious blows,
 Which land on the Effective Beaten Zone,
 There's a sudden forward movement,
 "Fuzee" takes command and goes
 Right up and past the Zero Post alone.

"He's won!" exclaimed Lord Lock-Spring almost losing voice control,
 "My tension is released and I am spared;
 "Come gather round the trigger bar and fill the flowing bowl,
 "The Tote is paying twelve times M.R. squared."

"CANNELURE."

CHARLEMONT FORT,
 MOY, CO. TYRONE.
 22nd June, 1936.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

SIR,
 I herewith enclose postal order as my annual subscription for the Journal.
 Perhaps you will permit me to remark, as an old DIE-HARDS reader in his

86th year, who is still hale and hearty and still at his job to which he was appointed, on the Charlemont Estate, on being discharged in 1889, that as years advance my interest and learning from the columns of your Journal of present-day and former events increase as the years pass by.

Now, in your last issue, I noticed that the 2nd Battalion, the old 77th, is stationed in Portsmouth. It might here be queried, "How did that interest me?" Well, it just brought back to my recollection their home-coming from India in 1869. I was then serving in that station in the old 46th Regiment. Prior to their arrival their barracks were thoroughly renovated, and a great entertainment was given by each Company—there being then ten Companies in each Regiment. It was at Christmas-time of the year when they arrived. The weather being so cold, and the change from the East creating much sickness to the new arrivals, consequently brought about the death of their Sergeant-Major. I can remember that they were the first Regiment to come home through the Suez Canal. Another interesting point to me was, that all but a few were Irishmen like myself, recruited chiefly from Cork, Limerick, and Kerry. It was also well noted that there was scarcely a man amongst them who was not wearing decorations for the Crimea and the Mutiny.

The two Regiments again met in Aldershot in later years, when the two 7ths, as they were then titled, returned the compliment, both officers and men taking part. The late General Kent was then serving with them as a young officer, and he took a great interest in the events at Aldershot.

Another memorable recollection of their home-coming was that five Madras women had become wives in that Regiment to Irishmen, and amongst the ranks were four Madras men.

In conclusion, I venture to suggest that my remarks may interest any old "Die-Hard" who happens to be "still on the run," but, indeed, I fear that they must be getting scarce by now.

Thanking you, and trusting I have not trespassed too much on your valuable space,

I am, sir,
 Yours, etc.,
 JAMES MOONEY.

LONDON, E.C.,
 24th June, 1936.

The Editor,
 Regimental Journal,
 The Middlesex Regiment,

DEAR SIR,

Having just heard of the death of Acting Regimental Sergeant-Major J. Hewitt, I would like to say, as one who had known him for over thirty years, that a finer type of soldier would have been difficult to find.

When I first knew him he was Sergeant-Instructor to my Company of the 8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, at Hampton, and when I raised the second 8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment in September, 1914, I appointed Sergt. Hewitt as Regimental Sergeant-Major, and he was a tower of strength to the whole Battalion.

He accompanied us to Gibraltar, and subsequently to Egypt.

His was the iron hand in the velvet glove, and his genial manner endeared him to all those who were privileged to serve with him.

Yours truly,
 L. C. DAMS, Colonel,
 Late Command 8th Bn.,
 The Middlesex Regiment.

9th BATTALION NOTES.

BAGHDAD MEMORIAL CHURCH.

THIS church at Baghdad is a new one, dedicated to the memory of those who died on service in that country. As the Battalion only saw active service in Mesopotamia during the war, it has been decided to place a memorial panel, suitably inscribed and with the Regimental crest on it, in the interior of the church, along with similar panels installed by other regiments.

The cost of installing the panel will probably be about £50, and subscriptions towards this from past officers and Old Comrades who may wish to identify themselves with this memorial will be gratefully received, and should be sent to:—

Major G. L. Fox,
 The Drill Hall,
 Pound Lane,
 Willesden, N.W.2.

The past quarter has been a very full one for the Battalion. A big recruiting effort was made on 16th and 17th May. On the 16th the officers were "at home" to the employers of labour in the district, and a great many availed themselves of the invitation. All sections of the Battalion were represented by a display in the Drill Hall of their arms and equipment. Lieut. H. W. W. Gray and Cpl. Gribble were kept very busy demonstrating and explaining the use of the gas mask, and the miniature range proved a great attraction to some of the lady visitors.

The Officer Commanding 1st Battalion The Worcestershire Regiment very kindly sent a Mortar Detachment from Aldershot, which proved of great interest.

On the 17th the Drill Hall was open to the general public. Again thanks to the team work of all ranks, a most interesting programme was carried out successfully.

Major H. Sherwood's film of the Battalion in camp was of interest to young and old.

The Battalion spent Whitsun at Bisley, and the numbers attending completely upset the Adjutant's calculations; in spite of a very full programme, all ranks appeared to have a most enjoyable weekend.

Another Brigade Rifle Meeting has passed, and the Battalion had a greater measure of success than last year, "H.Q." Wing team being the winners of the High Sheriff's Competition, and the Battalion winning the Ross Challenge Cup.

"B" (S.) Company's Young Soldiers' team are to be congratulated on putting up such a good show. Rifle Companies will have to look to their laurels.

We congratulate "Doc." Major P. Lloyd-Williams, on his T.D. The Battalion is indeed fortunate to have Major Lloyd-Williams as its Medical Officer.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

We have been passing through quite a busy period this quarter, and it is rather a problem what to leave in and what to cross out, but doubtless the editor will use the blue pencil with his customary discretion. Anyway, here goes.

Firstly, socials. We have held two of our monthly socials this quarter, the first being on 25th April. This was rather an unfortunate date, as it happened, for it was the eve of the Cup Final, and many of the members had special engagements and were unable to attend. It was also the occasion of presentations to two of our old members, ex-Sergt. Bungay and ex-Sergt. Hattley, both receiving suitably inscribed clocks in recognition of their long and valued service to the Mess.

The usual whist drive was held, and in the absence of Mrs. Hart, who usually obliges, the prizes were presented by Mrs. Sewell.

The second social, held on 15th May, was a fitting wind up to a most successful season. As you will probably read elsewhere, the officers chose this date for an "At Home" to the various employers in the district, so the Mess thought it an ideal date for an Albuhera Dance.

The result was a huge success. Luckily the Drill Hall was unoccupied except for the exhibits, so we transferred the dancers outside and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Several officers and their ladies honoured us later in the evening by joining the dancing, and Lieut.-Col. Lamont, our own C.O., also paid us a visit. The following day being Albuhera Day the Battalion was "at home" to the public. Details of this will also, we expect, be found elsewhere. What concerns us principally was a visit to the Sergeants' Mess at Mill Hill. Owing to various duties we were unable to reach the Depot until shortly before midnight. However, they seem to keep very late hours Mill Hill way, and we found it was only half-time. The end came all too soon, and we all sincerely hope to be able to pay several more visits.

The next most important item on the agenda was undoubtedly Whitsun. After many moons we once more spent a week-end in that ideal of camps, Bisley. And what a week-end! We could write pages about it. The good shooting, the visit to the East Surreys and visits to the Brigade of Guards' Mess—Sergt. Pocock has ordered suits of clothes by the dozen as a result of this.

The Drum-Major was detailed as N.C.O. in charge of ammunition, and being trained in a good school he came down complete with sling belt and sash,

and, realizing that sashes must be a rarity at Bisley, he proceeded to display it in as many club houses and messes as he could manage in the short time at his disposal.

Arriving back at the hut, tired out by his strenuous efforts, he was unable to put away the sash safely, but someone kindly placed it round the cross-bar of the roof. Here it remained until two gallant gentlemen, realizing that a Drum-Major without a sash is like an egg without salt, managed by co-operative efforts to rescue it. This was not the end of its adventures, for the last we saw of the Drum-Major's sash, as our buses rolled Londonwards, was a red banner flying from the top of the tallest flag-staff in Bisley.

On the serious side of the camp, we must congratulate C.S.M. Steward and C.Q.M.S. Linthwaite on being first and third respectively in the Battalion Rifle Meeting, while the latter, with Sergt. Spivey, has brought honour on the Mess by being chosen to represent the Battalion at the T.A.R.A. Meeting during Bisley fortnight.

We have also received a visit from two old members, who, we are pleased to say, are prospering in other walks of life. Ex-Sergt. — has just returned from India with the Royal Corps of Signals and is now at Aldershot, whilst ex-Sergt. Stenhouse, better known as "Jim," is a policeman down Woolwich way, so if any member feels like doing a burglary—well—you know where to go.

Talking of policemen. We now welcome to the Mess, L./Sergt. Major, who is appointed Provost Sergeant. He is a very old friend, and we hope he will not drift round to the "Glory Hole" from force of habit.

By the time these notes appear we shall be at Falmer. What does it hold for us? Both previous camps there are an outstanding memory as far as the Mess is concerned.

It was at the Falmer Camp in 1928, when the members buried a barrel of beer with more or less military honours. This event is already beginning to take its place in the tales that are told round the Mess fire in the winter, while those who took part in it are not likely to forget the charabanc ride in 1934, when a certain member announced his intention of retiring. Incidentally, though it is only a

couple of years ago, a great change has taken place in the Mess.

Well, third time lucky!

During the Albuhera celebrations the Mess received a valued gift from ex-C.S.M. Todman. This took the form of a framed photograph of the original 9th Battalion War Memorial in Dinapore Church, taken on the occasion of the unveiling.

We much appreciate this gift, and, suitably inscribed, it will be hung in the Mess at Headquarters, where any Old Comrade is welcome to view it.

Before closing, as President, I would like to thank all those who helped to make the social side of the Mess go with a swing, including R.S.M. Hart, C.S.M. Jones, C.Q.M.S. Drury, Sergts. Maggs and Ward, the Mess Caterer, C.Q.M.S. Morris and his staff (the Misses Morris), and last but not least the Old Comrades.

If there is anybody we have left out we tender our sincere apologies.

"A" COMPANY.

Undoubtedly the high spot of this quarter's notes is the posting of a new Company Commander, and we welcome Capt. T. P. Coubro to "A" Company. Coming, as he does, from "B" (S.) Company he is full of that "will to win" spirit, and we feel sure that he will put "A" once more on top of the world.

The next important item is Albuhera Day. Probably a full account will be found in the appropriate place. We took a prominent part and supplied a demonstration Quarter Guard consisting of L./Sergt. Williams, Ptes. Vivash, Tuffin, Gregg and Davies, and, according to the numerous Old Comrades that were present, they acquitted themselves creditably.

Inside the hall Sergt. Bateman and Sergt. Cooper were in charge of the Lewis Gun Stand, if we may so term it, and showed how "You put the drum on here, and the bullet goes round and round and comes out here."

Following this, we had a week-end camp at Bisley on the occasion of the Battalion Rifle Meeting, and here again the Company did very well.

The shooting was quite good and the following men captured prizes: Pte. Davies, second best score in the High

Sheriff's; L./Cpl. Carter and L./Cpl. Woodcraft tied for second place in the Lewis Gun Competition; Pte. Vivash, best score for private under three years' service.

In addition, Ptes. Gregg and Gardiner were first and second in the Young Soldiers' Competition for a considerable period. In fact they appeared on the score board as winners, and we were congratulating them on winning what has been a hardy annual for "A" Company, when a missing butt register turned up and they dropped to fourth and fifth places.

We are now looking forward to camp at Falmer and hope to have a record attendance.

ACKAY.

"B" (S.) COMPANY.

The Company is at present undergoing a few weeks of intensive training, and is drawing quite good parades on each of our "nights." The effects of this are already showing, especially with our Young Soldiers' Team, several of whom have distinguished themselves at the Battalion and Brigade Rifle Meetings. In fact, taking into consideration that we enjoy that popularity bestowed upon the M.G. Company of a Battalion, we more than hold our own against the Riflemen. Ptes. Wakling and King, who, incidentally, are two of our recent acquisitions, are to be congratulated on being first and second in the Young Soldiers' Competition at the Battalion Rifle Meeting at Bisley.

At Purfleet, on Sunday, 21st June, the Brigade Rifle Meeting was held, and once again the "youngsters" did well, with Pte. White getting a good second, and the team a third.

Once again luck was against us in the Perring Trophy, and we came unstuck; but we congratulate the 8th Battalion on being first.

Owing to the keenness shown I feel that this deficit will be more than made up for in the second half, which takes place at camp.

We must thank Major Fox who once more paid for the charabanc to take us to the Tattoo, and enabled us to have a very enjoyable evening. These consid-

erations on the part of the P.R.I. are much appreciated.

Congratulations to those keen young men, L./Cpl. Way and Pte. Robbins, who have now been promoted to Corporal and Lance-Corporal respectively. I feel that they will very ably fill the shoes of those two N.C.Os. who have "time expired" just recently.

Before closing these notes I should like to wish the Rangetakers every success in their test, which takes place on 12th July, and that they keep up the high standard they set last year. Hoping to see most of you at camp.

"GUNNER."

"C" COMPANY.

All ranks feel very sorry at having to say good-bye to Major Sherwood, who has left us to take over "H.Q." Wing. We all feel that we have lost a good friend. It is twenty-one years since Major Sherwood first came to "C" Company, and Old Comrades as well as serving members will miss him very much, although he has promised to visit us on Friday nights for Rifle Club meetings. Our loss is "H.Q.'s" gain. At the same time we welcome Capt. Sutcliffe, whom most of us know quite well, to the Company, and we hope that his stay will be a long and pleasant one.

The Company seems to be picking up with the number of recruits it has had this quarter (18). This is a record for many years.

We spent a very pleasant week-end at Bisley, at Whitsun, and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. We were the largest Company in camp, 43 all ranks.

We went out to Ruislip on 17th June and did a tactical scheme in preparation for camp. This was attended by 45 all ranks.

The Company Lewis Gun team did very well at the Brigade Rifle Meeting, but the High Sheriff's team was rather badly off for numbers. It has been suggested that the Company Commander should buy an alarm clock for a certain sergeant.

The Rifle Club is going stronger than ever. We had an away match with the 3rd City of London at their Drill Hall, Harrow Road, and were only beaten by

three points. Ex-C.S.M. Todman was top scorer with 99. "B" team had a home match with the Edgware Post Office, and won by 18 points. We are now busy shooting for the two tankards which are presented every year by Capt. L. Hewlett, and we are shortly to fire for the gold spoon that our Old Comrade, Mr. George Heath, presents to us annually.

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STOP PRESS.

We should like to know if the Drum-Major has ever been in the Navy. If so, perhaps he will tell us what signal it is when a red sash is hoisted at full mast?

"D" COMPANY.

Just after the publication of the last issue of the Journal we received two items of bad news—one that Capt. Sutcliffe was posted from us to command "C" Company, and the other that Mr. Gray was posted from us to "B" (S.) Company. We are very sorry to lose them both but we wish Capt. Sutcliffe every success with his Company, and Mr. Gray good luck on his return to the "Gunners." It is strange to think of Capt. Sutcliffe with any other Company than "D." He has been with "D" ever since he joined the Battalion, and we are sure he is as sorry to go as we are to lose him.

Whilst on the subject of personnel, we must record our farewells to Sergt.-Major and Mrs. Simmonds. They carry with them, on their return to the 2nd Battalion, our very best wishes and our thanks for all they did for us at Hendon. We welcome Sergt.-Major and Mrs. Donaldson to "D" Company, and hope their tour of duty with us will be a happy one.

In last quarter's notes we referred, incidentally, to the Sherwood Shield Competition, but refrained from the proverbial counting of chickens. We need not have done so—the Shield comes to us for the third (or is it fourth?) successive year.

We have been indulging in a little social life this quarter. We have had two matches against the Old Comrades—real old Old Comrades and young Old Comrades (we need hardly say how glad we are to see either at the Drill Hall), and

another match against "C" Company. The first match against the Old Comrades was shooting only, and we won by 540 to 478—the top scorer for us being L./Cpl. Kershaw, and for the Old Comrades ex-Sergt. Breed. The second match against the Old Comrades consisted of shooting, darts and massed darts. We won all three: the shooting by 721 to 633 (top scorer for us being Sergt. Patterson, and for the Old Comrades, Templeman, whose 86 was a most creditable performance); the darts by six games to four, and the massed darts ten-a-side and 1,001 up. The Corporal who doubled out for us surprised himself, and us, by doing so. He did not know—so rumour has it—what we wanted!

No details of our match against "C" Company are available, but we were beaten. All three matches were most enjoyable and we are looking forward to more in the autumn.

We are still continuing our endeavours to improve the amenities of our Drill Hall. Window curtains (the kind work of Mrs. Donaldson) and plants in our canteen are our latest efforts, and we have many more ideas which we hope to introduce in due time.

We congratulate Sergts. Heath and Large, Cpl. Burbidge and L./Cpls. Collins, Kershaw and Westmacott on their promotion.

Camp is now getting delightfully near, and the renewal of our acquaintance with the downs at Falmer and our haunts at Brighton hold out pleasant prospects.

It is perhaps as well not to say too much about the Brigade Rifle Meeting—we were not successful—but we do congratulate Ptes. Thompson and Nye on getting prizes for their shooting as "Young Soldiers."

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DRUMS.

Since the last notes appeared we have "carried on" as usual with thoughts of a holiday and camp, which will be upon us now before we know where we are.

We have two events of interest to report.

On 13th June the Drums were engaged, with the Band, to play in the procession of the Harrow Hospital Carnival and Fête.

It rained most of the day on this particular Saturday, but, strangely, it stopped during the long march of the processional route. We hear from Military and civilian circles that they put on what is usually termed "a smashing show," which gives us heart to do still better.

During Whitsun a few of us got away to attend camp at Bisley, where the Battalion Rifle Meeting was held. Sergt. Pocock and L./Cpl. O'Brien were included in "H.Q." Wing teams, while other "fiddlers" tried to coax money in the Lewis Gun Competition.

Drum-Major Allwood was supposed to be assisting on the Range, but only managed to be the cause of much amusement to the members of the Sergeants' Mess, particularly Pioneer Sergt. Maggs, O.R./Sergt. Holder and the Signal Sergeant.

We also suspect these three of having some knowledge as to how a sergeants' sash, belonging to a member of the Drums, came to be used as a lamp shade and the Battalion's camp colour.

Well, here's hoping for a period of fine weather so that we can enjoy our break at Falmer to the full.

SIGNAL SECTION.

The past quarter has been full of entertainment, and one to remember for its outstanding events. We started off with a very happy Easter at Southsea (attached to the 2nd Battalion, to whom we would like to take this opportunity of offering our thanks for their hospitality).

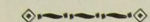
The weather was kind to us. Incidentally the six signallers we sent up for classification passed with flying colours.

Immediately following Easter we had our Annual Dinner, which proved a roaring success. The only mishap occurred when the barrel of beer ran dry and we had to wait five minutes for the next supply. We managed to scrape up a band (of sorts) and this, coupled with a few turns, put up by some of the signallers, made the evening a success.

The next item of interest to record is the Whitsun Camp, which was held at Bisley. Again, everybody enjoyed themselves to the full. About twenty men attended. Just recently we put up a

Young Soldiers' team to fire at Purfleet, and although every shot was not a "bull," they put up a good show considering they have fired so little.

In closing, we would like to say that our numbers have again reached full strength. This is partly due to the good work put up by the Signallers on Albuhera Day at the Drill Hall, when we showed visitors our equipment and how the dots and dashes were flicked out. We would also like to thank "Blocky" for his ardent canvassing.



OBITUARY.

COL. G. W. W. SAVILE, C.B.E.,
D.S.O.

COL. SAVILE died rather suddenly at his home in Devonshire on 28th June, 1936, at the age of 76. He was one of the fast-diminishing band of officers and men now left who were serving in the 57th and 77th before their amalgamation into the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment). In this Regiment he was a familiar and respected figure for many years. His name must be known to hundreds who never served with or under him. He loved the Regiment, and the well-known initials "G. W. W. S." at the end of an article in THE DIE-HARDS have kept him constantly in the minds of its readers.

George Walter Wrey Savile was brought up in Devonshire and returned to live there after his retirement; the county shared his affections with his old corps.

He was educated at Marlborough and served for a time in one of the Devonshire Militia battalions of which his father was the Adjutant, and he joined the 77th, then at Dublin under the command of Col. Henry Kent, in 1879. The Battalion soon moved to Dover and was thence sent to India in 1880, rather hurriedly, on account of expected trouble on the Frontier, which died down before its disembarkation; Savile accompanied it and never left the 2nd Battalion, except while holding the appointment of A.D.C. at Mhow, until after it had returned to England from Bombay in 1898. He was one of the five officers and other ranks

then still in the Battalion who had embarked with it sixteen years earlier. He had been Adjutant for five years.

In December, 1899, the 2nd Battalion left Woolwich to take part in the South African War, and Savile, then believed to be the senior Captain in the Army (for promotion in the Regiment had been very slow), went with it in command of "E" Company. He was promoted in March, 1900, when there was a great run owing to the formation of two new battalions of the Regiment, but before then he had been present at the Battle of Spion Kop, where he was wounded on 24th January, 1900. He was subsequently mentioned in despatches and awarded the D.S.O., besides receiving the Queen's and King's Medals with seven clasps to the former—a sufficient proof that "E" Company, still under his command, saw much varied service during the war.

When the fighting was over, Major Savile was posted to the new 3rd Battalion and went again to South Africa, where he served under Col. Bellers and was second-in-command to Col. Scott-Moncrieff. Until then, his Commanding Officers in the 77th and the 2nd Battalion had been Cols. Kent, Colquhoun, Matthews, Wade-Dalton, Garstin, Hill and Lumley.

Then in 1905 he himself took command of the Battalion in which he had served so many years, and delighted in being at its head at Portsmouth and in Guernsey. Mrs. Savile, the daughter of Col. A. D. Parsons of the Madras Cavalry, whom he had married in 1891, will be remembered by many as an ideal Commanding Officer's wife.

At the end of his period of command, Col. and Mrs. Savile went to live with his widowed mother at Barley House, near Exeter, where they both took up local philanthropic work, which was uninterrupted until 4th August, 1914, the first day of the Great War, when Col. Savile left to take the position of A.A.G. to a Territorial division, a post for which he had been selected some time before in the event of general mobilization. He served with this division at Doncaster and was then made Commandant of the great British camp at Rouen, where he remained till the end of the war, being mentioned three times in despatches and created C.B.E.

In 1920 he bought Collatons, Bow, about fourteen miles from Exeter, where he lived until his death intimately connected with most of the good works in his part of Devonshire. Among other things, he was District Commissioner of Boy Scouts, and President of the British Legion at Bow.

The keynote of George Savile's life, as all who knew him will remember, was his strong religious conviction; he was ever foremost in promoting the welfare of the Church and of all Christian activities. All his life he was a total abstainer, and he was a tower of strength to the Army Temperance Association throughout his connection with the 2nd Battalion. This might suggest a note of austerity to people only slightly acquainted with him, but all who enjoyed his open-handed hospitality or saw him playing polo for the Regiment, driving tandem about an Indian station or, above all, taking charge of a gymkhana or a sports meeting, or running sideshows at a garden party, quickly realized how thoroughly he could throw himself into the lighter side of life. Both moral and physical courage he had in abundance.

Few there are who will now remember the tie in a polo tournament at Poona about 1895, when the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment beat the famous Durham Light Infantry team which then carried all before it throughout India and was otherwise unbeaten for years. It must be admitted that, as only two players who had represented their corps in such tournaments as the Inter-Regimental were allowed in each team, the Durhams were therefore not at full strength, though all their magnificent ponies were available, whereas our Regiment put its full team into the field—Lieut. J. H. Hall, and Cpts. G. W. W. Savile, C. L. Muriel and R. H. Hayes—but, nevertheless, it was a considerable feather in our caps, particularly as the Regiment was much broken up by detachments. Unfortunately, it must further be admitted that the tournament was ultimately won by the Poona Horse.

Savile, who had lately been playing much with the 7th Hussars at Mhow, was conspicuous on our side. It is pleasant to note that Brig.-General Hall and Col. Hayes are still alive. Poor Muriel was killed on Spion Kop.

Latterly, Col. Savile became an ardent motorist, driving his own car with enthusiasm and intrepidity for some twenty-five years.

The funeral took place at Bow on 1st July and was very largely attended, the Parish Church being hardly able to contain the crowd of friends and neighbours who came to pay their last respects to one whom they all loved. It was the day on which H.M. The King was inspecting the 2nd Battalion at Portsmouth, where Col. Savile had himself but a very few weeks before presented to the Officers' Mess a picture of the Battalion marching out of Dover Castle with Col. Kent at its head. In the circumstances, it was of course impossible for a party to leave the garrison, but the Second-in-Command, Major Wollocombe, was present at the funeral, bringing with him a very beautiful wreath from the Regiment. Buglers were sent from the Depot of the Devonshire Regiment, where Col. Savile's tall, spare figure was well known.

Mrs. Savile is herself ill, and all who know her will think of her with love and pity in her great bereavement.

So has passed a very gallant, upright and devoted officer of the Regiment. The words of Bunyan when describing how Mr. Greatheart passed over, "And all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side," have become almost hackneyed, but never could they be more appropriately used.

Even though it is not a form of words which he himself would have used, we who remain say from the bottom of our hearts, "Requiescat in pace."

H. E. F.

CAPT. THE HON. WALTER LINDSAY.

The news of the death on 2nd July, 1936, at the age of 63, of Capt. The Hon. Walter Patrick Lindsay, brother of the Earl of Crawford, will be learnt with regret by many who served in the Regiment during the war, and not least by those of the 2nd/10th Battalion.

He was educated at Winchester and University College, London. At school he was a member of the shooting eight in 1891. At the outbreak of war, although then at an age when many men imagined themselves too old for soldiering he

promptly and simply enlisted in the ranks of the Middlesex Regiment. Such was the way of the Lindsays, for his brothers, including the present Earl, did the same, though in other regiments.

In due course he proceeded to the Western Front, and was eventually commissioned. After considerable service in France, he was invalided home with illness, from the effects of which he never fully recovered.

In 1917 he was posted to the 2nd/10th Battalion in Palestine, with whom he served for several months. During the heavy fighting at Khuwelfieh, north of Beersheba, Lindsay was wounded in the head, but remained at duty for several days until the fighting was over, and the M.O. absolutely insisted that he must go to hospital. This marked the end of his Regimental service, as on discharge from hospital he received an administrative appointment at G.H.Q.

Such is the bare record of his service, but much more could be told of the man himself. As was written in an appreciation which appeared in *The Times* on 7th July: "Lindsay brought an example of that higher discipline of self, truly tempered by the years, and bred of an inborn sense of duty. . . . Precise in his military duties, and strict as to their execution, his kindly understanding of the men under his command was soon appreciated. . . . So we remember him, quietly self-reliant, dignified, kindly in his criticisms, generous to us in our failings, but unhesitating in his condemnation of anything mean, petty, or untrue. Truly a gallant, gentle, man."

LIEUT. JOHN JENNINGS.

John Jennings, born at Harrow Weald fifty-two years ago, enlisted in 1902, and spent nearly all his service with the 3rd Battalion, to which he was posted in South Africa. In 1913 he was posted to the Permanent Staff of the 6th Battalion, with the rank of Sergeant.

Service in the Great War brought him promotion successively as R.S.M. of the 23rd Battalion and as Second-Lieutenant on 5th May, 1917. He retired in 1919, and was employed as inspector under the

London Passenger Transport Board until the day of his death, 20th April, 1936.

He was buried at Wealdstone on 24th April, when a bugler attended from the Depot with a wreath.

To his widow and family we offer our sincere sympathy.

EX-PTE. WILLIAM JAMES NAUDAULD (5772).

This Old Comrade enlisted in March, 1899, and had over 17 years' combined Colour and Reserve service to his credit. He was discharged in 1916 as a result of wounds received in the Great War. He died on 18th March, 1936, and the funeral took place on the 23rd, when a bugler from the Depot attended with a wreath.

To his widow we offer our deepest sympathy.

EX-R.S.M. JOHN HEWITT (1823).

We regret to hear, through Mr. H. Hewitt of the Mobilization Stores at the Depot, of the death of his brother on 15th May, 1936, at Dickleborough, Norfolk.

John Hewitt was born at Windsor in 1871, and enlisted in the Regiment in 1886. In 1890 he was posted to the 2nd Battalion at Mhow, and remained with that unit until returning to England in 1898, when he was posted to the 3rd (now 6th) Militia Battalion as Permanent Staff Instructor.

His service during the Great War was with the 2nd/8th Battalion, of which he was Acting R.S.M. He was discharged in 1918 after thirty-two years' total service in the Regiment.

The funeral took place at Dickleborough. To his family we offer our sincere sympathy.

EX-PTE WILLIAM ALEXANDER VANN (6192365).

We regret to hear of the death of this Old Comrade. Born in 1888, he enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders in 1902, transferred to the Middlesex Regiment in 1920, and was discharged in 1924. Vann was in possession of all three medals for the Great War.

To his widow we offer our sincere sympathy.