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The Plume of the Prince of Wales. In each of the four corners the late Duke of Cambridge's Cypher and Coronet.
"Mysore," "Seringapatam," "Albuhera," "Ciudad Rodrigo," "Badajoz," "Vittoria," "Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Nive,"
"Peninsula," "Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "New Zealand," "South Africa, 1879," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South
Africa, 1900-02."
The Great War—46 Battalions—"Mons," "Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Aisne, 1914," "St. Julien,
1914," "Messines, 1914," "17, 18," "Armentières, 1914," "Neuve Chapelle," "Ypres, 1915," "17, 18," "Gravenstafel," "St. Julien,
Frezenberg," "Bellewaarde," "Aubers," "Hooge, 1915," "Loos," "Somme, 1916," "18," "Albert, 1916," "18," "Bazentin,
Delville Wood," "Pozières," "Ginchy," "Flers-Courcelette," "Morval," "Thiepval," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights,"
"Ancre, 1916," "18," "Bapaume, 1917," "18," "Arras, 1917," "18," "Vimy, 1917," "18," "Scarpe, 1917," "18," "Arleux," "Pikem,"
"Langemarck, 1917," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Broodseinde," "Poelcapelle," "Passchendaele," "Cambrai, 1917,
18," "St. Quentin," "Rosières," "Avre," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazebrouck," "Bailleul," "Kemmel,"
"Scherpenberg," "Hindenburg Line," "Canal du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Valenciennes,"
"Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Italy, 1917-18," "Struma," "Doiran, 1918," "Macedonia, 1915-18," "Suvla,"
"Landing at Suvla," "Scimitar Hill," "Gallipoli, 1915," "Rumani," "Egypt, 1915-17," "Gaza," "El Mughar," "Jerusalem,"
"Jericho," "Jordan," "Tell 'Asur," "Palestine, 1917-18," "Mesopotamia, 1917-18," "Murmur, 1919," "Dukhovskaya,"
"Siberia, 1918-19."
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Regular and Militia Battalions.

Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.
1st Bn. (57th Foot) Hong Kong.
2nd Bn. (77th Foot) Gosport.
3rd Bn. (R. Elthorne Mil.) Mill Hill.
6th Bn. (R. East Middlesex Mil.) Mill Hill.
Depot—Mill Hill. Record and Pay Office—Hounslow.

Territorial Army Battalions.

7th Bn. .. "The Elms," Priory Road, Hornsey, N.8.
8th Bn. .. Drill Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow.
9th Bn. .. Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W.10.
Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment Iverna Gardens,
Kensington, W.8

Affiliated Territorial Army Battalions.

32nd (7th City of London) Anti- 24, Sun Street, Finsbury
Aircraft Battalion, R.E. Square, E.C.2.
33rd (St. Pancras) Anti-Aircraft 76, High Street, Camden
Battalion, R.E. Town, N.W.1.

Allied Regiments of Canadian Militia.

The Peterborough Rangers .. Peterborough, Ontario.
The Wentworth Regiment .. Dundas, Ontario.
The Middlesex & Huron Regiment .. Strathroy, Ontario.

Allied Battalion of Australian Infantry.

57th Battalion Preston.

Allied Regiment of New Zealand Military Forces.

The Taranaki Regiment .. New Plymouth.

Colonel:

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

Officer Commanding Depot:

Major H. Phillips, M.C.

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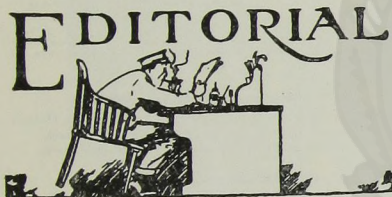
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THE alliance between the Peterborough Rangers, Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada, and the Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) has been extended to include The Prince of Wales Rangers (Peterborough Regiment) (M.G.), Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada.

We take this opportunity to congratulate both Regiments heartily on this new alliance.

The attention of readers is called to the notice in the Officers' Club notes asking for names of members of the Officers' Club who wish to play in the Annual Golf Match, Past v. Present.

A Victory Medal was dug up by ex-Farrier Staff-Sergt. P. C. Smith, of the 7th London Brigade, R.F.A. (T.F.), who was engaged in excavation work at Putney in November, 1937. On the rim is printed "Pte. R. Turner, Middx. R." Any information as to the address of the owner should be sent to the Editor, who is in possession of the medal.

Attention is called to an appeal on behalf of the New Cottage Homes, which appears under the heading "Correspondence" in this issue.

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES

PROCEEDINGS OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT THE CENTRAL LONDON RECRUITING ZONE, WHITEHALL, ON 27TH OCTOBER, 1937

PRESENT: Brig.-General V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O. (in the chair), Col. M. Browne, M.C., Col. E. E. F. Baker, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Col. C. P. Rooke, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Major H. Phillips, M.C., Major S. Mirams, M.C., Capt. J. B. Worton, Capt. H. E. Foster and Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

2. NEW RULES

The new rules, as drafted by the sub-committee appointed for the purpose at the last meeting on 28th July, were discussed. They were passed with the following amendments:

- (i) Proposed by Major Phillips, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Samuel: Rule vi, para. 3, line 3, delete "one shilling per night is made" and substitute "2s. 6d. a week or part of a week." (Carried.)
- (ii) Proposed by Col. Baker, seconded by Col. Browne: Rule viii, para. 1, delete from "except" in line 2 to the end of the sentence. (Carried.)
- (iii) Proposed by Capt. Lawrence, seconded by Major Phillips: Rule ix, para 27, last line, delete "senior"; Rule ix, para. 27, last line, delete " " and add "who were members of the club." (Carried.)

It was further proposed by Capt. Worton and seconded by Major Slee, that these amendments should be circulated to the members of the committee and if a three-quarter majority in favour was obtained, and the approval of the Colonel of the Regiment, the new rules should be printed and circulated to members. (Carried.)

3. VOTE OF THANKS

It was proposed by Major Slee, seconded by Major Mirams, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be given to Col. Browne and the sub-committee for the hard work they put in in amending and revising the rules of the Club.

4. BUDGET FOR 1938

On the motion of Capt. Foster, seconded by Major Slee, the Secretary's proposals for the Budget for 1938 were passed as under:

Cricket	£140 0 0
Golf	14 0 0
Office	65 0 0
Tennis	12 0 0
Dinner	150 0 0
"At Home"	65 0 0
Depot Mess	25 0 0
	(Carried.)

5. COMPLAINT FROM MESSRS. FOSTER & CO.

A complaint from Messrs. Foster & Co., concerning the club tie, was placed before the committee. It was proposed by Col. Samuel, seconded by Col. Browne, that minute 4 of the committee meeting dated 30th July, 1932, should be cancelled and that the Secretary be instructed to write to Messrs. Foster & Co., and inform them that there is no objection to the sale of the Officers' Club pattern tie in uncreasable silk.

6. REFUND TO THE ADJUTANT, DEPOT

It was proposed by Major Slee, seconded by Capt. Foster, that the Adjutant of the Depot should be refunded the amount of £1 11s. 6d., being the charge for the carriage of a mounted deer head presented to the Officers of the Regiment by the Officers of The Middlesex and Huron Regiment. (Carried.)

7. REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

It was proposed by Col. Samuel, seconded by Major Phillips, that minute 2 of the committee meeting held on 29th July, 1933, be cancelled and that the Museum be handed back to the O.C. Depot's charge. (Carried.)

8. VOTE OF THANKS

It was proposed by Col. Browne, seconded by Major Slee, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be given to Col. Samuel and the Dinner Committee for their work in connection with the Officers' Club Dinner, held on 1st July, 1937.

9. VOTE OF THANKS

It was proposed by Col. Browne, seconded by Capt. Lawrence, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be sent to Major N. H. B. Lyon for his work on the Officers' Club Committee during his tour of command at the Depot.

PAST v. PRESENT GOLF MATCH

Officers eligible and desirous of playing for the Past team are requested to send their names and handicaps to Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Junior United Service Club, Charles Street, London, S.W.1, by 14th March.

A LIBEL ACTION

2, OLD CHAMBERS,
ASH.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards"

DEAR SIR,

We have been instructed by our client, Major F. E. Short, in the following circumstances.

On 25th September, 1937, the Regimental Golf Meeting was held, and our client was one of those who took part. The issue of your journal of November, 1937, devotes considerable space to what purports to be an account of this meeting. The account, however, is made the occasion for a virulent and scurrilous attack upon one of the players. With an ingenuity and fertility of imagination, worthy of a better cause, the author loses no opportunity of holding him up to the ridicule and contempt of his fellow men. Whilst giving full play to his malignant fancy, the writer endeavours to safeguard himself by refraining from mentioning any name; so that, however, there may be no doubt as to the object of his attack, the author makes pointed and insulting references to the waterproof trousers worn by his victim. But for this unmistakable and much stressed identification, no one, as the writer clearly recognised, would have associated our client with the subject of this scurrility. Our client would have taken no action, being satisfied that no damage could be done among those who served with him. As, however, the only pair of waterproof trousers taking part in the competition, and indeed the only pair known to exist within the area of the Aldershot Command, were those worn by our client, it would be apparent to any person reading the article that our client must be the person intended. Our client, we need hardly remind you, occupies an honourable and responsible position as Secretary of the Mess to a well-known Corps. It follows that the effect of such attack complained of, in such a journal as yours, with a circulation running into several copies, would necessarily injure our client in

his character and credit, domestic, public and professional, and tend to bring him into hatred, contempt and ridicule.

As soon as we have had an opportunity of estimating the damage suffered by our client, his forbears, predecessors, relations, heirs and next of kin, our instructions are, without further notice, to issue a writ, wrat or wrot against yourself, the proprietors, publishers, printers, painters, plasterers, perishers and dogsbodies connected with your journal. Meanwhile our client has instructed us to give you this opportunity to minimise, in so far as is possible, the damage done, by inserting a full apology in three consecutive issues of *The Times* newspaper and the *Tailor and Cutter*.

We are, dear Sir,
Yours truly,
COBB, WEBB AND DOLITTLE.

THE BARRACKS,
MILL HILL, N.W.7.
26th November, 1937.

DEAR SIR,

The enclosed copy of a lawyer's letter has been received from Messrs. Cobb, Webb and Dolittle.

Before answering it I would like to know what you, as author of the article in question, have to say on the subject.

It is hoped that you may be able to offer an apology to Major F. E. Short.

You will realise that it was not the intention of the Editor, or any of the other gentlemen, etc., referred to in the last paragraph of the enclosed letter, to damage the above-named member, or to offend him in any way.

Yours faithfully,
EDITOR.

Major A. C. Ontributor,
The Golf Club,
Ballymarsh.

THE GOLF CLUB,
BALLYMARSH.
28th November, 1937.

DEAR SIR,

I have received a copy of an effusion addressed to you, purporting to come from a firm of Cobb, Webb and Dolittle (needless to say such a firm cannot be traced), on behalf of Major F. E. Short.

I understand, too, that it was at the express wish of this Major F. E. Short that this ill-typed screed was given to me. Why, I cannot imagine. I am not interested in the man, the

firm of Cobb, Webb and Dolittle, if such exists, or in imaginary attacks on this self-conscientious ex-Officer.

Perhaps he feels that the Regimental Museum has some designs on his pants and, if so, he is to be congratulated on possessing a pair so historical as to deserve the Curator's notice, but in neither "Woolright" nor "The Die-Hards in the Great War" can I find any reference to a Major Short of notorious "bags."

I notice that the third paragraph in the letter is given up to a roundabout advertisement of the excellent qualities of this Major Short. I should have thought that, if he wished to change his employment, the normal advertisement, "Officers' Mess wish to recommend Honourable (add other excellent qualities to date) Mess Secretary for post of greater opportunities," or words to that effect, would have sufficed.

In his last paragraph, which is chiefly concerned in proving that he has, or hopes to have, a family and that he is capable of some alliteration, he ends by requesting for apologies in triplicate in *The Times* and *Tailor and Cutter*. This request shows that he must have been, if serve he did, one of these warts on the military flesh who are never satisfied with one copy, and surely it was unnecessary to mention the *Tailor and Cutter*, as obviously the man has no tailor and all reasonable persons are sure in future to cut him.

Yours, with all good wishes to your Jolly Journal.

A. C. ONTRIBUTOR.

THE BARRACKS,
MILL HILL, N.W.7.
8th December, 1937.

DEAR SIRS,

Reference your letter, with no number or date, referring to an article on Golf in our November issue, I forward copy of correspondence which has passed between the writer of the article complained of and myself. The gentlemen, etc., referred to in the last paragraph of your letter, had no intention whatever of damaging or offending your client and cannot believe that any such damage or offence is really seriously imagined by your good selves or by him.

Yours faithfully,
EDITOR.

Messrs. Cobb, Webb and Dolittle,
2, Old Chambers,
Ash.

2, OLD CHAMBERS,
ASH.

9th December, 1937.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards"

DEAR SIR,

Reference your letter of the 8th inst., enclosing a letter from the writer of the article about which complaint is made. The writing is so bad that we have been unable to decipher it, but presume it is a complete apology, and, therefore, our client instructs us to take no further action in the matter.

"A Contributor" may be a Prefect but he is evidently no writer!

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours truly,
COBB, WEBB AND DOLITTLE.

[The Editor has also received the congratulations of a well-known firm, as represented in the following letter.]

GOBLIN HOUSE,
PLUS FOUR SQUARE,
BROOMFORD, E.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards"

DEAR SIR,

May we, without being considered to be taking a liberty, congratulate you on the wholly admirable article on Golf, which appeared in the recent issue of your journal.

Much of this article could, in fact should, be reprinted in all papers and periodicals on Golf as an example of intelligent journalism.

If we might be permitted to say so, as the sports clothiers we have long appreciated that in all too many cases players, often ambitious and industrious practicers, are obtaining most mediocre results simply through lack of advice as to correct clothing.

Obviously, now that your Golf correspondent has given a lead, many of your readers will be considering this matter seriously and we hasten to offer our expert advice and truly wonderful service.

Whether it is the smothered pull, the wood ranging slice, duffed approach, or dribbling putt, we have the clothes to cure the trouble and our "pay as you wear" terms will appeal, we are sure, to all, whether serving and active, servantless and inactive, Territorial and businesslike, or ex-Territorial and plutocratic. Historical garments taken in part payment on special terms.

Yours faithfully,
N. I. BLICK,
O.K. Golfers Wear, Ltd.

REGIMENTAL FIXTURES FOR 1938
April 7th and 8th.—Officers' Club Golf Meeting, Hendon.
June 26th.—Cricket—v. Hampstead Heathens.
June 27th.—Cricket—v. The Cryptics.
June 28th.—Cricket—v. Metropolitan Police College.
June 29th.—Cricket—v. The Free Foresters.
June 30th.—Cricket—v. The I. Zingari.
June 30th.—Officers' Club Dinner.
July 1st.—Officers' Club "At Home."
July 2nd.—Cricket—v. Hampstead Cricket Club.
July 2nd and 3rd.—Tennis Tournament.
October 6th and 7th.—Autumn Golf Meeting (subject to confirmation).
November 11th.—Remembrance Day Service at the Regimental War Memorial.

EXTRACTS FROM THE "LONDON GAZETTE"

REGULAR ARMY INFANTRY

Midd'x R.—Maj. N. H. B. Lyon, M.C., having attained the age for retirement, is placed on ret. pay (Oct. 11); Capt. C. W. Haydon, M.C., to be Maj. (Oct. 11).

The follg. Lts. to be Cpts. (Oct. 11): W. H. P. Chattey, and remains sec'd.; A. E. Green.

Midd'x R.—Capt. F. Walden to be Adj. vice Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe (Oct. 24).

Midd'x R.—Capt. E. T. Pain is sec'd. for serv. as an Adj., T.A. (Dec. 1).

8th Bn., Midd'x R.—Capt. J. G. E. Reid, Midd'x R., vacates the appt. of Adj. (Dec. 1); Capt. E. T. Pain, Midd'x R., to be Adj. (Dec. 1).

Midd'x R.—Capt. J. G. E. Reid is restd. to the estab. (Dec. 1).

COMMANDS AND STAFF

Capt. (Local Maj.) F. G. Parker, Midd'x R., from Asst. Prov. Marshal (Cl. FF) to Asst. Prov. Marshal (Cl. CC) (Sept. 11).

RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Midd'x R.—The follg., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Off.: Capt. M. A. E. Ffrench (Dec. 22).

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS
Midd'x R.—H. M. Heath to be Sec. Lt. (Dec. 8).

TERRITORIAL ARMY

INFANTRY

8th Bn., *Midd'x R.*—Lt.-Col. and Bt.-Col. E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., is supern. on vacating comd. (Oct. 1); Capt. E. W. Fane de Salis, M.C. (Capt., ret. pay) (Res. of Off.), to be Lt.-Col. (Oct. 1).

9th Bn., *Midd'x R.*—Capt. H. A. Neal, from T.A. Res. of Off., to be Capt. (Sept. 1).

9th Bn., *Midd'x R.*—Lt.-Col. J. N. Lamont, M.C., T.D. (supern.) to be Bt.-Col. (Aug. 17).

Kensingtons, *Midd'x R.*—Maj. F. G. Hancocks, M.C., T.D., from L.R.B., Rifle Bde., to be Maj. (Oct. 12); Maj. F. G. Hancocks, M.C., T.D., to be Lt.-Col. (Oct. 12).

Lt.-Col. and Bt.-Col. E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., from 8th Bn. *Midd'x R.* (supern.), to be Col. (Oct. 1), with seny. Feb. 20, 1927.

7th Bn., *Midd'x R.*—Pte. H. E. A. Aitken-Quack, from Artists Rif. (late Cadet, Taunton Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be Sec. Lt. (Nov. 27).

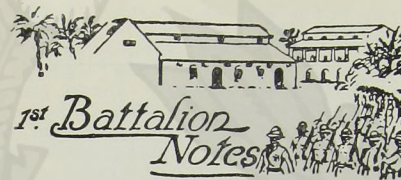
RESERVE OF OFFICERS

INFANTRY

Midd'x R.—Lt. R. J. McMillan (Nov. 8).

9th Bn., *Midd'x R.*—Lt.-Col. and Bt.-Col. J. N. Lamont, M.C., T.D., from Active List (supern.), to be Lt.-Col. and Bt.-Col. (Aug. 17).

8th Bn., *Midd'x R.*—Sec. Lt. D. C. Lawrence to be Lt. (Nov. 20).



THERE have been so many changes in the personnel of the Battalion lately that we are now almost a different unit from the Battalion that left England in 1931.

On 8th October our first draft of the season arrived on H.T. *Dunera*, including 2/Lieut. J. G. Chiverall, whom we welcome to the Battalion for the first time, also C.S.M. Stacey and C/Sergts. Tibble and Colbourne, and about fifty other ranks. The Band rejoined us from Singapore at the same time. The *Dunera* sailed again on 15th October, with Lieut. W. P. M. Allen, whom we congratulate on reaching his present rank, and a draft of about sixteen.

On 20th November we were pleased to welcome Lieut. (Q.M.) R. T. Guscott and 2/Lieuts. C. M. M. Man and G. C. Dawson, who arrived on H.T. *Dikwara*, together with the families and details from Singapore. Lieut. Guscott relieved Capt. Clark as Quartermaster, who sailed in the *Dikwara* on 9th December to go to the Depot; Lieut. R. C. H. Bellers also left us for home, with a small draft, including C.S.M.s Brockman and Hazeldine. We are extremely sorry to lose Capt. Clark and Lieut. Bellers and all those who have been with us for so long, and we wish them all very good luck. Capt. Clark has served altogether 26 years with this Battalion and during his period of service as its Quartermaster has never failed to look after the interests and welfare of its members; we wish him and Mrs. Clark the best of everything. In the case of Lieut. Bellers, apart from his duties as Signalling Officer, which have now been taken over by Lieut. A. W. F. Peal, we shall miss his influence and leadership with our swimming and water polo teams.

At last the Battalion is now practically complete. Major Stewart is still at Bangkok as Military Attache. Lieut. R. A. Gwyn, as we mentioned in an earlier number, is now A.D.C. to His Excellency The Governor of the Straits Settlements. 2/Lieut. A. G. Hewitt is still in England on a Course.

There have been some changes within the Battalion. Capt. F. Walden was appointed Adjutant on 24th October, vice Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe, who is now Adjutant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps for at least one year. Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court now commands "D" Company, his former Company, in the place of Capt. Walden.

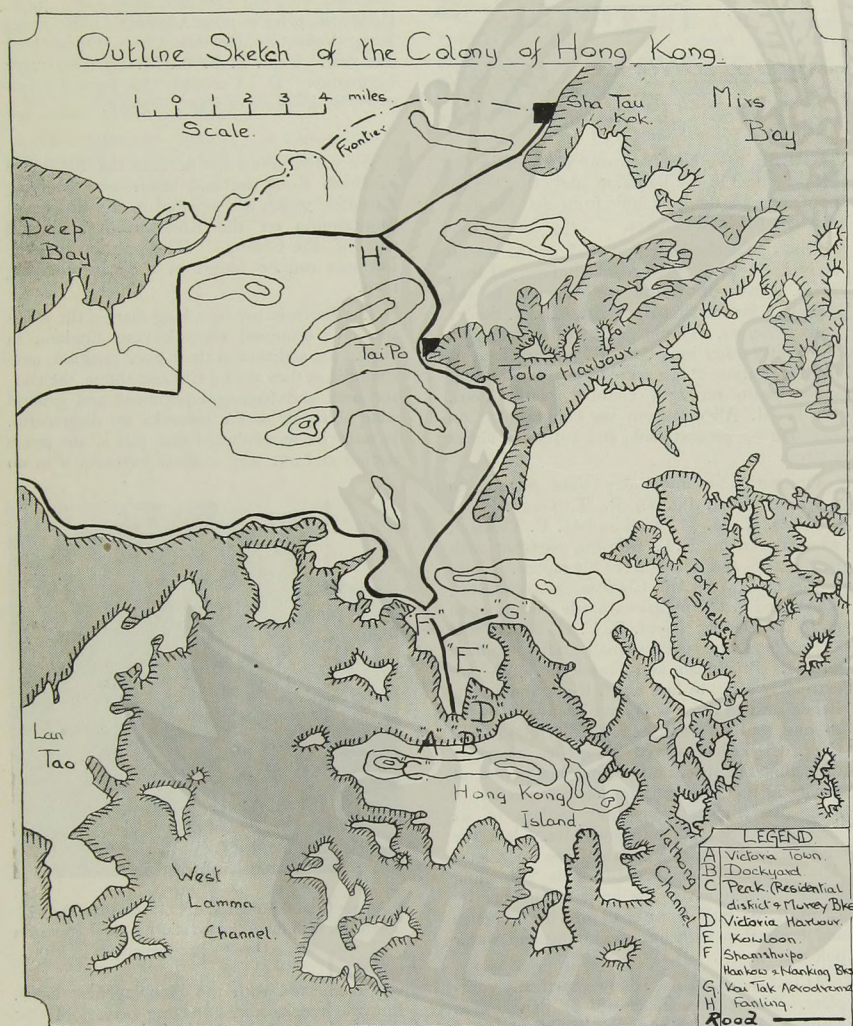
We stated in our last number that on arrival in Hong Kong we had taken over Nanking Barracks, which are situated in the district of Shamshuipo on the Kowloon or mainland side of the Colony. The position of the Barracks can be found on the accompanying map.

The Barracks are by a long margin the worst we have occupied since leaving England in 1931. In addition to their poor position, surrounded as they are by Chinese slums, the conservancy and feeding equipment and general state of repair of the barracks are disgraceful. It must be remembered that this is our peace station and our stay in these barracks is in no



A new Establishment for M.G. Battalion H.Q. ?
The C.O. with his Adjutant and two Quartermasters
O.C., Depot—Any remarks ?

way connected with the Sino-Japanese crisis. But we live in hopes, having been told that some of the least expensive improvements suggested may be carried out! In any case, on first entry to these barracks, the feeling prevalent among most of us was one of depression, not altogether surprisingly. The hut-



ments themselves are not good, the dining halls and stables are only bamboo sheds, and they had been unoccupied since the departure of The Royal Ulster Rifles for Shanghai. Nearly every barrack room had several windows broken, in some the doors or windows, owing to rot, had fallen right out of their frames, door-knobs and latches were rarities, and some of the ceilings were actually falling to pieces and full of bugs. There had been bugs in Singapore, but their presence here was felt to be insult added to injury. Indeed, some men asserted that their beds moved about the room during the night.

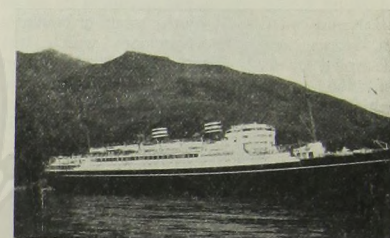
The local Chinese, finding our ablution huts within convenient distance (about 60 yards) of their houses, considered they had a right to their use, and after dark it was impossible to stop them.

The areas around barracks were covered with a varied litter of considerable age. A curious smell prevailing on the first morning was eventually traced to passers-by relieving themselves in an offhand manner on the football ground. Unless a wire fence* can be erected, this unceremonious system of outdoor sanitation cannot very well be checked. Finally, nearly every building in barracks, including the married quarters, is within ear-shot of every other, and as in this hot weather all doors and windows have to be left open, noise cannot be isolated; the result is that activity anywhere disturbs the peace of the whole. We hope noise will not be so noticeable in the cold weather.

However, the gods must have shared our contempt for these barracks because, shortly after our arrival on 24th August, we were visited, as mentioned in our last notes, on 2nd September, between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., by one of the worst typhoons ever experienced in the colony, when the wind reached a speed of 160 m.p.h., and completely removed our matched dining halls and some other odd bits. Fortunately there is a well-organised system of signals, based on meteorological forecasts, which give one ample warning of the approach of these local terrors. These signals run from No. 1 to No. 10; after No. 5 all doors and windows are bolted and secured with extra screws and, as a precaution—it is practically impossible to move in the open during a typhoon—we were issued with hard rations. On receipt of signal No. 5 most of the larger

* We are glad to say that since this was written the fence has been erected.

ships run for what is known as the typhoon anchorage, sheltered to some extent by hills; there they pick up their typhoon moorings, but on this occasion several ships broke loose and were literally tossed about, fifteen being cast ashore in various and undignified positions. For example, the S.S. *Ann Lee*, which appears



Asama Maru



Conte Verde



Mow Lee

to have been driven with engines racing and unattended on to H.M.S. *Suffolk*, finally finished with her stern high and dry on the Praha or waterfront, where she remains to-day, with her fore-castle under water. The most serious loss was the *Asama Maru*, which was

lodged on the rocks some 10 feet above high water and is expected to be a total loss. (See photos.)

Otherwise, compared with Singapore, Hong Kong has many advantages.

From a scenic point of view the Colony is a beautiful place and includes, firstly, the island of Hong Kong, which was occupied by us in 1841, and ceded to us by the treaty of Nanking in 1843; secondly, Kowloon, which was occupied by us under the Peking convention of 1860; and, thirdly, the New Territories, which were leased to us by China for 99 years about 1898. The capital of Hong Kong is Victoria, and the harbour (one of the finest in the world) bears the same name.

When the Colony was first occupied it was devoid of any tree or vegetation and now it is well covered by both, for which the Forestry Department deserves great credit. The island is about 11 miles long and two to seven broad, while from Victoria to the Chinese frontier of the New Territories is about 17 miles. The highest peak on the island is about 1,650 feet and on the New Territories 2,400 feet. There are many sandy beaches with good bathing along the coasts, and a fair number of fresh-water reservoirs all over the area, which is hilly almost throughout. There are many good roads on the island, and a main road on the mainland, as shown on the map, but not connected to Canton.

We find both living and amusements are considerably cheaper than in Singapore. Consequently we get more for our money.

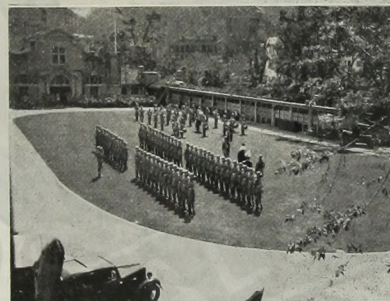
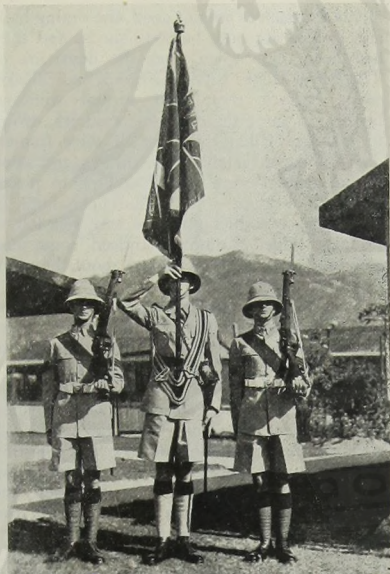
We have plenty of games in barracks and those of us who want a variation of exercise can climb some of the hills just north of the barracks or we can bathe by going out in a launch or by car to a beach some three miles distant, but although there are no sharks, there are large-sized and unpleasant jelly fish which, at this time of the year, are at their worst.

Some of us now have sailing boats, and shortly we will have rowing boats.

There are many shops, including those full of eastern curios and "junk," cinemas, and a few clubs, hotels, etc., where we can find amusement.

Taking it all round we prefer Hong Kong to Singapore.

As regards the future, it is difficult to prophesy; we may remain here or it is possible that one of the Shanghai units will require relieving and that we may have to take our turn again in that area.



1.—The King's Colour and Escort
2.—Arrival of His Excellency. Guard of Honour mounted by the Battalion
3.—Arrival of His Excellency. Guards of Honour on the quay

We have started thinking about becoming a M.G. Battalion, and our first batch of vehicles have actually arrived; there ought to be some fun derived from them, in any case for the onlookers. We all think that being a M.G. Battalion will be much more interesting work, and will certainly provide in some measure a form of vocational training which will stand us in good stead when we leave the Army. In fact we think we did well to ask to become a M.G. Battalion.

During October nine of the senior Officers of the Battalion took part in a War Game conducted by Brigadier Bissett, commanding the Hong Kong Infantry Brigade. The C.O. commanded the Southland forces, normally stationed in the South of England, in their attack on the Northland industrial area round about Northampton.

Both sides had infantry, M.G. Battalions, artillery, Divisional cavalry, armoured cars and tanks. Northland had the great advantage of mobility.

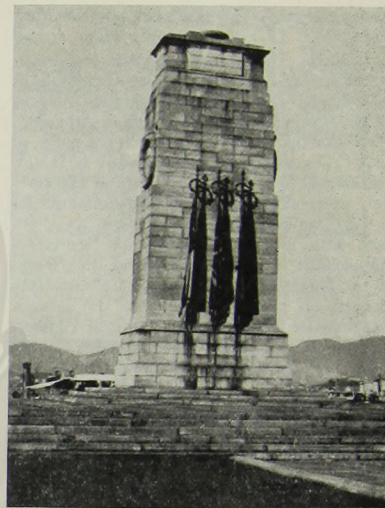
The Game, which lasted two days and was followed by a discussion, produced many intriguing problems, perhaps the most interesting of which was how to make the best use of tank obstacles. Another problem which drew considerable discussion was the protection of the L. of C., especially in view of the possibility of sabotage by the invaded nation.

Southland was finally adjudged to have achieved its object.

Since our arrival there has been a good deal of reconnaissance and work in conjunction with the Defence Scheme. This has entailed a certain amount of alpine work among the rocky hills.

On Thursday, 28th October, the Battalion took part in the reception of H.E. The Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., on his first arrival in the Colony, by providing a Guard of Honour, which was commanded by Capt. M. Crawford, and also two Companies under Capt. J. E. Dobbs, M.C., and Capt. A. N. Overell to line the streets. His Excellency expressed great satisfaction at the smartness and steadiness of the troops.

On 23rd November, H.E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., the new Governor, whilst on a tour of the various areas in the Colony, was taken round our barracks by the C.O. The G.O.C. accompanied Sir Geoffrey, who, on the conclusion of his visit, sympathised with us on the bad condition of our barracks,



The Cenotaph, Hong Kong



Armistice Day. The Battalion Marching Past



Armistice Day. Drumhead Service in Barracks

and promised to use his influence for their betterment.

Armistice Day was observed on 11th November by a service at the Cenotaph in Hong Kong, at which representative detachments from units of the garrison attended. The Battalion was represented by a party of 16 N.C.O.s and men, commanded by Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C. After the ceremony a wreath was laid on the Cenotaph by the C.O., on behalf of the Regiment.

On 14th November, Armistice Sunday, a "Drumhead" service was held in Shamshuipo Barracks, at which the Colours were marched on parade and laid on the Drums. Detachments from The Royal Welch Fusiliers and The Royal Ulster Rifles attended. After the service all troops marched past the Colours.

In June, not long before the Battalion left Singapore, it was decided to present a championship cup to the Singapore Harbour Board in recognition of their kindness in allowing us



The Albuhera Cup

the use of their football ground during our stay in Singapore. This ground was especially valuable to us during our first few months, when our new grounds were often out of play.

The cup, which was obtained from England, with the kind assistance of Lieut.-Col. Pringle, Commanding the 7th Battalion, was inscribed as follows, and was presented to the Singapore Harbour Board by Capt. E. S. M. Ayscough on 10th November:

"ALBUHERA CUP
presented to

The Singapore Harbour Board
by

All Ranks, 1st Battalion The Middlesex
Regiment,
1936-1937."

The Singapore Harbour Board have stated how much they appreciate the gift.

In spite of our football and boxing in Singapore ending so abruptly and inopportunistically, the Battalion left a good reputation behind it, as may be seen from the following extract of the Singapore *Morning Tribune* for 19th October:

"The Middlesex have been a popular unit in local sport. They came to Singapore with a good reputation which they speedily proved to be well earned. They have put up a fine showing in all spheres of sporting activity here, and especially have displayed a magnificent sporting spirit."

We were also extremely flattered to note the following extract from the *R.A.O.C. Journal* for September, 1937:

"We have bidden good-bye to the 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, who left for China last week-end. They were our nearest neighbours here, and I feel that the benefit we have derived from having the Battalion with us should be placed on record. Here's wishing the best of luck to an ever-cheerful set of good sportsmen, good mixers and, if I may say so, a good unit from the Ordnance point of view. The Corpsmen in the Battalion's new station are advised to look in on the Middlesex Concert Party and pay special attention to L/Cpl. Rogers, their immortal humorist and philosopher."

Our thanks are due to Lieut. Anson for the figures in our Christmas Card and Calendar, which, judging by the sales, have proved a great success.

"A" (S.) COMPANY

Although our first impressions of Hong Kong were not too favourable, now that the weather has changed for the better, I think most of us are enjoying it here.

Originally the date for our change-over to a machine gun organisation was fixed for 8th December, but we have now heard that our mechanised transport is not arriving until February. Meanwhile, the instructors in the Company have been kept busy, imparting their knowledge of machine guns to all ranks of the Rifle Companies.

Three Courses have been run for Privates, and three for Officers and N.C.O.s. Altogether five Officers, two W.O.s and two hundred and fifty Privates have passed through their hands. With this foundation laid, the good work is now

being carried on in the Rifle Companies. 2/Lieut. Chiverall, having just come from Netheravon, has been lending us some valuable assistance.

October to April forms the season for all kinds of sport, so that games of every description have been plentiful.

The Company football team distinguished itself in the Small Units Competition, by winning all the matches in its division. In this competition we are not allowed to include Battalion first and second team players.

In the Albuhera League we have beaten "C" Company, 1-0, but we lost to "D" Company by the only goal; however, we hope to get our revenge when we play them in the semi-final of the Small Units Competition.

Pte. Sheehan is to be congratulated on playing for the Combined Services.

Hockey within the Company has been plentiful, as we have three grounds at the disposal of the Battalion. Judging by the number of men who play regularly in Platoon games, there should be plenty of material and budding talent for the Company team.

We played "S" Company, Kumaon Rifles, in the first round of the Small Units Knock-out and won 1-0, no mean performance, as hockey is the only game these Indians play, and they are extremely proficient at it. This game was C.S.M. Hazeldine's last appearance, as he sails on S.S. *Dilwara* for the Depot. Quite apart from the fact that we shall now have to find another centre-forward, he will be a great loss to the Company. In work and in sport he has been a veritable backbone, and we wish him and Sergt. Snell, who is going to the 2nd Battalion, all the best of luck.

At the same time we congratulate C.S.M. Northcott, M.M., on his promotion, and hope he will enjoy his stay with the Company in his new role.

In the Platoon hockey we did not fare so well and failed to keep up the record of wins we have had in cricket, football and passball in the Mons Shield Competition.

There is no Inter-Company rugby this year as the grounds are not available, and for the same reason we have as yet played no cricket. The Company is, however, well represented in the Battalion teams of both these games.

Turning aside for one moment from these more active forms of sport, some members of the Company have been interesting themselves in sailing, and the Company now possesses a sailing boat and dinghy of its own. The sailing

boat is a converted life-boat and holds twelve persons quite comfortably.

Being ambitious, we hope eventually to obtain an outboard motor, which will enable men to go further afield outside the limits of the harbour, when really first-class bathing can be obtained.

In conclusion, we publish our record in the Small Units Football to date:

27th September—"A" (S.) 3, "C" Company 2.—Won.

14th October—"A" (S.) 3, R.C.S. 1.—Won.

25th October—"A" (S.) 4, 20 (H.), R.A. 1.—Won.

28th October—"A" (S.) 4, R.C.S. 2.—Won.

17th November—"A" (S.) 5, "C" Coy. 0.—Won.

18th November—"A" (S.) 2, 20 (H.), R.A. 1.—Won.

9th December.—Final, Y and Z Divisions—"A" (S.) 6, "D" Coy. 2.—Won.

"B" COMPANY

Having spent the last three months in Hong Kong, we are able to commence this quarter's notes with a little more information and confidence that we were able to muster at the beginning of the last instalment.

During the last six weeks our football has improved quite a lot, and we have had a number of successes, beating the Kumaon Rifles in the Small Units League by 6-0 and 5-3, also "H.Q." Wing to the tune of 3-0. In the Albuhera Shield we confounded the critics by beating "C" Company by 4-2. There have been many friendly games with local Chinese teams, and we have yet to suffer defeat.

At hockey we have not been so fortunate, for over a month we have been unable to turn out a full side on any occasion. In spite of this, we are able to report two successes, a 2-1 win against the Y.M.C.A. and a similar result against the combined Details of The Royal Welch Fusiliers and The Royal Ulster Rifles. We have not been so successful within the Battalion, but hope we shall be able to field a good side when it comes to the Albuhera Shield matches.

In our Mons Shield matches all the Platoons were eliminated in the first round, but in the passball No. 6 Platoon managed to reach the third round before going down to the Details. Consequently the points to count in the Mons

Shield are at present very few, but we hope to remedy this in other directions.

The Company is running an Inter-Platoon Rabbits League, in which Company players are barred from taking part, both at football and hockey. This has caused a keen rivalry between Platoons and we are now able to publish the League to date.

FOOTBALL

Platoon	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F. A.	Pts.
6 ..	8	4	2	2	14 12	10
5 ..	8	4	—	4	13 11	8
7 ..	6	2	1	3	9 9	5
8 ..	6	2	1	3	8 11	5

HOCKEY

Platoon	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F. A.	Pts.
6 ..	4	4	—	—	17 8	8
8 ..	3	1	—	2	8 7	2
7 ..	2	1	—	1	4 7	2
5 ..	3	—	—	3	4 11	—

We shall be sorry to lose C.S.M. Brockman, who is leaving us in December, per H.T. *Dikwara*, for Singapore, where he will stay until he is finally drafted to the 2nd Battalion. He has had a very long association with the Company, and still longer with the Battalion, and he will be missed. In his place we welcome C.S.M. Stacey, who has already made his presence felt in the sporting world, and has many old friends in the Battalion from his former stay.

We have also lost Sergt. Chillery and Pte. Hatchett, both very great losses from the Company sports teams; we wish them luck in their new surroundings, and hope to see them both again before many troopships have passed through! Perhaps they will have wishes to the contrary, but our good wishes are with them, no matter where they may be.

We are now experiencing very cold weather, for this part of the world, with bitter winds and threatened typhoons, although these are now said to be out of season whilst there is an "r" in the month, altogether making us long for warmer clothing.

The *Dikwara* arrived on 20th November, bringing with it the married families and Details from Singapore, and 2/Lieut. C. M. M. Man from the 2nd Battalion. We take this opportunity of welcoming him, as well as our families and the Details into our happy band again. We are fortunate in having 2/Lieut. C. M. M. Man with us, as we hear of his prominence on the field at rugby, soccer and cricket. Among the draft which arrived on the *Dunera* we have

one Pte. Johns from whom we expect great things in the cricket line; there are seven others from whom we expect a lot in other directions, and whom we welcome into the Company, no matter what their abilities.

At present we are in the midst of turning Lewis gunners into Vickers ditto. There seems a great discrepancy between crank and cocking handles, and should the No. 1 or No. 2 gun traverse left or right first, we shall have them easing, pulling and tapping in their sleep before this change-over takes place.

BEER.

"C" COMPANY

We would commence this quarter's notes with a gesture of welcome to all those who have recently joined the Battalion, particularly those, few though they be, who have been posted to this Company.

Whilst welcoming the new-comers, we would not forget those who have been our companions for years, but would wish them, one and all, good fortune in their efforts to "work for a living."

We are especially sorry to have left behind us at Singapore, C.S.M. Thomas, and we miss him in all spheres of Company life; particularly we miss his untiring activities in Company cricket.

Little of interest, beyond machine gun training for all, can be recorded from a military point of view this quarter, although we are looking with eyes of mute appeal toward the W.D. lorries that arrived last week, and wondering if foot-slogging is a thing of the past, or if some of us will have to "get out and walk home."

Turning to Company sports activities, we find that the teams that have represented us have gained the reputation of hard workers and triers ever, but, unfortunately, these virtues do not alone win matches, and we have not been entirely successful in our efforts to place "C" Company on the sporting map. To date the soccer team has played several league and friendly fixtures, with fortunes for ever fluctuating. The record, although not brilliant, speaks volumes for the indomitable spirit that prevails.

Small Units League: v. "A" (S.) Coy. ... Lost 2—3
v. Royal Corps of Signals ... Won 3—1
v. 20th (H.) R.A. ... Lost 2—4
"Albuhera" Shield: v. "A" (S.) Coy. ... Lost 2—3
v. "B" Coy. ... Lost 2—4
Friendlies: Played 10, Won 6, Drawn 2, Lost 2.

Mons Hockey Shield, for us, is a thing of the past. No. 11 Platoon upheld the reputation of the Company, but were forced to admit defeat in the third round of the Competition. Company hockey at this time is indeed in a sorry state, but we are looking forward to the Albuhera Shield, hoping for a change in fortunes and confident that we will, before the season closes, administer a series of shocks to the teams who consider "C" an easy thing.

Lieut. Gudgeon has recently arrived back from leave, spent in Australia and New Zealand, during which he appears to have seen and experienced many interesting things; we find him very fit and hope that he will continue his sports activities.

Before closing these short notes, we would repeat our opening paragraph, and extend the following a hand of welcome: C.Q.M.S. Colbourne, who has already set an example to us youngsters worthy of pursuance on the football field, Sergts. Bedward and Parnell, Cpl. Clark, Ptes. Ford and Kane.

We are sorry to record the loss of an old friend, C.Q.M.S. Misso, who is about to leave us for home. He has served with the 1st Battalion since 1919 and with "C" Company since 1931—a fine record!

"D" COMPANY

These notes! They always seem to be required at the most inconvenient time, or possibly it is our put-it-off-till-to-morrow attitude. Considering the literary gems submitted in the past, nobody is, shall we say, enthusiastic about writing them.

C.Q.M.S. Tibble, our A/C.S.M., whom the Company welcomes, has been chasing all over the place for a victim to write them.

The last quarter shows a considerable change, both in personnel and sport.

Capt. Walden, the Officer commanding the Company, handed over his command to Capt. del Court, whom we welcome. Many of the Company's scroungers (older soldiers) knew Capt. del Court in Egypt. Our former Company Commander is now adjutant, and we wish him the best success.

We congratulate C.Q.M.S. Challis on his promotion to C.S.M. He has been transferred to the Wing, and, judging by reports, he is most popular. To replace the above, Sergt. Soper has been transferred to us and promoted C.Q.M.S. (C.Q.M.S. Tibble doing A/C.S.M.)

Sport, which is a good index to a unit's efficiency in soldiering, shows a marked change for the better. Companies, when discussing leagues and such like, refer to "Don" as the ultimate test—a Waterloo. And have we shaken some of them? In football, much kudos is due to Cpl. Hammond. Despite adverse criticism and much bickering, Hammond, with insight and good judgment, has moulded from ordinary material a very good team. In the Small Units League we have defeated all, including "A" (S.) Company. In the "Albuhera" Shield League the Company played "H.Q." Wing and won 2—0. Was the Wing sore?

While on the subject it would be in place to criticise the shabby spirit that is creeping into Inter-Company events. The habit of appealing against decisions after a match, and bickering for a re-play. This is not cricket, and, furthermore, is an insult to the kind person who had agreed to umpire or referee the match in question. In the match with the Wing, the goals drew a great deal of unnecessary comments. Being possessed of such splendid teams, both in ability and sportsmanship, we can predict safely that should a match ever have to be re-played, under such circumstances, "Don" would rather let the offenders have the result than re-play.

Very much like Cpl. Hammond, Sergt. Wadsworth in the last two years has built up a fast and quick-passing hockey team; unfortunately, he is about to leave us for Home Establishment, and we can sincerely say we regret this, as he will be hard to replace. It is to be hoped that those governing these things will choose a representative for the Company who will follow the same policy as that of Sergt. Wadsworth and not interfere with or upset that peculiar *something* that is discernible in good teams.

We have played the usual rounds of matches with our Companies and beaten them. In outside matches we were defeated once by the Kumaon Rifles—an Indian Regiment that is recruited not far from the famous Gurkha country. They were exceedingly swift and had wonderful ball control, the Company being unable to pin them down at any time in the game. They beat us 0—5. Another Indian Regiment, The Rajputna Rifles, we managed to beat 4—3. Sergt. Cooper, newly arrived from the 2nd Battalion, scored a wonderful goal from that very awkward position, outside left. From the point of play, if the forwards punched up on the short-corners, it would

definitely help towards a higher score. Another point is the great ignorance betrayed during matches of the elementary rules of the game. It would be a great advantage to the Company if lectures on the game, or, for that matter, on other games, too, could be given.

So many people have joined and left us in the last quarter that a mere recital of their names would resemble a *Who's Who* or Telephone Exchange Book. Everybody, without exception, has left or found new friends in the Company, and we miss and welcome them accordingly.

We congratulate Cpls. Hammond and Lane on their promotion to that rank. Also Ptes. McGrady, Pountney, Johnson, Chelu and Cornford on their appointment to Lance-Corporals.

The Platoon Hockey Knock-out for the "Mons" Shield has finished lately, and for the first time in years, yes, literally years, "Don" has seen two of her teams to the semi-finals and finals. No. 14 Platoon was unfortunate in being knocked out by the Band, the eventual winners, for it was generally conceded that they would win the Knock-out. Something or other went wrong on the fateful day and that "grand match temperament" was notably absent. Early in the game they took to slashing and from then onwards it was apparent to everybody what the outcome would be. Pte. Simmonds is to be congratulated on the really very fine game he played, and if all had played with the same spirit that he showed his Platoon would have won. With regard to our other team, No. 13 Platoon, we do not quite know how they got so far in the Knock-out. Luck! More than one team they pushed out were infinitely superior to them, still we congratulate the Platoon and Sergt. Cooper and Ptes. Rossiter, Courtney and Caul on their fine play in the match with the Band. They lost 0-4.

We congratulate the following in representing the Company in the Small Units Medley Swimming Relay Race: Ptes. Morgan, Buckle, Jones, Davies, Nortcutt and Dunne. In the heats we returned the fastest time, and in the finals came fourth. How the other teams did the hat trick still makes us wonder. We are looking forward to the Battalion Aquatic Sports. We have a well-balanced team, with Pte. Buckle as an outstanding individual to equal up in case of accidents during a race.

We very nearly forgot Training. We have done nothing really interesting since being here, except the usual soul- and time-killing F.D.T. and P.T., and route marches. The

scenery from the hills is majestic and compensates for the tediousness of the march. Everybody is keyed up over mechanisation for it will mean work that will hold an attraction for nearly everyone. Of the innumerable cars, etc., parked here we shall let the other Companies describe them; they will never be able to forgo the titbit.

With the advent of mechanisation the general query is will that relic of 1770, Main Quarter Guard, still exist?

We congratulate Sergt. Cooper and Ptes. Rawlings and Young on winning the silver spoon during the weekly shoots held by the Battalion and Hong Kong Rifle Association.

Like previous years, the Company has not achieved much in the pass-ball line. The Knock-out has been completed and our teams did not seem to do much, for the representatives of Platoons have been very backward in bringing to our notice the results of their Platoon matches. A little more interest next time would help in making the game appeal to those who cannot secure their places in the more prominent games.

In closing, we wish all Companies of the 1st and 2nd and Territorial Battalions a prosperous New Year.

SIGNALS

The Section has now settled down in its new station. We were very sorry to leave Singapore for various reasons, chief of which was that we left behind modern barracks, in which it was a comfort to live. With two or three I imagine it was a case of "cherchez la femme."

Those we left behind are now homeward bound to civilian life, and we wish them every success in their new mode of living, financial and matrimonial.

We mentioned in the last notes our sterling performance in the Platoon Cricket Knock-out. The final results we have only just learned. It was a draw—lucky old "A."

At hockey we were not such formidable opponents. We were ousted at the very first attempt for Platoon supremacy by No. 11 Platoon. We leave it now to the Band to retrieve our fallen laurels for the Wing, and hope that at football we will scintillate as star players. Our confidence is overwhelming.

We had to say a reluctant good-bye to our old Signal Officer, Lieut. Bellers, who had been with the Section for four years and who, through sheer hard work, endeavoured to make us what we are, proficient at work and play.

For every loss there must be a gain and so we welcome Lieut. Peal as our Officer and Signaller. Although his coming to the Signals was much belated, it has been looked forward to with interest, and we wish him a pleasant stay in our union.

Many of us have joined, as members, the Hong Kong Rifle Club. Should the shooting and interest be of the same standard as of latter years, we will be inundated with silver spoons. Pte. O'Connor has already won one and he has yet to win five more to make the set. Others of us have yet to succeed, which I am sure we will do.

Classification, our main topic, is but three weeks ahead. We hope to show the Classification Officer that the Section is prepared for all emergencies.

Good luck, 2nd Battalion Signallers!

"Q.B."

DRUMS

Once again we take up the pen to hold our readers under a magnetic spell (?). Since leaving Singapore (the island of romance) for Hong Kong, we have been doing quite well in sports. Unfortunately, we lost to No. 2 Platoon, 0-2, in the Inter-Platoon Knock-out at hockey, but it was a very close and hard-fought game. We have also won many friendly football matches, our victims being too numerous to mention. Sez us!

We congratulate L/Cpl. Holdford on his fine performance in the Command diving, when he won the team diving with Lieut. Bellers, and also coming second in the individuals. Well done, Charlie!

During our brief stay at Shamshuipo we have had two calamities befall us. The first, a typhoon; the second, and worst, a kit inspection. A certain drummer (mentioning no names, Topper) got the typhoon and the kit inspection mixed up, with the result that he had a "typhoon kit." (Got any boards yet, Topper?)

We wish ex-Drummers Brophy and "Trigger" North all the best in "Civvy Street," and we are also sorry to lose "Taffy" Dench, who is now on Home Establishment.

We have started beating Retreat on Thursdays. We march smartly along the road outside the bungalows and enchant the populace with martial music. We certainly are a sight for sore eyes. (Too sore, as some wag remarked!)

In conclusion, we send the Drums of the 2nd Battalion our best regards.

TAPPETY TAP.

BAND

We must first apologise to our readers for missing the notes in the last issue. The Battalion's sudden move and consequent extra work during that period were mainly responsible. We sincerely trust that this has not inconvenienced any of our readers.

During our short period in Singapore away from the Battalion, we were kept very busy rehearsing for the Malaya Command Tattoo, and several Golf Club engagements had to be fulfilled.

The football team put up such an excellent display that the four members of the Band, Hymas, Haigh, Bright and Grogan, who were in the team, were permitted to stay in Singapore to help complete the remaining matches in the Singapore Cup and "Warren" Shield Competitions. We heartily congratulate these four on helping to keep the Battalion's sporting flag flying so well. We understand they are due to join us in November, when the remaining Details of the Battalion move, and we are all hoping to see them before Christmas.

Some of us were sorry to leave Singapore; our seventeen months' stay there was very enjoyable and although the climate was rather trying, the barracks we had were an exception and left nothing to be desired. One can say, without exaggeration, that they were the finest barracks in the world.

Hong Kong makes a great change; the moderate climate and signs of service dress being worn make a welcomed difference. The Band, although rather diminutive in size (through losing so many members time-expired, home establishment and leave), have earned excellent reports from the Hong Kong Jockey Club, where we have had the privilege of playing twice so far and hope that in the future we will be able to please the Hong Kong public even more.

We are also very thankful for the help and guidance of Bandmaster Hole of The Royal Ulster Rifles, who has taken two church parades.

Before closing our notes we wish to say how sorry we are to lose so many of the Band at the same time. To Cpl. Ward, "Spike" Marling, George Lloyd and Alf Hodgson we send our very best wishes for good luck in

"Civvy Street." To the remainder, who have joined the home Battalion and taken leave, we send all the best for their stay at home.

In conclusion, we hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and send our very best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.
STAND CARRIER.

SERGEANTS' MESS

My task this quarter is simple—I have just to mention almost all mess members by name with a few words of congratulations, commemoration or commiseration against each, and the job is done.

Let us commence with the "we-are-glad-to-see's." The troopship *Dunera* brought us from England: C.S.M. Stacey, C.Q.M.S. Tibble, C.Q.M.S. Colbourne, Sergeants. Cooper, Bedward, Bond (Sergeant-Cook) and Quick (Pioneer-Sergeant), L/Sergeants. Parnell and Marshall. Mr. Hore-Belisha (of beacon fame) saw them off at Southampton, amid cheers, and not to be outdone, a reception committee was formed to greet them on arrival at Hong Kong on 8th October, 1937. Breakfast for the arrivals on that day was simple but sustaining, consisting of "Force," a tomato, a glass of milk and two toffee-apples. We fear the messing member (our friend of the coal-cellar hoax at Singapore) had one eye on vitamin B and the other on the door. The new members are settling in rapidly, or I should say fairly so, as the married ones are waiting the arrival of the families from Singapore before deciding to call Hong Kong a home from home.

C.Q.M.S. Colbourne, not having the worry of a family, has already settled in and is now complete with fishing tackle and goldfish. Not to be obscure, the goldfish, we might mention, is the bait.

Coming now to the "sorry-to-losers," the following left us for home on the return journey of the *Dunera*:

From Hong Kong on 14th October, 1937.

Sergeants. West, Thompson, Chillery and L/Sergeants. Brown, Thomas and McDowell, for home establishment.

From Singapore on 20th October, 1937.

Sergeant. Osterholm for home establishment, L/Sergeants. Clark and Game for civilian life, Sergeants. Priddy and Donovan for Courses—the advance party of mechanisation.

With the exception of Sergeant. Osterholm, accommodation on the *Dunera* was limited to single personnel. The slogan was, therefore,

"once aboard the lugger and the girl is mine," practically speaking, of course, as it has happened that on arrival in Bermondsey, Bethnal Green or Bow, one finds the girl already married to the dirty dog from the gasworks, who has been slyly courting her during one's absence.

Whilst on the subject of homegoers, we are shortly to lose R.Q.M.S. Goodall and C.S.M. Hazeldine, who have been selected for posting to the Depot, and pending embarkation are now superfluous (sorry, supernumerary). Congratulations to both. We will reserve our wishes for a *bon voyage* for the next quarter. After all, that will be something to start the next notes with.

It is perhaps fitting to mention here that they are relieving R.Q.M.S. Crouch and C.S.M. Burt, who have taken their discharge from the Depot, and who, as staunch old members of the 1st Battalion, have our warmest regards and good wishes for the future.

Now to strike a more cheerful note, let us turn to the "congratulators." We have the greatest pleasure in announcing the following promotions and appointments:

C.S.M. Raindle to R.Q.M.S., 2/11/37.

C.Q.M.S. Challis to C.S.M., 2/11/37.

C.Q.M.S. Northcott to C.S.M., 8/11/37.

Sergeant. Soper to C.Q.M.S., 2/11/37.

Sergeant. Bayles to C.Q.M.S., 8/11/37.

L/Sergeant. Jeffree to Drum-Major, 22/5/37.

All junior Lance-Sergeants should now turn to the promotion roll at the end of the Journal and reckon up their chances.

While congratulating we had hoped to include the anglers amongst the number. We are prepared to concede that a fish was caught during the quarter, but in the absence of unbiased evidence the story of the one that got away ("as big as that, boy") leaves us cold. Nevertheless, there are as good fish in the sea as ever came out of it (and extremely likely to remain there).

Of sport in the Mess we have to record several games of hockey, in which we drew with the Officers and won (1—0) in the return match; beat No. 2 Platoon (2—1); lost to the Corporals (0—3) and to the Privates (0—3). At football, in spite of all our efforts, we beat the *Eagle* P.O.s' Mess by 1—0. We entertained the Ulster Rifles' Details at a tennis "at home," the result being a draw, 18—18.

Before the departure of the *Dunera*, the Details' Mess at Singapore, true to tradition, kept the Corps at bay on the 30-yards' range.

It was on this occasion a straight shoot, the best six aggregated to count. Evidently the R.E.s and R.A.O.C. were in earnest, the result being as close as: Middlesex, 400; Corps, 363 (and one chicken, which insisted on crossing the line of fire).

Of life in the Mess there is little to mention. Except for a "do" for the *Dunera* homegoers and an evening's entertainment on the occasion of the match versus the *Eagle* P.O.s' Mess, there have been no functions of note. Situated as we are and in the uncertainty of things, we have not been able to really fit out the Mess. The local pictures, however, provide an alternative, and the record for a single member's attendance so far has been ten pictures in seven days. Fortnightly whist drives are to recommence shortly, when the families arrive. It is to be feared that the Mess building is unsuitable for dances, so we cannot resume the same functions as at Singapore. There are rumours of structural alterations and if only the white ants can keep up the pace we shall soon want a new building.

Mechanisation looms ahead with the arrival of a few motor lorries and cycles. We understand that C.Q.M.S. Christie flatly refused to allow them to be parked outside "B" Company office.

For further news we are "euchred," and not being allowed to mention the fat stock prices, to fill up the allotted space, we will conclude, with a sigh of relief.

SCRIBE.

HEARD IN SCHOOL

The A.E.C. instructor was immersed in his subject, and, regardless of the clock, was set for some hours. Several candidates were all trying to answer his last question at once. Pointing to Stanley, who *wasn't*, he remarked, "One at a time. Now—you."

"Ten past eight," replied Stanley.

CORPORALS' CLUB

We open up this quarter with a move. Was it with dismay, however, when we left "rain and 'Pore"? Nay, we all chorus. 'Tis a far, far better thing we do. We pinched that from Ronald Colman. Oh, yes, we have our own cinema.

But it is fitting to say that our sojourn in Singapore was one that will linger long in our memories, and, notwithstanding the fact that Messes were few and far between, we managed,

with the untiring efforts of Cpl. Crowley, to have a few real good "get togethers"; one deserving of very special mention was with the Sappers; in brief, we visited them at Changi, and indulged in the various sports which are usual between Messes, but the comic football match, with "Feety East" and "Hairy Dunk" supplying the farce, was a scream, and though we lost I can really say, without fear or favour, that the Marx Brothers should have been recruiting!

The sun was set, as sun's usually do, and then came the real show, who could lower the most ale; there is, of course, only one answer, and no prizes or guesses are allowed.

However, we digress. The next item on the programme is to say a little about the move to Hong Kong. We had a most luxurious trip up on the floating palace, S.S. *Menelaus*, and we arrived, as Battalions normally arrive, with the majority asking "where's the — cook-house?" After a gorgeous meal of "dogs and mash," we proceeded to sleep, but, sad to say, after ten minutes in the bed we all got up and "debugged," and even whips had no effect on the blighters!

A week of doing nothing ensued, and then what happened? We were paid a visit by a typhoon, and what a typhoon. (I am not going to explain in detail—read the daily papers.) But although much damage was caused, we, with the usual verve the soldier has for bucking the worst conditions, pitched in and lumped it.

Nothing much of note in the sporting side up here yet. Football, our pet vice, is going strong, and so are our opponents. We have played six and won only one; whilst at hockey we have played three, won two and drawn one, thanks for which are due to L/Cpl. Ure for his efforts in getting matches and a team together.

Ah, of course, congratulations. Our heartiest congratulations are extended to the following on their appointments to the Lance rank: Ptes. Poutney, Chelu, Cornford, Langford, Rasmussen, Puddifoot and Brewer, whilst we extend a warm welcome to Cpls. Lomax and "Nobby" Clark from the 2nd Battalion. May they keep up the Mah Jong averages!

In conclusion, we must wish all members of the 2nd Battalion a very happy New Year.

POGEY.

It is with the deepest regret that we publish the death of No. 6199275 ex-L/Cpl. Frank Gratton, who passed away peacefully at

Clacton-on-Sea on 23rd October, 1937. He was 27 years of age.

All members of the Corporals' Club, 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, join together in expressing their sympathy to his widow in her sad bereavement.

He was a grand sportsman and played it like a man, but his innings was too short, and now he has gone. *Requiescat in pace.*

BOYS

Some time has elapsed since we last contributed to the Journal, but, to quote an old saying, "No news is good news." The Boys' football team is progressing favourably, our last two matches in Singapore resulting in the defeats of the Inniskilling Fusiliers and the Gordon Highlanders, 3-0 and 4-2 respectively. We congratulate Boy Hardy on diving for the Details of the Battalion at the Malaya Command Aquatic Sports, coming fourth, and Boy Goddard for boxing in the team against the Inniskillings.

Since coming to Hong Kong, where we have rapidly settled down, our standard of sport has been going up. The football team lost to the Central British Schoolboys, 0-3, in their first league match, but avenged this defeat by beating the Ulster Boys, 4-2, and the *Dunera* draft, 3-0.

We welcome Boys Smith and Rowe from England, and hope that they get a big pay each week.

We are forming a hockey team in the near future, and shall be issuing challenges to all and sundry, so watch out you champs! Watch Endersby and Grossmith flying down the wing!

By the time these notes come into print, Boy "Sam" Onslow will be on his man service, when he will be able to smoke, etc., in peace. We take this opportunity to wish him a sad adieu from the Boys' Room.

We close these notes wishing the "yobs" of the 2nd Battalion the best of luck.

YOUTHFUL.

DETAILS

As usual, when a Unit moves, a number of men were left behind to "clean up" in Singapore.

On this occasion, however, the number was increased by the fact that over 80 men due for home were also left behind. So, as our

present strength is about 200, we considered we were worthy of "Journal space."

Usually, when a Battalion moves, the "scratching" of all games is inevitable, but in this case the Details, with Major H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., holding the reins, said "No! Let's carry on!"

Firstly came football. With a team fielding only four regular playing members of the first team, we completed the Singapore League fixtures by playing the Royal Engineers, whom we beat by 4-1, and by drawing with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 3-3.

Then we considered the "Warren" Shield. This meant finding a second eleven team (in addition to the first team), as the Battalion had already entered two teams for this shield. This team played the Royal Engineers (a first league team) and forced a draw, 1-1. Extra time, however, gave the Engineers the game with a score of 5-2. Remembering that the second eleven were untrained for football, and were composed of men who, in most cases, had not even played for their Platoons, it was a very creditable performance. The result of this match meant that our first team had to play the Royal Engineers in the semi-final. Had our second team won their game, they would have met our first team in this semi-final. What an epic if this had happened! This match was won by the Details Regimental team by 2-1.

Then came the final against the R.A.F. This resulted in a drawn game (1-1) after extra time, and the replay gave the Airmen the Shield with a score of 2-1. Both of these games were productive of a good class of football, and we lost no "face" in failing to win the "Warren" Shield.

In the semi-final of the Singapore Cup we were drawn against the Chinese Football Club. This is the crack local team and we knew we should have a stiff fight. Events proved this to be correct. In the first half we scored the opening goal and held the lead until fifteen minutes before the end. Then the Chinese found the net with an equaliser. Both teams fought hard and the play was swinging from end to end, and then, after Clargo had cleared what seemed almost a certain goal, a scrimmage in front of our goal gave the Chinese the victory in the last minute of the game. That we were unfortunate no one will deny—but goals count! As in the "Warren" Shield, our team played wonderful football, exhibiting the true "Die-Hard" spirit.

In addition to the football, our efforts to "keep going" necessitated playing water polo and entering the Command Swimming and Boxing Tournaments. Although we did not shine in the swimming and boxing, really good performances were put up.

The G.O.C., in his speech at the boxing finals (note that we reached the finals), said "it was a fine show to see a Unit so small carrying on."

In the water polo we also reached the finals and were unfortunate to lose to the R.A.F. (0-5).

Apart from these events, we have had dances and whist drives and, of course, tombola, to pass away the evenings.

Six-a-side football and other games have been arranged, in some cases with outside Clubs, and have been enjoyed.

The Sergeants have had several Sunday shoots against the Depot Mess and have "shown the way to the bull" by winning comfortably on each occasion, although the opponents lead the "live" shoot by one "hen" to nil. "HANDOVER."

RIFLE CLUB NOTES

HONG KONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Shortly after our arrival in Hong Kong, that is after we had settled down, we speedily availed ourselves of the opportunity of joining the Hong Kong Rifle Association, run under the able guidance of Major D. H. Steers, O.B.E. We joined as an affiliated Unit and a great response was shown by the Officers and other ranks (200 full members) when asked to become Individual Members, as the following extract from the Association *Bulletin* testifies:

"Since the last issue of this magazine, the Association has received fresh encouragement by the affiliation to it of the 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment and the 1st Kumaon Rifles. At the same time individual membership has also increased largely owing to the support which has come from the first-named Unit, and it is worthy of record that every Officer of that Unit has become an individual full member, as have many of the 'other ranks.' On behalf of the Council we take this opportunity of thanking the Units for their support and hope that many of their members will be taking part in the Annual Prize Meeting next April."

It is fitting to mention that, apart from the very enjoyable afternoons spent in the Club-house and the Range, that several of our

members have excelled themselves in this branch and are out for some silver (in the shape of spoons, mostly). Although all competitions are run on the Bisley lines and the shoots in two categories, i.e., S.R. (a) and S.R. (b), the last named are with the 1914 rifle.

Sergt. V. Cooper deserves special mention on his very good performance by scoring 91 at 300, 500 and 600 yards, out of 105, Bisley marking, being to date the only member to top 90; for the rest, the cutting is evidence that the Battalion members mean to be in the running.

The regular shooting Officer members are Capt. Newton, Lieuts. Pullman and Dawson, all of whom are creditable shots.

And, in conclusion, a mention must be made of the Clay Bird Club, which, although in its infancy, shows great promise, Capt. W. C. Newton being the Hon. Secretary.

S.R. (a)				
Cpl. R. Burkitt	Mx.	—	28	30 28 86*
Sergt. V. W. Cooper	Mx.	8	23 33 26	82*
2/Lieut. A. Pullman	Mx.	—	27 28 26	81
Pte. J. Lever	Mx.	—	28 30 21	79
Pte. G. Pope	Mx.	9	26 26 25	77†
Cpl. Gulam Mohamed		6	26 29 22	77
Spr. W. Albone		10	26 26 24	76†
Mne. P. G. Heather		—	26 26 24	76
Pte. C. W. Tully	Mx.	11	28 25 22	75†
Pte. G. E. Rawling	Mx.	10	24 26 25	75†
Cpl. G. Clark	Mx.	9	25 30 20	75
Pte. G. A. Young	Mx.	12	22 26 25	73†

* Denotes winner of "nett" spoon.

† Denotes winner of "handicap" spoon.

Note.—The handicap of each winner has been reduced by one point as shown. This procedure applies to all S.R. (a) and S.R. (b) spoon shoots.

S.R. (a)				
Sergt. V. W. Cooper	Mx.	6	29 30 32	91†
Cpl. E. T. Morris		—	26 29 31	86
P.O. H. Richards		7	29 28 28	85†
L/Cpl. R. F. Langford	Mx.	6	29 30 26	85
L/Sergt. E. J. Jordan	Mx.	7	29 31 20	80
Pte. C. Noble	Mx.	12	28 28 23	79†
L/Cpl. R. W. Powell	Mx.	—	27 23 27	77
Hav. Padam Singh		7	23 27 27	77
Pte. E. Moss	Mx.	8	27 27 23	77
Pte. C. Rymmer	Mx.	—	24 28 24	76
L/Nk. Padam Singh		—	22 24 30	76
Lieut. G. Stapleton		8	20 28 27	75
Pte. A. Jackson	Mx.	—	25 23 27	75
Capt. W. Newton	Mx.	10	27 24 25	75
Sergt. L. Sheffield	Mx.	—	20 26 28	74
Pte. J. Lever	Mx.	7	22 25 27	74
L/Cpl. T. F. Baker	Mx.	6	23 27 24	74
L/Cpl. P. Purcell		10	20 29 24	73
L/Cpl. J. Ringe	Mx.	12	23 25 23	71†

* Denotes winner of "nett" spoon.

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SWIMMING

The Battalion arrived in Hong Kong in time to take part in the Area Swimming Sports, held at the Y.M.C.A. on 21st and 22nd September. Half of our best swimmers were left behind at Singapore, so we had the unusual occurrence of two teams competing in two Command Swimming Championships.

At Hong Kong, teams from "B" and "D" Companies obtained third and fourth places respectively in the Inter-Company relay. The Medley Relay team, L/Cpl. Smith, Ptes. Tarrant, Buckle and Stemp, obtained third place. Pte. Stemp won the 100 yards free style Championship, and the Diving team (Lieut. Bellers, L/Cpl. Holdford and Pte. Bindon) won the team title. In the Individual Diving, L/Cpl. Holdford was placed second, after a dive off, Lieut. Bellers was fourth, and Pte. Bindon sixth. The Battalion Relay team (Ptes. Stemp, Buckle, Cordery, Lever, Davies and Morgan) finished a good second to the Gunners. On final points the Regiment were third, and had the plunging and water polo events taken place after our arrival in the Colony, our hopes would have been high to obtain first place—we hope for the best next year. In the absence of The Royal Ulster Rifles and The Royal Welch Fusiliers, at present in Shanghai, there was, of course, less opposition than we shall encounter on future occasions.

At Singapore, the water polo team, consisting of Cpl. Ward, L/Cpls. Ure, Hymas and Plummer, Bdmn. Lloyd, Ryder and Haigh (all Band) beat the R.A. by 9-1 and lost to the R.A.F., 0-5, after a very hard game. For the team swimming events, unfortunately, few could be found to compete and twelve in all took part in all events. L/Cpl. Butt is to be congratulated on his plunge of 63 feet, an event in which we obtained second place.

We did not obtain a place in the team results, but it was a "good show" that the Details entered a team at all.

When reunited in Hong Kong, great things will be expected of these swimmers during the next swimming season. There is plenty of talent, and with the keenness already apparent we should be able to maintain our present standard of water polo and swimming.

FOOTBALL

The Battalion left Singapore under emergency orders, two months before the schedule date of move for Hong Kong. Our arrival

coincided with the opening of the new football season in Hong Kong. This entails fourteen months continuous football for the Battalion.

Those remaining in Singapore justified themselves by reaching the semi-final of the Singapore Cup, and the final of the "Warren" Shield, which decidedly upheld the Battalion's reputation at soccer.

Since the Battalion's arrival at Hong Kong new talent has been found which has proved a success by results. The positions obtained in the Senior Division Leagues of the Hong Kong Football Association are at present very favourable, i.e., 1st XI third, and 2nd XI unbeaten.

The Battalion has supplied several individuals in the representative sides in the Colony on more than one occasion.

A Small Units League is also in progress on the group system, from which finalists are anticipated from the Battalion.

This system of football is very well supported and proves of great benefit for selecting coming players for the Battalion teams.

In conclusion, we wish *bon voyage* to the following representatives of the Battalion team: Ptes. Bayliss, Dean and Chapman to civilian life and Ryder to the 2nd Battalion.

NEW ZEALAND

"AOTEAROA," or "land of the long, white cloud," as the Maori call New Zealand, is a name which thrills the ear of anyone who has had the fortune to visit this, the smallest of our self-governing Dominions.

It is not yet a hundred years ago that the first British settlers landed to make their home in the extreme north of the North Island, while to-day a thriving population of over one and a half millions (including 70,000 Maori) live there at a standard equal to that obtaining in Great Britain.

Little is known by the average Englishman of this lovely land, save that it exports a motley of objects the only names of which he can call to mind being Canterbury lamb, Kiaora lemon squash, All Blacks and Kiwi boot polish. It is little realised that there, 12,000 miles from London, exists a self-governing unit, free in every sense of the word, where the settlers have carried with them the customs and traditions of the homeland, and have been able to make a success of social

conditions which have failed miserably in the old-established countries of Europe.

The three main islands forming the Dominion—North, South, and Stewart Islands—together compose an area rather more in extent than England, Scotland and Wales, and, being in a latitude antipodic to Spain and southern France and surrounded by the open Pacific, the country enjoys a climate which has no extremes. Much of it is, however, very mountainous, and it is in the higher altitudes and southern parts of the South Island that an almost English climate is encountered. Farming is the chief and only major industry, the rich pasture land of the Canterbury Plains, Hawke's Bay, Manawatu and Taranaki producing the finest mutton in the world and honey and dairy produce to compete successfully with that of Denmark, a country which is so much better placed for marketing her produce. No one can look a Canterbury lamb or a Taranaki heifer in the face without at once thinking that here is perfection personified each in its own domain.

Probably the most striking thing about New Zealand is the beauty of its ever-changing scenery and the health and energy imparted by living in its stimulating air. Wherever one is, there is always a range of high mountains—topped with snow in winter—to relieve the monotony of one's vision.

It must not be forgotten that the greater part of the country is volcanic. There is a Maori legend which has it that an ancient chief pulled up New Zealand out of the sea whilst fishing. Certainly it is still rising gradually—ground on which the present Wellington airport is situated having appeared after an earthquake about 1840, and the recent earthquake at Napier having added some 7,000 acres to that municipality. The thermal area in the North Island around Rotorua is the safety valve which relieves the pressure accumulating deep down in the earth and provides some of the most awe-inspiring scenery in the world. Boiling lakes, boiling mud pools, semi-active volcanoes, blow-holes emitting sulphuretted hydrogen, geysers and craters of extinct volcanoes are comparatively common around Rotorua, while a large area is topped with pumice-stone only, showing it to be volcanic in origin.

The New Zealander is intensely proud of his country and likes to think that New Zealand is leading the world in several ways. This is perhaps true, as in adopting the 40-hour week,

compulsory trade unionism for all trades and professions, aiming at a basic minimum wage of £4 per week and a very low age limit for old-age pensions, he can show a record unequalled elsewhere as yet. But although intensely national, he is also intensely British in his outlook and takes a pride in being called a "Colonial," a word which an Australian would be very offended to hear applied to him.

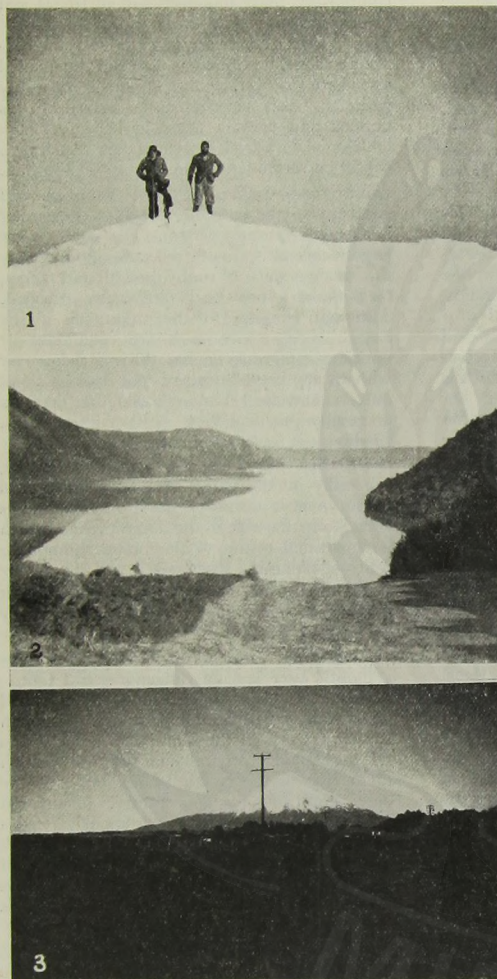
Extremely polite, a born gambler and generous to the extreme, the New Zealander is a truly charming person. His interests are largely agricultural with relaxation afforded by the national game of rugby football and racing, to both of which he is fanatically attached. Although clinging to the traditions of the British race, where such are redundant or opposing progress, he has thrown them over without any heart-burning; nor does he stand on ceremony for ceremony's sake, but takes an eminently practical view of his surroundings. Snobbery is a word unknown to him.

Of wiry physique and well-proportioned, especially in the native-born, he is a typical countryman in upbringing and outlook, and as such is very capable in the domestic line, which is intensified owing to the practical impossibility of obtaining a servant.

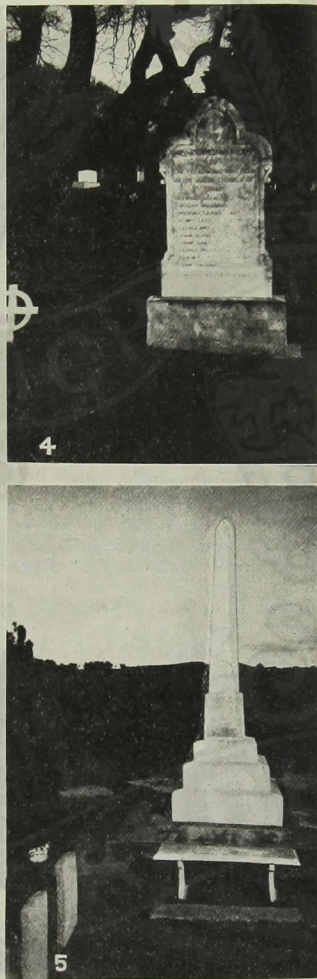
No description could be complete without alluding to tea, a cup of which is never very far from his lips.

I landed at Auckland on 26th July, or almost a month after leaving Singapore, and immediately felt at home—a feeling which I had never really experienced in Australia. Although the largest city in the Dominion, Auckland is not the capital, owing to its non-central position at the top of the North Island, but it is the chief port and business centre. Compared with European standards, it is small, having a population of only about 200,000, but it is a very fine city with a tang of the country about it, while anything in the nature of a slum is conspicuous only by its absence, as indeed is the case throughout New Zealand.

The journey by rail to Wellington, although only some 350 miles, occupies 15½ hours. Some of the scenery passed is very fine and in one place the gradient is so steep that the line recrosses itself at different altitudes in the form of a spiral. It was, of course, very cold at night (July being the equivalent of January in the northern hemisphere) and I had to keep myself well wrapped up in pull-overs and great-coats. Nevertheless, I arrived in Wellington with a heavy cold on a real winter's day in a



- 1.—The summit of Mount Egmout. Lieut. Gudgeon and another
- 2.—Lake Rotokakahi (The Green Lake), North Island
- 3.—Mount Egmout



- 4.—In honoured memory of members of the 46th and 57th Regts., who fell in the Maori trouble of 1862. Erected by the N.Z. Government, in St. Mary's Churchyard, New Plymouth
- 5.—War Memorial to Officers and Men of the 57th Regt., in the cemetery at New Plymouth

howling gale and rain pouring down in torrents. Not a very nice welcome, perhaps, but from the following day the weather was wonderful throughout my entire stay of five and a half weeks with the exception of, perhaps, a couple of days when nothing important was planned.

From the time of my arrival in Wellington I was no longer a free man; henceforth I was a "Pommy," who must be shown all there was to be seen in New Zealand; or such seemed to be the attitude of my relations and friends, with the result that I saw very much more of the country and its people than any normal tourist, or if I had been travelling under my own steam.

I spent the first ten days at Wellington, which is a smallish city perched on the hillside and clinging dizzily to the sides of Tinakori and Mount Victoria. It possesses a harbour of about seven miles by seven—entirely landlocked—which must be one of the finest in the world. Eminently rugged, the country round about reminded me very much of the rough pasture of the western Highlands of Scotland, and the number of times I heard a pipe-band enhanced this view.

At the end of the ten days I motored north to Palmerston North to see the Springboks rugby team play the district of Manawatu, as I had been lucky enough to have my visit to New Zealand coincide with theirs, continuing to Wanganui for the night. Next day I went on to New Plymouth, where I introduced myself to the Commanding Officer of the Taranaki Regiment, and spent a very pleasant evening at his house. After arranging to pay a longer visit at the end of the month, I returned to Wellington on the following day in order to be able to see the Springboks defeat Wellington Province.

The same evening I sailed in the ferry boat for Lyttleton, port of Christchurch, in the South Island, which was reached early the following morning; from there I went by rail to Timaru in the south Canterbury Plains. Here the air was delightfully crisp and keen and the snow-clad Southern Alps seen across the Plains and lit up by the sun presented a memorable sight. Next day I motored up the road to Mount Cook, driving through the bleak Mackenzie country, haunt of bush rangers of the old days. It was a pleasure to be able to handle snow again and skate for half an hour on a small tarn by the side of Lake Tekapo, but, unfortunately, there was not sufficient time to go as far as Mount Cook, and I had to content myself

with gazing at it from a distance of about fifty miles.

The Grand National of New Zealand was being held next day at Christchurch, and, as no New Zealander worth the name who can possibly avoid doing so is ever absent, I went up by rail with a cousin who should have provided all the inside information, but, unfortunately, did not, and thoroughly enjoyed—except financially—a very well-run meeting. It was very noticeable in this democratic country how much less of a fashion parade it was than at home and that a spirit of cheerful camaraderie prevailed among all.

That night I had to hurry back to Wellington in order to see the first Test—All Blacks v. the Springboks—and as I arrived at the ground at about 9.30 a.m., succeeded in getting quite a good seat. A huge crowd (for New Zealand) was there, including even all the local girls' schools, who are always allotted seats in front, behind the dead-ball line. Excitement was at a fever heat and a wetting rain tempted many people to put up umbrellas, thus obscuring the vision of those behind; however, all well-aimed volleys of banana-skin and orange-peel soon disposed of them, attack and defence being carried out in a most friendly manner (I mention the above incident as it stuck in my mind as depicting the tolerant attitude of the New Zealander.)

The following day, the most enjoyable part of my visit began. By motoring up to Rotorua, via Masterton, Eketahuna, Hastings, Napier and Taupo, I saw some magnificent scenery, some of which was reminiscent in many ways of the north of England countryside, with the hills always there, sometimes in the distance and sometimes almost shutting one in with their rugged grandeur. I stayed the night at Hastings on a fruit farm and next day passed through Napier, the Naples of the southern hemisphere. "See Naples and die" but "see Napier and live" is an apt slogan, and certainly I have never seen any place where I felt more inclined to "sit and muse with nature," if I may use this poetic phrase, as the great rollers of the open Pacific beat on the shore in a manner both awe-inspiring and grand.

The road to Taupo is a series of passes through country violently rugged and covered for the most part with virgin bush, hair-pin bends and latterly earthquake flats, the road being topped with pumice in the latter portion. Lake Taupo itself is the largest in the country and situated in the centre of the North Island. It is thought by many to be the crater of a huge

volcano, from which the whole of New Zealand has sprung. Rotorua needs to be seen to be believed. In the heart of the Thermal region and Lake District it is one of the show places of the world. Imagine playing golf on a first-class course and liable to slice your ball into a boiling lake, boiling mud pool, or into a bunker which is decidedly hot to the touch and is giving off a smell of rotten eggs or some other sulphurous gas. This smell, indeed, is strong throughout the district, but not unpleasantly so.

A word about the Maori, who are numerous in this district. Although a coloured race, there is no distinction between them and the "Pakeha" or White Man. They own their own land, congregate chiefly in their own villages or "Pa" and have their own Members of Parliament. A fine race, physically and mentally, they crossed swords many times with the old 57th Foot in the Maori Wars, when such was their chivalry that they would never fight against a foe who was short of food or ammunition without first sending a supply and thus counteracting what they considered an unfair advantage. To-day, in the Rotorua district, they have, unfortunately, been spoilt to a certain extent by tourists.

To describe all my doings in the Rotorua district would, I fear, occupy too much space; suffice it is to say that I lived a very open-air existence there for a fortnight, getting sun-burnt by day and wearing pull-overs in the evening, owing to the temperature dropping below freezing point. Two happenings of note with I attended were a meet of the Waikato hunt, where in true New Zealand style bare heads and corduroys were more in evidence than top-hats and scarlet without seemingly lessening the enjoyment, and also a point-to-point at Tauranga, in the Bay of Plenty, which is the centre of the orange and lemon-growing district.

It was with great regret that I bade farewell to Rotorua for New Plymouth; but as it happened, my three days in this town were quite as enjoyable as the previous fortnight. New Plymouth was the centre of Maori disaffection in the sixties, and consequently the 57th Foot were stationed there on their arrival in New Zealand. It is also the chief town of Taranaki Province, and in it is situated the Headquarters of the Taranaki Regiment, which corresponds to a Territorial Battalion in England, with Companies centred round the various towns in the Province. It is allied to The Middlesex

Regiment on account of long-standing bonds of friendship forged in the Maori War. At the presentation of the old colours of the Taranaki Regiment (replaced only in 1936) by Mrs. Warre, the 57th Foot was present on parade. I was able to view the site of the old Barracks on Marsland Hill, an old Officers' Mess, probably used by Officers of the 57th and now a quaint circular-shaped private house, the graves of certain soldiers of the 57th killed by the Maori, the memorial erected in the cemetery to Officers and men of the 57th Foot, a Maori Pa and earthworks at Pukerangiora with the old saps from which it was assaulted possibly by the 57th still visible, and the book containing the daily orders for the garrison of New Plymouth as issued by Col. Warr, Commanding Officer of the 57th, and acting Commander of the Garrison.

For the above I must thank Lieut.-Col. Varnham, M.C., commanding the Taranaki Regiment, his Adjutant, Capt. Hunt, N.Z.S.C., and Mrs. Varnham, who spared no pains to ensure that I saw all that could possibly be of any interest to me.

"Primus in Armis" is the proud motto of the Taranaki Regiment, held by them as being the first Volunteers to be raised among the Settlers and still in existence to-day.

I also saw the Drill Hall and met a number of members of the Taranaki Regiment. I was very struck by their obvious interest in the Middlesex Regiment, and also what some of them could teach me (and probably others) of our own Regimental History. I was a guest at one of the local all-in wrestling meetings held at the Drill Hall and run by the Regimental Band of the Taranaki Regiment, by which they help to augment their funds.

Next day I achieved what I had long wanted to do—reach the summit of Mount Egmont. No mention of Taranaki would be complete without some words on this amazing extinct volcano, which is also the badge of our allied Regiment. Almost a perfect cone, 8,260 feet high, the sides curving away gracefully in a parabola, it is situated in isolated splendour some twenty-five miles from the nearest other hills. Maori legend has it that this is due to the fact that originally Mount Egmont was perched on top of Ruapehu, another extinct volcano nearer the centre of the island, but that one day they quarrelled and Ruapehu blew Egmont off into its present position, a lucky happening since the frequent rain and consequent fertility of the province is due

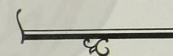
almost entirely to the presence of the mountain, which traps the clouds coming from the south and west. In winter and spring, with the last 4,500 feet covered with snow and ice, it presents a striking appearance, visible for some hundred miles.

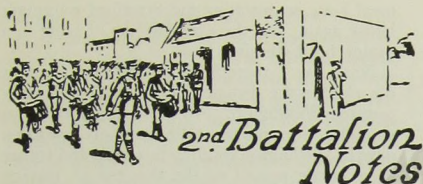
The climate can be very dangerous, but I was lucky to have an almost perfect day and it was not necessary for my companions and I to be roped together. However, we had to use crampons and for a certain amount of the way to cut steps with our ice-axes. I shall never forget the gorgeous view, sun bathing the crater and yet the icy blast which hit us at the summit necessitating the wearing of Balaclava helmets and all available clothes, the

meal I ate on reaching the Stratford mountain house again, and the exquisite joy of lying in a piping hot bath after it all.

Next day I regretfully saw Mount Egmont die away in the distance as the train sped away towards Wellington. All good things come to an end in due course, and I spent my last three days in Wellington bidding farewells and trying to reconcile myself to the thought of leaving New Zealand, which will certainly not be for ever.

On the night of 2nd September I sailed on the S.S. *Wanganella* for Sydney, saying, somewhat wistfully, as I blew the froth off a glass of New Zealand beer, "Kiaora" (good luck) and not "Cheerio."





ALTHOUGH the Battalion moved to Gosport over a month ago, few of us can have formed any true opinion of our new station, as we have been away for Christmas leave. It would, therefore, be rather premature to set down here any opinions for or against this town as compared with Portsmouth. It is safe to say, however, that we were all very sorry to leave Portsmouth, as we all enjoyed ourselves very much there and had many friends.

The move here was the chief event of the last quarter and there is very little else to tell.

The Battalion left Portsmouth in the morning, crossed the harbour by the car ferry and marched into New Barracks within an hour of leaving Victoria Barracks—a journey shorter and pleasanter than the previous one from Colchester, which involved a long and tiring journey by train. Our mechanical transport came round to Gosport by road through Fareham.

Since our last issue we have lost several people. Major and Mrs. Newnham, M.C., and Capt. and Mrs. Jacob and 2/Lieut. Hancock have all left us to join the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong. We are very sorry to lose them.

As regards sport, our soccer team is to be congratulated on still being in the Army Cup Competition, they having played extremely well against good teams.

Our rugby and hockey teams were not so fortunate, but they both put up good fights before being knocked out.

Our boxing team fought well in the first round of the Army Cup Boxing Tournament, and defeated The Queen's Royal Regiment, but unfortunately had to scratch in the match against The Lincolnshire Regiment.

We congratulate Lieut. E. J. Unwin on being again selected to play for the English rugby team.

Our congratulations also go to 2/Lieut. J. W. G. Ormiston on obtaining a "Distinguished" at Netheravon.

Finally, we congratulate the "C" Company A.R.A. team on their being first in the Army (At Home) in the Machine Gun Cup Competition and "A" Company team on being second in the Machine Gun Fire Control Cup Competition.

"A" COMPANY

The arrival of 1938 finds the Company on the threshold of its Individual Training period, and by the time that these notes appear we shall have become acquainted with all phases of machine gun training once again.

Before going any further, we must again congratulate the Company's A.R.A. team now that it is definitely known that they have gained second place in the Fire Control Competition. It is up to this year's team to see that they emulate this performance. We also congratulate "C" Company on winning the Machine Gun Cup Competition.

Our Company Commander has but recently returned from the wilds of Netheravon and we congratulate him upon wrestling successfully with the mysteries of a Machine Gun Qualifying Course.

The last month of the old year saw the departure of C.S.M. Simmonds on a Vocational Training Course, and all members of the Company, through these notes, wish him success in civilian life. Another loss that the Company has sustained is the posting of Sergt. Overy to the 1st Battalion, and we also wish him the best of success in the land of the Rising Sun. At the same time we extend a welcome to Sergt. Nash, who is our acting C.S.M., and also to those N.C.O.s and men who have been posted to us from the 1st Battalion.

Little in the way of sport has to be recorded as preparations for the move to Gosport somewhat hampered the running of competitions. In the Inter-Company Hockey League we more than held our own, whilst in the Novices' Boxing Competition "A" Company's representatives had a fair share of the honours.

Finally, we offer congratulations to the following N.C.O.s who have obtained Q.I.s on recent Courses: Cpl. Hinch at the Small Arms School, Hythe; and L/Cpls. Taylor and White at the School of Education, Shorncliffe, and the Small Arms School, Netheravon, respectively. Also to L/Cpls. Samuels, King and Clarke on obtaining the legendary knapsack wherein lies the much-coveted baton.

"B" COMPANY

Since rendering our last notes our time has been taken up by the move from Portsmouth to Gosport, and preparations for and proceeding on annual furlough.

We were disappointed to find that our "New Barracks" did not live up to the name. In Victoria Barracks we put up with the inconvenience of having the builders around for nine months and we left barracks which could be called up-to-date, only to find that our present place of residence was very much out-of-date—we feel cramped. Our Company Office has gone to ground, and its staff are beginning to look pale through lack of daylight; but we are hoping that during the spring and summer months we shall be able to work without the aid of electric lights.

In sport, we congratulate Ptes. Rowntree, Betts and Moran, who fought for the Battalion v. 2nd Queen's Regiment in the Army Boxing Cup; they put up an excellent show.

Our cross-country running team saved us from disgrace, obtaining third place in the Inter-Company Run, Pte. Coleman gaining second place.

The Company hockey XI played several Inter-Company games on the square at Victoria Barracks. The side showed promise under the captaincy of L/Sergt. Elcome.

We congratulate "A" and "C" Companies on winning the M.G. trophies, and we hope to be up with them next year.

Those of us who remained to "hold the fort" during the furlough period enjoyed a very good dinner on Christmas Day.

The Company was well to the fore at the Children's Christmas Tree and Tea. Young and old enjoyed the show and a vote of thanks is due to the P.R.I. and Father Christmas.

We are sorry to have to record the departure of C.S.M. Jones, who has gone to the 8th Battalion (T.A.), but we welcome to the Company Capt. J. W. A. Stephenson as Company Commander and Capt. P. D. ff. Powell as second-in-command. Capt. J. W. A. Stephenson is not new to "B" Company; he was with us in Ahmednagar days.

Congratulations are due to C.S.M. Green, C.Q.M.S. Kemp and L/Cpl. Lindeman on their promotion and appointments. C.Q.M.S. Kemp has come to us from "C" Company, and we hope that he will assist us again in the realm of sports.

"B" Company is keeping up the name of the Regiment at Netheravon. We congratulate

Sergt. Smith, Cpl. Fuller, L/Cpls. Williams and Nicholls on the results obtained at that School of Instruction.

"C" COMPANY

Two years ago we were pounding our battered "Oliver" in faithful description of our arrival at Victoria Barracks, Portsmouth. We feel that more gifted and less malevolent pens than ours are duly recording impressions and opinions concerning our new station, Gosport, to say nothing of our very own New Barracks. That being so, we shall, if our lapse into current American be pardoned, "skip it."

The year 1937 has been more noteworthy than many previous years. It saw us emerge as a fully-fledged Machine Gun Battalion, fully mechanised, and the Company proceeded to carve a niche in the Hall of Fame by winning the Machine Gun Cup for the Army at Home. Deeds, if we may use the phrase, speak louder than words, but we certainly congratulate the victorious team on the great show that they put up.

We have sustained a great loss in the departure of Major Haydon, and in his place we welcome Lieut. Ferguson, who takes over command of the Company for a short period, to be relieved by Capt. Reid, to whom we also extend a hearty welcome. Capt. Reid is no stranger to the Company, and there are a few of the old "C" (S.) who remember him as second-in-command.

Lieut. Porter is going to Bovington on a Technical Adjutant's Course, while L/Sergt. Day (64) is setting a new fashion by proceeding to Netheravon for the second time. With him goes L/Cpl. Rouse, and to all the above mentioned we wish all the luck in the world, as we do to L/Cpl. Harvey, who wends his way to the School of Education, while Sergt. Brett and L/Cpl. Donovan go to the A.F.V. School, Bovington.

We are more than pleased to see that Lieut. Unwin has again been selected to represent England at rugby football, whilst Cpl. Delaney, who has been playing some great games for the Army, has been invited to play for North Wales in the Amateur International Trial match.

On looking through our copious files, we notice that a considerable number of congratulations seems to be called for.

Congratulations therefore to all the following: C.Q.M.S. Kennett and C.Q.M.S. Kemp;

L/Sergt. Day (64) and Cpl. Davidson on their promotion; L/Cpl. Palmer on his Q.1 at the School of Education, and also on being appointed Paid Lance-Corporal.

The previously mentioned copious files seem to be about exhausted, so, with a sigh of relief for ourselves and a sigh of sympathy for our readers, we take off the wet towel from around our head, and wishing all our friends at home and abroad a happy New Year, we will sign off.

"D" COMPANY

We have nothing much to relate this quarter, but to begin where we left off, the Company, though weak numerically, is strong in talent, and we are still awaiting the arrival of some more of our "toys."

Since the last issue we have ventured to foreign lands and have taken the big trip across the water to the land that is known as Gosport.

Everyone was looking forward to this move, for it meant a step nearer to the annual leave, and I'm afraid that all we heard for months was, "How many days to go?"

The first week was spent in settling down in the new quarters, trying to find where the various places were situated.

By the time these notes appear in print, we hope to have our new C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. with us, and take this opportunity of welcoming C.S.M. Thomas and C.Q.M.S. Misso from the 1st Battalion. After dealing with a Company at full strength, they will be under the impression that our Company is either a Platoon or to be nearer reality—a large-sized family.

Cpl. Jennings has just returned from an M.T. Course at the A.F.V. School, Bovington, and is now able to put us through our paces in driving. The only thing the "L" drivers of "D" have not accomplished with the truck is to make it climb a tree. Pte. Bull is rather good at taking short cuts via windows, and on one occasion tried to assassinate the A/C.Q.M.S. by pushing him under a three-ton lorry loaded with house bricks.

Congratulations to Cpls. Jennings and Harris on their promotion to full rank, and at the same time we wish L/Cpl. Newton success on his Course at Bovington.

Also congratulations to Cpls. Read and Ellwood on joining the ranks of the benedicts; may they live happy ever after, and all their troubles be small ones.

We wish a happy New Year to all those of "D" Company of the 1st Battalion, and our wish extends to C.S.M. Stacey and C.Q.M.S. Tibble, who, though they have left us, are not forgotten.

In the sports line we have managed to hold our own at hockey, but, as there are still more games to be played, we will not "blow our trumpet" too much at present.

At football we were knocked out in the second round by No. 4 Platoon, but when the Company team turns out, it is more like a combination of Chelsea pensioners coupled with the Arsenal nurseries.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Having received orders for our change of station some months ago, on 30th November we embarked on the "Floating Bridge" for our move from Portsmouth to Gosport, piloted by Capt. Wray.

A considerable number of friends saw the Battalion off; a number was also present to greet us on arrival at Gosport.

The embarkation was carried out satisfactorily, R.S.M. Ward posting himself as "look-out man" throughout the journey.

P.T. could not be carried out during the journey, owing to the fact that we embarked on the Portsmouth side at 10.30 a.m., disembarking on the Gosport side at 10.35 a.m., having steamed at 35 knots.

Congratulations go to Lieut. Ormiston on obtaining "Distinguished" on his M.G. Course; this is a very fine effort, the more so as we fail to understand where signalling teaches machine gun.

L/Cpl. Jones has just completed a Course on the Bren gun; Cpl. Carpenter and L/Cpl. Burchell are proceeding on Courses, the former on a Gas Course and the latter on a Driving and Maintenance Course. Our best wishes go with them.

At the time of writing these notes the Company is just about to return from annual furlough, after which the Individual Training period re-commences. We hope the enthusiasm shown during last year's Individual Training will again be in evidence this year.

We wish the Band and Signals the best of luck on their Annual Inspection and Classification respectively.

Best wishes to the following, who have left us for posting to the 1st Battalion in Hong

Kong: Bdmn. Tunmer, Dillon, Nolan, and Short, Dmrs. Thorley and Webster.

We hope the stay of the following reliefs will be a pleasant one: Bdmn. Allbrook, Lloyd, Hodgson, Baker, Clubb, Ryder, Shreeve and Marling.

I think it has previously been mentioned that we are now as one Company, instead of "G" and "Q." We hope, re-organised as we are, to give a good account of ourselves during the year 1938.

We are quite willing to accept challenges from any Company at anything in the sports line. Companies wishing to be "torn up," please apply to "H.Q." Company sports representative as soon as possible.

Whilst we are on the subject of sport, the Band must be congratulated in reaching the final of the Inter-Platoon Soccer Knock-out, and we must not forget the fact that the Drums and Employed have beaten all Companies at hockey during the past few months.

Congratulations also go to the Signal Platoon on winning the Inter-Group cross-country clock.

The Novices' boxing team put up a good show recently and we hope they will assist the Battalion in retaining the "Girdwood" Cup, which comes up for competition in February.

Best wishes to Cpl. Copelin and Pte. Hartley; the former, we understand, is leaving us for civilian life, and the latter being attached to the Royal Army Pay Corps for six months' probation with a view to transfer.

H. P.

SIGNALS

Christmas has come and gone once more and a good time was had by all. We sincerely hope our fellow-"waggers" in the 1st Battalion had as good a time as we had.

The primary event of the quarter was our move across the water. We received "Embarkation Orders" on 30th November and sailed on the *Portsmouth Queen* to the distant lands. After heaving to in Gosport Harbour we dropped anchor. Rounds and lifeboat drill was postponed, owing to lack of time. A few of the youngsters were a little green, but we week-enders showed up in our true colours and remembered "The Bay."

We soon settled down in our new home and proceeded to work with a will—by going on annual furlough.

For the sixth time of asking we publish the engagement of "Harry," and great interest is being aroused as to whom is going to win the "Matrimonial Stakes." Thomo is top of the league, but his latest lament is "the greatest mistake of my life," so maybe he will lose his position on the roll.

We offer our congratulations to Lieut. Ormiston on obtaining the coveted "D" on his M.G. Course, and sincerely hope that he will complete the "hat trick" on his P.T. Course.

We also congratulate Cpl. Peasley on promotion to his present rank.

L/Cpl. Dowsett, of the 1st Battalion, joined us for a brief stay and then left for the School of Signals, Catterick, where he is undergoing a Course. We wish him every success.

We must mention that our latest find, L/Cpl. Jennings, has broken into the fistic world and in his last fight put up a very good show against a more experienced opponent of the R.A.F. We hope to hear more from him in the future.

Great enthusiasm is being displayed by the Platoon in the educational field and next year we hope to be able to boast of quite a number of "Firsts."

In conclusion, we wish our fellow-"waggers" in the 1st Battalion "happy wagging."

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STOP PRESS

Harry has been matched against Popeye's Poppa in the *Daily Mirror* Championships. The "Jeep" will referee.

BAND

The more people have, the more they want. This is quite understandable as regards some earthly goods, but when we're asked for another issue of notes for the Journal, we are bewildered; but, alas, we must take up our pen and walk (I mean write).

Since the last notes there have been changes amongst us. We heartily welcome the members of the 1st Battalion Band who have arrived to join us. They should be an asset to us, as there are some athletes amongst them.

We must wish the members who have left us for overseas, namely, Bdmn. Tunmer, Dillon, Nolan and Short, good luck and a good time.

At the time of writing these notes we are at the end of furlough and will be wandering and

getting mixed up between the Director of Music, Direct Fire and changing direction on the march.

In the evening it will be "Doctor Foster," and in the morning "clearing plug—two."

Our congratulations this time go to L/Cpl. Caney, who has obtained his music certificate in the Army Special. Well done! We hope we have in him a Bandmaster of the future. We must also congratulate the aforementioned on being appointed Lance-Corporal.

We have lost a member of the Band who has gone to try his luck in civil life, namely, L/Cpl. Lowe, and we wish him success and prosperity in his new sphere.

Un poco goes a long way, and, judging by the length of the notes, they should win the record for going the longest way.

Talking about going a long way, we have now changed from combustion stoves to open grates. The disadvantages of this change are that we have now to remove the ashes from the open grate in the morning.

No more will be said about the move from Portsmouth to Gosport, as no doubt it will be mentioned elsewhere in the Journal.

I've concluded.

PERPENDOSI.

EMPLOYED GROUP

The last quarter has been an uneventful one as regards happenings of interest to our community at large. At a very early stage the thoughts of the majority of the Group seemed to have been concentrated on annual furlough, Christmas festivities and such mundane affairs, to the exclusion of penny points pools, greyhound racing, and the other higher forms of thought (?) usually occupying their brain cells.

We hope that those fortunate members who were able to proceed on furlough at the normal time will return to their jobs with renewed vigour and give the "scroungers" left behind a chance to recuperate and fit themselves for the struggle for existence.

The chief occurrence of the last quarter was our change of station, which, to the general dismay, does not appear to be what it was alleged to be. Nevertheless, it is probable that in time we shall appreciate the delights (?) of Gosport. The only redeeming feature of the move seems to be that our new station is so near the old one that previous enjoyments can be savoured as of yore, for the price of a penny ferry ticket.

We welcome to the "happy band of heroes" one "Tossy," late of the 1st Battalion, whose globe-trotting days seem to have come to an end. Knowing the said "Tossy" of old, our only hope is that his caricatures strain the quality of mercy rather than the virtues of truth.

Robbo (29), strange to relate, has again performed his annual disappearing trick. This feat having been performed for three consecutive seasons, the Employed Clock (Woolworth variety) now becomes his personal property.

Whispers have been heard to the effect that our "Sid" is deserting us to take his "check" and struggle along in the cold, hard world. Past and present members of the Group and other sympathisers of the oppressed are invited to send contributions, care of "No. 1 Bench, The Embankment."

We tender our best wishes to "Fletch" on deserting the ranks of the benedicts for those of the "hen-pecked," and can now account for the harassed look he usually wore. (She loves me, she loves me not style.)

Our exploits in the realms of sport are very small fry. We lost to the Band in the Inter-Platoon Football Knock-out, but in hockey we formed a team, with the assistance of L/Cpl. Jones of the Drums, which, under the name of "Q" Company, has not lost a match in the Company League. (Touch wood!)

We welcome our old friend "Doughie" back to the fold, after his sojourn at the School of Military Engineering at Chatham; and talking of engineering, we also welcome Sergt. Osterholm from the 1st Battalion.

Congratulations to C.S.M. Poulter on his promotion and to Sergts. Etheridge and Smallridge and A/Cpl. Peasley on their steps towards a Field-Marshal's baton.

In conclusion, we congratulate C/Sergt. Deane on having survived another season of football with the Battalion 1st XI, and hope he keeps it up for some years to come.

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THINGS WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW

Has receipt of "Spiritual Communication No. 5" been acknowledged?

When was "Badger" last checked for a hair cut?

What attraction has "double harness" for the Orderly Room staff?

DRUMS

Since our last notes there have been one or two notable changes in the "Corps."

First, we have Drms. Firman and Neville, who have gone to the Depot for a tour of duty, much to our regret. If there was ever a fellow missed out of a barrack room it's "Rooty," and a fellow for a ferry, it was "Firdy." We wish them all the best.

We welcome to the fold Drms. Beach and Dench, who have come from the 1st Battalion, and trust they will enjoy their stay with us.

We will not dwell too much on our move from "Pompey" to Gosport, as much has probably been written elsewhere in the Journal, but we take this opportunity of thanking the friends we made at "Pompey" for the good times we had there, especially during our first twelve months.

Whilst on the subject of the move, there are one or two flute players (yes, I said players) who will not forget it in a hurry. We don't think they have got their wind back yet. It was a good job there was a floating bridge across the harbour which enabled them to have a few bars' rest.

We are very glad to have C.S.M. Poulter in our Company and also congratulate him on his promotion. We hope he has a long and successful reign as our C.S.M. Naturally we are very interested in him, because of our long and happy mutual association when he was Drum-Major.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Jones on his Course at Hythe, and also for his football for the Regimental team. Keep it up, "Kenny"; we expect to see you playing in the Army Cup Final. What a day we shall have!

We are all eagerly awaiting the 16th January to see our Drum-Major step up for his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Congratulations, "Major," but be careful with the sash.

We welcome C.Q.M.S. Franklin as our "quarter bloke," and hope his stay with us will be a long and successful one.

We went on annual furlough on 12th December. What a day! It seems as though everybody looks forward to furlough more than anything else. For the last three months the only words that could be heard in the room were, "Roll on, so and so days to go."

We all had a very enjoyable time and trust that the Corps of Drums of the 1st Battalion had the same.

We are shortly to lose the services of Cpl. Carpenter and L/Cpl. Burchell, who are going on Anti-Gas and M.T. Courses. With them go our best wishes and hopes that they come back with "D's" (no, not what you think—Distinguished).

In conclusion, we wish all our fellow-drummers at home and abroad the best for the New Year.

BUNGO.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Here we are, half way through the season and the Army Cup looming on the horizon, having reached the fourth round, after successfully negotiating the first three rounds. We are due to play The Loyal Regiment on our ground in the fourth round, and we hope to win this and then there is only one more round before the semi-final. In the first round we played the 4th A.A. Brigade, R.A., and beat them 7—2, Cpl. Delaney, the chief scorer, having four goals to his credit. In the second round we played The Queen's Regiment and, after extra time, won 3—2. According to the run of the play, there should not have been extra time; we were leading comfortably by two clear goals in the second half when our team slackened off and the Queen's scored two quick goals. Crosssthaite was the hero of the match, scoring the winning goal. In the third round we played the Sherwood Foresters. This team, when they came over to meet us, were an unknown quantity, and as this Regiment has won the Army Cup several times, we had to be "on our toes," they being stationed at Guernsey, we not knowing anything about them at all. Anyway, after a very fine game, we won by 4—1. We are now looking forward to some good football and being able to play at Aldershot on Easter Monday in the final.

We entered the Amateur Cup this year and soon left the Competition. This is another case where our team slacken off when they think they have the game in their pocket. We were leading 4—2 and we are sorry to relate that the team lost 4—8, finishing very badly.

We also entered for the Portsmouth Senior Cup, beating the Royal Marines, Eastney, in the first round. In the second round we played a civilian team, Fareham, and in a very indifferent game we lost 1—2. The least said about this match the better.

Up to date we have only played three matches in the United Services League. In the first match we journeyed to the Isle of Wight and met our old friends, the Queen's Regiment. After a very quick-moving game we drew with them, 3—3. In the second match we met the R.A.O.C. on their ground at Hilsea, and, after being three goals up, we lost by the odd goal

in seven. Whilst talking about the R.A.O.C., this is a very much improved team and is still in the Army Cup with us. In the other match we beat H.M.S. *Vernon* by 3—0.

It looks as though we shall have a very congested fixture list at the end of the season in getting up to date with our league matches.

In the United Services Challenge Cup we went out in the first round, losing to the Royal Marines, Eastney, by 3 goals.

We are still in the Hampshire Senior Cup, this being the next most important competition to the Army Cup. In the first round we beat South Hants Nomads, 8—1. In the second round we played Portsmouth Electricity. This is, to my mind, the best civilian team in the locality. We soundly beat them 4—0, but owing to an infringement on our part through playing Bdmn. Ryder, who had not resided in the County for the full four weeks immediately prior to the match, we have to play this match again. We hope to repeat the score.

We are still in another Cup—the United Services Charity Cup. In the first round we beat H.M.S. *Vernon*, 3—0. So much for the first team.

We still have the honour of having three of our players in the Army team. They have played in seven matches up to date, and as they are still selected to play we can say that they have done credit to themselves. Cpl. Delaney managed to score one goal on an average per match.

Our second team are in the United Services League, Division II, and have been doing very well. To date they have played ten matches, winning seven, drawing one and losing the other two. We have had rather a sad loss in losing Sergt. Overy to the 1st Battalion, he being the second team's coach.

In our next Journal notes we hope we shall still be in the Army Cup Competition.

RUGBY

The rugby season of 1937-38 has gone very well up to date, although we were sorry to be knocked out of the Army Cup in the third round by the K.S.L.I.

We met the 4th A.A. Brigade, R.A., in the first round and beat them quite easily by 29 points to 3. Unfortunately, Pte. Rawlinson broke his collar bone early in the game and we lost his valuable services for the rest of the competition. We then met the 4th Battalion, R.T.C., and, after a hard game, we beat them

by 26 points. In the third round we met the K.S.L.I. Our side had rather an off day, but that fact does not detract anything from the K.S.L.I. They played a splendid game and beat us by 17 points to 3.

We have lost only two of our friendly games.

We have been without the services of Lieut. Beath, who has been away on a Three-months' Driving and Maintenance Course.

We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Lieut. Unwin on his being selected for England. We wish him the best of luck and hope that he will retain his place for the rest of the season. Lieut. Beath, Ptes. Kent and Rawlinson have all had Army Trials and we congratulate them. Pte. Kent has turned out a few times for the 1st XV of the United Services R.F.C., Portsmouth. Pte. Cronin has also played a few games for U.S. "A" team.

BOXING

We met the 2nd Queen's Royal Regiment in the first round of the Army Cup and beat them by a narrow margin. The following is a report from the local paper of the meeting:

ARMY BOXING

MIDDLESEX BEAT QUEEN'S ON POINTS—UNIT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The best boxers of both the 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment from Gosport and the 2nd Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment met at Parkhurst Barracks in the Army Inter-Unit Team Championships.

The Officials were: Major Foote (referee), Major E. C. Miller, O.B.E., and Capt. C. A. Kenny (judges), 2/Lieut. H. R. D. Hill (time-keeper) and R.S.M. D'Albertanson (M.C.).

There was a sporting evening's boxing, and The Middlesex Regiment won the honours by the narrow margin of two points.

Bantam-weight.—Dr. Peck (Queen's) v. Pte. Hope (Middlesex). There was some wild but enthusiastic slogging, both men lunging heavily. Peck was groggy when the second round finished. The game way in which he remained on his feet although subjected to heavy punishment, was admired by all. The Middlesex man was awarded the verdict.

Feather-weight.—Pte. O'Rourke (Queen's) v. Pte. Grogan (Middlesex). Vim and skill characterised a fast bout and O'Rourke laid his opponent on the canvas in one minute with

a series of right hooks to the jaw. The loser had shared the points until the knock-out.

Pte. Toolan (Queen's) v. Pte. Smith (Middlesex). The Queen's man went out for a knock-out with fierce right jabs, but Smith had much stamina. It developed into a stand-up, shoulder-to-shoulder scrap. Although Smith was down for a couple of seconds, he gave Toolan plenty to think about. It was a fine and remarkably clean fight, with little to choose between two plucky men, but Toolan won on points.

Light-weight.—Pte. Dawes (Queen's) v. Pte. Markham (Middlesex). Markham came out of the early exchanges with the advantage, his left swings being dangerous. Dawes took severe punishment and was not allowed to get into his usual action. A plucky fighter, he lost on points to a more skilful man, giving the Middlesex Regiment their first victory of the evening.

Light-weight.—Pte. Seddon (Queen's) v. Cpl. Wray (Middlesex). The first round was a whirlwind one, neither man gaining the advantage, but there was a lot of hard hitting. Seddon made a good rally, but Wray's uppercuts found their mark too often for him. A good victory for Wray.

Pte. Garrity (Queen's) v. Pte. Christian (Middlesex). Garrity's light feet did not avail greatly against a solid opponent, and he took some smashing blows to the face. One of Christian's lefts landed Garrity on the canvas to win by a knock-out.

Heavy-weight.—L/Cpl. Sumner (Queen's) v. Pte. Moran (Middlesex). The dress rehearsal left Sumner slightly embarrassed, but Moran was disqualified for hitting his opponent while on his knees. The winner was out when the verdict was given.

Welter-weight.—L/Cpl. Willard (Queen's) v. Pte. Rowntree (Middlesex). Rowntree was the more powerful puncher, but Willard's short arm jabs scored well. The Middlesex man weaved easily through Willard's guard with his longer reach, but the Queen's man maintained his reputation for steadiness and pluck. Both men tired a little, but Willard won the fight by a narrow margin. He had greater stamina and made Rowntree miss frequently.

Pte. Joyce (Queen's) v. Pte. Shaw (Middlesex). Joyce won on a knock-out within very few seconds after furious opening exchanges.

Pte. Yemm (Queen's) v. Pte. Tyler (Middlesex). Tyler took the offensive and scored with both fists. Yemm fought mostly on the defensive, although he occasionally got home with his right. He was nearly out once, but made a plucky come-back to stay the fight. Yemm elected to carry on, despite a strained thumb. The referee stopped the fight in favour of Tyler and commended the plucky loser.

Pte. Hooper (Queen's) v. Pte. Piggott (Middlesex). Hooper went down in the first round before an onslaught of in-swings. He came back and stood up to his opponent well, using skill in evading blows. Owing to his having jerked the muscle in his arm, Piggott was out for the requisite ten seconds, and Hooper was awarded the bout.

Middle-weight.—L/Cpl. Elliott (Queen's) v. L/Cpl. Chapman (Middlesex). This was a fast fight with very little mercy shown by two hard hitters. Chapman jabbed viciously with his left, but there was little to choose for Elliott's blows though less frequent were more effective. Elliott came back to hand out as good as he got. Chapman was too skilful for the game Queen's man, and received a points verdict.

Pte. Madden (Queen's) v. Pte. McDonald (Middlesex). Madden was a more experienced man and his cool fighting was good to watch. He made McDonald cover up in the corner twice, but the Middlesex boxer caught Madden by surprise and had him on his knee for a moment. A whole-hearted scrapper, McDonald made Madden go the distance. The former made a remarkable return in the last round and won a surprise verdict.

Pte. Breen (Queen's) v. Bdmn. Macdonald (Middlesex). Macdonald was twice on the canvas for short periods in the first round, Breen attacking with vigour. Macdonald shared points in the second round, scoring with his left, and made a great effort in the last round, punishing Breen badly. It was a great last round, but Macdonald won a brilliant fight by a very small margin.

Light Heavy-weight.—Cpl. Stannard (Queen's) v. Pte. Betts (Middlesex). The two heavy men exchanged some terrific pile-drivers, Stannard made a great effort to keep his team level with the visitors. It was simultaneous hitting all the while and both men carried the fight well. Stannard made the going in a great-hearted fashion, but the verdict went to the Middlesex man, giving the visitors the lead on points by 23 to 21.

HOCKEY

There has been very little Battalion hockey this season. The grounds at Portsmouth were out of play owing to bad weather for over a month. We met the 2nd Queen's in the first round of the Army Cup and we were well beaten, 3-8.

Now we are at Gosport and hope to get some good games on this side of the harbour.

SERGEANTS' MESS

A great deal has happened since our last notes, which were submitted from Victoria Barracks, Portsmouth.

The chief event, of course, has been the move of the Battalion, and the Mess with it, from Portsmouth to Gosport. The move was accomplished quite easily, being only just "over the water," and we are more or less completely settled down at Gosport by now.

It has not been a very good change over from the point of view of the Mess premises; the Mess at Portsmouth was comfortable and large enough for dances and other functions, but the Mess here mainly consists of two small rooms, hardly bigger than a large-size drawing-room, and it will be impracticable to have dances, etc., in the Mess. We shall have to resort to borrowing the Gymnasium for functions of any size, but as this building is handy it will not matter very much, although we should have liked to have confined functions to our own Mess building. We have already applied to have the two small rooms made into one large room, which will be adequate for our requirements, but it remains to be seen whether or not the powers that be can do this for us.

The majority of the members have been away on leave almost since arrival at Gosport, and are not due back until 9th January. However sufficient members and wives have been left behind to contribute to some very enjoyable evenings throughout the Christmas and New Year periods. The Christmas draw was particularly successful and the Mess was really packed to capacity for this cheerful occasion. Likewise, a goodly crowd gathered together to see the Old Year out and the New Year in, in the traditional fashion.

There have been many casualties and changes during the quarter under review.

Our congratulations to the following on their promotion: C.S.M. Poulter to Warrant rank, C.S.M. Green to Warrant rank, C.Q.M.S. Kennett to Colour-Sergeant, C.Q.M.S. Kemp

to Colour-Sergeant and L/Sergt. Etheridge on entry to the Mess as Officers' Mess Sergeant.

Our heartiest congratulations also to the following on being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal: Drum-Major McEnery and Sergt. R. Smith.

Our chief loss has been C.S.M. Simmonds, who has left the service for Vocational Training and thence to civilian life. We miss the redoubtable "Simmo" greatly and really wish him the very best of all good luck in civilian life; also his family. We shall hope to see him often in the future, whenever he can get near us. C.S.M. Jones and Sergt. Whitcombe have gone to the T.A., the former to the 8th Battalion and the latter to the 7th Battalion. We wish them good luck.

Sergt. Ramsey joined us for a few days from the 7th Battalion, but only to leave us again for the 1st Battalion at Hong Kong. Sergt. Overy has also taken himself and family to the land of the Chinks. We wish both these members and their families every success with the 1st Battalion. Sergt. Boen has gone to the Regimental Depot, and our good wishes go with him.

We are very pleased to welcome Sergt. Beaveridge back with us again; this time in the capacity of Cook Sergeant. Sergt. Beaveridge was Sergeant Master Cook in India back in 1924 onwards with the Battalion, and we are sure he feels at home again in the same job.

We also extend a hearty welcome to the following, who have joined us from the 1st Battalion. We have not seen much of them so far, as they have been on leave since disembarking, but we feel sure they will soon make themselves at home in the Mess: Sergts. Osterholm, Chillery, McDowell, Thomas, Brown and West.

Owing to the Battalion move and annual leave period, the social side of the Mess has, of necessity, had to go a little, but we hope to get into full swing again this month, when all the members return to the fold.

We did, however, manage to sneak into the "Kent" Cup Shoot just before leaving Portsmouth—on 3rd November, to be precise—and the following are the complete results:

Three practices, all at 300 yards—Slow, Snap and Rapid: 1st prize, C.S.M. Simmonds; 2nd prize, C/Sergt. Kemp; 3rd prize, C.S.M. Jones.

The following were the scores:
Sergt. Gatehouse, 35; C.S.M. Poulter, 22; Sergt. Ison, 30; R.S.M. Ward, 25; C/Sergt. Kemp, 43; C.S.M. Parsler, 24; Sergt. Smallridge, 6 (wooden spoon); Sergt. Nash, 31; Sergt. Poulter, 29; Sergt.

Jennings, 28; Bandmaster Dennis, 16; Sergt. Harper, 26; Sergt. Day, 27; Sergt. S. Smith, 21; Drum-Major (McEnery), 32; C.S.M. Green, 22; C/Sergt. Kennett, 31; Sergt. Beaveridge, 14; Sergt. Etheridge, 34; Sergt. Scott, 16; Sergt. Brett, 14; C/Sergt. Deane, 14; Sergt. Sargent, 26; C.S.M. Simmonds, 47; Sergt. Knights, 10; Sergt. Elcome, 22; Sergt. R. Smith, 29; C.S.M. Jones, 40; C.Q.M.S. Franklin, 39.
The highest possible score was 65.

Following the procedure inaugurated last year, the prize money was equally distributed amongst the firers, after the first, second and third prizes had been paid out, according to their scores. Owing to various duties and stress of work, consequent on the move, etc., certain members were unable to be present and the Mess, unfortunately, was not present to full strength.

CORPORALS' CLUB

Little of interest has occurred during the quarter, excepting our move to Gosport, shortly after which the majority of the members proceeded on annual furlough.

The premises at Gosport are far superior to those at Portsmouth, as regards space and other amenities, but the billiards table is of the hurdling variety. Many of the strokes brought off on it are worthy of Lindrum himself. We hope to rectify the matter of the table before long, subject to the collaboration of the N.A.A.F.I. authorities.

A Dance was held at Portsmouth in November prior to the move. This was in the nature of a Farewell Dance to the station, but owing to the fact that we are so short a distance away from Portsmouth, to call it a Farewell Dance would be rather a misnomer.

It is hoped to recommence the monthly dances this month. At Gosport we have the use of the Gymnasium in barracks, which is a great advantage, being larger than the N.A.A.F.I. Restaurant previously used, and will take away the suggestion of a rugby scrum previously associated with these functions at Portsmouth.

We congratulate Cpls. Jennings, Davidson and Harris on their promotions and welcome those, too numerous to mention, who have joined the Club on first appointment.

We welcome Cpl. Millichap from the 1st Battalion and hope his stay with us will be a long and enjoyable one; and tender our best wishes to L/Sergt. Day, who has left us for the Sergeants' Mess.

We are sorry to lose Cpl. Copelin, who is leaving very shortly to take up civil employment. Our best wishes go with him and we hope that his "civvy" job will be as "cushy" as was his in the service.

Congratulations to Cpl. Read and L/Cpl. Fletcher on their respective marriages. May we inform them that the tax on bachelors is still a long way ahead.

We welcome Cpl. Soden, who has rejoined us from the Depot, and congratulate Cpl. Stickley on being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Well done, "Sticks."

Our congratulations to those members who have brought renown to themselves and us, both in military and sporting affairs, and to Cpl. Delaney on being selected to play in the Welsh Amateur Football Trial on 8th January.

DEPOT NOTES

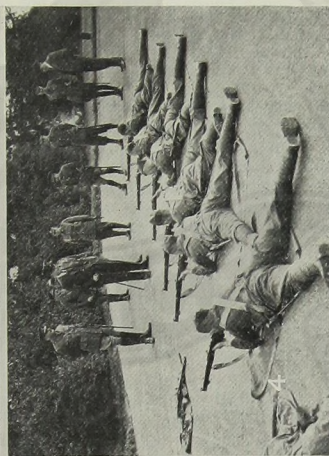
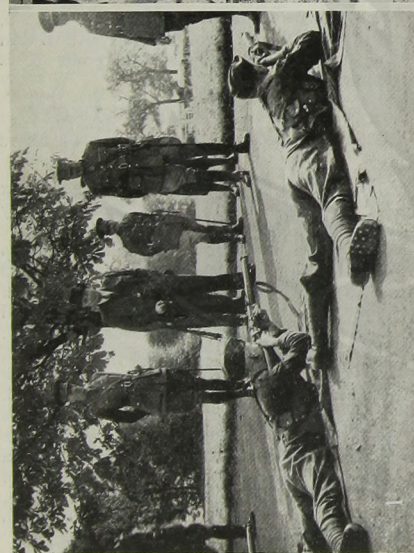
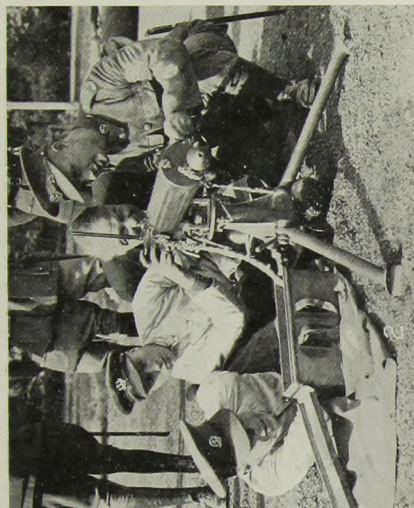
ONE of the chief events to record during the last quarter was the visit of the Secretary of State for War, the Right Hon. Leslie Hore-Belisha, accompanied by the Adjutant-General, at that time Lieut.-Gen. Sir Harry Knox. An adequate account from a local paper is as follows:

RECRUITS VISITED AT DEPOT

TOUR OF BARRACKS BY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR

Recruits at the Barracks of The Middlesex Regiment at Mill Hill were visited on Friday morning by Mr. L. Hore-Belisha, the Secretary of State for War. Mr. Hore-Belisha drove to Mill Hill from Whitehall, and was accompanied by Gen. Sir Harry Knox, Adjutant-General of the British Forces. On arrival at Mill Hill Barracks he was received by Major-Gen. R. M. Luckock (Area and Divisional Commander), Major H. Phillips, M.C. (Commanding Officer of the Depot) and Capt. A. E. Green (Adjutant).

The orderly room, where all the Officers were present, was visited first, followed by the Recruiting Office, where Mr. Hore-Belisha was shown the manner of the reception of recruits and the system was explained to him. Leaving the offices, the party made its way to the Barracks Square, where a "forming squad" was seen engaged in marching and saluting drill. The Mons Squad, comprising recruits experiencing their fifth week of Army methods,



THE VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR TO THE DEPOT

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were watched practising weapon training, while the Ladysmith Squad, in its sixth week, performed drill. Recruits of ten weeks' service in the Inkerman Squad gave a display of physical training in the Gymnasium, and on the stretch of ground known as "Procter's Folly," the members of Vittoria Squad, in their twenty-first week, showed their proficiency with the machine gun. After a visit to the Mysore Squad (sixteenth week), undergoing a course in education at the School Barrack Block, the party visited the old and new barrack rooms, the dining hall and the cookhouse, before returning to the Orderly Room.

The 150 recruits at the Depot have to undergo a course of twenty-two weeks' training before they are "passed out," and Mr. Hore-Belisha expressed himself as greatly satisfied with the standard of life and of training which is provided at the Mill Hill Quarters. The Officers and men of the Regiment also appreciated the visit, and were able to show clearly to the Secretary of State for War that life in the Army, under modern conditions, is happy and comfortable.

Mr. Hore-Belisha asked many questions of the Officers and men, who were able to satisfy him on every point. It is hoped that his timely and appreciated visit will give a still further impetus to the recruiting campaign.

By 1 p.m. the Adjutant-General left the Depot to visit Major N. P. Procter, M.C., and his Recruits Physical Development Depot, and the Secretary of State remained to lunch in the Officers' Mess; he was most interesting on various topical service matters, eventually leaving at 3 p.m.

The other chief event to note was the normal Depot Armistice Day Parade, which was well attended by present and past members of the Regiment.

Wreaths were laid by the following :

Regimental Association : Gen. R. M. Heath.
Territorial Army Association : Col. E. J. King.
1st Bn., Middlesex Regiment : Capt. J. B. Worton.
2nd Bn., Middlesex Regiment : Capt. A. E. Green.
Depot, Middlesex Regiment : Major H. Phillips.
3rd Bn., Middlesex Regiment : Mr. G. Kerswill.
4th Bn., Middlesex Regiment : Col. A. M. O. A. Passingham.
5th Bn., Middlesex Regiment : Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence.
6th Bn., Middlesex Regiment : Mr. G. Hewitt.
7th Bn., Middlesex Regiment : Capt. S. J. Clark.

8th Bn., Middlesex Regiment : Lieut.-Col. E. W. Fane de Salis.

9th Bn., Middlesex Regiment : 2/Lieut. L. Emery.

11th Bn., Middlesex Regiment : Capt. A. F. E. Robinson.

The parade was commanded by Capt. E. L. Heywood, and our thanks are due to Mrs. Worton, to whom we are very grateful for giving us the necessary music during the ceremony.

We recorded in the last issue of the Journal the various changes amongst the Officers; since then several more have taken place. Lieut. Hall, we gather, has come to the end of his wanderings through Japan, has torn himself away from the charms of Hawaii and has sternly refused the lucrative offers of film magnates in Hollywood. He has not yet appeared at the Depot, however, owing to deficiencies of clothing and necessaries! Capt. Green, to whom we offer our congratulations on his promotion, is therefore still with us as Adjutant, but is due to join the 2nd Battalion at the end of January.

Lieut. Allen, who brought back a draft from Hong Kong, has reported for duty in relief of Lieut. Marsh, who has just recently returned from a month's leave in Germany. We have yet to hear of his exploits in that country!

Congratulations are due to Lieut. Unwin for playing for the "Probables" in the first two Trial Matches. We all sincerely hope that he will gain his cap for the second time this year.

Capt. Clark, our future Quartermaster, is due here in mid-January. We shall all be very glad to see him amongst us. One Officer, we are sure, will be delighted!

Two Supplementary Reserve Officers are at present attached for preliminary training—2/Lieuts. Warwick and Heath. In fact, for the last few months, the Officers' Mess has been unusually full.

The Commanding Officer has now left the Mess and has moved into his rightful quarter, which was duly opened by an excellent sherry party.

We have suffered several losses amongst the Staff. Chief amongst them is C.S.M. Lambert, A.P.T.S.; his cheerfulness, keenness and enthusiasm will be sadly missed. We are indeed indebted to him for starting fencing at the Depot, which, it is to be hoped, will be carried on in his absence. Several Officers are extremely grateful to him for the untiring patience he spent in trying to teach them the

art of the sabre and épée. Good luck to him at the Physical Training School.

C.S.M. Burt has left us for civilian life to join the noble corps of school attendance officers, whose ranks are gradually becoming filled with Warrant Officers of the Regiment. They already have two ex-R.S.M.s of the Depot—Messrs. Mantell and Davis!

C.S.M. Burt's relief, C.S.M. Hazeldine, has not yet arrived from China, so in the meantime Mr. Newman has been combining the duties of Depot R.S.M. and C.S.M. of the Training Company.

Sergts. Blake and Chasney have also left us, the former to the Post Office and the latter is attending a Vocational Training Course at Hounslow. We welcome Sergt. Thompson as one of the 1st Battalion Sergeants. Sergt. Tiller, the other relief, is unfortunately being admitted to Netley and the date of arrival here is very indefinite; it is hoped that he will soon be fit again.

Finally, we would like to offer our congratulations to the 2nd Battalion soccer team, who have, up to now, reached the fourth round of the Army Cup. Good luck in the forthcoming rounds!

SQUAD BADGE WINNERS

Inkerman.—8th Week, Pte. Kilpatrick (Pte. Jones (360)); 12th Week, Pte. Kilpatrick (Pte. O'Brien); 16th Week, Pte. Kilpatrick (Pte. O'Brien).

Vittoria.—20th Week, Pte. Bishop (Pte. Edwards).

Mons.—4th Week, Pte. Allingham (Pte. Mahoney); 8th Week, Pte. Allingham (Pte. Roarty).

Mysore.—16th Week, Pte. Cole (Pte. Buckland); 20th Week, Pte. Cole (Pte. Gedge).

Ladysmith.—8th Week, Pte. Peterson (Pte. Wise); 12th Week, Pte. Try (Pte. Gumburd).

Seringapatam.—4th Week, Pte. Spillane (Pte. Bradshaw).

Albuhera.—4th Week, Pte. Arlain (Pte. Clanfield).

(Names in brackets are those of runners-up.)

COMMANDING OFFICER'S P.T. MEDAL

Mysore.—Silver medal, Pte. Cole; bronze medal, Pte. Elliott.

SHOOTING PRIZES

Inkerman.—Empire Test—Winner, Pte. Jones. Squad average, 69.88.

Table "A"—Winners, Ptes. Kilpatrick and Riley (scores, 95). Squad average, 80.08.

Ladysmith.—Empire Test—Winner, Pte. Pearce (score, 78). Squad average, 70.71.

Table "A"—Winner, Pte. Melbourne (score, 95). Squad average, 80.23.

On going to press we congratulate Lieut. Unwin on again being selected to represent England against Wales on 15th January.

SERGEANTS' MESS

By the time these notes are published the New Year will have begun; our hopes that all associated with the Regiment will enjoy a prosperous 1938 are none the less sincere.

We have to record the results of the Billiards and Snooker Tournaments. O.R.Q.M.S. Baldwin, the odds-on favourite, won both events, and while congratulating him, we would commiserate with those who attempted the task of arresting an irresistible force. However, Sergt. Wilson, at billiards, and Sergt. Johnson, at snooker, made "Badger" think.

The Minister for War, Mr. Hore-Belisha, inspected the Depot recently. Great joy was occasioned when he could not quite discover whether or not C.S.M. Burt was a "Terrier."

Armistice Day was celebrated at our own Cenotaph with the usual depth of feeling. It was bitterly cold, and a large number of friends came to the Mess to get warm and stayed for dinner, tea and supper. Much Regimental history was discussed. To stay at the Depot for two years is to qualify for the post of Regimental historian, so much lore does one hear.

The Armistice Dance was held jointly by all N.C.O.s in the Canteen. The floor was crowded, as was the bar, so that everybody was happy.

Most of the members went away for Christmas, but those who stayed behind are reported to have had a good time, a very good time. It is understood that the treasurer noticed a jump in the takings.

Our next function is to be the Annual Dinner on 8th January. We are all looking forward to as successful an evening as we usually have on these occasions.

At the moment, the Mess is in a transitional stage. There are some who have gone, others are going and others are coming. First we have the miserable duty of saying farewell to C.S.M. Burt, who has retired to civilian life. We have lost a valued friend in losing "Buzz," even though he was only a "Territorial," but

he may be assured at all times that he will be as heartily welcomed as he was hospitable to others when a member. We wish him all the best in his new post, and would like to couple Mrs. Burt with that wish. Sergts. Blake, Chasney and Burgess are also going. Blake is for civilian life, Chasney is at the A.V.T.C. at Hounslow, although ill at the moment. We hope he speedily recovers. Burgess is packing for Hong Kong, but, knowing the Army, it is not yet ripe for us to say good-bye. We will write their obituary notices when they have really gone. C.S.M.I. Lambert, A.P.T.S., has departed for Aldershot, where he will act as fencing instructor. He has done good work in the Gymnasium and the Mess, and the Mess wishes him and Mrs. Lambert all the best for the future. S.I. Rogers relieves him, and we extend him a hearty welcome. Sergt. Thompson, 1st Battalion, has already arrived in relief of Blake, and we hope his second stay here will be as comfortable as his first.

We were glad to see two 1st Battalion Sergeants, West and Thomas; apart from meeting many old friends, they were introduced to the sport (?) of all-in wrestling. To judge from their reactions it is likely that it will take a prominent part in Mess functions when they return.

Finally, we would like to repeat our best wishes to all friends of the Mess for the next year, and give a special cheer for Lieut. Unwin, who appears to be playing himself into the English rugby side again.

CORPORALS' CLUB

As I am unable to think of a correct opening for these notes, I think it would be appropriate to open by wishing all readers the best for 1938, which we will have entered by the time these notes appear in print.

The Armistice was commemorated on 11th November with the usual Service at our Regimental War Memorial in barracks. We were pleased to see many old and familiar faces in our midst. The weather was rather cold, but the rain held off, which was most important on such an occasion.

On Saturday, 13th November, the Sergeants and Corporals held an Armistice Dance; quite an enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended.

All members of the Corporals' Club are looking forward to the time when the Mess is re-opened after being closed for some time, owing to the painters being at work on it.

Our Provost N.C.O., L/Cpl. Hockley, has recently returned from a Fire Fighting Course, whilst L/Cpl. Blan has recently returned from an Education Course; we join them in hoping for a good qualification, then we can have confidence in the event of a fire, whilst L/Cpl. Blan can impart his knowledge at the Depot School.

We trust that the Corporals of the 2nd Battalion have settled down in their new quarters at Gosport, and we hope that they like their new surroundings and feel at home.

Mechanisation here at the Depot is like that particular brand of whisky, still going strong, referring, of course, to our pedal cycles. By using these vehicles we adapt ourselves to road sense; that, probably, is a little help to our driving instructors at Gosport.

Regarding sport, we have not much to record this quarter, but we can take this opportunity of congratulating the following members of the Mess for having represented the Depot at football on several occasions: Cpl. Powell, L/Cpls. Blan, Morley and Daly.

There is nothing more to mention now except for the arrivals and departures to and from the Depot. We first welcome Cpls. Wray, Eastland and Jacques and L/Cpl. Pratt, all who are at present only attached. We hope they enjoy their stay, however long or short it may be.

Among the dear departed we have Cpls. Soden, O'Doherty and Eastland, who have returned to the Battalion (that was a short stay, "Spot"). We hope that they have not forgotten how to dodge those "Learner" drivers.

Now that we have mentioned those who have departed, I think we should mention some who have been joined together in holy matrimony and have taken unto themselves a wife. Cpl. Bruniges, L/Cpls. Stebbing and Blan have joined the marriage circle during the last few weeks. We congratulate them and give them the usual wish, something about troubles being "little ones."

Talking about "little ones," we give more congratulations to Cpl. Keen (Payne), who has made an addition to his family, also Cpl. Smith and L/Cpl. Daly. Last, but not least, "Pancho" Ball has at long last become a "daddy," after all these years. Well, once again, congratulations to all.

I have had my little "natter" so I'll "jag" in now and give somebody else a chance, with best wishes to Corporals of all Battalions.

"NATTERER."

SPORTS

BOXING

The first open meeting of the season was held in the Gymnasium on 11th and 12th November.

Owing to the large number of entries it was found necessary to hold two sessions on both days—in all 103 recruits took part in the meeting—which consisted of six weights. The tedious task of judging for such long periods was carried out by Capt. E. L. Heywood, Capt. A. E. Green and Lieut. E. J. Unwin.

A pleasing feature of this meeting was the appearance of our new Commanding Officer in the chair as referee. Those recruits who found themselves in the ring for the first time were encouraged with the advice and instruction that was given by the Commanding Officer. In his speech before presenting the prizes, Major H. Phillips, M.C., brought home to the recruit the value of boxing in the Army and its importance as a means to building character. The history of the 1st and 2nd Battalions' boxing teams was also mentioned. "With a reputation such as we have for boxing in the Army, it is most important that you young men should start now—the future of our boxing prestige rests with you," he said.

At the conclusion of the meeting, R.S.M. Newman called for three hearty cheers for the Commanding Officer; judging by the response it was quite evident that all present were very much encouraged to see the Commanding Officer taking such an active interest in the recruits' boxing.

DETAILED RESULTS

	Winner	Runner-up
Bantam-weight :	Pte. Dewberry.	Pte. Smith.
Feather-weight :	" Bradshaw.	" Jennings.
Light-weight :	" Jones.	" Swaites.
Welter-weight :	" O'Brien.	" Birt.
Middle-weight :	" Willis.	" Cole.
Light Heavy-weight :	" O'Rourke.	" Hood.

Inter-Squad Boxing.—In connection with the All-round Shield Competition for the last quarter of the year, Inter-Squad boxing was held on 15th November. Once again Major H. Phillips, M.C., officiated as referee. Some keen and spirited boxing was witnessed. Special mention must, we feel, be made of the fight between Pte. Bedding (Seringapatam) and Pte. Littlefield (Ladysmith). This was easily the most spirited contest witnessed throughout the meeting. Both men were determined to get the verdict; for three rounds

they "punished" each other, and neither were in a fit state to deliver another blow when the final bell went. Before announcing Pte. Bedding as the winner, the Commanding Officer congratulated both recruits on a magnificent performance.

A speech by Major Phillips on the value of the team spirit before presenting the Shield to Seringapatam Squad ended a very pleasant evening's entertainment.

Winner of Inter-Squad Boxing Shield: Seringapatam; 2nd, Mons; 3rd, Ladysmith; 4th, Inkerman.

Depot, Middlesex Regiment v. Imperial Chemical Industries

An interesting meeting, arranged by Mr. C. Elliott, General Secretary of the I.C.I.B.C., who many in the Battalion will remember as W.O., P.T. Instructor at the Depot, in 1927, was held at Millbank on the evening of 25th November. Both teams produced nine competitors at various weights.

Although the Depot won only two bouts, several contests were left for the referee's casting vote.

Sir Frank Spickernell, in presenting the prizes to both winners and losers, hoped that everyone present would agree that they had witnessed the best evening's boxing meeting ever held in their Gymnasium.

DETAILED RESULTS

I.C.I.B.C.	v.	DEPOT, MIDDLESEX REGT.
J. James	beat	Pte. Macey on points.
A. Richardson	"	" Bradshaw on points. (Casting vote.)
J. Barton	lost to	" Burke on points.
O. Roper	beat	" Birt on points. (Casting vote.)
W. Brown	"	" O'Brien on points.
J. Collins	"	" McGrath on points.
V. Sharratt	lost to	" Willis on points.
G. Armitage	beat	" Harris. Technical knock-out.
C. Robinson	"	" Elliott on points.

Depot, Middlesex Regiment v. Depot, Royal Fusiliers

On 10th December we entertained the Royal Fusiliers at the Depot. Some interesting bouts were witnessed. The following is a detailed result of the meeting:

Fus. Beer	beat	Pte. Macey on points.
		A close bout.
" Corwell	lost to	" Bradshaw. A display of good boxing.
" Hutchinson	beat	" Nesbitt. Won on a k.o.
" Worsfield—w.o.		
" Wragg	lost to	" Swales. A close bout.

Pte. Ryan	beat	" Jennings. A very plucky display.
" Chapman	lost to	" O'Brien. A good display of hard hitting.
" Powell	beat	" Birt. A close bout.
" Mallon	lost to	" Burke. A good, clean bout.
" Snelling	lost to	" Willis. A very close fight.

Result: Royal Fusiliers, 15 points; Middlesex Regiment, 14 points.

GYMNASIUM—PHYSICAL TRAINING

Mysore Squad were passed out in P.T. on 22nd October by Capt. L. F. E. Wieler, G.S.O., P.T., Eastern Command. Not only did he congratulate the Squad on their high standard of work, but he was pleased to be able to say that they were one of the best Squads he has ever tested. The competition for the Commanding Officer's Silver and Bronze Medals proved very interesting. Pte. Cole was the ultimate winner of the Silver Medal, with Pte. Buckland as a very close second. Pte. Elliott was the winner of the Bronze Medal for progression.

ALL-ROUND ATHLETIC SHIELD

In connection with the above an Obstacle Race was held on Saturday, 3rd December. Each Squad were required to produce 12 men. After some very exciting races, Inkerman Squad proved very worthy winners, returning a time of 8 mins. 42 3/5 secs., with Ladysmith second (9 mins. 34 3/5 secs.), Seringapatam third (11 mins. 7 4/5 secs.).

Pte. Howey, Inkerman Squad, is the present holder of the Individual Record since our last notes, his time being 31 secs.

PASS-BALL

Some interesting games were witnessed during the pass-ball competition. Inkerman Squad once again headed the list of positions. Although they are only few in numbers, they have produced some excellent results, both with their training and games.

Result: 1, Inkerman; 2, Ladysmith; 3, Mons; 4, Seringapatam.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

The Inter-Squad cross-country run for the Athletic Shield was run here on Thursday, 30th December, the conditions being ideal for the occasion, dry under foot and a slight nip in the air.

The result was as follows: 1, Seringapatam; 2, Inkerman; 3, Ladysmith; 4, Mons.

This was the final event for the Shield and the competitive feeling ran high between all Squads; it also formed a fitting climax for 1937.

INTER-SQUAD ALL-ROUND ATHLETIC SHIELD

	Foot- ball. Pts.	Box- ing. Pts.	Cross- Country. Pts.	Pass- Ball. Pts.	Obstacle Race. Pts.	Total Marks. Pts.	Final Placings. 1st. 2nd. 3rd. 4th.
Inkerman	2	1	3	4	4	14	1st.
Ladysmith	3	2	2	3	3	13	2nd.
Mons	4	3	1	1	—	9	4th.
Seringapatam	1	4	4	2	2	13	2nd.

FOOTBALL

The policy of entering a local league competition has been amply justified by the interest and excitement of every match. It must be confessed that our tactics must necessarily fall in with those of our opponents; they differ from those of Army sides, but the team readily adapts itself to league, Army or school conditions.

We recorded an initial heavy loss (by 1—7) in the last Journal, but since then we have won four and drawn two games. Most of the remaining games are on opponents' grounds, but there is great confidence in the eleven to finish as runners-up, at least. In the Hendon Challenge Cup we have reached the third round. The side was a long time winning, but after two draws and an abandoned game, it was managed.

We were defeated in the first round of the Bulldog Cup by the 3rd Battalion, Grenadier Guards, who had many anxious moments during their 1—0 victory.

Friendly matches have supplied good games. Wins against The Royal Fusiliers' Depot and Aldenham were offset by a loss against the East Surreys at Kingston.

The players are all good team players, not given to individual work, and they live up to the name "Die-Hards." Captain and centre-half Williams and right-half Hicks vie for individual mention, and recruit Howie promises to be a thoughtful centre-forward for the Battalion. He is very useful with his head, an unusual gift for an amateur. The usual team has been: Pte. Barnes; Sergt. Duncan, L/Cpl. Daly; Pte. Hicks, Sergt. Williams, Pte. Bridge; Pte. Wootten, Pte. Lake, Pte. Howie, Sergt. Makewell, Cpl. Powell. Others who have played are: Lieut. Unwin and L/Cpl. Morley, who was unfortunately injured early in the season, Sergt. Bromley and Pte. Jones. We are awaiting the return of L/Cpl. Blan from Shorncliffe, and he will strengthen the team.

	RESULTS				Goals		Pts.
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	
League	7	4	2	1	16	11	10
Friendlies	4	2	1	1	12	10	
Cup	4	2	2	0	15	9	
"Bulldog"	1	0	0	1	0	1	
Total	16	8	5	3	43	31	

REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

THE following are additions during the quarter:

1. *Sir Hew Dalrymple's Memoirs*, presented by Capt. Fanshawe.
2. Souvenir programme of the Coronation Albuhera Ball held at Singapore, 1937. Presented by R.S.M. Farrow, M.B.E.
3. Copies of *Die-Hards Doings*. Presented by Mrs. W. A. Smith, wife of the late R.S.M. Smith (1st Battalion).
4. Commission of Lieut. C. E. Green, 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, 1886. Presented by Lieut.-Col. Pargiter, D.S.O.
5. Framed chocolate box given by Queen Victoria to her troops in the South African War. Presented by Officers' Mess, Depot.
6. Framed badges of The Middlesex Light Infantry, Canada. Presented by Officers' Mess, Depot.
7. Framed Officer's cap and collar badges of the Wentworth Regiment, Canada. Presented by Officers' Mess, Depot.
8. Framed chocolate box given by H.R.H. Princess Mary to all troops for Christmas, 1914. Presented by Officers' Mess, Depot.
9. Army and Navy Gazette Album, 1897. Purchased.
10. Bugle of the 16th (Public School) Battalion. Presented by ex-Drum-Major A. Cottrell, 16th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment.
11. Sword, property of the late Major Ward, 1st Battalion. Presented by his sister, Miss Ward.
12. Unpresented athletic medals of the 3rd Battalion, 1915. Presented by Major N. H. B. Lyon, M.C.
13. German field telephone. Presented by Sergt. Buckland.

14. Two framed letters written by the late Lieut. MacGibbon (57th Regiment) after the fall of Badajoz. Presented by Capt. Baldwin, M.B.E.

PRINCESS LOUISE'S KENSINGTON REGIMENT, THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN)

By BRIG.-GENERAL F. E. LEWIS, C.B., C.M.G.,
T.D., D.L.



The Arms of the Royal Borough of Kensington
Quid nobis ardui

"South Africa, 1900-02."
The Great War—3 Battalions.—"Neuve Chapelle,"
"Aubers," "Somme, 1916, '18," "Albert,
1916, '18," "Guillemont," "Ginchy," "Flers-
Courcellette," "Morval," "Le Transloy," "Arras,
1917, '18," "Scarpe, 1917, '18," "Ypres, 1917,"
"Langemarck, 1917," "Cambrai, 1917, '18,"
"Hindenburg Line," "Canal du Nord," "Sambre,"
"Valenciennes," "France and Flanders, 1914-18,"
"Doiran, 1917," "Macedonia, 1916-17," "Gaza,"
"El Mughar," "Nebi Samwil," "Jerusalem,"
"Jericho," "Jordan," "Megiddo," "Sharon,"
"Palestine, 1917-18."

N.B.—Those in heavy type are borne on the Regimental Colour.

NOW that the "Kensington's" have been transferred from the Corps of The King's Royal Rifle Corps to that of The Middlesex Regiment, it is hoped that this sketch of their earlier history and the War record of the 1st Battalion, known as the "13th London Regiment," will be of interest.

In 1859, thanks to the warlike policy of Napoleon III, the Volunteer Force was started and Lord Truro formed in Islington the 4th Middlesex V.R.C. just as Lord Ranelagh formed the 2nd (South) Middlesex V.R.C.

These two Units became the Kensingtons, ultimately.

The Headquarters were moved, first to Swallow Street, Piccadilly, and, in 1885, to Adam and Eve Mews, Kensington, and now new Headquarters are actually being erected at 190, Hammersmith Road. The Unit was a Rifle Battalion (clothed in "grey" with scarlet facings and silver braid) of eight Companies plus Band and Drums, Cyclist Signallers, Transport and Ambulance Sections. Its training was limited to a long week-end at Easter, 20 drills and a course of musketry annually—all without pay! The sub-title was "West London Rifles," for their contribution to the C.I.V. during the South African War, battle honours were awarded.

In 1905, the arms and motto of the Royal Borough of Kensington and title of "Kensington" were adopted. In 1908, when the Territorials were formed, the 2nd (South) and 4th Middlesex V.R.C.s were amalgamated to form the 13th London Regiment (Kensington Rifles). A little later, H.R.H. Princess Louise, at the express wish of the King, allowed her name to be borne by the Regiment and induced the women of Kensington to provide Colours (on change to a "line" Battalion), which were presented by King Edward VII at Windsor in 1909.

In August, 1914, the Unit, as part of the 2nd London Division, was hastily recalled from its annual training at Salisbury for mobilization and moved to its war station, Abbots Langley, within a few days. A period of intensive training followed till 4th November, when the Regiment landed in France as an independent Unit, with a strength of 29 Officers and 835 other ranks. Eight days were spent in "back area," two days on the "roads," and on 14th November the Kensingtons joined the 25th Brigade, 8th Division, and four days later were holding their own bit of trench line.

Not so bad for "Saturday afternoon" soldiers!

Here they stuck—in more senses than one, for the mud and wet were awful—till March, when they took part in "Neuve Chapelle"!

It is of special interest to remember that on 14th March the Battalion (lent to 23rd Brigade) took over a series of disconnected fire trenches from the 2nd Middlesex Regiment. Trench routine followed till the battle of Aubers, 9th May, in which, as an assaulting Battalion, to quote the words of the Corps Commander, the Kensingtons "won imperishable glory," but

the losses were severe and, in the entire absence of drafts, the remnant of the original 1st Battalion was pulled out to the L. of C. to recuperate. The following spring the 56th Division was formed and to it the Kensingtons were sent. The list of battle honours above shows they had a fair share in all the doings of those fateful years, but they came out of it, as they went in, with the same motto, "Quid Nobis Ardui," or, "Nothing is too hard for us."

Note.—It is hoped to give similar records of the 2nd and 3rd Battalions at a future date.

PRINCESS LOUISE'S REGIMENT

The Old Comrades' Association of Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment held their annual parade on Nov. 7th, when more than 300 members marched from Regimental Headquarters to the Cenotaph, where a wreath was laid. Before the march a memorial service was held in the Drill Hall, at which Princess Louise was present. Princess Louise was accompanied by several former commanding Officers, including Brig.-General Lewis, Col. Hugh Campbell (Hon. Colonel of the Regiment), Col. Sir Donald Banks, and Col. W. H. Godfrey. Princess Louise laid a wreath at the Regimental memorial after the service, and then took the salute as the parade marched past.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE LIBRARY, CENTRAL LONDON
RECRUITING ZONE, WHITEHALL

On 27th October, 1937

Present. Brig.-Gen. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., in the Chair, Col. M. Browne, M.C., Col. E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Col. C. P. Rooke, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Major R. Slee, Major S. Mirams, M.C., Major H. Phillips, M.C., Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence, Capt. J. B. Worton, Mr. E. Morris, R.S.M. P. Newman and R.Q.M.S. E. Crouch.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

2. *Secretary's Report.* The Secretary's report for the quarter ending 30th September, 1937, was considered and it was proposed by Col. Browne and seconded by Capt. Lawrence that the sum of £175 be allocated for the relief of necessitous cases during the quarter ending 31st December, 1937.

3. *Old Comrades' Dinner.* The Secretary reported: (1) that he had arranged with Carpenters, Ltd., for a dinner to be served at 3s. 6d. per head (the menu was produced and approved by the meeting). (2) That he had been unable to arrange for canvas-seated chairs for the dinner at less than £15 for 400 and had therefore arranged with the London County Territorial Association for 400 folding wooden chairs at £2. (3) That the following guests had accepted invitations to dine: Sir Howard Button, J.P., High Sheriff of the County of Middlesex; Brig.-Gen. F. H. Stapleton, C.M.G., General Secretary of the National Association for Employment of Ex-Regulars; and Major C. G. Pim, second in command of Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment (The Middlesex Regiment). (4) That Lieut.-Col. W. E. Pringle, M.C., and the Officers of the 7th Battalion had permitted the services of the 7th Battalion Band for the occasion, asking a fee of £12 12s. od. for the programme. All the above arrangements were approved by the Committee and the Secretary was instructed to advertise the dinner in the *Evening News* and *Star* on Saturday, 30th October.

4. *An Application for Assistance* from Ex-Lieut. — was considered and on the motion of Col. Samuel, seconded by Col. Browne, it was decided that the Association could not give assistance in the case, but that the Secretary should ask the Officers' Association if they could deal with it. (Carried.)

5. *Vote of Thanks.* A vote of thanks to Major N. H. B. Lyon, M.C., for his work in connection with the Association during his tour of command at the Depot and also to Mrs. Lyon, who was Hon. Secretary of the Ladies' Guild during the same period, was proposed by Col. Browne, seconded by Capt. Lawrence and carried unanimously. It was further proposed by Capt. Lawrence and seconded by Col. Browne that Major Lyon should be asked to serve on the Committee as a co-opted member. (Carried.)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held, as usual, before the Old Comrades' Dinner at the Drill Hall of the 8th (City of London) Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman presented the following Report, which was adopted, on the motion of Brig.-Gen. Heath, seconded by Col. Browne:

Total subscription to the Association fund for 1936 £636 12 5
Total grants made 520 10 4

The following items represent the chief activities of the Association since the period covered at the last Annual Meeting, i.e., from 30th September, 1936, to 30th September, 1937:

Amount of Grants made since 30th September, 1936 £487 4 9

Number of—

Cases assisted 314
Men registered for employment .. 21
Men found permanent employment .. 196
Men found temporary employment .. 73
Parcels sent out by Ladies' Guild .. 40

Employment. The various branches of the National Association for Employment of Ex-Regular Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen continue to find permanent and temporary employment for many of the Association members. In this connection the figures shown in the 1936 report of that Association are worthy of note. For the Middlesex Regiment they found 402 jobs, which is the fifth highest total for any line Regiment in the Army, and of these, 371 were found by London Branches, which is the highest total for any Infantry Regiment except the Coldstream Guards, for which 396 jobs were found.

Military and Other Charities. Donations amounting to £26 5s. od. were made to the usual Charities approved by the Executive Committee. These are all Charities, Associations and Institutions which benefit our ex-soldiers and help in the investigation of cases of distress.

Branches. No new branches of the Association have been formed during the period under review, but the existing ones are doing useful work and close liaison is maintained with them.

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

New Cottage Homes. Two new Cottage Homes have been built and occupied by selected tenants during the year at a cost of £1,653 os. 7d. This money has been raised as follows: £310 4s. 8d. from the accumulated funds of the Cottage Homes and £1,342 15s. 11d. from Association funds. In order to raise the necessary sum, £1,330 9s. 9d. of invested funds of the Association have been realised. A certain amount of money is being subscribed by members of the County of Middlesex and the Association funds will be accordingly refunded.

Rules. The rules of the Association have been re-written and printed. Copies can be obtained on application to the Secretary.

Journal. The Regimental Journal continues to thrive and thanks are due to the Sub-Editors of Battalions and other contributors who forward copy each quarter. The balance credit after the August number last year was £278 16s. 3d. This year, at the same period, it is £270 13s. 11d., and, in addition, a sum of approximately £40 is due for advertisements in the August issue.

Regimental Diary. A Regimental Diary was produced for 1937, and is again on order for 1938 from the Army Sports Control Board.

Ladies' Guild. The Committee thank those who have been so kind as to support the Guild with gifts of clothing and money. It is regretted that so few connected with the Regiment interest themselves with this very valuable movement. Forty parcels have been sent out during the period under review, but had the supply of clothing been greater a larger number would have been sent. During the last quarter alone £21 7s. 4d. was spent by the Association in lieu of clothing which might have been supplied by the Ladies' Guild had there been a larger stock available to draw upon.

Coronation. Two tickets for seats in stands, three invalid chairs and eight standing places were allotted to the Association to view the Coronation procession, but of these only two tickets for seats, one chair for invalids and three standing places were applied for.

Ex-Servicemen's Review in Hyde Park, 30th June. The Association was given an allotment of 120 for this review and could have done with many more vacancies. An additional allotment of two seats in a reserved enclosure and eleven

seats in stands were given and distributed to relatives and friends of those taking part.

Conclusion. In conclusion the Committee desires gratefully to acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered by the Honorary Solicitors and Hon. Auditors. The Committee's very grateful thanks are also due to the various branches of the Charity Organisation Society, the Invalid Children's Association, the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, the Red Cross Society and the British Legion for the work of investigating cases undertaken by those bodies and also for administering the grants made.

OLD COMRADES' DINNER

The Old Comrades' Dinner was held at the Drill Hall of the 8th (1st City of London) Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers, on 6th November.

The guests present were: Sir Howard Button, J.P., High Sheriff of the County of Middlesex, and Brig. F. H. Stapleton, C.M.G., the General Secretary of the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen. The former was thanked by the Colonel of the Regiment for the valuable work he is doing for us in raising funds in the County towards the two new Cottage Homes which have been built this year, and the latter, who has been at our dinner for several years, needed no introduction, as we know well the good work he is doing for us in finding employment for our ex-soldiers. In response to our usual loyal telegram, the following reply was received: "Please convey to the Old Comrades of the Middlesex Regiment assembled this evening the sincere thanks of the King for their loyal message. Equerry." Telegraphic greetings were also received from the Old Comrades' Associations of the Royal Fusiliers and the East Surrey Regiment.

The Colonel of the Regiment, in proposing the health of the Regiment, referred to all the sporting successes of the Battalions, during the year, both at home and abroad. The toast of "The Colonel and the Officers of the Regiment" was proposed by Mr. Blackwood.

There was a falling off in attendance this year, 280 attending as against 320 last year. The following were present:

Brig.-Gen. R. M. Heath, presiding.
Guests: Sir Howard Button, J.P., and Brig.-Gen. F. H. Stapleton.
Brig.-Gen. F. G. M. Rowley.

Cols. Beach, J. L. Blumfeld, M. Browne and A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham.

Lieut.-Cols. G. L. Fox, B. G. Horrocks, W. Y. Miller, W. E. Pringle, W. H. Samuel and T. S. Wollcombe.

Majors G. B. Anderson, L. A. Newnham, H. Phillips, N. P. Procter and H. Sherwood.

Cpts. S. J. Clark, H. W. Clayden, J. H. Clowes, H. E. Foster, A. E. Green, E. L. Heywood, G. Johnson, F. A. L. Lawrence, C. C. Musselwhite, E. T. Pain, C. H. Perkins, J. G. E. Reid, A. F. E. Robinson, G. C. D. Scott-Lowe, J. W. A. Stephenson, V. E. Stock, P. E. C. Tuckey, J. B. Worton, and E. M. G. Wray.

Lieuts. W. H. Pilley, J. E. Unwin and S. R. Wilkins.

Messrs. A. W. Akers, Arnold, Ask, H. C. Atkins, F. Attaway, H. Bagnall, T. Bailey, B. Baldwin, C. C. Baldry, J. Bane, L. Barber, Barker, W. C. Barnes, L. Barter, C. Beamish, C. A. Beck, W. Blackwood, W. Bland, A. Blinch, H. Bluet, J. F. Boothby, J. Boothby, H. E. Bray, Brooks, J. Brown, J. Bryant, A. E. Bullock, Butterfield, T. A. Capel, Card, J. Carmody, T. R. Carter, J. R. Carter, V. Chambers, F. Cheriton, A. C. Chidley, J. W. Cleave, H. Clelland, A. B. Coldicott, R. Coleman, Cooper, A. Cousins, F. S. Cowling, J. Cox, R. Cross, E. J. Crouch, C. Davis, A. Dimmock, S. Dockree, H. S. Duncan, J. Eley, R. E. Evans, A. T. Farrow, A. Fawcett, F. Fenemore, H. Field, W. Filkins, P. S. Foley, G. E. Ford, W. Foxwell, W. Freeman, A. E. Frost, E. R. Furniss, A. E. Gardner, F. G. Gatehouse, C. W. Gibson, H. Glass, G. F. Goodall, J. W. Grainger, Green (C/S.), M. Griffin, C. Gudgeon, Hadley, W. Hall, T. Hanks, F. Happs, E. J. Hardy, J. Harragan, A. G. Harris, J. Hart, J. Hart (C.S.M.), W. Hayes, Hayhoe, T. Hewitt, W. Hollingsworth, J. Holmes, Horne, Horner, J. Houghton, E. D. Hughes, T. Ingtes, C. T. Islip, E. F. James, C. Johnson, H. G. Johnson, O. G. Johnson, E. A. Jones, Jones (C.S.M.), F. Keeley, C. Kennett, G. W. Kerswill, G. Kew, W. H. King, H. Kirk, A. W. Knight, J. Lambourne, J. Lavender, R. Lee, L. Long, W. J. Martin, A. Mason, H. Matthews, E. McLernon, Meadley, J. Mears, A. G. Meayers, A. D. Miller, D. Milton, T. Mitchell, W. Morrison, Dr. Nevill, P. Newman, C. H. Northam, H. J. Ormiston, B. Painter, C. Painter, A. Pearce, P. Penny, W. Phipps, C. Pilley, W. T. Pounceby, A. Presland, F. G. Price, G. Prizeman, H. G. Rice, A. Richardson, S. Roffe, Rowell, J. Saddler, F. Saltmarsh, D. B. Sanders, T. Savage, J. H. Sells, E. Setters, C. J. Sharp, G. Shaw, G. T. Skinner, Smith (Sergt.), F. S. Smith, W. H. Smith, J. Smith, A. South, J. M. Sparkes, W. J. Stafford, A. Stephens, C. Stokes, R. G. Stone, G. Sullivan, G. Taw, G. W. Thacher, A. Todman, E. G. Tulley, J. Turnbull, S. Turton, W. Ward, W. Wellman, W. West, W. J. West, A. Weston, H. Wheatley, W. White, J. Williams, A. J. Wilson, A. Winter and A. R. Wood.

In addition to the above named, there were 40 tickets handed in with no names on the counterfoils and 26 more members bought tickets but handed in no counterfoils. It is believed that at least 21 of these were present at the dinner.

REFLECTIONS BY AN OLD COMRADE AFTER THE REGIMENTAL DINNER ON 6TH NOVEMBER, 1937

My first thoughts were filled with gratitude and thanks to our Secretary and his able staff for the careful organisation of this Regimental gathering. I knew the work entailed was heavy, and the anxiety experienced great. Few purchase tickets until the bitter end.

The dinner was eaten in the Drill Hall, 8th (1st City of London) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. I was reminded how for many years before the War the Middlesex Regiment shared a Depot with the Royal Fusiliers at Hounslow, and that the latter Regiment was the parent of this hospitable Territorial Unit under whose roof we sheltered. An excellent dinner was provided for so small a price, and in no London restaurant or hotel could you find a better meal for the same sum. I remembered also that in a hotel or restaurant the price of drinks would be much higher and to many Old Comrades the after-dinner conversations which those drinks tend to produce are more important than the meal. Some Old Comrades argued that separate tables should be earmarked by notices for the various Battalions. The difficulty in carrying out this wish lies in the fact that few Old Comrades in applying for dinner tickets specify the Battalion they wish to sit with, and many diners pay for their tickets at the door. In these circumstances previous table plans are difficult.

My next thought was how few were our numbers at dinner. In the last War the Regiment provided no less than 46 Battalions. Our casualties in dead alone amounted to 12,694, and they could not attend except in spirit. How many actually served in the Regiment before and after the War and how many still remain alive is unknown, but 280 must represent but a meagre percentage of the available number who could be present. I thought how those men in the last War did not stop to consider their possible reward. No mention was made at that time of a world in which, after victory, war would be prevented by a League of Nations. They came either as volunteers, or because as regular soldiers it was their duty to fight.

My next reflection was how best to increase the number of diners. The dinner is advertised in two well-known Sunday papers, the *News of the World* and the *People*, but perhaps the Secretary would insert a notice in the principal London evening papers in future. Some Old Comrades complain that they are ignorant of

the date. To them I would say, it is your duty to keep touch with your Regiment always, as it was in the ranks in military operations. You have only to write and ask the Secretary. The Secretary also informs me that a notice paper is sent yearly to every reservist. Everyone can help by warning his friends around him and urging them to attend. The date is usually the Saturday nearest to Armistice Day, and is thus easy to remember.

I talked to many Old Comrades after dinner, and many questions were put to me regarding absent, retired and serving Officers. In a few cases the answer was that sickness prevented attendance, but that reason only covered a few isolated cases, and I found it hard to explain to these men why their Officers did not support them at the table. Officers will agree that they ought to come, and thus set as good an example to those serving, or who served, in the ranks, as their duty as Officers entails. Let us hope they will do so next year, and remember their duty to their men. I have heard junior serving Officers excuse themselves by pointing out they would feel strange in such a gathering, and would know no one. Anyone who has ever attended the dinner and seen those splendid old soldiers imbued with love and respect for the Regiment will know that they could never be strangers to them, and would never willingly miss another opportunity to be present. One young serving Officer arrived from a far-off South Country town, where he was attending a military course, because he told me he would never miss another chance of meeting old comrades who had served with his father. That Officer died proudly leading his Battalion in one of the early battles of the last war. The son told me that the feeling of love and respect for his father expressed in no uncertain words by these men touched his heart more than words could express. He will never forget them.

Another old soldier came to tell me how he had been servant to another late Commanding Officer. His devotion made me wonder how my own late servant might thus discuss me. I hoped for similar expression, although I knew I fell far short of them. Still I remembered how he comradeship and humour of the men would probably overlook my failings, and remember only such good points as I possessed.

A military writer is taught to express himself in brief and clear language. I am no military writer, but my heart hopes that the purpose of this article will be clear, and that both

Officers and other ranks, whether serving or retired, will urge their friends and stir themselves to attend the dinner in 1938, and only be prevented by extreme sickness or old age. It must be very old age, for one old comrade aged 81 attended in 1937, and was hale and hearty.

ARMY VOCATIONAL TRAINING

THE SOLDIER PREPARES FOR "CIVVY STREET"

By AN EX-CORPORAL OF HORSE

ALDERSHOT had had a hectic morning. The foot had slogged, the horse had groomed, gunners, sappers, and the rest, had lived and moved and had their joyous being. Bugles and trumpets blared "Cook-house" in grateful ears.

Up Thornhall way a hooter sounded strangely. In a score of workshops tools were downed. Dusty hands, paint-flecked hands and frankly filthy hands stripped off disguising overalls and donned the badged caps of a hundred corps. The Army Vocational Training Centre had "knocked off."

Part of the system, this civilian atmosphere. These men are shortly leaving the world of "wait for it" for the wider sphere where "get on with it" carries the day. For they are five hundred wise soldiers, who, of good character and reasonable aptitude, have applied for a vocational course and are spending their last six months' Colour Service in learning or developing a trade. The soldier leaves his unit encompassed about with his familiar cloud of Army forms. From the day on which his course commences he works civilian hours in a civilian way, "checks in and out," fills in his time sheet, and generally tunes himself in to the bewildering theory and practice of "Civvy Street."

The training is not a wearying six months "by numbers." After a few weeks of "how to do it" the "voco" man is treated as a workman and finds himself gaining experience in actually "doing it"—welding cooking stands for the R.A.S.C., machining gun carriers

for the R.A.O.C., erecting quarters, offices and stores for the Royal Engineers, decarbonising cars for officers, upholstering chairs for sergeant-majors and mending boots for privates—although rumour has it that it will soon be cars for privates and boots for Officers!

Although the training is practical the necessary theory is not overlooked and a lecture room, equipped with a sound film projector and epidiascope, is used daily, films and experts on the various trades being borrowed from civilian firms.

The Aldershot Centre grew from a block of offices and a couple of army huts. With these exceptions the entire Centre has been the labour of student hands. Workshops, married quarters, machinery, heating systems, sundials, weather-vanes—their construction and installation have all made good practical training.

The Centre classes reflect in some degree the labour situation. In 1928 one welder was trained. Last year, in the most up-to-date welders' shop in the country, 208 men received instruction in welding, 132 in sheet metal work and 98 as fitters and machinists.

Most students leave with their own kit of tools. By the way, they are encouraged to buy them through the Centre on what the Army knows as the "now or never" system.

Results? The Centre, of course, runs its own Employment Bureau, and in 1936-37, 87.3 per cent. of the students discharged were found employment and in the six months ending 31st October, 1937, 90.3 per cent. The wages earned by ex-students naturally vary considerably, but I saw numbers of letters from "old boys" earning £4 to £6 a week. To such an extent are employers realising the worth of the men that it is often necessary to grant premature discharges to fill vacancies.

It is not claimed that students are fully trained craftsmen. Six months is not long in which to become one, but keenness is the keynote of vocational training and the Centres, by organised method, and expert civilian instructors, turn out "well trained men who have the ability to use their tools, and can do the work as well as the average mechanic." They ask only a "fair field and no favour." They are grown men of excellent character, well grounded in a trade they have chosen for themselves.

One generation advertises the next. "My boss asked me," writes one, "if I could get another like myself, so I told him Corporal

L." Another writes, "I have had a rise in my pay and my pay each week is well over £4 5s. od. The foreman asked me if there were any more about to finish. I informed him there are, so he is 'phoning you.'"

Up to the minute in method, the Centre brings the modern slogan to its aid. "Think" stares and slogans point a cheerful moral from every workshop wall and give a cheery tone to *Links*, the periodical published by the Centre. "A hen doesn't quit scratching because the worms are scarce," or "There are splinters in the ladder of success, but you don't notice them going up." Machinists are warned, "the most important nut is the loose one." "The only thing that comes to him who waits," another Centre slogan, "is whiskers."

Students go out to meet criticism. In the slightly foreign atmosphere of the Aldershot Show the Centre's exhibits are the awe of all beholders. At the last Trades' Exhibition at Olympia, the soldier apprentices, in competition with the London Technical Trade Schools, carried off first prizes for the best stand and hammered ironwork, a silver medal for turned woodwork, a bronze medal for cast lead work, and two prizes and three diplomas for brickwork.

All students when they leave automatically become members of an "Old Students' Association," with its "old school tie," and, if they need it, receive assistance with their trade and their pocket.

There is practical philosophy and common sense in the theme of the Army Vocational Training Centre:

"Sittin' still and wishin'

Don't make anyone great.

The Lord provides the fishin'

But you've got to dig the bait."

7th BATTALION NOTES

AFTER a fairly strenuous period, such as Annual Camp or the Weapon Training season, we are inclined to sit back and say, "Well, that's over, and we can look forward to a few weeks of peace." Invariably we are wrong, and our activities remain undiminished. This has certainly been the case this autumn. Most of our Sundays in October were spent on the ranges at such widely

dispersed places as Rainham, Huntingfordbury and Ash.

November was even busier from the Officers' point of view, as, in addition to the Annual Church Parade, the B.E.F. Club Dinner and a week-end T.E.W.T. took place. The Regimental Old Comrades' Dinner was held that month, when the Band, under the direction of Sergt. Gilyatt, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Clibbens, put up a very fine performance.

We struck new ground for our T.E.W.T. This time we tried the Weald on the Surrey-Sussex border, between Newdigate and Ruspur. We spent the night at "Ye Olde King's Head" at Horsham, for which selection the Adjutant received much praise, as the hostelry turned out to be both comfortable and entertaining. As, however, he selected the inn at random from the A.A. handbook, no credit is really due to him. Over twenty Officers of the Battalion were present, and, in addition, Capt. Hartley and Mr. Campbell from Berkhamsted O.T.C. The Quartermaster was a mine of information, not only on the problem of feeding troops in the field, but also on how our pre-war soldiers used to treat their comrades' cats.

The Battalion was represented by a colour party (2/Lieut. Bridges, R.Q.M.S. Badham and C.Q.M.S. Allin) at the Armistice Day Memorial Service at Mill Hill. Col. E. J. King, Capt. Clark and R.S.M. Colton were also present.

A successful weapon training, drill and anti-gas cadre was run throughout the autumn. Not everyone stayed the full course, which, in the circumstances, was an advantage, as the inattentive slacker, who is irregular in his attendance, wastes the time of the instructor and delays the progress of the keen man.

Capt. Bartram and Sergt. Savage represented the Battalion at the unveiling of the Earl Haig statue on Wednesday, 10th November. From the volume of correspondence received from higher authority in connection with this ceremony, one might imagine that the whole Battalion had been involved, but, as this has already received the attention of *Punch*, we will not labour the point.

Major Mirams is now happily recovered from his attack of mumps, and is back at work again. Major Holt is still touring the country, but will be with us once more by the middle of March. We congratulate Mr. Aitken-Quack on his commission, but regret the long delay he had to put up with before he was gazetted.

"A" COMPANY

Confronted by the usual blank sheet of paper and wearing the more than usually bland expression we sit, far from being endowed with the spirit of the Christmastide just past, lethargically awaiting the inspiration to compile the quarterly record of our deeds and misdeeds, and it is only the knowledge that many (some of whom we see too little nowadays) are waiting to read these notes which prevents us hibernating anew.

Collectively, we admit, we are bettered by other Companies at such enterprises as shooting and boxing, this being due to the marked difference between our "paper" and "parade" strengths, but during the period now under review it has been shown that the individualistic successes and endeavours have been well to the fore.

Dances were held at Highgate on 30th October and 12th December. These were attended by the customary measure of social success and, additionally, by a phenomenon as yet unexplained, resulted in a small monetary profit.

It afforded us pleasure to entertain "C" Company to a social evening on 14th November, and our invitation was kindly reciprocated on 5th December. On both occasions, in pursuit of exercise, we engaged each other in badminton, darts and other forms of contest.

Creating a precedent (a modest habit of our Company), we are holding our Official Invitation Dance after Christmas; the event will take place on 29th January, by which date we hope that the post-Christmas financial "drought" will be terminated. All will be welcome.

To Sergt.-Major Mewett we extend our congratulations on the occasion of his marriage.

We congratulate C.S.M. Knight and Sergt. Bare on being selected for the Lady Regnart team, and also C.Q.M.S. Allin for being chosen as a member of the colour party for the Armistice Day Ceremony at the Regimental War Memorial.

On our shortcoming (temporary, of course) at boxing we have dwelt, but it remains, nevertheless, to thank Pte. Love for winning his bout and L/Cpl. Steadman on winning the "good losers" prize at the recent Battalion Boxing Contest. Together they atoned for an otherwise inglorious display.

Cpl. Porter, we regret, has left us and joined the M.T. Section of "H.Q." Wing.

We welcome from the Artists Rifles 2/Lieut. H. E. Aitken-Quack, who has been posted to us.

The Company awaits the return of Major Holt, for, in addition to the many spheres in which he excels and in which he is missed, he is badly needed to write the next issue of the Company's news. The present toiling authors, bereft, now, of all journalistic aspirations, are fearful lest he should decide to prolong his stay.

"B" (S.) COMPANY

This quarter, lack of news and lack of time have combined to put the Company scribe's nose badly out of joint, so that those members of the public who expect these notes to be a riot of humour and a feast of fun are doomed to disappointment. Indeed, if the Adjutant's lugubrious prophecies have any foundation in fact, they probably will not appear at all—and that may be all the better for the world.

All the Officers, except the Company Commander, who is either too busy or too clever, have been away on Courses during the past few months, and they are now so bulging with knowledge that their appointments to the Army Council may be expected daily. Until then, however, they will continue as before—to search for small change to pay fares.

C.S.M. Whitcombe seems to be settling down quite nicely, thank you. Reports from the N.C.O.s' room indicate that the leaking roof has stimulated rather than dampened his talents as a raconteur.

So far as we can gather, the N.C.O.s and men of the Company have led quiet and uneventful lives. None of them, so far as we know, has been married or had twins; nor, strange to say, did any of that small band who failed to qualify for bounty cast themselves from high windows (as they might well have done) for shame at their inefficiency.

Training has continued along the usual lines, with the usual detrimental effect on the Drill Hall floor, which is by now past paying for. Nevertheless, we succeeded in dancing on it with considerable success in October, and we propose shortly to do so again. It is surprising what you can do with a little goodwill and a really large bar.

Just before Christmas we held our annual parlour games with the Police. Those who are able to remember the proceedings assure us that they were very enjoyable.

There was also a certain shirt—!

"C" COMPANY

It was a little hard to arrive home after a somewhat strenuous Christmas and find an unopened letter, dated a week earlier, asking for Journal notes by the next morning. The fact that typewritten contributions would be accepted up to 48 hours later was of little use, as we cannot type as fast as that, and have lost our typewriter, anyway. However, we managed to get them in to H.Q. in time, but if our notes appear in the stop press column we hope we shall be excused.

Our last three months' training have been interesting but uneventful. We have re-introduced some bayonet fighting into the recreational training period, in order to vary parades as much as possible, but otherwise we have been training on much the same lines as usual. Whether we shall continue to do so is in the hands of the War Office. The demolition of our premises and the construction of new ones is still only a pious hope, but we expect that any day now we shall walk into "C" Company office and find that it is not there.

We are pleased to say that the Company strength is 112 at the time of writing, and we are now second to "D" Company in numbers. Unfortunately, we cannot say the same of the Efficiency Competition, in which we eventually dropped to third, being narrowly beaten by "B" (S.) Company for second place.

In the Boxing Competition we were again second, after a neck-and-neck struggle with the Tottenham Company, the result of the evening depending on the last fight, in which our man was just beaten, after a very good fight.

On the social side, we have had two very pleasant evenings with "A" Company, with badminton, darts and other games taking up the first part of the programme, followed by an impromptu dance and sing-song. We hope the ladies enjoyed these shows as much as did the members of the Companies concerned, and hope to have some more of them in the New Year. Incidentally, we have been asked if the Tallulah Bankhead voice which the R.S.M. acquired late in the evening was really due to his having been on "Ilkla Moor baht 'at."

There have been a few changes in the personnel of the Company since October. We have regretfully said good-bye to 2/Lieut. Preston, who has taken over the Transport Section, and Sergt. Nolan has finished his time. We wish them both the best of luck, and hope they will come and see us some time. We have

also, of course, to welcome R.S.M. and Mrs. Colton to Hornsey in place of R.S.M. and Mrs. Joy, whom we wish the best of luck at Margate, where they have gone into business in a big way. Much as we regret losing them, we seem to have picked another "winner" in the present R.S.M. and his wife, and we feel sure their stay with us will be a pleasant one for all concerned.

Finally, we wish a happy and prosperous New Year to readers of THE DIE-HARDS, wherever they may be, and trust they are as flourishing as we are at Hornsey.

"D" COMPANY

The period since Camp has gone very smoothly, parades having been particularly well attended. In fact some of our worthies became so enthusiastic that we lost nearly ten in just over a fortnight to the Regular Army. Although we are sorry to lose so many at once we wish them the best of luck for the future. Another factor which may have a bearing on future recruiting is the opening of a new A.A. Drill Hall about 100 yards away from us in the main road. It is unfortunate that the authorities should chose a site so close to our Company Headquarters and in a far more prominent position, but it is now up to the members of the Company to do their stuff and bring their friends to join up at PARK LANE.

Just before Christmas we had two well-attended functions. The first was Bounty Night, when the increased allowance was paid out to a large number of satisfied "clients." Then there was the Christmas shoot, held on Sunday, 19th December, a miserable snowy morning, which, however, did not deter upwards of 50 members from coming along, and we are pleased to say that everyone went home with something under his arm. C.S.M. Bishop won the turkey and he has asked the writer publicly to deny that this was the result of a wangle!

In the shooting world we met and defeated University College School, our first victory for some years over this team. We are hoping to visit Armoury House to shoot against No. 4 Company, H.A.C., and members of the Company who have fired in this match in previous years are looking forward to another enjoyable evening.

We had a very successful Dance on 27th November, the hall being well filled, and by the time these notes appear in print, two more

will have been held which, we hope, will be equally successful.

In the sporting line our boxers have been very active and their efforts were rewarded at the Battalion Boxing Championships, which we just won on the post. Before the last bout we were level on points with "C" Company, but Pte. Trafford, putting up a fine effort, beat Pte. Bromley, after a very exciting fight. Pte. Hoy won the light-heavy title, Pte. Fox the middle, whilst Pte. Askew was runner-up in the fly class. Congratulations also to the others who helped the Company team to victory. In passing, we must commiserate with Pte. Chapman, who, on doctor's orders, cannot take part in any sport for the next year or so. Both he and Pte. Hill were unable to box at Hornsey on 25th November.

At badminton we have had two good evenings engaged in matches against the Royal Small Arms Factory (old foes) and the Mill Hill Badminton Clubs. We were handsomely defeated in both cases but, nevertheless, "a good time was had by all." A first-class table-tennis board has been installed and our budding Barnas are now hard at it. The longevity of the first ball used caused some astonishment among the experts.

One of our late Officers, Mr. Sass, recently looked us up on the eve of his departure for service in India with his new Regiment. We wish him all the best of luck and look forward to hearing a few things on his return.

"H.Q." WING

There is very little one can say of the activities of the Wing for this edition of THE DIE-HARDS, chiefly because these notes have to go to press before the New Year and it is during January that things begin to happen. The two most important events to take place were Bounty Night and Christmas. Bounty Night was held on 16th December and nearly everyone went home considerably richer than they came on parade. Christmas morning at Headquarters has in the past been a "date" for many of the Wing to "quaff a stoop of ale," but this year the fog was responsible for there being only a few members present. Trade, however, was very brisk. Our Company Commander, due to the fog, took 25 minutes to drive his Lizzie from the top of Muswell Hill to the bottom. One senior Officer was said to have spent some time trying to get out of the bus

station at the top of the hill and, in fact, took so long that he never arrived at H.Q. at all.

Once again the Children's Party has come round and although it has not yet taken place, it is due for 8th January, it is safe to say that all the "kids" enjoyed themselves and those responsible for their entertainment had a tiring day. It is astonishing how hot a "Father Christmas" costume can be.

Turning to matters more serious, the Company showed up well in numbers at the Annual Armistice Sunday Parade, with the exception of the Signallers' and Transport Sections, who apparently thought the parade was not for them. We shall expect a much better turn out from these sections of the Wing in 1938. We hear that soon we are to receive another issue of "Beetles." We hope the authorities will bear this in mind when they rebuild H.Q. At the moment we have no proper accommodation for two trucks, so what will happen if we get another four no one seems to know. The T.O., who has steadily been going grey looking after the present two, has now gone to take over "A" Company during Major Holt's absence. We hear that what he said about "Beetles" and Army Forms to the new T.O., 2/Lieut. Preston, when they handed over, was quite unprintable.

The Signallers are now under the care of 2/Lieut. Hughes, who took over from Lieut. Addis. They have not been particularly active of late, but things will be very different by the time this is in print, or several people will want to know the reason why.

The Drums have carried on their parades as noisily as ever and showed up particularly well at the Church Parade. Drum-Major Lamprell is to be congratulated on the excellent way his men perform.

The Band, under the Acting Bandmaster, Sergt. Gilyatt, put up a very good performance at the Old Comrades' Dinner and earned the praise of many of those present. They were also at full strength (minus two) on the Armistice Church Parade and performed very creditably. We hope to see our Bandmaster back fit and well in a short time, having wintered on the south coast. We feel sure he will be pleased with the recent progress the Band have made.

"Bunda" having got noticeably fatter during the past months, the Adjutant has been forced to buy a new and bigger car.

In closing, we bid farewell to Mr. Webster and wish him well with "A" Company; at

the same time welcoming Mr. Preston to that somewhat heterogeneous collection of individuals known as "The Wing," and trust his stay with us will be to our mutual benefit.

8th BATTALION NOTES

EVERY so often in a Battalion's history the time comes for a change in command and in the person of the Adjutant. Our recent experience was to have these two major events almost coinciding; Col. Baker vacating command in October and the change of Adjutants in November.

In a few lines it is not possible to do justice to the career of our late Commanding Officer, one that must surely be unique in the annals of the Territorial Army.

We remember, however, that in May, 1930, a fairly full note of his accomplishments appeared in the Regimental Journal, so that we will not attempt now to do more than summarise his career and supplement what has already been written of him.

Col. E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., served throughout the Great War with various battalions of the Regiment from the time of his first commission in August, 1914, until July, 1920, when he joined the 8th Battalion with the rank of Captain.

At a very young age he had already achieved notable distinction. Three times mentioned in despatches, awarded the Military Cross (to which later he received a bar) and the D.S.O., he had commanded the 2nd Battalion and, a little later, in 1918, the 23rd Infantry Brigade.

Very quickly his outstanding ability led to his assuming command of the 8th Battalion in February, 1923; he received the rank of Bt.-Colonel in 1927, and continued in command until the end of 1929. After a brief period on the Reserve, Col. Baker accepted command of the 7th City of London Regiment, until in June, 1936, putting aside thoughts of well-deserved retirement and the opportunity to devote himself wholeheartedly to his family and increasing business responsibilities, at the call of duty he again took command of the 8th Battalion. Meanwhile, Col. Baker had received the Territorial Decoration, and was invested with the C.B.E., to receive, in November last, the honour of promotion to the rank of Colonel with seniority ante-dated to 1927.

We are glad of the opportunity of conveying to him our heartiest congratulations upon this

latest distinction. And so his active career with the Battalion has closed. After a period as a Commanding Officer of almost fourteen years, he passes to the Reserve, still a young man, with his honours thick upon him.

Only those who have served under Col. Baker can measure the privilege of acquaintanceship with him in military matters and the great services he rendered to the 8th Battalion. In this we know he had the loyal and unsparing support of Mrs. Baker, and to them both we bid *au revoir* in the sincere hope that whenever they can spare time, they will honour us with their company.

The command has passed to Lieut.-Col. E. W. Fane de Salis, M.C. It is pleasing to recall that Col. de Salis was, before the Great War, an Officer of the 8th Battalion. He then entered the Regular Army, from which he retired on 5th August, 1932, and then re-joined the Battalion as a Captain in June, 1936. He brings a name honoured in the County and one which we keep in permanent memory on our Great War Memorial at Hounslow.

In assuring him of the loyal support of every member of the Battalion, we trust that his period of command will be entirely happy and successful, and to Mrs. de Salis we offer a very warm welcome.

We have also to bid farewell to Capt. and Mrs. Reid. He can be assured that his help and advice has been much appreciated, his cheery ways have many times materially brightened our gatherings and he will be very much missed. To his successor, Capt. E. T. Pain, we extend a most cordial welcome; we shall do our best to make his tenure of office a happy experience. We fear, from information received as to his proposed residence, that he stands in danger of sometimes getting "lost in the fog"; we hope that Mrs. Pain will often give us the opportunity of giving proof of the warm welcome extended to her.

And now perhaps it is as well that the activities of the past quarter do not call for much more space.

The Commanding Officer conducted a very interesting T.E.W.T. in Windsor Park on 21st November. It was a great pity that, on account of a heavy fog, the solutions to the problems set had to be worked out rather on theoretical lines.

The Annual Commemoration Church Parade took place on Sunday, 14th November, at St. Mary's Church, Staines; the weather was favourable and the turn-out generally very good.

The boxing season is now well under way, and on 17th November we held our preliminary contest for Novices only. The material was quite good, and what was lacking in science was amply made up by the spirit displayed by these young soldiers.

Quite a number of Officers have been attending Courses recently, and we should like to pick out for rather special mention Lieuts. N. Blair and T. H. Reddy, who, upon completion of the "Mortar" Course, received particularly favourable comment from the authorities.

Our congratulations to Mr. Lawrence, who, although of short service, has, by reason of his Certificate "B" seniority, just received promotion to Lieutenant.

The Battalion Prize-giving took place at Hounslow on 15th December, when the Member of Parliament for Hounslow and Twickenham came to present the trophies.

Mr. Keeling was accompanied by Mrs. Keeling, and we were very pleased to welcome one who already has evinced a real interest in the local Territorial units.

It was good to see our Hon. Colonel, Col. W. Garner, looking really well again—he came with Mrs. Garner and was supported by a number of former Commanding Officers, including Col. Baker, Bt.-Col. Parmeter and Lieut.-Col. Dams. The ladies gave us strong support and included Mrs. E. E. F. Baker, Mrs. Dams, Mrs. de Salis, Mrs. Maddex, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Miskin and Mrs. Pain. It gave us real pleasure to see Major Phillips, Capt. Heywood and Capt. Green from the Depot; we hope they were made really aware how much we appreciated having them with us.

It is also very encouraging to have such strong support from the local civic authorities, the Mayors and Mayoresses of most of the neighbouring boroughs being present.

The evening proceeded in the usual manner of such occasions: speeches, the prize-giving, and then an All-Ranks' Dance until midnight. Everybody seemed to be enjoying themselves, the festivity providing a fitting prelude to the festive season—and so to bed.

"H.Q." WING

We open our notes with words of welcome to our new Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. E. W. Fane de Salis, M.C., and his Adjutant, Capt. E. T. Pain. We wish them both a long, happy and prosperous service in the Battalion.

The long and arduous procedure of "handing over" now being completed, we have to say with great regret, *au revoir* to Col. Baker and Capt. Reid. We, of the Wing, being on the threshold of the Orderly Room, know how they worked unceasingly for the Battalion and they will be greatly missed by all ranks.

The most important engagement since our last contribution was the Armistice Church Parade, which took place at Staines on 14th November. We had on parade four Officers and ninety-seven other ranks, including the Band and Drums. The former, under Mr. Groves, was placed in the gallery of the church to play the hymns, and their excellent rendering was commented upon.

Our "Health and Beauty" classes have been very popular and it is wonderful what a little P.T. will do to a big P.T.E. Hips-firm and knees-bend have now given place to straight lefts and right hooks, for we are busy training for the forthcoming Battalion Boxing Contest. At the recent Novices' competition, we had entries for all weights except heavy and bantam, but most of our representatives need more training and experience. In Boys' weights we had no opposition and fought amongst ourselves; Boy Charles and Boy Adams showed considerable promise. We hope to retain the "Fenton" Cup at the forthcoming Battalion contests.

We recently entertained some of the members of our National Defence Company and had a shooting and darts match, both of which we won. At the Social which followed, Major Ellis presented the prizes.

We are losing another of our Group Commanders, Lieut. McFarlane, who, after many years with the Signallers, is being posted to "A" Company. We welcome in his place 2/Lieut. M. K. Smith.

The good results of our work during the year's training period are evidenced by the number of trophies we received from the hands of Mr. E. H. Keeling, M.C., M.P., at the Battalion Prize Distribution on 15th December, and as Battalion notes will doubtless, as usual, give a full list of the awards, we need not mention them here, but congratulate all ranks who took part in the team and individual contests with such success.

We hope before long to have our new billiards table installed and then we shall all be "cueing" up. We are thinking of inviting Canon O. F. F. Thecush to play the first ball!

We shall be glad to hear from any past members of the Wing who have read these

notes and would like to join our Social Club as honorary members. Full particulars of past service should be sent to the Secretary.

In conclusion, we wish our readers a prosperous New Year.

"A" COMPANY

The period which comprises the whole of these notes, is one which might quite easily be termed the "awkward stage." We have finished Camp and have not yet started our winter weapon training. However, to say that we have no news would be more than misleading. Both Cpl. Browne and Pte. Butler, C., have joined the Grenadier Guards.

At the Armistice Parade, held at Staines, we turned out a strong detachment.

We have won during the past year:

1. "Col. Garner" Efficiency Cup at Annual Training.
2. Major Lawe's Challenge Cup. Highest percentage of efficient at end of training year.
3. The "Herbert" Cup. Highest attendance at Annual Training.
4. Battalion Challenge Cup. Highest points annual weapon training course.
5. "Isleworth" Trophy, which we shared with our old friends "C" Company.

In the Battalion Novices' Competition we managed to produce seven finalists and four winners.

Socially we have just finished a most exciting billiards tournament, which was won by Cpl. Crane, after an immense tussle with our P.S.I., C.S.M. Atkins, Grenadier Guards. Dances are beginning to improve, owing to the unending work and optimism of the Dance Committee.

Lastly, we wish all who read and take interest in our notes a prosperous New Year.

"B" (S.) COMPANY

Although one month of 1938 will have passed before these notes appear, we take this opportunity of wishing one and all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

At this time our thoughts turn particularly to those abroad, and we should like to send a special greeting to the 1st Battalion at Hong Kong. May they have the best of luck to tide them over the difficult and delicate state of affairs out there.

Returning to our own commonplace doings, we are glad to say that our weekly dances continue to be a success, due very largely to the efforts of Sergt. Crump.

The training to date has consisted mainly of the junior N.C.O.s' Course, under C.S.M. Trestain, and the Winter Training programme will be in full swing when this is in print.

On Thursday, 9th December, we gave a demonstration of Platoon Drill, Indirect Fire, to a party of visitors at the Drill Hall, followed by a social evening, which included a shooting competition, table tennis, billiards and darts.

The Company Rifle Club, under the guidance of Lieut. Lawrence, meets every Thursday and is fast gaining popularity.

In February, a number of our N.C.O.s will be attending a course of instruction in "Gas" at either Colchester or Shorncliffe. This will make a welcome break in the daily round of work, although there will be plenty of work of another kind for those attending. However, everybody we know has had a good time on a course, so we are confident that our N.C.O.s will have an instructive and enjoyable week.

We congratulate L/Cpl. Mumford on the addition to his family.

BEES.

9th BATTALION NOTES

THE outstanding item in the past quarter was the Guard of Honour found by the Battalion in connection with Wembley Charter Incorporation.

Capt. B. L. Sutcliffe commanded the Guard and 2/Lieut. P. A. Mann carried the Regimental Colour. All ranks put in a lot of time and hard work to make this event a success, and are to be congratulated on the result. The Band also took part in the celebrations, Bandmaster H. J. Rouse conducting the Band, which maintained its high standard of efficiency. Incidentally, this was Mr. Rouse's last appearance with the Band in public. All ranks of the Battalion will regret the fact that he has reached the age for retirement, and extend a vote of thanks for his services as Bandmaster during the past 16 years.

The Armistice Sunday Parade and Service was attended by many more Old Comrades than for many years. The Rev. Treacher, who served with the Battalion during the War, assisted by the Rev. Chesnutt-Chesney, con-

9th BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.)

Trophies for Shooting and Sport won by the Battalion during 1937



Officers (Welter-Weight) 2/Lieut. D. F. Hill Rifle Shooting 132nd Infantry Brigade
T.A. Champion Cup The Middlesex Trustees Shield Football Cup

T.A. BOXING CHAMPIONS—OTHER RANKS

Feather-Weight Heavy-Weight Welter-Weight
Pte. W. F. E. Wiggzell Pte. J. S. Weaterton Pte. A. Gaitt

The Scarborough Cup Imperial Services Boxing Association 44th Home Counties 132nd Infantry
The Territorial Army Inter-Divisional Heavy-Weight Champion Divisional Brigade
Boxing Cup Pte. J. S. Weaterton Boxing Cup Boxing Cup

ducted the service. Approximately 550 people attended the service, after which there was a great re-union of old friends.

We congratulate the Battalion rifle team on winning the Lord Lieutenant's Shield, which was presented by St. John Gore Micklethwait, Esq., K.C., at the Middlesex Guildhall.

Two boxing meetings were held during the quarter. The Novices' meeting proved a great success, and from the spectators' point of view, full of interest; as one local sportsman re-

marked, "there was not one dud fight." This is encouraging for the future.

The contest fought by two boys was a fine exhibition of skilful boxing and clean, hard hitting, and we are looking forward to the time when Boy Sewell will be old enough to be included in our Battalion team.

"C" and "D" Companies tied in the Battalion Meeting, which was well supported by members of the Battalion and the local public.

Results of these two meetings are given below.

NOVICES' MEETING

Winners

Fly-weight : Pte. Gordon, "D" (Pte. Davies, "C").
Bantam-weight : Pte. Fenlon, "C" (Pte. Perkins, "C").
Feather-weight : Pte. Roberts (04), "B" (S.) (Cpl. Wheeler, "A").
Light-weight : Pte. Rowe, "A" (L/Cpl. Haselton, "D").
Welter-weight : Pte. Bennett, "B" (S.) (Pte. Darby, "D").
Middle-weight : Pte. Hoare, "D" (Pte. Snook, "A").
Light Heavy-weight : Pte. Nye, "D" (C.S.M. Barton, "B" (S.)).
Boys' Special Contest : Boy Sewell, "A" (Boy Neville (Scammell B.C.))

BATTALION MEETING

Fly-weight : Pte. Gordon, "D," walk-over.
Bantam-weight : Dmr. W. Routledge, "H.Q." (Pte. Turner, "D").
Feather-weight : Pte. Roberts (04), "B" (S.) (Pte. Messer, "A").
Light-weight : Sergt. Jenkins, "B" (S.) (Pte. Tarrant, "A").
Welter-weight : Pte. Lawrence, "D" (L/Cpl. Reynolds, "D").
Middle-weight : Pte. Yule, "B" (S.) (Pte. Carey, "B" (S.) (unfit)).
Light Heavy-weight : Pte. Nye, "D" (C.S.M. Barton, "B" (S.)).
Boys' Contest : Boy Sewell, "A" (Boy Campbell, "A").
Special Heavy-weight Contest : Pte. Weaterton, 9th Middlesex Regiment (Pte. Bonner, 8th Middlesex Regiment).
(Names in brackets are those of runners-up.)

"A" COMPANY

This year we have created the somewhat doubtful record of being the only Company in the Battalion not to win a trophy, but we are not downhearted and we feel that after a period of obscurity we are about to blossom forth.

At long last we have been able to secure a Company Office, and this is well on its way to completion. We are wondering what the Orderly Room will do without us!

Although there were no outstanding incidents at Camp last year, everyone enjoyed themselves.

The Company photograph, which took about two hours to take, was a great success and was by far the best in the Battalion.

The Company boxers put up a splendid show at the Inter-Company Boxing Meeting, which augurs well for the future, and everyone con-

cerned deserves the heartiest congratulations.

We should like to congratulate Mr. A. Hamilton and all concerned on the effort which they made to provide us with a successful Company Dinner. Their efforts certainly were crowned with success when we met at the White Hart Hotel on 10th December for our Annual Dinner, which was followed by a Dance. Some of the Subalterns had a noticeably good time.

There remain but two things more for us to do. Firstly, we offer our very best congratulations to our Company Commander on his recent marriage, and we wish both him and Mrs. Gray the very best of luck and happiness in future life. Secondly, we would like to console Mr. A. Hamilton on his recent accident; we wish him a speedy recovery and a quick return to the Company.

We start the New Year with our numbers rising, our own Company Office, and every hope of a very successful training season.

"C" COMPANY

The last three months have been pretty full. First there was the Guard of Honour at Wembley for the Charter Celebrations, which was provided by the Battalion. Practice parades took place at Wealdstone during September and the result was generally conceded to do great credit to all concerned.

As Headquarters and the local branch of the British Legion fixed on two different Sundays for their Armistice Day celebrations, the Company were able to take part in both. A party of about twenty paraded at Pound Lane on 7th November, and on the 14th, fifty of the Company, together with the Band, Old Comrades and the local cadets, marched to the British Legion Service at the Wealdstone War Memorial. After the service the parade marched back to the Drill Hall for tea, which was kindly served by various lady friends.

The last Saturday in November saw the Drill Hall improvements finished just in time for the Company dinner that night. The dinner itself proved even better than before, and again we had a record attendance, all of whom much admired the new improvements. Prizes were presented by the Brigade Commander after the dinner, among them the "Crowborough" Cup for the best Company in the Battalion.

Other events included a visit of a team from the Artists Rifles to shoot, play darts and billiards against us, and two boxing competi-

tions at Headquarters, one a Novices' and the other an Inter-Company. Of these, all we can say is that we have some promising material. And lastly, the Company and Old Comrades' Christmas Shoot prize-giving, which proved very popular, and at which Col. Fox kindly gave away the prizes.

Finally, we only need about ten recruits to bring us up to strength, and hope to see this an accomplished fact before 1938 has gone far.

"D" COMPANY

Our contribution this quarter is more a "chronicle of events" rather than "notes."

On 2nd October, Wembley was granted its Charter as a Borough, and a Guard of Honour for the Lord Mayor of London was provided by the Battalion. Of the total strength of 50, twelve of the Guard were found by "D" Company. Their turn-out, drill and steadiness on parade were excellent, and the Guard as a whole was extremely good, and more than repaid those responsible for training them for the hard work put in during practice parades.

On 4th December, a Carnival Dance was held, at which we were honoured by the attendance of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Fox, Major Hogg, and a large party of Officers and their ladies. Everyone spent a most enjoyable evening. The Hall was well decorated and well filled, and everything went with a swing. We hope to make the visit of the Officers a yearly, or perhaps a half-yearly, event.

As we said at the beginning, this is practically a chronicle of events, and brings us to December. A really good idea was worked out to improve recruiting, and it took the form of hiring an empty shop for a week and filling it with bills, posters and notices drawing attention to "D" Company. All the trophies won by various members of the Battalion during 1937 for shooting, football and boxing were displayed, and made a very impressive show. Although the results, as far as actual recruits were concerned, were disappointing, possibly due to not enough advance publicity, the local inhabitants being rather taken by surprise, the Company were given a lot of useful advertisement, and many people showed great interest in the Battalion's progress in sport. Our thanks are due to Sergt. Boen of the Depot and all the members of the Company who worked hard to make the week a success.

The Annual Christmas Shoot was once again a great success, and a vote of thanks is

due to C.S.M. Devereaux and his assistants for the excellent way in which the shoot was run and the extremely good prizes he obtained; his powers of persuasion are wonderful—ask the local tradesmen!

We wish to congratulate the Company boxing team on the fine show they put up both in the Novices' and in the Inter-Company Competitions. In the Novices' the following won their weights: Pte. Nye (light heavy), Pte. Hoare (middle-weight), Pte. Gordon (fly). L/Cpl. Haselton was runner-up in the light-weights. In the Inter-Company Competition, Nye again won the light heavy-weights, Pte. Lawrence and L/Cpl. Reynolds were winner and runner-up respectively in the welter-weights, and Pte. Gordon "walked over" in the fly-weight. For the first time, "D" Company won the Inter-Company Boxing Cup, with "B" (S.) Company, both scoring the same number of points. It is difficult to single out any one member of both teams for praise, as in both competitions they all fought well, making up in grit and determination what they lacked in boxing skill.

In closing, we wish the other Companies a happy and prosperous New Year.

"H.Q." WING

During the past quarter the two trucks have been in evidence. Cpl. Bowers, fresh from his Course of Maintenance and Driving, has been imparting the knowledge gained to Company drivers. The Course was well attended, and when the other trucks arrive, there should be no difficulty in finding drivers.

The Drums have once again taken over the Miniature Range on Monday evenings, and the Corps seems to be growing.

We congratulate the Signal Section on their success in the Brigade Signal Test.

Dmr. W. Routledge was successful in winning his weight in the Battalion Boxing Meeting and we hope to see him in the finals of the T.A. Championships this year.

DRUMS

Since our last notes appeared we have been successful in winning, by one point, the Brigade Cup for the best Corps of Drums.

The Drums were represented at Wembley Charter Day Celebrations by the Drum-Major, who, in full dress, led the procession, at the head of the Band, into the Stadium.

We are now hoping that we shall all be wearing scarlet in the near future.

We welcome ex-Sergt. Glover, 1st Battalion, to our ranks, and hope his stay with us will be long.

9TH BATTALION OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

The Association held an Armistice Service at Pound Lane Drill Hall on 7th November. The service was taken by the Rev. Treacher, who was with the Battalion in Mesopotamia. There was a larger gathering than there had been for many years. Old Comrades turned up in force; some say, as the result of the very straight appeal sent out by the Hon. Secretary. Anyway, he was very pleased with the way they turned up. A lot of wreaths were placed on the Memorial in the Drill Hall and afterwards the O.C.A. formed up outside, under their old R.S.M., R.S.M. Drinkwater, who was proud and still looked "the fiery," as he was called by the troops. A photograph was then taken, which included five ex-Commanding Officers, and although some looked thin on top—especially the Hon. Secretary—some said he looked half undressed with his topee off. Anyway, it is a fine group and next year the double line should reach from the front gate to the Hall instead of from side to side across the Hall.

Now here's to the Annual Dinner on 5th March.

A MONS DIARY

FOURTH INSTALMENT

17th August

The next morning Glass was up at 5 a.m. and went round all the farms to collect eggs, which we heard were short the night before, as our hostess had told us then that the soldiers had bought them all up. However, Glass brought back a basketful to the Mess for breakfast. All the Companies had early-morning bathing parades in the river before breakfast.

Our next move was a route march. I cannot remember the names of the villages we went through, but they were full of enthusiastic inhabitants and it was very quaint to hear their

shrill and drawn-out cries of "Vive L'Angleterre," answered by deep and thoroughly English sounding murmurs of "Vive La France."

The first village of any size that we went through was called Dompierre, but I cannot remember any other names. Two items of interest I can remember on the march were as follows. First of all a car overtook us on the road. It contained a man and two ladies; they passed us waving and we had a ten-minutes' halt by the wayside. The car stopped and the man came back to talk to Major Finch and myself. He was very interested in our march and wanted to know to which part of the battle front we were going. After a long time, and after twisting and twirling our French vocabulary about as well as we could, we got him to understand that we were only doing a route march to exercise the men and harden their feet, and he showed us at last that he understood by a disappointed answer "Ah! C'est une promenade seulement," and went on his way immediately.

The other scene was rather a pathetic one, which happened as we were going through another village. An old woman was standing in the doorway of her house, shaking all over with age, but had just managed to struggle to the door and wave her handkerchief at us as we passed. She had a beautiful garden, full of flowers. There was a crowd of people on the road and a lot of boys. These latter rushed into her garden and tore down all her flowers to give to the soldiers. The poor old woman could do nothing to protect them.

Flowers were showered upon us by the people in all the villages we passed through and the men had their caps decorated with them and their hands full of them. Our chargers were all decorated with them in their bridles, too. The Battalion was a wonderful sight on its return to Taisnières. It all seemed strange, as such things would never have been allowed at home, but, of course, we had to follow the customs of the country and these were, presumably, as above described.

We only dropped about half a dozen reservists, which was pretty good for these early days, as we marched 11 miles and the day was very hot. They all got home all right by about half an hour after the Battalion.

Another thing that the inhabitants liked very much was that our Drums always played the Marseillaise as they marched through the villages. It always produced clapping and shouts of "Vive L'Angleterre."

The people of our Mess house were very impressed with the Battalion as it marched into the village again on its return. They said it was "tres bon." Lunch was very acceptable and we did ourselves well.

After lunch we had a conference of Company Commanders, under the C.O., which Major Finch, the Quartermaster, M.O. and I also attended, to discuss various matters of routine in billets and to draw up some standing orders for billets.

This over we had an easy for an hour or two, then more bathing parades and tea.

Orders to post picquets on all roads leading out of the Battalion area were received from the Brigade and complied with. Sentries were given orders that no one, civilian or soldier, was to be allowed to enter or leave the village without a pass. Copies of the only authorised passes were given to the sentries. There were two sorts, one for civilians and the other for soldiers. The sentries were to stop all vehicles and persons and obtain their passes, or send them away and they were to fire on anyone who refused to stop. Suspicious characters were to be brought to H.Q. All men had to be in their billets by 8 p.m., and they were warned that, after 9 p.m., the French Territorial Picquet sentries fired at sight on anyone they saw, as no one was allowed to be about after this hour.

Orders from the Brigade arrived at 7 p.m. There was nothing in them except that the Transport was to proceed at an early hour in the morning to fetch supplies from Landrecies, that the Battalion was to be Battalion on duty from 3 p.m. next day and would mount a guard at that hour at Brigade H.Q. in the village, and the Drums were to play on the village green in the evening from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Cash requisitions were sent in for the payment of the men and the cash received next morning in paper money, which the men found very difficult to get changed. Nothing else happened that evening, except that we had another good dinner, more bridge, etc., and then to bed.

I slept like a top again. Glass, with his usual kindness, again offered me the bed, but I remained quite happily on the floor.

18th August

A late rise and another 7.45 a.m. breakfast. This morning, another very hot one, the Companies were at the disposal of the Company Commanders for Company training. I spent all the morning in my office in a barn next to Battalion H.Q., writing up the official War

Diary, writing a card home, reading the French paper, and doing some strength returns and other routine work. The paper that day was excellent reading, but the chief article was, unfortunately, untrue. There was an account in it of the gallant English Navy's fierce fighting in which they had sunk 28 German ships and captured eight more, having lost 16 ships themselves in the enterprise. These included several Dreadnoughts on both sides and one of ours was said to have sunk six Dreadnoughts before she was finally sunk herself. We noticed that this article was not headed "Visée," so we did not put much faith in it, but merely waited anxiously to see if it was confirmed in the next day's paper. This confirmation was never given, though the report was never contradicted as far as I am aware.

We had no further excitement that morning, but after lunch I received a message from the Brigade to the effect that a car containing a civilian with a lady had passed through the Gordon Highlanders' area in the night and had gone out of the village again through another Regiment's area. We were asked to report if this car had passed through our area. I accordingly called for reports from the Company Commanders, who all reported that no car had passed through their lines during the night, so I was able to clear the Battalion of this matter. Which way the car had gone out of the district I never heard.

The Orderly Officer mounted the Brigade guard at 3 p.m. and the Drums played on the village green at 6 p.m. to an enormous gathering of delighted civilians. Nothing more, worthy of note, happened that evening except dinner, bridge and bed.

19th August

Glass was up again for eggs and Companies bathed before breakfast, as usual. Breakfast at 7.45 a.m. again.

I collected gold from anyone who wanted change and handed it in to the Brigade Major, who got it changed during the day and returned it to me in paper and silver in the evening. I just managed to dish it out to its owners when the Battalion fell in for another route march. I had made out from the map what I thought was a suitable little round of about 8 miles the evening before and had got it approved by the C.O.

The C.O. and 2/Lieut. Tagg went to Monceau, where the Battalion was to go into billets the next day; the former to arrange billets, the latter to draw a sketch map showing

the allotment of the billets to Companies, etc. Our route march led us through the area occupied by 9th Brigade, a village called Noyelles. We turned off the main road at the other end of the village, having just passed the Royal Scots Fusiliers, who were on a similar "promenade."

We went down a small road and, to our horror, we found it to be a "cul de sac." I was very annoyed with my map as I was sure we were on the road we had intended coming along. However, we had our hourly 10-minutes' halt, as it happened to be the time for one, and I discovered, on looking more carefully at my map, that the name of a place, "Pont du Diable," was written across the road where it came to an end and another road started on the other side of the name.

Seeing that we were such a short distance from the other road I asked permission to find a way across country instead of making the Battalion turn about and retrace its footsteps to the main road which we had just left and go a long way round. Major Finch sent me off to do this, and I am glad to say that I was quite successful and found a practically direct line. The hedges had barred gaps in them big enough for a wagon to go through. The Sergeant interpreter came with me and slid the bars out of the way. We only had to cross an orchard and two small fields. On reaching the further side of the first field I found, near our gap, an old woman milking a cow. She looked very surprised at my trespassing and came up to me protesting and asking what I wanted. I told her that we were an English Battalion and that we were marching on Berlin and she then helped the interpreter to open the gap. The only being who objected then was her dog, who was very much concerned about it and flew at the interpreter. The woman called him off before he did any damage. I rode back and brought the Battalion along.

Nothing of interest happened during the rest of our march, and we got back to our billets through those of the Gordon Highlanders and the Royal Scots.

We got back to lunch, where we met the Colonel and Tagg, who had returned from Monceau quite pleased with the billets and said we were to have a great reception when we arrived there the next day.

Our Brigade Guard was relieved by the Gordon Highlanders at 3 p.m. and their Pipes and Drums played on the village green in the evening.

There was nothing doing in the evening, except the usual football kicking, which had

been going on at all spare hours since we landed, until orders arrived from the Brigade giving us our march orders and the position of the Battalion in the Brigade on the line of march.

We were last and were allowed to fix our own time of starting as the Battalions were to be separated in the new area. As we were to be alone in the new village we did not fear being ousted by other Battalions over billets, so we were able to start at a respectable hour, 9 a.m.

Another good dinner, more bridge and bed ended that day.

20th August

Glass was the first up again and got the usual supply of eggs. Bathing parades again and then cleaning up of billets, which we determined to leave cleaner than they were when we took them over, partly for the name of the Regiment and partly to help the unfortunate people, who had no men left to help them, owing to the War.

We left one Officer per Company and one man per billet to finish up this after the Regiment had gone.

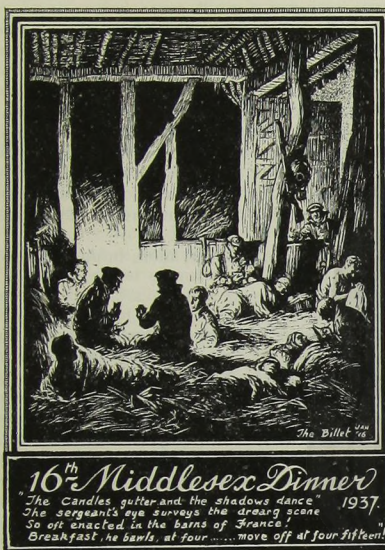
These billets were not empty long, however, for just as we were forming up to march off, up came the advanced party of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, one of the units of the 9th Brigade, to take over from us.

We were so much at home in the village that we were quite sorry to leave it. The worst thing about it was that the houses were very stuffy and appeared to have had their windows all tight shut ever since they had been built. We found, however, that this was the case with all the houses we stayed at, or went into, in France.

Nothing worth mentioning happened during the march to Monceau, but we had a new addition to our Transport. The C.O.'s mare was kicked in the stall on the first night at Taisnières by his other charger and she had to be put on a float for the march. There the Mayor very kindly promised to look after her until she was fit enough to be sent up to join us at the front. The village was, however, to be in the hands of the enemy very soon, so we never saw her again.

I noticed one day while we were at Taisnières—I think it was the evening that the Drums were playing on the village green—that our interpreter was wearing on his shoulder strap a Regimental title-plate, "Middlesex Regiment." He said he belonged to the Regiment now.

(To be continued)



16th BATTALION

ANNUAL DINNER

THE Seventeenth Annual Dinner of the 16th Middlesex Association was held at The George, 213, Strand, London, on Saturday, 13th November last. Pte. F. Lockwood presided and 54 former members of the Battalion, including Capt. E. Featherstone, Capt. Spottiswoode and Lieuts. Deeves and Parrish were present. The guest of the evening was Lieut.-Colonel T. S. Wollocombe, Secretary of The Middlesex Regimental Association, who, after the toasts of "H.M. The King" and "Absent Comrades" had been duly honoured, proposed that of "The 16th Middlesex."

In the course of an interesting and amusing speech, Col. Wollocombe drew attention to the aims and objects of the Regimental Association and pointed out that membership of both Regimental and Battalion Associations was in no way incompatible. In replying, ex-O.R.S. Wallis Grain expressed the great pleasure it gave to all present to welcome Col. Wollocombe and thanked him for his suggestion as to a closer liaison between the two Associations.

A letter was then read from Brig.-Gen. J. Hamilton Hall, the first Commanding Officer of the Battalion, in the course of which he wrote: "I was indeed sorry to hear that our old R.S.M. (Oliver Smith) had died; he was a great 'stand-by' in the Battalion, so steady and reliable, and with quite a keen sense of humour: all of the old Battalion will be greatly grieved to hear of the passing away of dear old 'Double-March.' . . . Please give all who remember me my kindest remembrances and best wishes. Although not able to be present in person, my thoughts will be with them all, and the happy days we spent together some 20 to 23 years ago."

A letter was also read from Major Hill regretting his inability to be present in consequence of a previous engagement, and adding "Please give greetings from me to all old friends. I hope you will have a very jolly evening and enjoy many happy reminiscences in spite of the sad ones that will naturally intrude."

The grateful thanks of all present were accorded to L/Cpl. R. T. Cooper who had once again designed a most attractive coloured menu card, on this occasion depicting a realistic scene of a billet in January, 1916.

After a thoroughly happy evening, the proceedings terminated, as usual, with "Auld Lang Syne."

CORRESPONDENCE

12, CECIL ROAD,
STRETTFORD,
MANCHESTER.
30th October, 1937.

DEAR SIR,

Your letter was received here to-day. May I state first that I am the father of the late Harry Lydiat, and the Mrs. Lydiat you addressed is his mother (not his widow). I will endeavour to explain how the error arose, but would preface this by saying how grateful we are to receive the sympathies of your Association, coupled with your own tribute. My son lived at Wigan and did practically all the correspondence at home, so that on his death his widow was at a loss to carry out the news to those he had dealt with. I helped from here all I could and finding she had not written to the Association, I wrote to our mutual friend, Mr. E. Morris, telling him the sad news and asked him to circulate. You know what followed.

I have passed your letter to the widow, who resides as follows: Mrs. H. Lydiat, 12, Ellesmere Road, Pemberton, Wigan, who, no doubt, will write to you later. I enclose cutting of local paper, which tells of his good work in Wigan.

Please forgive my troubling you with this long epistle, but I could not well explain otherwise, and would ask you kindly to convey my warmest greetings to the members of the Association, and to say, as a tribute to our lost one, that he was a dutiful son and one of whom we were proud to be his parents.

Again thanking you.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. LYDIAT

(late Middlesex Regiment).

Secretary, Regimental Association,
Middlesex Regiment.

P.S.—Script is not quite correct as regards myself.

The following is the cutting from the local newspaper:

DEATH OF MR. H. J. T. LYDIAT A Local Gymnastic Instructor

His many friends in Wigan and district learned with regret of the death of Mr. Harry John Thomas Lydiat, of 12, Ellesmere Road, Pemberton, who was a well-known local gymnastic instructor. He died at the Wigan Infirmary on Saturday, 25th September, 1937, following an operation, at the age of forty-eight years.

For the past ten years the deceased gentleman was a warrant officer at the Wigan County Court. Since coming to Wigan, he had been a gymnastic instructor at the Gidlow, Whelley, Abram, and Rose Bridge Evening Institutes. With his troupes of gymnasts, one of which is styled "The Four Astonians," Mr. Lydiat did a valuable charitable work for the Wigan Infirmary, the Wigan and District Nursing Association, etc. His troupes had also given exhibitions at the Wigan County Police Sports and Walmesley Park, Ince, and they had entertained the inmates at the Wigan Public Assistance Institution, Frog Lane, and the Billinge Hospital.

During the War, Mr. Lydiat served with the Middlesex Regiment, and was severely wounded in the right hand and left leg at the Battle of Mons in 1914. On his discharge from hospital in England he was appointed an Army gymnastic instructor, and gave instruction at various places in and around London.

Mr. Lydiat was amongst the first batch of wounded soldiers to arrive at Atherton, where

Sir Miles Burrows had allowed his residence to be used as a Convalescent Home. Mr. Lydiat, who was a Regimental Sergeant-Major, had the honour of being appointed a Freeman of Atherton.

After the cessation of hostilities, the deceased gentleman was with the Army of Occupation on the Rhine. For his war service he was mentioned in despatches and was also awarded the Mons Star. His other decorations included the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Keenly interested in fencing, Mr. Lydiat won the fencing championship of the North of England in 1916. He was a member of the British Legion, and had assisted the Wigan Wellwishers at Christmas time.

His father, Mr. Joseph Lydiat, who was a Regimental Quartermaster in the Middlesex Regiment, was with the regiment for twenty-two years. The deceased gentleman was born at Cork, when his father's regiment was stationed there. Four of Mr. Lydiat's brothers were also wounded in the Great War.

Mr. Lydiat leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter. His second son, Joseph Harold Lydiat, enlisted in the Royal Engineers at Wigan, and is now stationed at Chatham.

TERRITORIAL ARMY AND AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION OF THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

20, GROSVENOR GARDENS,
S.W.1.

2nd December, 1937.

DEAR SIR,

I enclose for your information a copy of the letter of appeal issued by Sir Howard Button, High Sheriff of Middlesex.

I suggest that this letter might be published in the next number of THE DIE-HARDS, in order that both units of the Regiment, and persons directly connected with the Regiment, may have an opportunity of contributing towards the cost of the two cottages recently erected.

Any contribution should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Middlesex Regiment Coronation Commemoration Fund, at 20, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1, to whom all postal orders and cheques (which should be crossed) should be made payable.

Yours faithfully,

M. BROWNE, Colonel,
for Hon. Secretary.

The Secretary,
Regimental Association,
The Barracks, Mill Hill,
N.W.7.

THE CEDAR HOUSE,
HILLINGDON,
UXBRIDGE,
MIDDLESEX.

—, 1937.

DEAR SIR,

Immediately after the South African War, certain funds were raised for the purpose of erecting two Cottage Homes on Government land adjoining the Depot of The Middlesex Regiment at Mill Hill, and these Cottages are occupied, rent free, by old soldiers of the Regiment who have rendered distinguished service for their country, have been incapacitated by war wounds, and are without adequate means.

As you will realise, the aftermath of the Great War makes it increasingly difficult to allocate the existing cottages with so many deserving and necessitous cases, and the Regiment is in dire need of more such Homes, and would, I know, greatly appreciate any help from the County.

We are justly proud of our County Regiment, and it would be a dual means of commemorating the Coronation, and helping the Regiment, if the County could provide the necessary funds to extend this Scheme.

It is, therefore, with the utmost confidence that I appeal to you to support this Scheme, and feel sure that the County's contribution will enable a considerable extension to be carried out, and provide a real and lasting commemoration of the Coronation, as well as a tribute to the Regiment.

You have, I know, many calls on your generosity, but this, I venture to say, is a rare opportunity to do something for the County Regiment, which has often brought us fame in the past, and for which so little has been asked.

I earnestly hope you will support this Appeal, and forward a donation to me, in the enclosed envelope.

Yours faithfully,

HOWARD BUTTON,

High Sheriff of the County of Middlesex.

I heartily support the Appeal of the High Sheriff of Middlesex, and I trust that it will result in equipping our County Regiment with the Cottage Homes that are so urgently required.

ROCHDALE,

Lord Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex.

CANNINGTON,
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

3rd December, 1937.

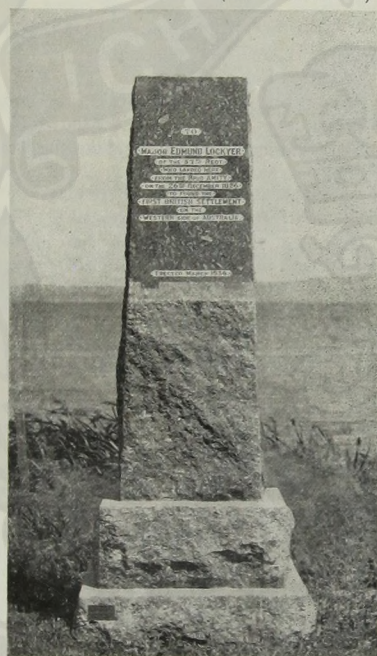
To the Editor of "The Die-Hards"

DEAR SIR,

I was in Albany recently and came across the monument to Major Lockyer, 57th Regiment, who took possession of this part of Australia in 1826. The stone is erected on the spot where he landed. I managed to obtain a photograph, enclosed, as I think it would interest the Regiment.

Yours faithfully,

T. W. HAMMOND
(late 1st Battalion).



Notice

"A" COMPANY, 3RD TERRITORIAL CADET
BATTALION, THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT,
HARRINGAY

RECRUITS WANTED!

Will any reader who knows of any likely
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Schools, Pemberton Road, Harringay, N.4?

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himself to military service.

OBITUARY

SIR CHARLES BRIGHT, F.R.S.E.,
M.Inst.C.E., M.I.E.E.

WE regret to announce the death of Sir
Charles Bright, who was a distinguished
authority on submarine telegraphy and tele-
graphy in general, who died in November last
at Little Brewers, Hatfield Heath, Bishop's
Stortford, at the age of 73.

He was, amongst other things, a strong
advocate of compulsory military service and,
as a young man, held a commission in the 3rd
(Militia) Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment.

COL. C. F. GRANTHAM

We regret to announce the death of Col.
C. F. Grantham, who died on 7th January, aged
80. He was President of the Southern Area of
the British Legion.

He joined the Army 63 years ago and retired
in 1909. On the outbreak of the Great War
in 1914 he joined the Footballers' Battalion,
the 17th Middlesex Regiment. Two buglers
from the Depot attended the funeral at Thames
Ditton on Saturday, 8th January, 1938.

COL. F. G. COLLINSON, V.D.

We regret to announce the death of Col.
F. G. Collinson, who died on 20th December,
and was cremated at Golders Green on 23rd
December.

He enrolled as a Private in the Hornsey
Detachment of the 3rd Middlesex Rifle Volun-
teer Corps (which was the predecessor of the
7th Battalion) in 1884. He was appointed
Second Lieutenant in 1887, Lieutenant in
1889, Captain in 1892, Major in 1902, and
Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel in 1906. He
retired as second-in-command of the Battalion
in 1911, after 27 years' service.

When war broke out in 1914 he was given a
commission in the New Army as Major in the
10th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment. In 1915 he

was attached to the 5th Battalion, Lincoln
Regiment, and saw active service in France
with that Battalion. During the last part of
the War he was employed by the Ministry of
Munitions on a special mission in America.

He attended all 7th Battalion functions very
regularly right up to within a week or two of
his death.

COL. I. C. WORTHINGTON

It is with regret that we record the death, on
1st December last, of Col. I. C. Worthington.
He joined the 3rd (Militia) Battalion, East
Surrey Regiment, in the year 1882 and served
with that Battalion in the South African War,
where he was mentioned in despatches and
awarded the Queen's Medal with three clasps.
He was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel on 13th
February, 1904, and commanded the above
Battalion from that date. On the outbreak of
the Great War he took over command of the
2/9th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, in 1915,
and retained the command until the autumn of
1916, during a period of intensive training.
Col. Worthington later served with the B.E.F.
as an Area Commandant in France.

Respected and beloved by all who knew
him, his many friends will mourn his passing.

TEMP.-CAPT. OLIVER SMITH

We regret to record the death, on 25th June,
1937, after only a few days' illness, of Temp.-
Capt. Oliver Smith, in his 70th year, who joined
the 16th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment
on 13th September, 1914, being at that time
a discharged Colour-Sergeant of the Scots
Guards, in which regiment he had served for
21 years (1884-1905). After a few weeks in
the 16th as a Colour-Sergeant, he was promoted
to the rank of Regimental Sergeant-Major. On
9th September, 1915, shortly before the Bat-
talion proceeded to France, Oliver Smith was
granted a commission as Quartermaster with
the temporary rank of Lieutenant in the 24th
Reserve Battalion. After serving with this and
other battalions and attaining the temporary
rank of Captain on 9th September, 1918, he
was eventually demobilised on 31st March,
1920, from the 52nd Royal Sussex Regiment
after six months with the Army of Occupation.

For some years Oliver Smith occupied a
responsible position as a Poor Law official in
Surrey. He was in possession of numerous
decorations, including South African Medal

with clasps, Coronation Medal, 1911, and had been mentioned in despatches.

The funeral took place at East Sheen Cemetery, when a bearer party of the Scots Guards attended and a piper played him from the chapel to the grave, where the bugler sounded the Last Post. He leaves a widow and daughter to whom we tender our sincere sympathy.

DRILL HALL,
PRIORY ROAD,
HORNSEY, N.8.

31st December, 1937.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards"

DEAR SIR,

I regret to announce the death of an old comrade—Ex-C.Q.M.S. H. Lydiat—which took place at Wigan at the end of September last.

He originally served with the 2nd Battalion, but went to the Reserve just before the outbreak of the War. When recalled to the Colours, he proceeded to France with the 4th Battalion. He was wounded very early in the War, through the hand and leg and was invalided home.

After discharge from hospital he was transferred to the Army Gymnastic Staff, with whom he served until 1919, when he re-joined the 1st Battalion and remained with them until the date of his discharge in 1926.

His name will be very familiar to many of the older members of the Regiment, as his father served in the Orderly Room of the 1st Battalion and on the staff of the School of Musketry at Hythe for 21 years.

Ex-C.Q.M.S. Lydiat leaves a widow and four children.

Yours faithfully,
C. F. DENTON.

MR. WILLIAM JOSEPH COLE

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Joseph Cole, who joined the Regiment on 20th February, 1892, and served for 25 years with the colours, seeing active service throughout the South African Campaign and the Great War.

He had completed his unbroken service of 21 years in 1914, but volunteered for France and sailed with the 1st Battalion in the original Expeditionary Force.

During his earlier service he had been groom and servant to Gen. Lumley, Col.

Bellars, Major Pemberton, Major Longe and Major Steed in the Regiment, and also to Lieut.-Col. Bannister of the R.A.S.C., whilst attached to that Corps.

We tender our sincere sympathy to his family.

MR. HUGH McCULLUM

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Hugh McCullum, who was an In-Pensioner at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. He died at the Royal Hospital on Christmas Day, aged 83, and was buried at the Cemetery of the London Necropolis Company at Brookwood on Friday, 31st December.

He joined the 57th Regiment on 4th March, 1874, served with the Colours till 12th April, 1880, when he was transferred to the Army Reserve. He was admitted to In-Pension at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on 1st May, 1925, from Dublin. He served abroad in Ceylon for four years and three months and South Africa for nine months, and had the South African 1879 Medal.

The funeral was attended by a bugler from the Depot with a wreath.

MRS. R. T. DOUTHET

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. R. T. Douthet, who died in the County Hospital, Hertford, on 2nd December. The funeral took place at Welwyn Church on Saturday, 4th December. Amongst those attending the funeral were Lieut.-Col. T. S. Wollocombe, Capt. and Mrs. E. J. Pain, Capt. H. W. Clayden and Capt. E. L. Heywood. Wreaths were sent by the 2nd Battalion and the Officers' Club, and also by other members of the Regiment.

MRS. B. E. WARD

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. B. E. Ward, widow of Col. B. E. Ward, who commanded the 1st Battalion at the commencement of the Great War. She died suddenly at Guildford on Thursday, 30th December, and was cremated at Woking on Monday, 3rd January, 1938. The funeral was attended by a representative of the Officers' Club, who took a wreath from the President and members of the Club.

She always took a great interest in the doings of the Regiment and appeared annually, when she could, at the Regimental "At Home."

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN).

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1st and 2nd Battalions

(Regular).

Lt.-Colonels (2).
Jefford, W. W. (2), 1/6/35
Tidbury, O. H., M.C., 1/1/36
p.s.c. [1] (1), 1/7/33

Majors (8).

Newham, L. A., M.C., 29/1/34
p.s.c. (2), 28/9/32
3/6/19
Thorp, J. R. [1] (2), 28/9/32
Savile, H. B. W., M.C. (1), 1/9/35
c.o., 17/12/32
Phillips, H., M.C. (2), 2/2/36
Bucknall, G. C., M.C., 21/8/35
p.s.c., n.s., s., 1/1/36
bt. Lt.-Col. 1/1/36
Stewart, H. W. M., O.B.E. (1), 1/1/36
M.C. (5c.) (1), 1/1/36
Horrocks, B. G., M.C., 1/1/36
p.s.c. [1], s., 1/7/37
bt. Lt.-Col. 1/7/37
Haydon, C. W., M.C. (2), 11/10/37

Captains (14).

del Court, S. F. W. M., M.C. [1] (1), 28/9/20
Proctor, N. P., M.C. (Spec. Apppt.), 1/4/21
bt. maj., 1/1/34
Rackham, B. B., M.C. (Instr. Small Arms Sch.), 9/5/27
Weller, A. V. (1), 9/5/27
Pain, E. T. (2), 9/5/27
Dobbs, J. E., M.C. (1), 28/9/28
Jones, W. H. V., s., 10/12/28
Hedgecoe, S. F. (1), 10/12/28
Parker, F. G. (Spec. Apppt.), 10/12/28
Overall, A. N. (1), 10/12/28
Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O. (2), 1/2/34
Clayden, H. W., Lt., 14/4/34
Clark, S. J., Lt., 14/4/34
Walden, F. (1), Adj., 14/4/34
Heywood, E. L. (2), d., 12/2/35
Ayscough, E. S. M. (1), 4/4/35
Reid, J. G. E., Lt., 4/4/35
Musselwhite, C. C. (2), 4/4/35
Tuckey, P. E. C., s., 4/4/35
Worton, J. B. (1), d., 4/4/35
Gordon, J. D. S. (2), Adj., 3/8/35
Crawford, M., o. (1), 21/8/35
Newton, W. C. (1), 2/4/36
Jacob, M. A. (2), 1/2/37
Gilbert, N. C., c.o., 13/5/37
Baldwin, C. M., M.B.E. (c.o.), 13/5/37
Else, F. H., o.d., 13/5/37
Herapath, L. H. J., d. la M., c.o., 12/4/37
Stephenson, J. W. A. (2), 12/4/37
Powell, P. D. ff. (1), 11/10/37
Chatter, W. H. P., am., 11/10/37
Green, A. E. (d. Adj.), 14/2/35
11/10/37

Subalterns (34).

Lieutenants.
Ferguson, W. M. (2), 31/1/32
Stord, R. W. D., c.o., 28/8/32

1st and 2nd Battalions—

Lieutenants—contd.

Man, A. M. (Sch. of Sigs.), 30/1/33
Marsh, H. (1), d., 30/1/33
Hall, J. P. [1] (1), 28/8/33
Weston, G. P. L., am., 2/2/36
Grey, R. A., s., 29/1/34
Bellers, R. C. H. (1), 29/1/34
Beadnell, L. C. (1), 27/8/34
Whiting, F. B., c.o., 1/9/35
Peal, A. W. F. (1), 1/9/35
Willoughby, J. E. F. (2), 2/2/36
Porter, G. O. (2), 2/2/36
Unwin, E. J. (2), 2/2/36
Fishbourne, P. A. (1), 2/2/36
Charney, T. W. (1), 31/8/36
Beath, C. M. (2), 1/2/37
Anson, P. A. R. (1), 1/2/37
Clayton, A. S. J. de S. (2), 1/2/37
Allen, W. P. M. (1), d., 30/8/37

2nd-Lieutenants.

Ormistoun, J. W. G. (2), 31/1/35
Gudgeon, H. N. C. (1), 31/1/35
Hewitt, A. G. (1), 31/1/35
Man, C. M. M. (1), 31/1/35
Weedon, M. P. (1), 31/1/35
Bilbrough, C. V. U. S. (2), 29/8/35
Symes, T. G. (2), 29/8/35
Lane, C. E. A. (2), 29/8/35
Fullman, A. O. (1), 30/1/36
Langley, H. M. R. (1), 30/1/36
Chiverrall, J. G. (1), 27/8/36
Dawson, G. C. (1), 28/8/36
Passy, E. L. G. (2), 28/8/37
Lyon, P. M. (2), 28/8/37
Marshall, P. D. H. (2), 27/8/37
Hancock, F. S. C. (1), [2], 27/8/37

Adjutants (2).

Gordon, I. D. S., capt., 2/8/35
Walden, F., capt., 2/10/37

Quartermasters (3).

Clark, A. W., d., 28/4/20
M.C. (Capt. ret. pay), 28/4/37
Guscott, R. T., Lt. (1), 22/1/30
Pille, W. H., Lt. (2), 28/7/35

5th Battalion (Militia).

6th Battalion (Militia).

7th Battalion (Territorial).

"The Elms," Priory Road, Hornsey, N.8.

Hon. Colonel.

King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D. (Col. ret. Terr. Army) A.D.C., t.a., 13/8/25

2nd-Lieutenants.

Lawrence, D. C. 20/11/34
Wilson, A. J. K. 16/7/35
Whitmore, C. E. S., 23/5/36

7th Battalion (Territorial)—

contd.

Majors.
Mirams, S., M.C. (Capt. ret. pay) (Res. of Off.), t.a., 18/4/36
Holt, J. M., 26/10/36
16/2/34

Captains.

Bartram, R., 1/12/32
Johnson, A. K., 1/2/33
Lowe, G. C. D. S., 20/7/33
Jefferson, A. D., 30/5/37

Lieutenants.

Addis, I. B., 13/6/33
Webster, R. T., 7/6/36

2nd-Lieutenants.

Walsh, E. L., 20/7/35
Ingham, P. S., 8/4/36
Hatfield, C. S., 30/5/36
Oldham, J. H., 1/7/36
Monk, G. M. de B., 6/7/36
Bridges, G. B., 6/7/36
Scantlebury, V. A., 26/7/36
Dunne, A. J., 26/7/36
Huggs, P. B., 7/1/37
24/4/35
Hicks, R. T. D., 24/3/37
Abbott, P. R., 24/3/37
Preston, P. S. C., 8/5/37
Travis, C. H. L., 29/5/37
Aitken-Quack, H. E. A., 27/11/37

Adjutant.

Clark, S., J., Capt., 1/11/36
Middx. R., 1/11/36

Quartermaster.

Denton, C. F., Lt. 17/4/31
[Uniform—Scarlet.
Facings—Lemon Yellow.]

Cadet Unit Affiliated.

1st C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.

8th Battalion (Territorial).

Drill Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow.

Hon. Colonel.

Garner, W., C.M.G., T.D. (Lt.-Col. late T.F. Res.), t.a., 5/4/21

Lt.-Colonel.

Fane de Salis, E. W., M.C. (Capt. ret. pay) (Res. of Off.), t.a., 1/10/37

Majors.

Ellis, H. C., O.B.E. 9/2/32
Maddox, S., M.B.E. (Res. of Off.), 4/5/35

Captains.

Hartley, G., 10/1/31
Marks, T. L., 8/7/34
Miskin, E. F. H., 30/6/35
King, M. C. D., 22/7/37

Lieutenants.

Blair, N. M., 7/11/34
Reddy, T. H., (Lt. Res. of Off.) 25/7/35
Summers, C. W., 3/6/36
McFarlane, A. J., 28/6/36
Ayre, G. B., 7/2/37
Hamilton, J. A., 7/2/37

2nd-Lieutenants.

Lawrence, D. C. 20/11/34
Wilson, A. J. K. 16/7/35
Whitmore, C. E. S., 23/5/36

8th Battalion (Territorial)—

contd.

Majors.
Kaye, R. A., 8/6/36
Merchant, J. L., 8/7/36
Davidson, T. S., 26/7/36
Smith, M. K., 21/4/37
Ellis, W. D., 8/5/37
Pillivant, J. E., 31/7/37
Kirby, E. W., 31/7/37

Adjutant.

Reid, J. G. E., Capt., 1/12/33
Middx. R., 1/12/33

Quartermaster.

Cox, S. A., Lt., 25/4/31
[Uniform—Scarlet.
Facings—Lemon Yellow.]

Cadet Unit Affiliated.

2nd C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.

9th Battalion (Territorial).

Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Hilden, N.W.10

Hon. Colonel.

Hewett, W. P. T. D. (Lt.-Col. late T.A. Res.), t.a., 24/3/37

Lt.-Colonel.

Fox, G. L., T.D., t.a., 17/8/37

Majors.

Hardcastle, H. K., 3/12/36
Hogg, F. G., 18/8/37

Captains.

Sutcliffe, B. L., 15/2/36
Gray, H. W. W., 4/12/36
Bedwell, L. J., 19/4/37
Neal, H. A. (Capt. ret. Ind. Army), 1/9/37

Lieutenants.

Pearson, M. F., 2/3/35
Farlane, W. F., 13/7/36
Canning, J. G. H., 9/5/37

2nd-Lieutenants.

Hamilton, A., 23/7/35
Bull, J. T., 28/2/36
Perks, M. A., 18/4/36
Talbot, J. R., 9/7/36
Wood, J. M., 7/1/37
Emery, K. A. L., 7/1/37
Mann, P. A., 10/7/37
Cundy, P. J., 14/7/37
Cundy, R. M., 14/7/37

Adjutant.

Clayden, H. W., Capt., 21/12/34
Middx. R., 21/12/34

Quartermaster.

Johnson, T. C. M., maj. (Capt. ret. pay) (Res. of Off.), 4/5/35

[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]

Cadet Unit Affiliated.

3rd C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.

Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment (Territorial).

Adjutant.

Ivorna Gardens, Kensington, W.8.

Hon. Colonel.

Camphill, H., D.S.O., O.B.E., T.D. (Col. ret. Terr. Army), 28/12/29

Lt.-Colonel.

Hancock, F. G., M.C., T.D., 12/10/37

Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment (Territorial)—

contd.

Majors.
Pim, G. C. (Capt. ret. pay) (Res. of Off.), 22/12/36
Bellamy, C. W., 23/12/36

Captains.

Watson, W. G. G., 1/4/33
Collingwood, L. O. M., 27/6/34

Adjutant.

Carver, A. R., 1/12/34
1/7/36

Lieutenants.

Harley, J., 18/2/36
Smith, G. A., 20/5/36

2nd-Lieutenants.

Hemsworth, R. A., 13/10/34
Paterson, G. D., 10/11/34
Bryar, B. L., 30/3/35
Lohan, L. G., 15/5/35
Falconar, M. H., 15/5/35
Cleave, R. A., 29/6/35
Low, H. P., 6/7/35
Mountford, H. R., 1/7/35

Pyne, H. C., 23/10/35

Williamson, C. K., 23/10/35
Hudson, J. H. S., 21/12/35
Beavor, F., 21/3/36
Holding, E. W., 18/4/36
Smyth, P. F., 24/3/37

Adjutant.

Quartermaster.

Knight, E. D., M.M., 16/5/34
[Uniform—Green.
Facings—Scarlet.]

Cadet Unit Affiliated.

Latimer Upper School C. Corps.

Supplementary Reserve.

Category B.
Subalterns (9).

Lieutenants.
Morley, J. F., 24/10/31
Wilcox, G. L. M., 5/12/31
Cowley, L. D., 9/12/31
Willoughby, R. W. H., 13/6/34
c.o., 13/6/34
Biggs, K. R. McK., 28/10/34
Borgars, D. J., 17/1/37

2nd-Lieutenants.

Harrison, M. L., 18/4/36
Warwick, F. D., 13/11/37

Units of the Territorial Army affiliated to the Regiment.

32nd (7th City of London) Anti-Aircraft Battalion, R.E.

24, Sun Street, Finsbury Square, E.C.2.

Adjutant.

Aylwin, W. H., B.A., w., Lt. R.E. (Temp. Capt. T.A.), 15/12/35

33rd (St. Pancras) Anti-Aircraft Battalion, R.E.

76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1.

Adjutant.

Martin, C. J. M., Capt. R.E., 24/2/37

SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF 1st BATTALION

(Compiled in accordance with King's Regulations, 1935, para. 274, et seq., and corrected to 13/11/37)

Rank and Name.	Date of present rank or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Date of present rank or appointment.
*R.S.M. H. Farrow, M.B.E.	2/12/36	L/Sergt. R. Blackman	Cpl. 26/7/32
*B.M. A. Judge	12/4/31	(L/Sergt. 13/5/36)	
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) A. Finch	13/6/28	Cpl. 17/8/32	
*R.Q.M.S. C. Goodall (for Depot)	C.S.M. 28/4/29	(L/Sergt. 31/8/35)	
(R.Q.M.S. 28/7/35)		Cpl. 15/11/32	
*C.S.M. G. Anderson (for A.V.T.C.)	20/10/30	(L/Sergt. 13/5/36)	
*C.S.M. A. Russell (Supn. F.M.S.V.F.)	1/4/31	Cpl. 14/1/33	
*C.S.M. B. Brockman (H.E.)	10/12/32	(L/Sergt. 9/5/37)	
*R.Q.M.S. W. Raindle	C.S.M. 13/6/35	Cpl. 25/12/33	
(R.Q.M.S. 2/11/37)		(L/Sergt. 12/4/35)	
*C.S.M. H. Thomas (H.E.)	28/7/35	Cpl. 20/4/34	
*C.S.M. F. Stacey	4/7/36	(L/Sergt. 18/12/34)	
*C.S.M. E. Hazeldine (for Depot)	27/2/37	Cpl. 8/5/34	
*C.S.M. R. Challis	2/11/37	(L/Sergt. 18/12/34)	
*C.S.M. W. Northcott, M.M.	8/11/37	Cpl. 5/12/34	
C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Christie, M.M.	Sergt. 1/5/20	(L/Sergt. 16/12/36)	
(C/Sergt. 7/7/36)		Cpl. 15/2/35	
*C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) R. Colbourne	Sergt. 6/10/23	(L/Sergt. 16/12/36)	
(C/Sergt. 20/2/37)		Cpl. 13/6/35	
C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Rogers (for H.E.)	Sergt. 26/5/25	Cpl. 28/7/35	
(C/Sergt. 28/7/35)		(L/Sergt. 20/4/36)	
*C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. Misso (for H.E.)	Sergt. 28/2/28	(L/Sergt. 16/12/36)	
(C/Sergt. 19/1/32)		Cpl. 28/11/35	
Sergt. T. Tiller (for Depot)	29/5/28	Cpl. J. McGrady	6/12/35
*Sergt. A. Russell	16/2/30	Cpl. F. Shaw	12/12/35
*C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Tibble	Sergt. 17/10/30	Cpl. P. Crowley	12/12/35
(C/Sergt. 23/1/36)		Cpl. S. Hosking	8/1/36
*C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. Soper	Sergt. 17/12/30	Cpl. S. Clark	30/4/36
(C/Sergt. 2/11/37)		Cpl. F. Hammond	25/5/36
Sergt. J. Quick (Pioneer)	23/4/31	Cpl. J. Denham	1/7/36
*Sergt. L. Honeybun (for H.E.)	13/8/31	*Cpl. R. Lomax	4/7/36
**Sergt. L. Priddy	18/9/31	Cpl. G. Clark	13/1/37
C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) R. Bayles	Sergt. 10/12/31	Cpl. P. Cain	8/3/37
(C/Sergt. 8/11/37)		Cpl. W. Lane	23/4/37
Sergt. F. Donovan	4/2/32	Cpl. R. Burkitt	23/4/37
*Sergt. E. Paterson (36)	18/2/32	Cpl. F. Hammond	23/4/37
Sergt. J. Ramsey	23/6/32	Cpl. T. Doyle	23/4/37
*Sergt. H. Kruck	24/8/32	Cpl. L. Savagar	9/5/37
Sergt. W. Bean	23/3/33	L/Cpl. E. Rochester (for H.E.)	24/8/27
Sergt. E. Paterson (29)	8/9/33	L/Cpl. W. Mills	17/6/33
*Sergt. (O.R.C.) P. Hale	19/10/33	L/Cpl. R. Butt	22/7/33
Sergt. T. Little (Prov. Sergt.)	19/10/33	L/Cpl. C. Ellis	30/11/34
*Sergt. J. Bond (Sergt. Cook)	17/6/34	L/Cpl. J. Morgan	26/3/35
Band Sergt. P. Edwards	5/3/35	L/Cpl. A. Borrow	26/3/35
*Sergt. V. Cooper	15/5/35	L/Cpl. C. Freshwater	26/3/35
*Sergt. W. Snell (for H.E.)	13/6/35	*L/Cpl. G. Sach	18/4/35
Sergt. B. Bedward	24/8/35	L/Cpl. G. Watson	7/5/35
*Sergt. R. Chaplin	27/11/35	L/Cpl. L. Sibley	14/6/35
Sergt. S. Bullock	1/7/36	L/Cpl. A. Burrell	11/7/35
Sergt. H. Ramsden	7/7/36	*L/Cpl. A. Bisset	15/7/35
Sergt. L. Sheffield	3/8/36	L/Cpl. T. Baker	15/8/35
*Sergt. (Sig.) G. Bayford	27/2/37	L/Cpl. S. Harvey	5/10/35
Drum-Major G. Jeffree	22/5/37	L/Cpl. H. White	5/10/35
L/Sergt. J. O'Neill (for H.E.)	Cpl. 13/8/31	L/Cpl. R. Powell	5/10/35
(L/Sergt. 16/12/36)		L/Cpl. H. Osborne	5/10/35
Cpl. S. Phelan	15/9/31	L/Cpl. A. Simkins	5/10/35
L/Sergt. T. Castle	Cpl. 23/6/32	L/Cpl. B. Compton	5/10/35
(L/Sergt. 18/12/34)		L/Cpl. W. Barnes	5/10/35
		L/Cpl. C. Kiefer	5/10/35
		L/Cpl. E. Smith	16/12/35

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Rank and Name.	Date of present rank or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Date of present rank or appointment.
L/Cpl. R. Turner	21/12/35	L/Cpl. A. Payne	11/1/37
L/Cpl. A. Pace	28/12/35	L/Cpl. C. Payne	11/1/37
L/Cpl. H. Kidby	28/12/35	*L/Cpl. E. Bell	13/1/37
L/Cpl. C. Haynes	28/12/35	L/Cpl. F. McCarthy	13/1/37
L/Cpl. A. Morris	28/12/35	*L/Cpl. L. Bowler	19/3/37
L/Cpl. C. Vince	28/12/35	L/Cpl. L. Hartley	19/3/37
L/Cpl. J. Ringe	3/1/36	L/Cpl. F. Waldron	19/3/37
L/Cpl. G. Tattam	1/4/36	L/Cpl. A. Goodge	12/6/37
L/Cpl. L. Du-Heaume	1/4/36	L/Cpl. E. Shrubbs	12/6/37
*L/Cpl. T. McDavitt	1/4/36	L/Cpl. A. Bond	12/6/37
L/Cpl. L. Graham	1/4/36	L/Cpl. P. Nelms	12/6/37
*L/Cpl. P. Sturdy	1/4/36	L/Cpl. L. Staley	12/6/37
L/Cpl. F. Ayres	1/4/36	L/Cpl. J. Tarnier	12/6/37
L/Cpl. A. Moody	21/4/36	L/Cpl. R. Harris	12/6/37
L/Cpl. W. Finnis	19/5/36	L/Cpl. L. Bennett	2/7/37
L/Cpl. E. Rogers	19/5/36	L/Cpl. J. Casey	2/7/37
L/Cpl. R. Ellis	19/5/36	L/Cpl. F. Wookey	2/7/37
*L/Cpl. A. Hoare	19/5/36	L/Cpl. J. Whitney	2/7/37
L/Cpl. T. Perry	19/5/36	L/Cpl. C. French	2/7/37
L/Cpl. H. Ellams	19/5/36	L/Cpl. D. Amos	30/7/37
L/Cpl. H. Gribble	19/5/36	L/Cpl. G. Webster	30/7/37
L/Cpl. A. Ruddle	19/5/36	L/Cpl. W. Heath	7/8/37
L/Cpl. G. Ravenscroft	29/5/36	L/Cpl. A. Manning	7/8/37
*L/Cpl. G. Plummer	29/5/36	L/Cpl. G. Chelu	7/10/37
L/Cpl. C. Holdford	29/5/36	L/Cpl. E. Pountney	7/10/37
L/Cpl. W. Dowsett	15/6/36	L/Cpl. J. Brooker	14/10/37
L/Cpl. J. Boggis	10/7/36	L/Cpl. S. Cornford	21/10/37
L/Cpl. C. Duncum	24/7/36	L/Cpl. G. Brewer	22/10/37
L/Cpl. G. Hodgson	14/10/36	L/Cpl. W. Puddifoot	23/10/37
L/Cpl. W. Ure	23/10/36	L/Cpl. R. Langford	23/10/37
L/Cpl. H. Ellingworth	22/12/36	L/Cpl. A. Rasmussen	30/10/37
L/Cpl. R. Pointer	11/1/37	L/Cpl. A. McGrady	6/11/37
L/Cpl. C. Roberts	11/1/37	L/Cpl. E. Johnson	8/11/37

Dates against Lance-Corporals are dates of first appointment.

2nd BATTALION (Home Establishment), January, 1938

Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
*R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M.	2nd	18/3/31	Sergt. J. Harper	2nd	19/4/32
*R.S.M. P. Newman	Depot	13/8/31	*Sergt. C. Trestain	8th	19/4/32
*Bdmr. C. Dennis, A.R.C.M.	2nd	25/3/33	*Sergt. S. Smith	2nd	30/7/32
*O.R.Q.M.S. B. Baldwin	Depot	2/7/30	*Sergt. R. Smith	2nd	2/9/32
*R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher	2nd	31/1/30	Sergt. J. Scott	2nd	3/9/32
*C.S.M. J. Hart	9th	20/1/26	*Sergt. L. Johnson	Depot	15/11/32
*C.S.M. L. Simmonds	2nd	3/9/32	Sergt. F. Housden (S.M.C.)	Depot	3/5/33
*C.S.M. R. Mewett	7th	23/3/33	Sergt. A. Mason	Depot	22/6/33
*C.S.M. H. Wright	8th	24/2/34	Sergt. R. Wilson	Depot	8/7/33
*C.S.M. A. Jones	8th	10/5/34	*Sergt. H. Ison	2nd	10/5/34
*C.S.M. C. Donaldson	9th	15/6/35	Sergt. E. Jennings (Bd. Sergt.)	2nd	1/3/35
*C.S.M. R. Parsler	2nd	17/5/36	*Sergt. J. Chillery	2nd	5/6/35
*C.S.M. H. Poulter	2nd	10/11/37	Sergt. J. Smith	2nd	9/6/35
*C.S.M. W. Green	2nd	13/12/37	Sergt. A. Hows	2nd	15/6/35
*C.Q.M.S. F. Franklin	Depot	8/9/33	Sergt. A. Whitcombe	7th	16/6/35
*C/Sergt. (O.R.S.) F. Deane	2nd	10/6/35	Sergt. A. Williams	Depot	28/7/35
*C.Q.M.S. G. Sheriff	2nd	24/8/35	Sergt. R. Jenkins	9th	23/1/36
*C.Q.M.S. C. Kennett	2nd	10/11/37	Sergt. F. Livens	2nd	17/5/36
*C.Q.M.S. W. Kemp	2nd	13/12/37	Drum-Major W. McNery	2nd	5/7/36
Sergt. J. Beaveridge (S.M.C.)	2nd	28/1/25	Sergt. E. Moir	2nd	28/10/36
Sergt. S. Bishop	7th	24/11/27	*Sergt. P. Maloney	2nd	17/12/36
Sergt. A. Boen	Depot	13/4/29	Sergt. A. Brett	2nd	20/2/37
Sergt. R. King	Supn., Fire Bde., Bordon	5/7/29	*Sergt. H. Frewin	2nd	9/5/37
Sergt. F. Nash	2nd	11/12/29	Sergt. (O.R.C.) J. Wright	2nd	8/6/37
*Sergt. L. West	2nd	10/12/31	Sergt. T. Sargent	2nd	8/6/37
			Sergt. R. Etheridge	2nd	10/11/37

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Sergt. R. Smallridge ..	2nd	13/12/37	Cpl. J. West ..	2nd	31/7/37
Cpl. A. Stone ..	2nd	2/9/31	Cpl. C. Kenny ..	2nd	27/8/37
Cpl. F. Hawkins ..	2nd	28/6/32	Cpl. J. Hinch ..	2nd	5/10/37
	(L/Sergt. 16/6/35)		*Cpl. H. Jennings ..	2nd	16/10/37
Cpl. W. Day ..	2nd	5/8/32	**Cpl. P. Davidson ..	2nd	10/11/37
	(L/Sergt. 23/1/36)		Cpl. L. Harris ..	2nd	13/12/37
*Cpl. C. Gatehouse ..	2nd	6/8/32	PAID LANCE-CORPORALS :		
	(L/Sergt. 24/8/35)		L/Cpl. W. Patterson ..	2nd	13/10/32
Cpl. W. Makewell ..	Depot	17/8/32	L/Cpl. R. Weaver ..	2nd	23/11/32
	(L/Sergt. 7/3/36)		L/Cpl. C. Armitage ..	2nd	3/1/33
Cpl. J. Riches ..	2nd	19/8/32	L/Cpl. A. Lowe ..	2nd	15/4/34
	(L/Sergt. 17/5/36)		L/Cpl. N. Rae ..	2nd	17/6/34
Cpl. W. Poulter ..	2nd	3/9/32	L/Cpl. A. Bettell ..	2nd	11/7/34
	(L/Sergt. 3/7/36)		L/Cpl. A. Blan ..	Depot	2/10/34
Cpl. H. Buckland ..	Depot	13/10/32	L/Cpl. C. Marsh ..	2nd	3/2/35
	(L/Sergt. 28/10/36)		L/Cpl. C. Peasley ..	2nd	3/2/35
Cpl. H. Elcome ..	2nd	16/11/32		(A/Cpl. 13/12/37)	
	(L/Sergt. 17/12/36)		L/Cpl. G. Hockley ..	Depot	3/2/35
Cpl. F. Knights ..	2nd	1/2/33	L/Cpl. R. Williams ..	2nd	20/2/35
	(L/Sergt. 12/7/37)		*L/Cpl. W. Nicholls ..	2nd	20/3/35
Cpl. J. Burgess ..	Depot	3/2/33	L/Cpl. H. Outten ..	2nd	4/5/35
	(L/Sergt. 16/10/37)		L/Cpl. E. Fletcher ..	2nd	16/5/35
Cpl. F. Knight ..	Depot	15/3/33	L/Cpl. G. Robins ..	Depot	16/6/35
	(L/Sergt. 10/11/37)		L/Cpl. J. Smith ..	2nd	13/7/35
Cpl. W. Evans ..	2nd	15/3/33	*L/Cpl. C. Jarvis ..	2nd	16/8/35
Cpl. J. Bromley ..	Depot	15/3/33	L/Cpl. H. Clay ..	2nd	22/8/35
*Cpl. A. Wray ..	2nd	23/3/33	L/Cpl. A. Bursill ..	2nd	24/8/35
Cpl. E. Soden ..	2nd	3/5/33	L/Cpl. G. McKay ..	2nd	31/8/35
Cpl. G. Endersby ..	Depot	2/6/33	L/Cpl. A. Rose ..	2nd	24/9/35
Cpl. E. Fuller ..	2nd	8/9/33	L/Cpl. F. Pryor ..	2nd	18/10/35
Cpl. R. Harman ..	2nd	25/10/33	L/Cpl. W. Sheen ..	Depot	5/1/36
Cpl. C. Carpenter ..	2nd	5/5/34	L/Cpl. J. Jones ..	2nd	11/2/36
*Cpl. A. Brown ..	2nd	8/5/34	*L/Cpl. R. Barrett ..	Depot	28/3/36
	(L/Sergt. 11/3/37)		L/Cpl. R. Wigg ..	2nd	16/4/36
Cpl. J. Stickley ..	2nd	10/6/34	L/Cpl. E. Stebbing ..	Depot	17/5/36
Cpl. W. Smith ..	Depot	17/6/34	L/Cpl. G. Bignell ..	2nd	3/7/36
Cpl. W. Powell ..	Depot	2/10/34	L/Cpl. L. Thurston ..	2nd	26/8/36
Cpl. V. Thomas ..	2nd	20/11/34	L/Cpl. J. Riseley ..	2nd	22/9/36
	(U/L/Sergt. 13/5/36)		L/Cpl. H. Burchell ..	2nd	18/10/36
Cpl. A. Drake ..	2nd	3/2/35	*L/Cpl. N. Islip ..	2nd	28/10/36
*Cpl. S. Copelin ..	2nd	1/3/35	*L/Cpl. D. Mules (R.M.C.) ..	2nd	30/10/36
Cpl. R. Stretton ..	2nd	16/3/35	L/Cpl. V. Chambers ..	Depot	19/11/36
Cpl. F. Jacques ..	2nd	20/3/35	L/Cpl. J. Rawlinson ..	2nd	1/12/36
Cpl. H. Tye (Supn. R.W.A.F.F.) ..	2nd	4/5/35	L/Cpl. H. Jennings ..	2nd	17/12/36
*Cpl. S. Day ..	2nd	16/5/35	L/Cpl. G. Hogg ..	2nd	24/12/36
	(L/Sergt. 13/12/37)		L/Cpl. S. Weller ..	2nd	25/1/37
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	(U/L/Sergt. 16/12/36)		L/Cpl. A. Hudson ..	2nd	6/2/37
Cpl. E. Keen ..	Depot	15/6/35	L/Cpl. W. Phipps ..	2nd	6/2/37
Cpl. B. Bruniges ..	Depot	16/6/35	L/Cpl. E. Haynes ..	2nd	20/2/37
*Cpl. H. Eastland ..	2nd	24/8/35	L/Cpl. A. Read ..	Depot	19/5/37
*Cpl. C. Baldwin ..	2nd	18/10/35	L/Cpl. B. Irons ..	2nd	8/6/37
Cpl. A. Ball ..	Depot	5/1/36	L/Cpl. A. Rimmer ..	2nd	12/7/37
*Cpl. G. Blackman ..	2nd	23/1/36	*L/Cpl. E. Phillips ..	2nd	31/7/37
Cpl. H. Griffiths ..	2nd	16/4/36	L/Cpl. W. Claxton ..	2nd	31/7/37
Cpl. L. O'Doherty ..	2nd	17/5/36	*L/Cpl. C. Tanner ..	2nd	27/8/37
Cpl. W. Lovell ..	2nd	3/7/36	L/Cpl. S. Lloyd ..	2nd	5/10/37
Cpl. L. Delaney ..	2nd	5/7/36	L/Cpl. S. Mullett ..	2nd	16/10/37
Cpl. W. Millichap ..	2nd	3/8/36	L/Cpl. W. Humberstone ..	2nd	10/11/37
Cpl. M. Trotobas ..	2nd	26/8/36	L/Cpl. D. Baker ..	2nd	18/11/37
Cpl. R. Ellwood ..	2nd	28/10/36	L/Cpl. E. Lindeman ..	2nd	24/11/37
Cpl. A. Read ..	2nd	30/10/36	L/Cpl. E. Avery ..	2nd	13/12/37
*Cpl. R. Cummins ..	2nd	17/12/36	L/Cpl. G. Palmer ..	2nd	13/12/37
Cpl. V. Bint ..	Depot	20/2/37	UNPAID :		
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